

The Lakeview Inn Sold To Cheese Wiz

by June Pichel Cook

GREENSBORO — It's official. The Lakeview Inn has been transferred to Lakeview Enterprises, LLC. The \$500,000 property transfer for the buildings, land, and contents was completed in the middle of February and recorded.

Dr. Catherine Donnelly and her husband, Leonard S. Donnelly, are principals of Lakeview Enterprises. Dr. Donnelly, a bidding party at the Union Bank foreclosure auction last October, is affiliated with the University of Vermont. Land records show Union Bank held a \$792,302.27 mortgage on which it had foreclosed in March. The property was in the name of Lakeview Inn, LLC.

Dr. Donnelly, associate director of the Northeast Center for Food Entrepreneurship and co-director of the Vermont Institute for Artisan Cheese, is internationally known and the country's foremost authority on food-borne pathogens. She previously indicated her interest for acquiring the Lakeview Inn was in creating a Vermont Cheese Institute to serve as an educational facility for students, interns, and cheesemakers.

VIAC provides educational op-

portunities and scientific/commercial advice to small-scale cheesemakers, primarily devoted to artisan cheesemaking. It provides education, research, and technical services to support cheese producers in Vermont and throughout the United States.

Tom Stearns, president of High Mowing Seeds and Center for an Agricultural Economy, said, "I am thrilled. Both the center and High Mowing are thrilled to hear about the Lakeview Inn and having that valuable and beautiful resource to promote and educate everyone on the local foods movement."

He said it would fit in nicely as an event space with its outstanding kitchen, dining facility, and overnight lodging space.

"As the center puts on educational activities, having a facility like that contributing to promoting a healthful food system will be great," he noted. "It's only 5 miles up the road from the center and a few miles from a board member (Jasper Hill Farm)."

Mateo Kehler of Jasper Hill Farm reiterated the enthusiasm about Lakeview Enterprises coming

to Greensboro and the opportunity to work with people from the University of Vermont on basic cheese education.

"It is going to be a fantastic resource for us. We will be using the space to run educational programs, to have interns, and to host visiting chefs for special chef dinners, as well as putting programs together for cheese mongers and cheese makers."

Events could target specific audiences and include programs, such as, pairing of wine and cheese, beer and cheese, or dairy and cheese making, according to Kehler. Jasper Hill will be managing its own intern program, and having the Lakeview facility is advantageous.

"Interns could be working at Jasper Hill or within other agricultural businesses," he said.

One exciting prospect may be visiting chefs' dinners. Jasper Hill markets cheese to some of "the best restaurants in the country," according to Kehler. He anticipated having chefs visit and cook for public venues, all based on local ingredients.

"It is really exciting to have all of this coming together."



Splish Splash

A thick layer of ice on Caspian Lake was hidden by water and snow Saturday, but the slush did not deter people in vehicles and on snowmobiles from cruising the lake in search of places to drill holes for fishing. The annual Caspian Lake fishing derby drew 221 participants, and no one took a swim. See story, Page Seven. (photo by Vanessa Fournier)

Federal Stimulus Money Unstimulating As Town Officials Eye Local Needs

by Tommy Gardner

Vermont towns have compiled a wish-list of "shovel-ready" projects whose cumulative price tag totals nearly \$1 billion, but the state's share of the federal stimulus package will pay for less than 20 percent of those projects.

John Zicconi, spokesman for the Vermont Agency of Transportation, said the state Legislature will likely approve some of the projects on that list next week when members return from recess.

Not everyone is enthusiastic with

the layers of bureaucracy foisted upon Vermont's towns by the federal government, which has given the state \$125 million for transportation projects, through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, signed into law Feb. 20.

"I'm not too stimulated by the stimulus package," said Hardwick Town Manager Rob Lewis, who noted the \$1.2 million needed to repair the Wolcott Street bridge will most likely be included.

What bothers Lewis is Vermont

had committed last year to fund almost all of the project, save \$75,000 the town is required to contribute. Even if the federal government picks up the tab, however, it will not include Hardwick's required match.

"Nothing has changed other than the fact that the money is coming out of the national coffers and not the state coffers," he said. "The federal government didn't take the bureaucracy out of the package."

Lewis noted that if the town See **STIMULUS, Page Two**

Brown Elected To Lead Select Board; Various Town Office Positions Filled

by Tommy Gardner

HARDWICK — Marcus Brown, fresh off his re-election to a three-year Select Board seat, was appointed chair of the board last week during its first meeting after Town Meeting.

Tod Delaricheliere was the only member of last year's board who did not need to be voted in this year. He was appointed vice-chair Thursday night.

Brown and long-time board member Richard Brochu were both re-elected, Brown unopposed and Brochu by a sizable 239-157 margin over opponent Aaron Cochrane.

Of the two new Hardwickians elected to one-year seats, only Shari Cornish was at the meeting. The other new board member, Kathleen Hemmens, was on vacation in Florida.

"Town meeting went well, and

a lot of positive signs came back to me," said Brochu, who also praised the people who ran for the board this year — seven residents running for four seats — and encouraged them to try again in the future.

Delaricheliere gave kudos to the board's outgoing members Billy Richardson and Brad Ferland, especially to Ferland for his leadership as board chair.

In the 45-minute meeting, the new board heard an update from police chief Joe LaPorte on various funds the police department is seeking (see related story). Members also approved liquor and tobacco licenses for 11 businesses and filled or re-filled various official positions.

Brown recommended asking someone from the Hardwick Energy Action Resource Team to fill the position of town energy coordinator, a position held last year by Town

Manager Rob Lewis.

Lewis said he was looking for someone to serve as the town service officer, a position that has been vacant since resident Mae Chapin retired last summer. Lewis said he would prefer to appoint a Hardwickian, but if no one steps up by April, he would look to other towns.

Delaricheliere volunteered to once again act as Hardwick's representative to the Vermont Solid Waste Management District, but suggested the board find and appoint an alternate. This will be his last year representing the town in the position, he said, and an alternate could get some experience under his or her belt in the meantime.

Other appointees were Brochu, agent to convey real estate; Cornish, representative to the Northeast Kingdom Arts Council; LaPorte, civil defense manager; Joanne

Gurtin, dog warden and pound keeper; and Marie LaPre-Grabon, Ron Weisen, Karen Klotz, Amy Holloway and Charles Volk, recreation committee.

In other business, Lewis spoke to the board about the town truck that went over a bank on Carey Road early in the morning Town Meeting Day. The Gazette published a photograph of the truck — backwards off the side of the road with its plow blade level with the shoulder — in its March 4 issue.

Lewis said the driver, Mike Gravel, "miraculously" was not injured in the accident. The truck is currently at Clark's Truck Center in Jericho, where, if it can, will be repaired. Lewis said the only money the town will need to pay is \$500 for the insurance deductible. He said the truck was the next on the schedule for equipment replacement.

Police Department To Be Stimulated By Boost From Government Financing

by Tommy Gardner

HARDWICK — Police Chief Joe LaPorte was the new Select Board's first guest, and Thursday he spoke of numerous funds the police department received, and will seek, from various government agencies.

The department will get \$29,651 from Washington as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, better known as stimulus money. This is part of nearly \$5 million awarded to Vermont through the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program.

The lion's share of the money went to the state police with large

sums going to Burlington, Rutland and St. Albans. Other nearby towns' police departments received awards similar to Hardwick's: Lamoille County received \$30,837; Morristown, \$26,093; and St. Johnsbury, \$27,279.

LaPorte said he is not sure how the department will spend the money, but explained the grant can be applied to any of numerous projects, whether technological or infrastructural.

To help with salaries, and to help hire a new officer, LaPorte said he was contemplating possible grant money from the Community Oriented

Policing Services program. The COPS program was introduced in 1994, an arm of the Justice Department dedicated to awarding grants to law enforcement agencies so they can hire and train officers.

The COPS webpage says the program has invested \$12.4 billion in more than 13,000 community law enforcement agencies, enabling them to hire more than 117,000 officers and deputies.

In a follow-up interview, LaPorte said he was unsure of how money that may come down the pike would affect the department's See **POLICE, Page Two**

Area Grocery Stores Seek To Eliminate Critters' Meals Through Composting

by Tommy Gardner

HARDWICK — Much to the dismay of Vermont's raccoons, flies and bears, the Highfields Institute wants to have the landfills throughout the state food-free by the year 2017.

According to Highfields executive director Tom Gilbert, composting currently diverts 10 to 12 percent of food from the state's garbage heaps, so there is still quite a way to go to meet his goal.

"We can, through one action, operate on a quadruple bottom line," he said. That four-way benefit includes improving the health of a community's soil; boosting its agricultural output; reducing its emissions; and, of course, helping the economic bottom line of participating businesses.

For some area grocers, keeping their food scraps out of the garbage not only stops the critters from snooping around trash bins and cuts down on the stink-factor, it saves them money.

Grand Union Family Markets is now composting with Highfields, and general manager Lynn Delaricheliere expects to generate a ton of food scraps each week. Highfields will pick up the numerous 42-gallon "toters" and bring the organic matter to the compost pile at its West Hill farm.

Highfields charges businesses differently based on how much organic waste it collects. Delaricheliere estimated she could pay for an additional employee's

yearly salary just from the money saved by not having a waste management company empty the dumpster on a weekly basis.

June Van Houten, director of marketing and development at Highfields, said the store might be able to limit its visits from the garbage truck to one dumpster-emptying occasion per year.

Other area stores are also composting, and Gilbert said his institute is constantly trying to convince business-owners to come on board. Highfields' "Hardwick Program" consists of Plainfield, Marshfield, Cabot, Danville, Walden, Greensboro and Hardwick.

Marty's 1st Stop in Danville has been composting with Highfields for two years, according to store manager Michael Paine. Also, the store purchased a trash compactor last year in order to further save money by avoiding the weekly trash removal by Northeast Kingdom Waste Management. Now, Paine said, they have to empty the compactor once every five or six months.

Hall's Market recently started using Highfields' service for all its deli, produce and bakery waste. According to Rusty Morrison, the store used the service in previous years during deer hunting season, when they dress game, and decided to simply continue after this past deer season.

Gilbert said Hall's is "kind of off and on" with their composting, saying they send some of their food See **COMPOST, Page Two**

Stimulating The Economy By Stimulating The Soil

HARDWICK — "We're a shovel-ready project," said Tom Gilbert, director of Highfields Institute, a local non-profit that specializes in all things humus.

Gilbert said he thinks states receiving stimulus money courtesy of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act are in danger of "rebuilding the failing machinery that got us here in the first place."

Highfields' goal of capturing 100 percent of the state's food waste by the year 2017 would be easier if the state would use some of the economic stimulus package money to build up greener infrastructures, he said.

According to Gilbert, the amount of compost that could be made just from the Hardwick Grand Union's food waste might be enough to grow six acres of mixed vegetables.

The Hardwick Program (Plainfield, Marshfield, Cabot, Danville, Walden, Greensboro and Hardwick) could produce enough to grow 36 acres of veggies, he said.

But wait. If, as Gilbert suggests, the entire state could divert all of its food waste from landfills, that organic matter could provide enough compost to grow 19,000 square acres of vegetables.

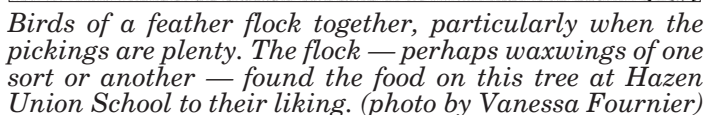
A gain in greens can also mean a reduction in carbon emissions, he added. By cutting the weekly visit from the garbage truck out of its routine, if Grand Union indeed diverts a ton of compostable material per week as it predicts, it would be the equivalent of not burning 500 gallons of gas per week.

"Gains like bringing on Grand Union are great, but we need to build entirely new projects," said Gilbert. "If someone dropped \$5 million in my pocket, we'd build up that infrastructure."

T.G.



This fire hydrant in front of the Hardwick Fire Department will soon need to be removed in order to construct a temporary bridge, the first step in repairing the Wolcott Street Bridge. The bridge project is slated to start this spring. (photo by Vanessa Fournier)



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"That's the good news," he said. The "better news" is the department will install T1 data lines, which he said run 36 times faster than the 384k, for \$100 less, \$350 a month. LaPorte predicted the new lines will be installed by July.

"It's very slow right now. I'm so excited," she said. "It'll be nice to have it a lot quicker."

by Betty Hatch

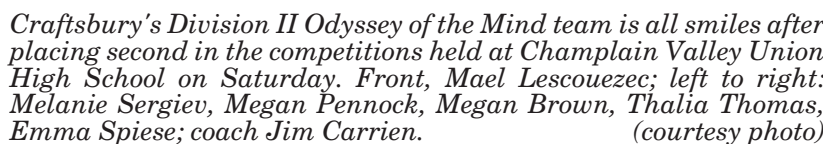
The school budget of \$2,250,000 was approved 162-102.

by June Pichel Cook

On the first round of voting, four candidates were nominated for a two-year term with Ryan Bjerke prevailing on the first vote. Four candidates were then nomi-

One of the first issues to face the board was filling a lister's position; the board took no action. The town is down to two listers with the resignation of Tracy LaPorte, who

School Director chair and Assistant Town Clerk Belinda Clegg ran unopposed for a three-year term on the School Board. The term, vacated by Gravel who chose not to run for that position, was filled by Trevor Putvain. He was opposed by former Select Board member Houle.



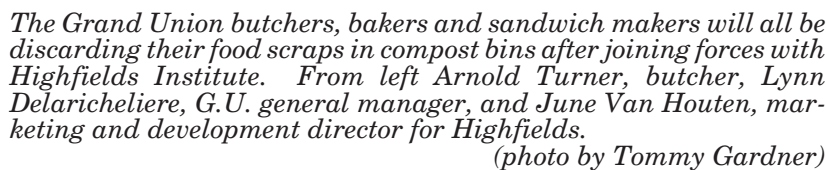
by Tommy Gardner

According to chair Rich Phillips, his group is part of a project to help area homeowners make their homes more energy efficient by sending teams of volunteers to houses and checking them

The Vermont Community Energy Mobilization Project is a pilot program funded and sponsored in part by Efficiency Vermont. Phillips said there are

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Davie said the store is currently exploring ways to use compostable take-out containers for the café, but said it is fairly difficult because most such containers are derived from corn, and most corn is genetically-modified, a big no-no for the co-op.



Teams started making housecalls last week, and have done nine houses so far in Marshfield. According to Phillips, 33 Marshfield homeowners signed up for the service, a number he hopes will top 75 by the end of the year.

He said the most valuable information homeowners can come away with is how much fuel they use, and that information can help the pilot program shape statewide energy policy. By figuring out homes' BTU (British thermal unit, a term used to describe the heat value of fuels) output, a target efficiency number can be found.

Not surprisingly, the projects are energy-saving ideas: insulating the town hall and town garage, and changing the heating source in both buildings from fuel oil to wood pellets.

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According to Zicconi, Vermont state law requires towns to fund at least a portion of their projects, and that stipulation still remains even if federal money pays for it. He said, however, the Legislature is aware of concerns by town officials such as Lewis.

Zicconi noted the federal government does not allow states to simply supplant projects' cost with federal money and pocket the money already set aside for towns. For instance, he said, the \$1.2 million the state set aside for the Wolcott Street bridge could be used for other transportation projects, which might create jobs.

Vermont is required to spend \$44 million of the total package within 120 days of ARRA's passage,

Hardwick is the only town in the area with a project on the shortlist; the \$1.2 million bridge rehabilitation is one of the less expensive projects. Bennington is asking for \$21 million for a new bypass, a sum of money that dwarfs the competition.

According to Danny Landry, the AOT's bridge project manager, construction will likely begin on the Wolcott Street bridge in late spring. The first step is for workers to construct a temporary bridge, but before that happens the fire hydrant in front of the Fire Department needs to be removed before the temporary bridge can be constructed.

Landry said workers will work right up through the Christmas holiday season. He was unsure whether

While Hardwick may be a shooin for some federal money, some in the area are skeptical whether their towns will see any of the \$125 million made available for transportation projects and the \$39 million set aside for water projects.

Calais has three projects on the list — \$872,000 to pave County Road; \$400,000 to rebuild the Curtis Pond Dam; and \$30,000 to replace a waterline. Select Board chair Ann Winchester isn't holding her breath waiting for the money.

Winchester said the government's rules for proving a project's shovel-readiness are too strict and it might not be worth jumping through the hoops to try for money the town might not ever see.

"The feds are asking for very detailed engineering plans," she said. "It's much more onerous than we feel it needs to be."

Craftsbury officials are asking for help with a \$600,000 project to repair the Creek Road bridge.


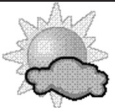



Hardwick, in addition to the Wolcott Street bridge, is asking for funding for two waterline projects — on South Main Street (\$486,000) and on West Church (\$560,000) —

and on West Church (\$500,000) — that have already been greenlighted. Town Manager Lewis said he suspects the town will still be asked to contribute money. Currently, Hardwick has been approved for a grant that stipulates the town pay 45 percent of the cost.

Some towns are putting all kinds of things on the wish list, not just transportation or water projects.

Greensboro officials are asking for money for big-ticket items: \$875,000 to rebuild the Porter Brook bridge; \$600,000 to build a new fire house; \$175,000 to renovate the town hall; and \$300,000 to build a small hydro-electric plant to power town buildings.

And in Marshfield, the town is asking for a combined sum of \$117,000. This is to insulate the town garage and town hall community center and to convert the heating system for both buildings from fuel oil to wood pellets.

WEATHER WATCH by Tyler Mollure				
WED. March 11	THUR. March 12	FRI. March 13	SAT. March 14	SUN. March 15
				
SHOWERS	MOSTLY SUNNY	SNOW SHOWERS	SNOW SHOWERS	PARTLY SUNNY
46 / 17	23 / 5	29 / 7	29 / 9	31 / 19
Ch. of Precip: 90%	Ch. of Precip: 20%	Ch. of Precip: 30%	Ch. of Precip: 40%	Ch. of Precip: 20%
Climate Summary (Mon. - Sun.) High 45 Low -7 Melted Precipitation63" Snowfall 3.9" FLOOD THREAT IS VERY HIGH. A flood watch is in effect for all of Vermont until Thursday morning. A warm front moved into the area yesterday and will continue to bring warm air into the region through this afternoon. A cold front will enter the region tonight. This will bring cold air and high winds to the region. The weather pattern seems to settle down after this bout of precipitation.				



Hardwick Electric worker Jamie Dailey installs a new energy efficient caution light Feb. 20 at the junction of North Main and Church streets. A light was also replaced by Hay's Service Station and the light at the junction of Wolcott and Main streets is pending.
(photo by Vanessa Fournier)

Historical Society Needs Volunteers

HARDWICK — In line with its new initiative of "encouraging a sense of community," the Hardwick Historical Society has established a set of small committees that will focus on very specific tasks. These committees of three-six members will meet periodically in informal settings and develop projects designed to collect, preserve and disseminate local history.

Monday, the society presented a workshop explaining how a citizen might become involved in historical society work. President Tom Dunn spoke about the committee design, what their future endeavors are and answered questions those in attendance had. Dunn said this was a great opportunity to become in-

involved in a very worthy community project.

People are sought who have a variety of skills, talents and willing hands. Some of the projects need people with both elementary and sophisticated computer skills. There are hundreds of transcripts that need to be entered into MS Word and hundreds of photos that need scanning and entering to computer. There are always projects that require MS PowerPoint preparations and a plan is at hand to develop a couple of computer work stations at the Depot.

People who have digital cameras are also very much in demand. This summer and fall, the society will hold a couple of events that involve dozens of people pho-

tographing, for example, a local cemetery and entering those images into computer files.

People that have a knack for writing are also much in demand. The society has sufficient resources available that will allow individuals to research and present items of historical interest of the society. Many of the projects can be done at home.

Events planners are very much needed. The society sponsors about four events each year as fund raisers to keep the Depot financially solvent and are always looking for helpers both to plan and to work at the events.



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POLICE REPORT

Hardwick Police Snooze Alarm

HARDWICK — Police found a vehicle in the parking lot of a closed business on Wolcott Street at 10:42 p.m., March 2. The driver, Brian E. Benoit, of Waterbury, had his eyes closed with all the windows down, despite the snow and cold. Police said Benoit was initially unresponsive to attempts to get him to open his eyes. Subsequent investigation led to his detainment then arrest for driving while under the influence. He was taken to the Northeast Regional Correctional Center and held as an incapacitated person. Police also cited him to appear in Caledonia District Court in St. Johnsbury.

David J. Sharon, of Hardwick, was allegedly breaking items and was requested to be removed from his residence on Woodbury Street in Hardwick at 3:06 a.m., on March 3. After further investigation, police alleged Sharron committed domestic assault and unlawful mischief. He was lodged in the Northeast Regional Correctional Center on \$1,000 bail and cited to appear in Caledonia District Court in St. Johnsbury on March 4.

Police went to Route 14 near the Town Farm Road early Friday morning after receiving a report an

18 wheeler truck slid off the road into a snow bank. The truck, operated by Derrick Clogston, of Newport Center, received no damage in the incident, but Route 14 was shut down for nearly an hour. There were no injuries. The truck and trailer were removed through the use of an excavator and heavy-duty chain.

Morris Rowell, of Craftsbury, pulled his Chevrolet truck out of its parking spot in the parking lot at the Wolcott Street shopping plaza at 9:56 a.m., March 2 and hit a car driven by June Cleveland. Both vehicles received minor damage. No injuries were reported.

Michael Gravel, of the Hardwick road crew, was driving a town plow truck on Carey Road early the morning of March 3. Ice on the road caused the truck to lose traction and slide off the road and over the edge. Gravel was not injured. He submitted to a breath test, which showed he had not been drinking. He had a .000 percent BAC.

Anthony Molleur, of Hardwick, was stopped at 11:30 a.m., March 2 on Church Street. Police gave him a \$238 ticket for operating a vehicle while his license was under civil suspension, number two.

Vermont State Police Head On Crash

STANNARD — A two vehicle crash on Stannard Mountain Road was reported to state police at 2:35 p.m., on March 3. Willy Levitt, of Hardwick, was driving a 1993 Subaru Legacy west on Stannard Mountain when he hit some ice and lost control of his vehicle. The Subaru went into the oncoming lane striking a vehicle driven by Kevin Donaghy, of Lyndonville, head on. There were no reported injuries. The Subaru received moderate damage to the front end and hood and Donaghy's vehicle had minor damage to the front end and driver's door. The weather was clear and the road was icy and covered with snow.

Burglary
CABOT — Some time between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. on March 4, an unknown person(s) entered a home on Route 215 and stole some items.

The offender(s) entered via an unlocked door.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Trooper Ray LeBlanc at the state police barracks in Middlesex at 229-9191, or to call the Central Vermont Crime Stoppers at 1-800-529-9998.

Larcenies

CALAIS — Unknown person(s) entered unlocked vehicles at different locations in Calais, some time during the night of March 4 taking various items. One citizen reported seeing a suspicious vehicle in the area late in the evening, described as an "older, large, white sedan."

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Hardwick Police Chief Joe LaPorte, left, presents a certificate to Officer Kevin Blanchard at Town Meeting last week honoring him as officer of the year, as well as awarding him a medal of valor.
(courtesy photo)



AMERICAN LEGION

HARDWICK POST 7

Nomination of Officers Meeting
Thursday, March 19

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Hardwick: Saturday, March 14, 10:30 a.m. to noon
Hardwick Fire Station, Hardwick, Woodbury & Calais town clerks will be present

Danville: Saturday, March 28, 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.
Danville Fire Station, Danville town clerk will be present

Marshfield: Saturday, March 28, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
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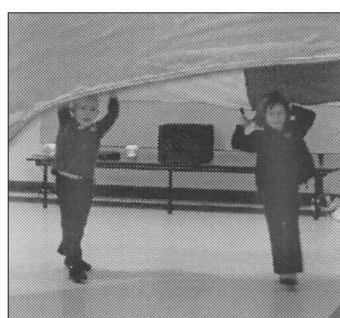
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Letters From Readers

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Why I Did Not Vote For The Library

To the editor:

On Town Meeting Day, Cabot voters defeated our library's budget by 9-vote margin. How ironic: we're spending \$3.6 million to educate our 230 school students, but we can't afford \$50,000 to educate our remaining 1,000+ residents? I expect we can overturn this faulty decision at a future meeting. I want to explain why I was not at Town Meeting when the decision was made.

I did not miss Town Meeting because of work, although several people did. I am a stay-at-home mother, and I did attend Town Meeting, while my two children were in the child care room, from 10 a.m.-noon. This is the time allotted for all town business, and the child care ends promptly at noon.

The two hours flew by as people questioned last year's budget and we debated whether to train our town constable. By noon, we had yet to discuss a single article pertaining to this year's budget. I left to retrieve my sons as the Town Meeting recessed until after the School Meeting, scheduled from 1-3 p.m. But child care ends at 3 p.m. I couldn't imagine bringing two boys in to the meeting at 3 after they were cooped up all day, so I went home. One

other couple left for the same reason. I have since met several people who left early, all of us frustrated — this was our slowest meeting yet.

The remaining townspeople voted after lunch to complete town business first, so the Town Meeting ran until 3:30, and the School Meeting until 5:30. Around 150 people voted on the library budget, and fewer than 130 decided the school budget, even though over 250 voted on the Australian ballot items.

Does it have to be this way? Why not schedule the meeting during evening or weekend hours? Why not hold a separate meeting or public comment period to address the previous year's budget? Why not move the large budget items to the beginning of the meeting? Why not schedule time for a longer meeting? Why not have a timekeeper to keep the meeting from dragging on too long? Why not arrange for child care to last the duration of the meeting?

Town Meeting Day is our public forum to discuss and decide local budgets. Shouldn't we allow more townspeople to be present for the discussion?

Paula Davidson
Cabot

A Tall Order

To the editor:

Last week's article about Woodbury's Town Meeting stated that Vermonters for Better Education was a school privatization advocacy group. This is incorrect. It is a school choice advocacy group that supports the ability of the parent to choose a school that best fits their child's needs whether that is a public or private school. VBE believes education should be about the children and what is best for them. If this belief creates a conflict of interest for serving on a school board then I would suggest no one can serve on a school board unless they do not care about what is best for children.

Secondly, if the voters of Woodbury vote to privatize the school or under Vermont law they would vote to make it an independent school, as was done in Winhall in 1998, the parents of the town would not have to pay anything extra. The new independent school would become the public school of the district and it would be free to families living in town. To say that families would have to pay extra for a private school is misinformation.

To give an example of what this would look like, we can look to Winhall, which went from a public school to an independent school that receives tax dollars to pay for the

education of the children. Winhall voted to close the public school and open an independent school in its place because it was cheaper to run. The children of the district go to the school for free even though it is a private school. In addition, Winhall has about as many children as Woodbury. They have less cost and a lot more opportunities for their children such as a full time Spanish teacher. Why?

That is a question the Woodbury Select Board should try to answer through the study that was approved by the voters in exploring the options facing the Woodbury school. The future of the school is at stake and the voters will need real facts, not anecdotal information upon which to make an informed decision about the future of the school.

Lastly, I wish the new makeup of the board well and having served on the board with three of its members and having dealt with difficult issues, I believe they are all quite capable of fulfilling their duty to the children. I am only too glad to do what I can to help them in the impossible task ahead. To provide a quality education at an affordable cost is a tall order for anyone who holds that position, experienced or not.

Retta Dunlap
Woodbury

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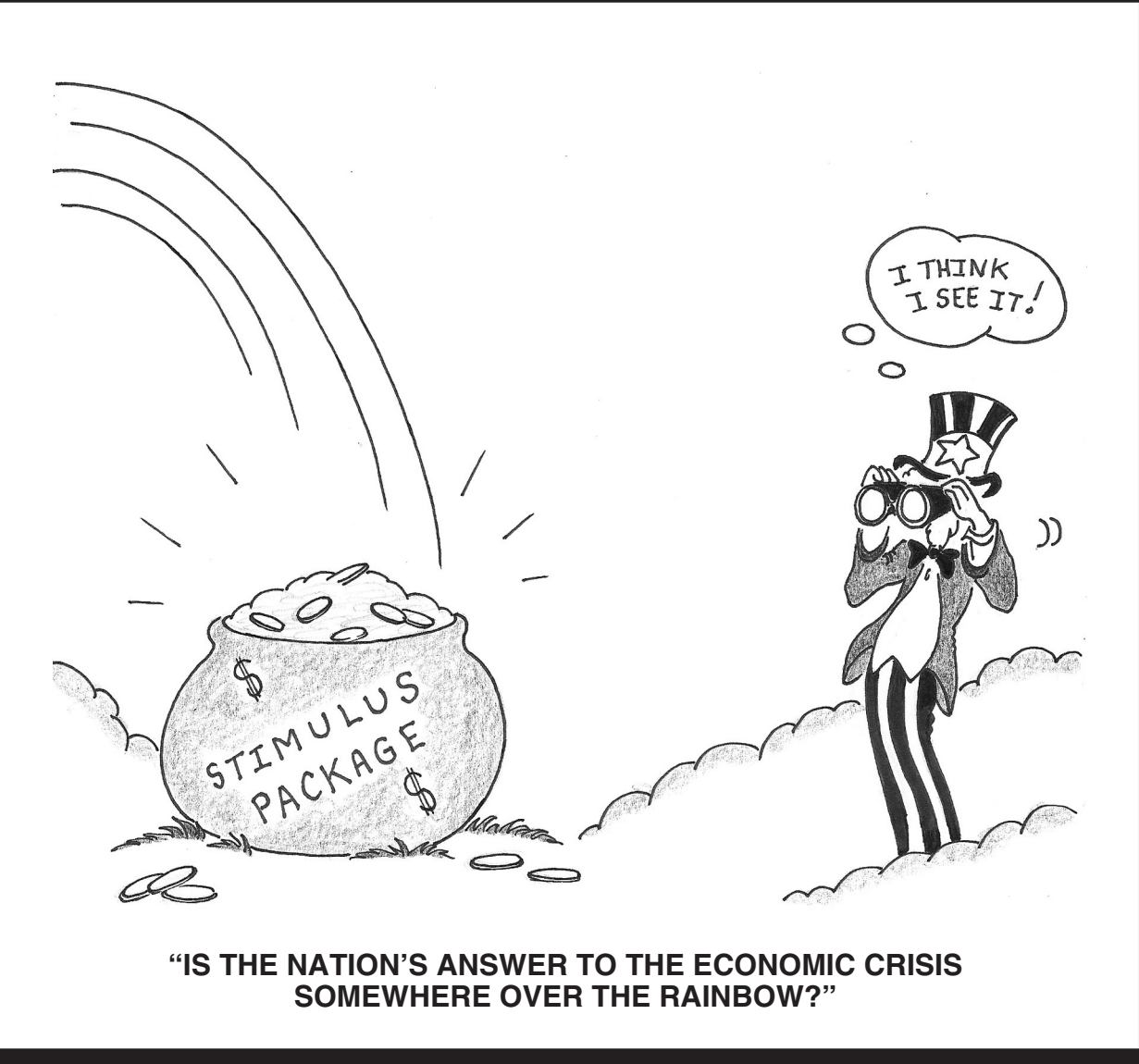
Upcoming Public Meetings

- Wednesday, March 11**
- **Hardwick Area Food Pantry Board**, 5:30 p.m. Hardwick Area Food Pantry
 - **Greensboro Select Board**, 7 p.m. Town Hall
 - **Wolcott Development Review Board**, 7 p.m. Town Offices
 - Thursday, March 12**
 - **Orleans Southwest Supervisory Union Executive Board**, 5-6:30 p.m. OSSU
 - **Cabot Coalition**, 6 p.m. Willey Building
 - **Cabot Library Trustees**, 7 p.m. Willey Building
 - **Calais Historic Kents Corner**, 7 p.m. Community Center
 - **Marshfield Planning Commission**, 7 p.m. Old Schoolhouse Common
 - **Cabot Conservation Committee**, 7:30 p.m. Willey Building
 - Monday, March 16**
 - **Washington Northeast Supervisory Union**, 7 p.m. Cabot School
 - **Woodbury Planning Commission**, 7 p.m. Town Clerk's Office
 - Tuesday, March 17**
 - **Craftsbury School Board**, 6 p.m. Craftsbury Academy
 - **Hardwick School Board**, 6 p.m. Hardwick Elementary School
 - **Walden School Board**, 6 p.m. Walden School

- **Calais School Board**, 6:15 p.m. Calais Elementary School
- **Calais Planning Commission**, 7 p.m. Calais Elementary School
- **Craftsbury Select Board**, 7 p.m. Town Offices
- **Hardwick Development Review Board**, 7 p.m. Memorial Building
- **Marshfield Select Board**, 7 p.m. Old Schoolhouse Common
- Wednesday, March 18**
- **Wolcott Select Board**, 6 p.m. Town Offices
- **Cabot Select Board**, 7 p.m. Willey Building
- **Stannard School Board**, 7 p.m. Town Hall
- **Wolcott Planning Commission**, 7:30 p.m. Town Offices
- Thursday, March 19**
- **Hardwick Select Board**, 6 p.m. Memorial Building
- **Cabot UDAG Committee**, 7 p.m. Willey Building
- **Woodbury Conservation Commission**, 7 p.m. Town Clerk's Office

Agenda for meetings are available prior to meetings, usually at the town clerk's or superintendent's office, or by calling a board or committee chair.

Woodsmoke by Julie Atwood



RURAL RAMBLINGS

How I Beat The 'Deep Winter Blues'

by Paul M. White

Two things before I relate my story. In the dead of winter, I find two things that make my spirits soar: making visit plans for the coming summer; and wearing out the pages of the recently arrived Burpee Seed Catalog. Second, as I research, learn more and put things together I have come to the conclusion that bonds to our Vermont heritage can be stretched pretty thin — but they do not break!

My story: Although my surname is "White," my grandmother's name was Gladys Nora Crafts. That makes me a Craft by birth. I became fascinated and began researching the Craft line in the early 1980s. I have documented the lineage all the way back to Lt. Griffin Crafts, who came to America in 1630 with the Winthrop Fleet and helped settle the Massachusetts Bay Colony. I am third cousin, six times removed of Ebenezer Craft, the founder of Craftsbury. There are so many side stories I could fill volumes but, with great effort, I will try to stick to the point of this exciting summer visit.

Gladys Crafts was born in 1891 at Lowell. The daughter of Warren E Crafts and Osee Bell (Sleeper) Crafts. My great-grandmother Osee was born in 1871, lived in Craftsbury from 1877 to 1884 as a young girl (age 6 to 13) and went to school there.

Great-great-grandfather George W. Sleeper bought land in Craftsbury for a farm in 1877 from Augustus Paddock. Great-great-grandfather George W. Sleeper was born in 1825 at Vershire. He was killed in a threshing machine accident in 1883. He owned nothing since everything was on borrowed money.

Young Osee and her mother, great-great-grandmother S. Jennie (Scott) Sleeper, who was

born in 1849 at Waterbury, stayed on the farm in Craftsbury for a few months but left everything behind in spring 1884.

In 1996 during a visit to my Dad, who lived in Morrisville at the time, I went to Craftsbury to look for information about Osee (Sleeper) Crafts. We found reams of information in the old town and county records but could not find any remains of the Sleeper farm. In 2008, my cousin Shirley and I went back to Craftsbury and found more items but never came close to the old farm remains.

While in Craftsbury, we hooked up with Craftsbury historian David Linck, (should I have said 'linked up with Linck'? Nahh!) who said he knew exactly the location of the old cellar hole and volunteered to take us to it next time we were in town.

Fast forward to summer plans: Shirley and I began planning to return to Craftsbury in summer 2009 and take up his offer. Then a thought flashed in my mind:

Grandmother Gladys (Crafts) White had four children: Lloyd, Stanley, Melvin and Maxine. Shirley represented Stanley, I represented Melvin — what about the rest? A notice went out to our cousins as to what we were up to. Mercy. We are up to 14 cousins and siblings making plans to join the trip to Craftsbury. What was my comment about Vermont heritage bonds stretching? Folks are coming from Washington State, Oregon, Texas, Missouri, Virginia, New York, Connecticut, New Hampshire and Maine. Most of us have not seen each other in close to 50 years. A real reunion and all of GrandMa's children represented as we explore the surroundings of GrandMa White's mother, Osee.

All summer plans made in the deep of winter are uplifting, but this one is so very special to me. **White lives in Hopewell Junction, N.Y.**

Taxation Without Representation

To the editor:

Imagine this: Dear Son or Daughter, As we watch you grow and become part of this community, we urge you to participate in town affairs, to express yourself respectfully, except when you hear someone say something with which you don't agree. In that case, I'd be happy to have you interrupt them with loud calls of disapproval and hand claps, anything to drown them out, just like we do. Your parents.

Craftsbury's School Meeting descended to that community and shameful low when our Town Meeting moderator signaled my turn to speak. As I began, naming Craftsbury as the only Orleans County school district which remains K-12, boasting parents in the audience broke out in loud hoorays and handclapping. They anticipated my unspoken conclusion correctly, and they didn't want to hear it: I'd have said that Craftsbury needs to reckon

with its current practice.

Looking on and taking it all in were many children (read: students) of Craftsbury. The children's lesson that day? How to disrespect a community member with whom you disagree.

Imagine this: Out of a possible 837 registered Craftsbury voters, Craftsbury Town Meeting '09 was attended by a mere 225 voters or 26 percent in the morning session, and increased to 263 (30 percent) in the afternoon, for the scheduled School Meeting. Therefore, the inflated school district's budget required two votes: (Article I) passed with the approval of 26 percent of eligible voters. Article II passed with even less, 23 percent.

Relevant numbers to keep in mind: 526 voters or 60 percent of registered voters participated in the most recent bond balloting, January '09, and defeated it for the fifth time. Yet Town Meeting's school budget passed by less than half of those who defeated the bond proposal. Conclusion: The

Town Meeting '09 voters do not reflect the representative body of voters.

It is highly unlikely the school budget would have passed had the full roster of registered voters been available to ballot vote at Town Meeting.

Those who did attend are retired, physically mobile, workers who can take the day (or partial day) off, including homemakers. And community boosters. Those absent are physically disabled, workers for whom loss of a day's pay is unaffordable.

Yet they must accept the new taxes, which they could neither approve or disapprove. Conducting Craftsbury's Town Meeting in this manner equates to taxation without representation.

To all those who wish they could drown me out with their rudeness, I say keep shunning me. I've learned Craftsbury includes intolerant residents who exclude any who dare voice their differing perspectives. You prove my point, every time.

Peggy Sapphire
Craftsbury

Substantial Change Needed In Local Voting

To the editor:

According to the town clerk, Cabot has 995 registered voters as of Tuesday, March 3, 2009. One hundred eighteen voters voted at the voice vote annual School District meeting this year.

At the annual Town Meeting this year, 155 voters voted on the library warning item and 141 voters voted on the constable warning item. Several Urban Development Action Grant warning items, requiring the use of the Australian ballot electoral method, were also voted in person and by absentee ballot at the March 3 election. The total number of Cabot voters voting by Australian ballot on those UDAG questions was 254.

Roughly 12 percent of Cabot voters voted in the voice vote School District election. Roughly 16 percent of Cabot voters voted in the voice vote town election. Roughly 25 per-

cent of Cabot voters voted by Australian ballot in person or by absentee ballot on those UDAG questions requiring that method of voting.

By continuing to rely on the voice vote electoral process, and by doing so at a time of year when at least some Cabot voters are elsewhere, we are assuring the institutionalization of minority rule. Change is rarely well received by very many of us but substantial change in local voting practice is becoming a necessity. Fortunately, the Vermont statutory scheme already provides a pathway for such constructive change through the local enactment of municipal and school district charters. Such charters (effectively local constitutions) can be drafted to use both the voice vote method of election and the Australian ballot method of deciding who becomes an elected official, public questions, and budgets.

The resulting electoral process will not be as simple as the current voice voting method nor will it be as straightforward as the direct Australian ballot method of voting that arises from the floor of the voice vote meeting, but such a hybrid local electoral process will provide more individual voter equity and ultimately allow Cabot voters to vote with their feet as to which electoral method they prefer or we can keep the hybrid indefinitely. Getting such an instrument enacted locally, for both the town and the school district, will require a concerted and a collective act of will by the voters.

If you are interested in joining me in the attempt to craft such an instrument for the November 2010 General Election please give me a telephone call at 802-563-2252.

Richard Scheiber
Cabot

Library Figures

To the editor:

Concerning the Cabot Public Library proposed budget reported on in the Gazette — I offer a few points of clarification.

The operating cost for our library had a proposed increase of 6 percent over 2008. The increase was caused by salary changes and various insurances. The total monetary increase was \$3,171.

Our requested appropriation

was 14 percent above the 2008 figure and totaled \$6,866. Subtracting the increase of \$3,171 results in \$3,695, the difference between the surplus and interest income between 2008 and 2009.

A revote will take place soon. Get all of the correct figures before you vote.

Diana Klingler
Former Trustee
Cabot

Healthcare Needs

To the editor:

During my years as a pastor, a week didn't go by that there wasn't an urgent call for prayer for a loved one who had a terminal illness. Sometimes the call would come from a shallow voice requesting prayer that they would be permitted to meet eternity, but that they felt they were letting a family member down by not fighting on. I have concerns that the quality of healthcare is based on insurance policies and that our elderly are overmedicated.

Even in middle age, I am aware that life has worn me down in not so differing ways than were faced by my forebears. One of the benefits of having served our country in uniform is the opportunity to receive rationed healthcare. I say rationed because the system must limit many procedures. I believe a semi-annual visit was the norm until recently. I see this as being constructively preventive.

Any plan for healthcare should begin with serving children and that health education for child and family be required. People who have

made life decisions that include long term documented abuse of their bodies with illicit drugs and life threatening behavior should fall into a different class where they must pay a premium for healthcare. This might prove to be a deterrent to self destruction for some. I have always objected to SSI for adults who have chosen addiction.

There is also a time when extreme intervention for the violent criminal might be curtailed. Serious decisions are made by families everyday. I served as a caseworker in a social services agency after college and know that going to the doctor or the emergency room can be a social event not unlike a trip to the grocery. Designing a responsible health care system that begins with the generation that is going to bear the greatest burden of the costs is a worthwhile goal with a clear view to preventive care. We need to encourage our elected representatives, though as a society we are behind many developed nations, not to duplicate the Canadian model and use health care as a means to educate.

William Haslam
Woodbury

What's Best Differs

To the editor:

Geo-piety is the delusion that one's particular geographical location is the most divine and god-like place on earth. Geo-piety can be broad and includes one's own nation, state or town. It can also be localized to the point that it only includes a particular institution. Craftsbury Academy is a prime example.

Readers may want to take note of the fact that a more complete definition of the term Geo-Piety, used in the preceding obtuse metaphor, is available in the American Psychiatric Association's Book of Imaginary Diseases published by Random House and available on line through Amazon.com.

By any objective measurement, Craftsbury Academy is a failed institution and I don't believe any amount of money will change that. Its students rank near the bottom

in any valid evaluation of academic achievement and yet they are led to believe they are receiving an adequate education. Every year, some child is prompted to sing the "praise to C.A." song at Town Meeting. Thunderous applause will follow. These poor kids don't know their future is being sabotaged by the substandard education they have received.

In any event, I would like to thank the young man who was brave enough to nominate me for a position on the School Board, all the people who voted for me and all those who encouraged me to run. I also congratulate my long time nemesis, Julie Marckres, on her victory. I believe we all want what's best for the children of this town. We only differ on what that means.

Albert Reil
Craftsbury

Jobs Needed

To the editor:

As a resident of Hardwick, I attended Town Meeting.

The residents were asked to approve a budget of over \$2 million to cover the costs of maintaining our roads and bridges, upgrade sewage and water lines, purchase and maintain road equipment, pay for a police department, a volunteer fire department, and the various people who serve the town.

I participated in passing the budget. Now, I hope we can all pay

our taxes, and cover the costs of expenses.

Our food prices have gone up over the years. Our fuel prices are currently stable, but will go up over time. I am concerned about our economy. I would like to see more jobs available in town. We could have manufacturing again. People need to be paid a reasonable wage. People should be able to afford to live in their own homes.

Leland Alper
Hardwick

Give A Hand

To the editor:

The Green Mountain United Way needs our help. This remarkable group, spearheaded locally by Madeline Roy and Nelson Baker, needs additional contributions to support the many non-profit health and human service agencies in our region that rely upon United Way funding.

For example, here at the Area Agency on Aging for Northeastern Vermont, we rely upon funding from the United Way to underwrite the cost of providing staff that help elders to remain living independently in their own homes. Because we do not charge for our services, the support we receive from the United Way

is critical, and makes it possible for us to provide this service throughout the Northeast Kingdom.

Please consider making a contribution to the Green Mountain United Way. Many of our staff participate in a payroll deduction program that makes it easy to be a part of the United Way team. To make a contribution or to learn more, contact Madeline at her office in Barton at 525-9597 or via email at mroy@gmunitiedway.org.

Ken Gordon
Executive Director
Area Agency on Aging for
Northeastern Vermont
St. Johnsbury

Some Drumming

To the editor:

Congratulations to the Hazen Division 111 Wildcat basketball team coached by Aaron Hill.

Congratulations also to the Hazen Pep Band. I have had the pleasure of watching them all season on Hardwick television. I can't remember when a pep band from Hardwick ever played at the AUD. This must be a first.

I had the pleasure of sitting in the balcony across the isle from the band the night of the finals. The drummer and the dancing tuba player along with the other members of the band put on a great show. That drum must be made out of something special because it got the hell beat out of it that night!

Moe Lilley
South Woodbury

Hardwick Area Troops
Deployed For Service
Our Neighbors, Our Friends, Our Family

Pvt. Travis Dimick
Lance Cpl. Colby Nash
Maj. Christopher J. Young
The list is not complete.

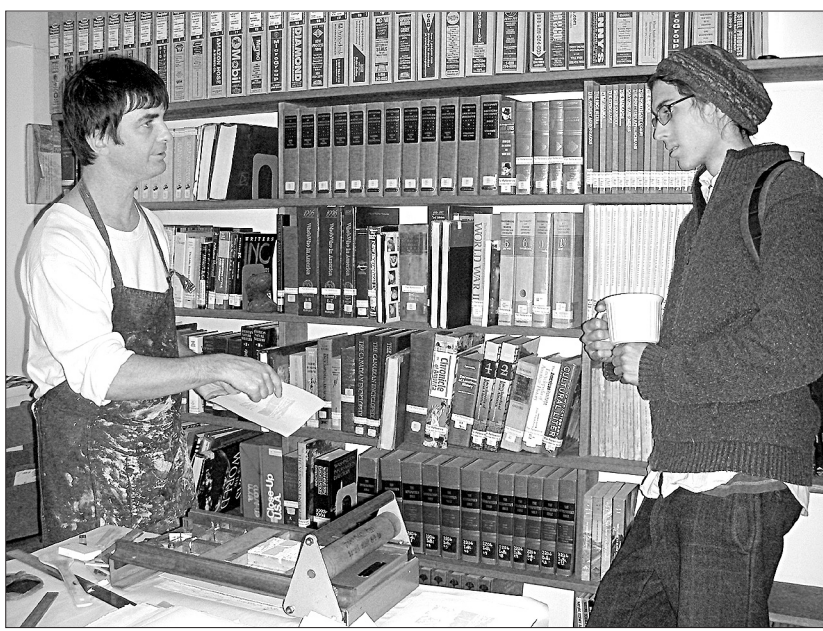
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Fiber artist Phillip Robertson, left, explains his use of a 1950s linotype press and making prints on Japanese rice paper, to Sterling College senior Brandon Hill. Robertson's work is now on exhibit at the Sterling College Brown Library. (photo by June Pichel Cook)

Robertson Offers Harmony And Directness In Exhibit

by June Pichel Cook

CRAFTSBURY — Interdisciplinary fiber artist Philip Robertson's exhibit of monotypes, meditative scrolls, and two-block prints may be transcendental in their peacefulness, but they are beguiling in their seemingly distilled simplicity. Each little piece, although familiar landscapes, is a study within itself with an outward harmony and directness that smooths over the deeper complexities underneath the layering of lines.

The viewer is drawn into each scene with its layered lines and movement, hovering between abstract expressionism and realism. The layers roll over and into each other, like a Vermont ridgeline with dark trees frosted in white fading into bluish gray skies. Robertson's prints, carved from linoleum blocks or wood, use color as sparingly over black as a winter landscape in the Northeast Kingdom — blacks, blues, greens, grays.

He calls his style chiaroscuro, representations in terms of black on white paper and overprinted with a color. He uses a 1950s antique linotype machine to press his linoleum blocks and "eyeballs" the registration on multiple pressings with unerring accuracy.

His meditative scroll series are repeated multiples of single prints, hand sewn together to form a scroll. The Japanese rice-paper prints are backed with another piece of rice-paper, similar to a quilt backing technique. The scrolls hang by an attached bar on top and bottom. The rice paper, with its fiberlike texture and appearance, has the look of smooth fabric.

In his artist's statement, Robertson says he is inspired by the natural landscape, using imagination and memory to move beyond realism. His work is a hint

of varying influences and inspiration — Asian art, Vermont landscapes, Van Gogh's freedom of expressive lines, pop art's use of multiples.

"Spring," a two-block print, is delicate, joyful in its freshness and rhythmic with curvilinear lines creating a simple scene of a tree, grass, stream — all conveying the feeling of rebirth and rejuvenation. Meditative Scroll VII, has five prints repeated, each with one line of verse: Spring, Spied this spot last winter, frozen swamp, for a brief moment, is now a stream.

A fascinating piece, "Rorschach Landscape," is comprised of four prints: the right side mirrored in reverse on the left side. The prints reflect summer's end and a winter scene — tree, rocks and snow. Transitions from moment to moment, how we see things, and the blurred lines of reality may be some of the complex concepts underlying these landscapes despite their familiarity.

Similarly, "North Country Factory," has a peaceful quality, but something about the smokestacks catch our attention in more than a cursory way. His scenes, although bucolic, provoke an inquisitiveness in the viewer.

Several smaller pieces are very reminiscent of Van Gogh's freedom of lines and circular motion. "Blowing Snow" captures the layered abstractions of Vermont landscapes and "Moon River" is hauntingly beautiful with its deep blue/black sky and silvery white moon. "Green River" holds a depth of view that is remarkable within the small print.

Robertson, who has a master's of interdisciplinary fine arts from Goddard College, is an instructor at Community College of Vermont and has exhibited in many venues. The Sterling exhibit will be on display through April 6

Windsor Wives To Get Merry

PLAINFIELD — Shakespeare in the Hills takes its winter production of William Shakespeare's "The Merry Wives of Windsor" to the stage this week. The play will be performed March 13 and 14 at 7:30 p.m. and on March 15 at 2 p.m. at the Haybarn Theatre, Goddard College. On March 19, 20 and 21, the play goes to Fuller Hall, St. Johnsbury Academy.

Tickets are available at the door.

This hilarious farce is directed

by Tom Blachly, and stars local actor Clarke Jordan as Shakespeare's immortal comic buffoon Sir John Falstaff as he attempts to woo the merry wives (Morgan Irons and Susannah Blachly). A stellar cast of local veteran actors includes Robbie Harold, Peter Fischer, Peter Young, Russ Brown, David Klein and Vince Rossano. In addition, there will be an appearance by Queen Elizabeth herself!

For more information, call 426-3955 or 454-9334.

Thurs., Mar. 12

•**FREE EVEN START ADULT EDUCATION AND PARENTING CLASSES** offered on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m., at Morrisville Elementary School. For more information call Lamolite Valley Even Start at 888-6810.

•**AREA AGENCY ON AGING** for Northeastern Vermont's Hardwick Office open 10 a.m. - noon and 1 - 4 p.m. Help for seniors who would like to apply for 3SquaresVT, formerly food stamps. Enter through the rear door of the Merchant's Bank Building. Call for an appointment at 748-5182.

•**HEART AND SOUL SINGERS**, meet Thursdays evenings 6:30 - 8 p.m., River Arts Center, Morrisville. Formal singing experience not required. Information: 586-9912 RoseMary or 478-8947 Donia.

•**GETTING THE MOST** from Your Web Presence: A three-day short course for farm business owners, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. March 12, 19 and 26, Berlin. Pre-registration required: <http://www.uvm.edu/wagn/womeninag.html>, or call 802-223-2389 x15.

•**REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE PEACE CORPS** will hold an informational session for people interested in joining at Sterling College, 4:15 p.m. in the Career Resource Center in Dunbar Hall. Free and open to the community. Information: Jennifer at 586-7711 ext. 126.

•**"THE BEST MAN,"** (One Act), a romantic comedy performed by the Peoples Academy Drama Club, 7 p.m., River Arts Center. Tickets at the door.

•**MOUNTAIN TOP REMOVAL** Coal Mining, film and presentation, 4:30 p.m., Sterling College, Craftsbury Common, with Lenny Kohm and Larry Bush of Appalachian Voices. Information: 802-586-7711 ext. 141.

Friday, Mar. 13

•**BARTON PEACE VIGIL** every Friday, noon to 12:30 p.m., on the Common in Barton. All welcome. NEK Peace and Justice. Information: 895-4630 or 755-6307.

•**HARDWICK PEACE VIGIL** every Friday, 5 - 6 at the Hardwick Peace Park. Come join us for any part of that hour. Sponsored by the Hardwick Area Peace & Justice Coalition. Information: 533-7175.

•**THE FRIDAY AFTERNOON TEA ROOM** at the North Danville Baptist Church is open from 2 - 4 p.m. every Friday through the end of March. Stop by for a cup of tea, scones and desserts. Donations accepted for the Danville Open Door ecumenical food shelf. Information: 748-4096.

•**PRESCHOOL STORY TIME**, for 3-5 year olds, 10 a.m., Craftsbury Public Library. Information: 586-9683.

•**STORY HOUR**, Greensboro Free Library, Fridays, 10 a.m. Stories, songs, games, crafts and fun. 53 Wilson Street, Greensboro. Information: 533-2531. 6-7400.

•**"THE BEST MAN,"** (One Act), a romantic comedy performed by the Peoples Academy Drama Club, 7 p.m., Peoples Academy Auditorium. Tickets at the door.

•**VILLAGE HARMONY**, 7:30 p.m., Bethany Church Chapel, Montpelier. Information: www.villageharmony.org.

•**SHAKESPEARE IN THE HILLS** presents "The Merry Wives of Windsor, 7:30 p.m., Haybarn Theatre, Goddard College, Plainfield. Information: Tom at 426-3955.

•**MEAT RAFFLE**, Ladies Auxiliary to VFW Post 9653, 6 p.m., at the Club, Pleasant St., Morrisville.

•**HARDWICK REIKI CLINIC**, second Friday of every month, 5 - 7 p.m., Masonic Temple, 61 Church St. Practitioners from all schools of Reiki welcome. Clients seen on 1st come 1st serve basis. Donations accepted. Experience the relaxing effects of Reiki energy work. Information: 472-6152.

•**SACRED CIRCLE DANCE**, 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month, 7 - 9 p.m., Danville Congregational Church, Hill Street, Danville. Music and dances from around the world. All dances taught; no partner necessary. Childcare for ages 3+ (call first). Call Diana at (802) 684-3867 for more information.

Saturday, Mar. 14

•**GUIDED SNOWSHOE NATURE WALK**, 2 p.m., Highland Lodge. Call ahead by 10 a.m. to sign up, (802) 533-2647. Saturday afternoons through March 14.

•**CORNERED BEEF AND CABBAGE** and Hot Dish Supper, serving 5 to 8 p.m., Greensboro Bend United Methodist Church.

•**BIRDS AND BEYOND:** Habitat Enhancement for Bird Diversity, 9 a.m. - noon, Fairbanks Museum & Planetarium. Make nest boxes. Information: www.discoverstvt.com

•**EARLY EDUCATION OPEN HOUSE**, Nursery-Kindergarten, 9 - 11 a.m., Orchard Valley Waldorf School, 2290 VT Route 14N, E. Montpelier. Information: 456-7400.

•**BENEFIT CONCERT** with Woodbury Bluegrass Highlanders, Messenger, Shape Note Singers and comedy with Lucien Dufresne, 7 p.m., South Woodbury Church. Free will offering. To benefit the church's bell tower. Information: (802) 244-7418 or 802-472-8044 or email srb@underoneroomistry.com.

•**SHAKESPEARE IN THE HILLS** presents "The Merry Wives of Windsor, 7:30 p.m., Haybarn Theatre, Goddard College, Plainfield. Information: Tom at 426-3955.

•**SEED ORDERING** and Garden Planning Workshop to benefit Vermont Foodbank, 2-4 p.m., The VT Foodbank's Manos Branch, Wolcott. Pre-registration and information: 472-8280 or rbeidler@vtfoodbank.org.

•**HIT THE TRAIL**, 9 a.m. - noon, the log

cabin behind Hazen Union. Borrow snow shoes or cross country ski gear and explore the trail. Mini-lessons available. Family friendly event for the entire community. Information: Ron or Norma at 472-6517.

Sunday, Mar. 15

•**SHAKESPEARE IN THE HILLS** presents "The Merry Wives of Windsor, 2 p.m., Haybarn Theatre, Goddard College, Plainfield. Information: Tom at 426-3955.

Monday, Mar. 16

•**WEAVING WORKSHOPS**, Mondays from 10 a.m. to noon with Tim Rumbinas, in the Samuel Read Hall House, at the Old Stone House Museum, Brownington. Join any time.

•**THE CAPITAL ORCHESTRA**, rehearses on Mondays, 7 - 9 p.m., Band Room at U-32 School on Gallison Hill Road, Montpelier. For amateur orchestra musicians, no audition required. Information: (802) 223-8610.

•**THE BARRE-TONES** women's chorus, 7 p.m., Alumni Hall, Barre Auditorium. Open to all women age 18 and over.

•**PRE-SCHOOL STORY TIME**, every Monday, 10 a.m. Stories, puppets and songs. Jaquith Library, Marshfield.

•**HARDWICK KIWANIS CLUB** Meeting, 6:15 p.m. Catered dinner available. Hazen Green Mountain Technical Center. Marc Luneau will be the speaker and tour guide. Visitors and potential new members welcome.

Tuesday, Mar. 17

•**FREE EVEN START ADULT EDUCATION AND PARENTING CLASSES** offered on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m., at Morrisville Elementary School. For more information call Lamolite Valley Even Start at 888-6810.

•**BABY/TODDLER STORY HOUR**, Tuesdays at 10 a.m., Craftsbury Public Library. For children birth - 36 months and their parents/caregivers. Information: 586-9683.

•**FIGURE DRAWING OPEN STUDIO**, every Tuesday, 6 to 8:30 p.m., River Arts, Morrisville. Bring your own materials, model available. Information: 472-6908 or 888-1261.

•**LAMOILLE RIVER SWINGERS** Square & Round Dance Club, learn to square dance, Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m., Peoples Academy Cafeteria, Morrisville. Information: 888-5309, 644-2850, 635-2346, or 533-7122.

•**AMY SEIDLE**, author of "Early Spring," 7 p.m., at Bear Pond Books, 77 Main St., Montpelier. Information: 802-229-0774, www.bearpondbooks.com.

•**HARDWICK CHIROPRACTIC**,

An Evening With Bobby Farrelly

MORRISVILLE — Bobby Farrelly presents a behind the scenes look at Hollywood movie making at 6:30 p.m., Monday at the River Arts Center. Farrelly has directed hit movies such as "Fever Pitch," "Kingpin," "Dumb and Dumber" and "There's Something About Mary." A Rhode Island native, Farrelly

Biogeometric Integration Health Talk, School St., E. Hardwick, 6:30 p.m. Free and open to community members. Information: 472-3033.

•**BOOK DISCUSSION** of "Mary Todd Lincoln", 7 p.m., Walden Community Library, Helene Lang will lead the discussion. All welcome. Information: Stuart at 563-2630.

•**CORNERED BEEF & CABBAGE DINNER**, 5 - 7 p.m., Cabot's Willey Building, Main St. To benefit Cabot Connects Mentoring.

•**INTRODUCTION TO SOLAR** Photovoltaics and Solar Hot Water, 1:30 p.m., Blessed Sacrament Church Parish Hall, Mountain Road, Stowe. Presented by Lamolite Valley Osher. Information: Dan at RSVP 888-2190 or dan@volunteervt.com.

Wednesday, Mar. 18

•**MARSHFIELD PLAYGROUP**, Wednesdays, 6 - 7:30 p.m. Old Schoolhouse Common during Community Supper. For children birth to five and their adults. Information: 476-8757 x113.

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•**AREA AGENCY ON AGING** for Northeastern Vermont's Hardwick Office, 9 a.m. - noon and 1 - 3 p.m. Enter through the rear door of the Merchant's Bank Building. Call for an appointment at 472-6525.

•**FARMERS ARTISAN MARKET**, Wednesdays, year round, 3 - 6 p.m., River Arts Center, Pleasant St., Morrisville. Information: FarmersArtisanMarket.com. Come celebrate the market being open every week for an entire year with cake, music, face painting and more.

•**STORY TIME** at Judevine Memorial Library in Hardwick, 10 a.m. Call for information: 472-5948. judevinesusan@yahoo.com

•**TOMMY SANDS**, 7:30 p.m., Morse Center for the Arts, St. Johnsbury Academy. Tickets at the door or 802-748-2600.

•**OBSERVATION MORNING**, Orchard Valley Waldorf School, 2290 VT Route 14N, East Montpelier, 8:45 - 9:30 a.m. Information: 456-7400.

•**CELEBRATING VERMONT GREEN**, 4 to 5:30 p.m., Stearns Stage Space, Johnson State College, with Pete Johnson of Pete's Greens, Craftsbury. Part of the "Life, Learning and Work in 21st Century Vermont" speaker series.

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Lefebvre To Read From New Book At Sterling

CRAFTSBURY — There is a resounding thunk when a writer nails humanity with words. Paul Lefebvre has been doing just that through his weekly "Your From the Perimeter," column in the Barton Chronicle.

Lefebvre will be at Sterling College Friday to from his new book Perimeter Check: Essays from Vermont's Upper Kingdom — a collection of these columns

from 1997 to 2004.

The reading and book signing will take place at Brown Library at 6:30 p.m. and is co-sponsored by the Galaxy Bookshop in Hardwick and the Stardust Bookstore in Craftsbury Common.

Refreshments and lively conversation to follow. This event is free and open to the community.

For more information, call 586-7711, ext 124.

Increased Use Brings More Hours

CRAFTSBURY — The Craftsbury Public Library is now open six days a week. Beginning March 12, there will be new afternoon hours on Thursday from 2-6 p.m.

The library has seen an increase in the number of high school students visiting the library after school, either to do homework or to use the computers for research. There has also been an increase in parents stopping by the library with their children after school to pick up books, audio, or DVDs. Friday afternoons are especially popular

place with people looking for a movie to watch and/or to pick up a book for the weekend.

The library also offers weekly story hour programs on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. for babies and toddlers and on Fridays at 10 a.m. for preschoolers. The library hours are Tuesdays 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Wednesdays 9 a.m.-noon, Thursdays 2-6 p.m., Fridays 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Saturdays 9 a.m.-noon, and Sundays 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

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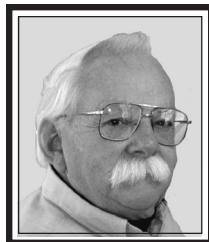
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SPORTS



The Morse Code

by Dave Morse

Pete's Rambling Ways

Whit Hartt offered tissues as the first speaker at the celebration of life for his brother Peter Saturday at the Stowe Community Church. Pete passed on Monday, March 2 at age 52. "You are going to need them."

An outpouring of hundreds graced the quintessential Vermont gathering place from all walks for an original. The Rev. Bruce Comisky officiated. Keaven and Walker Hartt presented "Amazing Grace."

Tim Hartt eulogized how brother Pete would just pop in from trips to Brattleboro to Island Pond covering sports all along the way for the Times Argus, Stowe Reporter — then home to Greensboro. A man for all people. For all seasons.

"Where's Pete," someone would ask. "He'll be here."

Whit offered, "did you actually see Pete work. He cared for everyone. Was a gift to everyone. It's shocking."

"It's hard," said Tim, "because he cared so much. It was the glue he used."

Wiley Holiman talked of life's lessons and Pete's guiding hand. "I'm struggling, but I find great comfort for my heartbreak with the memories."

Rusty DeWees allowed the pair had talked of death. DeWees wished his longtime friend Pete had reached a goal of having a Vermont cabin or shack just to write.

"But he did all the things he wanted. He left nothing material. He wasn't that kind of guy. He was trying to change for the positive (getting a teacher's certificate, getting in shape). He was honest and humble."

Biddle Duke, his publisher at the Stowe Reporter, acknowledged Pete's dedication to community journalism. "Pete stayed close to what mattered. He kept us tied together (like geometry)."

Stowe High School mates from '75 spoke. All realms of sport — from coaches, players, administrators, fans — to powerful media voices, politicians were represented.

Pete was always revved up for a good Thunder Road story. All things sport. A voice for WDEV from time to time.

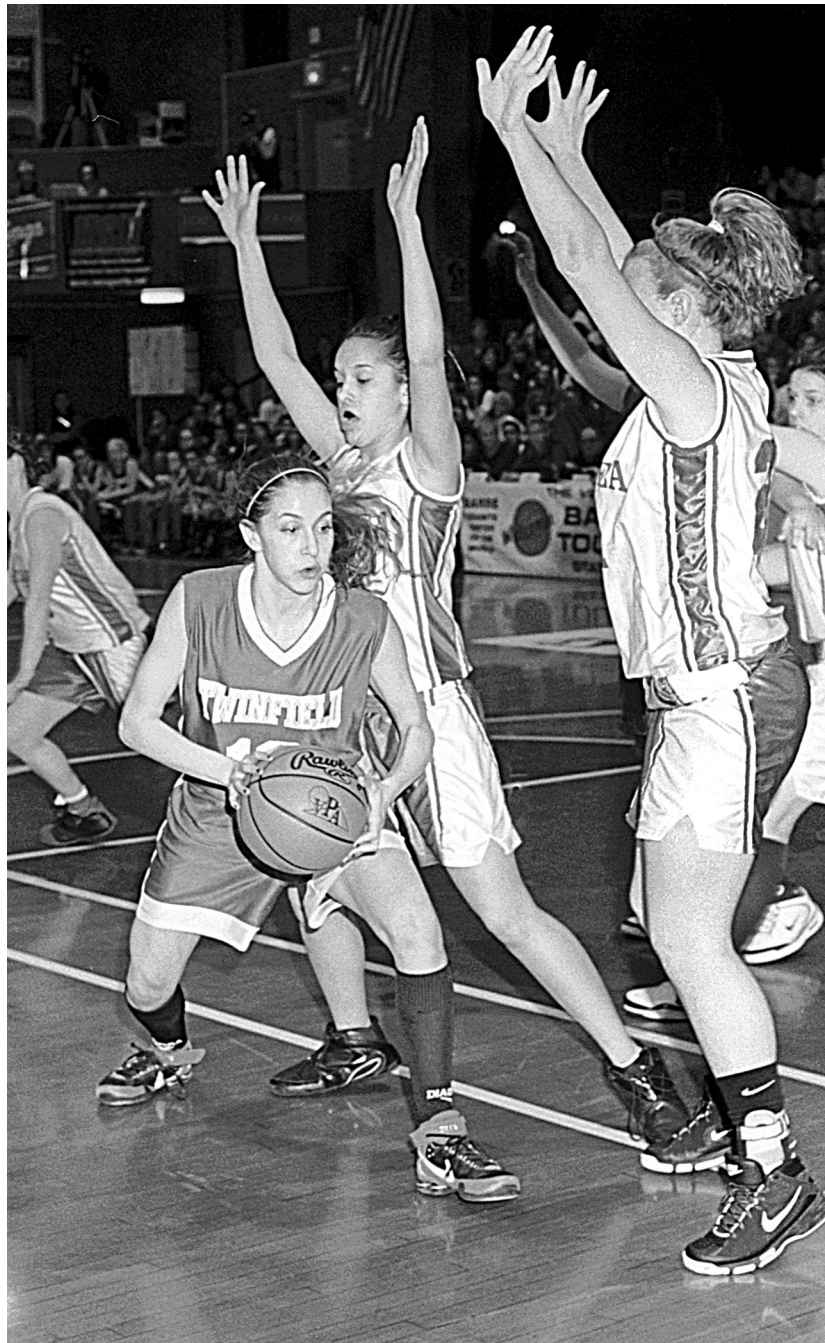
Don Commo and DeWees sang of "Pete's Rambling Ways" — in reaching so many. There seemed to be an Appalachian message of quiet strings and serenity from start to finish.

Whit Hartt acknowledged Pete had a "hideous" golf swing, but added, "he saw the family getting smaller, with the passing of our beloved mom (just a year ago)."

"So for me when I see a shadow across my door, I'll see Pete."

The family requested memorial gifts could be sent to the Peter F. Hartt Scholarship Fund at Stowe High School for students interested in history or English.

Girls D-IV/III Basketball Red Devils Stop Trojans Class Acts



Twinfield's Becca Chodorkoff is pressured by Robyn Kennedy of the Chelsea Red Devils in a D-IV semi-final at the Barre AUD. (photo by Vanessa Fournier)

by Dave Morse

BARRE — Coach John Parker was lamenting the passing of a special era of Vermont girls D-IV basketball even before his Chelsea Red Devils would annex their first state title since '05.

"They mean so much to their own teams," Parker was praising his Robyn Kennedy and Betsy Martin of Twinfield Union School. "You can't mention one without the other."

That was after the Red Devils derailed Twinfield's defense of its '08 title, 44-31, last week Wednesday in the semis enroute to the '09 crown, 47-41, over West Rutland High on Saturday, all at the AUD.

Martin was the main holdover for coach Deb Rathburn's Trojans and had Twinfield's first nine after falling behind 10-0 and 14-2. Martin was also matched with Kennedy in a box and one.

"We expected that," Parker pointed out of Twinfield's strategy. The pair had split regular season games as Chelsea was seeded third (19-4) and Twinfield sixth (14-9). "Maybe we relaxed a little with the lead."

"Our goal was to apply pressure to her (Martin). She was still able to apply pressure and pick her spots."

Chelsea was turning its attention to sophomores Courtney Sanford and Morgan Tullar out of the corners, while Twinfield started to counter with Jessica Hurlbert and Dannika Dobrowski, second year players, which could be a sign of things to come.

Like any great player, Kennedy responded with seven of her nine after halftime, which was a two-point game.

"Becca Chodorkoff crossed over down the lane to snap a 26-all stand-off after three. Chodorkoff and Jessica Hurlbert gave Twinfield its only previous ties at 14 and 16 late in the second. Jocelyn Batchelder gave Twinfield its 26-all tie."

Kennedy returned a rebound and three of four free throws once seizing control for the Red Devils. Kennedy also had the thrill of connecting on a half court shot at the first half buzzer against West Rutland.

Martin was credited with 11 and Chodorkoff collected 9 for the Trojans.

"We dug a hole in the first," and couldn't fully recover, was coach Rathburn's first reaction after rebuilding from a championship to the semis in one season.

Now, Kennedy and Martin both have a championship banner.

D-IV Semi-Final
Chelsea 39, Twinfield 30
TWINFIELD — Martin 5-0-11, Chodorkoff 3-3-9, J. Hurlbert 1-2-4, Lyford 1-0-2, Batchelder 1-0-2, Dobrowski 1-0-2, Potter 0-0-0. Totals — 12-5-30.

TFIELD — 7 -9 -10 -4 — 30

CHELSEA - 14 -4 -8 -12 — 39

CVL All-Stars

Those gals — Betsy and Robyn — pop up again as first team members of the CVL girls' all-star selections as chosen by the coaches.

The coaches felt all of these girls, "represented the qualities of an all-league team, not only of ability, but

D.M.



Huddle!

Coaches Deb Rathburn, kneeling, and Phil Carpentier, standing, rally the Twinfield Trojans at the AUD. Sitting, Betsy Martin, standing, left to right: scorekeeper Paige Ivey, Dannika Dobrowski, 20, Mallorie Lyford, 15, and Crystal Leclerc, 24. (photo by Vanessa Fournier)

Saturday at Windsor

'One More Day of Basketball'

by Dave Morse

WINDSOR — Hazen Union will be well represented at "One More Day of Basketball" conducted by Dave Fredrickson for the Vermont Basketball Coaches Association most all day Saturday at Windsor High School.

Senior all-star games will be played with the north-south girls D-III-IV starting at 11 a.m., followed immediately by the divisional boys. In between, the D-I-II girls and boys at 3 p.m. on will be the VBCA's Hall of Fame, Dream Dozen and individual awards.

Billy Boyd of the Hazen Wildcats was named Dream Dozen, something Fredrickson is fond of. "They seem to know what it's all about when I tell them," said the executive director of VBCA.

Hazen's lone senior girls — Kaitlyn Forant and Emma Simmons — will both play for the North all-stars. Billy Vasiliadis will be the lone member of Hazen's division III state champions on the court.

Coach Jay Ransom of Westerville Baptist Christian School will direct the North boys, including his son Isaac. Ransom is D-IV boys coach of the year, taking the 20-3 Warriors to the finals against four-time champion Proctor High.

A pair of Twinfield Union girls — Betsy Martin and 'Becca Chodorkoff — will play for the South all-stars to round out both squads.

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HEARD AND SEEN — "I'm going to be sad when this over," Brent Curtis was saying at the AUD after doing 54 regular season and 17 tour-



Chaz Burbank lines up a shot for Websterville Baptist Christian School from the corner at the Barre Aud. Burbank also plays baseball for Hazen Union in a VPA school-to-school program. (photo by Dave Morse)

Vinnie Maloney at Lyndon State has one chance in three of landing Lake Region's Emma Lawson and Danyelle Shufelt of Lyndon. The competition is between Keene State and Norwich University... The Burr and Burton D-II girls title is the first since '86 (and '83) since assistant headmaster Steve Houghton was the coach. "He reminds me every day," says brother Jeff, but no more... "I wouldn't want to play against her," coach Jeff says of Jenna Hoffman, his sophomore star. "She's my favorite"... Abbey Lalime, a junior, and Kylie Atwood, a freshman, play for Wayne Lafley's AAU "Lone Wolf" program. Kylie is sister to Tanner Atwood of the Hardwick Police Department... Dave Ball was a student-assembly speaker at Twinfield Union last week... Coach "Buddy" Hayford at Twin Valley could take some solace in Corey Rusin's 12 for Boston College against Miami in the first round of the women's ACC championships at Greensboro... Chelsea's Robyn Kennedy is great-granddaughter to "Peanut" Kennedy. She will attend WPI, majoring in engineering... Ed Codfelter drew a key assignment in the Middlebury-Bridgewater second round NCAA D-III playoff Saturday, won by the Bears, 78-76, in sensational fashion... Andrew Harris has been an assistant this season to coach Jeff Brown at Middlebury, awaiting medical school selection. "It's my last game until we have grandchildren," Dr. Arthur Harris was saying on the court at Pepin gym.

named games for Radio Vermont. Curtis says it's his "first calling" after giving up duties as traffic controller. He is a detective for the Barre Police... Tom Corbett Jr., a former Hazen Union player-manager, was calling his first post-season for WSKI... David Hale, the Cabot girls coach, returned with Julia Gulka of the Huskies to form a Goddard College radio team... Coach



Dan Pittenger, left, and Monica Kopp, right, both of Craftsbury, head out on the Hardwick Trails. The trails committee offers free tours Saturday and Sunday. Call 472-6517 or 472-6085 for more information. (photo by Dave Morse)

Hardwick Trek

Dan Pittenger, left, and Monica Kopp, right, both of Craftsbury, head out on the Hardwick Trails. The trails committee offers free tours Saturday and Sunday. Call 472-6517 or 472-6085 for more information. (photo by Dave Morse)

Snow Sports Weaver Has Spring Fling

by Dave Morse

CRAFTSBURY — Near mid-season conditions greeted over 150 for the Spring Fling over the weekend at the Craftsbury Outdoor Center.

Pat Weaver of Salomon posted the top time for the men's 30-km freestyle, edging out Tim Donahue, 1:29.48-1:31.33. Topper Sabot was a strong third in 1:31.33.

Eric Hanson was the first finisher from the host Craftsbury Nordic Ski Club in 1:44.37.

Johanna Mayorhauser of UVM won the women's 30 in 1:49.31. Anna Schulz, the Harvard captain, and Allison VanAkken were 14-15 for CNSC.

Frank Berustein of UVM captured the men's 15-km in 43:12. Dan Brodhead of the CNSC and Craftsbury Academy was fifth in 47:51. Tyler Ludington and Eric Schulz were 8-9, respectively. Richard Lafore was 54:22.

Poppet Boswell of the Stratton Mountain School scored the women's 15-K win in 51:17. Hannah Miller led CNSC in fourth at 53:28. Carlie Geer was 14th, 1:03.2 and Elinor Osborn, 1:24.46.

"We are open through the

month, as long as there is snow," said ski director John Brodhead on Monday at the COC. "If there's snow we are here!"

Ethan Excels

Ethan Dreissigacker topped all Division I and II skiers in the Vermont nordic championships by completing a sweep in the classic at Mountain Top, Chittenden, last week Thursday.

Dreissigacker then joined a delegation of Vermont J1 Olympians to the national championships at Donner Summit, Truckee, Calif., all this week.

Dreissigacker defeated D-I entries by a minimum of 26 seconds in the state classic in powering Peoples Academy to a repeat D-II title. Craftsbury Nordic Ski Club teammates Jake Barton (PA), Dan Brodhead (Craftsbury Academy) and Connor Hunt (PA) were 2-3-6 in the states.

Dreissigacker had a 39 second margin over Barton, 17:45-18:24. Brodhead completed the CNSC sweep in 18:44. Hunt was timed in 20:09.

Barton, Kaitlyn Miller, Kristin Halvorsen, as J1s and J2, Tara Geraghty-Moats, have joined

Dreissigacker from the CNSC for the Junior nationals. They were greeted by 24 inches of new snow.

The CNSC had three in the top 10 of the girls classic at Mountain Top. They were Chelsea Evans (2), Silene Duciucus (4) and Holly Buchman (9). Kyle Prohaska of CNSC and St. Johnsbury Academy was ninth among D-I girls.

Hit the Trails!

HARDWICK — The Hardwick Trails Committee plans a free family friendly snow shoeing and/or cross country ski event Sunday, March 15 from 1 to 3 p.m. over the Hazen School layout of 100 acres starting at the log cabin on campus.

Snowshoes and ski gear will be available to borrow. Mini-classes will be available for the asking, as will hot chocolate and the warmth of the ski hut to enjoy.

Call Ron or Norma at 472-6517 for information or to borrow equipment at anytime.

Last Tour

Matt Renaud will conduct a pair of educational and recreational shoeing tours Saturday on Hardwick Trails. They will be offered at 9 a.m. and noon of about 60 to 90 minutes each.

The trails are also a great place to learn about winter plant and wildlife identification.

A Hardwick native (across the street), Renaud is a senior outdoors recreation student at Johnson State College. For additional information, call him at 472-6085.

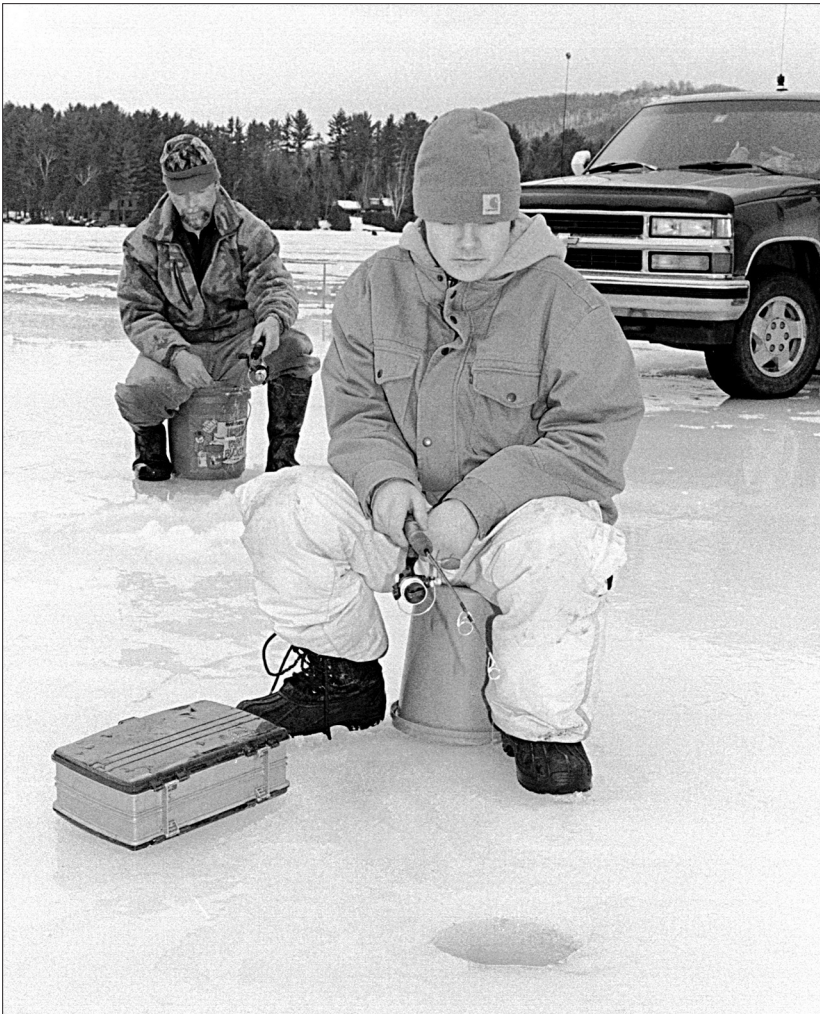
Skiers and snoeshoers are reminded sugaring season has begun and the "screamer" and "Lew's Loop" are or will be closed to skiing. Please respect the "closed for skiing" signs.

Bill Koch League

CRAFTSBURY — Moriah Lafoe, Oliva Jones and Markia Massey-Bierman were all winners for the Craftsbury Nordic Ski Club in the Bill Koch League division of the Spring Fling at the Outdoor Center on Saturday.

Moriah led a sweep for CNSC in FJ3, being ahead of Caroline Lawlor, 21:15.9-25:24.9. Oliva won the FJ4 in 19:24.9. Teammate Anna Strong was third. Marika, age 9, won FJ5 in 14:34.8. Quincy Massey-Bierman, 5, was fourth.

Other CNSC members in the competition were Kristina Dege, Patrick Lawlor, Xavier Koonitz Miller, Kestrel Owens, and Alex, Christian and Nicolai Ostberg.



Ryan Jones, front, and Paul Gaboriault, both of Huntington, await their time on the ice at the Caspian Lake ice fishing derby. Shanties have to be off the ice statewide this weekend.
(photo by Vanessa Fournier)

Youth Holds Its Own At Fishing Derby

by Patrick Hussey

GREENSBORO — It was a great day to be young this past Saturday when the annual Caspian Lake fishing derby was dominated by fishermen under the age of 14.

A total of 221 people drilled their holes under ideal conditions last weekend, with sunny skies and temperatures reaching up into the 40s. It proved to be a good day to beat the recession blues, especially for those who caught big fish.

"The weather was awesome," said Hardwick Little League representative Tim Whitney, the organization that benefits from the proceeds of the event. "The last few years, we only had anywhere from 130-150 fishermen, but we had a good crowd this year. We noticed there were a lot of new faces out here this year. It was a great day."

The derby was won by 12-year old Cody Day, who is the grandchild of Butch and Linda Hatch, with whom he fished. He landed a 26 1/2-inch trout that took first place in the lake trout division, which netted him a cool \$500. He received another \$200 when it also was voted "Fish of the Day."

"He was shaking when he came over to get his winning envelope," Whitney said, laughing.

There was an interesting twist early in the morning that allowed Day to win the tournament. Whitney said he looked out early and saw a truck barreling toward the beach to enter a fish. When Whitney got down to the live well where the fish are held before they are released, he found an impressive trout. When he measured the laker, Whitney said it was bigger than his 30-inch ruler,

with its tail sticking out another 4-5 inches.

The unidentified fisherman, who would have easily won the event, asked Whitney what first place paid. Whitney told him probably around \$500. The fisherman contemplated for a minute, then decided to not enter his fish. (This tournament is a catch-and-release event.) He wanted to keep the fish and have it mounted. Whitney said he later heard the fish weighed about 15 pounds.

That opened the door for Day. Second place behind Day in the Lake Trout category went to young Johnathon Simpson, who's 24 1/2-inch inch entry netted him \$350. Rounding out the top three was Billy MacDougall, coming in third with a 23 1/2-inch laker, getting him \$200. There were a total of nine lake trout entered.

There were only two Rainbow Trout caught during the day-long event. First place was won by young Trevor Molleur, who reported a 16 3/4-inch inch trout, good enough for \$350. Following him in second place was longtime derby organizer Jeff Montgomery, whose 16 1/4-inch rainbow won him \$250.

There was just one winner in the perch division. Shelby Moffatt claimed the big prize, taking home \$200 for her 15-inch beauty.

There was another young winner for the lifetime fishing license, as Sheffield's Zachary Hale took home that coveted prize.

Whitney said the event raised about \$750 for the Hardwick Area Little League program. The Caspian Lake Beach Committee also was donated about \$220.



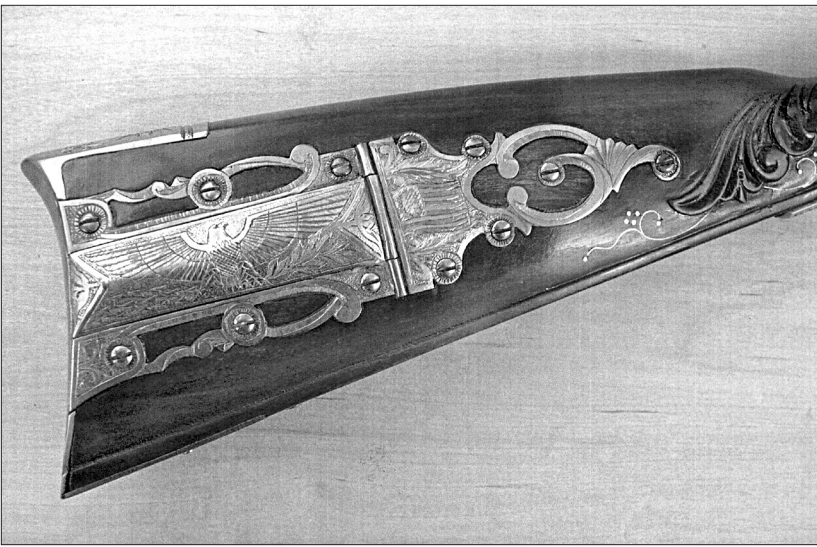
My Family Flintlock

by Pete Quinlan

Building custom rifles is one of my oldest hobbies and it started by converting surplus military rifles into fancy sporters for deer and varmint hunting. The black powder bug bit me soon after I rebuilt an original .69-caliber civil-defense musket to hunt small game. Later, I used black powder to "smoke" a Canadian goose, three

spring gobblers and a coyote with an antique 12-gauge English double-barrel.

During sales trips to Ohio I met clients with similar interests and key people in the muzzle-loading sport. I soon bought plans and components to build an authentic copy of Kit Carson's original Hawken rifle and have hunted with it ever since. After it earned sev-



eral trophies in local shoots and one big buck from the Northeast Kingdom I started hunting during New Hampshire's special season and lobbied unsuccessfully for a similar muzzle-loader deer season in Vermont.

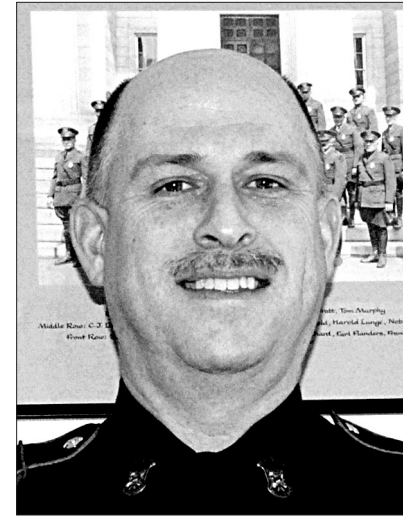
Antique flintlock rifles I saw in gun shops and museums of Pennsylvania and Ohio were so beautiful I soon bought the book: "Recreating the American Long Rifle" by William Buchelle and George Schumway. Then I started building a special flintlock to celebrate my French-Irish ancestry, beginning with a stock of black cherry I cut from my grandfather's woodlot. After a year of work, the stock was shaped and fit with a hand-filed .50-caliber "swamp-tapered and flared" barrel, a lock kit by Siler, single set-trigger, hickory ramrod and traditional brass fittings, including a spring-loaded patch-box with its release button hidden in a brass inlay.

Even before this rifle was finished it shot well and won a few trophies in competition — but it has missed a half-dozen whitetail bucks! Wet weather caused misfires that "released" several Maine bucks, delayed ignition, deflected bullets and bounding retreats saved the others.

Those misses had me naming this rifle a "jinx-lock," yet I gradually added classic "post-revolution" wood carving of classic acanthus leaves, inlaid silver scrolls and berries. Other bronze and silver fittings are engraved with classic scrolls and patriotic symbols like a bald eagle, Colonial shield and our threatened Second Amendment to the Bill of Rights. My ancestry is indicated by a Celtic cross and French fleur-de-lis, with my signature on the trigger guard.

ALL OUTDOORS

LeCours Named Chief Game Warden



Col. David LeCours
(courtesy photo)

Col. David LeCours, a '79 graduate of Hazen Union School, has been named Vermont's new chief game warden by Commissioner Wayne Laroche of the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department.

"Col. LeCours is well qualified and a logical choice for the position," Laroche said in a statement. LeCours has been a state warden since 1982 and has been second in command since 2005. He has served as acting chief since November of last year when Col. Robert Rooks of Westford retired.

LeCours is the son of Denise Hark, of Walden and the late Denis LeCours.

The first Vermont Big Game Trophy Club Show and dinner will

take place Saturday, April 14 at the Canadian Club, Barre, at 5 p.m. Displays will be on view from 10 a.m. on.

Hal Blood, a noted deer tracking expert and master Maine guide, will be featured speaker.

The trophy club has recently scored record Vermont buck, moose and bear, which will be on display.

Go to www.vermontbiggametrophyclub.com for more information. Tickets must be purchased by March 25.

Now is the time to sign up to become a hunter's education instructor with the VFWD. The workshops will be April 18 for basic firearms and July 18 for bowhunter education. Each session will be held at the Waterbury headquarters of VFWD. Contact Ann Shangraw at 1-802-241-3720.

The Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department will conduct five public meetings in March to discuss white-tailed deer hunting. The meeting dates, all 7-8:30 p.m., are March 24, Riverside Jr. High, Springfield; 24, Lyndon State College; 25, Burr and Burton, Manchester; 26, Montpelier High School; 30, South Burlington High School.

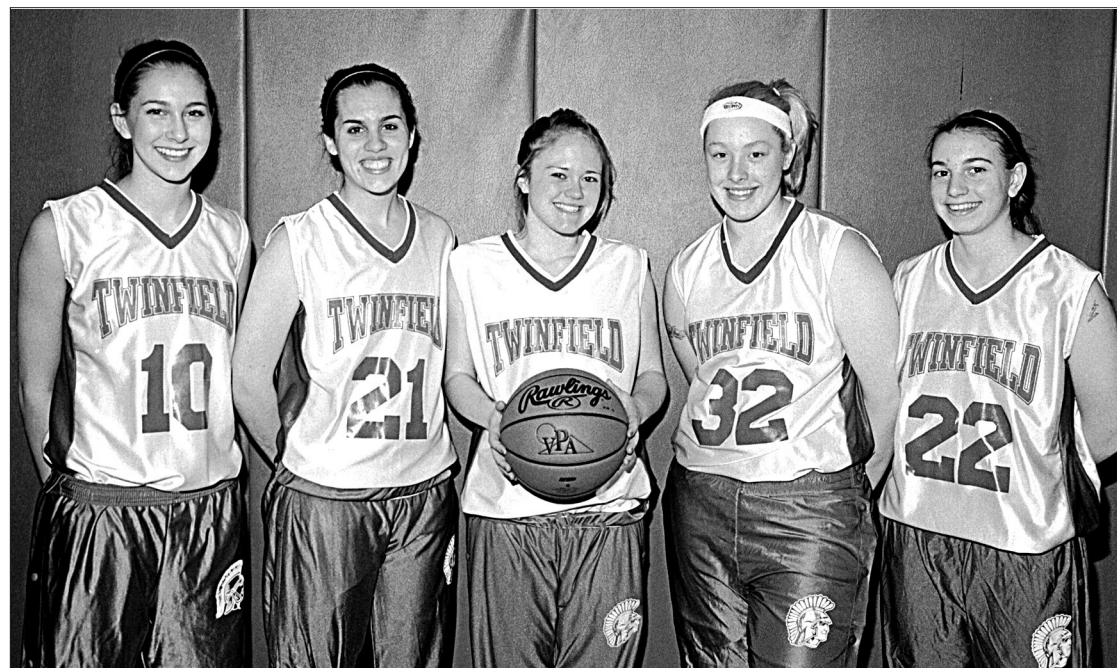
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Class Acts

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always of attitude," according to AD Todd Powers at BMU. "We are proud the way these student-athletes have represented us."

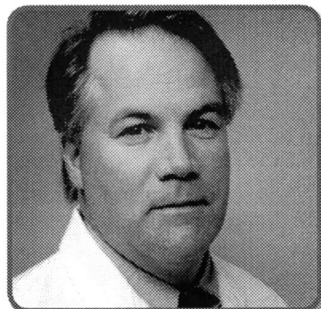
Other area selections were, second team, 'Becca Chodorkoff, Twinfield Union, and Julia Gulka and Sadie Marcotte, both honorable mention of Cabot School.



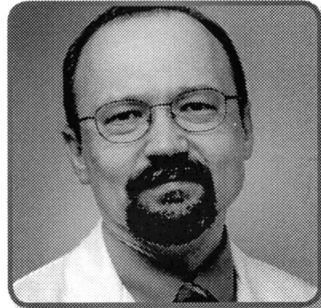
Twinfield Union seniors, from left, Becca Chodorkoff, Betsy Martin, Mallorie Lyford, Jocelyn Batchelder and Marisa Hurlbert.
(photo by Vanessa Fournier)

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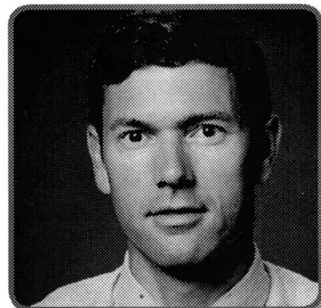
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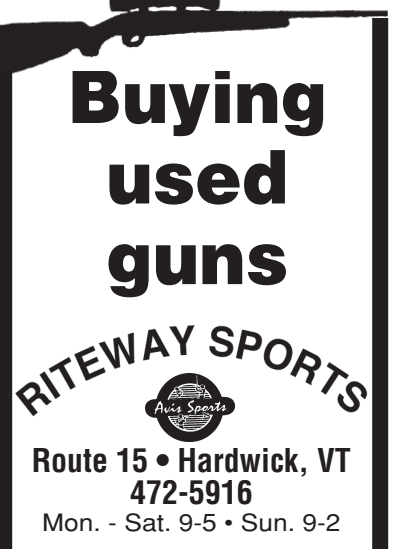
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Fri., March 13
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Sat., March 14
Montreal vs. Vt. Frost Heaves at
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Congregation To Read Entire Bible Aloud

by June Pichel Cook

CRAFTSBURY — The United Church of Craftsbury is undertaking the reading aloud of the Bible from Genesis to Revelations during Holy Week. Readings will begin mid-day on Palm Sunday, continuing around the clock, until completed.

The idea came from Rev. Jennifer Geary when she was in Morrisville where it was first done, according to Rev. Alan Parker.

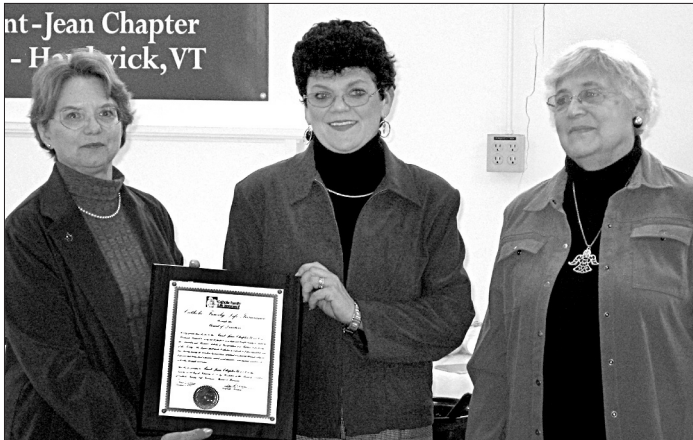
Readers from area church communities and those who do not attend any church are welcomed to sign up for a block of reading time.

Blocks are 15 minute intervals; readers may sign up for more than one block.

Joan Simmons, chair of the Deacons, said, "We hope it will be an ecumenical type of thing. Some of the children are doing it, and everyone, and all ages are welcomed."

Simmons, who is coordinating the reader sign-ups, may be reached at 586-2854.

The next community dinner at the church is scheduled for March 18 at 6 p.m. Community dinners are held the third Wednesday of each month. The dinner is free and open to the public.



Jeannine Young, of Craftsbury Common, left, the chair of a new chapter of Catholic Family Life Insurance, and Laurette Perron, of Greensboro Bend, right, the vice-chair, were presented a charter from Louise Champigny Boulanger, center, of the Woonsocket, R.I., regional office. Following the charter presentation, Young presented matching fund grants to Evelyn Rich for the St. Michael's Altar Society's Hunter's Breakfasts and to Jeannette Brochu for the St. Norbert Church Bazaar.

BIRTHS

Anya Brynn Davis

A daughter, Anya Brynn Davis, was born to Tammy (Buckingham) Davis and Jeffrey R. Davis, of Colchester, on Feb. 18, 2009 at Fletcher Allen Health Care.

Orianna Lesley Bell

A daughter, Orianna Lesley Bell, was born to Melanie Willett and Shannon Bell, of Walden, on Feb. 22 at Copley Hospital.

Card Of Thanks

Thanks so much to all who sent Jane Hill birthday cards. It was much appreciated.

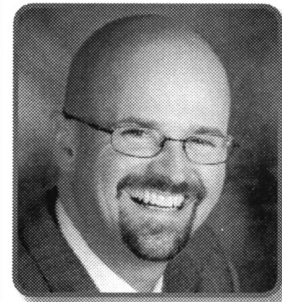
Jane Hill and Family

Card Of Thanks

The People for Lakeview Union School (P.L.U.S.) team would like to thank the following people for their generous contributions for the lunch served at Greensboro Town Meeting on Tuesday, March 3, 2009. The meal had almost all local ingredients, made and grown within 20 miles of Greensboro. Ground Beef: The Donahue Farm, Jayne and Walter Donahue; Greenfield Highland Beef, Ray Shatney, Janet Steward; Sawmill Brook Farm, Jon Ramsay; Snug Valley Farm, Helm, Nancy and Ben Nottermann; Bill Hill Farms, Bill and Sally Hill; Potatoes: Riverside Farm, Bruce Kaufman, Judy Jarvis; Rolls: Hall's Market, Connie's Kitchen; Milk: D & S Distributors; Cookies: Many Lakeview Union staff members. Also, a special thanks to Christine Lebeau and Beverly Young. Thank you all, again, for your support and consideration!

Lakeview PLUS team

Ophthalmologist Andrew Boush, MD joins the Eye Center



Andrew Boush, MD has joined the Fletcher Allen Eye Center in Berlin and will be performing eye surgery at Central Vermont Medical Center. Dr. Boush holds a faculty appointment as an assistant professor of Surgery at the University of Vermont College of Medicine. Cataract surgery and eyelid plastic surgery are Dr. Boush's special areas of interest.

Dr. Boush is a past president of the Wisconsin Society of Ophthalmic Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons and is certified by the American Academy of Ophthalmology. Dr. Boush practiced for 12 years in Wisconsin before relocating to Vermont. He and his wife Jennifer live in Northfield. He enjoys computers, history and serving in the Navy Reserve Medical Corps.

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Youth Adventure Hour

CABOT — Heifer Project provides farm animals to needy villagers around the world. Sunday, at 9:30 a.m., young people at Cabot United Church will make beeswax candles to raise funds to donate to Heifer International for animals for families of need. The group will also watch portions of the 60 Minutes television program of the Heifer project titled "Beatrice's Goat."

Also, there will be a brief introduction to theater with drama teacher Ellis Jacobson to determine interest in forming a youth drama/theater group.

Ice cream sundaes will be served after the program. All area youth, ages 3-14, are welcome, as are any parents who wish to stay through the adventure hour. The church's regular Sunday service begins at 10:30 and always includes a children's message and special music.

For additional information, telephone 563-2278 or email fiancp@fairpoint.net

Auxiliary To Hold Meat Raffle

HYDE PARK — March is only about two weeks old and it has already been very busy for Post 9653 Ladies Auxiliary members.

The auxiliary will hold a meeting at 6 p.m., March 13 at the Post at which it will have regular meat to raffle and a grand prize package to wrap up the evening. On Sunday, March 15, members will head to Lowell to participate in the bowling for Special Olympics, winter/spring edition. All funds collected go to the Special Olympics.

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Concert To Benefit Church Renovation

WOODBURY — Under One Roof Ministry and the Woodbury-Calais Church present a benefit concert to help raise money for a Sunday School and church office on Saturday, March 14 at 7 p.m. at the South Woodbury Church on Route 14.

Performing will be The Woodbury Bluegrass Highlanders, The South Barre Church of Christ Shape Note Singers, Comedy with Lucien Dufresne and special guest Messenger. The event starts at 7 p.m.; there

will refreshments afterward. The proceeds are for the renovation of the church's bell tower into a functional Sunday School classroom and a church office. This church has never had a dedicated Sunday School room, so this is an important fundraiser for this congregation. There will be a free-will donation accepted during the event, but no cover charge.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Coming Attraction: Snack Bar Entrepreneur Opens Eatery

by Tommy Gardner

HARDWICK — What do The Godfather, Harry Potter and the Mountainview Snack Bar have in common?
They all have sequels. But only one of them will be known for its 63 flavors of soft-serve ice cream.
Ted Colletti and his wife, Alicia, are opening the Mountainview Snack Bar 2, on Route 14 where eateries such as Gram and Gramps and The Double Nichol once resided. Colletti said he expects to open the counter for business as soon as the weather permits.
Colletti, originally from Long Island, said he has owned the original Mountainview Snack Bar in Morrisville near the Wolcott town line for five years. Business has been good enough to justify buying the Hardwick building, and the sale was completed in January, he said.
“Every year, we’ve had better business,” said Colletti. “I hope this year is as good as last year.”
According to Colletti, it will be a family affair; his brother-in-law Jesse Doubleday will run the operation with his wife, Jennifer.
Daughter Jordan Watson, 12, will be there to scoop ice cream.
There is not much work to be done before that happens, said Colletti, since much of the equip-



ment is already in place. He said he and Doubleday plan on adding a covered patio with picnic tables to the side of the restaurant.
Mountain View 2 will have the same menu as its flagship restaurant, with hot dogs and burgers and onion rings, as well as the healthier fare Colletti added in recent years. This will include veggie burgers and fresh salads. The new snack bar will not, however, have a pizza oven like its sister establishment.
“We’re going to try to cater to everybody,” said Colletti. “We’re always open to ideas.”
Colletti said he has plans to spawn even more sequels. So, depending on the success of this new place, may the Green Mountain State in the future see a Revenge of the Mountainview, or The Mountainview Strikes Back?
“We hope to have Mountainview Snack Bars all over Vermont,” he said.

Following a summer without a roadside eatery, the Mountain View Snack Bar II will satisfy many a Hardwickian's need for more flavors of ice cream than he or she can possibly eat in one summer.
(photo by Vanessa Fournier)

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Discount Seeds Help The Hungry

WOLCOTT — The Vermont Foodbank and High Mowing Organic Seeds lead individuals through the process of creating a small-scale garden or container garden from 2-4 p.m., Saturday, March 14. The workshop will also assist participants with selecting vegetable varieties and the appropriate seed quantities.
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Curves Supports Food Drive

MORRISVILLE — Curves of Morrisville will participate this month in the 11th Annual Curves Food Drive to benefit local food banks. Collectively, over the past five years, nearly 50 million pounds of food were distributed to local communities all over the world through the Curves Food Drive.
The business is also waiving its normal service fee for any new member who brings in a bag of non-perishable groceries and joins be-

tween March 9-28. This promotion will help the women of Morrisville manage their weight and their wallets by joining Curves for free, while also helping feed hungry people in the community. Others wishing to donate may drop off non-perishable food items Monday through Friday during business hours through March.
The Morrisville club is at 197 Harrel St. For more information, call 888-8846.

Hospital Gift Shop Needs Volunteers

BERLIN — Central Vermont Medical Center's Gift Shop, located in the main lobby at the hospital, needs volunteers. The shop is operated by CVMC's auxiliary and carries a variety of gift items and greeting cards as well as flowers and snacks.
No retail experience is necessary and on-the-job training will be provided. Tasks include assisting customers, stocking shelves, pricing items, and operating the cash register.
Volunteers are needed for a variety of shifts. For more information, contact Julia Page, volunteer services manager at julia.page@cvmc.org or 371-5364.

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