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Two pillars in our rural community will no longer be checking you in to vote with a smile, or assisting you in placing a ballot in the new electronic box. After years of dedicated, loyal service to our community, Jim & Lena Meunier have stepped down as members of the Fairfax Board of Civil Authority. They have built a beautiful one story home next to the tennis courts at Bellows Free Academy Fairfax and will be enjoying their growing family. Be sure to give them a wave when you pass by.

PHOTO BY HENRY RAYMOND

Fairfax Town Meeting 2013 Changes Coming to Fairfax

By CHRIS SANTEE

Already nestled next door to the Fairfax Fire Department building is a new two-story Fairfax Rescue Squad building nearing completion. Goodall Road is getting attention to allow fire and rescue personnel easy and safe access to Main Street. With the departure of the Rescue Squad from the FD building, our fire department has much needed room for their equipment.

Our Recreation Department is constructing a new pavillion at the Recreation Park which will include bathrooms.

A new sidewalk is planned for the south side of Main Street from the top

of Hunt Street to the Buck Hollow Road intersection.

The new Fairfax Town Office will be built in the field between Buck Hollow, Main Street and Nan's Mobil.

Paige Estates are going up next to the new addition at Fairfax Family Physical Therapy, which now has a new rehab pool.

Our Road Department will be blacktopping Bessette Road in North Fairfax and other areas needing attention. Access to Fletcher Road will be improved from Swamp, Wilkins and Shepardson Hollow Roads.

TOWN MEETING

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This Is High School Today

By SECRETARY OF EDUCATION ARMANDO VILASECA

Governor Peter Shumlin wasted no time in getting down to work to improve education in Vermont. In his second inaugural address, the Governor outlined several areas of focus to ensure that Vermont continues to lead in education.

Expanding pre-school opportunities for all kids is a high priority because we know children who enter kindergarten ready to learn are better prepared to be successful in school. The Governor is also dedicated to closing the achievement gap for children whose families struggle financially. His goal of reducing the obstacles for children to receive nutritious breakfasts and lunches at school is close to being a

reality. This means that children who are currently receiving reduced rate meals will now be eligible to receive both breakfast and lunch at no cost. For many families the eligibility for receiving free versus reduced-priced meals is the difference of only a few dollars in monthly income. This is the first step in addressing the achievement gap, and as we look to the future we want to ensure free meals for all students in Vermont's schools.

Education is complex and ever-changing, and for this reason the focus of this piece will be on expanding high school opportunities for our kids.

HIGH SCHOOL

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BFA Fairfax Honor Roll

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

SENIOR CLASS

FIRST HONORS

Kiley Ashley, Kayla Baczewski, Meghan Bochanski, Tyler Bolam, Austen Carpenter, Emma Collins, Margaret Fitzgerald, Levi Gardell, Lacey Graham, Sandra Groening, Anissa Hartmann, Connor Laroche, Kyle Letourneau, Brooke Naylor, Amelia Rothwell, Danielle Russin, Aman Saini, Shivram Singh, Julia Snyder, Marin Varney, Ryan Wimble, Travis Yandow and Morgan Young.

THIRD HONORS

Dustin Charland, Breanne Corse, Oakley Crouse, Jared Demar, Kyle Desso, Patrick DeZalia, Shayna Dudley, Emily Filiberti, Jamie Groff, Michael Hebert, Douglas Legris, Rebecca Martell, Briana Morin, Lyla O'Brien, Brittany Perkins, Amanda Perry, Jasmine St. Francis, Josie Thibault, Kristopher Wehner and Sarah Zelley.

HONOR ROLL

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SECOND HONORS

Sierra Camley, Annelise Lynch, Dakotah McCormick, Breanna Pepin, Benjamin Pomichter and Brandon Whitehill.



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to Vote

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NEWS IN BRIEF

In Passing

Our thoughts and prayers to the families and friends of Richard A. Brown, Gerald "Jerry" Minor, John Buchanan, Barbara O'Toole, Tony Gomez, Teresa Tilton, Dean Blake, Jim Cleary, Emily McGovern, Doris Bushey, Bill Cootware, Doris Lavalley, Nancy P. McConnell, Larry Lammott, Barbara A. Snyder, Robert Jackson, Gilles Fortin, Bert Martin, Susan Hudson, David Ashley, Edwin Levick, Emily Cross, Ruby C. Collins, Carolyn Whiting, Mark Brown, Carolyn King, Robert T. Gilbert, Roland Pion and Robert A. Gillin.

Town Meeting

Registered voters in Fairfax will gather Saturday, March 2nd in the Elementary Gym at 10:00 am and vote by ballot on Tuesday, March 5th in the Middle School Gym from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm and you will be able to read the results on The-FairfaxNews.com. You can meet the candidates of the contested races on page 8 inside.

62-16-1

Set 'em up and knock 'em down, the BFA Fairfax soccer, football and basketball teams for 2012-2013 are a combined 62-16-1.

Town Office

A Town Office Committee has been working hard to make the new Town Office building a reality. Zoning Administrator Skip Taylor

NEWS IN BRIEF

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COMING NEXT ISSUE

Think Spring!

School Board News

By ELAINE CARPENTER, CHAIR

Congratulations are clearly in order for a number of events at our school this month.

Our future Earth Science, Botany and Climate Change classes taught by Tom Lane will be enriched by a training that he will participate in this spring. Tom will be part of the Polar TREC program, a training program for educators to build ongoing relationships with polar researchers. Tom is one of 12 educators chosen from over 400 applicants across the country for this honor. He will spend six weeks this spring working with scientists who are conducting research on climate change and CO2 emissions in Denali National Park in Alaska. Elizabeth Webb, lead researcher in Alaska, has already been here to BFA to spend time with Tom's students in preparation for the research. We are so pleased that Tom has been chosen for this honor and look forward to learning of the benefits for his students. Congratulations, Tom!

Congratulations to our Penguin Plungers! A group of teachers, students and community members formed the BFA Fairfax team who took the plunge into Lake Champlain on a chilly February morning. Thanks to their efforts, \$5,600 was raised for Special Olympics in Vermont. These dollars will support state-wide efforts as well as our own Special Olympics teams.

Congratulations are also in order for our girls' basketball, cheerleading and dance teams who hosted a benefit fund-raiser for the Vermont Cancer Center. Over \$800 was raised for the Vermont Cancer Center and the Kay Yow Cancer Fund. We applaud our student-athletes' commitment to community service.

The Safety Committee has been meeting regularly to monitor our "Clear the Halls" procedures. "Clear the Halls" would happen in the event of a threat to the safety of our students. This procedure is practiced regularly and is especially meaningful

SCHOOL BOARD NEWS

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Fairfax,

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Bellows Free Academy Fairfax Lady Bullets basketball team. Currently boasting a 17-2 record in Vermont's D-II, this team has our town buzzing with high hopes.

The Fairfax boys sit quietly at 14-6 in D-III, but have only lost twice to D-III schools, once by one point. They may be the surprise team of the play-offs.

This combined 31-8 record, matched with BFA's 31-8 record for fall teams, has the Bellows Free Academy team sports records at 62-16 with baseball and softball next.

Go Bullets!

Take care and God bless,

Chris Santee

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Mitchell in Montpelier

from Fairfax Representative

John Mitchell

January 10, 2013

Yesterday ended our first full week in session in Montpelier. I am on the Health Care Committee in the House of Representatives and have learned a great deal about the new system coming into play beginning January 1, 2014. I still have a lot to learn. It is very interesting and can be quite confusing to the general public. There will be numerous meetings and seminars throughout this year for those being effected by the new system initially.

There are 11 people on the Health Care Committee from varying backgrounds and I am the only one with business experience. I think that may be the reason the Speaker assigned me to that committee.

Legislators filed almost 100 bills by week's end with hundreds more either awaiting introduction or having the final details ironed out before pen goes to paper. I expect the financing of the new health care system will be a contentious topic this session. Some of these bills can be accessed via the state web site if you so choose.

Generally speaking I find being in the legislature quite different than the previous 45 years spent in the work force. It is a privilege to be there and I realize the sacrifice some folks make in order to serve their communities.

If there are any school groups planning to visit the State Capital I would be glad to meet with them. Just let me know when that would be.

Going forward I will communicate on a regular basis and if you need to contact me my email is jmitchell@leg.state.vt.us and my home phone is 849-6284.

Thanks for your support.

John Mitchell

Senate News

Franklin County Senator

Don Collins

The 2013-14 legislative session has officially begun and the Senate has six new members.

I am extremely pleased to have been appointed to the Economic Development and Housing Committee. This committee assignment is sought by many members and we will be very busy focusing on business growth and retention, workforce development and job training plus many other issues of

importance to working Vermonters and businesses. I am especially interested in working with organizations and individuals in Franklin County and Alburgh, who wish to support our current employers and help attract businesses that are exploring expansion or relocation.

My afternoon committee assignment is Education and I was pleasantly surprised to be appointed Vice Chairman. With the Governor making education a major priority I am certain that we will be busy and have very interesting discussions. The education issues also have ties to a vibrant economy. Even though I will serve on the Economic Development committee and not on agriculture, I expect to work very closely on issues related to agriculture with Senators Starr and McAllister, who both represent communities in Franklin County and with Representative Connor who is serving on the agriculture committee in the House. All businesses that promote job opportunities are certainly important to Northwestern Vermont and we must not forget the significant impact that dairy farming has had and will continue to have on our total economy.

Later this month I will be sharing details as to how local students may earn an opportunity to be my guest for lunch and participate in a number of activities at the Capitol. Our "State House" is a great learning environment.

Please feel free to contact via email at dcollins@leg.state.vt.us or by calling 802-309-4062 or the State House at 1-800-322-5616. I look forward to serving you during the next two years.

Senator Donald E. Collins

23 Broadway Street
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Supports Woodward

I am writing in support of the reelection of our Town Clerk/Treasurer Deb Woodward in the upcoming vote. As a past official in that same capacity I have had the opportunity to personally observe Deb's ability to maintain town records, oversee town budgets and continue to align the Town's operation with ever-changing technology standards. Despite having been dealt a difficult hand and losing her young daughter last year, Deb maintained professionalism and kept the office in tact. The position is not an easy one even without personal challenges. Please consider your support of Deb this election.

Respectfully,

*Sheri A. Rainville,
Justice of the Peace*

Former, 16 Year Fairfax Town
Clerk/Assistant Treasurer

Mitchell in Montpelier

from Fairfax Representative

John Mitchell

February 9, 2013

As a "freshman" in Montpelier (that's what they call the new folks), it is challenging sometimes to see issues beyond one's committee. My committee is Health Care and it is a real learning curve for me is that the Affordable Care Act and the Health Benefit Exchange takes effect on Jan 1, 2014. I am certain you will see much about this in the ensuing months and please educate yourselves on the issues at hand when possible.

This week we began the budget process for Vermont Dept of Health Access (DVHA) and we will continue to work on that in the weeks ahead.

We also took testimony on a bill to add one cent per ounce tax on sugar sweetened beverages. In other words a 20 oz. soda would be \$.20 more, a 2 liter bottle \$.64 more, etc. The spoken intent is to combat obesity and discourage the use of these items. It is supposed to raise \$8 million in additional tax and who knows where that will end up. I am not in favor of additional taxes in any form and certainly not in favor of this.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact me at home 849-6284 or by email jmitchell@leg.state.vt.us or mitchelljohn694@gmail.com.

John Mitchell

Supports Lemieux

I have know Ann Lemieux for more than twenty years. I think she would be an excellent asset to our selectboard. She has run a successful business in town for many years and she knows the needs of the community. Several years ago she was a cheerleading coach at school. Among other activities she has been very active in the business community and the Citizens for Fairfax organization.

Anne is a very organized person. When a close friend of ours was ill, she organized a group of friends that were able to help out our friend.

I feel Ann is a very practical, pragmatic person and she will work for the best interests of Fairfax.

Sue Mitchell

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Fairfax Town Meeting 2013

Town Meeting

Saturday, March 2nd, 2013
Bellows Free Academy — Fairfax
Elementary School Gymnasium
10:00am till completion

Voting by Ballot

Tuesday, March 5th, 2013
Bellows Free Academy — Fairfax
Middle School Gymnasium
Polls Open 7:00am-7:00pm

At the Community Library

Thursday, March 7, 6-8 pm: Spring Gardening Series: Gardening Start Up and Weeds In the first of three gardening workshops offered by Master Gardener Kelly Wakefield, Kelly will provide helpful hints on veggie garden start up and planning, including cold frames, starting seeds and companion planting. Free, all are welcome. Pre-registration encouraged.

Thursday, March 7, 6:30-8 pm: VHC Memorable Memoirs Reading Group. Please join us for the second meeting of our Memorable Memoirs reading group. For this session, we'll be discussing Eudora Welty's short, but powerful memoir, *One Writer's Beginnings*. Sherry Olson, a local poet, will facilitate the discussion. All are welcome. Copies of this quick read are still available- pick yours up at the library today!

Tuesday, March 12, 6:30-7:30 pm: Solar 101. Solar energy is an affordable option! All are welcome to attend this program on increasing solar energy in the community. The seminar will cover the technology, what makes a good solar site, and how incentives and innovative financing programs have finally made solar cost less than standard electricity. If you've ever wondered whether solar can work for you, this will be the perfect opportunity to find out more. The session is being put on by a new Vermont company called SunCommon (check them out here: www.suncommon.com) that is helping families and farms across Franklin County go solar with no up-front cost and monthly payments that are actually lower than what you're already paying for utilities.

Tuesday, March 12, 2:45-4:30 pm: Beginner Computer Class. Learn computer basics from experienced Senior Ed instructor Tom Barber. Topics begin with how to navigate a desktop to browsing the internet and checking email. This is the first of four consecutive sessions, meeting every Tuesday from March 12 to April 2. Pre-registration is required; please sign up by stopping by, calling, or emailing the library. Free for all ages.

Wednesday, March 13, 3-4:15 pm: READ to a Dog. Kids can read a book of their choice to a fuzzy, friendly dog. To sign-up for a time slot, call (849-2420) or stop by the library.

Thursday, March 14, 6:30-7:30 pm: PJ Story Time with Success by Six. Toddlers bundle up in their favorite pajamas for a PJ story time and craft activity at the library. Ages 0-6. Free.

Tuesday, March 19, 2:45-4:30 pm: Beginner Computer Class. Learn computer basics from experienced Senior Ed instructor Tom Barber. Topics begin with how to navigate a desktop

to browsing the internet and checking email. This is the second of four consecutive sessions, meeting every Tuesday from March 12 to April 2. Pre-registration is required; please sign up by stopping by, calling, or emailing the library. Free for all ages.

Thursday, March 21, 3-4 pm: Origami Animals. Learn how to make a cat, dog, bear, frog, and more, out of a single piece of paper! The Japanese art of origami is a popular pastime for all ages and abilities. This program will introduce basic origami animals. [There will be advanced projects for those who have experience already with origami, as well.] Free; for ages 8+ only. Please preregister with the library by emailing, calling, or stopping by the library.

Tuesday, March 26, 2:45-4:30 pm: Beginner Computer Class. Learn computer basics from experienced Senior Ed instructor Tom Barber. Topics begin with how to navigate a desktop to browsing the internet and checking email. This is the third of four consecutive sessions, meeting every Tuesday from March 12 to April 2. Pre-registration is required; please sign up by stopping by, calling, or emailing the library. Free for all ages.

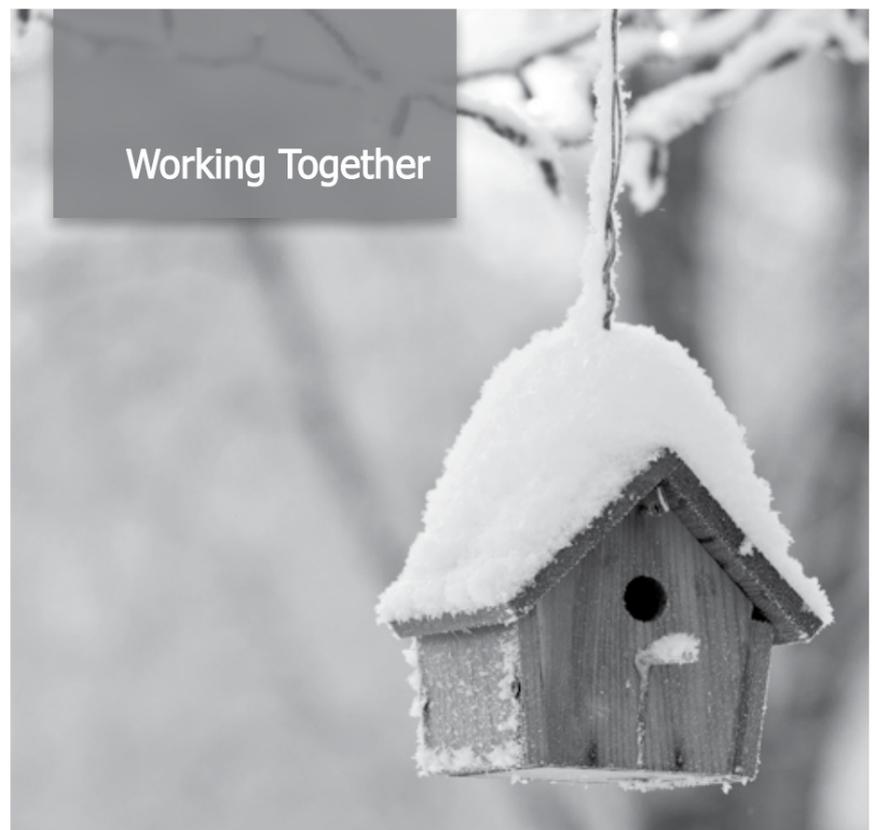
Wednesday, March 27, 3-4:15 pm: READ to a Dog. Kids can read a book of their choice to a fuzzy, friendly dog. To sign-up for a time slot, call (849-2420) or stop by the library.

Thursday, March 28, 6-8 pm: Spring Gardening Series: Weeds & Watering. In the second of three gardening workshops offered by Master Gardener Kelly Wakefield, Kelly will speak about pesky weeds and how to prevent them. She will also dispense some watering and harvest tips, as well as end of season tasks. Free, all are welcome. Pre-registration encouraged.

EVERY TUESDAY: Fairfax Community Library Story Hour. Join us for stories, crafts, and activities from 9:30-10:30 am! For ages 0-6. March 5: No Story Hour; March 12: Colors & Shapes & Music with Christy; March 19: Grandparents; March 26: Princes and Princesses

Fairfax Community Library: 75 Hunt St., Fairfax, Vermont, 05454. Website: Fairfaxvtlibrary.org, Like us of facebook. Phone 849-2420. Program Planner: Karyn Norwood at knorwood@fvsu.org.

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Supports Lemieux

I am writing this letter in support of Ann Lemieux, whom I consider a good friend and neighbor.

Ann is running for a seat on the Fairfax Town Selectboard. I am confident that she has the ability to take on the tasks the job will put before her.

Ann spent many years (9) on the

Planning Commission and several on the Fairfax Business and Professional Association (FBPA), among other.

Therefore I would ask you to join me in supporting Ann Lemieux on voting day.

Dale B. Bellows

Global Warming

The Earth is a huge chunk of hot molten metal (magma) with a 40-mile

thick solid crust on which we live. This crust is in the same proportion as the skin on the apple. You can best see this boiling metal on the crater edge of Aetna volcano in Sicily, as I have.

The Second Law of Thermodynamics states that heat flows from the higher temperature to the lower; in this case, from the magma through the crust to outer space, whose temperature is minus 273 degree centigrade. This Second Law was first enunciated

by Sadi Carnot (1796-1832), a French military engineer educated at Ecole Polytechnique in Paris, and is not subject to amendment or repeal by any human or legislature. Thus global warming will continue for zillions of years until the core and surface of the earth attain minus 273 degrees centigrade.

Peter D. Moss

Supports Conlon

To the residents of Fairfax,

I am pleased to submit this letter of support for Fran Conlon in her candidacy for the offices of Fairfax Town Clerk and Town Treasurer.

I had the pleasure of being one of the Selectboard members who interviewed Fran for her current position of Office Assistant for the Town of Fairfax. Her small business experience, strong customer service focus, and pleasant demeanor made her the leading candidate for that position.

Those same qualities that contributed to Fran being hired, along with her experience gained in her current position within the Clerk's office make her uniquely suited to seek these two offices.

While I was a member of the Selectboard, I interacted with Fran on many occasions regarding a variety of topics including recording efficiency improvements, technology updates, and interoffice communication.

During this same time, I also had the opportunity to observe Fran's interactions with town residents, title searchers, and attorneys; who are the customers of the Clerk's office. In each case, Fran represented herself and the Town of Fairfax with the utmost professionalism.

Fran is very proficient in her duties as the Office Assistant and always eager and willing to learn new things and assist others.

It is without reservation, that I recommend and support Fran Conlon's candidacy for the offices of Fairfax Town Clerk and Town Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Ormerod

Supports Conlon

We are writing this letter as an endorsement for Fran Conlon for Fairfax Town Clerk and Treasurer.

As some of you may know, Fran has been the assistant for two years. My husband has worked for the Town for 25 years. Anytime he has had to go to the Town Office for work issues, Fran is always there with a smile, always willing to do whatever she can to lend a hand to help him.

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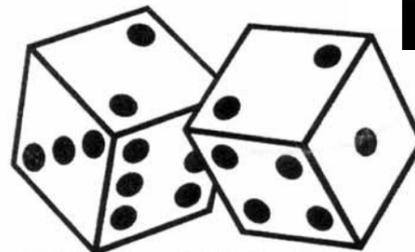
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Former BFA Fairfax Principal Richard A. Brown Passes

ST. ALBANS — Richard A. Brown, formally of Fairfax and St. Albans Vermont passed away peacefully in Florida on Nov. 18, 2012. Dick was the child of Charles and Marion Rhoades Brown of Bethel. His wife, Nancy Cone Brown predeceased him in 2006, who he married on June 20, 1959. He is survived by his son, Jeff and his wife, Debbie, his grandchildren Hunter, Ian and Grace, brother, Robert, sisters Lydia Johnson and Linda Bedell as well as brothers-in-law James and Marianne Cone and Neil and Diane Cone and countless cousins friends and people whom he had the ability to positively impact throughout the course of his life.

Dick was a proud former United States Marine serving from 1954 to 1957. His education included Whitcomb High School, in Bethel, where he was an outstanding athlete and graduated as Valedictorian in 1954. He graduated from the University of Rhode Island in 1962, where he played football, baseball and basketball. He received his Masters in Education from St. Michaels College in 1971.

A career educator, coach and mentor he dedicated his life to improving the lives of others and was rewarded by having made a positive impact upon many, and on a community. His educational career spanned thirty years. In 1990 he was the recipient of the Robert F. Pierce Secondary Principal of the year. He began his career at BFA Fairfax as a teacher and coach in 1962 and served until 1966. From 1966 to 1971 he served as a coach and teacher at Essex Junction High School. He returned to BFA Fairfax in 1971 as principal and served until 1981. He then spent two years with Prudential Insurance Company from 1981 to 1983. He returned to education as the

principal of Sheldon School from 1983 to 1986 and finished his career where he began, serving as principal at BFA Fairfax from 1986 to 1994. After retiring from education he continued serving by be the School to Work Coordinator for Franklin County from 1995 to 1998.

He also served the state and community as a member of many organizations: Vermont Headmasters Association from 1971 to 1981, Vermont Principals Association from 1983 to 1994, Vermont Soccer Official Association from 1966 to 1981, Franklin County Industrial Development Corporation from 1996 to 2004, Franklin County United Way from 1992 to 1998, Franklin County Home Health Board from 1998 to 2004, St. Albans Rotary Club from 1994 to 2000, Lifetime member of Vermont Soccer Official Association, Coordinator of Vermont Special Olympic Association, Special Olympic Tournament Officials from 1992 to 2003.

His passions included sports, his beloved Red Sox and Celtics, history, reading, the outdoors, hunting, fishing, hiking and his family.

All who knew him were aware of his prodigious memory, quick smile and his deep sense of justice. His impact cannot be overstated and brings to life "The Power Of One."

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Richard "Dick" Brown Scholarship Fund

With the holiday season over it is time to tackle a worthy project. A scholarship fund is being started , as well as other efforts, to recognize long time BFA Fairfax coach, educator, administrator and friend, Richard "Dick" Brown. His passion, integrity, loyalty, dedication and fairness are a few qualities making him deserving of this honor.

It is our hope we will have monies enough to award a scholarship in his name in June at the BFA graduation, as well as a plaque with his photo to be displayed in the main lobby of BFA.

If interested please send your contribution made out to "BFA Scholarship Fund" to FWSU 4479 Highbridge Rd, Fairfax, VT 05454 with memo to Dick Brown fund.

Please inform your families, friends, classmates and neighbors, with your help we can make this happen. Thanks in advance for helping with this worthy endeavor.

We will be putting a committee together in the near future to administer the fund, and other efforts.

Ralph McNall, "former BFA school board member of 13 years and long time friend."

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SCHOOL BOARD NEWS

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after the recent event in Connecticut. We meet with the State Police as well as representatives from the Fairfax Fire Department, both of whom assist with the drills. At our last meeting we reviewed what went well, what the responses were from individual teachers as well as building administrators. Our facilities crew will be addressing some building issues that will increase safety. All people involved have been most supportive and helpful as we refine our procedure. We especially want to thank our community partners for their work with us. Ensuring the safety of our students has been and will continue to be our top priority.

We held a community budget forum in November to get ideas from the community about the new budget. We heard from many of you who felt cutting the budget was no longer an option. In the past three years we have cut programs and positions in order to meet either the Challenge for Change or the governor's request to keep our budget low. We strongly feel that we cannot continue cuts to our budget without undermining the integrity of our programs. We are proposing a budget increase of 5.66%. This increase includes a separate article for the purchase of a bus. We have been responsible and thoughtful in building this budget and feel that it is the best for our students. We are hopeful that you will support this investment in your school when you vote on Town Meeting Day.

We welcome, as always, your comments and/or concerns. Remember to check the FWSU blog to see daily updates about student learning and school events.

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HONOR ROLL

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JUNIOR CLASS

FIRST HONORS

Sierra Benoit, Kevin Farmer, Wesley Hamm, Francesca Harvey, Jordan Hoffman, Helen Holzscheiter, Michelle LaPine, Devin Lowell, Zachary Roy, Faith Sampson, Daniel Thibault and Ashley Williams.

SECOND HONORS

Paige Beyor, Owen Bruning, Nicholas Coon, Thomas Hakey, John Lebel III and Johnny Moretti.

THIRD HONORS

Emily Benoit, Hollianne Borthwick, Justin Enegren, Clay Gerke, Franklin Hall, Nathan Jivatram, Payton Kerkes, Dallas Lumbra, Breanna Munson, Lyndsay Potter and Sabrina Wimble.

SOPHOMORE CLASS

FIRST HONORS

Cory Abell, Connor Allan, Amy Blair, Chace Carpenter, Michael Groening, Asa Hoover, Taylor Hyer, Luke Langelier, Kayla Mathieu, Elizabeth McMurray, Courtney Meunier, Emily Miner, Kayla Nester, Mara Ormerod, Emily Pomichter, Luke Rebeor, Sean Stergas and Benjamin Tague.

SECOND HONORS

Victoria Howard, Lyndzi LaCross, Logan Langley, Matthew Larose and Lindsay Legault-Knowles.

THIRD HONORS

Tanner Benoit, Maya Campbell, Kyle Combs, Matthew Coon, Melissa Cote, Sabrina Cunningham, Brandon Dunn, Alison Gabaree, Naomi Gregoire, Kailyn Hackbart, Frank King IV, Justice Lee, Aidan Marble, Alexandria McCabe, John McGuinness, Sarah Reinecke, Sabrina Stewart-Marrier and Adrienne Toof.

FRESHMAN CLASS

FIRST HONORS

Kaitlyn Barnck, Benjamin Bosland, Victoria Brown, Rebecca Cook, Scout Donahue, Alexander Ferguson, Cooper Gonyaw, India Hoover, Emily Johnson, Jessica King, David Legris, Meadow Linderman, Bailie McDonald, Zachary Rabtoy, Geoffrey Schukei, CeLynn Siemons, Bhupinderjit Singh, Elizabeth Skerrett, Mikayla Sullivan, Bastien Taylor and Gianna Trono.

SECOND HONORS

Cassie Charland, Sasha Earnest, Hudson Elledge, Cameron George, Colynn Gillilan, Nicholas Hendee, Madison Irish, Ekaterina Langlois, Christopher Pendris, Lafe Pottala, Seamus Rooney and Lucas Wells.

THIRD HONORS

Nikki Bedell, Loren Bourne, Jacob Boutin, Cole Church, Melanie Gordon-Stafford, Jade Groelinger, Matthew Gross, Ray Hartson, Frances Holmes-Henry, Tyler King, Brandon Lawrence, Selena Marrier, Evan McGregor, Evan McNall, Morgan McNall, Evan Michaud, Jacob Moore, Kayla Royal, Christian Soychak, Kaitlyn Thibault, Kevin West and Kaitlynn Wimble.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

EIGHTH GRADE

GRADE of 91 or ABOVE

Gracie Baker, Katherine Brown, Jon Clark, Annaliese DeZalia, Mary Fitzgerald, Kamrin French, Jake Hakey, Alexandre Hamel, Noah Harris, Morgan Haulenbeek, Ashley Hinton, Samantha King, Rebekah Larose, Sophie Lee, Nathaniel Mercer, Megan Mossey, Jennifer Plankey, Mara Quick, Mason Sawyer, Julia Stergas, Caleb Weis and Kiraleigh Weis.

SEVENTH GRADE

GRADE of 91 or ABOVE

Lillian Eastman, Meghan Hakey, Hallie Hoffman, Abigail Howard, Jennifer King, Evan Marnell, Briana Mossey and Jshauna Tilton.

SIXTH GRADE

GRADE of 91 or ABOVE

Hope Beyor, Alyese Caruso-Randall, Madison Cholewa, Isabelle Colum, Elias Davis, William Hackett, Everett Haddock, Megane Hamel, Ethan Harris, Alison Irish, Abigail Jones, Grace Keogh, Taylor Martell, McKenzie McNall, Michael Roy, Shane Seals, Jaylin Seaman, Cathryn Senesac, Anna Skerrett, Elanor Swanson and Lillith Sweet.



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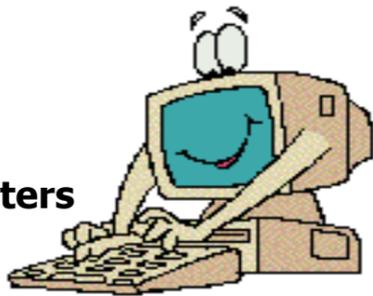
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2013 Fairfax Town Office Candidates

Town Clerk & Town Treasurer



DEBORAH WOODWARD

I'm Deborah Woodward, married to lifetime resident Bruce Woodward. I've been a resident of Fairfax for 32 years. For the last four years, I've been Fairfax's Town Clerk and Town Treasurer.

As Town Clerk, I have a myriad of duties overseeing recording, preserving and certifying public documents, administering oaths of office, complying with the State of Vermont information requests, and running town, primary, general, and special elections.

As Treasurer, I'm responsible for keeping the town's account receivables, account payables, payroll, general and special accounts, which includes the town, the office, officers, law enforcement, elections, payroll, payroll withholdings, insurance, garage, highway, fire, recreation, listers, constable, animal control, cemeteries, emergency management, zoning, and the library. I work with the independent auditors to settle town accounts prior to the annual meeting and provide the select board with information about town finances. I serve as the collector of current property taxes. Additionally, I am also the school's treasurer, verifying all their revenues, liabilities and accounts payable.

During my four year term as Town Clerk and Treasurer, some of my accomplishments have been getting the office electronically networked to the NEMRC modules. In using this system, I'm able to place bar codes on property tax bills and upon the receipt, scan them using our new bar code scanner. The escrow property tax payments have also been changed from entering each individual payment manually to having them electronically downloaded into our NEMRC tax administrative module system. Another accomplishment is switching from QuickBooks and entering revenues manually, to using the NEMRC government accounting system. This includes a module for cash receipts, payroll, accounts payable, and the general ledger. In addition to these changes, I have set up collateral agreements with our banks so that town's monies are protected. I have assisted the Select board with important town decisions to accomplish their goals. I'm currently focusing on land records preservation and overseeing the process of the land records becoming digitalized and microfilmed. These accomplishments in accounting practices and land records, coupled with using up to date technology is allowing the town office to run more efficiently, provide accurate data, all which enables me to attend to other important task in our continual changing high pace environment and fast growing town.

I am confident that I can handle any

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FRAN CONLON

My name is Fran Conlon and I'm running for the positions of Town Clerk and Treasurer this year.

I currently work in the town office as the Office Assistant. Over the past two years, due to the absence of the current Town Clerk/Treasurer, I have been the person who has cheerfully greeted you and assisted you with DMV registrations, dog licensing, taxes, marriage certificates, birth certificates, land record searches and notarizing documents.

I have also volunteered my time with the Recreation Department. You may have seen me cooking omelets for our runners at the Egg Run and also helping out at the Haunted House. I sing with the Folk Group at the 4:30 mass on Saturdays at St Luke's Church. I am an officer with the Woman's Auxiliary for Arrowhead Eagles #4218.

I have worked in both in the insurance and manufacturing industry in their accounting departments doing billing and auditing.

I have lived in Fairfax 29 years and have been married to my husband for 32 years. We raised a family here and I was a Girl Scout leader for 5 years when my daughter was in school. I now have a wonderful grandson and we enjoy spending time with him on weekends.

I would love to continue my service to the Town of Fairfax as the Town Clerk/Treasurer and I look forward to many years of providing excellent customer service to all the citizens of this town.

To the Rescue

BY MIKE SPAULDING

The Town and the fire department have kindly housed us since the beginning in 1979. Even then it was a strain on the fire department due to the loss of useable space for them. With the building of the new fire station the space problem was solved temporarily. We are at the point now where space is critical. Both fire and rescue have continued to grow over the years. Due to the growth both fire and rescue are storing emergency vehicle outdoors. For those of us who have lived in Vermont a long time, it is easy to figure out that this is not a good situation. If there were an emergency call during the winter it would be at least 15 minutes before these trucks were warmed up enough to get under way. Not a good deal if you are the one waiting for emergency services to arrive at your location. Last year we were able to rent garage space for the second ambulance. It was not an ideal

RESCUE

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Selectboard



LEEBETH ANN LEMIEUX

My name is Leebeth Ann Lemieux, I am seeking election to the Fairfax Selectboard where I believe I will make an active and productive contribution. Fairfax has some projects and agendas, new, old and future that are finally coming to light. I want to see that they do not have any more stumbling blocks. The best way I know to insure that is to be involved.

I am the oldest of six children in a 6th generation Vermont family. My father was an officer in the US Air Force and, as with most military families, my childhood was spent moving frequently. However, upon my father being killed on active duty, my mother moved us home to Vermont. In 1984 my husband, Mark and I chose to live in Fairfax on land passed down from my great grandfather. We have recently begun a sugaring operation on our 25 acres of land.

Our community involvement began with the activities of our two sons, Nicholas and Jack, such as little league and BFA Fairfax athletics. I coached cheerleading at BFA Fairfax for seven years. I began my own cake decorating business, The Cake Solution, out of my home and in 1987 established my drafting service business. I established Realtor/Owner Dusty Trail Realty, LLC in 2001.

I was a member of the Fairfax Planning Commission for eight years from 2003 - 2011. And I served as President on the Fairfax Business Professional Association. I have taken on a variety of roles in moving Fairfax forward, while maintaining our rural agricultural foundation. I was involved with the revisions to the Fairfax Town Plan and the Development Regulations while on the planning commission. I was an integral part of the development and continued growth of the Annual Tree Lighting. This year I also took the lead in the Citizens of Fairfax Community and Fairfax Parks and Recreation Department's development of the Haunted House. Both events have had over 250 participants in attendance and are great community building events. The haunted house was a fundraiser for the CFC which has a goal of creating a community center in Fairfax.

I believe it is important to promote conveniences and activities right here in our town so people can remain in town for their daily needs and services. As a business owner, I also understand the financial constraints and fiscal responsibility in our town. I am advocating for a clear direction and understanding in these areas. I would like to see our communication methods and research of town recordings modernized. I want to see the new voter approved town hall project to be developed within a responsible budget,

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NICOLAS HIBBARD

I wanted to take a minute to thank all those that signed my petition to be considered for a position on the Selectboard at the upcoming election in March.

My family and I moved to Fairfax in May of last year because we wanted more room for our family in a community where we had friends and could afford to live. In the short time that I have been here, we have been extremely happy with our decision.

The Selectboard has been very open to discussions on issues, town employees have been friendly and helpful, and everyone we've met has been kind and courteous.

I have decided to seek election because I believe the skills and views I have can help the Fairfax move forward on fiscal, social and technological issues. Below I have outlined some of my views:

The reason I started to attend meetings was to point out the glaring need for Fairfax to have a website that contained factual information about the

Town that was both up to date and historical. I have been working on this project with the Selectboard and community members for the last few months.

While Henry's website does contain much of that information, Fairfax should have an OFFICIAL town website that is controlled by the Town and maintained directly by it's staff. A website for Fairfax would enable the community to formally reach out and inform anyone about what is going on, why this is such a great community and the resources available. This information could include historic tax rates for those looking to buy homes, links to departments in the town with policy documents and forms, a place to post town specific meeting dates/agendas/minutes and highlight projects in town such as the new office building.

I believe my experience providing financial and IT support at work puts me in a position to help evaluate the cost and usefulness of new technology initiatives as well as to communicate their practical uses to taxpayers. I'm especially interested in the current issues of remote water meter readings and smart meters in Fairfax. I also have interest in helping town employees better understand and efficiently use the technology they have.

I'm a believer in open government and the ability for people to fully understand issues. Currently, this isn't available. This is not to fault anyone

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swers and finds help, always with a smile and prompt, professional service.

Sometimes, when Fran is not there, or busy, he may get the runaround, or told to go see Stacy, as the present Town Clerk and Treasurer has said she is too busy, or it's not her job!

With Fran, he always knows it is going to get done quickly and professionally. I, myself, have had the same wonderful experience with Fran. She will go out of her way to try and help someone. I have also been down there when the present Town Clerk and Treasurer will not wait on you, or you have to ring the bell, even when she knows you're there. If you ask her for answers to questions, she may get defensive and turn her back on you. She did so with a Selectman standing right there.

So, please, give Fran a chance for good, positive change for our Town Office.

Thank you,

D. Jay & Kathy Leach

Supports Conlon

Fairfax Voters: I would like to highly recommend Fran Conlon who is currently running for the position of Fairfax Town Clerk and the position of Fairfax Town Treasurer. Fran has been working as the assistant to the Town Clerk and Town Treasurer since January 2011.

As most would realize this office is very busy and many times hectic. One of the many reasons that she was hired was her ability to deal with many different problems and customers simultaneously without becoming confused or impatient. She is never too busy to be of assistance. In effect these positions are unique Customer Service positions.

Working in this fast paced environment requires an individual who is intelligent, willing to learn, friendly and willing to improve service to her customers, the residents of Fairfax.

I believe that Fran is capable of performing the tasks of either or both positions she is currently pursuing.

Robert Horr

Fairfax Selectboard Chairperson

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The decision to move her private practice from St. Albans to Fairfax just made sense when she and her husband downsized to a smaller home. Susie thought the Coda Grove property, with its 15 mostly wooded acres and extraordinary 3000+ square foot building could be easily modified to offer professional psychological services in a peaceful, family-retreat-style setting.

Now the living-waiting room with its gas fireplace, couch and rocking chairs makes it feel like visiting a favorite Grandparent's house. In warm weather, seating on the grand front porch offers a westerly view of the country-side and local corn field. Wooded acreage provides opportunity for clients to engage in therapy on short walks. Families can also relax and play on gently sloping grassy lawns and view the perennial garden.

At first, Susie hardly needed all these as she and her canine assistant Coda worked alone. By 2008 other independent, private practice therapists began to join her. In addition to Susie, two independent practitioners work at Coda Grove. Licensed Psychologist Master Robert J. Narucki, and Vermont Rostered Psychotherapist Jessica Trigger-Speeckhaert provide psychotherapy in their individual offices as well as share the building's multiple counseling and play therapy spaces.

Although each therapist operates independently, they enjoy working together and their camaraderie infuses the atmosphere. Coda Grove does not provide treatment for addictions or prescribe medications. However, the therapists at Coda Grove follow a relationship-client-centered model of treatment to address a number of issues such as traumas, anxiety, depression, effects of split families, school issues and grief work from these and other losses. For more information: 802-849-2777 or www.codagrovepsychotherapy.com.

Don't forget to vote ✓



Fairfax Swimmers Take the Plunge

On the morning of February 2nd, 2013, the temperature was 9 degrees. This did not stop the 15 students and 5 adults from BEA Fairfax jumping in the icy waters of Lake Champlain for the Burlington Penguin Plunge. The BEA team chose to plunge to support the Vermont Special Olympics who in turn, supports BEA's Unified Sports Snowshoe Team. This is the third year staff members have plunged, but the first year students joined with the staff. The team raised approximately \$5,600.00 contributing to the \$299,324 total raised from the event. Out of 142 teams plunging, BEA's team was one of the top 14 fundraisers. Members of the team included: Natalie Bates, Weston Black, Carl Brusco, Avery Daudelin, Thomas Fontaine, Raymond Fontaine, Bryce Fontaine, Wyeth Haddock, Conor Hebert, Elijah Jones, Nathan Langlois, Sarah Leclair, Brayden Meigs, Sharon O'Neill, Justis Orton, Owen Senesac, Christine Soychak, Quentin Stokes, Naomi Stowe, Cindy Anderson and Heather Weeks. Thanks to the brave plungers for participating, their parents for their support, and to the many community members for their monetary support or for braving the cold wind off Lake Champlain as they cheered the team on.

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situation that comes my way as I am knowledgeable, reliable, organized, dedicated and motivated to get the job done. I communicate clearly, effectively, and professionally with clients in a pleasant manner. The experience I have gained over the past four years as the Town Clerk and Treasurer has developed me into the best candidate for the position.

I thank you in advance for your vote on March 5, 2013.

Respectfully,

Deborah Woodward

Fairfax Town Clerk/Treasurer

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cutting down on the time and money it will cost the taxpayers while coming to completion in a timely manner. Through my business experience and working with a variety of government entities here in Fairfax, I have developed skills that will be essential in my role on the Selectboard.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I would appreciate your vote on March 5, 2013.

Sincerely,

Leebeth Ann Lemieux

NEWS IN BRIEF

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is leading the group and will have a presentation at Town Meeting. They hope to break ground this summer.

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because I know the current processes are historic for many towns. I'd like to see a progressive move to record meetings and making them fully available to the public who may not be able to find the time to attend meetings but still want to know what is going on. I would reach out to public access channels see about recording the meetings much like Burlington, Essex and other towns. The intent is to provide better clarity on the decision and discussion process. I'd like to see clear postings outside the offices of when meetings are held or where I can find that information. This could simply be a piece of paper pointed toward the outside of the town offices and not sitting in behind the locked doors. This could be a message on the phone system of the date of the next meeting.

Fiscal responsibility is another issue that I believe needs to be worked on. I feel strongly that every meeting should have a clear financial component. In the months that I have attended meetings, I have seen very few financial reports provided. This is not to say they may not have been provided, but I have not seen a clear presentation during the meetings of each department and their expenditures. This should be a monthly presentation to keep events clear in the minds of the presenter and the viewer. Without this information, the public and their representatives cannot make clear decisions on the financial position of the town.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and I would appreciate your support at the upcoming election. If you have any questions about my positions or experience, feel free to contact me through the forum or my personal email at nicholas.hibbard@gmail.com.



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The Water & Sewer Department is drilling a back-up well.

The creation of paths through the 100 acre woods that Fairfax owns near the reservoir is being planned by the Recreation Department.

Next winter, don't be surprised if you see a skating rink somewhere in town.

Though you won't see this from Main Street, the land records for the town are being recorded digitally.

It's going to be a busy year in Fairfax with some changes. Enjoy!

Fairfax FD Awards

Years of Service Awards:

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HIGH SCHOOL

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First, we need to accept and embrace the fact that high school today is different than it was for most of us. The structure of America's high schools has not changed much over the past 75 years. However, our entire world has changed. How can we expect to get better results using a system that was designed to accommodate an agricultural economy? We have no choice but to make the shift for our students' and our state's future.

High school education today should not be limited to the "school building" but rather high schools should be the conduits for expanding learning and opportunities. This includes virtual learning, internships, dual enrollment, applied learning and aligning graduation requirements to the needs of the state and the country. The Governor supports dual enrollment -- when a high school student takes a college level class while still in high school, earning both high school and college credit simultaneously. Dual enrollment should not be an "extra" but rather an integral part of a high school student's educational opportunities. Dual enrollment provides a powerful college experience for high school students, not just the high achievers, but students who may not otherwise consider post-secondary education. For many students this is an excellent opportunity that can lead them to be the first in their families to go to college.

Students should also have the opportunity of multiple options for attaining a high school diploma. All students should have a Personal Learning Plan (PLP) which helps to focus their

education and shape their learning so they see the connection to their future interests. Many students perform well under the current system, but what about the thousands of students who have checked out of school? Those high school students are intellectually and emotionally detached from their education because they do not see a meaningful link between what they are doing in school and what they hope to be doing once they graduate. It is time to make high school more relevant for students and PLPs and dual enrollment are two very effective tools that we can offer our kids.

Additionally, the Governor spoke about students participating in work-based learning and internships as part of the high school experience. All students should be required to participate in an in-depth internship in their area of interest; these experiences will allow them to take ownership of their education and to better understand the connection between school and future job opportunities. The focus of emphasizing career exploration while in high school is not to produce "worker bees" but to provide a comprehensive, relevant, well-rounded and engaging education.

Flexible pathways to learning, dual enrollment, internships, personal learning plans, distance learning - these are some of the education-related highlights that Gov. Shumlin has outlined for our state. We currently have an opportunity to take the first few steps in the right direction that will move education forward in Vermont. You can be part of this positive movement by supporting several bills that are in active discussion with our legislators. A bill currently under consideration by the

Senate and House Education Committees is called the Flexible Pathways Initiative. This bill takes advantage of some Next Generation Funds without the need for new revenues.

We owe it to our children and our state to make these changes to our education system. It is imperative that if the Governor's proposals are to bear fruit, these initiatives must move from a concept to a reality. Please take the time to contact your legislators about this important opportunity for our students and ultimately for our state.

Armando Vilaseca is the Secretary of Education for Vermont.

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19th Vergennes 49-21
21st Milton 46-28
28th Danville 49-26

January

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5th Winooski 53-42
8th Enosburgh 62-25
11th Northfield 39-25
19th Stowe 62-8
22nd Montpelier 40-37
24th Richford 36-26
28th @ Lake Region 43-48
31st Peoples 34-27

February

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2nd Annual Fairfax 5K Sap Run

The 2nd annual Fairfax Sap Run will be held on Saturday, March 30 at BFA Fairfax. The race is sponsored by Nordic Rehab and Wellness Physical Therapy, located at the Cambridge Health Center, and is organized by Judy Hayes of Fairfax. This year all proceeds will go to the Fairfax Food Shelf.

The race is 5 kilometers encompassing varying terrain including dirt road, grass, bark-covered trail, and hills. "Expect the unexpected," explained Judy in response to questions regarding the race course. The run will begin and end at the school.

Preceding the 5K race there will be a 200-meter "Fun Run" for children 6 years and under. Age categories for the 5K are 7-12, 13-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, and 70+. There will be awards for the top 3 males and female in each category. Following the race there will be a pancake and maple syrup breakfast in the Elementary School – free for competitors and with a donation for everyone else.

To get an application, or to register on-line, go to active.com and look for the Fairfax Sap Run. Applications will also be available at the Fairfax Town Office. For more information, contact Judy Hayes at nrw2@myfairpoint.net.

All runners and spectators are encouraged to bring a non-perishable food item to the race to be donated to the Fairfax Food Shelf.

Citizens for Fairfax Community is organizing a new event!

"Home Show with a Local Flavor" This fundraiser is the continual effort to raise funds to help bring new life to the Baptist Building as a community center. The home show idea came about for local vendors to educate, give ideas and pass along savings for spring/summer projects.

May 11; 10:00 am-4:00pm. Baptist Building, lower level and left side driveway near lower entrance. Admission for the public will be \$2 for adults; under 12 free.

Vendors Wanted!

Do you have a gardening or homesteading skill you would like to share with the community? Do you have a local product to showcase? If you and/or someone you know would be interested in having a vendor space please contact me by email reply. We have approx. 17-8'x8' spaces inside and 5-10'x10' outside. Vendor Space: \$20 (free for non-profits) Please reply ASAP as space is limited. Contact: Ann Lemieux, CFC Volunteer, at ann@dustrytrailrealty.com



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situation. The garage was small and at a remote location, but it was heated and we made due.

This year we were given a rare opportunity. Gabe Handy who has done much development in Fairfax decided that he would like to do something for the Town of Fairfax. He approached the rescue squad with the proposition of a building of their own. The building which has been appraised by the bank at \$475,000.00 will be built at a guaranteed price not to exceed \$288,000.00. How is this possible you ask? To start with much of the building costs are being donated. Michelle Dufresne a resident of Fairfax and an architect, donated all of the architectural services to the rescue squad. The person we purchased the land from reduced the cost by \$20,000.00. A portion of the excavating work being done was donated. A portion of the site engineering work was donated. A portion of the concrete work is being donated. A portion of the materials and carpentry costs are being donated. We hope to continue gathering donations as the project proceeds. To sweeten the deal Gabe Handy has guaranteed that the cost to rescue will not exceed \$288,000.00 or he will cover those costs out of pocket. Once the building is completed we will individually recognize all those who donated.

The land was purchased by Fairfax Rescue as part of the build loan secured by rescue. The building will belong to and be maintained by Fairfax Rescue which is a private non profit corporation. We have secured a 20 year mortgage to pay for the building. The

town of Fairfax will bear no financial responsibility for the building. The building was designed to meet our needs for the next 30 plus years. It was designed with 3 ambulance bays even though we have only two ambulances at this time. It is logical to believe that at some point in the future the town could grow to the point that a third truck could be needed, so we are planning ahead.

As to our financial operation, most of our revenue does come from billing insurance companies for ambulance services, probably as much as 65 to 70%. Most of our costs are fixed and we are not able to reduce them. Payment from the insurance companies has been dwindling over the years so that revenue source is dropping. For a person on Medicaid it actually costs us more money to take the call than what we are reimbursed, as an example. About 15% of our revenue comes from donations and memorial contributions. About 5% comes from our subscription plan. And finally about 10% of our revenue comes from the combined towns of Fairfax, Fletcher and Westford which are our primary coverage towns.

This year our request from our towns will increase. This is in part due to the new building but in larger part due to the fact that we need to purchase some new equipment and upgrade some of our existing equipment. In an effort to keep costs down in the past we have been hesitant to spend this money. We are now in a position where we must spend it in order to maintain a high quality of service.

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1. In a large bowl, combine the oats, brown sugar, baking powder, salt and cinnamon.
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In the past our requests to the towns has been all over the place ranging from \$10,000.00 to \$70,000.00 per year. This has been a constant source of complaint for some in the town. This year we are going to move to a per capita system where all of the towns are asked to give a certain number of dollars per resident. We have quite a bit of research on this as it is a very common practice in the area. We have seen per capita rates ranging from \$19.00 to \$29.00 being paid to ambulance services per person served. We are looking at something on the order of \$12.00 per capita which is a good value for the money. Also by using this approach the request to the towns will be pretty stable from year to year without the large fluctuations as in the past.

The greatest thing that could be done to reduce our operating costs is the addition of more volunteer members. Currently our largest expense is paying for per diem staff to cover the holes in our shifts. We currently budget \$40,000.00 per year for that expense. We estimate that we could reduce that number by \$10,000.00 per year for each 3 new volunteers we add.

In closing we can not wait for the new building to be completed. It will give us the space we need to house the ambulances, and allow the fire department to get their trucks back inside.

DOCTORS WILL HAVE SOME PATIENTS TAKE MORE THAN 81MG OF ASPIRIN DAILY. This is usually necessary for patients as a first dose for acute heart attack and a stroke caused by a clot. Some high risk patients also may be instructed to take 162mg to 325mgs daily. For the majority of patients on aspirin therapy a dose of 81mg daily is effective and safer since the higher doses double the risk of GI bleeds. Also taking the aspirin twice daily or at a certain time of day does not improve effectiveness. Once daily at a convenient time is the best.

PATIENTS ON THYROID SUPPLEMENTS SUCH AS LEVOTHYROXINE are told to take the tablet first thing in the morning on an empty stomach an hour before breakfast. While this is the recommend method it may not be the easiest for the patient. Turns out it is just as good to take it at bedtime at least four hours after the last meal. Above all else consistency is the most important consideration that way thyroid monitoring and dosage requirements will be easier to determine. Patients on bone strengthening agents like alendronate may find bedtime doses of levothyroxine easier to manage.

COMING SOON FAIRFAX-PHARMACY.COM. Hopefully by the time this column is published the website will also be. With a mobile app and hopefully a way to order refills and ask questions it will be a work in progress. Comments are encouraged and will be welcomed.

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For the rescue volunteers, they will finally have a space where they can sleep in beds when the are on call rather than on couches in an open room. With the more comfortable surroundings we are hoping we can lure more volunteers to join us. As I am not always on the forum, I encourage anyone with any questions about rescue and the new building to contact me at 849-2773. I am here from 8am to 6 pm Monday through Thursday.

Helping Globally
Greg Hartmann returned from his second trip to Haiti to help re-build in January. Reverend Elizabeth is in Nicaragua now. Tyler Meunier is off to Ecuador soon (you can find out how to help him on TheFairfaxNews.com). Isabel Gamm and Alex Tuck have founded People Helping People Globally to create micro-lending to third world countries. You can learn more about them at phpgmicrolending.org.

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