

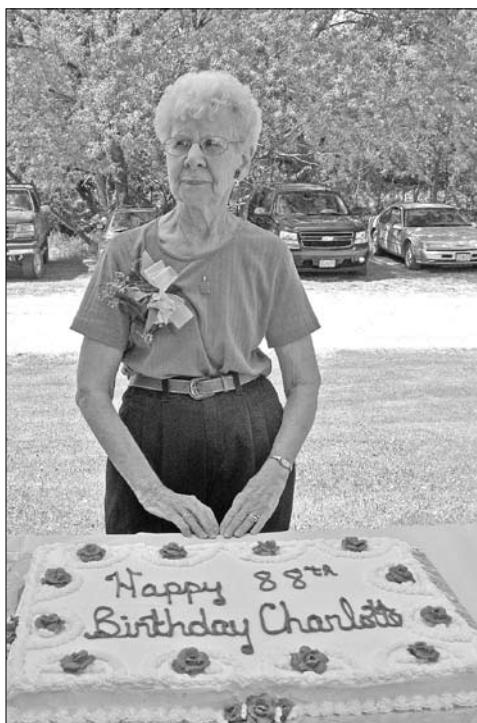
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HENRY RAYMOND's COVER PHOTO



Charlotte McNall was pleasantly surprised with an open house held on the grounds of The Baptist Building on Sunday, May 23, 2010, honoring her for her upcoming 88th birthday on May 26th. There were many friends attending and JoAnne Wilkins was there to capture the highlights of the celebration. You may see all 40 of JoAnne's photos if you have access to the Internet by going to http://www.vtgrandpa.com/photos/cmcnall_88

**HAPPY 88TH BIRTHDAY
CHARLOTTE**

NEWS BRIEFS

Memorial Day

Worship

We at the United Church will hold a special Memorial Day Service at 10:45 am on Sunday the 30th. It includes, among other things, reading the names of Fairfax war dead going back to the Civil War and up to our current wars. All are, of course, welcome to join us.

Bridge Out — June 7

Bridge #10 across the Mill Brook, near the blinking light on Main Street in Fairfax, will be CLOSED JUNE 7th and hopefully will re-open on July 5th. Please exercise caution and patience during this inconvenience.

Bullets in Playoffs

BFA Fairfax's ball teams are both 14-2 and headed to the playoffs. Catch the action and schedule on FranklinOne.com.

Welch in Fairfax

During a press conference with Vermont dairy leaders in Fairfax, Rep. Peter Welch outlined new legislation to prevent volatility in the dairy industry and help Vermont farmers. At the McNall family farm in Fairfax, Welch announced he would introduce the Dairy Price Stabilization Act, which he already has done!

Special thanks to our troops around the world. We're praying for you and we support you.

COMING NEXT MONTH

Political Interviews Take 2

Superintendent

News

BY BRUCE CHATTMAN

I want to express my appreciation to the Franklin West Supervisory Union School Board, the Fairfax School Board, the Fletcher School Board, and the Georgia School Board for the opportunity provided for me to serve the students and communities within FWSU.

As most people are aware, FWSU became in unexpected need of an interim Superintendent when Armando Vilaseca was appointed selected to become the Vermont Commissioner of Education in January 2009. The timing of Mr. Vilaseca's departure presented a challenge as the district had recently committed to and commenced important work to align curriculum, establish common essential student learning expectations, and improve instruction through the inclusion of technology resources and related professional development within the three town school districts – all necessary to better address the educational outcomes for students. Concurrently, the Legislature was just beginning to confront the significant fiscal challenges imposed by the recession and discussions about reducing school costs, consolidation of school governance, and related property tax implications of any resulting legislative actions increased anxiety and contributed to an atmosphere of uncertainty. These various challenges and my interest in serving as interim superintendent resulted in a mutually acceptable arrangement for the past 18 months. As I now return to retirement, I write to share my perspective of the current state of educational for the Franklin West Supervisory Union and the member town school districts.

Efforts to improve educational results for students through the educational initiatives mentioned above and corresponding professional development with declining resources, improved efficiencies and minimized

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Fairfax Prepares for Summer Events

BY CHRIS SANTEE

After Memorial Day weekend, many activities are planned in Fairfax for your summertime recreation and entertainment with the third annual Community Day kicking things off.

On Saturday, June 5th, Community day starts with Zumba in the Park at 9:00 am, followed by a Little League Farm Girls Game at 9:30 am. Bounce Houses will open at 10:00 am with other fun games and at 11:00 am there will be a Bike Parade with prizes for creativity and originality. Upstream at the bend on River Road, hundreds of plastic duckies will be released at 11:00 am to float slowly downstream to the Recreation Park where the Finish Line will be a big gathering spot. Kayakers in the water will report by radio the leading ducks' numbers. Tickets are on sale until one half hour before the race.

Lunch will begin at 11:30 am, provided by the Fairfax Football Boosters, and wrap up at 1:30 pm, well after the

Fairfax Fletcher Westford Band begins playing at 12:30 pm.

At 1:00 pm, there will be a Little League Farm Game followed by a Little League baseball game at 2:00 pm.

At 3:00 pm, the Masons will put on a Horseshoe Workshop.

Also on Saturday, June 5th, Vermont high schools will be holding baseball and softball playoffs and with two great teams at 14-2 at B.F.A Fairfax, it's a good chance we'll have a home game (or two). Up to the minute scheduling information will be available on FranklinOne.com or you may call 782-0406 for more information.

On Monday, June 7th, Bridge #10 comes out over Mill Brook near the blinking light on Main Street which may make getting from one end of Fairfax to the other a summer event. Please drive safely and exercise patience.

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Progress Made For Vermont, More Work Ahead

GOVERNOR JAMES H. DOUGLAS

When lawmakers arrived in Montpelier in January, there was little doubt that it would be the most challenging legislative session in recent memory. As I said in my State of the State Address, "The trajectory of the Vermont economy for the next decade will be shaped by our decisions this year." It was not enough to merely provide quick fixes to the many challenges confronting Vermont. Our job was to position Vermont for economic success in the coming years.

Vermonters can be proud of all that was done to spur our recovery and strengthen our economy. While other states are increasing taxes to balance budgets, we moved in a different direction to encourage job growth by crafting a more welcoming tax structure, while investing in economic development and infrastructure.

By reinstating the 40 percent exemption for business investment and rolling back the changes to the estate tax, Vermont is sending a powerful signal that we will compete for jobs in the post-recession economy. And when some legislators wanted to increase taxes on manufacturers, farmers and others, I stood with Lt. Governor Dubie, employers, union leaders and working Vermonters to push back and stop that ill-guided proposal.

Because of the jobs bill that I proposed in December and signed in April, we are helping spur recovery by investing nearly \$9 million of federal stimulus

money in job creation initiatives – to help train workers, expand telecommunications, provide capital to local employers, promote tourism and support farmers.

We once again made a strong commitment to a safe and strong physical infrastructure with a transportation budget that makes record investments in paving and improvements to our roads, bridges and culverts – and putting Vermonters to work.

To bring greater certainty to employers, out-of-work Vermonters and the state budget, I worked with lawmakers on a plan to make our unemployment insurance trust fund solvent. Although the compromise required sacrifices from all sides, doing nothing was our worst option.

Through Challenges for Change, my Administration will be working hard throughout the summer and fall to realize savings through efficiency in state government – ensuring that every taxpayer dollar is spent to achieve results for Vermonters.

Although there is much to be proud of, now is not the time to turn from the daunting challenges that remain for Vermont. There is a long way to go to ensure that every Vermonter has access to a good job. And looming shortfalls in our state budget will continue to require prudent fiscal management and tough choices.

PROGRESS MADE

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Fairfax,

While I write this, some people are trying desperately to stop an oil leak on the floor of the Gulf of Mexico that has been leaking oil for over a month. I pray for them and the residents of the area.

While I write this, some soldiers are trying desperately to stop an evil enemy in Afghanistan. I pray for them.

While I write this, some children are trying desperately to cope with the loss of parents in a deprived land called Haiti. I pray for them.

Many servicemen and women have given the ultimate sacrifice so we can enjoy freedom. I remember them.

Take care and God bless,

Chris Santee

Thank You

Thank you for all the thoughts, prayers and cards for the loss of my grandson, Christopher.

Carry Parsons

Legislative Wrap-Up

In the end everyone gave a little in order to get a satisfactory spending plan. I am very pleased with the FY2011 state budget approved last week by the Vermont General Assembly and will be paying close attention to revenue figures as they come in for the new fiscal year.

Below is a summary of changes in tax law approved with the FY2011 state budget. Feel free to e-mail me at cbranagan@leg.state.vt.us if you have questions.

Capital gains

Starting January 1, 2011, taxpayers can choose to exempt either (a) the first \$5,000 of federal adjusted net capital gain, or (b) 40% of capital gain from assets held more than three years. These assets include business real estate, farm real estate, farm business equipment, other farm capital assets and standing timber. This 40% option cannot be applied to the taxpayer's residence or second home (or third, fourth, etc. home), non-farm business equipment, nor any financial instrument that's traded like stocks, bonds, derivatives, commodities, futures etc.

Education Funding

*The property tax adjustment calculation for the income sensitivity program will not decrease tax on the equalized value of a housesite in excess of \$500,000. This is a cap designed to prevent a taxpayer with a very valuable house site from getting full income sensitivity on the value over a half a million dollars.

*The \$10 per-acre adjustment amount for up to 5 additional acres for claimants with household income under \$90,000 has been deleted. Very few taxpayers were using this adjustment.

*The education property tax rates for FY2011 are the same as last year. Rates remain \$0.86 for homestead property and \$1.35 for nonresidential property.

*The homestead declaration filed in 2010 will remain in effect until some kind of change effects the homestead eligibility. No more annual filing for the homestead declaration.

Estate Tax

Starting in 2011, the exclusion amount is increased from \$2.0 million to \$2.75 million. This means that the first \$2.75 million of an estate will be exempt from taxation.

Tobacco Taxes

This change defines a cigar and amends the amount of roll-your-own tobacco that constitutes a cigarette for tax purposes. The tax on snuff and smokeless tobacco are equalized with the tax on cigarettes. Cigar tax is:

If wholesale price is between \$1.09 and \$9.99, tax is \$2.00;

If wholesale price is greater than \$10.00, tax is \$4.00 and if the wholesale price is \$1.08 or less, tax is 92% of wholesale price.

Hydroelectric Facilities

This change freezes the grand list values of hydroelectric facilities for 2 years at no less than the April 1, 2009 value. This change involves the Fairfax hydroelectric dam along with several others statewide. The listers and Selectboard have been informed of this change.

Rep. Carolyn Branagan

Franklin-1, Fairfax/Georgia
Vermont House of Representatives

Education Committee End of Session Brief Outline

The house passed education bills that focused on educational quality and safety. Separation agreements with former employees would no longer be permitted to hide conduct that could jeopardize the safety of a minor or vulnerable adult (H730) and Independent colleges will develop harassment policies (H648).

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You may want to bring this article to the calendar and mark these dates now.

Bellows Free Academy Fairfax Graduation is scheduled for Saturday, June 19th. The Class of 2010 is loaded with talent and many awards will be handed out at the ceremony. The Fairfax News will list all the award winners in the July issue.

At the Library 849-2420

On Thursday, June 10th, Summer Reading Events start in the Community Library at 6:30 pm.

The Fairfax Community Library invites middle school students to join us for book discussion this summer. Get a jump on DCF selections for the 2010-2011 school year! Students need to read five selections (out of 30) to vote and have the opportunity to participate in the DCF Battle of the

Books. We will read three together. Parents are welcome to read and discuss with us! Please sign up in advance so that we can have books available at the kick off meeting. Events continue on Thursday, July 1st and Thursday, July 22nd, at 6:30 pm for Book Discussions and on Thursday, August 19th at 6:30 pm, the Final book discussion and celebration.

We will also be offering a summer reading incentive especially for middle school. Come into library for details at 849-2420.

Make a Splash at the Library starts its Summer Program Schedule (appropriate for preschool through grade 5)

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Mr. James Parah of St. Albans, VT and Ms. Lynn Parah of Fairfax, VT are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Allison Lea Parah, to Paul Andrew Lague, son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry and Mary Lague of Fairfax.

Allison is a 2005 graduate from Bellows Free Academy, Fairfax. She is presently employed by the Union Bank in Fairfax as a Teller III.

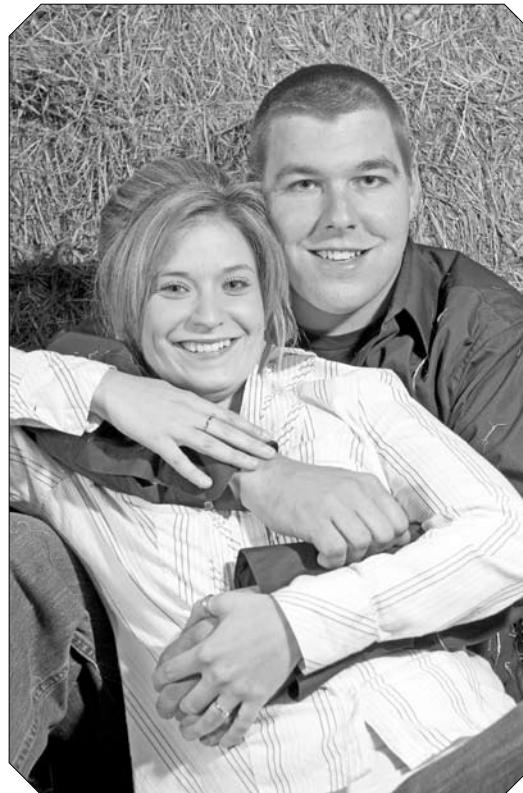
Paul is a 2004 graduate from Bellows Free Academy, Fairfax. He is presently employed by Rainville's Collision and Repair in Fairfax as an Automotive Technician.

A July 17, 2010, wedding is planned at Holy Angels Catholic Church in St. Albans, Vermont with the reception following at The Barn at Lang Farm in Essex Junction, Vermont.

Grandparents:

Paternal Grandparents: Allison – Ron and Sandy Parah
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on Thursday, June 24th, at 6:00 pm with Back Pack Theater.

On Thursday, July 1st, at 10:00 am, it's Carol Winfield, local wild animals and water; Thursday, July 8th at 6:00 pm is *Mad Science, experiments for school age children. *Please pre register, as space is limited. Thursday, July 15th at 10:00 am it will be a big event when Max from Max and Ruby makes a splash at the library. Thursday, July 22nd at 10:00 am Peter Burns spins stories jokes and riddles and on Thursday, July 29th at 10:00 am Sally Ziegler, local artist and teacher conducts an art workshop. Thursday, August 5th at 10:00 am Success by 6 makes a splash at the library, with stories and craft and on Thursday, August 12th at 10:00 am Tom Joyce— Magic Man Grand Finale with Bikes and prize giveaway!

Band Concerts

It's the Fairfax Community Library Outdoor Concert Series!

On Tuesday, July 6th Band Concerts On the Green start with the Fairfax Fletcher Westford Band. On Tuesday, July 13th Carol Jones will be performing and on Tuesday, July 20th Tammy Fletcher comes to play "On the Green" in Fairfax. Tuesday, July 27th features the Starline Rhythm Boys and on Tuesday, August 10th, the Fairfax Community Library Outdoor Concert Series concludes with the Milton Band. Rain location, for the summer outdoor concerts is the Bellows Free Academy Fairfax Middle School Gymnasium.

Art in Bloom

Saturday, July 24th is the Fourth Annual Art in Bloom Festival in Fairfax, held at the Swansons' home next to the Lamoille River on Main Street.

Fairfax Based "Super Sized Cycles" in NY Times

Joan Denizot, President of Super-SizedCycles.com, the Fairfax-based business that manufactures and sells bikes for heavy customers who want to get fit, says that she is thrilled to be part of a case study about small businesses who are at a crossroads. The Times piece is focusing on the "fork in the road" decision faced by several small businesses on whether, or how, to keep manufacturing local [or in the US] and costs down.

Super Sized Cycles will appear in the Business section of the *New York Times* on June 3, 2010.

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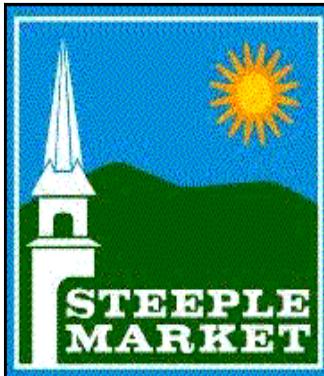
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budgetary increases has been the shared and successful priority of the town school boards and administrators in FWSU. The citizens of the communities of Fairfax, Fletcher, and Georgia should know that the schools in these communities are doing well when judged by various standards. Student results on the New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP) reflect continuous progress and these results compare well against other schools in Vermont, New England, and the Nation. Students are provided with learning opportunities in core academics, arts, music, world languages, and the whole child is embraced through enrichment, co-curricular and extra-curricular experiences. Parents work enthusiastically as partners with the

schools and their involvement is crucial to the success of all students. Community support remains high. Administrators, teachers, and support staff are competent, committed and dedicated. Teacher leadership is valued and supported. Professional development is designed around student data and aligned within FWSU to share and maximize resources among all schools. Technology integration to enhance learning opportunities is increasing as teachers acquire the hardware, software, and training necessary for effective use of these resources. All the pieces required to insure continuous improvement are in place. The challenge for the schools in FWSU, as with all schools in Vermont, is to continue this focus and continual progress with declining resources.

As the school boards develop their

budgets for FY2012, they will be expected to meet increased expectations/outcomes for students with declining revenue. The "Challenges for Change" mandate from the Legislature will require school boards to develop FY2012 budgets at a prescriptive level below that of the current budget with the target being \$29.2 million less total funds state-wide. The supervisory union share of this total amount will be determined by the Commissioner based upon a variety of criteria. His reduction is prior to any consideration by school boards of increased costs related to inflation or changing economic conditions. In addition, the State of Vermont is presently providing FWSU with \$714,973 in funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act rather than from the State's General Fund. This was action taken by the Legislature in FY2010 and FY2011 in order to balance the state budget. It is anticipated that these federal funds will not be available in FY2012. The obvious result is either 1) a reduction in state support for education from the General Fund, or 2) a transfer of funding responsibility to the Education Fund (either at the state or local level), or 3) a reduction of these funds from local school operating budgets, or 4) a combination of some/all of the above.

What this will mean is that school administrators and school boards, with the collaboration and cooperation of the faculty and staff must find efficiencies and economies within existing school operations. Concurrent with this effort to reduce costs, School Boards must also prioritize its values and beliefs as they relate to student programs and educational opportunities. As resources decline, competing needs for the remaining resources will be intensified and pre-established priorities will greatly assist the Boards in the process necessary to make very difficult decisions.

The Franklin West Supervisory Union Board has already begun this work by establishing a process to review job descriptions and to determine the necessary level of administrative staffing needed to effectively manage the district with the goal of having this review concluded prior to developing the FY2012 budget. In addition, the FWSU Board is engaged in a process to "review, study and consider the new legislative incentives for consolidation and to ultimately report findings to the local school boards for the communities of Fairfax, Fletcher and Georgia."

Town School Boards should commence a similar review to determine the necessary level of management and administrative support necessary for effective management of the local schools. The work involved in reaching these decisions will be difficult but such efforts conducted now will allow the Boards to move from the periphery of budget decisions focused on administrative costs into the areas where the majority of costs exist through the application of the priorities and beliefs to existing budgets.

A review of the FY2011 budget information presented at Town Meeting indicates that the vast majority of costs in the school budgets are expended (appropriately) on direct instruction and instructional support for students. There will be difficult financial decisions necessary in the future but as long as the school boards and administrators maintain their focus on having students as the beneficiaries of any decisions, positive results will occur. Now, more than ever, participation by the public is critical to insure that boards are informed of community values and priorities. Please take the time to become involved and to let your elected board representatives know of your ideas, thoughts, and concerns.

Respectfully,
Bruce C. Chattman

Scholar's Bowl

On March 12th, 2010, members of the BFA Scholars' Bowl team traveled to the Vermont NAQT State Tournament at Spalding High School in Barre, Vermont. The tournament is annual event that includes teams from throughout Vermont. BFA entered two teams in the round robin tournament that requires students to be able to quickly recall information about a wide variety of academic topics. Our students performed well. Sophomore Evan Brunning was eighth overall in points scored per match. At the end of the evening, we were informed that one of our teams had earned a berth in the National tournament as the best performing small school in the tournament. The tournament is held in Chicago over Memorial Day weekend.

Over the weekend, one of the team members did some research on the costs associated with traveling

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3rd Annual Fairfax Community Day!

Saturday, June 5th - In the Recreation Park

9:30am - 4pm
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Events:

- 9:00am — Zumba in the Park
- 9:30am — Little League Farm Girls Game
- 10:00am — Bounce Houses and other fun games!
- 11:00am — Bike Parade - Come decorate your bike!
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- 11:00am — Ducks Launch!
- 12:00pm 18th — Annual Ducky Race in the Park!
- 11:30am-1:30pm — Lunch provided by Fairfax Football Boosters
- 12:30 — Fairfax Fletcher Westford Band to play
- 1pm — Little League Farm Game
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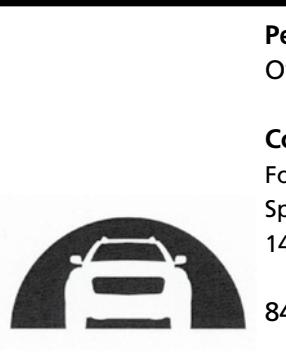
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to Chicago and entering the tournament. It became quickly apparent that the \$4000+ price tag was out of our budget and fundraising abilities. We decided to look for a less costly but equally enriching opportunity for the team and discovered the Bulldog High School Academic Tournament sponsored by Yale University. It was within driving distance, less expensive to enter and promised a full day of competition with schools throughout New England and New York. Thanks to the efforts of Principal Michael Clark and Athletic Director Mike Brown we were able to fund the trip and enter the tournament.

On Friday March 26th the team of Sarah Bigelow, Elizabeth Underwood, Thomas Taber and Evan Bruning and advisor John Tague headed to Connecticut. We arrived at Yale University on Saturday ready to compete. Our first match was against Hunter College High School, the eventual champion. As they defeated us 475-70, we all thought that this might be a long day! The rest of our matches were closer and we ended the morning with two wins and three losses. After lunch, we were regrouped with teams with similar records for the afternoon matches. Our afternoon record was three wins and three losses. Our 5-6 overall record for the day placed us in 11th place among the twenty-two teams! The team members had a great time, maintained a positive attitude and were quick with witty remarks as they interacted with the other teams and judges. BFA was well represented and hopes to return next year!

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PROGRESS MADE
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The most direct threat to the fiscal and economic health of our state is the ever growing burden of property taxes. That is why I have repeatedly proposed ideas to control property taxes during the past five years. Even as many school districts level funded budgets this year, property taxes grew. In fact, property taxes have increased by nearly half a billion dollars in the past decade.

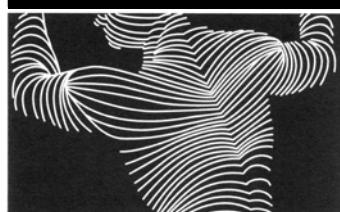
With the lowest student to teacher ratio in the nation, it is no wonder that Vermont has the second highest property tax burden in America. That is why I am deeply troubled that legislative leaders once again ignored my proposals to reform education spending and rein in property taxes. In fact, legislators could not even achieve the goal they set for themselves through Challenges for Change to achieve modest administrative savings in education. This lack of action has the potential to increase property taxes by \$100 million more in fiscal 2012.

As Vermonters continue to address their own economic challenges, they will continue to need leaders in Montpelier willing to make the hard choices to control state spending, reform property taxes and grow our economy. Although we made progress, much work is still to be done to position our state and its people for a prosperous future.

Memorial Day

While enjoying the first official summer weekend, Vermonters should pause a moment and reflect. What is the meaning of Memorial Day? It provides us an opportunity to honor the sacrifices that make our freedom possible. Some have sacrificed greatly so that all of us can have a country of freedom and opportunity.

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Hannah Cargill, Alec Duling, Karen Hebert, Van Lantagne, and Andi Elledge worked as members of the hot air balloon crew. John Seaman, Olivia Redding, and Francesca Parisi scooped

ice cream to many from an anonymous donor. Megan Feerick tattooed trucks and cars onto happy kids. Mike Brown, BFA-Fairfax Athletic Director, scheduled all baseball and softball practices and games around Big Truck Day and made the outfield available to Success By Six, making the walk-through hot air balloon possible.

It was a great event for families to attend on a beautiful day. It all came together so well because of the generosity of those above and many more behind the scenes. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Citizens for Fairfax Community, Inc.

This month's meeting was devoted to considering reports on the costs for the two main

community center site options: (1) purchasing and renovating the Baptist building; and (2) possibly building a new structure on land that the Selectboard hopes to purchase soon as a future site for new Town offices. The low estimate total for repairs and upgrades to the Baptist building is \$489,280; and the high is \$1,133,550. A reasonable "best guesstimate" is \$912,350. The low estimate for the new construction option totals \$427,500 and the high estimate is \$682,500. The Board plans to make the decision at its June meeting. Please let us know what you think by contacting our secretary (849-6561 or mark@vtwellness.net). Keep in mind two additional key

considerations. First, the schools are experiencing their own serious space-crunch; and are severely limited in their ability to serve the community's needs for meeting, activities and events space. Secondly, we will NOT be asking for tax dollars. You can see the full report at www.vtgrandpa.com/forum/News&CurrentEvents.

Next Meeting: June 22, 6:30 pm, at the Baptist building. All interested Fairfax area residents are welcome!

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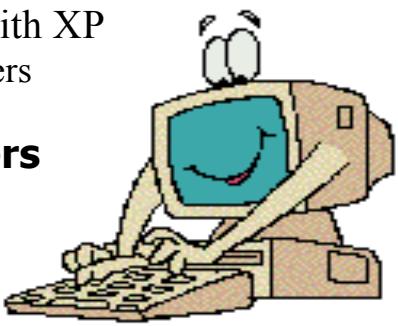
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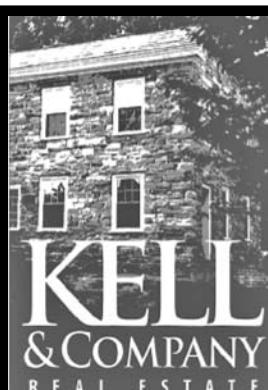
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- * Deadline for Selectboard Meeting Agenda Items Wednesday at 3:30 pm

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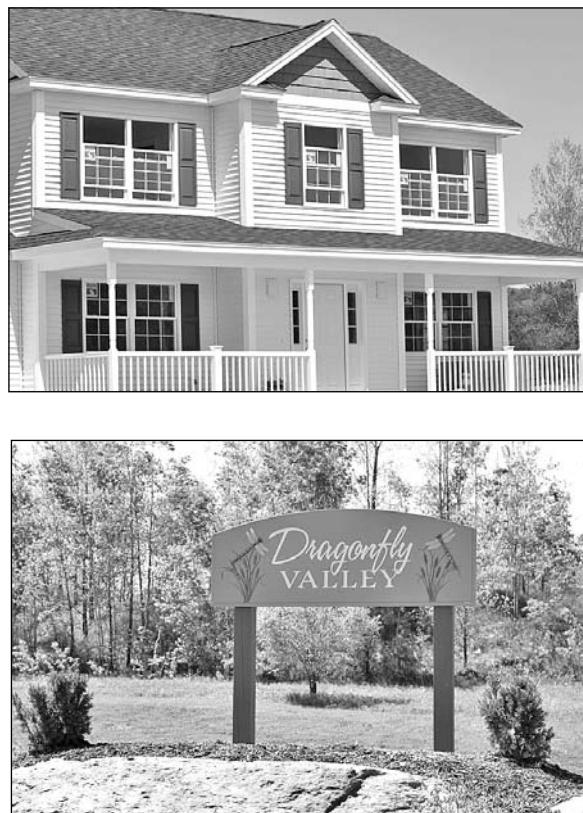
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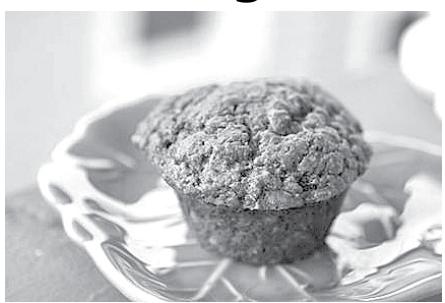
The position was advertised and the board received ten applications. From among the applications, it was determined that there were two individuals who the Board believed could be a good match for FWSU and interviews were to be scheduled for the week of May 24-28. One of the candidates has since accepted another position and the Board determined to proceed with the interview of the remaining candidate. Should the Board determine not to offer the position to the finalist, the position will continue to be advertised and the process will continue until a new superintendent is hired.

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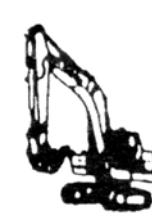
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