

# The Fairfax News

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## NEWS BRIEFS

### H1N1 Shots

The Vermont Department of Health will be hosting a school based H1N1 vaccination clinic at BFA Fairfax on November 12th, from 8:30 am-2:00 pm.

The vaccine is available to students (pre-K-12), home schooled students who are part of our district and eligible staff. The vaccine is free of charge. For more, see Our Changing Schools on page 6 by BFA Principal Michael Clark.

### Fairfax FD

Cambridge Fire Department won the Fairfax Fire Department's Calcutta and donated half of the money back to Fairfax. Thanks to all.

### Fairfax Rescue

The Fairfax Rescue Squad has a new ambulance and is in need of some new volunteers. Their article, "Lights and Sirens" appears on page 2.

### Lady Bullets Unde- feated

The BFA Fairfax girls varsity soccer team is undefeated and one of the premiere teams in Vermont. As of October 12th, the Lady Bullets are 9-0-1 and have outscored their opponents 49-4.

### Turkey Dinner

By Reservation Only, The St. Luke, Fairfax Annual Turkey Dinner will be held on Sunday, November 1st at BFA-Fairfax. Details on page 3.

### VT Fuel Assistance

Call 1-800-479-6151

### Beauty and the Beast

The BFA Fairfax middle and high school dramatic ensemble is presenting four performances of Disney's Beauty and the Beast November 12th-14th in the BFA High School gym. Story on page 8.

### Happy Halloween

Sesame Street Muppets  
A.W. Rich Funeral Home

COMING NEXT  
MONTH

PREPARING  
FOR  
WINTER

## Steeple Returns to Fairfax Skyline

BY CHRIS SANTEE

On Friday, October 2nd, media from as far away as Boston (NECN) joined excited Fairfax townspeople to witness the new steeple being placed atop Steeple Market.

On Christmas Eve 2008, Steeple Market was destroyed by a tragic fire and ever since, customers have felt a hole in the town of Fairfax.

Re-construction was delayed by insurance settlements and a rainy summer when concrete was due to be poured. Now with the steeple atop the fixture, the equipment will start moving in for a Grand Opening coming soon.

**STEEPLE**  
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## Recreation Department

BY KATRINA ANTONOVICH

The Recreation Department has been very busy in recent months!

10th annual Egg Run — We had great successes with our 10th annual egg run. With almost 350 participants, we had one of our largest turnouts!

The winners of the 10K were Ryan Kerrigan and Robyn Anderson and the winners of the 5K run were Arthur Matzuga and Orla Walsh.

This year we also had the inaugural kids fun run which was a great success. We enjoyed awesome omelets cooked by Henry Antonovich and Dave Pratt. A huge thank you to all our volunteers for all your hard work on the race course, directing traffic, announcing prizes, running registration. A big thank you to the Egg Run race chairs, Bonnie Waninger, Tom and Aiden Grace, Melissa Beerworth, Mike Cady and Pam Jumper.

The Fairfax Recreation Department also received fabulous prize donations from around the state totaling over \$4,500. Local businesses also were fabulous contributors to the event; the following businesses were all sponsors of \$150 dollars or more. Umiak Outdoor outfitters, Eastman's Baked Goods, The Essex, Vermont National Country Club, Fairfax Pharmacy, Bia, Sport and Fitness Edge, The Inn at Grace Farm, The Green Room, Riverberry Farm, Fleet Feet Sports, Union Bank, Rainville's Collision and Repair, and McCracken Tent Rental.

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## HENRY RAYMOND'S COVER PHOTO



Imogene Collins celebrated her 100th Birthday September 27, 2009. It all started off on September 26th, with family floats on the Collins Farm in Buck Hollow where her Beloved Red Sox were the theme of one float, the Collins Family Farm on another float and bringing up the rear were family members with maple branches and sap buckets hanging at their waist, led by another family member portraying a mule drawing a sap gathering tank. A special Mass at St. Luke's was said for her on Sunday with a special presentation and blessing and concluded at The Fairfield Elementary School where over 350 friends and family gathered to help her celebrate. In the above photo Imogene is tapping her feet to the music as Irish Dancers perform for her. Imogene is a remarkable lady. Congratulations Imogene, as you start on your next 100 years.

## School Board News

BY PEG STEWART, SCHOOL BOARD CHAIRPERSON

The Fairfax Board of School Directors continue to review, revise and update all policies when necessary. The policies to be reviewed are announced for a first reading giving the community time to review and make comments. The Board will then at the following meeting a month later approve if there are no additions or corrections. If it is a new policy there are three readings before approval.

The Use of School Facilities was reviewed and revised at the September 14th meeting. It is necessary that the community be informed of this policy as many requests for use of the facility are being made from various groups. There may be times when a request may be denied when it interferes with BFA's scheduled programs. All community groups wishing to use the fields must fill out a Facility Request Form.

### USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES POLICY

The Fairfax Board of School Directors subscribes to the philosophy that public schools are owned and operated by and for the citizens of said School District. Authorization for the use of the school facilities shall not be considered an endorsement of or approval of the activity, group or organization, not the purpose they represent. The Board of School Directors reserves the right to deny any and all requests and the Superintendent shall designate a BFA Principal to admin-

ister this policy on their behalf. Use of the building will generally limited to groups or individuals from the town of Fairfax. Please note: Our intentions are not to make a profit but merely to defray our operating expenses as a result of non-school use of the facility.

Building/grounds usage for fee schedule shall fall into one of the following four categories. Waving fees for groups or individuals will be determined at the discretion of the school board or designee.

1. School-Related: facility, student and school board associated groups.

2. Parent Support groups (and other school-related groups, i.e. PTA, Success by six.

3. Non-profit organizations and Civic Groups: When needed has a direct bearing on the citizenry of Fairfax. Individuals must provide documentation that fees charged to participants are for supplies and materials necessary for the activity ONLY and in no way represents profit to that organization.

4. Private Individuals and For-Profit Groups: These will be considered only for Fairfax residents.

### Fee Schedule:

The administration shall annually develop/revise a fee schedule for Board

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Postmaster, Please Mail To:

## Household Hazardous Waste Day

Saturday, October 17th  
at the Fairfax Town Garage

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Fairfax,

Winter seems to be arriving quickly and unfortunately this year, flu season is arriving quicker. A different flu this time, we first heard called Swine Flu, now known as H1N1.

I was skeptical, so I went and listened to Dr. Wendy Davis, Vermont's Commissioner of Health, and Dr. Joe Nasca of Georgia Health Center speak at Georgia Elementary School on October 13th.

They presented an outstanding informational public forum for parents of Fairfax, Fletcher and, of course, Georgia students. There is a link on FranklinOne.com for the information.

Whatever you want to call it, it's coming here and, as I write this, the first local death is being reported from Plattsburgh.

Voluntary vaccinations will be given to students at all schools.

Again, these are voluntary and whatever you decide, it is your decision. I suggest you become informed immediately.

It's coming quickly.

Take care and God bless,

*Chris Santee*

Happy Halloween

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### Lights & Sirens

It has been determined by doing a few calculations based on the number of shifts/week and the ideal three person crew, each member covering six shifts per month, we are short at least five squad members to cover all shifts. This means one thing:

We are in need of volunteers! The reasons are as follows:

1. We offer 24/7 coverage to our towns (Fairfax, Fletcher, No. Westford) and often need to supplement with paid staff if we have no volunteers from the towns we support.

2. The cost of running five squad members short is very costly to us all.

i. It is often the towns (think taxes) and the donation money from the community that goes toward supporting the extra costs to run people outside of their volunteer hours

ii. It is tough on the volunteers that pick up as much slack as they can to help with this shortage

iii. The best way to support your town's rescue squad is to become actively involved

3. It would be nice to have an all volunteer service: neighbors serving neighbors.

4. Our new ambulance is arriving soon and we are keeping the old one to run as a second if we need it. In order for that to happen, we need more squad members.

So, if you ever thought just once that you might like to get in on the action, now is the time. We will provide the training you need. If you would like to just check things out some before you sign up, that's fine. You are always welcome to attend a business meeting or training. If you think you would like to "ride along" to see what it's about first, it can be arranged (a time for you to be available, not an actual call!)

Contact Michael Spaulding with your interest/questions at 802-578-0255. We look forward to having you join us.

Our new ambulance will be arriving some time on October 11. Mike and Bob are flying out to Indiana to pick it up at the factory and will be driving it back. We anticipate having it ready to roll sometime in November. While the factory builds them, it does not stock them that we must do ourselves.

We would like to thank everyone who participated in the subscription

program this year. For anyone interested in learning more about it, please contact Michael Spaulding.

With Halloween just around the corner, we just want to stress the importance of safety. For those trick or treating and those driving. Make sure the little ones have flashlights and costumes that aren't obstructing their vision or ability to walk. Of course, stick to the neighbor hoods you know, although we're mostly pretty fortunate here in Vermont, sometimes you never know when or where the loonies will rear their goofy heads.

And you know that kids never pay attention to what's going on around them, especially when they're excited to get to the next house, be extra vigilant when driving on Halloween, you never know when a group will pop out in front of you.

Mostly, all you Halloween lovers just have a blast like you always do. We want to see you dressed in costume, not as a patient.

Until next time, stay safe and be well or call us if you can't.

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### Golf Thanks

Thank you to Williston Country Club & New York Life for donating prizes for the Fairfax for Food Golf Tournament on October 3rd. We raised about \$500.

Thanks to Nate Muehl of New York Life for providing prizes and for putting together a foursome. Thanks to Lafe & Shelly Pottala. Thanks to

John Workman of A.W. Rich Funeral Homes. Thanks to Chief Gary Taylor of the St. Albans Police Department and police officer Ben Couture. Thanks to Lt. Judy Dunn. Thanks to Todd Trono and John Goodchild of Williston Country Club. Thanks to Todd Baumeister of Fletcher. Thanks to Don Tedford of Anchor Foundations. Thanks to Representative Carolyn Branagan. Thanks to Ray and Claudette Bouffard of Georgia Market. Thanks to Nan's Mobil & Deli in Fairfax.

Thanks to Jay and Kathy Shedd of Shedd's Spread Painting & Decorating.

Special thanks to Arrowhead Golf Course.

I would like to remind all Westford residents, that the Food Shelf in Fairfax is indeed available to all Westford residents, as well as residents of Fairfax and Fletcher. In fact, Dot Root of Westford is an ardent supporter of the food shelf, and several years ago we combined the resources of food shelf that Mrs. Stark had held in her home, with the food shelf in Westford.

We are open the first two Wednesdays of the month from 9-12 at the United Church which is near the blinking light, on the Fletcher Road, in Fairfax. As always, we respect your privacy.

*Reverend Elizabeth and Dot Root*  
Fairfax Food Shelf

*Editor's Note:* Arrowhead is open through October; the course is beautiful.



The steeple has landed . . .

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# COMMUNITY EVENTS

## Turkey Dinner

The St. Luke, Fairfax Annual Turkey Dinner will be held on Sunday, November 1st, at BFA-Fairfax with three sittings at 11:45 am, 12:45 pm and 1:45 pm. Adults \$10; 6-12 \$5.00; under 6 are our guests.

**BY RESERVATION ONLY** – Phone Bernie: 849-6249 — Between noon and 7:00 pm on Monday through Saturday beginning October 17th.

## Community Center Pot Luck

Citizens for Fairfax Community, Inc. Invites YOU, to join us at the beautiful Inn at Grace Farm for our annual Pot Luck Supper and Public Meeting from 6:00-8:00, Tuesday, October 27th, on Rt. 104A, one half mile from the 104 intersection. Bring a dish, bring family and friends, eat great food, chat, and hear about what we have been doing to bring a Community Center to the Fairfax area. RSVP to 849-6561 or mark@vtwellness.net. CFC is a local nonprofit, open-membership organization whose mission is to create a community center in which people across the generations can find opportunities to gather and participate in a variety of activities: creative, educational, civic and recreational.

## Christmas Holiday Concert

The Fairfax Fletcher Westford Band will have five or six practices beginning in October. Practices are Thursdays from 7:00 to 8:30 pm.

Dust off your instrument and play with us. If you need an instrument, we probably can get you one. Call 849-9856 or 849-6760.

## Harvest Dinner

Fairfield Center School Annual PTO Harvest Dinner — Sunday, October 25th, 11:00 am-1:30 pm, at the Fairfield School. Menu includes: stuffed chicken breast, mashed potatoes, squash, corn, tossed salad, rolls and dessert. Dinners are also available for take out. Hay rides, face painting, and a genuine old fashioned cider press. Adults: \$7.00; Seniors: \$5.00; Children:\$4.00 (3 and under are free) Maximum of \$25.00 per family.

## Halloween

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## Attention Little League Volunteers

The Fairfax Fletcher Westford Little League Annual Meeting will be on Sunday, November 1st at 6:00 pm at the United Church of Fairfax.

Come and vote for the 2010 FF-WLL Board of Directors. All Board positions must be filled every year. Vote for President, Vice President Softball, Vice President Baseball, Player Agent, Safety Officer, Secretary, Treasurer, Information Officer and Coaching Coordinator.

Please be sure to mark your calendars and plan to attend this very important meeting. In addition to electing our 2010 Board of Directors, we will also discuss how the 2009 season went, the success of our fundraising effort, and what our expenses were. We will also share in some discussion on ideas for the 2010 season. I encourage you all to please mark your calendars now for the meeting, as your attendance and ideas are very much appreciated and needed. You all have an opportunity to vote via e-mail, with the deadline being October 30th. If you do choose to vote this way I would still appreciate your attendance at the annual meeting, as we have much business to discuss. If any of you would like to place an item on the agenda. please let me know and I will add it in.

Below is a list of nine people who have been nominated for the Board of Directors for the 2010 FFWLL season. Although we have nine board positions available, we still need your votes for these positions. If you do not know some of these people and are unsure as to how you should vote, please call me and I will put you in contact with

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- Shur Fine spaghetti sauces — 26 oz. — all varieties.....\$1.28
- Betty Crocker cake mixes or RTS frostings all varieties..... 98¢
- Charmin Ultras Mega 6 roll toilet tissue 2400ct .....\$6.98
- Quaker Captain Crunch cereals — 15 oz.-16 oz. — all varieties .....\$2.68
- Shur Fine Mild Cheddar stick or shredded cheese 8 oz. .... 98¢
- Shur Fine 8 oz. American cheese 12 slices — yellow or white ..... 98¢
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**Steeple**

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Steeple Market is accepting applications for part-time & full-time positions for cashiers/stockers, deli help and prep cook.

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Submit letter of interest to:  
Steeple Market,  
P.O. Box 55, Fairfax, VT 05454

Watch FranklinOne.com for more.

**Horseshoes On the Recreation Path**

On September 28, 2009 Freemasons from Lamoille Lodge #6 in Fairfax, installed three regulation horseshoe pits on the Fairfax Recreation Path. The horseshoe pits are available for use by the public during normal Rec Path hours of operation. They were installed by the local Masonic lodge in an effort to promote healthy activities that engage the community.

Playing a game of horseshoes is a great excuse to get outside and have fun, so get down to the Rec Path and

throw some horseshoes . . . but please, take'em off the horse first! You will need to bring your own horseshoes in order to play.

If there is enough interest, a league may be formed in the spring.

If you are interested in joining a league or looking for a team to play against before the snow flies, contact John Schraven at jas@surfglobal.net.

**Vermont Revenues On Target**

The first quarter of fiscal year 2010 ended on the last day of September. Revenues for the first quarter of the fiscal year are on target with what legislators thought they would be. It's tough to predict revenue in this changing economy and, as many readers are aware, incoming revenues have not met expectations for several quarters in the recent past. So, the on target revenue of the first quarter is good news. A real relief, but don't break out the champagne. Legislators have been cautioned not to assume hard times are over just because we've had one good quarter. There will be upward swings followed

**Vermont Revenues**  
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**Recreation Field Use**  
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The Recreation field renovation is now complete and the fields are being used! It has been a wonderful addition to see the fields used on a regular basis by football and soccer. The fields were also the site of an ultimate Frisbee event this summer. There are three fields available for use. Field A (Football utility field/small soccer field/little league field) Field B (large multiuse field) Field C (U-12 soccer size, little league, soccer practice field). All fields are available for sign out usage by filling our field use form. Forms can be attained by contacting Katrina at fairfaxparksandrec@yahoo.com. Or at 849-2641.

*New additions to the park*

The Fairfax Recreation Park is now home to 3 regulation sized horseshoe pits! Generously donated by the Fairfax Masons. We look forward to hosting tournaments or just leisurely play in the upcoming year!

*Opening on the Recreation Advisory Board*

The Recreation Advisory board has two openings, one position to finish the remaining two years of a three-year term and we are looking for a youth (ages 15-18) to serve on the board.

Please contact Katrina at 849-2641 or at fairfaxparksandrec@yahoo.com

*Upcoming Recreation Goals*

The Recreation Department is growing and we have a lot of exciting plans in the future. Currently we are working to build a pavilion and restroom facilities in park. These two facilities would allow areas for concession and storage as well as be available to sign out for picnics, birthday parties, wedding receptions and family reunions to just name a few. We would like to see the construction take place next spring and are hoping to have the projects completely grant funded. We are also activity participating with the CFC (citizens for Fairfax Community Inc.) for the creation of a community center. We also have the 18th annual ducky race in conjunction with the 3rd annual community day on June 5th 2009 and the 11th annual egg run on August 7th. We have a lot of exciting things coming up and always look for community involvement and participation. If you are interested in any of the activities of the Fairfax Recreation Department please do not hesitate to contact Katrina Antonovich at 849-2641 or by e-mail at fairfaxparksandrec@yahoo.com.

*Fairfax Recreation now on Facebook*

Fairfax Recreation is now on facebook - please join our group for updated regarding recreational activities in Fairfax.

*Legacy Contributions*

The recreation department has fantastic projects coming up. If you would like to financially contribute to any of the upcoming projects please let Katrina Antonovich know. I can be contacted at fairfaxparksandrec@yahoo.com or at 849-2641. All contributions to the Recreation Department are tax deductible. Please watch for upcoming naming opportunities in town.

*Fall Fitness Activities*

*Fusion (Yoga and Pilates)*

Yoga and Pilates are both mind-body exercises that offer benefits including increased flexibility, balance & strength. Pilates adds extra exercises to work your abdominals, back and pelvis. A great class that will integrate the stretching & relaxation of yoga, and strength & power of Pilates for a whole body experience. Designed for all fitness levels ages 14 and up.

• Tuesdays - 7pm. Please bring a yoga mat.

• Contact info: Pam Jumper - 370-4437

• Cost: \$7 drop in fee.

• Location: BFA FACS Room please use high school entrance

*Zumba*

Join the Party on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 to 7:30pm in the Elementary Gym at BFA Fairfax. A Latin inspired fitness workout with Pam Jumper. \$7.00 drop in fee. Call Pam at 370-4437 or e-mail pamaj68@aol.com.

*Fitness Boot Camp*

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Participants need to bring plenty of water, a towel or yoga mat, and light weights (optional). It is recommended to wear comfortable clothing and sturdy running shoes that are not too worn.

Cost: \$7.00 per class; registration is not required.

Location: BFA-Fairfax High School - Middle School Gym - please use high school entrance

Contact: Lisa Durocher at 849-6621

#### Stroller Strolling

An informal drop-in program. It is a way to meet young families in town and walk on the Recreation Path.

Tuesdays 9:30 am

Story walk in the Recreation Park

Each month until November please join us for a creative way to experience literacy with exercise. Follow an exciting children's story while you walk, run or jog along the bike path.

### Vermont Revenues Continued from page 4

by further down turns. We have a long way to go before our economy has recovered from this recession.

The General Fund experienced strong receipts during the first quarter in Corporate Income tax, Rooms and Meals tax and Estate tax. The Corporate Income tax upswing means corporations located in Vermont are finally making enough money to necessitate paying tax on the income. This reflects perhaps improving economic health for these corporations. The increase in Rooms and Meals tax means tourists and Vermonters are feeling somewhat more confident. Going out to restaurants and use of overnight lodging are both good indicators of what may be improving consumer confidence. Personal Income tax and Sales/Use tax receipts were on target, the first quarter in several where there was no decline. The \$2.5 million received

from the Estate tax was nearly \$1 million over expectation for this tax that is extremely difficult to predict. Overall, the General Fund is \$6.1 million over first quarter targets.

The Transportation Fund had some help from the Cash for Clunker sales. Purchase/Use tax revenue was increased but this may be temporary now that Cash for Clunkers is over. Gas and Diesel tax revenue is just above estimates. The new assessments voted last spring (the 2% on retail gasoline and 3 cents per gallon on diesel) are not included in the T. Fund. The new assessments go into a special fund for the bond and will be used only to pay for road repairs. The Transportation Fund overall is \$2 million over target.

The Education Fund is on target. Remember that most of the funding for our schools comes from the Property tax. The smaller sources of funding for the Education Fund are all on target.

This is all good news but we have a long way to go before our economy has recovered from this recession. In my opinion fiscal decisions still need to be made with extreme caution. It is good to have a quarter where revenues are in line with expectations.

*Rep. Carolyn Branagan*  
Franklin-1, Fairfax/Georgia  
VT House of Representatives

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them, so you can have a conversation with them and hear why they want to offer their time to the league. Again, your votes are necessary and needed. Please vote for any or all of the following people: Susan Roy, Lisa Charland, Andy Higgins, Pete Chapman, Heather Eckman, Stacy Miner, Mary Beth Redding, Bob Kissinger and Rob Trubia. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 849-2018 or e-mail fairfaxroy@yahoo.com.

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## Our Changing Schools

BY PRINCIPAL MICHAEL CLARK

### School Spirit and Involvement

School spirit and involvement is alive and well at BFA Fairfax. Every day, students are involved in activities including Drama, Music, Athletics, Honor Societies, Civic Volunteer Groups, Academic Challenge Groups, and much more. I am impressed to report that a full two thirds (66%) of our student body participates in a co-curricular activity in some way. Besides being a fun way to explore and develop interests, participating in co-curricular activities helps students learn to work as a team, teaches them the responsibility of showing up on time and ready to work, and gives them a sense of accomplishment. Perhaps equally as important, it gives them a positive place to hang out and stay out of trouble.

As a teacher and administrator, I have seen countless kids flourish in high school and others fail. Almost without exception, the students who do well are involved in co-curricular activities. The simple fact is all people will find positive or negative ways to fill time. Students who have a significant amount of leisure time without an activity they look forward to will tend to fill their time with negative activities.

In addition to supporting our students through the active athletic regular seasons (and hopefully playoffs), of boys and girls soccer, football, and cross country running (boys and girls); we welcome you to the following upcoming events:

The BFA Fairfax High School Music Department proudly presents the first 2009-2010 concert on Wednesday, October 21st at 7PM. This concert will feature both Middle and High

School Choruses, and our Band. You won't want to miss the fine repertoire presented by our instrumentalists, including a crowd-pleasing rendition of Festive Dance, by renowned composer Charles Gounod, and the familiar melodies in James Curnow's Appalachian Dances. Our High School Chorus, 30 members strong, will present a diverse program, including the powerful favorite from the musical Ragtime, Make Them Hear You. The Middle School Chorus will also make its debut during this wonderful evening of music.

This year the high school and the middle school have teamed up to bring one of Disney's beloved musicals "Beauty and the Beast" to the Fairfax community. Students, Community Members, and Teachers have begun working together to bring the magic alive in November.

Shows are Thursday and Friday November 12th & 13th at 7:00 p.m. as well as Saturday November 14th at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. All shows are in the BFA Fairfax High School Gymnasium. Tickets are available at the door or can be purchased in advance in the main office at BFA; \$7.00 for Adults and \$5.00 for Students. For more information please call (802) 849-6711.

### In School H1N1 Clinics

The Vermont Department of Health will be hosting a school based H1N1 vaccination clinic at BFA Fairfax. The vaccine is available to students (pre-k-12), home schooled students who are part of our district and eligible staff. The vaccine is free of charge. Children under 10 years old will require two doses of vaccine, spaced four

weeks apart. All others will only need one dose. Vaccine will only be given to a child with a parent's written consent, please remember the vaccine is voluntary. The VT Dept. of Health requests parents not attend the school based clinic with their children.

### The clinic dates are:

- Thursday, Nov. 12th, 8:30-2:00

In case of school closure, our back up date is Thursday Nov. 19th, 8:30-2:00

For children under 10, the second date will be:

- December 16th, 8:30-12:00 noon

In case of school closure, our back up date is Dec. 18th, 8:30-12 noon

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Language Playgroup on Wednesdays from 10:00-11:00 am in the BFA Fairfax Elementary Health Room. We will be exploring the music of different cultures every Wednesday through the end of October. Join us for songs and fun from around the world! Follows school calendar.

Preschool Story Time on Thursdays from 9:30-10:30 am in the Fairfax Community Library. Children will hear a story, sing songs, and create a craft. Offered in conjunction with the Fairfax Community Library. Follows school calendar.

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Community Playgroup on Fridays from 9:00-10:30 am in the BFA Fairfax Health Room. Children will enjoy free play, a craft, circle time, and a provided snack. Follows school calendar.

Open Tot Gym & Infant/Parent Play Time on Saturdays in the BFA Fairfax Elementary School Gym. Beginning November 7th, children enjoy free play activities including slides, jump ropes, a rope swing, and much more. This activity is a great outlet for our lively children during the colder months. There is an infant area with boppies, books, toys, and an infant tunnel set up on mats. At the end, we all come together for a directed parachute activity. Follows school calendar.

PJ Story Time is the first Thursday of the month from 6:30-7:30 pm in the Fairfax Community Library. Children are invited to come in their pajamas to hear a guest speaker read stories and also to make a craft before bedtime.

All activities are FREE and cater to children ages 6 and under! Contact fairfaxsx6@hotmail.com with ques-

tions about any of the information above or regarding any BFA-PTSA's Fairfax Success By Six programs.

Visit our website at <http://ww2.bfafairfax.com/~sbys>.

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**Thanks, Marselis**

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One constant, firm as an ancient pyramid foundation, has been Marselis Parsons, of WCAX, bringing us the news every weekday at 6:00 pm.

He brought us serious news, lighter news and somedays he was a voice in the background as we ate dinner. His calming voice and his unwavering demeanor let us know, everything was secure.

Marselis Parsons is retiring.

Thanks, Marselis, we'll miss you.

**SCHOOL BOARD**  
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review and approval which shall become an Appendix to this policy.

Prohibited Use Within School Facilities & On School Property

The School Board prohibits the use or possession of alcohol, tobacco and unlawful drugs within school facilities and or on school property and all school policies are in effect during facility use by any organization or person.

There are no fees for Category 1 or Category 2. Category 3 has charges for use of kitchen and for custodial coverage if necessary. The charges for Category 4 depend on the area being requested.

There was a School Board meeting on Monday, October 12th in the Community Library. The following policies were discussed: Alcohol Drug Free Workplace, Energy Management Policy, Pesticide Policy; and Gifts, Donations, Scholarship Policy.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at [pstewart@bfafairfax.com](mailto:pstewart@bfafairfax.com).

**Welch to hold Forum on Health Care**

As the U.S. House prepares to vote on legislation to provide health security and stability to all Americans, Congressman Peter Welch will hold the second of two statewide forums this Saturday to discuss the proposed bills and how they would affect Vermonters.

The latest in a series of community meetings and regional telephone town halls Congressman Welch has held to listen to Vermonters, the forum at Hartford High School in White River Junction will provide another opportunity for Vermonters to weigh in on this critical legislation. A forum at Williston Central School on Saturday drew close to 150 Vermonters.

Welch will discuss the legislation and the need for reform at Saturday's event, and he will take questions and comments from members of the audience.

Representative Peter Welch will hold the Congressional Forum on Health Care on Saturday, October 17th at 3:30 p.m. at Hartford High School, 73 Highland Avenue, White River Junction.

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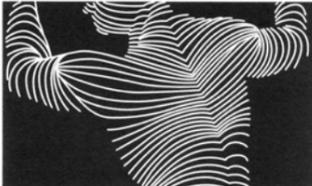
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In years past, at A.W. Rich, we have been amazed by Alice and the Mad Hatter, Dorothy and the Wizard, Snow White, Cinderella with a magic pumpkin and more, so this year, don't miss Bert & Ernie, Big Bird, Elmo, Grover and more.

Homes along Hunt Street have always been a "must see" too, but a warning, some can be really scary. Stop down to the blinking light area to see what's going on at Foothills Bakery. Last year we enjoyed their fresh cookies.

Many folks tend to park at BFA. Special thanks to the Fairfax Fire Department, who have been on scene to keep kids safe for years.

### Beauty and the Beast Continued from page 12

fourteen years, becoming Broadway's sixth-longest running production in history, and was nominated for nine Tony awards. It is now being licensed to local productions so that the magic of the Broadway show can be experienced by new audiences. When I first decided to take over the middle school drama advisor role, I decided that I wanted to bring a lavish musical production back to BFA. This was the only show I even considered. It's story is recognizable and relates to many in their everyday lives. It is my vision that this will be the first installment of the "BFA fall musical." During an infor-

mational meeting last spring, nearly 80 students showed an interest in being part of the production. This fall, a large number of students auditioned for the roles, and 40 students were cast".

Jerry Bailey and Jan Jeffords will Co-Direct.

The show runs November 12-14. That's three evening performances and a Saturday matinee. The ticket prices for adults is \$7 and students, \$5. With four weeks left to show, all of the pieces are coming together for a very large production.

Tickets go on sale next Wednesday, October 21, in the main office of BFA. A pre-purchase is strongly suggested.



BFA's Lady Bullets are undefeated.  
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Diane Russin, left, owner of Countryside Children's Center receives business recognition award from Brenda Logee Hall, Vocational Liaison at BFA Fairfax and member of the Franklin/Grand Isle Employment Consultant Coalition.

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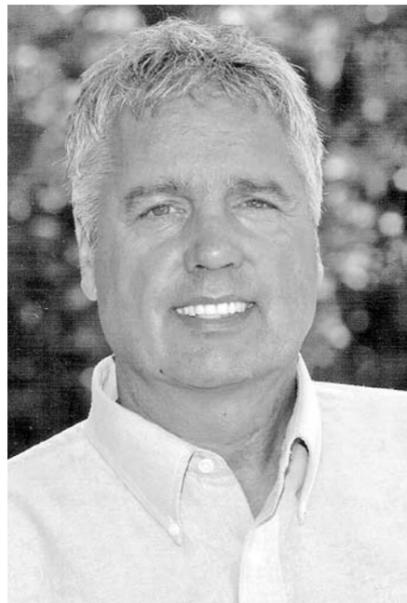
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- 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1/4 teaspoon ground allspice
- 1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1 loaf (about 10 cups) diced cinnamon brioche or cinnamon raisin bread
- 1/2 cup golden raisins
- 1/4 cup diced crystallized ginger
- Confectioners' sugar, for garnish
- Special equipment: 11 by 7-inch baking dish

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F.

In a large bowl, combine the heavy cream, eggs, brown sugar, spices, and vanilla and mix well to combine. Mix in the pumpkin puree. Combine the bread, raisins and ginger in the baking dish. Pour the pudding mixture over the bread to cover and let sit for 15 minutes.

You may not use all of the filling. Add more filling if there's room in the dish once the bread has soaked.

Bake in the preheated oven until the custard is set, about 20 to 25 minutes.

It's a fall breakfast! To serve, slice into 8 pieces place on a plate and sprinkle a dusting of confectioners' sugar on top. Serve with maple syrup.

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**PATIENTS TAKING METFORMIN TO TREAT THEIR DIABETES** should consider taking an oral supplement of vitamin B12. There appears to be a possible link between lower B12 levels caused by metformin and peripheral neuropathy. Because peripheral neuropathy is often associated with diabetes even in patients not on metformin, blood levels should be checked in patients on metformin who develop neuropathy or have a worsening of their condition. An oral supplement of 1000mcg of B12 generally will treat a B12 deficiency. Calcium may increase B12 absorption so adequate calcium intake is also recommended.

**RINGWORM INFECTIONS ARE EASILY TREATED WITH OTC TOPICAL ANTIFUNGALS.** Lamisil AT and Lotrimin Ultra are the most effective products and work within 1 to 2 weeks. Clotrimazole and miconazole are also available but require 2 to 4 weeks to work. Creams and lotions are more effective than powders and sprays. Application should cover areas 1 to 2 inches beyond the rash and continue for 1 to 2 weeks after the skin has healed. Tea tree oil, Vicks VapoRub and vinegar show no evidence of effectiveness against topical fungal infections.

**A SINGLE DOSE EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTIVE IS NOW AVAILABLE.** Plan B One-Step is the same as Plan B however it contains only one tablet taken as a single dose. There is also a generic version of the original Plan B, Next Choice that contains the original regimen of two doses, each taken 12 hours apart.

**IF YOUR INHALER COMES IN A FOIL CONTAINER,** after you remove the foil to use, the expiration date on the box no longer applies. The foil protects the drug from moisture. Advair Diskus are only good for one month; Serevent is good for six weeks and Symbicort for 90 days. Ventolin HFA 60-count is potent for 12 months but the 200 dose package is only good for 6 months. Proair HFA and Proventil HFA are not packaged in foil and generally are good for 2 years after manufacturing date.

**THE NEEDLE ON EPIPEN MAY NOT BE LONG ENOUGH** to provide the epinephrine quickly in an allergic reaction especially in an overweight individual. Epinephrine may be given subcutaneously or IM for anaphylaxis but IM is preferred because absorption is quicker. Injecting sub-q can delay absorption from 10 to 30 minutes. Be sure to press down firmly for 10 seconds with the injector on the outer thigh when administering an emergency dose of epinephrine using an EpiPen.

## Beauty and the Beast

There's an exciting electricity building in the BFA Fairfax High School Gym over a new production, Jerry Bailey fills us in:

"We've been working incredibly hard for the past month to put together a truly amazing production of Disney's Beauty and the Beast. This is the first musical BFA has produced since The Wizard of Oz in 2001. We have a rather large budget that is going into state-of-the-art sound and lights, sets, and costumes. The Disney production is being translated to the BFA stage with a cast of 40 middle and high school students. The story is classic and the songs memorable. The show originally ran on Broadway for

**Beauty and the Beast**  
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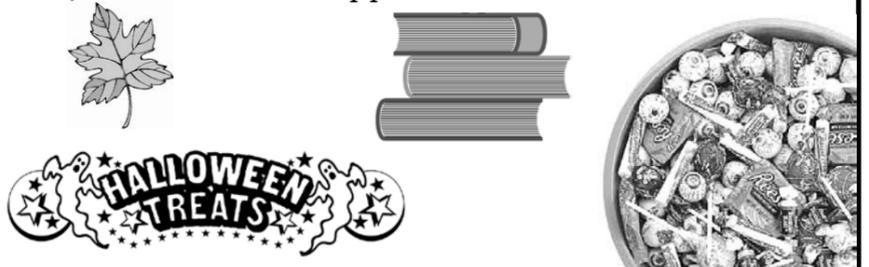
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