

# THE North Star MONTHLY

Every Small Town's Newspaper

DANVILLE, VERMONT

GOOD FOR THE WHOLE MONTH

\$1.50

APRIL 2005

Volume 16, Number 11

PAGE TEN

**Pilgrims from  
Montpelier to  
Thailand**



PAGE TWENTY-THREE

**Vermont  
Arts Council  
Turns 40 and  
Opens  
Retrospective  
Exhibit**

PAGE TWENTY-SIX

**Vermont Sugar  
Special Rolled  
Out of  
Montpelier**

## YOU HAVE TO TRY THIS APPLE PIE

LUTHER COLBY

There are some serious pie makers in my family, and there's no shortage of debate about texture, flavor and ingredients. For all of those reasons, and out of respect for the great cooks who preceded us, I found myself apologizing one night when I picked out a pie from the grocery store freezer and stepped into our kitchen with the box in my hands.

"What are you nuts?" I imagined someone saying. "That's like giving the Bible on tape to the Pope on Easter or a color chart to Pablo Picasso on his birthday. Nobody in this family buys frozen pies." I didn't have an answer.

Later, as the pie cooked in our oven, I prepared for the worst, but from the box I learned we were about to taste the only product of the fledgling Vermont Mystic Pie Company. It was their All Natural 100% Pure Butter Crust Apple Pie.

Several years ago after a particularly heated discussion about crust and pie filling we staged the first Apple Pie Super Bowl in our kitchen. Competitors from three generations created a buffet of double crust homemade apple pies. There's no need to identify the winner or runners-up, but you should understand that hairs were split,

(See *This Is No* on Page 6)

(Continued from Page 1)

ner or runners-up, but you should understand that hairs were split,

## Mount Washington in Winter - Wild and Beautiful Weather



Photo By: North Star Monthly

Enroute to the Mount Washington Weather Observatory on top of the highest point in New England, the Bombardier Snow Tractor pauses at the 4,000 foot elevation marker on the Auto Road. Mt. Adams and the northern Presidential Range of the White Mountains carve a sharp horizon line out of the blue morning sky. The snow tractor is the lifeline to the Observatory carrying meteorologists to their seven day shift rotations as well as supplies.

TERRY HOFFER

Wayne Peterson slides into the driver's seat of the bright yellow Bombardier snow tractor and snaps the door closed to the sharp winter air. The turbocharged diesel engine idles quietly. Peterson pulls off his gloves and looks over his shoulder to the passenger compartment behind him. He checks the engine gauges, adjusts the defroster fan and looks out through the huge windshield. Ahead is the snow covered Mount Washington Auto Road.

**"The number one rule is if you don't know where you are going - don't go."**  
**Wayne Peterson, Bombardier Operator**

The Auto Road snakes its way up the east side of the highest mountain in New England. By road, it's eight miles to the top and the state-owned summit building where the staff of the weather observatory monitors the climate around the clock - 365 days a year. In winter the road can be completely obscured by blowing and drifting snow, and the only way to get supplies to the Observatory is in a vehicle like this - plowing and crawling over as much as 20 feet of snow packed over the roadbed.

Peterson was raised nearby in Jackson, NH, and he's familiar with the weather patterns that are common in this part of New England. He knows the meteorologist's claim that Mt. Washington has the "worst weather in the world." This is his third year driving the tractor for the

Observatory, and he understands that although people depend on him to get to the top, the decision to push on or turn back is his. He's made the trip hundreds of times, but if the conditions become unsafe he'll stop and turn around.

Peterson is only 28, but he's delightfully confident without being reckless. "This thing will go through almost anything," he says, "but the hydraulics congeal at 30 below zero, and if there's a whiteout we stop." He says with a grin, "The number one rule is if you don't know where you're going - don't go." He brings the 240 horsepower diesel up to speed, the twin caterpillar tracks lurch forward, and the tractor is underway.

On this Saturday morning in late March the forecast for the top calls for temperatures between 10 and 15° and the wind speed 35-40 mph. Visibility for the trip should be good. Peterson's payload includes supplies for the Observatory and nine passengers: a volunteer cook, the visiting father of one of the meteorologists and a group of seven on an Observatory EduTrip.

The Mount Washington Observatory is a membership supported nonprofit institution with an educational as well as a scientific purpose. From early December to mid April the Observatory hosts two-day classes conducted by volunteers and working meteorologists on

(See *From the Observatory* on Page 16)

THE North Star MONTHLY

P.O. Box 319 • Danville, VT 05828-0319

**Troy Cochran**  
**CUSTOM SERVICES**  
Excavating ■ Skid Steer Work  
Dump Truck Work ■ Custom Corn Planting  
Springtime Mulch, Gravel & Stone  
Rototilling ■ Tractor Bucket Work  
**Reasonable Rates (802) 684-1068**

**IAMS**  
**Danville Hardware**  
Hill St. • Danville, VT  
**(802) 684-2538**  
Mon.-Sat 8-5  
Sun. 9-3  
**EUKANUBA**  
"The best you can do for your dog."

**HOWARD'S**  
**Home & Garden**  
"You're Home at Howard's!"  
Monday-Friday 8-5  
Saturday 8-2 & Sunday 9-1  
St. Johnsbury Center 802-748-3127



## You Can Do Something About the Weather

Did Mark Twain say, "If you don't care for the weather just wait a minute?" or was it he who said, "Complain if you must, but there's nothing you can do about it." Those must have been simpler times when you could make a living with insights like that, because there are things you can do about the weather.

First, anyone can observe it. Throw open the curtain, and roll up the shade. The weather is everywhere, and wherever you are - a tropical island, a cold hollow in Vermont or a high peak in the mountains - the conditions at any moment are a function of change. The weather from upwind arrives and disturbs or pushes aside the existing conditions. You can see it in the clouds and watch it in the treetops as it happens.

Second, anyone can learn more about weather by making note of its patterns and listening to experts. There are at least two rich sources of expertise described in this issue of the *North Star*.

On April 1 the Fairbanks Museum and Planetarium will open its new "Eye on the Sky Weather Gallery." There you will find mounted displays and computer animated illustrations of the fundamental elements of weather: wind, temperature, pressure and moisture. As Museum Meteorologist Mark Breen says, the Gallery lets you "peel away the layers of complexity to discover the basic scientific principles that can turn a sunny day into a fearsome display of nature's power."

Staring in the mid-1800's Franklin Fairbanks studied and kept meticulous records of the clouds overhead and precipitation falling on St. Johnsbury. Museum staff began recording daily statistics soon after the Museum opened in 1891, and Fred Mold established a weather station and began broadcasting radio forecasts in the 1950's. The veritable Eye on the Sky has been a staple of Vermont Public Radio since 1981 with millions of listeners making outdoor plans on the basis of its predictions for weather. The new "Eye on the Sky Weather Gallery" will allow you, too, to understand and appreciate finer points of the weather. See page 8.

A bit farther afield but (often) within sight of northeastern Vermont is the Mount Washington Weather Observatory. There, around the clock throughout the year, meteorologists record and report conditions at the highest point in New England. The Observatory opened in 1870 and operated under the Army Signal Corps reporting data to the National Weather Service until the station closed in 1892. The summit Observatory was reopened in 1932 by a group of individuals inspired by the spectacular majesty of the "worst weather in the world." Today the Observatory's steady stream of data is incorporated into computer models that become forecasts for weather across the planet.

The Observatory gives year-round tours of the weather station and maintains a museum where exhibits describe the superlatives and spectacular at the top of Mount Washington. The Observatory has an outreach program to promote a better understanding of the relationships between weather and the Earth and hosts a series of winter EduTrips at its facility looking down over New England. A description of our recent trip to the top of the "Rockpile" begins on page 1.

We invite you to join us this year and learn more about weather. Visit the Fairbanks Museum and Planetarium in St. Johnsbury, and make plans to visit the top of Mount Washington. In summer you can join hundreds of thousands of others who travel to the summit by Cog Railroad or by automobile. For our money it's more satisfying on foot, and there are all kinds of routes to do just that. But the really sweet experience is to stay at the top for a weekend in winter and hope for a view of the sun setting over Vermont.

You can do something about the weather, and let it begin right here.

Terry Hoffer

## Tolerance Please Among E-mailers

I am a devotee of zits - sorry, Zits. As the name suggests, this comic strip portrays life from the vantage point of a teenager. In one of my favorite Zits strips, Jeremy, the central adolescent character, swoons in shock and disbelief when his father unashamedly admits that he hasn't checked his e-mail that week. The themes hit close to home.

I find e-mail to be simultaneously a convenience and a pain. It is a very convenient way to send information. I can send messages (with correct spelling, no less!) on my own schedule, as time allows. I use e-mail when I do not need the give and take of live discussion or I am not seeking a rapid response. On the other hand, I receive far more e-mail messages than I want. I am not even considering the mostly blocked spam e-mails. It is now so easy to be included, voluntarily or unknowingly, on e-mailing lists. I appreciate the concern and intentions of those who send "FYI" (For Your Information) messages, but the volume of unsolicited "I" becomes a distraction.

I struggle to sift through the factoids and data noise, interesting as it may be, to find the information that I truly need to attend. Perhaps I am overly sensitive, but I worry that I will miss, among all the messages, an e-mail from someone who is expecting a rapid reply. You see, I am not on the fast track when it comes to e-mail. I sometimes perceive a touch of irritation from senders of e-mail who expect an immediate, or at least prompt, response. I cringe when asked, "Did you get my e-mail?"

"Probably," I respond guiltily, "but I haven't checked my e-mail today," which is a stretch; it is possible I haven't checked it in a week.

There are two types of e-mailers. Type I e-mailers (my terminology) use e-mail at its full capacity for clear, efficient, orderly and prompt communication. Then there are the Type II e-mailers, like me, who use it much like regular mail, but with light-speed delivery time and without the expense of postage. (O-Kay, I admit I like the spell check feature of e-mail and the lack of complaints about illegible handwriting.) I suspect that the Type II e-mailers drive Type I e-mailers crazy. I think we are a Type I or Type II e-mailer partly because of experience but largely because of yet unexplored constitutional factors. Our approach to e-mail is an enduring character trait, much like punctuality and procrastination.

I wish that e-mail systems could automatically alert the sender and recipient about their respective e-mail styles - Type I or II. Such a warning system could diminish the friction that may occur when Type I and Type II e-mailers interact. It could avert heartburn, worn molars, glower-induced skin wrinkling and premature hair loss. Forewarning of possible delayed responses or expectations of prompt responses, might enhance tolerance and promote acceptance of our e-mailing differences. In our present day life, there are plenty of issues over which to swoon or feel guilty; e-mail does not need to be among them.

Tim Tanner

## Letters to the Editor:

### Duchess Recovering

Dear North Star,  
Back On All Fours: As promised, here is an update on

Duchess who was hit by a car the day before Thanksgiving, breaking her leg in two places. The external cast with nine pins in her leg is gone. Because of sur-

THE North Star MONTHLY

**EDITORIAL OFFICES:**  
P.O. Box 319 ~ 29 Hill Street  
Danville, VT 05828-0319  
(802) 684-1056

**EDITOR:**  
Terry Hoffer

**ART DIRECTOR:**  
Suzanne Tanner

**CONTRIBUTING EDITOR:**  
Tim Tanner

**CIRCULATION:**  
Kathy Hoffer

**ADVERTISING:**  
Vicki Moore

**EDITORIAL ADVISORY BOARD:**  
John Haygood  
Jane Larrabee  
Susan Lynaugh  
Betsy McKay


The *North Star Monthly* (ISSN#1043-8041) is produced and published monthly by Polestar Publishing, Inc. located at 29 Hill Street, Danville, VT. Subscription Rates are \$15.00 per year. Printed in USA. Copyright 2003 by Polestar Publishing, Inc. All rights reserved. No part of this publication may be reprinted or otherwise reproduced without expressed permission from Polestar Publishing, Inc. Publisher is not responsible for errors resulting from typographical errors. Acceptance of advertising is subject to publisher's approval and agreement by the advertiser to indemnify the publisher from loss or expense on claims based upon contents of the advertising. Publisher does not assume liability for errors in any advertising beyond the cost of the space occupied by the individual item in which the error appeared.

Postmaster: Send address changes to **The North Star Monthly**, P.O. Box 319, Danville, VT 05828-0319. Periodical postage paid at Danville, VT.

**Contributors to this issue include:** Betty Hatch, Jeff & Ellen Gold, Vanna Guldenschuh, Van Parker, Luther Colby, Isobel P. Swartz, Rachel Siegel, Leonarda Contreras Dagesse, Bill Christiansen, Don Tescher, Alice S. Kitchel and Burton Zahler, Lois (Field) White, Mike Herdiner, Merton Leonard, Linda Wheatley, Jo Anne Post, Harriett F. Fisher, Bets & Peter Albright, Michelle B. Fay, Irwin Gelber, Bruce Hoyt, Anna Downes and Jamie Cope.

e-mail: [northstar@kingcon.com](mailto:northstar@kingcon.com)  
[www.northstarmonthly.com](http://www.northstarmonthly.com)

# Write to Us



**LETTERS:** Write to *The North Star*, and let us know what's on your mind. Your point of view or observation is important to us. Letters must be signed.

**ARTICLES:** We don't have a big staff of writers. So we look forward to you sending your writing. If you have questions or ideas and want to ask us first, please call. We'll send our guidelines. No fiction, please.

**PHOTOS:** We'd like to see your photos and welcome them with a story or without. They can be black-and-white or color, but they must be clear.

**PRESS RELEASES:** We prefer press releases that are unique to *The North Star*.

**DEADLINE:** 15th of the month prior to publication.

*All materials will be considered on a space available basis.*

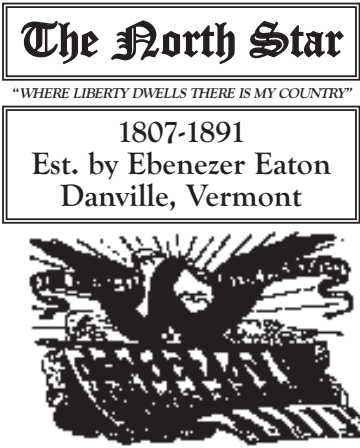
face wounds, her bandages had to be changed every other day. We took over from the vet after two weeks. She now has a slight limp, which may go away eventually, but it doesn't slow her down. She and our cat, Sami, are back to their old tricks, chasing each other around the yard and

the house. After all is said and done, the ordeal probably was harder on her "parents" than on her. She thanks you for the "get well" cards and wishes.

Bob & Liz Sargent  
Danville

*(See Letters on Page 4)*

# Massachusetts Establishes Weight Standard for Chicken Eggs Hatch Sells Hardwick Reporter to Morrisville Citizen



## THE NORTH STAR

April 3, 1874

**Eggs By Weight** - The legislature of Massachusetts has lately passed a law making it necessary that a dozen eggs weigh one and a half pounds. This is a move in the right direction, and we hope that all the other states may speedily follow the good example set by Massachusetts. It is annoying to the breeder of blooded and fine fowls to find, when he offers for sale eggs nearly twice as large as his neighbors, that they bring no more per dozen than the smaller ones.

**Bank Robbery and Arson in Bradford** - The Village of Bradford was startled on Wednesday morning by the announcement that C.F. Wright, clerk in Bradford Savings Bank, had absconded with the available funds. Wright has been employed at the Bank since it commenced business and was generally considered an exemplary and honorable young man.

**St. Johnsbury Bridge** - A town meeting has been called on Tuesday next to see what course the town will take in regard to building a new bridge over the Passumpsic River. It is proposed to build over both railroad tracks which would be rather expensive, but we think in ten years the public will be dissatisfied unless something of this kind is done.

It is rumored that Hatch of the Hardwick Reporter is intending to sell his list, good will, &c to Earle of the Morrisville Citizen. Hatch is going to North Troy. It is said that the people of Hardwick are rather indignant at the proposed change, as Hatch in consideration of certain pecuniary aid from citizens agreed to publish a paper in the town of Hardwick for the term of five years. He now lacks something like a year and eight months of completing his contract. The good people don't care so much about losing their paper as they do about being sold out to the wretch who runs the Morrisville blanket.

April 10, 1874

**Gold** - From an official report just published by the State of California it appears that since the discovery of gold in that state in 1848 to the beginning of the present year, the total product of the precious metal has been \$1,380,700,000.

The Odd Fellows Hall will certainly be erected in St. Johnsbury. Nearly \$12,000 of stock was taken last week. Brick, lumber, &c are already pur-

chased. The Messrs Fairbanks have the contract to lay the brick and P. B. Laird & Co. will do the granite work.

The part of St. Johnsbury formerly known as Elyville was by a unanimous vote of the district, taken at the annual meeting, changed to Summerville, a name which is very appropriate to the place and the place to the name.

The City of Burlington supports 35 "Attorneys at Law and Masters in Chancery" and they appear to be the best fed portion of the community. There are but one or two lean ones in the entire lot.

The McIndoe's Falls Lumber Co. have got in about twenty six million feet of lumber this season. About half of this will be sent down the river to their mill at Northampton, and the rest will be cut up at their mill at the Falls.

Two smart Detroit damsels have been arrested for taking a locomotive, opening the throttle valve and starting the engine. They jumped off, leaving the locomotive to run into a freight train and do \$700 worth of smash.

April 17, 1874

After several days of winter weather, quite a surface of snow and pretty fair sleighing, we are having a milder spell, which it is hoped will continue until the vernal season opens in all its glory. Last Tuesday the sap ran bountifully in several locations. Said to have been the best run of the season.

Eastern Avenue in St.

Johnsbury is to have a new brick sidewalk extending from the Plain to Railroad Street. It will cost \$1,000. The Avenue House is to be nicely painted and fixed up, which will greatly improve the looks and likewise enhance the value of the property.

**Examination of teachers** - The spring examination of teachers will be held at the Academy in Danville on Saturday, May 2 commencing at 9 o'clock. No previous examinations will be held and none subsequently until the following Saturday, when all who cannot be present at the public examination are expected to present themselves at my home before noon. Certificates given in this town are not good in any other. No endorsing certificates. J.S. Little, Supt.

April 24, 1874

**Accident** - A son of Wm. Carrick of Barnet broke his leg Monday morning. He was getting out of a wagon, his foot caught between the spokes, and he fell breaking both bones of one leg square off below the knee. Dr. Hazeltine rendered medical aid.

Mr. Day of the firm Day & May, who failed a short time ago, left his wife ostensibly to go to work in Portland, Me. but the next day he put up at a first class hotel in Montreal in company with Miss Agnes Harlow of St. Johnsbury, who left her home claiming that she was going to work in Newport, and the couple are still supposed to be in Canada.

Last Tuesday Mr. Jonathan Northrup formerly of Danville was killed by the cars at Sherbrooke, P.Q. We cannot give the precise particulars but learn that he was taking the early morning train for St. Johnsbury and was walking on the track or about the yard where trains were being made up, probably became confused and was crushed to death or run over by the train. He was some 80 years of age and his remains were brought to Danville on Wednesday's train and taken to the residence of his son, James Northrup.

**Early Lambs** - Chas. D. Brainerd of this village sold last week to Wm. Ricker, four lambs at \$6.50 each. Mr. Ricer bought them for the Boston market. It pays to have early lambs provided you take care of them. Some people think lambs will thrive on pitch wood and browse, but Brainerd thinks corn meal and sugar beets are preferable.

**Phillips Academy and Danville Graded School** - The summer term of this institution will commence on Monday, April 13, 1874 and continue 12 weeks under the instruction of Miss A.J. McPhee. Children residing out of the District can attend by paying a reasonable tuition. For particulars inquire of Chas. A. Davis, Chairman of the Commission.

**Henry R. Mack** - Manufacturer & Dealer in Marble Monuments and Head Stones. Hardwick, VT. Large and small; cheap and expensive; bought low and will be sold low.

# THE North Star MONTHLY

## New North Star Subscribers and Renewals

**Send the North Star to your friends. They'll stop asking for yours.**

**The North Star**  
Only \$15.00  
(17% off the cover price!)

\$24.00 for foreign subscriptions

Or send a year to yourself.

Paul & Sue-Ann Anair, Danville VT  
Clara Badger, St. Johnsbury VT  
Hank Bauer, Holmdel NJ  
Jeanette H. Bergeron, Keene NH

Paul & Diane Bigelow, Sanford NC  
Raymond S. Blanchard, Albany NY  
Cynthia Gordon Bond, Overton TX  
Mr. & Mrs. Duncan Bond, Peacham VT  
Stanley & Lynda Boyle, Seattle WA  
Anne & Art Brooks, Whitefish Bay WI  
Cristal Brown, Danville VT  
Jason Burnham, Concord MA  
John J. Buscemi, Lynn MA  
Phyllis Campbell, Scarborough ME  
Fred Carpenter, Walpole NH  
Marguerite Chamberlin, Monroe NH  
Lucille Chamberlin, Lyndonville VT  
Hank Cheney, St. Johnsbury VT  
Bill & Dierdre Chesbrough, Burlington VT  
Peg & Tom Chesbrough, Spartanburg SC  
David & Allison Chesbrough, West Glover VT  
Marjorie Chickering, Naples FL  
Howard Churchill, Waterford VT  
David T. & Joan B. Clark, St. Johnsbury VT  
Stanley S. & Gladys Collins, Waterford VT  
Esther B. Cuthbertson, McIndoes Falls VT  
Ray & Leonarda Dagesse, Danville VT

Mrs. Leona Daubert, Lebanon PA  
Mrs. Theia Davis, Lyndonville VT  
Tom & Camilla Dente, Middletown CT  
Mr. & Mrs. Michael R. Douglas, St. Johnsbury VT  
Duane Dunbar, Boothbay ME  
Barbara Dunbar, Barnet VT  
Anne Marie Francoeur, St. Johnsbury VT  
Monte Franke & Patti Duval, Saratoga Springs NY  
Judy Garland, Danville VT  
Robert J. Gibson, Barnet VT  
David & Jennifer Gile, Danville VT  
Kenneth Glaude, Wells River VT  
Paul Greenwood, Flagstaff AZ  
Sheila Griggs, Tucson AZ  
Mildred C. Gross, White River Jct. VT  
Wallace Hastings, Lyndonville VT  
Evelyn S. Hastings, Danville VT  
Miriam Hatch, Barnet VT  
Jayme and Pat Holland, Hollowell ME  
Margaret Brickett Hosmer, Dover NH  
Avis Houston, Craftsbury VT  
Arlene A. Hubbard, Danville VT

Marjorie Hunter, St. Albans VT  
Gayle Keach, St. Johnsbury VT  
Caroline Kittredge, Danville VT  
Mrs. Marcia LaLonde, Tempe AZ  
Jennifer & Benjamin Lam, Barnet VT  
Shirley Lamothe, Lyndonville VT  
Beulah Lawrence, Redington Shores FL  
Danny & Judy Lynaugh, Dahlonega GA  
Linda Maberry, El Dorado Springs MO  
Jenny & John MacKenzie, St. Johnsbury VT  
Dana Marshall, Walpole MA  
Alice McFadden, Rockland ME  
Leon McFarland, Danville VT  
Don McTigue, Youngstown OH  
Rev. & Mrs. Bert Miller, Bay Harbor Island FL  
Jim Minichiello, Peacham VT  
Nancy Mitiguy, Twin Mountain NH  
David & Alice Moore Jr., Tucson AZ  
Graham Newell, St. Johnsbury VT  
Simone & Pawel Nowacki, Binghamton NY  
Lyle M. Nunn, Cabot VT  
Paul Parsons, Essex Junction VT  
Don & Bobbi Pastula, West Danville VT

Roberta Perkins, Jensen Beach FL  
Delmar & Donna Petrie, Barnet VT  
Richard & Jean Pulsifer, St. Johnsbury VT  
Bernice Quimby, Monroe NH  
Wayne & Judy Randall, Mt. Sinai NY  
Robert E. Schoeler, New Braunfels TX  
Kathleen R. Scott, St. Johnsbury VT  
Mark & Claudia Seymour, Danville VT  
Mrs. Charlotte Simpson, St. Johnsbury VT  
Mr. & Mrs. Dennis R. Smith, St. Johnsbury VT  
Richard & Thelma Smith, Danville VT  
Mark W. Smith, Montpelier VT  
Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Warner Staley, Easton MD  
Mary Ide Swainbank, Lebanon NH  
Joe & Lil Swainbank, St. Johnsbury VT  
Arlene K. Thresher, Barnet VT  
Robert F. Vidman, Apple Valley MN  
Mildred Webster, Lakewood CO

### Please! Send a gift subscription to:

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
YOUR ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ APT. NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
YOUR CITY \_\_\_\_\_ YOUR STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

### Yes! Send me The North Star Monthly:

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Please let us know if you don't want your name published as a subscriber of The North Star.

Limited number of back issues are available for the previous 12 months. Get them for \$1.50 per copy at The North Star office or send \$2.50 each and we'll send them to you.

### SUBSCRIBE TODAY!

\$15 / year

North Star Monthly  
PO Box 319  
Danville, VT 05828

(802) 684-1056

Long Distance  
(800) 286-1056



## Letters to the Editor:

(Continued from Page 2)

### Finger Splits

Dear North Star,

I always enjoy reading the *North Star*, especially the editorials. I live in NJ, close to Red Bank & Freehold - mid-state near the shore - Bruce Springsteen country. And, I not only get finger splits (See Tim Tanner's *North Star* editorial: February 2005) but foot splits as well, on heels & soles. I tend to get them when the temperature drops below freezing for several days, which happens two or three times a winter in mid-NJ. This can happen as early as the beginning of December to the end of February, but not usually in November or March. Skin split-

ting, I think, is also dependent on humidity, which is typically very low when the temperature is below freezing. I've tried different moisturizers and found "Vaseline Deep Moisture Cream" to be the best.

I hope this helps with your Finger Splitting survey.

Keep up the great work.

Hank Bauer  
Holmdel, NJ

Dear North Star,

As usual I have read the *North Star* from cover to cover even all the ads. Keep up the good work.

Margaret Ide  
Danville

### Better Gardens

Dear North Star,

It's not too early to start thinking about spring. Some-

how, my garden plans are never quite right. My neighbors have perfected the art and constantly have birds, butterflies and other beautiful creatures swarming around. In an effort to keep up with the Jones', I went to the local bookstore. The clerk handed me *Making Kind Choices* by Ingrid Newkirk, president of PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals.) I raised my brows. I wanted a gardening book not the story of how cows become burgers. The salesperson reassured me that this was the book I needed.

It turns out she was right. Not only did I get ideas on how to make my garden more attractive to wildlife, but it opened my eyes to many easy ways to be a little more friendly to our furry and feathered neighbors (and I must admit I felt vindicated after reading about the advantages of doing less pruning and raking).

I recommend starting the growing season off right. Plant some red ivy geranium and morning glory (to attract the hummingbirds) and get a copy of this book. If more people read it, not only would the world be more peaceful, we'd all have gorgeous gardens.

Coleen Kearon  
Montpelier, VT

## Is It Time for a Revolution?

Sitting at lunch the other day with a good friend of long standing, I was surprised when he suggested that it is time for a revolution here at home. It was the kind of comment that I might have made with my enthusiastic dislike of the Bush administration and much that it stands for. We weren't talking about a violent revolution, of course, like the one the United States has tried to bring about in Iraq. We prefer the peaceful kind.

Intrigued by his comment, I asked him to explain. He replied in substance that the Iraq war goes on and on, and he was finally convinced that the Bush administration does not represent basic American values at home or abroad. There have been about 1,500 soldiers killed and more than 10,000 American soldiers seriously injured or maimed, with no letup in sight as the killing insurgency escalates. This is to say nothing about the devastation to Iraq's infrastructure.

What about the recent election and the hope for an eventual democratic government, I asked. Isn't that important? He doesn't expect that to happen and believes that the political groups are too selfish and demanding, particularly the Kurds. Hussein's Sunnis, probable sponsors of the insurgency, just don't want us around. He would further add that, at this point, it is the Iraqis problem, not ours.

I asked what else in the foreign relations area upset him. The nomination of John Bolton to be our representative to the United Nations was appalling. He has been a virtual enemy of the UN for years. What message is Bolton's appointment sending to the world? When the president ordered Syria out of Lebanon, as if he had the power to do so, the reply was for the Lebanese to re-elect the Syrian-supporting leader who had earlier resigned in response to mass protests. The message was clear: mind your own business. The president just doesn't know how to get along with other nations, or doesn't care.

Our conversation was a comfortable exchange of ideas, although we didn't share the same enthusiasm for all topics. It seemed that we were two kindred souls commiserating together about the follies of the Bush administration and the need for a drastic change.

Eventually the discussion shifted to domestic issues, about which there was no disagreement. We were flabbergasted by the recent testimony before Congress of Federal Reserve Board Chairman Alan Greenspan, a Republican. At last he said what has been obvious to many of us for months - budget deficits are not sustainable. But how would he reduce them?

Despite earlier massive tax cuts favoring the wealthy, he believes that taxes should not be raised because it would have a negative effect on the economy. We know that gun-happy Republicans will not reduce military spending. So where would the reductions have to come from? By inference from Greenspan's remarks, it is clear that Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid benefits would have to be reduced, along with funding for other social programs that many middle and low income Americans depend on.

Another perplexing problem for us was that we couldn't understand why the president was pushing so hard to amend Social Security to provide for private accounts. He spends much of his time these days going around the country, urging this change that experts agree would do nothing to solve whatever solvency problems there might be for Social Security in the future. It would create a major financial problem for the fund when minor adjustments would solve whatever problem may exist for the next 50 years.

I have been asking myself for months - what is he up to by focusing our attention on private accounts? Are there more serious

(See *Is It Time for a Revolution* on Page 5)

## Danville Restaurant & Inn

Casual Dining • Lodging • Fully Licensed

### FRIDAY NIGHT SPECIAL

Chicken Pie Buffet \$7.95

### SATURDAY NIGHT BUFFET: \$9.95

Breakfast: Tuesday - Saturday 7:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Lunch: Tuesday - Friday 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Dinner Reservations are a must.

Main Street, Danville VT  
(802) 684-3484

Steve A. Cobb, owner  
Justice of the Peace & Notary Public  
Weddings/Civil Unions  
By appointment or by chance



At the Carpet Connection  
We employ Flooring Specialists.  
Each crew in each van has its own  
area of expertise.

We have:

- A Carpet Crew
- A Vinyl Crew
- A Ceramic Crew
- A Hardwood Flooring Crew

Whatever type of floor covering you choose, you can be assured that if you turn to the Carpet Connection, someone trained in that specialty will install your new floor.

**JACK OF ALL TRADES? NO.**

We are the Master of One - Floor Covering.  
We are the Flooring Specialists.

### THE CARPET CONNECTION

"The Flooring Specialists" Wholesale & Retail  
11 Depot Street • Lyndonville, VT 05851 (802) 626-9026



"Quality comes first."

Residential • Commercial

Providing all aspects of electrical work including excavation for underground wiring and services.

Insured and licensed in

Vermont and New Hampshire.

For prompt professional service call:

**Matt Pettigrew (802) 751-8201**  
Danville, Vermont



## A Little Learnin' Is a Dangerous a Thing

In bygone times the phrase, "A little learnin' is a dangerous thing," meant something like this: Those who've had some schooling think they know it all. They try to tell others how to do differently the things they've always done, and generally cause havoc, having lost their common sense through education.

Today, the phrase has a different and much more serious meaning. In today's world "a little learning" is not nearly enough for personal survival or for the advancement of society. Everyday life has become very complex, and although common sense is an important attribute, it must be backed up by sound, up-to-date knowledge. Economic independence, agricultural improvements, health care, scientific advancement, medical research, communications, international relations and the very survival of democracy depend on a population that has a solid educational base.

Economic independence - the ability to support oneself and have choices about where one lives and works - is for all but the very privileged few, dependent on having the best education possible. In the United States, having a college degree automatically provides a person with greater opportunities for economic independence. Of course, it doesn't guarantee employment, but it gives the tools for finding a decent job.

Well-educated teenage girls have fewer unwanted pregnancies. Educated women who have more control over their fertility generally have fewer children and play a greater role in guiding the education of those children they do have. They are also able to be economically independent. These factors have a positive impact on society as a whole.

An educated electorate is one of the checks and balances in a democratic political system. It is extremely

important that all citizens have enough education to be able to judge for themselves (without being manipulated by the media) the merits of legislation that can affect not only their lives but those of generations to come.

Students who drop out of high school, or do only the bare minimum to get by, automatically put themselves at a great disadvantage. Although there are other ways to get an education, they are more difficult, time-consuming and demanding of discipline on the part of the student for their successful completion. One way in which the lack of education and economic independence is beginning to have an impact on the lives of some American young people is by making them vulnerable to what is now being called the "economic draft."

According to the *Washington Post* of February 23, 2005, at a time when Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld has authorized an increase in the level of

active duty Army personnel from 480,000 to 510,000, the Army and Marine recruitment is falling short of its projected goals, mainly because of the uncertainties of the war in Iraq. In order for the Pentagon to enlist the necessary personnel, the basic recruitment benefit has been increased to almost \$16,000. It has therefore become more expensive to recruit volunteers. To make recruiting more productive, recruiters are focusing their attention on low income areas where this amount of money is very meaningful, or in the terminology of the U.S. Army Research Institute, financially constrained neighborhoods, shopping malls and public schools.

According to the *Boston Globe*, recruiters "saturate life" in these areas where this type of focused recruiting is becoming an exploitation of the economic needs of a target group. Recruiters enhance their efforts to pull in even more youth from these economically depressed areas by using the social aspects of peer pressure and the need to be part of the group. A short period between recruitment and basic training, and the need for "boots on the ground," sends young recruits into an extremely dangerous environment. It is clearly in the country's best interests to have an adequate and well-educated army. It is also clear that the current wars in Iraq and Afghanistan make service in the military less attractive than in peacetime, but it is unfair that an economic draft should be the way to solve the problems of recruitment.

Isobel P. Swartz

## Is It Time for a Revolution?

(Continued from Page 4)

challenges at home and abroad that he should be dealing with, and doesn't want us to focus on - such as inadequate funding for Medicare and Medicaid? The budget and foreign trade deficits are worrisome.

If the value of the dollar continues to decline relative to the value of the Japanese yen and the European euro, Asian and European nations could begin to sell our bonds and invest the proceeds in

those other currencies. We would have to raise interest rates, at considerable cost to us taxpayers, to again attract foreign investors.

Such an exodus of foreign investors would invite inflation, destabilize the stock market by reducing the value of stocks and cause who knows what other economic catastrophes? A flight of foreign investors away from our bonds has never happened in the post-World War II era.

Our joint answer to the question posed in the title of

this editorial is an unequivocal "yes." My friend reminded me of the most obvious way for such a revolution to start: elect a Democratic Congress in 2006. If that happens, we know that in time there would be a tsunami-like shift in our domestic and foreign policies. It would contribute to a safer and saner world and a more tranquil life for us here at home.

John Downs

## Free Checking... and a Free Gift!

Are you getting all the benefits, service and personal attention you deserve from your bank? Get more value, more control, and more opportunities to save money with a Union Bank checking account today!

You'll appreciate the convenience, value, and benefits of banking with us! For a limited time, we'll even give you a FREE Sports Duffel Bag when you open ANY Union Bank personal checking account. It's just our way of saying "thanks" for banking with us. Hurry while supplies last!

Experience Union Bank today:

- Friendly personal service
- Local decision-making
- Free Internet banking
- A new line-up of money-saving accounts

**Stop by today and open your new account!**



**Union Bank**

Member FDIC

Equal Housing Lender

For a complete list of convenient locations, visit us online at [www.unionbankvt.com](http://www.unionbankvt.com) or call toll free 1-800-362-1391.



**BERKSHIRE PAINTING CORPORATION**

- Painting & Staining
- Interior & Exterior
- Power Washing
- Sheet Rock Repair
  - Quality Work
  - Free Estimates
  - Fully Insured

Doug Winseck (802) 626-4071 East Burke

**Pōdō SHOES**

We specialize in sizes and widths

Brands include: Munro, Dansko, Ecco, Dunham, Stonefly, Naot, Beautifeel, Think, H.S., Trask, Blundstone, El Naturalista, Haflinger, Santana, Joseph Seibel, Soft Spots, Apex

And NOW

Arche • Mephisto • Red Wing

New Spring Styles & Brands at

**Pōdō SHOES**

Hours: Monday-Saturday 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

418 Railroad Street, Suite 1

St. Johnsbury, VT (802) 748-4500



# This is No Ordinary Frozen Dessert

microns were measured and the pies were put under the microscope of critical testing. The champion, our Super Bowl winner, was a 100% butter crust covering Cortland apples.

The Vermont Mystic Pie box held my attention. Its graphics by Steve Huneck in St. Johnsbury and its tribute to Vermont products including King Arthur Flour, Cabot Cream-ery Butter and Empire, Northern Spy and

thin slices were cut away and served. The result was totally unexpected. Eight experienced and dead-serious critics with their own reputations on the line sat at the table and poked and tasted - first the filling and then the crust. Slowly there were smiles, a few nods and then a unanimous roar, "NOT BAD!"

No, as we've come to say with our sometimes painful Vermont understatement, it wasn't bad at all.

David Barash is the foun-der of the Vermont Mystic Pie Company.

Barash lives

in Stowe, but his pies are

made (for the time

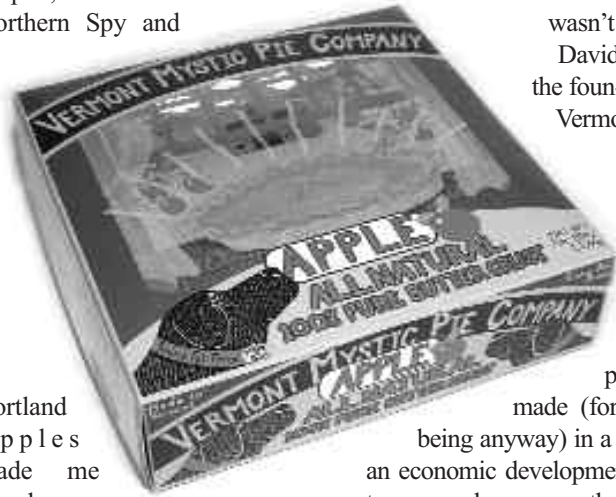
being anyway) in a kitchen in an economic development incubator space known as the Vermont Food Venture Center in Fairfax.

Barash is an entrepreneur with a resume that includes experience as consultant, officer, investor and

shareholder with companies like Celestial Seasonings Tea Co., Stonyfield Farm, Catamount Brewery, Autumn Harp and Ben & Jerry's. As he likes to say, "All were founder led and socially innovative businesses."

In December 2002 Barash was looking for a place to put his own stake in the ground. He says that in a conversation with longtime friend Ben Cohen the idea of a food business came up - maybe a pie capitalizing on the best of Vermont's farms and fields. "Ben had the seed," he says, "and I guess I was fertile ground." Barash is a self-proclaimed pie fan, and the vision of Vermont apples and Vermont pies had him off and running.

When he looked in the marketplace for a premium, all-natural, bake-and-serve pie, he found a vacuum. He found, too, that the Vermont apple market has declined 40% since 1990 in great part because of the erosion of the so-called utility apple market. Utility apples are those that go into pies and juices. "It's cheaper," he says, "for the big juice guys to buy apple puree shipped from China than to buy it from Vermont." The vision, it



Cortland Apples made me wonder ... Could this be the Holy Grail of frozen desserts?

The pie finished baking, and we let it cool as directed. Finally



Photo By: North Star Monthly

David Barash (left) is the founder of the Vermont Mystic Apple Pie Company. Laura Nedich, a nutritionist and experienced baker, is the head of production.

seemed, could be good for Vermont.

Like any entrepreneur putting his own idea up for grabs, Barash was a believer. He went to the county fairs, and he ate lots of pies. He sought advice from the best pie makers he could find and held a statewide contest to find the best recipe. He got help from the New England Culinary Institute and confirmed that he wanted a butter crust (no chemicals or additives and no trans-fats) and apples from Vermont.

He persuaded King Arthur Flour in Norwich, VT and Cabot Creamery to join with their flour and butter, and through associations along the way he met Laura Nedich. Nedich has a degree in nutrition from the University of Vermont and a diploma from the pastry program at the Culinary Institute of America.

Barash says, "I'm no baker, but when Laura and I agreed on the taste and I understood her work ethic, I knew I had the best baker around."

They agreed on a mix of seasonings and a blend of apples from

**Could this be the Holy Grail of frozen desserts?**

the earth-friendly Champlain Orchards, specifically Empires, Cortland and Northern Spy.

During the summer, Ben Cohen and Barash sought inspiration for the company's packaging and found Steven Huneck at an

(See *It Was Mystic* on Next Page) (Continued from Page 6) exhibit at the Phoenix Gallery in

## We don't just lend you the money. We lend a hand.



**HOME CONSTRUCTION LOANS**

As your local neighborhood banking partner, we work hard to make building your home a bit easier. The goal of our home construction loan is to give you financial flexibility when you need it most - it's just something a good neighbor should do.

Anybody can give you a home construction loan, but not everybody can give you the attention you deserve.

For more information, contact your local mortgage specialists.

Dave Cowens St. Johnsbury (802) 751-4218	Ellen Stanley Newport (802) 334-6529
--	--

Cathy Clark  
Lyndonville  
(802) 626-9211



Have-Downs Mortgage Specialist, St. Johnsbury

St. Johnsbury • Danville • Island Pond  
Lyndonville • Newport • Linton, NH

### Passumpsic Savings Bank

Your Partner in Financial Success

www.passumpsticbank.com






## Danville Animal Hospital Cats Only Vaccination Clinic

**Saturday, April 2**  
 12 noon - 2:00 p.m.  
 at the Danville Office  
*Please bring cats in pet carriers.*  
**No Appointment necessary (802) 684-2284**



## Custom Framing to Suit Your Home



**The Framing Format & Gallery**  
 485 Lafayette Street, St. Johnsbury, Vt.  
 802-748-3964 ♦ 800-699-3964



# It Feels Like a Commonwealth

VAN PARKER

Four states in our country of 50 states call themselves “commonwealths.” One is Massachusetts. The others are Pennsylvania, Virginia and Kentucky. This may sound like another bit of trivia in an already trivia filled world. It might make a good question on Jeopardy, but

is that all there is to it? A dictionary in our home defines commonwealth as “the whole body of people in a nation or state” and “a state in which the supreme power is held by the people.” A related word is commonweal, defined as “the common welfare, the public good.”

The idea of a commonwealth is carried on in public parks like

Central Park, the Boston Commons or the Danville Green. These places belong to all of us. You can go to hear a band concert, sit on a bench, go for a walk or feed the ducks.

What are the origins of the word commonwealth or commonweal? Probably they come from many sources: the scriptures, the Athenians. Perhaps

they derive from English common law or the practices of native tribes around the world. A commonwealth could be as small as a family or a neighborhood or obviously as large as a state, a country or, even, the whole world. It describes what could be as well as what actually is.

At this year’s town meetings Vermonters in over 50 towns expressed their views and took a vote on the Iraq War. Was it right to go in there? Was it wrong? Should the troops come home? This is hardly an academic matter in a state that has lost a higher proportion of its residents than any other state in the country. People feel that loss in a small state like Vermont. In response to the question, “Is this a local issue,” one person answered, “The war in Iraq is a local issue.”

A few years ago the Vermont legislature passed a bill known as “Act 60.” Act 60 was not a perfect bill, and I understand it has been changed in some ways since its original passage. But the idea behind the bill was that children in poorer towns as well as wealthier ones should start on a

fairly level playing field with respect to their opportunities for education. It’s only fair in a state or a commonwealth.

During the winter my wife and I live in Connecticut. Connecticut is a diverse state but with some of the same instincts as Vermont. Called “the land of steady habits” Connecticut changes slowly and usually in a more inclusive direction. (As I write this in early March the state legislature is about to pass a Civil Union bill).

When we head north to Vermont we drive up I-91 and usually stop at the Vermont Welcome Center, about 5 miles north of the Massachusetts line. I’ve never seen a welcome center quite like it. If you happen to be driving north from Massachusetts or wherever, it’s a good place to take a break. And it has a restful atmosphere with pictures and an introduction to each area of the state. When I walk in there I take a deep breath and relax a little. It feels like I’m entering a commonwealth or perhaps it’s just coming home. ★

## It Was Mystic Pie at First Slice

Burlington. The result of their conversation is Huneck’s folk-art image of a steaming pie on an open widow sill - bright red, purple and yellow graphics - and Huneck’s familiar black dog, Sally, eyeing the scene. The Vermont Mystic Pie packaging is distinctive, and sitting on the shelf, once empty of super premium, ready-to-bake desserts, it too is - not bad.

Pie production began in August 2004 with a rush, as Barash says, “to fill the pipeline.” He had identified 100 stores in New England, New York and New Jersey from neighborhood groceries and gourmet food shops to health food stores where he figured people who buy “real food” could be found.

Under Nedich’s careful attention the crew made and froze pies by the pallet. They shipped 3,200 pies, and in September Barash discovered his pies were outselling the competition at a rate of 5 to 1. The delivery truck was back in Fairfax and waiting for more inventory.

Through the holidays Vermont Mystic put out 1,400 apple pies a week, and today Barash is making plans to leave the incubator space in Fairfax and ramp up production in an industrial scale facility in

Burlington. His plan for the company is to focus on New England with something like 300 stores and a small family of flavors. He likes the sound of strawberry rhubarb, blueberry and sour cherry to go with the original apple. “This is never going to be like Howard Johnson’s with 28 flavors,” he says, “but our objective is to create a super-premium niche in the market where one didn’t exist before. I want to put a product on that shelf and see that people are happy with what they find.”

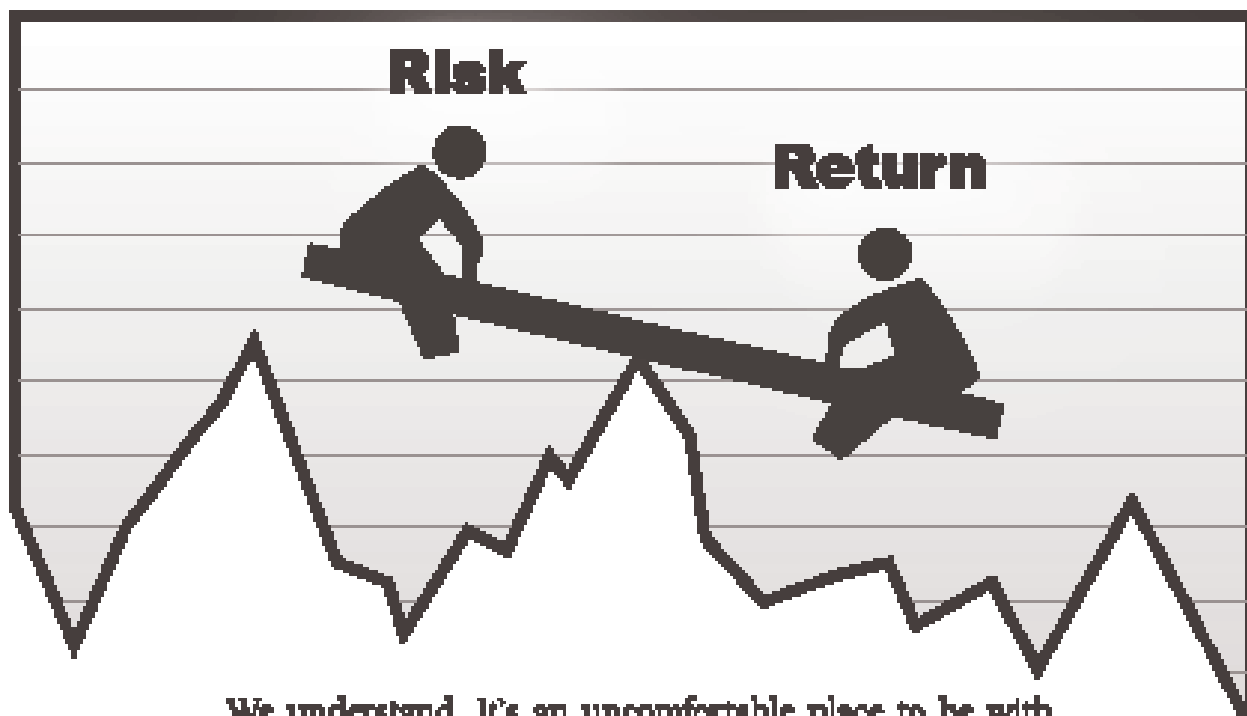
Barash laughs as he watches

the Vermont Mystic Pie production rolling forward. “It’s not like people are going to buy one of these pies and keep it. I’m pretty sure they’ll take it home and somehow it will disappear ... and they’ll be back for another one.”

He’s right. Try one of these pies. It will disappear, and, mark my words, you’ll be talking about it and looking forward to the next one.



## Want Off the Teeter-Totter?



We understand. It's an uncomfortable place to be with your IRA or savings CD - trying to balance rate of return with level of risk.

At Community National Bank, there's another way.

### 30-month CD/IRA Special

Interest rate: 3.02%  
Term: 30 months

Annual Percentage Yield: 3.07%\*  
Minimum deposit: \$1,000.00

Limited time offer. Visit my local branch now.



Community National Bank

Member FDIC

Derby • Ferris • Burton • Derby Line • Island Pond • Montpelier • Newport • St. Johnsbury • Troy

Serving Vermont Communities since 1851

\* Annual Percentage Yield calculated on minimum balance of \$1,000.00 and accurate as of January 25, 2005. Rate subject to change. Term 30 months. Non-renewable. Penalty for early withdrawal. Fees may reduce earnings. This offer is for a limited time only.

ST. J. FOOD CO-OP

Eat better.

Fresh Local Organic

The meat from Badger Brook Farm in Danville, the Chickens from Misty Knoll are local, organic and most wonderful tasting. Come try a truly fresh egg, from Second Chance Farm, Penny never goes to bed without saying thank you to her feathered friends. Come to celebrate the Earth-day at the St. J. Food Co-op on Friday, April 22 The St. J. Food Coop, the next best thing to a Farmers' Market.

Open: Mon - Wed & Sat 9-6  
Thurs & Fri 9-7; Sundays 11-4  
Member or Not, Anybody Can Shop

490 Portland Street  
St. Johnsbury VT  
(802) 748-9498

# Fairbanks Museum Gallery Sheds Light on the Weather

ANNA DOWNES

Meteorologists Mark Breen and Steve Maleski share vast passion for the weather.

Together, they prepare and produce "Eye on the Sky," the weather forecast which reaches millions of listeners in Vermont, New Hampshire and northern New York, as well as parts of Quebec, Massachusetts and Maine over the airwaves of Vermont Public Radio.

Their vision of our regional weather is informed by state-of-the-art sensors mounted on top of the Fairbanks Museum and a vast network of human observers. From a studio at the Museum, Breen and Maleski deliver a distinctive blend of history, lore and precise regional forecasting that has made *Eye on the Sky* a standard on VPR since 1981.

From far-reaching astronomical information to down-to-Earth "Farm & Garden" forecasts, the *Eye on the Sky* blends science and public interest. Breen and Maleski bring their subject to life with personality and passion. Their interest in weather goes beyond predicting the amount of snowfall or the best days for haying and includes a perspective that relates weather to everyday activities.

"In Vermont, in particular, weather plays a big role in the economy," says Breen. "I enjoy wonderful conversations with farmers, skiers, factory managers, teachers, hang-gliders, bicyclists, hunters, hikers - just to name a few. They each help me understand the different parts of the weather that affect their activities, which in turn help me to focus on certain aspects of the weather, say the wind or humidity or temperature."

Breen was involved with community theater as a student in the meteorology program at Lyndon State College. Friends and family in Vermont and his love of the outdoors brought him to the Museum, where he and Maleski embarked on what would become an institution for weather fans.

For Maleski, the journey to St. Johnsbury seems almost fated. He tells about witnessing an approaching thunderstorm when he was 5. He describes the same awe and wonder that he brings to his broadcasts today. "At that moment I remember thinking, 'I'm going to be a weatherman,' almost as if someone were speaking to me. From that time, I knew what I wanted to do."

Maleski also found the mete-

orology program at Lyndon State offered the right mix of academic challenge in a beautiful setting. Except for a brief stint in Atlanta, Maleski has lived in the Northeast Kingdom since 1978.

The unique blend of rugged terrain and classic northern New England climate add up to an exciting challenge for anyone interested in weather. For meteorologists, the task of seeing what lies just beyond the horizon requires a knowledge of history and landscape, as well as a knack for telling a many-sided story in a way that anyone can follow.

Breen's linguistic practice over years of *Eye on the Sky* broadcasts and newspaper writing has given him a range of comparisons and colorful images: "The complex terrain of mountains and valleys creates a virtual smorgasbord of weather events, either changing over the course of the day, or perhaps behaving differently across the region. It is not uncommon to see sun, clouds, snow, sleet, freezing rain, and rain all occurring over some part of the area."

*Eye on the Sky* is a partnership of minds and work habits. According to Maleski, "Breen has always been an early morning guy, so when we were figuring out the schedule he said he'd

take the early shift, and I was just as happy to let him have it!" Breen arrives at the Museum between 4:00 and 5:00 for morning forecasts and works until noon or 1:00, monitoring weather equipment, recording *Eye on the Sky*, and juggling a variety of additional responsibilities. Breen is also director of Vermont's only public planetarium, which was opened in St. Johnsbury in 1961. Both teach weather science, natural history and astronomy at the Museum.

Breen and Maleski strive to be as accurate as possible and work toward becoming as close to modern soothsayers as they can with regard to the weather, especially high-impact events. Vermont weather can be severe, even dangerous, and information to warn travelers about an approaching storm or flood is part of their mission.

They also pay close attention to early and late frosts in their Farm & Garden reports, aware of Vermont's many small farms, large flower beds and the very short growing season.

Breen is philosophical about the limits of this science, "I am fortunate to be in a state and a region where people understand that the weather has its own agenda, and the best I can do is work with the information I have, and then see how it turns out. It seems like an on-going form of education."

Each storm adds some new dimension to how I understand

how the weather works." At the same time, he admits, "I suppose the greatest pressure comes from me. I hate being wrong!"

**From a studio at the Museum, Breen and Maleski deliver a distinctive blend of history, lore and precise regional forecasting that has made Eye on the Sky a standard on VPR since 1981.**

One *Eye on the Sky* specialty is the far-reaching range of weather-related subjects woven into forecasts and updates that have become part of the everyday listening agenda in urban and rural parts of the state.

Their broadcasts incorporate historical highlights and global trends to put some events in perspective. Astronomy - Sun, stars and planets - broadens the notion of sky into the cosmos and helps listeners explore, in Maleski's words, "the great slow dance that unfolds over the course of the year."

Even geological phenomena like earthquakes and tsunamis fall under the *Eye on the Sky*

## Fred W. Lewis

**Fuel Oil  
and Kerosene  
Cash Discounts  
Automatic Deliveries**

**(802) 748-3011** *Serving this area  
for over 50 years.*

Tracks of Extinction Celebrates

## Years of Dinosaurs

Stuffed Dinosaurs, Kid's Fleece Jackets & Vests...

# 21

Join us at our OPEN HOUSE  
Friday, April 8, 2005  
4:00-7:00 p.m.

79 Park Street  
"On the Green"  
Danville, Vermont  
(802) 684-3462 Claudia Balivet



## WE DO CARD TRICKS

Imagine your photo or full color artwork on a notecard or postcard. Small quantities are easy and affordable. Come see what Trill Press has up its sleeve!

Vermont's Fine Small Printer

Tel. 802 748-4777  
Toll Free 1-800-849-1777  
Email trill@trill.net  
108 Concord Ave.  
St. Johnsbury






**THE SAWYER & RITCHIE**  
AGENCY

A DIVISION OF NUGLE W. JOHNSON INSURANCE, INC.

Rest Assured ~

**Sawyer & Ritchie offers:**

- All lines of Insurance Coverage,**
- Professional Prompt Service,**
- Convenient Location and**
- Convenient Parking**

Open 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday  
Weekends and Evenings by appointment

PO Box 196  
Danville, VT 05828  
**(802) 684-3411**  
(800) 734-2203 (VT toll free)



*From left: Cindy White, Donna Percy, John Blackmore, Joan Field, George Coppentrath, Betsy McKay, Sam Kempton, Darlene Pilbin, Sue Coppentrath and Cindy Hastings.*



umbrella because they relate to understanding the fundamental forces that shape our existence on this planet. Breen and Maleski bring their own fascination with natural sciences to their work, "from the blossoms of spring, the steam from the maple sugar houses, the first strawberries, the first bluebirds of spring, the first black flies (ouch!), the colors of fall."

A new *Eye on the Sky* Weather Gallery, designed to inspire the same fascination and appreciation of the forces and science behind wind and rain will open at the Fairbanks Museum on April 1. Rich colors complement the rich information presented so that weather watchers can appreciate the beauty of satellite imagery and the structure of a snowflake. "Weather is such a common thread in people's lives, yet the science behind it is intricate and complex," says Breen. "The new Weather Gallery permits visitors to peel away the layers of complexity to discover the basic scientific principles that can turn a sunny day into a fearsome display of nature's power."

The Weather Gallery features four kiosks examining specific elements of weather science: wind, temperature, pressure and moisture. Computer animated graphics illustrate the forces behind wind and the energy of heat.

"When you walk into the

Weather Gallery," Breen says, "you can immediately take hold of the weather, or at least take hold of an exhibit that encourages you to change and observe air pressure." But just what is air pressure, and what does it have to do with the weather? The colorful, interactive Weather Gallery has been designed to peek into the inner workings of hurricanes, blizzards and even a gentle sea breeze.

The inspiration for science in the public interest dates back to Franklin Fairbanks, founder of the Museum and his meticulous weather notebooks. Starting in the mid-1800s, Franklin Fairbanks observed and recorded clouds and precipitation. In his careful script, he recorded how weather conditions affected daily activities and the success of his gardens.

Museum staff began recording daily weather statistics shortly after its doors were opened in 1891. The weather data collected at the Museum represents the longest continuous record of

weather at the same location in Vermont.

Fred Mold, director of the Museum from 1948 to 1977, built a weather station and began broadcasting forecasts. Early broadcasts in the 1950s on a local radio station began with Fred Mold extending his curiosity and enthusiasm for the natural world to observations about the conditions of the day, saving the final 30 seconds of a four-minute spot for the forecast.

The Museum will soon add a third meteorologist to its staff to bring up-to-the-minute weather broadcasts to the public seven days a week. With support from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), a state-of-the-art digital computer weather logging station was installed on the roof of the Museum this fall. The industrial grade high-resolution sensors enable the Museum to bring real-time weather science to the public through the *Eye on the Sky* gallery and on its website. ★



Photo By: Jamie Cope

Mark Breen (left) and Steve Maleski produce the daily *Eye on the Sky* weather forecast at the Fairbanks Museum in St. Johnsbury. On April 1, the Museum will open its new *Eye on the Sky* Weather Gallery. Inspired by the same fascination for the science behind wind and rain that keeps Breen and Maleski looking at the sky and describing what they see, the Gallery explains the workings of hurricanes, blizzards and even a gentle breeze.



**Linda M. Sayers**  
Reiki Master  
& Lightwork Practitioner  
Feeling better is a touch away!  
Call: 802-533-2378

Experience Healing & Relaxation



ROUTE 114 • EAST BURKE VILLAGE  
802.626.3514

fresh ideas...fresh ingredients

Special April Hours... Serving Dinner Friday & Saturday Nights  
Brunch on Sundays

# SUZUKI'S ARE HERE!!!

**Tim Carbonneau, General Manager of the All New Quality Motors, has announced that 50+ new Suzuki vehicles have arrived. "This is a great addition to our pre-owned center," Tim said. He proudly boasts, "With the new line of Suzuki vehicles, Quality Motors will now offer brand new import vehicles with THE LOWEST PRICE and LONGEST WARRANTY in the Northeast Kingdom!"**



## GREAT SELECTION OF PRE-OWNED IMPORTS!!!

 <p><b>2004 TOYOTA MATRIX XR</b> Sport Model, 1 owner, moonroof, alloy, loaded. <b>Wor \$22,996.</b> <b>Value Price: \$16,996</b></p>	 <p><b>2004 SUZUKI AERIO WAGON</b> All wheel drive, 1 owner, loaded. <b>Wor \$16,996.</b> <b>Value Price: \$13,964</b></p>	 <p><b>2004 NISSAN SENTRA 1.8i</b> Only 4,000 miles, 4 door, 1 owner, loaded. <b>Wor \$12,996.</b> <b>Value Price: \$12,988</b></p>	 <p><b>2004 SUZUKI VERONA LX</b> Only 3,000 miles, 4 door, leather, power seat, moonroof. <b>Wor \$22,996.</b> <b>Value Price: \$16,893</b></p>	 <p><b>2004 KIA SPECTRA LX</b> Only 6,000 miles, all new design. <b>Wor \$13,996.</b> <b>Value Price: \$10,863</b></p>	 <p><b>2003 HYUNDAI SONATA</b> 4 door, moonroof, loaded. <b>Wor \$14,996.</b> <b>Value Price: \$12,763</b></p>		
 <p><b>2003 HONDA CIVIC EX</b> 4 door, moonroof, 1 owner, loaded. <b>Wor \$17,996.</b> <b>Value Price: \$16,933</b></p>	 <p><b>2004 VOLKSWAGEN JETTA</b> Only 26,000 miles, 4 door, 1 owner. <b>Wor \$12,996.</b> <b>Value Price: \$9,988</b></p>	 <p><b>2003 BMW Z4</b> Convertible, 1 owner, only 2,000 miles. <b>Wor \$32,996.</b> <b>Value Price: \$29,999</b></p>	 <p><b>2003 BMW 325</b> WOW - 12,000 miles, 4 dr, loaded. <b>Wor \$22,996.</b> <b>Value Price: \$28,777</b></p>	 <p><b>2004 VOLKSWAGEN BEETLE</b> 4 door, air, sunroof, low miles, 1 owner. <b>Wor \$12,996.</b> <b>Value Price: \$8,804</b></p>	 <p><b>2004 TOYOTA COROLLA LE</b> 4 door, 1 owner, low miles, loaded. <b>Wor \$12,996.</b> <b>Value Price: \$9,947</b></p>		
 <p><b>2004 SUZUKI PROWLER</b> 4 wheel drive, 4 door, only 6,000 miles. <b>Wor \$22,996.</b> <b>Value Price: \$19,867</b></p>	 <p><b>2003 TOYOTA 4-RUNNER</b> Limited Model, 4 door, 16,000 miles, loaded. <b>Wor \$24,996.</b> <b>CALL US! VERY RARE FIND!</b></p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">"WE KNOW PRICE MATTERS"</p>				 <p><b>2003 SUZUKI ASCENDER</b> 4 door, loaded, 4 wheel drive. Come see and... <b>SAVE THOUSANDS!</b></p>	 <p><b>2003 SUZUKI XL-7</b> 4 door, 4 wheel drive, loaded, alloy, 1 owner. <b>Wor \$22,996.</b> <b>Value Price: \$16,966</b></p>

\*MSRP. MSRP DOWN. Best financing or 0% on the @ 7.99% to qualified buyers. Tax, title, reg. not included. MSRP includes dealer prep. V.T. tax. Price good while stocks last. Actual dealer price may differ from this listing. Quality MSRP on hand responsible for discrepancies. MSRP in or all for complete details.

## 30 MORE CARS - TRUCKS - VANS & SUV'S - WITH HUGE SAVINGS!!!

- |  |  |   |
|--|--|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2005 BUICK CENTURY Low miles, loaded, power seat</li> <li>2004 PONTIAC GRAND AM GT Loaded, alloy, moonroof</li> <li>2004 DODGE NEON SXT 4 door, loaded, alloy, heat pockets</li> <li>2004 CHEVROLET CAVALIER Sport coupe, 1 owner, low miles</li> <li>2004 CHEVROLET TRAIL BLAZER Loaded, power seat, 4 door</li> <li>2004 DODGE CARAVAN Only 13,000 miles, 1 owner, 2 passenger</li> <li>2004 CHEVROLET TRACKER 4 door, alloy, loaded, 4 door</li> <li>2003 GMC SONOMA CREW CAB 4 door, loaded, 4 door</li> <li>2003 CHEVROLET S-10 X-CAB Only 10,000 miles. 1.8 liter, 1 owner</li> <li>2003 CHEVROLET SILVERADO X-CAB Only 21,000 miles, 4 door, loaded</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2003 DODGE CARAVAN 1 owner, 4 wheel drive</li> <li>2002 CHRYSLER SEBRING LX Loaded, heat seats</li> <li>2002 CADILLAC DEVILLE Low-low miles, auto, 4 door</li> <li>2002 CHRYSLER PT CRUISER Only 10,000 miles, fully loaded</li> <li>2002 CHEVROLET BLAZER Only 29,000 miles, loaded, moonroof</li> <li>2002 ISUZU AXIOM 4 wheel drive, come take a peek</li> <li>2002 CHEVROLET S-10 X-CAB 4 wheel drive, low miles, auto</li> <li>2002 GMC 1500 PICKUP Only 19,000 miles, 6 cyl, auto, 1 owner</li> <li>2001 CHEVROLET BLAZER LT model, 4 door, loaded</li> <li>2001 NISSAN FRONTIER X-CAB Super, air, alloy</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2000 GMC 1500 X-CAB 4 wheel drive, low miles, alloy</li> <li>2000 DODGE DAKOTA X-CAB Only 30,000 miles, SXT, 1 owner</li> <li>2000 NISSAN FRONTIER X-CAB 4 wheel drive, loaded, automatic</li> <li>1999 GMC SIERRA PICKUP SLE, loaded, 4 wheel drive</li> <li>1999 OLDSMOBILE Alero Local trade, all to, inexpensive</li> <li>1998 MERCURY TRADER LS model, loaded, low miles</li> <li>1997 CHEVROLET 1500 PICKUP 4 door, Silverado, loaded</li> <li>1995 GMC 2500 PICKUP Automatic, low miles, 4 door</li> <li>1995 CHEVROLET 1500 PICKUP Only 73,000 miles, 4 door, auto</li> <li>1994 GMC SONOMA PICKUP 4 door, automatic, only 70,000 miles</li> </ul> |
|--|--|---|

## NEW HAMPSHIRE RESIDENTS PAY NO SALES TAX!!!

U.S. ROUTE 5 NORTH  
MEMORIAL DRIVE  
ST. JOHNSBURY, VERMONT  
Mon.-Fri., 8:00 - 6:00  
Sat., 8:00 - 4:00  
After Hours Ready • By Appointment

The Deal Makers!

QUALITY MOTORS

THE USED CAR SPECIALISTS  
**1.800.748.2209**

We Make It Happen!



TIM DUSSENBOLD, BILL DUNN, BOB HAYES, BRUCE CLARKSON

IN ST. JOHNSBURY CALL US AT: (802) 748-2209



# Pilgrims from Montpelier

TERRY HOFFER

Fareed Zakaria is editor of *Newsweek International* and, according to *Esquire Magazine*, "the most influential foreign policy adviser of his generation." When Zakaria gave the keynote address at the 2004 George D. Aiken Lecture Series at the University of Vermont last September, Linda Wheatley must have smiled.

Zakaria told his audience that the most effective thing anyone can do to understand and have an effect on U.S. foreign policy is travel. At the time, Wheatley was making plans to take a group of students from Montpelier High School to Thailand.

Seventeen years ago Wheatley was a student in the Master's in Community Nutrition Program at Mahidol University in Bangkok. From 1992 to 1995 she lived in Thailand as an administrator for the Peace Corps and established permanent friendships among her contacts in the region of Isaarn, the rural north-

eastern region of the country. Isaarn has the driest climate, the least development and the poorest farming families in Thailand.

**"It was a lot of work for everyone and a ton of money to be sure, but it's a fabulous investment in kids."**

**- Linda Wheatley**

Wheatley proposed the two week trip last spring, and despite the myriad of conflicting classroom and extra-curricular activities she had 30 interested students. "Life is meant to be meaningful," she says, "and I saw this as the kind of experience that is critical to becoming a global citizen - and a contributing and thoughtful citizen at home."

Wheatley estimated the need

to raise \$50,000 for the group and, to the extent that was possible, ensure that everyone who wanted to go could do so. She and other interested parents developed a pre-trip curriculum including group problem solving exercises, independent reading- and study-projects, seminars on democracy and education, respectful travel, environmental and cultural sensitivity and optional opportunities to study Buddhism and the Thai language.

In the meantime, fundraising was in progress, some of the original members dropped out and the group, as Wheatley says, found a way to make it work. "It was a lot of work for everyone and a ton of money to be sure, but it's a fabulous investment in kids."

On February 18, the group of 19 students with Wheatley and other chaperones left Montpelier. They returned 16 days later on March 6. They started in Bangkok, Thailand's capital city with a population of 12 million and then visited Ayutthaya, the previous capital destroyed by the Burmese more than 200 years ago. From Ayutthaya they went to the rural area of Isaarn and the village of Ban Sasom where the students from Vermont were matched in pairs with host families where the annual family income is \$800 per year.

Although limited in their language skills, Emily Turner, a senior, says, "We played soccer and we taught them to dance. There was a nonverbal buzz, an appreciation of each other and the universal language of laughter that connected us together."

Erin McCreary, a senior, says, "Everyone of us wants to go back. We all realized after less than a week with our host fami-



Photo By: Linda Wheatley

The group from Montpelier High School were guests treated, as Linda Wheatley says, "like rock stars" at the Ubon High School in Ubon Ratchathani in northeastern Thailand. The February 22 event was an all-day student celebration of the 700 graduating seniors. The six Americans in the photo are (from left in the rear) Evy Sandusky, Aria Allen, Ben Schneible, Kelly Steffen, Eli Sherman and Alex Aten.

lies just how mixed up our priorities are in America."

Ben Schneible is a senior. He says, "I learned more in two weeks than in four years of high school."

Ana Popovic, a junior, says, "All of us left something there and brought something back."

Aria Allen is a senior. She says, "I've traveled more than a lot of my friends, but every time I go away I realize how much more there is to learn - and how happy you can be with so little."

Wheatley says, "My hope was that all of these kids would realize the danger in getting too firmly attached to your beliefs. You see other people in other cultures and other circumstances and you rethink what is really important."

Schneible says, "We all have given new thought to what's

important in life, and I'm sure a lot of people don't get the chance. Today some of the material things that I thought were important ... I realize really are not."

Wheatley and the Montpelier High School students have been back from their trip only a few short weeks. But they are already raising money again for scholarships in the village of Ban Sasom, where education beyond the 9th grade costs \$250 per year. Wheatley says, "For a family living on \$800 a year, the cost of tuition and books is a luxury. We're hoping to make a difference for some of our families."

Everyone of these travelers are pilgrims in a way. They have been, however briefly, immersed in human life on the other side of the planet. Wheatley says, "It seems obvious once you've done it."

She says, "The hardest part is getting back and facing a math test, a homework assignment or plans for the weekend ahead." She laughs about her own friends in Vermont as, like the others, she bubbles over with the excitement of the trip. "I just can't express it, but when I try it seems that people just want to talk about the weather ... and their puppies."

These pilgrims from Montpelier will never be the same, and in Fareed Zakaria's view of the globe, we all will be better for it.

## MAYO'S GLASS SERVICE

**HAS A PRICE & STYLE FOR YOU!!**

Looking Great Inside and Out

Replacement Windows with vinyl

- Tilt-in-sash for easy cleaning
- No painting or scraping
- Reduced heating costs
- Improved home looks
- Free estimates

Call us today for a **FREE ESTIMATE**.  
Come see us at our new location  
744 Portland Street, St. Johnsbury, VT  
(802) 748-8895 or (800) 286-6296



We install everything we sell with guaranteed satisfaction. We also have a full selection of aluminum & vinyl clad storm doors!!

When you think insurance...

**Caledonia Insurance AGENCY, INC.**

663 Old Center Road, St. Johnsbury, Vermont 05819  
(802) 748-8797 Fax (802) 748-8609

Authorized Parts Unlimited dealer and Amsoil dealer

Engine diagnostics, tune-ups, brakes, exhaust...

**professional, friendly service**

**Countryside AUTOMOTIVE**

FOREIGN - DOMESTIC - LIGHT TRUCKS - POWER SPORTS SERVICE & REPAIR

Randy Brown, owner  
Monday-Friday 7 a.m. - 5 p.m., Saturday by appointment  
**(802) 684-3825**  
Route 2, West Danville, VT

### DANVILLE SERVICE CENTER

Route 2, Danville Village (802) 684-3481

#### A Spring Changeover

for your car or light truck

Ask us about NEW TIRE prices or let us mount the ones you had last year.

- Mount 2 tires and computer balance starting at **\$16.95** (\$21 value)\* or
- Mount 4 tires and computer balance starting at **\$32.95** (\$42 value)\*

Get Ready for Those April Showers!  
**\$3.00 off** any pair of new wiper blades.

\*special or alloy wheels extra Offer good for the month of April.

HOURS: 7-5 Mon. thru Fri. • 8-1 Sat. • Mechanic on Duty

### ALUMINUM DOCKS & SWIM FLOATS



- Aluminum Frame
- Slip Resistant
- Floats have no sharp edges or abrasive materials
- Custom colors available
- No painting required
- Maintenance free
- Environmentally friendly
- Fixed & floating
- On-site consulting
- Cedar or aluminum decking

Free Quotes



- Ramps
- Ladders
- Benches
- Accessories
- Installations
- Custom Sizes
- Handicap Accessible
- Made in Vermont
- 5-Year Warranty

Open: Monday - Thursday 8-4:30 and Friday 8-4

#### High Country Aluminum Products

Toll Free (877) 274-2721

(802) 281-8245 Fax: (802) 2812-8246 Route 14, Byron Hill Road, Hartford VT  
email: docks@sover.net www.highcountryaluminum.com



# Follow the Money

by Rachel Siegel

**“To Tax Income or To Tax Spending?”**

For years, the tax code has allowed taxpayers to deduct income taxes already paid to state and local governments, so that they are not, in effect, paying income taxes on income taxes. Now the federal government is giving us the choice of deducting state and local income taxes or state and local sales taxes.

In its small way, this change brings up a fundamental debate over how to tax in America – a debate that has revived recently with the latest renewal of the quest to make the tax code “fairer” and “simpler.”

Since personal taxation began, in 1913, the primary sort of federal tax has been a tax on income, on earnings. The tax is progressive – the more income, the higher the percentage that is paid in tax – so that those who earn more, and presumably can “afford” it, bear more of the burden of providing revenues for the

government.

There are exceptions or exemptions from tax, because we use the tax code not only to raise revenue for the federal government but also to encourage certain behaviors – home ownership, saving for retirement, and so forth. Increasingly, the idea of a sales tax is being discussed as an alternative to the income tax.

A sales tax is not used by the federal government, although it is common among states and elsewhere in the world, because of its regressive nature. Poorer people spend a higher percentage of their income consuming necessities than wealthier people do.

Wealthier people have the choice of spending or saving, whereas poorer people can only spend. So, goes the argument, the poorer will only be able to purchase less with their spending, when taxes are added onto the price of goods and services, while the wealthier will still be able to spend and save.

There may be benefits to a

sales tax, however, and ways to mitigate its regressive design. The poorer would enjoy more take-home pay (as would everyone), with no income tax, which would somewhat offset the higher cost of consumption. They may be encouraged to begin to save, rather than spend, which is really the only way to build wealth in a capitalist economy.

In fact, a sales tax may encourage most people to save more, rather than spend, or at least to begin to inhibit excessive consumption. It may encourage us to pay off mortgages faster and to save more for retirement.

Too many Americans borrow to consume – credit card debts and refinanced mortgage debt are at record levels – a practice that may no longer be cost effective if some of the borrowed funds are paying sales taxes on the purchase.

A sales tax may encourage people to earn more. Investment income, as well as income from labor, would not be taxed, and so investment returns would be effectively increased. This may encourage investment, which would then provide businesses with more capital to invest in growth.

The regressive nature of the tax could be addressed if taxpay-

ers were allowed an exemption for the first \$xx,000 in spending, with exemptions for additional household members. We could also allow for exceptions – for charitable “spending” or home mortgage interest – just as we do now.

20%. That sounds like a lot, but it’s not, when compared to the income tax rates we pay now.

As a nation, we have always had a keen aversion to paying taxes – it took a constitutional amendment to create the personal income tax – but the revenues raised are crucial to running our government and to having it do all that we demand. A sales tax may be a real alternative to the income tax. Until then, many happy returns!

*Rachel S. Siegel, CFA, consults on investment portfolio performance and strategy and on accounting and tax dilemmas. She has an MBA from Yale; she is a professor in the business administration department at Lyndon State College. Siegel is a member of the Ethan Allen Institute’s board of scholars.*


**Most experts are estimating that the sales tax rate would have to be around 20%.**

There may be much less opportunity to spend “under the table” than there is to earn that way. Income from illegal activities would be taxed as spent or “laundered” into the legitimate economy, allowing the tax base to capture all sorts of “underground” economic activities (now estimated to be almost 10% of our GDP, or legitimate activity).

For the sales tax to raise enough revenues, most experts are estimating that the sales tax rate would have to be around

## Pope Library Hours

**Monday & Wednesday**  
9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
**Friday** 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
**Saturday** 9:00 a.m. - noon.



**High Beams**  
CUSTOM BRASS & COPPER LIGHTING  
**Lighting Showroom**  
**802.467.3943**

We make wall lights, ceiling lights, table & standing lamps and outdoor lighting. Custom shades and a large selection of glass shades. We rewire, restore, polish, patina and do lighting decorating & consulting. Residential or commercial.

See us by appointment or by chance.  
2 miles north of West Burke off Route 5, Sutton, VT  
[www.highbeams.com](http://www.highbeams.com)



*We treat you like family.*

**Looking forward.**



**“Tomorrow’s laser eye treatments for glaucoma are available at NVRH today.”**

Stephen J. Phipps, MD  
Ophthalmologist  
NVRH Eye Associates  
of Northern New England

**S**elective Laser Trabeculoplasty (SLT) is a revolutionary new laser treatment for open-angle glaucoma, is the latest innovation in laser eye surgery, therapy available at Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital. SLT uses specialized laser light to stimulate the body’s healing response to reduce the eye pressure associated with glaucoma.

Glaucoma is an eye disease characterized by loss of peripheral (side) vision, and can lead to permanent blindness if left untreated.

**SAFE:** Approved by the FDA in 2001, SLT is not associated with the systemic side effects of medications/eye drops. Because it targets only specific eye cells, SLT leaves the surrounding tissue intact, allowing the treatment to be used over and over again.

**FAST:** The procedure takes only a few minutes. Most patients will achieve a reduction in eye pressure within four to six weeks. For some, the results are immediate.

**FIRST:** NVRH is the first hospital in Vermont and northern New Hampshire to have this technology.

For more information about other emerging technologies and the laser eye services available at NVRH, please contact us at 802-748-7990.

Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital  
HOSPITAL DRIVE, ST. JOHNSBURY, VT 05488-8100 | [www.nvrh.org](http://www.nvrh.org)

MEMBER OF ENVIRONMENTAL & ECONOMIC ALLIANCE

**Rx**



**Experiencing any of these symptoms?**

Headaches	
Irritability	Fat Gain
Cramping	Hot Flashes
Bloating	Memory Loss
Mood Swings	Premature Aging
Anxiety	Lost Sex Drive

**Come in and ask us for more information about Progensa... a powerful natural supplement for women.**

**GAUTHIER'S PHARMACY, INC.**  
415 Railroad St. • St. Johnsbury, VT  
(802) 748-3122 • 748-8941  
*Dedicated to Your Good Health*



**Kix 105.5 FM**  
*Hot New Country WKXH*

**LISTEN TO JOSH THOMAS WEEKDAYS FROM 6:00 - 9:00 A.M. AND HEAR GREAT MUSIC, LOCAL NEWS, SPORTS AND TONS OF CHANCES TO WIN PRIZES.**



# What Am I Bid? ... The Twelfth Annual Peacham PTG Auction

JO ANNE POST

On February 12, 1994 the first annual Peacham PTG (Parent Teacher Group) auction took place at the Peacham Elementary School.

Anne Gallagher, founding mother and organizer of the event, remembers it well. "We were driving up the hill to the school, and when we got there, there were all these cars and the place was packed with people, and I thought: "Wow, I did this!"

Recently arrived in Vermont, Anne transplanted the auction/fundraiser tradition from her church in New Jersey to the Peacham school's PTG, which, in a time of fiscal austerity, was attempting to provide some of the educational "extras" not funded in the school budget.

The emphasis was not just on raising dollars, however; the auction was festive, fun and a way of

bringing people together. Parents and community members were encouraged to donate services, events and food - not just "stuff" ("no white elephants" was the rule), and the creativity fueled by cabin fever burst forth in a shower of witty offerings.

A "Mystery Dinner" on a Star Trek theme promised "suspense, fun and intergalactic food," while "Canoe Cavoring" assured auction-goers that there was "a window between frozen water and black flies" in which paddlers would enjoy an outing on Martin's Pond followed by hot dogs and hamburgers. Food donations ran the gamut from five pounds of fudge to organic vegetables. Services ranged from a pottery lesson to a land resource management plan. There were handmade afghans, dreamcatchers and dolls. And one young man guaranteed that the winning bidder could "take home one of his bull calves sometime soon."

Anne chaired the auction for several years before handing it off to other parents when someone pointed out that "you don't

have to be chair for the rest of your life."

Certain elements of the event have changed over the years. For one thing, it outgrew the multi-purpose room at the elementary school and moved to the town hall. For another, parent auctioneers were replaced by a trained professional, in the person of Peacham resident Fred Stevenson. Stevenson recalls that two or three auctions went by before he stepped in, and it is now assumed that he will be doing the "chant" at every affair.

Stevenson learned his trade at several auctioneering schools, most notably Scotty's International College of Auctioneering in Davenport, IA, which he attended in 1986, graduating with the title "Colonel Stevenson" following the mid-western tradition.

Stevenson loves to talk auctions and auction training. Did you know that auctioneers need to learn proper breathing and develop nimble tongues through recitation of tongue-twisters? ("The big bad bug bit the big black bear, made the big black

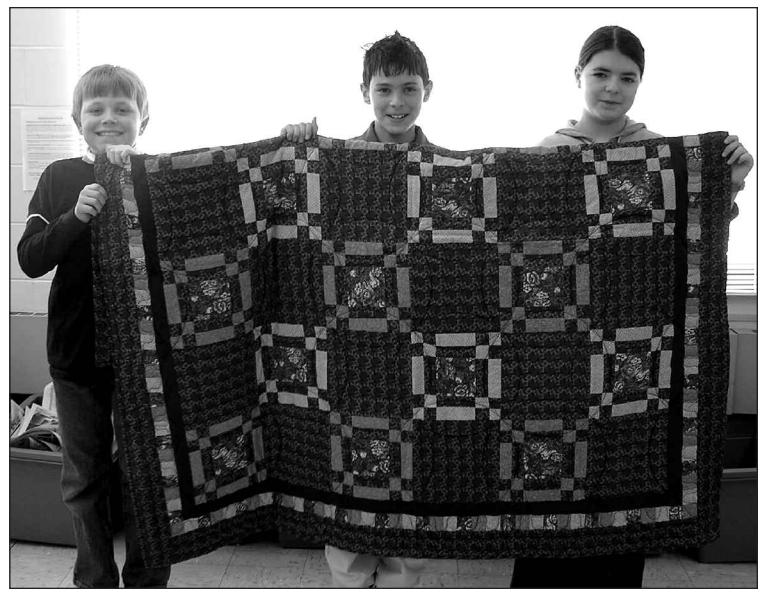


Photo By: Nene Riley

Peacham School students (L-R) Jon Reis, Matthew Corcoran and Brittany Berwick display a quilt handmade by Laura Johnson. For each of the past 10 years Johnson has made and donated a quilt to the auction.

bear bleed blood") The Peacham auction is a money-making event and an entertaining night out with food (always), live music (often), a goofy emcee (typically) and a festive atmosphere. It pleases our auctioneer that people can be "hollerin' and screamin' at each other" at town meeting, and be "jokin' with each other" at the auction.

One constant over the years is the handmade quilt from Laura Johnson. Johnson, also a Peacham native, has made a quilt and donated it to the PTG for each of the past 10 years. At first her quilts were part of the auction, but now they are raffled off in an effort to generate more revenue.

Making a quilt is a huge undertaking and, though now aided by the sewing machine, Johnson still spends more than 40 hours cutting and stitching pieces together to construct a full-size log cabin design quilt. Each quilt also represents an investment of several hundred dollars (also donated by the quil-

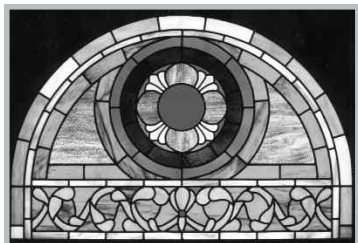
ter) in purchasing material and sending the finished design to be batted and professionally stitched to the backing.

Johnson is quick to point out that she buys only top quality, high thread-count cottons—not the kind sold at discount stores—and that an heirloom quilt of this caliber would probably sell for upwards of \$800.

The high point of the auction is the drawing of the winning raffle ticket (Tickets, incidentally, can be purchased at Peacham Elementary School, Peacham Library and stores in West Barnet).

This year marks the twelfth annual auction for Peacham. The date is Saturday, April 2 with viewing at 5:00 p.m. and the auction commencing at 6:00. As in other years, the PTG is raising money to subsidize rental of band instruments, help pay for the ski and swim programs, fund French workbooks, help purchase new playground equipment and bring artists-in-resi-

(See Peacham PTG on Next Page)



## Danville Congregational Church

United Church of Christ  
An Open and Affirming Congregation  
Rev. James D. Llewellyn

Please Join Us  
for Worship  
at 10:00 a.m.,  
and bring your family.

Just north of the Danville Green  
on Hill Street  
(802) 684-2176

**PARTS PLUS**  
**CarCareCenter**  
The Next Generation of Automotive Service

**Wes Ward AUTO REPAIR**  
Complete Car Care Services

**Tire Changeover SPECIAL**  
Call or Come In for Details

1193 Portland Street  
St. Johnsbury, VT 05819  
**(802) 748-3636**  
wesward.com

## Are You Having Trouble Affording the Prescription Drugs You Need?

### Our Health Centers May Be Able to Help

Our Concord Health Center and Danville Health Center offer discounts on many of the most common prescription drugs. This discount is **available to all** patients of the health centers. In addition, for those with limited incomes, we apply an additional discount if you qualify for our sliding fee program. For more information, call for an appointment.

The following practitioners are accepting new patients:

#### Concord Health Center (802) 695-2512

Sarah Berrian, MD (Pediatric, Adult, and Obstetrical Care)  
Susan Taney, Nurse Practitioner (Adult Care)  
Donna Ransmeier, Behavioral Health Counseling  
Jeniane R. Langmaid, PA-C

#### Danville Health Center (802) 684-2275

Tim Tanner, MD (Pediatric and Adult Care)  
Sharon Fine, MD (Pediatric and Adult Care)  
Debra Bixby, Nurse Practitioner (Pediatric and Adult Care)  
Mariel Hess, Nurse Practitioner (Pediatric and Adult Care)

Concord and Danville Health Centers are units of Northern Counties Health Care, Inc. - established in 1976 to bring health services to those in need in the Northeast Kingdom.



## PAUL'S FARM SERVICE

Sales • Service • Parts

Paul D. Bergeron

Phone (802) 695-2500 • Fax (802) 695-2900

514 West Main Street (US RT 2) • Concord, Vermont 05824

Serving Agricultural Needs with Integrity Since 1976



• Wilderness Systems Kayaks  
starting at \$399

• Carhartt Work and Casual Clothing

• Merrell Footwear

• Canoeing & Camping  
Equipment & Accessories

## Caplan's

Since 1922

457 Railroad Street • St. Johnsbury, VT 05819 • (802) 748-3236





## String Worth Saving

Bill Christiansen

Of all of the inventions of man, time is one of the most curious. We don't really know what time is, but we have sliced and diced it to the extreme - from millennia to nanoseconds and hundreds of slices between. (A nanosecond is a billionth of a second.)

What is time? What is it we are trying to subdivide? Time is not defined in the natural world. All of the definitions are constructs of man. One definition that has been used is that time is the duration between events. If there is one event, followed by a second event, the duration between them is time. If there is no second event, no time can be calculated. A further complication to this definition is the need to decide which event is first and which is second. This is a problem when the events are observed from different positions, for instance on the earth or elsewhere in the universe. Consider a gun shot. The shooter sees the flash and hears the sound as simultaneous. An observer at some distance sees the flash and later, hears the sound. The two events separated by time.

Our basic idea for marking time is to pick two events which occur in cycles. One event, then a second event followed by a third event, a duplicate of the first. A simple example is tick, tock, tick.

Two natural cycles have been used by man since the need to mark time first arose. The sun rise to sun rise is a complete cycle, and one can keep a count of the cycles. That's a short count.

The other cycle is to mark the rising of the sun at a point on the horizon and watching until it rises at the same point again. This is a long count.

In early times, few people had the patience to watch this long progression, so they hired someone else to do it for them. That was a priest. So we have a day and a year.

Another natural cycle, which has been used off and on by various civilizations, is the cycle of the moon. This could correspond to a month but is seldom used today.

Now we have time calculated from natural cycles. The next problem was to slice time into smaller sections, a year or a day into smaller units. The year seems

to be the easy one. Simply count the days in the year.

Since we have a priest keeping track of this, it should be a fairly simple job. So, the count begins. The first year goes very well. But the second year has a problem, the count is not the same as the first year, and the third year is different still. Some counted 360 days, some 365 days and there were other numbers in between. What do we do, strike an average? This was left for the priests to figure out.

Now comes the problem of subdividing the day. Since there are no natural daily cycles to consider, we have to make one up. The closest daily cycle is daylight and darkness. The problem is that these are variable from day to day. They can be used to divide the day into rough halves. If we use halves, the total number of units in the day must be an even number.

Now the question is what even number. If you were a numerologist, the choice was obvious: six. Some of the first priests in the time story were numerologists. Why six? Because, six is the first perfect number! (A perfect number is a whole number which equals the sum of its divisors, including 1 but excluding itself.) The divisors of 6 are 1, 2 and 3. You might want to find the next perfect number. It is closely relat-

ed to a cycle mentioned above.

If the day is divided into quarters, each will be 6 units long, and a day will be 24 units, and a half day will be 12 units. Now we have hours. We can divide the hours into smaller units - say 60 units and we call them minutes. Another subdivision by 60 will yield seconds. Why 60 you ask? Why, you have 10 fingers, and the first perfect number (6) times 10 is 60.

Now go the other way and make units larger than a day. We need a number for larger units that keep to the "six" strategy. Six times 5 yields a nice number 30, called a month, and 6 times 60 yields a nice number, 360, close to a year. There have been volumes written on the significance of these numbers in human history. It's hard for us to realize that our lives are ruled today by such arcane ideas.

To keep the year of 360 days in sync with the actual year, the priests added a few uncounted holidays, now and then. All went well until some astronomers made more measurements and found the day to be 23 hours, 56 minutes and 4.09 seconds long, and a year to be 365 days, 6 hours, 9 minutes and 9.54 seconds long. Try doing math with these numbers.

Nearly everyone today has a watch that rules their lives. Our

homes are full of clocks, keeping the beat of our lives. Time for this and time for that. Clocks tell us when to get up, when to eat and when to go to bed. Calendars keep track of the day and months and mark the passage of years. We are in the digital age, and the old tick, tock has given way to flashing numbers. How do we slice and dice time now - with the vibration of atoms?

In your digital watch is a crystal in which the atoms are vibrating. An electrical circuit in the watch counts the vibrations and converts them to seconds. Since the atoms vibrate at billions of time per second, we can dice a second into nanoseconds with no problem. Happily, someone decided most of us do not want to know about nanoseconds so they stopped the display at seconds.

While this article deals with the keeping of time, there is another question that needs to be asked. Does time have direction? We think of an "arrow of time" going from now into the future. In all instances, "now" becomes the "past" and is replaced by the future. I'm not too sure how this happens but we seem to be able to

## Peacham PTG Annual Auction

(Continued from Page 12)


dence such as Caribbean musician Twa Mercer, an annual guest at the school.

As in the past, donations range widely from fried chicken to golf lessons and include such high profile items as a hand-crafted Windsor chair from a master furniture maker, a weekend at the Buddhist meditation center Karne-Choling, and 100

gallons of fuel oil from Jock Oil, an item brokered annually by all-time champion donation-getter Cheryl Stevenson.

The theme of the auction this year is "South of the Border," and Fred Stevenson will be presiding as usual. "What am I bid? ten I hear ten, ten...who'll give me fifteen? Do I hear fifteen? fifteen go twenty, twenty, twenty-five...SOLD to number 63!" ★

### The Frame Shop at Uniquity



Free Estimates  
Dry mounting,  
laminating  
& stretching  
Over 1000 wood  
& metal moldings  
Creative design  
solutions

Robert Duncan - Cow Girls

443 Railroad St., St. Johnsbury, VT • (802) 748-1912

The INN at  
MOUNTAIN VIEW FARM



Fine Food and Lodging  
"Zahler Food" ... Yankee Magazine  
Enjoy a memorable dining experience!

**Farm fresh food  
served with style**

**Breathtaking views  
from our historic  
Vermont farm**

**On the Kingdom Trails**

**Open for dinner  
Wednesday - Sunday**

**802.626.9924**  
Darling Hill Road, East Burke, VT 05832  
www.innmountainview.com

officers woodmen of america

Offering fraternal financial services to help you reach your financial goals.



David Maille  
FIC  
P.O. Box 88  
Danville, VT 05828  
802-684-3371



Deb Wallers-Maille  
FIC, LUTCF  
P.O. Box 88  
Danville, VT 05828  
802-684-3371

Teaching lives. Securing futures.★

## HASTINGS STORE

"DOWNTOWN WEST DANVILLE"  
**(802) 684-3398**

**New 2005 Maple Syrup**  
Agent for Palmer Bros. Cleaners  
Good Old Fashioned Ice Cream Cones  
Quality Meats & Groceries  
ATM

Vermont Lottery • Tri-State Megabucks  
Homemade Doughnuts & Breads  
Video Rentals • VT Maple Products  
Notary • Justice of the Peace

**★ Friendly Family Service ★**

Open Monday-Saturday 6:30 a.m.-8:00 p.m.,  
Sunday 6:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

## THE MOST POWERFUL PICKUP IN ITS CLASS.



### 2005 DODGE RAM 1500 QUAD CAB

Ask about 0% financing, huge cash incentives, and our huge discounts.





Ford • Lincoln • Mercury THE NORTHEAST KINGDOM'S LARGEST & BEST SELECTION Chrysler • Jeep • Dodge  
802-748-4444 • 8 MEMORIAL DRIVE, ST. JOHNSBURY, VT • 800-323-8333  
www.gilmourfordchrysler.com



## Dana Cooper Plays Middle Earth Music Hall in Bradford

Singer/songwriter Dana Cooper will perform at the Middle Earth Music Hall in Bradford on Friday, April 8 at 8:00 p.m. Joining Cooper will be

Danish singer/songwriter René Schmidt.

With the passion of a poet and the power of a rocker, Cooper has been thrilling listen-

ers for over two decades. His original lyrics, skillful guitar work and evocative vocals have earned him a following with fans and critics alike. Cooper's songs have been recorded by artists such as Maura O'Connell, Susan Werner, Trout Fishing in America, Pierce Pettis and Jonell Mosser. His song *Standing In My Own Way* was featured in the movie *All Of It*.

Vic Garbarini, writer for

*Playboy* and *Guitar World*, described Cooper as "the best singer/songwriter to emerge from Nashville in over a decade ... his heartfelt but sophisticated lyrics aim to reconcile the heart and mind in everyday life. His sense of melody is unique and he has a voice that could melt ice-caps."

Danish singer/songwriter René Schmidt won a singer/songwriter competition in 2003, which resulted in the recording of his first solo EP "Blue Underwear" and participation in the Listening Room Songwriters Retreat on Samsø Island in Denmark.

Schmidt is currently recording a full length CD, which will be released in Europe. The album will include "You're a Hit With Me" co-written by Cooper.

A charismatic performer of gentle intensity, Schmidt writes earthy, passionate songs with a touch of wry humor and pathos. Young in years and old of soul he has performed throughout Europe.

Schmidt and Cooper will tour the U.S. in April.

The show begins at 8:00 p.m. on Friday, April 8 at the Middle Earth Music Hall. For information call (802) 222-4748.



Nashville singer and songwriter Dana Cooper will perform at Middle Earth Music Hall in Bradford on April 8.

# the ARTS around

## April

- 1 Brooks Williams, Middle Earth Music, Bradford.
- 1 Le Bon Vent, Morse Center for the Arts, St. Johnsbury.
- 1-7 *The Aviator* (2004, US) [PG-13] Director: Martin Scorsese. The story belongs to Howard Hughes the eccentric Texas billionaire industrialist and Hollywood film mogul and his early life (1927-47). Catamount Arts, St. Johnsbury. (802) 748-2600.
- 1-3 Barre Players present *Jesus Christ Superstar*, Barre Opera House. (802) 476-8188.
- 2 Mariza, Hopkins Center, Hanover, NH. (603) 646-2422.
- 2 Shawn Colvin, Opera House, Lebanon, NH.
- 2 Dr. Burma, Middle Earth Music, Bradford.
- 3 Sunday Afternoon Jazz, Catamount Arts, St. Johnsbury.
- 5 Bobby McFerrin, Hopkins Center, Hanover, NH.
- 8 Dana Cooper, Middle Earth Music, Bradford.
- 8-14 *Hotel Rwanda* (2004, US) [PG-13] Director: Terry George. Based on Paul Rusesabagina's unbelievably noble actions in 1994 when the Hutus were slaughtering the Tutsis in the tiny African country of Rwanda, this film shows how one man - even a terrified one - can literally save the world. Catamount Arts, St. Johnsbury.
- 8-10 Barre Players present *Jesus Christ Superstar*, Barre Opera House.
- 9 Midori, violin with Robert McDonald, piano, Hopkins Center, Hanover, NH.
- 9 Willie Edwards Blues Band, Middle Earth Music, Bradford.
- 10 The Wailers, Higher Ground, Burlington.
- 12 Cudamani, Hopkins Center, Hanover, NH.
- 14 Savion Glover in *Improvography*, Opera House, Lebanon, NH. (603) 448-0400.
- 14 Tempest, Middle Earth Music, Bradford.
- 15-21 *Kinsey* (2004, US) [R] Director: Bill Condon. Driven by a fierce curiosity, as well as a deep-seated emotional need, Alfred Kinsey opened the doors to a new world of human exploration and the sexual revolution. American culture was irrevocably changed. Catamount Arts, St. Johnsbury.
- 14 Ralph Stanley, Flynn Theatre, Burlington.
- 15 Ralph Stanley, Opera House, Lebanon, NH.
- 15 Handsome Boy Modeling School, Higher Ground, Burlington.
- 15 Chris Smither & Tim O'Brien, Opera House, Barre.
- 15 Resophonics, Middle Earth Music, Bradford.
- 15&16 Bob Dylan, Merle Haggard & Amos Lee, Orpheum Theatre, Boston.
- 16 The Drunk Stuntmen, Middle Earth Music, Bradford.
- 17 Sunday Afternoon Jazz, Catamount Arts, St. Johnsbury.
- 17 Dual Piano Recital with Alison Cerutti and Richard Shadroui. Barre Opera House, (802) 476-8188.
- 19 Bob Weir, Calvin Theatre, Northampton, MA.
- 20 John Prine, Flynn Theatre, Burlington.
- 22-28 *The Sea Inside* (2004, Spain) [PG-13] Director: Alejandro Amenábar. Based on the deeply moving true story of a Spanish man who fought a 30-year campaign to win the right to end his life with dignity. Central to the struggles are two women: a lawyer who supports his cause, and a local woman who wants to convince him that life is worth living. Catamount Arts, St. Johnsbury.
- 22 The McKrells, Middle Earth Music, Bradford.
- 23 John Lackard Blues Band, Middle Earth Music, Bradford.
- 24 The Joy of Jazz, Catamount Arts, St. Johnsbury.
- 28 Christine Lavin, Middle Earth Music, Bradford.
- 29 Greenday, Verizon Arena, Manchester, NH.
- 29 Dmitiri Pokrovsky Ensemble, Hopkins Center, Hanover, NH.
- 29-May 5 *Nobody Knows* (2004, Japan) [PG-13] Director: Hirokazu Koreeda. Story of a makeshift family of children left to survive in an urban jungle in Tokyo. Four siblings explore their distinctive world of abandoned children and the gentleness and beauty of every childhood. Catamount Arts, St. Johnsbury.
- 30 Colin McCaffrey & the Stone Cold Roosters, Middle Earth Music, Bradford.

**David Toll, M.D.**  
**Pediatrics**  
 1394 Main Street  
 St. Johnsbury, VT 05819  
**(802) 748-2348**

**Stabler Furniture**  
 Proudly brings you Tempur-Pedic  
 Mattresses & Pillows!

**TEMPUR-PEDIC**  
 PRESSURE RELIEVING  
 SWEDISH MATTRESSES AND PILLOWS

Route 5 - Board Street - Lyndonville, VT 05851  
 802-626-5996 or 1-800-439-5996  
 Hours: Mon-Fri 9-5, Sat 9-3, closed Sun.

Ask About Our  
 90-Day Free  
 Return Policy



**H.A. Manosh Corporation**  
 since 1959

We have not one but four drills for your convenience

- Well Drilling
- Water Systems
- Hydrofracturing
- Water Treatment
- Video Well Inspections
- Water Fountains

120 Northgate Plaza  
 Morrisville, VT 05661  
 (802) 888-5722 or (800) 544-7666  
 Web Site: www.manosh.com

**"We Get The Point! Do You?"** **95.7**





Photo By: Mike Herdiner

The Taylor sugarhouse in Kirby is like a time capsule. The building is more than 100 years old with improvements and changes that mark the shifts in technology and the ebbs and flows of success in the business of sugaring. Albert Taylor oversees the work of sugaring. He is a dairy farmer, but he has been in the business of sugar making for all of his 86 years.

## Pure Vermont Maple Products Available Here:



**Goodrich's Maple Farm**, Ruth Goodrich  
2427 US RT 2, Cabot, VT 05647. (802) 426-3388. Award winning maple syrup and products. Free tours. Nation-wide mail order. Serving sugar-on-snow any time we have snow. New and used sugaring equipment for sale.



**Dunstable Farm**, Walter Bothfeld & Sons  
Bothfeld Hill Road, Cabot, VT 05647. (802) 563-2386.  
All grades of maple syrup. Farm prices. Vermont Seal of Quality. Shipping orders welcome.



**Gadapee Family Sugarhouse**, Larry, Kevin & Keith  
Gadapee. 718 Calkins Camp Road, Danville, VT 05828.  
(802) 684-3323. Pure Vermont maple syrup in a variety of containers from gallon to 1.7 ounce nips. Plastic jugs and glass. Also maple cream, maple sugar and (special order) maple candy. Vermont Seal of Quality. We ship. Visitors always welcome when we are boiling. email: gadmaple@together.net. Stop by the Caledonia Farmers' Market in St. Johnsbury and Danville to visit us May through October.



**Bragg Farm Sugarhouse**, Douglas Bragg  
1005 VT RT 14 North, East Montpelier, VT 05651. (802) 223-5757.  
Located 1 mile north of East Montpelier Village on RT 14 N five miles from Barre or Montpelier. Traditional family-operated sugarhouse. Taste maple syrup and walk through the woods where we hang 2,000 buckets. Award winning maple products, Vermont foods and gifts. Sugar-on-snow. Open to the public every weekend (Noon - 5 o'clock) in March and April or by appointment. Try our maple creemees daily.



**Broadview Farm Maple**, Joe Newell  
442 York Street, Lyndonville, VT 05851. (802) 626-8396. Pure Vermont maple syrup available in Grade A Fancy, Medium Amber, Dark Amber and Grade B. Awarded Vermont Seal of Quality. Packed in glass and plastic from 1.7 ounces to one gallon. Maple cream and maple candy also available. We will ship your request via UPS or parcel post. email: joe@newells.net



**Morse Farm Maple Sugarworks**, Burr Morse  
1168 County Road (Main Street) Montpelier, VT 05602. (802) 223-2740.  
Montpelier's got steam especially just three miles up Main Street at the Morse Farm. See the boiling and have sugar-on-snow every weekend afternoon. Mail order, large gift shop, maple kettle corn and maple creemees. www.morsefarm.com



**Center Hill Maples**, Alan Fogg  
505 Barnet Center Road, Barnet VT 05821. (802) 633-4491  
Visitors always welcome. All grades of Vermont Maple Syrup, candy and sugar for sale. Take exit 18 off I-91, go 1.9 miles west toward Peacham, then right on Barnet Center Road. Farm is 1/2 mile up hill on the left.



**Goss' Sugarhouse**, Gordon, Pat, Chris & Annette Goss  
101 Maple Lane, Barnet, VT 05821. (802) 633-4743.  
Pure Vermont Maple Syrup, all grades are available in a wide variety of containers including tin, plastic or glass. Also maple sugar, maple cream, maple jelly and maple-covered walnuts, peanuts and cashews. Visitors always welcome. Please call ahead for boiling information and road conditions. Products available at the sugarhouse or by mail. We ship anywhere. email: gossmaple@kingcon.com.



**Cabot Hills Maple**, Marcia Maynard, Ken Denton & Daughters  
977 Thistle Hill Road, PO Box 68, Cabot, VT 05647. (802) 426-3463.  
Certified Organic Vermont Maple Syrup packed in jugs or glass, plus other maple products including maple nuts and granola. Available at the sugarhouse (call ahead) or by mail order. email: syrup@cabothillsmple.com



**Sugar Ridge Farm**, Stephen & Diane Jones  
566 Stannard Mountain Road, Danville, VT 05828. (800) 748-0892.  
Pure maple syrup, maple sugar, maple cream, Vermont Seal of Quality. Available at the farm or by mail. VISA & Mastercard accepted. Free Brochure.



Photo By: Jeff Gold



# From the Observatory on top of Mount Washington you can see from the Adirondacks in the west to the Atlantic Ocean in the southeast.

On a good day you can see 135 miles.  
On a bad day it can be the “worst weather in the world.”



Photos By: North Star Monthly

Meteorologist Neil Lareau checks the pitot tube, which measures wind speed over the top of the Observatory tower at the summit of Mount Washington.

(Continued from Page 1)

subjects that explore the human history of the summit, alpine photography, avalanches, geology, mapping and global climate changes and, of course, the weather. The group this weekend will stay and eat in the summit building with the working staff and have a series of classes on the history and technology of mapping Mount Washington taught by volunteer experts.

When the snow tractor and its passengers finally reach the summit, the weather is quite different from the base of the mountain at Pinkham Notch, eight road miles and 4,000 feet below. Here on

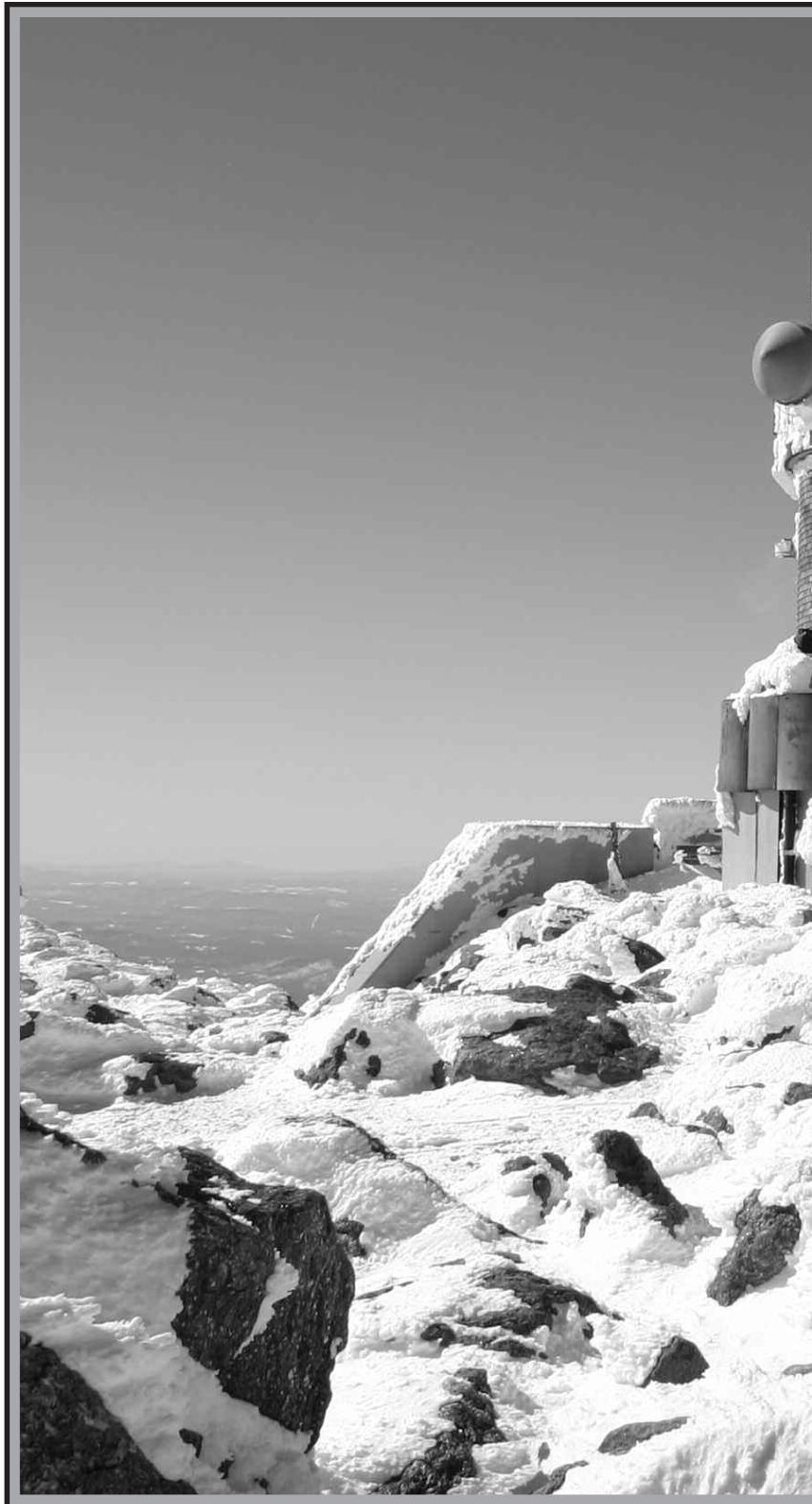
April 12, 1934 the highest wind speed ever recorded was measured at 231 mph, and the official lowest temperature in New Hampshire, -47°, was recorded in January of the same year. Year in and year out the average wind speed is 35 mph, and seven days out of eight are partly cloudy or cloudy. On this day the wind speed is 30 mph, and the temperature is just under 10°. The visibility seems almost unlimited.

The passengers and supplies are unloaded, and Peterson and the snow tractor head back down the mountain. They will be back tomorrow for a return to the base.

The Observatory visitors get an orientation tour of the building, and the EduTrip group is welcomed to the weather station at the top of New Hampshire with sweeping views to the Adirondacks in the west and to the Atlantic Ocean in the southeast. From this compact space measurements of wind speed and direction, temperature, barometric pressure, relative humidity and precipitation are taken and visual observations of the visibility and cloud conditions are recorded every hour. They are transmitted to the National Weather Service in Gray, ME, and from there they are relayed to the general public and the National Center for Atmospheric Research in Boulder, CO. The process continues around the clock with observers on 12-hour shifts in seven day rotations.

**The highest wind speed ever recorded (231 mph) was clocked by Mount Washington Observatory staff on April 12, 1934**

Except for a few winter hikers who tag the summit marker and move on, the top of the mountain is deserted. Compared to the summer traffic flow when 250,000 - 300,000 visitors come by cog railway, passenger van or



The tower over the Mount Washington Observatory gives an unobstructed view collected hourly and relayed to the vast network of weather observers seeking temperature, barometric pressure, relative humidity and precipitation are taken. On April 12, 1934 the highest windspeed ever recorded was measured on the (degrees below zero) was recorded in January of the same year.



Summit visitors enjoy a relatively unusual day with visibility of 130 miles from the top of the mountain. Seven days out of eight are partly cloudy or cloudy. Looking southwest from the summit you can see the Lakes of the Clouds hut maintained by the Appalachian Mountain Club, Mt. Monroe and in the far distance Killington and Pico Peak in southern Vermont.

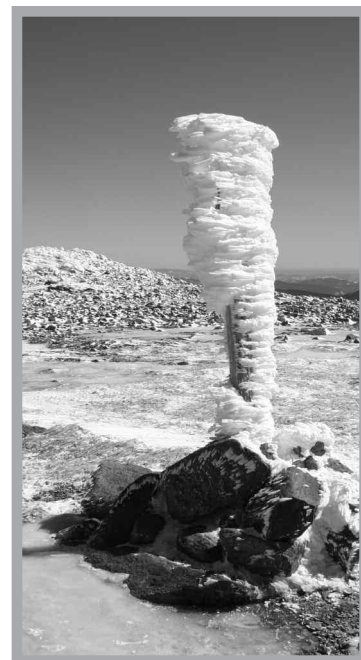
private car, on foot or by bicycle, the summit of the “Rockpile” in winter is a wonderful and almost private place.

The EduTrip classes this weekend include examples of modern mapping technique and lively discussion about the continental divide between scientific maps with state of the art accuracy and those produced with elaborate designs and colorful artwork to be more marketable to tourists and collectors. Using the immediate Mount Washington area is an example, the history of maps tells a fascinating story about changes in cartography and the evolving techniques of printing.

As the sun drops in the west on this last day of winter the group gets a first hand view of the data collection process. As the northwest wind comes up and over the Presidential Ridge of the White Mountains the visibility is noted as 130 miles to Mt. Marcy in the Adirondacks. Neil Lareau from Berlin, NH is a staff meteorologist and explains the unique position and orientation of the Observatory. “Weather from much of North America converges over New England,” he says, “and the wind gets funneled and pressed through northern New Hampshire. Four or five

times a year the temperature drops 50° in 12-24 hours. For our latitude it’s one of the coldest places on Earth. Then you have these mountains, and you get the most severe weather in the world.”

Lareau says, “The tempera-



Rime ice collects on a marker beside the Mount Washington Auto Road. It appears as though the ice is blown away from the post by the wind from the right. Actually the wind has blown from left to right piling up moisture on the post as it passes.





ow over northern New England. There at 6,288 feet above sea level data is g to perfect the art of the forecast. Measurements of wind speed and direction, en, and visual observations of the visibility and cloud conditions are recorded. summit at 231 mph, and New Hampshire's official low temperature (47

hear a forecast of 50 mph in the valley, the wind speed can easily top 100 mph and the conditions are often extreme at the Observatory.”

The group returns to the warm living quarters in the lowest level of the summit building and gathers around a long narrow dining table and a roast turkey dinner. Conversation continues. The meteorologists are mostly recent college graduates with a devotion to their science and this setting. It is remote with winter access to and from the Observatory only by snow tractor or, as some prefer, by foot. But a big screen television, telephones, Internet access and visitors like the father visiting his son for the weekend make duty at the top far from isolated.

There is a camaraderie among the staff that is engaging, and the chance to be a part of their routine and look over their shoulders as they perform their hourly cycle of observations is a treat that only a few can experience. Finally, all but the night shift turn in for the night, and even with the outside wind speed at 40 mph the building is quiet.

At 5:30 a.m. members of the EduTrip gather outside again to watch the sunrise. The wind speed has lessened some, but the temperature is holding at 9°. A group of winter hikers appears having left its campsite three hours before in the dark. Dawn brightens the sky, and at 5:45 sunlight from the east strikes the summit of the highest point in New England and begins to wash over the rest of the Presidential Ridge and northern New Hampshire. Thin clouds wisp away from the lower peaks, but on this morning, it is clear at the top.

As far west as the eye can see, the pattern of sunrise continues, and it is the first day of spring.

There is another morning class, but shortly after Noon, Wayne Peterson and the snow tractor are back. The weekend visitors and several boxes of recyclable material and compacted trash are loaded on board. The tractor spins around and plows

ture drops 3-4° for each 1,000 feet of added elevation. The air pressure drops as the altitude increases, and the air holds less moisture as vapor, so clouds are common. The wind accelerates as the space is restricted between the high peaks of Franconia

Notch and the cluster of Cabot and Waumbek north of the village of Jefferson, and the same Venturi effect that lifts the wing of an airplane causes the speed over the cone shaped summit of Mount Washington to be higher than the surrounding area. If you



Martina Raabe (left) is a university student from Germany collecting data for a study on rime ice. Jeff DeRosa from Bath, ME is a staff meteorologist. DeRosa and others like him rotate off and on through 12-hour shifts for seven days at the Observatory.



Krysia Scorko is a recent graduate of Vassar College. Working as an intern for the Mount Washington Observatory she measures relative humidity with a sling psychrometer comparing the differences between a wet bulb and a dry bulb thermometer.

back down the Auto Road. Two hours later at the base of the mountain the unloading is finished, and the group begins to break up.

Someone from a parked car calls out, “Hey - You missed a great day in the valley. It was beautiful all weekend.”

It probably was. ★

### Exploration and Mapping Mount Washington

**1524** Giovanni da Verrazano makes the first recorded sighting of the White Mountains from his ship off the coast of New Hampshire.

**1561** Girolamo Ruscelli publishes *Tierra Nueva* in Venice, showing simple and unnamed depictions of hills in northern New England.

**1642** Darby Field makes the first known ascent of Mount Washington.

**1677** John Foster's map identifies the “White Hills.”

**1784** Jeremy Belknap's scientific expedition names Mount Washington after General (yet to be president) George Washington.

**1819** Abel and Ethan Allen Crawford build the first path to the summit of Mount Washington.

**1820** Lancastrians climb Mount Washington and name the other high peaks in the Presidential Range. (At the time there had only been five US presidents.) On subsequent trips in the same year, they were the first to spend the night on the summit and climb the northern Presidential peaks.

**1851** The Atlantic and Southern Railroad opens a line to Gorham, immediately establishing it as a popular destination for tourists.

**1852-1888** Franklin Leavitt and his son Victor publish souvenir maps of the White Mountains. They are more folk art than useful reference.

**1853** The first “respectable” map of the White Mountains is produced by Professor George P. Bond of Harvard University.

**1860** A map of the Ammonoosuc Mining District was perhaps the first map of the White Mountains to include contour lines.

**1882** William Pickering, Appalachian Mountain Club councilor for exploration, produces a contour map of the Mount Washington Range.

**1899** First automobile driven to the summit.

**1907** Appalachian Mountain Club publishes its first *White Mountain Guide*.

**1932** Mount Washington Observatory builds a facility at the summit.

**1978-1987** Bradford Washburn of the Boston Museum of Science uses laser equipment and aerial photography to produce highly detailed and accurate map of Mount Washington and the Presidential Range.

**1998** After rechecking 1,200 miles of trails the Appalachian Mountain Club uses Geographical Information Systems (GIS) and Global Positioning Systems (GPS) technology to publish the first digitally composed maps of the White Mountains in its 26th edition of the *White Mountain Guide*.

Historical information provided by John Mudge, Etna, NH



## What's Happening at the Town Hall?

### Barnet

Town Clerk: William Hoar  
Selectboard: Ted Faris, Stanley Robinson and Gary Bunnell

February 28, 2005

**Highway Projects** - Board signed applications for funding repairs to bridge #41 on Stevens River in Barnet Village (estimated cost \$17,000) and preliminary design work on bridge #10 in East Barnet (cost to be determined).

**Overweight Permits** - Board approved overweight permits for Robert Farman, Carroll Concrete, Pouliot & Corriveau, Inc., S.T. Griswold & Co. Inc., A. Withers Trucking and Darcy Nelson.

**Barnet Water System** - Board read letter from town attorney regarding Barnet Water System request to place well on town land. Board will discuss project and requirements with affected landowners before any decision is made.

**Hazard Mitigation Grant Program** - Board reviewed notification from VT Emergency Management Department regarding a Barnet landowner's eligibility for disaster relief funds after having experienced two or more flood damage claims in past 10 years. If approved, grant would pay 75% of total - often used for buyout, elevation of structures or relocation. Board voted to act as sub-grantee.

**Town Service Officer** - Board agreed to recommend reappointment of Stanley Robinson as town service officer.

**Fire Department** - Board discussed options for permanent financing of new fire station. Board will seek prices and options for ten- and fifteen-year financing and prices for audit required prior to bond financing.

March 14, 2005

**Board Organization** - Board elected Theodore Faris as chair and agreed to have meetings as before on the 2nd and 4th Mondays at 7:00 p.m. at town clerk's office.

**Road Commissioner** - Board appointed Stanley Robinson and Gary Bunnell as road commissioners.

**Highway Matters** - Board agreed to applications for state funding for retreatment on sections of West Barnet Road and Barnet Center Road. Summer projects will include paving on Roy Mountain Road, West Barnet Road and Barnet Center Road. Board will meet with engineers to inspect East Barnet Bridge. Board considering problems with bridge on Carter Street in Barnet

Village.

**Transfer Station** - Board signed letter responding to VT Agency of Natural Resources' notice of violations at Barnet Transfer Station.

**Fire Station** - Board signed \$237,500 loan documents with Community National Bank as bond anticipation financing for fire station. Interest rate is 3.01%. Fire Chief Ron Morse and Board discussed use of various reserve funds rather than bond financing. Board will have town attorney prepare warning for special town meeting.

**Fire Department** - On request of Ron Morse Board approved use of \$5,000 from fire department equipment reserve fund for fittings, adapters, nozzle, etc. for new truck.

**Audit** - After review of proposals for audit of town's general fund: Mudgett Jennett & Krogh-Wisner (fee not to exceed \$7,000) and Sullivan, Powers & Co. (fee to be \$10,500) Board accepted proposal of Mudgett Jennett & Krogh-Wisner.

**Town Auditor** - Board accepted resignation of auditor Shellie Samuels. Board will seek a replacement auditor at special town meeting.

**Liquor License** - Board approved liquor licenses for Paul's Whistle Stop and Paula's Place.

**Overweight Permit** - Board approved overweight permits for Arthur Whitcomb and Murray Transport.

**West Barnet Fire District** - On request of West Barnet Fire District and recommendation of Ron Morse, Board agreed to pay cost of approximately \$1,250 per year for lights and heat at fire & rescue building in West Barnet.

**Town Clerk's Office** - Board agreed to replace existing lighting in town clerk's office at a cost of approximately \$430.

### Cabot

Town Clerk: Chris Kaldor  
Selectboard: Larry Gochey, Caleb Pitkin and William Walters

March 16, 2005

**Utility Easement** - Board voted to approve right of way request from Fair Point New England.

**Joe's Pond** - Board approved application for Joe's Pond Aquatic Nuisance Control Grant and authorized payment not to exceed \$500 in support of the grant.

**Central VT Regional Planning Commission** - Board appointed Richard Payne as representative to Regional Planning Commission.

**Town Service Officer** - Board appointed Bill Cobb as town service officer.

**Financial Plan** - Board approved annual financial plan for town highways.

**Tax Anticipation Note** - Board voted to accept proposal from Chittenden Bank for \$300,000 tax anticipation note.

**Planning Commission** - Board appointed Dale Newton to planning commission.

**Civil Action** - After executive session to discuss a legal matter, no action was taken.

### Danville

Town Clerk: Virginia Morse  
Selectboard: Marion Sevigny, Larry Gadapee, Rick Sevigny, Gary Turner and Michael Walsh.

March 3, 2005

**Board Reorganization** - Board elected Mike Walsh as chair, Rick Sevigny as vice chair and Merton Leonard as clerk of the Board.

**Town Green** - On Cheryl Linsley's request Board authorized use of Green for a non-denominational Easter Service on March 27. Board also approved request from Pope Library for use of Green for Sunday evening concerts in June, July and August; use of Green for Danville Fair including release of open container law on August 5-6; use of the Green as in past for Caledonia Farmers' Market, and use of Green for Autumn on the Green on October 2.

**Town Officers** - Board voted to appoint Kevin Gadapee as road foreman, Merton Leonard, health officer; Louise Lessard, sexton of cemeteries; Board, surveyor of wood and lumber; Stephen Parker, tree warden; Jo Guertin, dog warden and first constable; Cheryl McQueeney, pound keeper; Dave Machell and Shelly Beauparlant to development review board; Jim Ashley, solid waste management district; Linda Leone, zoning administrative officer; Frances Lamothe, town service officer; Jeremy McMullen, E-911 coordinator; Edmond Demott and Jeremy McMullen, planning commission; town clerk's office, keeper of the dog list; Jim Jung, Green Up Day chair; Howard Gadapee, fire chief and Robert Briggs, fire warden.

**Railroad Tracks Removal** - On recommendation of Kevin Gadapee Board denied request from Engineers Construction to remove railroad crossings during winter season or

spring thaw.

**Town Hall** - Because of price increase Board agreed to seek additional bids on installation of town hall sprinkler system. Board agreed to buy tables for town hall space with funds donated for the purpose by chamber of commerce. After presentation by Merton Leonard Board approved town hall use policy.

**Fire Department** - Board agreed to buy computer and software for fire department with grant funds for the purpose and advance funds if necessary until funds are received..

**Joe's Pond Beach** - Town is waiting for recommendation from town attorney on sales agreement for Joe's Pond Beach transaction.

**Administrative Assistant** - Merton Leonard reported he will attend training for town health officers. Board approved revised job description for administrative assistant.

**Education Fund** - Board approved resolution furnished by VT League of Cities and Towns to prevent illegal use of education fund.

**Insurance** - Board voted to renew insurance policy for town officers.

**Personnel** - After executive session to discuss a personnel matter, no action was taken.

March 17, 2005

**Road Crew** - After executive session to discuss personnel matter, Board voted to hire Jeremy Withers for road crew at \$2 per hour less than prevailing road crew rate until he receives his CDL. Then he will get an additional \$1 per hour providing no law requires position be advertised.

**Town Hall** - Merton Leonard reported new quote for town hall sprinkler system was higher than one they had from Mountain Valley. Board voted to accept quote from Mountain Valley to complete sprinkler for \$24,365. Request from Mary Prior for chamber of commerce to rent office space in second floor of town hall was not approved until Board determines how space will be used.

**Fire Department** - Board voted to pay invoice of \$25,775 for fire department generator. Expense will be fully reimbursed by grant funds from Homeland Security.

**Joe's Pond Beach** - Board discussed letter from Toby Balivet with changes to sales agreement for Joe's Pond Beach transaction and will forward letter to Washington Electric.

**Liquor License** - Board approved liquor license applications from Danville Restaurant and Inn, Joe's Pond Country Store, Marty's 1st Stop and Diamond Hill Store.

**Joe's Pond Aquatic Nuisance** - Board approved request for \$500 towards the Joe's Pond Aquatic Nuisance control project.

**Highway Financial Plan** - Board approved highway financial plan as summarized by VTrans.

**Bandstand** - Board discussed condition of bandstand on Green and possibility of painting it before it is replaced during Route 2 reconstruction project.

### Lyndon

Town Clerk - Lisa Barrett  
Selectmen: Martha Feltus, Bruce James and Rob Elmes

March 7, 2005

**Board Reorganization** - Board elected Martha Feltus as chair.

**Board Appointments** - Board approved list of 34 appointments.

**Access Permit** - Board approved access permit for Charles Hughes onto Old Coach Road.

**Lease of Town Property** - After viewing property (at intersection of Charles Street, Tute Hill and US 5) that Marcel Dionne would like to lease from town, Board will consider a lease agreement.

**Gilman Housing Trust** - Board voted to adopt current town plan as community development plan until new plan is adopted to allow Gilman Housing Trust to complete its community development program.

**Liquor Licenses** - Board voted to approve second class liquor license applications for White Market Plaza Store, White Market Main Street Store, Cumberland Farms, Fordham's Mobilmart, Irving Oil, Lyndonville Redemption Center, and RLD Enterprises. Six first class liquor license applications were tabled on request of Police Chief Harris until certain conditions are attached to the licenses reminding establishments of their responsibility to control noise and parking issues.

**Catering Permit** - Board approved blanket catering permit for ARAMARK at Lyndon State College provided town is notified prior to events.

**Excess Weight Permits** - Board voted to approve excess weight permits for Allen Lumber, Blue Seal Feeds, Carroll Concrete, Clem-Dee, Gosselin Water Wells, Roger Gosselin, Mike Lemieux Trucking, McLure Moving & Storage, Morrill Construction, Darcy Nelson and A. Withers trucking.

**Mobile Home Park License** - Board approved 2005 Mobile Park License for Maple Ridge Mobile Home Park.

**Road Crew** - Kevin Williams, road foreman, reported that the 1995 John Deere tractor has a broken piston. Cost of repairs are estimated at \$5,000. A new tractor including trade of the old unit would cost about \$29,000. Board will consider the choices. Williams reported town is running low on winter sand. Board authorized purchase of another 1,500 yards from same vendor as last fall.

**Flood Mitigation** - Board noted Army Corps of Engineers has discontinued flood mitigation plan project due to lack of funding.

### Peacham

Town Clerk: Patrick Downes  
Selectmen: Richard Browne, Gary Swenson, Tim McKay

March 2, 2005

**Stump Dump** - Board reviewed letter from VT Agency of Natural Resources regarding "stump dump," and voted that "Effective immediate-

**HIGH-SPEED DIALUP**  
Six faster than normal dialup access!

**The Kingdom Connection**

junk mail filtering  
email virus scanning  
popup blocker  
local dialup numbers  
nationwide access

SlipStream Technology

WWW.KINGCON.COM

PO Box 526  
St. Johnsbury, VT 05819  
1.800.398.7775  
email: info@kingcon.com

1-802-748-7005

**The LITTLETON BIKE SHOP**  
SINCE 1981

Open Seven Days a Week  
No Sales Tax

**We Have**

Bikes  
Skates  
Fitness Equipment  
Hockey Equipment

87 Main Street  
Littleton, NH 03561  
(603) 444-3437  
litbike@ncia.net  
www.littletonbike.com

**REID & BALIVET**  
ATTORNEYS AT LAW

ERNEST TOBIAS BALIVET  
JUDITH A. SALAMANDRA CORSO

DANVILLE GREEN • DANVILLE, VT • (802) 684-3666



**Excerpts from Selectboard Minutes from Area Towns**  
*See your Town Clerk for complete minutes of the meetings*

ly, the town stump dump is closed." Phil Jejer will carry out the procedure described in letter and consult as necessary with the Agency to carry out the procedures in a way that is satisfactory.

**Board Organization** - Board elected Gary Swenson as chair. Board voted to set its meeting dates as the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month at town clerk's office, at 7:00 p.m. Board approved use of *Robert's Rules of Order* for procedural purposes. Patrick Downes was elected clerk of the Board.

**Board Appointments** - Board made following appointments: Charles Browne, agency appropriations committee; Ann Goss, ADA Committee; Drusilla Powden, board of adjustment; Jeff Berwick, fire chief; Jerry Senturia, emergency management coordinator; Marceya Roy, conservation commission; Kenneth Bean, Maurice Chandler and Ken Danielson, fence viewers; Frederick Stevenson, fire warden; JoAnne Post, Green-up chairman; Sharon McDonnell, health officer; Jo Guertin, keeper of the pound; Stevens School, Memorial Day chairman; Maurine Rosenberg and Marilyn Magnus, planning commission; Patty Strader, service officer; Dave Magnus, town energy coordinator; Neil Monteith, tree warden. Board asked that any town residents interested in the positions of lister or member of the zoning board of adjustment, planning commission, recreation commission or Peacham Conservation Commission make themselves known to the Board.

**Town Equipment** - Phil Jejer reported repairs will be made to the green road grader, requiring approximately eight weeks.

**Road Crew** - Jejer reported road crew has been busy with road work. He has changed schedule for plowing Mack's Mountain Road in response to citizen concerns. Road crew is still struggling with frozen culverts and has begun treating them chemically.

**Personnel** - Following executive session to discuss personnel matters, Board signed rate of pay adjustment records for certain town employees. On Becky Jensen's request for clarification as to how auditors are to be paid, Board voted to sign warrant for payroll when needed.

**Town Plan** - Board discussed town plan.

**Board Work Plan** - Board discussed 2005 work plan including conservation fund, cemetery, transfer station, recycling building, cost control, modernization of bookkeeping system, personnel manual, town plan, telecommunications ordinance, town hall, lease of old town hall to Peacham Historic Society.

**Legal Trail** - Board reviewed correspondence from Zuccaro, Willis and Bent regarding Frances Woods' interest in Peacham's Legal Trail #18.

**Town Clerk** - Patrick Downes

reported schedule for office of town clerk. Board agreed on some standards regarding funds for training the Treasurer.

March 16, 2005

**Planning Commission** - Board appointed Gib Parrish to planning commission.

**Zoning Board of Adjustment** - Board appointed Mike Bruton to zoning board of adjustment.

**Cemetery** - Board discussed town cemetery matters and agreed that the general fund and cemetery fund should be permanently separated. Board discussed restrictions on cemetery funds and their future management. Board discussed distinctions between roles of Board, town clerk and treasurer and cemetery sextons. Board reappointed Cheryl Stevenson and Ron Craig as sextons. Board discussed 100-year plan for the cemetery and agreed to continue the plan as part of the village planning process. Board discussed the current maintenance of the cemetery grounds including used areas and those that are not used.

**Friends of the Peacham Cemeteries** - Lori Craig and Mike Bruton volunteered to become Friends of the Cemeteries and create such an organization.

**Village Plan** - David Jacob reported proposed village plan will be posted at the town hall.

**Stump Dump** - Board discussed closing of the stump dump.

**Transfer Station** - Board discussed expenses at the transfer station and construction of a recycling shed.

**Tree Money** - On recommendation of Barry Lawson Board voted to authorize grant application for tree money.

**Personnel** - Board discussed matters of pay period.

**St. Johnsbury**

Town Manager: Michael Welch  
 Town Clerk: Sandy Grenier  
 Selectboard: Elwin Cross, Bryon Quatrini, Dale Urie, Reg Wakeham and Jerry Rowe

February 14, 2005

**Bay Street Redevelopment Project Update** - Joel Schwartz, director of economic development provided Board with an update on Bay Street project. A proposal has been submitted to all property-owners asking them to agree on a process for determining value of property they may contribute to the project. There are seven, including the town and state, that will need to agree to proceed with development in southern portion of target area.

**Bridge Inspection Reports** - Board discussed bridge inspection reports for ten town-owned bridges. Board asked for recommendations including priorities for repairs.

**Reserve Fund Balances - 2004 Year End** - On town manager's recommendation Board approved various final fund balances for 2004.

**Municipal Policies** - On recommendation of Joel Schwartz, Board approved current versions of municipal policies and procedures associated with Equal Employment Opportunity Policy; Fair Housing Policy; Use of Excessive Force Policy; Use of VCDP Fund for Federal Lobbying; Code of Ethics Policy; and Drug Free Workplace Policy.

**Tax Anticipation Note** - Board voted to approve tax anticipation note for \$1,000,000 from Lyndonville Savings Bank at a rate of 2.15%.

**Zoning Map Amendments** - Board signed the report of doings for zoning map amendments previously approved by the Board.

**Fines/Fees/Penalties** - Board signed fines, fees and penalties as previously approved by the Board.

**Elwin Cross** - Board acknowledged significant contributions that Chairperson Elwin Cross made to the Board and the community.

Town Manager: Michael Welch  
 Town Clerk: Sandy Grenier  
 Selectboard: Bryon Quatrini, Dale Urie, Reg Wakeham, Jerry Rowe and Gary Reis.

March 7, 2005

**Departmental Space Planning** - Jay Ancel, Black River Design, reviewed program space requirements prepared by Fire Chief Troy Ruggles and by police department. Black River met with department heads and reviewed all current space available and developed estimates for future space needs. Ancel discussed proposals for use of municipal building, Pomerleau Building and a new public safety facility. Preliminary cost estimates were prepared for each alternative. Ruggles and Police Chief Leighton reviewed space requirements with Board. Ancel asked Board to consider whether it supports space requirements as outlined by town departments.

**Walden**

Town Clerk: Lina Smith  
 Selectboard: Randolph Wilson, Daniel Lamont and Douglas Luther

February 21, 2005

**Reappraisal** - Lister Diane Banister presented three estimates for reappraisal. After discussion Board decided to contract with New England Municipal Consultants, Ltd. at a cost of \$64,500 for completion in 2006.

**Dussault's Heating**

**Sales Service Installation**

- ♦Thermo Pride Furnaces
- ♦Peerless Boilers



Box 301  
 St. Johnsbury, VT 05819

**(802) 748-4945**  
**24 hour service**



**Free AARP/IRS Tax Counseling for the Elderly 2004**

Please call the desired counselor for an appointment

All Assistance Is By Appointment Only

	Days Available	Shut-Ins
<b>ST. JOHNSBURY</b> s12055819		
Rodger Boyle, 748-4476	Thurs. & Fri.	Yes
Kathleen Mayhew, 748-8267	Tues. & Thurs.	Yes
Norman Sleeper, 748-2244	Thurs.	Yes
Lloyd Rainey, 748-9094	All Evenings & Saturdays	Yes
George Hollos, 748-2786	All Days	Yes
Clara Badger, 748-9040	Thurs. & Fri.	Yes
<b>LYNDONVILLE Senior Action Center</b> s12055851		
Marion Mohri, 626-4544	All Days	Yes
Bill Mohri, 626-4544	All Days	Yes

February - April 15

"Your Clear Choice in Auto Glass Replacement"

**Windshield World**

"We Come to You"

- ♦FREE COURTESY CAR OR MOBILE SERVICE
- ♦INSURANCE APPROVED FOR DIRECT BILLING
- ♦WRITTEN WARRANTY
- ♦ORIGINAL EQUIPMENT SAFETY GLASS
- ♦LOCALLY OWNED & OPERATED

**BARRE 479-0666**  
**HARDWICK 472-5554**  
**WHITE RIVER JCT. 295-9903**  
**NEWPORT 334-1348**  
**GORHAM, NH 752-1414**

DIAL TOLL FREE  
**800-639-0666**  
 "PROMPT FRIENDLY SERVICE"

ST. JOHNSBURY  
 371 Memorial Drive • **748-3310**



# Sexual Violence Awareness Highlighted in April

MICHELLE B. FAY

Women between the ages of 16 and 19 face many challenges – deciding what career to pursue after high school, maybe choosing and paying for college or a technical training program and learning to balance personal, educational or professional goals. They are also four times as likely as the general population to be victims of rape, attempted rape or sexual assault.

April is Sexual Violence Awareness Month, a time for advocates, survivors of sexual violence and their families to shine a light on this most underreported of violent crimes.

According to the annual National Crime Victim Survey published by the US Department of Justice, only 39% of rapes and sexual assaults were reported in 2003. Based on national rates of arrest, prosecution and sentencing, the national advocacy group RAINN estimates that only 16% of rapists whose victims report the assault will spend time in prison. Factoring in the high rate of unreported rapes, roughly 1 in every 16 rapists will see the inside of a jail cell.

Young women are particularly at risk. In the overwhelming majority of first rapes, the victim is under 25 years old. Developmentally disabled people face an even more troubling likelihood of victimization: a study in

1991 found that as many as 83% of disabled women and 32% of disabled men are victims of sexual assault.

Rape and sexual assault are thought of as “gendered” crimes, with roughly 9 out of 10 victims being women. Regardless of the gender of the victim, perpetrators are male 99% of the time. “In order to end this violence we need to shift the focus - to the perpetra-

aspects of traditional masculinity and to view women and girls as allies in fostering healthy relationships.

Trainers from Men Can Stop Rape traveled to Fairlee, VT in January to help Vermont advocates and youth workers develop ways to engage men in what is generally considered a women’s issue. Umbrella has issued an invitation for “A Gathering of Men Against Violence” on April 25 at 6:00 p.m. at the organization’s office in St. Johnsbury as a way to begin this conversation.

Umbrella’s Domestic/Sexual Violence Program also wants to step up its efforts to reach male victims of sexual violence, including adult victims of childhood sexual abuse. The program is working with the statewide Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) program coordinator and staff at Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital (NVRH) to establish SANE services for all adult rape victims in our region.

Currently, rape exams are performed by nurse practitioners in the Women’s Wellness practice at NVRH whose expertise is in responding to women’s health issues. Male sexual assault victims are referred to either North Country Hospital in Newport or Copley Hospital in Morrisville, both of which have SANE nurses on staff.

tors of this crime and to prevention,” says Zoë Gascon, domestic/sexual violence program coordinator at Umbrella in St. Johnsbury. “We need men to take a leading role in challenging the beliefs and attitudes that support a culture of sexual violence.”

Men Can Stop Rape is one organization dedicated to doing just that. The Washington, DC based non-profit mobilizes young men to challenge the harmful

After a planned SANE training takes place this spring, NVRH will be prepared to respond to both male and female rape victims. “I am very pleased that services will be available to all victims and applaud NVRH’s response to this situation,” said Christine Morrison, a domestic and sexual violence advocate at Umbrella who also serves on the statewide Sexual Violence Task Force.

Any victims of sexual violence may call Umbrella’s office or the hotline for confidential support, advocacy and resources as they cope with their victimization. Support groups are also formed based on the needs expressed by people who seek services at Umbrella.

Friends, family members and partners can also help in the healing process and work for a change in how sexual violence is tolerated by our culture. How can one person make a difference? If someone tells you that they have been raped, believe them. Tell them that you care and will be there for them.

Remember that no one ever asks to be raped. No matter what

the circumstances tell them it is not their fault and that you are sorry this happened.

Get information for the survivor, but let them make their own decisions. It is OK not to agree with a decision a survivor makes, but respect their right to make that decision.

Let the survivor tell you what they want to tell you, in their own time - don’t ask for additional information. Respect their privacy and confidentiality—don’t tell anyone.

Don’t forget about yourself. Being a support person is difficult. Call your local Domestic and Sexual Violence agency. You can seek support without revealing your name or the name of the survivor.

Participate in awareness events. Get involved – become a volunteer. For details on events during the month of April or in an emergency call (802) 748-8645 during office hours or (802) 748-8141 after hours.

*Michelle B. Fay is executive director of Umbrella in St. Johnsbury.*



## College Night at Lyndon State College

Lyndon Institute, Lyndon State College, the Upward Bound Program and St. Johnsbury Academy are sponsoring the annual Northeast Kingdom College Night on Monday, April 4, from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

College night is a means to showcase colleges and universities from across the country primarily for high school students but for anyone interested. The program is open free of charge to the public and will be held in Stannard Gymnasium on the campus of the College. Over 100 colleges and universities will be represented. Visiting admissions officials will address concerns surrounding college acceptances as they pertain to their own institutions.

Issues such as application procedures, the use of the SAT, financial aid and curriculum, facilities and campus life will be discussed. College bound juniors and their parents are particularly encouraged to attend. A wide variety of higher educational institutions will be represented including colleges and universities offering liberal arts, as well as technical and business oriented curricula.

**MICHAEL K. WALSH & SON, Builders**  
 New Construction • Remodeling • Renovations  
 Finish Work • Decks • Wallpapering • etc.  
 ♦ Call Now for Spring Projects  
 Solid reputation of quality workmanship,  
 reasonable rates and dependability

Over 25 years of experience (802) 684-3977 Danville, VT

**DANVILLE SELF STORAGE**  
 26 units  
 from 5X10 to 10X30  
 Route 2 West,  
 Danville, VT  
 Clean, Dry, Inside Storage  
 Your Own Lock & Key  
 Carmen Calkins  
 PO Box 96  
 Danville, VT 05828  
 (802) 684-3865

**New, Used & Rare Books**  
**BOOK LOVER’S HEAVEN**  
 Special Orders and Browsers are  
 Always Welcome.  
**GREEN MOUNTAIN BOOKS**  
 Broad Street, Lyndonville, VT 05851 (802) 628-5051 Open Mon.-Sat. 9-5

**NORTHEAST COLLISION CENTER**  
 684 Portland Street  
 St. Johnsbury, VT  
**(802) 748-4292**

**GENERAL MANAGER  
 COREY BURGESS**

**PROFESSIONAL AUTOBODY TECHNICIANS**  
 RICHARD MILES • LINCOLN PAQUETTE • ROBERT MAGOON

*Expert Collision Repair & Custom Paint Work:  
 Cars, Trucks & Motorcycles  
 Professionalism & Pride • means • Satisfaction Guaranteed!*

**Mon.-Fri. 8 a.m.-5 p.m. & Sat. 8 a.m.-12 p.m.**

**Your car is the second largest investment you’re likely to make. Preserve its value and your safety by having it repaired professionally here at NORTHEAST COLLISION CENTER.**

**We strive to meet the standards of top quality paint and repair work and with our state-of-the-art Garmat paint booth we’ll have you back on the road ASAP!**

**We do Insurance Collision Repair**

**Don’t be fooled... “Hear”**

Diane Sandi Louise  
Isabelle

**MYTH:**  
 “If I had a hearing problem, I’d know about it.”

**FACT:**  
 Usually not. Hearing loss often develops unnoticeably over several years. Most people compensate for all the very gradual changes by asking others to repeat, turn the TV up louder, possibly even reading lips. Allowed to continue, these habits mistakenly make you believe there is no problem, or that it has gone away.

**ARMSTRONG’S** **FREE Hearing Screening**  
*Better Hearing Service, Ltd.*

198 Eastern Avenue • St. Johnsbury, VT 05819  
 (802) 748-4852 / (800) 838-4327  
 Hours: Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 9-4



# Going for Sawdust

BRUCE HOYT

We gathered at the home of a friend to celebrate the end of winter. The old house - an original structure of the once Victorian town - glowed within from lamps and candles, casting a warm light on brocade walls, paisley throws and the faces of the group. I enjoyed the ambiance awhile but sought out an old friend of mine. He and I always had interesting conversations, but this night I wanted to tell him about the disaster the weather had wrought upon my pasture fence, built the previous summer.

Heavy snows in December, followed by January ice storm, followed by snow upon snow after that, stacked up trouble for my fence. It only needed the spring thaw to bring the fence down, barbwire and all.

I was a pretend farmer, raising a couple of beef critters and a summer pig, while relying on a job in town for my livelihood. My friend, on the other hand, is a real

farmer with a large dairy herd. He would understand my distress and give more sympathy than my friends from town.

We found each other by the bourbon and mixes on the kitchen counter, and, after a "What'll you have?" and a "How was your day?" he reeled out a story about going for sawdust earlier in the day.

The sideboards were already on his truck, so about mid-day he set out. He had seen that Galleon Hill was dry enough, and he surmised that the drive over to McIndoes would be equally fair. Unfortunately, large portions of the road lay in shaded cuts where mud season was in full progress. Second gear and dual wheels carried him through, but he determined to bring his load home by another route.

At Woodsville, he discovered that the saws and blower were down and the funnel hopper was empty. He knew he would have to go on to Newbury and load by hand. He rued his decision to

leave his two strong boys at home.

At the Newbury mill, recent digging had eroded a gap in the pile just big enough to let one truck back in. "When I got out and looked at that wall behind the truck," he said, "I could see, in the layers of sawdust and snow, the history of the mill activity and the weather for the whole winter. Anyway, I was about half loaded when another truck pulled up and a young farmer - late 20s or so - got out and helped me finish my load. The courtesy is to turn-about, and so you see we both kept shoveling and had time to talk.

"We told about our respective farms: how many milking head, who we were shipping to, and so on. He said he was working his father's farm, and I casually asked what the arrangements were. Was he getting a salary? Was he getting a percentage of the milk check? He said he was working for promised equity in the farm.

"To me, farming is a business, and this didn't sound like good business. I should have let it go at

that, but I probed a little further and asked if he had a written agreement."

"No," he said.

"By that time a whole torrent of business anxiety was rushing into my head, and I asked if he had any brothers or sisters. He pondered the intention of that question a bit before answering. 'Yes,' he said, 'but they would never contest my right to the farm.'

"I got right into it then and tried to explain the advantages - the necessity - of a written contract.

"The more I talked, the quieter he became. I tried to clarify my position. Then I tried to undo the perceived offense, but the more I talked, the more tight-lipped he became. The more agitated he became, the more I stumbled over my words. You know how long it has taken me to be able to say 'Bennington, Brattleboro, Banana Belt' without stuttering, but it was all out the window. Finally I gave up, and we shoveled in silence.

"When it was done (it seemed like hours later) he heaved his shovel up onto the load and turned to me and growled, 'I think if I went over to your farm, I could find something wrong with it.'

"He climbed up into his cab and drove off without even covering his load.

"On the way home I went by way of Groton and South Peacham. A light sprinkling of the sawdust marked the path of the other truck until a wide crescent in the road showed where he turned off into the stony uplands of West Ryegate.

"When I came up the road to home I could see the lights in the

barn, and I knew the boys had started chores. Good boys! They were almost done with the milking so I showered up, and the wife and I came up here to the party, pretty much on time.

**A light sprinkling of the sawdust marked the path of the other truck until a wide crescent in the road showed where he turned off into the stony uplands of West Ryegate.**

"You know," he said, "we must have made a comical sight up there on top of the pile with our silhouettes against the sky; he, in stony silence, jabbing his shovel into the pile like a highland warrior swinging a claymore and I, gesturing and stammering and struggling to present my advice as friendly concern rather than arrogant judgment. But to me it wasn't funny. I like to be known for who I am and, I suppose that young farmer does, too. We both lost out today."

"Maybe," I said. "But everyone here knows who you are, and I haven't heard any complaints." He knew it was a compliment.

I looked at our empty glasses and said, "Can I fix you another?"

I never did tell him about my fence. ★

## We Are Grateful for the Services Delivered

We live on a back, back road - you can't get much back-er and still be on a road!

It has been well below zero lately, but we are comfortable in our home - not because we are sturdy and self-reliant, but thanks to an assortment of faithful providers who brave the elements to keep us supplied with fuel for warmth, with power to light, with newspapers and mail to keep us 'in touch' and connected!

It must be tempting at times to think "We don't want to go out on this miserable day. Those folks in Upper Tampico can manage until tomorrow with what they've got!" But no ... our smooth-packed

road is remarkable and well-tended. Our power rarely goes off, and if it does, it is quickly restored. Our postman's slog through all conditions may cause him to get here later some days, but get here he does, and he brightens our day with newspapers and word from friends and family.

These good folk aren't getting rich by providing us services, but they grin cheerfully when they stamp snow off their feet as they come in to greet us, and we know we matter to them. They are glad to be our providers and our friends.

It is a joy to be able to live where we have chosen to be all

these years, but we couldn't do it without all these supporters. This becomes even clearer as we get older! We cannot say enough in appreciation of these folk who are so important in our lives.

So, fuel suppliers, linesman and tree-trimmers, mail and package deliverers, trash removers, road crews - all of you, just remember that what you do means a great deal to us out here, and it's not taken for granted. Thanks!

Back road dwellers,  
Bets and Peter Albright

**The Sewing Studio**  
Alterations ~ Repairs  
Slipcovers ~ Custom Sewing  
Carolyn Cross, B.H.Ec.  
#1-10 Eastern Avenue  
St. Johnsbury, VT 05819  
802.748.1599

**MARTIN LARABEE**  
**MLC**  
**CONSTRUCTION**  
P.O. Box 308  
Danville, VT 05828  
(802) 684-2506  
**Think Spring: Driveways, Landscaping and Bark Mulch.**

**Appalachian Supply Inc.**  
Wholesale - Retail  
Plumbing, Heating & Electrical Supplies  
4581 Memorial Drive Rte. 302  
St. Johnsbury, VT 05819 Littleton, NH 03561  
**(802) 748-4513 (603) 444-6336**

**Goodrich's Maple Farm**  
2427 US Rt. 2, Cabot, VT 05647  
(802) 426-3388  
goodrichsmple@yahoo.com www.goodrichmaplefarm.com

**AWARD-WINNING MAPLE SYRUP & PRODUCTS**

Retail Wholesale Mail Order

**Sugarhill SMA XL Jugs  
RO Filters, Sap Filters &  
Other Sugaring Supplies**

Custom Tubing Installation & Consultation

Open Monday-Saturday 9-5, Closed Sundays & Holidays

Dr. Mark A. Leipert  
Dr. Richard Leven  
Dr. Stephen Feltus  
Dr. Rebecca Hogan  
Peter Boyle  
Optician

**25% Off**  
**All Sunglasses**  
**In Stock** (Except Oakleys)

Offer ends April 30.

**Optical Expressions**  
Berlin Mall 282 Berlin Mall Rd., Unit 4 802.223-2090  
Green Mountain Mall US 5, St. Johnsbury Center 802.748-3536



# Walden Hill Journal

ELLEN GOLD

**April 1, 2004** Starting the month of April with 40°, overcast skies and rain. The “golden” fields are still half covered with snow. Melt-off continues with water snaking through our vernal stream and the reemerging frog pond overflowing with a thin film of ice at the edge. Osiers are beginning to stand out with their deep burgundy branches. I’ve taken the bird feeder down for now to discourage the squirrels that appear to be multiplying. I’ll put up a cheaper replacement when we return from our travels. We don’t want our new Droll Yankee feeder to be demolished by another hungry bear.

**April 3, 2004** Sometime overnight those April showers turned to snow. At least the accumulation was minimal. A little spring snow is supposed to be good for sugaring and will at least help to extend the season. I guess they are finished boiling in the southern part of the state but could use more sugaring time up here. Meanwhile, with spring melt-off and several days of rain, the rivers are rising. The Winooski is roiling and boiling, heading towards Lake Champlain in a torrent of white caps. I took a leisurely walk along Kittredge Road to imprint the beauty of the northern forest on my senses before heading off on our Paris adventure. My sight, hearing and smell have been charged with the help of mini-cas-

ades, rapid streams, trilling robins, dainty pussy willows and the fragrance of the awakening earth.

**April 16, 2004** A very cheery welcome home to what the weatherman calls “wall-to-wall sunshine.” There’s an absolutely clear view of all the mountains. We were treated to an aerial view of a vibrant sunset over Lake Champlain flying into Burlington last evening. I guess that’s the benefit of being delayed with our connecting flight. At least it wasn’t the running panic we had in DC connecting to our Paris flight 12 days ago. We boarded as the gate was closing. A few trip highlights from April in Paris include green grass, flowering fruit trees, tulips and poppies in bloom, fresh planted colorful annuals and chestnut trees in full leaf. We saw many fantastic museums especially the Musee D’Orsay and the new Musical Instrument Museum. We were treated to a scenic drive along the Rhine and Moselle Rivers with family in Germany, seeing the ancient vineyards planted along steep mountain terraces. Our arrival coincided with the beginning of the white asparagus season, and we feasted on some fresh picked sweet morsels, steamed and buttered. In Bonn we had a moving visit to the house where Beethoven was born. Patisserie offerings included “religieux,” a chocolate tiered éclair with “mocha creme” inside and a chocolate crepe topped with orange marmalade served flambé

with Grand Marnier.

**April 18, 2004** 6:30 a.m. and the sun is just cresting the trees by the lower drive. There’s been lots of thawing since we left. Frost is out of the road, and Walden Hill was recently graded offering a smooth ride home. We’ve been enjoying some balmy 50° weather. Rain kept us in yesterday, but hopefully today we can get outside and start raking the gravel and stones away from our young maple trees. A few days of sunshine and I should be able to turn the garden. Planted tomato seeds yesterday. That’s a couple of weeks later than usual so it’ll be interesting to see how they fare. Evening thunderstorms are rumbling through. This is the first time I can remember lightning with snow still on the ground.

**April 20, 2004** Had a brief taste of summer yesterday. It climbed well into the 60’s up here, 70’s in St. Jay and 80’s in some parts of the state. Now we’re back to a morning temperature of 40° with light precipitation that looks slightly textured to me. Crocuses are blooming in Danville, and redwing blackbirds are calling. Even had a peeper chorus serenade last night as I took an evening walk through the woods.

**April 21, 2004** Cloudy and blustery today, back to winter. We even have the woodstove on for much needed warmth. Our brief fling with spring has brought up marsh marigold leaves and hellebore shoots. One lone yellow vio-

let is blooming on our woodland trail. Trout lilies are sending their mottled green leaves up through the leaf litter. Seed potatoes arrived today. They’re in the basement to stay cool and dark for temporary storage.

**April 22, 2004** Bluebirds arrived and are checking the accommodations. What a sight for winter-weary eyes that little orange breasted bluebird is, a real treat on this cloudy day. Unfortunately a swallow appeared, too, and is trying to discourage the bluebirds from settling here. It looks like swallows have already claimed the other birdhouse out back. It finally cleared for a beautiful star night. A setting crescent moon is lying on its back, looking up at a very bright planet. Our computer star chart shows that both Mars and Saturn should be visible in line with the moon, but all I see is one nearby planet. My guess, because of its location, would be Mars.

**April 23, 2004** Took a scenic ride to Cabot Greenhouse to pick up some Moo Doo. I always forget what a beautiful drive that is from Cabot Heights down into town, distant views of Camel’s Hump and Mount Mansfield with greening fields punctuating the hills. We picked up 6 bags of Moo Doo and raked them into the garden. Slowly but surely we’re working our way into spring. A narrow band of cottony clouds at the tops of the mountains makes the peaks appear snow-covered. The directional light of the setting sun emphasizes the effect. Ridges are picking up that rusty spring color while osiers radiate a bright deep maroon. Vermont’s “other”

foliage season is beginning to unfold.

**April 24, 2004** It’s been a weird weather day. High winds kept the thick, multi-layered clouds tumbling through while rain, hail and snow with sunshine spotted the valleys here and there. We drove to Bradford to deliver an order of Jeff’s Vermont cards to a new store there. We returned to Danville via Joe’s Brook Road. The brook is a raging torrent, white caps and swirling eddies abound. It felt like a fall day with leaves bouncing along Walden Hill Road. Only the fresh spots of spring red from the swamp maples put the bare woods into their proper season. It’s cold again tonight. We need the wood stove to take out the chill as the thermometer drops down into the 20s.

**April 27, 2004** Planted snow peas. It’s a little earlier than usual, but the garden is ready and the waxing moon is a good phase for legumes. Soil feels warm and smells like spring. A small garter snake was sunning itself on the trail. I sat briefly on our resting stumps in the lower woods under the tall balsams. A wonderful smell of resin permeated the air.

**April 28, 2004** A little bit of poor man’s fertilizer whitens the field this morning. More snow falling but mostly melting as it hits the ground. The sun is trying to break through, but drifting cloud layers continue to block the effort. White blossoms punctuate the shad branches but remain closed. A huge orange bumble bee was in the grass near the garden yesterday, ready to help pollinate once the flowers open. It’s a cold, cautious spring.

**April 29, 2004** It’s in the 60’s today. That’s a much more encouraging way to end April. I took a walk up the logging road. A moose had been up the road ahead of me heading off into the wetlands. Beautiful extended evening light closes the day with temperatures remaining in the 50’s. Peeper choruses were singing full blast, pulsating their high, frantic shrill from pond to pond. It was a bouncing stereophonic spring chorus as we came up the hill.

**Stuart V. Corso, D.M.D.**  
**GENERAL AND FAMILY DENTISTRY**  
 31 Mountain View Drive  
 Danville, VT  
**(802) 684-1133**

Exit 20, Interstate 91  Shop & Road Service  
 Complete Tractor Trailer Equipment Repair & Maintenance  
 Hardware, Spring & Chassis Repair, Welding & Frame Repair

**B & W**  
**Mechanical Services**  
**(802) 748-1615**

Rick Benoit Home: 684-1104  
 659 Bay Street, Suite 1  
 St. Johnsbury, VT 05819

**Vermont Public Radio Programs at a Glance**

Monday - Friday	Saturday	Sunday
6 A.M. BBC World Update (5 to 6 a.m.)	6 A.M. Music Through the Night	
7 A.M. Morning Edition with Steve Delaney	7 A.M. Only a Game	Sunday Bach
8 A.M.	Weekend Edition	
9 A.M.	10 A.M. Car Talk	Sunday Baroque
10 A.M. Classical Music with Walker Parker	11 A.M. What, What... Don't Tell Me!	
11 A.M.	Noon Interlude	A Prairie Home Companion
1 P.M. Performance Today	1 P.M. Saturday Afternoon at the Opera with Peter Fox Smith	All The Traditions with Robert Resnik
2 P.M. Fresh Air with Terry Gross	2 P.M.	
3 P.M. All Things Considered with Neal Chamoff	3 P.M.	
4 P.M. Marketplace	4 P.M. Weekend All Things Considered	
5 P.M. (Meal of Living on Earth) (The 411) (Weekend) (Switzerland) (Traveler) (The 411) (The 411) (The 411) (The 411)	5 P.M.	
6 P.M. Riverwalk	6 P.M.	
7 P.M. The NPR 100	7 P.M. A Prairie Home Companion	From the Top Caulfield Folk Soy Ya
8 P.M. Classical Music	8 P.M. The 411 & ShareRock	The American Life
	9 P.M. My Place	Sound and Spirit
	10 P.M.	
	11 P.M. Hearts of Space	Classical Music
	Midnight	

Music Through the Night (midnight to 5 a.m., Monday through Friday; until 1 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday)

**VPR** WVPR 89.5 FM Windsor • WVPS 107.9 FM Burlington  
 WRVT 88.7 FM Rutland • WVPA 88.5 FM St. Johnsbury  
 WBTV 94.3 FM Bennington • Listen on the web at vpr.net

**Set your dial to Vermont Public Radio**  
**WVPA 88.5 FM St. Johnsbury**

WVPR 89.5 FM Windsor; WRVT 88.7 FM Rutland;  
 WBTN 94.3 FM Bennington or  
 WVPS 107.9 FM Burlington

Saturday Afternoon at the Opera airs Saturdays at 12:14 p.m.

April 2: *Der Rosenkavalier* (Richard Strauss)  
 April 9: *Tosca* (Giacomo Puccini)  
 April 16: *Die Zauberflöte* (Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart)  
 April 23: *Die Walküre* (Richard Wagner)  
 April 30: *Faust* (Charles Gounod)

**Camel's Hump Radio** airs Sundays at 7:00 p.m.

April 3: *Night Flying*, by Rita Murphy  
 April 10: *20,000 Leagues Under the Sea* by Jules Verne  
 April 17: *The Watsons Go to Birmingham - 1963* by Christopher Paul Curtis  
 April 24: *Hoot* by Carl Hiaasen




**The Creamery Restaurant**

**Lunch**  
 Tues.-Fri. 11:30-2:00

**Dinner**  
 Tues.-Sat. 5:00-closing

**Pub**  
 Opens at 4:00  
 (802) 684-3616  
 Closed Sundays & Mondays

**Look for our Spring Fling with Music and Barbecue in May**



# Vermont Arts Council Turns 40

IRWIN GELBER

As part of its 40th Anniversary Celebration Year, the Vermont Arts Council is presenting the works of 27 of the state's most distinguished visual artists, whose work offers a unique perspective on the strength and diversity of the visual arts in Vermont. Since its founding in 1964, the Arts Council has recognized achievement in the arts by presenting annual awards. This exhibition pays tribute, once again, to those visual artists who are recipients of these awards. Their works include a broad sampling of artistic styles, techniques and media.

Among the artists featured in the show are honored members of the Northeast Kingdom "neighborhood." Ceramicist Karen Kames from Morgan is represented by both functional and abstract works in stoneware; Partners Jonathan Gregg and Louis von Weise, who founded the world-renowned Studio Center in Johnson, offer an impressionist drawing titled *Guardian* and a whimsical monoprint called *We Fools*; perennial iconoclast and global activist Peter Schumann, founder of the Bread & Puppet Theater in Glover has contributed one of his handprinted, handpainted cloth banners with the timely title of *Insurrection Circus*; Founder of Janus Press and MacArthur Foundation Fellowship recipient Claire Van Vliet, who makes her home in Newark, shows two of her more recent colored "pulp" paintings titled *Clouds* and *Blowing Snow*; and from just down the road in Plainfield, Mary Azarian offers a wry self-portrait *At Sixty* in her unique style of woodcut prints.

Other artists who are included in "Art of Achievement" run the gamut from early giants of

the international art world such as Luigi Lucioni, Rockwell Kent and Francis Colburn to contemporary favorites like Wolf Kahn, Sabra Field and Malcolm Wright. The exhibition also includes works of sculptor Jim Sardonis (of the I-89 *Whales' Tails* fame); innovative urban planner and landscape architect Michael Singer; designer of wearable art Susan Farrow; book artist Linda Rubinstein; and creative community development entrepreneur (as well as colorful abstract painter) Robert McBride.

Looking back over 40 years to 1964, the art scene in Vermont was a far cry from the vibrant one we enjoy today. Then, creative refugees from Boston and New York were just beginning to find their way to the vacant farmhouses and abandoned mills of our towns and villages. These included painters, sculptors, writers, musicians, filmmakers, multi-media artists and others.

At that time, the idea of a National Endowment for the Arts and the concept of federal and

state governments providing funding for the arts was an exciting but radical notion that was just being launched. Not since the days of the Works Progress Administration, created to provide jobs, and economic relief, for artists during the Great Depression, had there been serious government support for the arts.

Following the creation of the National Endowment for the Arts in 1965, a group of visionary Vermonters, including Governor Phil Hoff and Franklin (Bill) and Polly Billings founded the Vermont Arts Council with an eye toward the new opportunities that were emerging to encourage the development of the state's cultural community.

In the spring of that year, unique legislation was passed that made the Vermont Arts Council the only state arts council that was (and is to this day) an independent, not-for-profit, membership organization. Its mission: to serve the arts community of Vermont.



At Sixty - detail  
Woodblock on paper by Mary Azarian

Over the past 40 years, the Council has distributed more than \$15 million in grants to arts organizations and schools, visual artists, writers, choreographers, composers, musicians and actors. The Council requires that all grant funds be matched dollar for dollar, thereby leveraging local support. A rigorous peer review process that stresses artistic quality provides a stamp of credibility that has given an early boost to many careers and fledgling organizations.

As the Vermont Arts Council has served our community for 40 years, Vermonters, through support of its membership, have understood the value the arts bring to the special quality of life that we enjoy.

This extraordinary exhibit is a testimony to our enrichment and joy from the visual arts, and to the talents of the artists among us. As a member of the Vermont Arts Council I look forward to

the next 40 years.

Irwin Gelber is chair of the board of trustees of the Vermont Arts Council. He lives in West Barnet.

### Artists included in "Art of Achievement" Exhibition

- Pat Adams, Paul Aschenbach
- Mary Azarian, Judith Brown,
- Francis Colburn, D'Ann Calhoun Fago, Susan Farrow, Sabra Field, Frank C. Gaylord II, Jonathan Gregg, Francis R. Hewitt, Wolf Kahn, Margaret Lampe Kannenstine, Karen Karnes, Rockwell Kent, Luigi Lucioni, Robert McBride, Kate Pond, Linda Rubinstein, Jim Sardonis, Peter Schumann, Michael Singer, George Tooker, Claire Van Vliet, Louise von Weise and Malcolm Wright.

*Art of Achievement* is showing through April 17, 2005 at the T.N. Wood Gallery at Vermont College in Montpelier, (802) 828-8743: Tuesday - Sunday, Noon - 4:00 p.m.  
From April 20 - May 19, 2005 the exhibit will be at the Phoenix Gallery in Burlington, (802) 863-9400: Wednesday and Thursday, 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, Noon - 7:00 p.m.; and Sunday 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.  
From June 11 - July 30, 2005 Art of Achievement will be at the Bennington Center for Arts, (802) 442-7158: Tuesday - Sunday, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

## Antiques & Emporium

### Group Shop

260 Hill Street  
Lyndonville, VT 05851  
(802) 626-3500

**Clocks**  
**Furniture**  
**Adv. Collectibles**  
**Paintings & Prints**

**Glass**  
**China**  
**Pottery**  
**Collectibles**

**Open Daily 10-5**  
**Closed Tuesdays**

**Stop In and See Us on The Hill in Lyndonville, Vermont!**  
Owner, Paul Steele    **New Stock Arriving Monthly!**    **Always Buying!**

Now Accepting EBT Cards!

## SEAN B'S

### Quality Discount

Tuesday is Senior Day 10% off for 55 & over

Come see us up on the hill, at the corner of Route 5 and Red Village Road in Lyndonville  
**626-7200**  
Open everyday 10-6

Wednesday is College Day 10% off with college ID

## Discount Groceries

STRENGTH AND TRAINING EQUIPMENT • HORIZONTAL • WALKER TRADMITT • INDOOR HEATED POOL

## When exercising, water is essential.

# Health & FITNESS CENTER

Make a splash! Experience the Northeast Kingdom's newest and finest health and fitness center. Enjoy luxury, state-of-the-art equipment, privacy, convenience — and our pool! Open 5 a.m. to 11 p.m., 365 days a year.

	SINGLE	FAMILY*
1 MONTH	\$150	\$200
3 MONTHS	\$225	\$275
6 MONTHS	\$275	\$375
1 YEAR	\$350	\$575

\* 2 adults and 2 children  
Other restrictions apply, call for details.

**St. Johnsbury, Vermont**  
US ROUTE 5 SOUTH AT I-91 AND I-93  
802 748-1500

**NOW ACCEPTING MEMBERS**

### Hamilton House Bed & Breakfast

101 Park Street  
P.O. Box 280  
Danville, Vermont 05828

*Pamper yourself in luxury. Comfortable beds and delicious breakfasts.*

Someone you know need a break? Gift certificates available.

Toll Free: (866) 684-2445    www.TheHamiltonHouse.com  
Local: (802) 684-9800    info@TheHamiltonHouse.com

# WSTJ

## am 1340

Tune in for  
Red Sox Baseball

PO Box 249 St. Johnsbury, VT 05819 (802) 748-2345





## No Small Potatoes

Vanna Guldenschuh

April is a month of hope for cooks in the northeast. Fresh and homegrown is just around the corner along with those edible perennials - mint, rhubarb and that treat of all spring treats, asparagus. And, even if you aren't plucking that asparagus from its winter rest just yet, you can be plotting your kitchen strategy for this gourmet spring gift from the earth.

### Asparagus

Simplicity is the key word in the preparation of asparagus and the less you do to it the better. The most important rule is not to overcook this fragile vegetable.

To ready asparagus for any cooking method, snap off the ends where they want to break naturally rather than cutting them. This will always yield a tender product.

Water cooking: Put one inch of water in a non-reactive frying pan. Heat to boiling, and place prepared asparagus in the water. The amount of cooking time will depend on the size of the asparagus. As soon as it shows the least tenderness, drain the hot water, and rinse with a little cold water to stop the cooking. Drain.

Two of my favorite recipes for water cooked asparagus:

I. Drizzle extra virgin olive oil over the asparagus and shake a good amount of salt over all.

Toss and serve at room temperature as a side dish.

II. Heat butter, the juice from one half-lemon and chopped flat parsley in a frying pan. Add the asparagus and heat. Serve immediately.

### Asparagus Chowder

This soup will make any asparagus lover weak at the knees. It provides a wonderful meal served with a good loaf of French bread and a salad.

- 2 or 3 medium onions - chopped
- 1 bunch scallion - chopped
- 6 to 8 potatoes - peeled and sliced
- 2 or 3 store size bunches asparagus - ends snapped and sliced into small pieces with the tips reserved
- 4 quarts rich chicken stock (tinned stock is fine)

- 2 cups heavy cream
- 4 tablespoons butter
- 1/2 cup Parsley - chopped
- Salt and Pepper to taste

### Asparagus Quiche

Sauté the onions in the butter until soft. Add the chopped asparagus minus the tips (Cut them off and save for adding at the end). Cook for about 5 minutes. Add the chicken stock and potatoes. Let come to boil and then simmer for about 20 minutes or until the potatoes are tender. Add the parsley and salt and pepper to taste. Stir and add the heavy cream. Bring the soup to almost boiling and turn off. Put in the asparagus tips a few minutes before you are ready to serve the hot soup.

A classic dish this time of year. Great as a luncheon dish or served with a slice of sautéed ham for dinner. It also freezes well after cooking. The secret to a crispy crust under your quiche is to prebake the shell whether you use a store bought or homemade crust. This recipe makes one 9-inch shell. It will easily

- double and triple.
- 3 eggs
- 1/2 cup cream
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Pinch of nutmeg
- 1 onion - chopped
- 3 scallions - chopped
- 10 asparagus stalks - water cooked and cooled
- 2 tablespoons of parsley
- 1/2 cup grated cheese (cheddar, swiss or your favorite)
- One precooked pie crust

Prebake your piecrust. Use your own favorite recipe or a store bought variety. When you prebake a piecrust you will need to brace the sides. Do this by lining a fork-pricked crust with aluminum foil and filling it with rice beans or pellets made for this purpose. Cook at 375° for about 10 minutes. Take out and remove the lining. Bake another 5 minutes without the lining. Let cool. You may freeze piecrust at this stage to keep ready for a delicious easy meal at a moment's notice.

Preheat the oven to 350°. Beat eggs, cream, salt, pepper and nutmeg together. Set aside. Sauté the onions and scallions together till just wilted and set aside. Chop 6 of the asparagus stalks into fairly small pieces and mix with the scallions and onions. Lay this in the bottom of the crust. Mix the parsley into the egg mixture and stir vigorously to combine completely. Pour into the crust on top of the vegetables. Sprinkle the grated cheese on top and place the remaining 4 asparagus stalks in a spoke pattern on top of the quiche. Place in the oven and cook for 30 minutes or until set. Let stand about 10 minutes and then cut and serve.

Member FDIC

## Union Bank

Citizens Division

- MAIN OFFICE** (802) 748-3131  
364 Railroad Street • St. Johnsbury, VT 05819
- PORTLAND STREET BRANCH** (802) 748-3121  
325 Portland Street • St. Johnsbury, VT 05819
- GREEN MOUNTAIN MALL** (802) 748-2454  
1998 Memorial Drive, Suite 10  
St. Johnsbury, VT 05819
- LYNDONVILLE BRANCH** (802) 626-3100  
183 Depot Street • Lyndonville, VT 05851
- LITTLETON LOAN PRODUCTION OFFICE**  
(603) 444-7136  
241 Main Street • Littleton, NH 03561

## St. Johnsbury Academy Spring 2005 Sports Schedule

### Baseball & Softball

4/14	South Burlington	H	4:00
4/23	Spaulding (NL)	A	11:00
4/26	Rice	A	4:00
4/28	Essex	H	4:00
4/30	Colchester	H	11:00
5/3	BFA	A	4:30
5/5	Milton	A	4:30
5/10	Spaulding	H	4:30
5/12	CVU	H	4:30
5/14	Burlington	A	11:00
5/17	North Country	A	4:30
5/19	Harwood	H	4:30
5/21	Middlebury	A	11:00
5/24	Mt. Mansfield	A	4:30
5/26	Mt. Abe	H	4:30
5/28	Missisquoi	H	11:00

All JV Games at Opposite Site

### GOLF

4/25	Spaulding, Mt. Mansfield, CVU	H	3:00
4/28	SBHS, MAU, MHS @ Essex	A	3:00
5/2	NCU, MHS, SBHS @ West Bolton	A	3:00
5/6	ESS, CHS, VUHS @ Basin Harbor	A	3:00
5/13	Boys' Invitational - NCU @ Newport	A	8:00
5/16	Girls' Invitational - NCU @ Newport	A	1:00
5/16	BFA, Rice, NCU	H	3:00
5/19	MMU, VUHS, MVU @ Champlain	A	3:00
5/24	SBHS, CHS, MAU @ Kwiniaska	A	3:00
6/1	Division 1 North @ Newport	A	1:00
6/2	Girls' Tournament - Harwood @ Sugarbush	A	1:00
6/7	States - Girls @ Proctor	A	TBA
6/8	States - Boys @ Middlebury	A	TBA

### Boys' Lacrosse

4/12	Rice* (NL)	A	4:00
4/16	Burlington* (NL)	H	11:00
4/22	Spaulding* (NL)	A	4:00
4/26	U-32*	H	4:00
4/29	Montpelier	H	4:00
5/3	Harwood	H	4:00
5/5	Randolph	A	4:00
5/7	Rice*	H	11:00
5/11	Burlington*	A	4:00
5/14	Harwood*	A	11:00
5/17	Lamoille	H	4:00
5/17	JV Danville*	H	5:30
5/20	U-32*	A	4:00
5/21	JV Tournament @ Essex	A	9-2
5/25	Montpelier	A	4:00
5/28	Randolph	H	11:00
5/28	JV Danville*	H	12:30

\* All JV Games Follow Varsity Games

Go Hilltoppers!

### Girls' Tennis

4/11	U-32 (NL)	A	3:30
4/14	North Country (NL)	H	3:30
4/25	Lake Region (NL)	H	3:30
4/28	Montpelier	H	3:30
4/30	Harwood (NL)	A	10:00
5/2	Middlebury (NL)	A	3:30
5/5	Harwood	H	3:30
5/9	Stowe	A	3:00
5/12	U-32	H	3:30
5/14	Middlebury	H	10:00
5/16	North Country	A	3:30
5/18	Lake Region	A	3:30

### Boys' Tennis

4/11	U-32	H	3:30
4/14	North Country	A	3:30
4/15	Harwood	H	3:30
4/26	Burlington (NL)	H	3:30
4/28	Montpelier	A	3:30
4/30	Stowe	A	10:00
5/2	Middlebury	H	3:30
5/5	Harwood	A	3:30
5/7	Montpelier	H	3:00
5/9	Stowe	H	3:30
5/11	Burlington (NL)	A	3:30
5/12	U-32	A	3:30
5/14	Middlebury	A	3:30
5/16	North Country	H	3:30

### TRACK

4/14	South Burlington	A	3:30
4/27	North Country	A	3:30
4/29	Frosh Meet @ Lyndon	A	3:15
5/3	Essex, Montpelier	H	3:30
5/6	Burlington Invitational (Girls only) @ Essex	A	3:00
5/7	Burlington Invitational (Boys only) @ Essex	A	10:00
5/11	Lamoille, MMU, Spaulding	H	3:30
5/13	Bob White Boys' Relays @ BFA	A	3:00
5/14	S. Burlington Iverson-Rebel Relays (Girls only)	A	10:00
5/18	Colchester, Winooski, Essex	A	3:30
5/20	Metro Frosh Meet @ Essex	A	3:00
5/21	Hanover Invitational	A	10:00
5/25	Lyndon	H	3:30
5/28	Essex Invitational	A	10:00
6/4	State Meet @ Rutland	A	TBA
6/11	New England's @ TBA	A	10:00

### Girls' Lacrosse

4/12	BFA (NL)*	A	4:00
4/28	Lamoille	A	4:00
5/2	Rice	A	4:00
5/5	U-32*	H	4:00
5/9	BFA*	H	4:00
5/13	Montpelier*	A	4:00
5/18	Chelsea	H	4:00
5/20	Spaulding*	A	4:00
5/23	Randolph	H	4:00
5/25	Rice	H	4:30
	Spaulding*		6:00
5/28	Oxbow	A	11:00

\* All JV Games Follow Varsity Games



### St. Johnsbury Athenaeum

Mon. & Wed.  
10 a.m. - 8 p.m.  
Tues., Thurs. & Fri.  
10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
Sat.  
9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**NORTHEAST KINGDOM ARTISANS GUILD**

Works in clay, fiber, glass, wood and metal. Handmade candles, paintings and prints. Your search for the perfect gift starts here.

Annual cooperative featuring five handcrafted gifts

UNDER THE PURPLE SPINNING at 439 RAILROAD ST. ST. JOHNSBURY, VERMONT 802.748.6654

**Internet Made Easy!**

Unlimited Access

**\$9.95 PER MONTH!** No Credit Card Required!

FREE SETUP SOFTWARE makes connecting fast & easy!

5 Email Addresses - Webmail!

INSTANT MESSAGING AIM, MSN and Yahoo

Free LIVE Technical Support!

Immediate Access: [www.localnet.com](http://www.localnet.com)

EXPRESS 2.0 Surf up to 6X faster!

SAVE up to 60% over DSL!

LocalNet 748-8188

RELIABLE INTERNET ACCESS SINCE 1994

## Danville United Methodist Church

"The biggest little church on the Green"

To the pure all things are pure;  
To the corrupt nothing is pure.

Titus 1:15

Sunday Worship and Fellowship 8:45 a.m.  
Sunday School During Worship Service

Rev. Henry E. Cheney  
684-3389 office

Need a ride?  
Call Steve 684-3484



Hubert Hawkins DDS  
Hubert W. Hawkins DDS, MPH

1350 Main Street, Suite 1  
St. Johnsbury, VT 05819

(802) 748-2325

Dental Referrals Accepted for Limited Treatment

## "What's In Your Smile?"

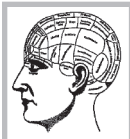
Aesthetic Restorations  
Teeth and Denture Implants  
Orthodontics • Orthopedics  
Perio Surgery • Extractions  
Root Canals • Dentures  
Gum Tissue Therapy  
Preventive Maintenance  
In-Office Whitening  
Urgent Care

Our Dental Team offers these services

for your Entire Family.

**(802) 748-2325**





## Ask the Shrinks

Alice S. Kitchel and Burton Zahler

Dear Shrinks,

I'm writing to protest your answer to "Torn in the North Country." In your response you two said, "Sometimes spiritual searching is an underlying and unconscious purpose for drug-taking." To me it seems clear that drug addiction is a dirty and vicious habit of mind and body; to equate it in any way with spirituality is wrong and misleading. And offensive.

Disgusted

Dear Disgusted,

While it was certainly not our intent to offend you, we welcome the opportunity to convince you that our position has some validity.

There is no doubt in our and, we hope, in anyone's mind that drug addiction is a dire problem for any individual and for our culture. There are NO benefits stemming from drug addiction. However, there is a distinction between a desire and draw to take a drug ... and addiction. There are a host of possible underlying motivations leading

to a draw toward drugs; everything from social pressure to curiosity; from genetics to (our point) a yearning for spirituality.

Consider some facts: Every culture in our world knows of and uses a substance that is intoxicating with one exception, the Inuit. In every age of human history there has been drug use. How were these drugs used in the past? They were usually used by shamans, priests and even regular folks but only on special occasions. Shamans used drugs to expand their consciousness and contact wisdom only available in an altered state. Often the purpose was to cure someone's illness or make a special decision for the tribe or village. The intoxicating substance was used with great reverence and care within a specific ritual. A current example

of this is the use of peyote by the American Indian Church.

Today we have very powerful drugs that are available "on the street" with neither societal sanction nor any context of ritual. Regardless of the attraction, once drawn into the snare of addiction the opposite of spiritual and consciousness growth occurs. One is stuck and then stagnates, caught by the substance itself, without the benefit of any enlightenment.

Approaching our position from a different direction, we'd like to draw your attention to the role of spirituality in recovery programs such as AA and NA. Many addicts get strength and help from these organizations while ignoring the spiritual aspects of the programs.

The programs urge people to "take what works for them."

However, it seems to us that a large number of recovering addicts are surprised to find themselves involved and drawn to spirituality. One possible cause of this is that the original attraction to the substance was, in part, a draw to the same thing, which could finally be recognized when the substance was withdrawn.

Addiction is a tragic ill in our society. We believe it is a dangerous possibility for any of us and that it is built into our human makeup. Perhaps, with new insights and understanding we, as a culture, can find new ways of treating addiction and minimizing its devastation. ★

## Study Will Look at Farming in Vermont's Most Populous County

Few would argue that Chittenden County has seen a decline in agricultural over the past 20 years. The county lost 33% of its agricultural acreage and 66% of its dairy farms between 1982 and 2002. However, the total number of farms in the county has dropped by only 6% since 1982 and has actually risen by 17% since 1992.

Seemingly conflicting numbers make it difficult to determine exactly what the state of farming is in the area around Burlington and its suburbs.

For that reason, the Vermont Planners Association (VPA) and the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission (CCRPC) in cooperation with the Vermont Agency of Agriculture are making a comprehensive study on agricultural activities in Chittenden County.

"This is an exciting project because it is the first ever look at agriculture in urban/suburban Vermont," Department of

Agriculture Secretary Steve Kerr says. "We have to see what kinds of stresses and strains are being created and how to deal with them."

The study has three objectives: 1. Provide information and document trends in the current state of agriculture in Chittenden County. 2. Provide objective information and document critical issues for agricultural enterprises: what works and what doesn't? 3. Provide objective information and document local and regional policies, programs and tools that constructively address the identified critical issues for agricultural enterprises.

Information from the study will be passed on to local decision making bodies like selectboards and planning commissions to help planning efforts for their communities.

"We want to focus on what we can do in Chittenden County and Montpelier to make sure we're doing everything reason-

able to support our agricultural community by working with member municipalities to create conditions favorable to agriculture in all its diverse forms," says Project Manager Greg Brown.

The research phase of the project has begun. The next phase should begin in April, when officials hope to meet with local policy makers and agricultural professionals to talk about specific agriculture issues in the county. The study should be completed in the fall.

For more information, please contact Greg Brown at the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission at (802) 846-4490. ★

### WHEELER True Value Building Materials

29 Church Street  
Lyndonville, VT 05851  
(802) 626-5102  
or 626-5040

### Wheeler Sports Team Sports Products

Images Of Vermont  
Silkscreening and Embroidery  
246 Church Street  
Lyndonville, VT 05851  
(802) 626-8235  
Fax: (802) 626-6180  
Email: wheel56@together.net

## Lyndon Institute Spring Athletics 2005

### Junior Varsity & Varsity Baseball

Tues.	April 12	Scrimmage	
		White Mt.	3:30
Tues.	April 19	S. Royalton	4:00
Sat.	April 23	@ NCU	11:00
Tues.	April 26	@ Montpelier	4:00
Thurs.	April 28	Lamoille	4:00
Sat.	April 30	@ Vergennes (2)	11:00
Mon.	May 2	Northfield	4:30
Thurs.	May 5	@ Oxbow	4:30
Tues.	May 10	@ Randolph	4:30
Thurs.	May 12	U-32	4:30
Sat.	May 14	@ Lamoille	11:00
Tues.	May 17	Montpelier	4:30
Sat.	May 21	@ Northfield	10:30
Tues.	May 24	Oxbow	4:30
Thurs.	May 26	@ U-32	4:30
Sat.	May 28	Randolph	11:00

JV Games are played at opposite site on the same dates.

### Junior Varsity & Varsity Softball

Tues.	April 12	Scrimmage	
		White Mt.	3:30
Tues.	April 15	@ Hartford	4:00
Sat.	April 23	@ NCU	11:00
Tues.	April 26	@ Montpelier	4:00
Thurs.	April 28	Lamoille	4:00
Sat.	April 30	@ Vergennes (2)	11:00
Mon.	May 2	Northfield	4:30
Thurs.	May 5	@ Oxbow	4:30
Tues.	May 10	@ Randolph	4:30
Thurs.	May 12	U-32	4:30
Sat.	May 14	@ Lamoille	11:00
Tues.	May 17	Montpelier	4:30
Sat.	May 21	@ Northfield	11:00
Tues.	May 24	Oxbow	4:30
Thurs.	May 26	@ U-32	4:30
Sat.	May 28	Randolph	11:00

JV Games are played at opposite site on the same dates.

### Track & Field

Thurs.	April 14	@ U-32	3:15
Tues.	April 19	@ Colchester	
		Vacation Invite.	10:00
Wed.	April 27	@ Montpelier	3:15
Fri.	April 29	LI Frosh Meet	3:15
Tues.	May 3	LI Home Meet	3:15
Fri.	May 6	Girls' Burlington Invite. @ Essex	3:00
Sat.	May 7	Boys' Burlington Invite. @ Essex	10:00
Wed.	May 11	@ Milton	3:15
Mon.	May 16	LI Home Meet	3:15
Wed.	May 25	@ St. Johnsbury	3:15
Fri.	May 27	@ U-32	
		Frosh/Soph Meet	3:30
Sat.	May 28	@ Essex Invitational	3:15
Sat.	June 4	@ U-32 State Meet	10:00
Sat.	June 11	New Englands	TBA

### Golf

Mon.	April 25	@ Northfield	
Wed.	April 27	@ Richford	
Mon.	May 2	@ Richford	
Wed.	May 4	@ Lake Region	
Mon.	May 9	@ Lyndon	
Wed.	May 11	@ Lake Region	
Mon.	May 16	@ Enosburgh	
Wed.	May 18	Lyndon	
Mon.	May 23	@ Oxbow (Lake Morey)	
Fri.	May 25	@ Lake Region	
Tues.	May 31	Boys' Sectional @ Orleans	
Tues.	June 7	Girls' State @ Protor	
Wed.	June 8	Boys' State @ Middlebury	

9 Hole Matches Start @ 3:00



### No Ordinary Books

National Poetry Month  
We have the most and the best poetry in the Kingdom

#### Author Events!

- May 9:** 4 p.m., Don Bredes with *The Fifth Season* (suspense)
- June 13:** 4 p.m., Poet to be announced
- July 11:** 4 p.m., David Budbill with jazz poetry
- August 8:** 4 p.m., Wyn Cooper with jazz poetry AND watch for date for mystery author Sarah Strohmeyer!

P.S. We still have Bentley Farm Cookbooks

### KINGDOM BOOKS

Second Monday

April 11

10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Appointments on other days:

(802) 751-8374

### KINGDOM BOOKS

446 Railroad Street  
Suite 4 (Upstairs)  
St. Johnsbury  
(802) 748-5488  
www.kingdombks.com

## Marty's 1st Stop

US Route 2 ▸ Danville, VT ▸ (802) 684-2574

Mon.-Thurs. 5:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m.

Fri. & Sat. 7:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.

Sun. 7:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.

**DELI**

Megabucks Tickets  
Mobil Speed Pass

**PIZZA** served everyday

## DANVILLE SCHOOL 2005 Spring Schedule

Athletic Director: Merlyn Courser CAA

### Baseball/Softball Mountain League

#### APRIL

21	Danville @ Peoples	4:00
23	Danville @ Williamstown	11:00
26	Danville @ Stowe	4:00
28	Williamstown @ Danville	4:00
30	Danville @ Canaan, double header	1:00

#### MAY

3	Lake Region @ Danville	4:30
5	Hazen @ Danville	4:30
10	Danville @ Enosburgh	4:30
12	Danville @ Winooski	4:30
14	Richford @ Danville	11:00
17	Peoples @ Danville	4:30
20	Stowe @ Danville	4:30
24	Danville @ Richford	4:30
26	BFA Fairfax @ Danville	4:30
28	Danville @ Hazen	11:00

### Boys' Club Lacrosse

MAY		
5	@ Harwood	5:00
12	@ Chelsea/Sharon	4:30
14	@ U-32	11:00
17	@ SJA	5:15
19	@ Chelsea/Sharon	4:30
25	@ U-32	5:00
28	@ SJA	12:30



# The Sugar Train Rolled across America Spreading the Word That Vermont Had Recovered from the Great Flood

HARRIET F. FISHER

Do you know what the four most outstanding products from Vermont were 75 and more years ago? According to poet John G. Saxe, they were men, women, maple sugar and horses. Saxe wrote, "The first are strong, the last are fleet, while the second and third are very sweet, and all are exceedingly hard to beat."

A special train left Montpelier on the evening of April 8, 1929 for the purpose of promoting Vermont. A bold banner along the 60 foot length of one car said, "St. Johnsbury, the Maple Sugar Center of the World." Organized by the Vermont Special Railway, the train, headed by Governor John E. Weeks, began a trip across the country. The purpose of the train was to promote

Vermont resources and its manufactured products.

The cars with their exhibits had been prepared at various places in Vermont. The St. Johnsbury Chamber of Commerce, Lyndonville Board of Trade and many other Vermont organizations, businesses and companies were represented.

Though there had been two or three Vermont Specials before, it is the 1929 Vermont Special Train about which I have the most information. Years ago Elizabeth Walter Nelson gave me a folder with clippings and brochures about the 1929 trip in particular because her father, Charles T. Walter of Lyndon, editor of the *St. Johnsbury Republican*, was aboard that train as correspondent for the *Caledonian*.

With a banquet at the Pavilion Hotel 200 passengers were given a rousing send-off by the city of Montpelier on the evening of April 8, 1929. When the Vermont Special, also known as the "Sugar Train" or "Sugar Special" left Montpelier that night, it was carrying every known natural and manufactured product from the state. But no matter how many different products the train carried, maple products made up about two-thirds of the exhibits from St. Johnsbury.

"The exhibits were placed closely along each wall," wrote Walter, "leaving a fairly broad aisle in the center from end to end of the St. Johnsbury car." On the walls "were a most alluring collection of large photographs, including Lyndon Institute, St. Johnsbury business blocks and many taken on the Sprague Farm in North Danville showing maple sugar woods at sugaring time and all the interesting activities."



Map Courtesy of Harriet F. Fisher

On April 8, 1929 the Vermont Special rolled out of Montpelier on a 4,400 mile campaign to promote Vermont. Two hundred passengers with their exhibits and gift samples set out to assure the country that Vermont had recovered from the great flood of 1927.

**Nominations Requested For**  
**PHILIP AND JOANNA MANNING'S**  
**DANVILLE SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY**  
**HELPING HAND AWARD**

*The Award honors a person willing to do more than their share to make the Danville School and its community a great place to be*

Nominees may be:

- (1) A Danville School student.
- (2) A member of the Danville School staff.
- (3) A community member volunteering directly at Danville School.
- (4) A community member who exemplifies those qualities that build a supportive and healthy community in which a school and young people can thrive.

Send nominations, including explanation, by **May 15, 2005** to:  
**Manning's Danville School And Community Helping Hand Award**  
 Danville School, 148 Peacham Road, Danville VT 05828

**A bold banner along the 60-foot length of one car said, "St. Johnsbury, the Maple Sugar Center of the World."**

**WESTERN AVENUE STATION**

"your friendly full service station"

Specializing in

- ♦ Exhaust systems
- ♦ Brakes

"See Dan the Muffler Man"  
 Danny Lapierre, Mechanic

13 Western Ave. ♦ St. Johnsbury, VT 05819 ♦ (802) 748-2339

Maple syrup, sugar cakes and confections were desirable gifts for making presentations on the trip to mayors, governors, even to the United States President. The Cary Maple Sugar Company had a large display of products, but represented as well were Katherine Ide Gray's Maple

**BODY BASICS**  
**FITNESS STUDIO**

**Come Spring**  
**back into fitness with us...**  
**132 ROUTE 15, WEST DANVILLE**  
**(802) 684-2224**

Grove candies, which were made in the former Fairbanks house (now the Elks' home) on Western Avenue; and Elisabeth Chase's confections from her Lyndon Maple Candies "home factory."

Though the exhibits were from all over the state, hundreds of products represented our area. Among them were croquet sets from Roy Brothers, Barnet; scales from Fairbanks (one a "white enamel bathroom weighing machine"); Lyndonville's Wetherbee Novelty Wood-working hand-painted spinning tops like the ones they had recently shipped to Cape Town, South Africa; and cheese and dairy products from the Darling Farms in East Burke or the Speedwell Lyndonville Creamery. There were veterinary medicines from Our Husbands' Manufacturing;

St. Johnsbury Crackers from the Cross Company; paper bags from Gilman Paper company; Beecher Falls furniture; hardwood products from Hand-Split Handle company; fiber furniture from Brighton Furniture, Island Pond; and a sportsman exhibit from Quimby Camps in Averill.

It is interesting to note that in some of the same *Caledonians*, which reported the Special Train's progress from day to day, there were reports of the construction of the new building on Portland Street for the Cary Maple Sugar Company. That is the Maple Grove factory as we know it today. Copies of the *Caledonian* were airmailed to rail stations on the itinerary so passengers could keep connections with their home state.

As correspondent, Walter wired back to St. Johnsbury, "Papers by air-mail a great hit. Much appreciated."

The official physician on the train was Dr. P.C. Templeton of Irasburg. Walter later mentioned, "He has nothing to do."

The official stenographer was Miss Ruth Twohey, secretary of the Vermont Chamber of Commerce. She probably had plenty to do.

**NORTHERN PETROLEUM CO.**  
 189 RAILROAD ST. - ST. JOHNSBURY, VT 05819 (802) 748-8934 OR 1(800) 222-9276

**Rinnai**  
 The "Silent Servant" 99% Efficient and Vented Units 84% Efficient  
 Maintenance Free  
 We make your home a better place.

**"SERVICE"**  
 "Friendly, Dependable, Caring for You"

**Mayo's**  
**Paint Dept.**  
 20% off  
 all California Paints & Stains

A great "Spring Pick-Me-Up"

**OPEN**  
 7 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon.-Fri.  
 8 a.m.-Noon Sat.

802 Railroad Street  
 St. Johnsbury, VT 05819  
**(802) 748-8826**

**CLOSED**  
 April 10 - April 25

**Trout River Brewing**  
 Route 5, Lyndonville, VT  
**(802) 626-9396**







# BUSINESS DIRECTORY

**Business Identification at a Reasonable Price \$65.00/ year Price Includes Free Subscription**

## Accountants

**Kenneth M. Biathrow, CPA**  
Tax preparation services -Personal, business, estate. Accounting services, financial statements review and compilation. P.O. Box 528, 364 Railroad St., St. Johnsbury, VT 05819. (802) 748-2200.

**Daniel J. Keeler, CPA**  
Small Business Services: Taxes and Accounting; Budgeting and Management Advisory. Individual Tax Preparation and Tax Planning. 374 Meadow Street, Littleton, NH 03561. (603) 444-7CPA.

**McCormick & Company P.C.**  
Barry A. McCormick, CPA; Dwight E. Lakey, CPA; Robin C. Gauthier, CPA. 1360 Main Street, St. Johnsbury, VT 05819-2285. (802) 748-4914. (800) 516-CPAS.

## Air Conditioning Plumbing & Heating

**Trombly Plumbing & Heating**  
Commercial & Residential Plumbing, Heating, Air Conditioning, Propane Service and Supply. 77 Concord Ave., St. Johnsbury, VT 05819. (802) 748-1953. FAX (802)748-3848. e-mail:dant@kingcon.com

## Appliance Repair

**Lewis Appliance**  
Factory Authorized Service and Repair for Maytag, JennAir, Asko, Viking, Bosch, Sub-Zero and Frigidaire. Wayne Lewis, Waterford, VT. (802) 748-6561.

## Attorneys

**Law Office of Charles D. Hickey, PLC**  
General Practice of Law. 69 Winter St., PO Box 127, St. Johnsbury, VT 05819-0127. (802) 748-3919.

## Auctioneers

**Eaton Auction Service**  
Specializing in Antiques, Collectibles and Estate Sales. Personal and knowledgeable service. Auctioneers: Chuck Eaton (802) 333-9717 or Chris Welsh eas@sover.net. Fairlee, VT 05045. www.eatonauctionservice.com

## Automobiles

**Auto Craftsmen Ltd.**  
Fully reconditioned Toyotas, 1997 and newer. Excellent condition and warranty. www.autocraftsmen.com Paul Tidyman, 326 State Street, Montpelier (next to Dairy Creme on US2)! aclsales@adelphia.net, It's worth the drive. (802) 223-3563.

**Gilmour Ford-Chrysler**  
John Gilmour, Doug Gilmour. Ford, Lincoln, Mercury, Chrysler, Dodge & Jeep. New & Used ~ Sales & Service. 8 Memorial Dr., St. Johnsbury, VT 05819. (802) 748-4444 or (800) 323-8333. www.gilmourfordchrysler.com

## Autobody Repair

**Five Star Autobody**  
Certified collision repair center; Complete autobody repairs from glass to frame. George C. Mudge, Jr. Located behind Gilmour Ford, US 5 North, St. Johnsbury, VT 05819. (802) 748-5321.

## Automobile Repair

**Allards Auto Service**  
Larry Willey, 572 Portland Street, St. Johnsbury, VT 05819. (802) 748-4452

**Burke View Garage, Inc.**  
Larry Lafavre, Owner. Domestic & Import Repair; Brakes, Exhaust, Tune-Ups. We Do It All! Tire Sales Also. M-F 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.. RT 114, Lyndonville, VT 05851. (802) 626-3282.

## Greg's Auto

Complete Automotive Service. Cooper Tire Dealer. Vermont Inspection Station. Open Mon. -Fri. 7:30 - 5:30.; Sat. 8:00 -1:00. 724 Broad St. Lyndonville, VT 05851. (802) 626-5888.

## Mark's Automotive

Foreign and domestic repairs. Cooper, Hankook and Remington tires. Brakes, exhaust, oil change, VT State inspection, computer wheel balancing and computer diagnostics. Mark Jefferson, West Barnet Road, Barnet Center, VT. (802) 633-3863.

## Wes Ward Automotive Repair and Tire Center

Comprehensive automobile repair for domestic and foreign vehicles, RV's and school buses. ASE certified. 1193 Portland Street, St. Johnsbury, VT 05819. (802) 748-3636.

## Boat Charters

### Indian Charters

Sport Fishing. Lake Trout & Salmon Excursions on Lake Champlain. 22' Pen Yan Inboard. Capt. Gordon Hastings. (802) 684-3862.

## Books

### Kingdom Books

Mysteries, poetry, Vermont authors. Mostly first editions, many signed. Open 2nd Monday of each month, 10 to 6, and by appointment (802) 751-8374. www.kingdombks.com Beth & Dave Kanell, 446 Railroad Street, Suite 4 (Upstairs), St. Johnsbury, VT 05819. (802) 748-5488 and KingdomBks@aol.com

### Lyders Fine Books

Buying and selling 19th and 20th century first editions in fine condition. www.lyders.com (802) 592-3086. Josette & Richard Lyders, P.O. Box 250, Peacham, VT 05862.

## Bricklayer

### C.T. Cushman Masonry

Chimneys, Fireplaces, Patios, Stonewalls, Slate & Flagstone Walkways, Steps, Chimney and Foundation Repairs, Brick & Stone Veneer. 35 Years Experience. Chimney Cleaning. (802) 748-2221.

## Cabinetry

### Calendar Brook Cabinetry

Custom Kitchen and Bathroom Cabinets, Fine Furniture and Doors, Architectural Millwork and Moldings, Hardwood Flooring, Solid Surface and Laminate Countertops. David Patoine, 4863 Memorial Drive, St. Johnsbury, VT 05819. (802) 748-5658.

## Cabins & Campgrounds

### Harvey's Lake Cabins and Campground

May 15-Oct 15. Lakefront furnished cabins set in wooded private 53-site campground. Large private campsites with W ES suitable for tents popups, RV's. Group Area, Refurbished Recreation Hall, Reunions, Retreats and Receptions. Boats and Bicycle Rentals. 190 Campers Lane, West Barnet, VT 05821. (802) 633-2213. www.harveyslakecabins.com

## Chimney Sweep

**Nelson Enterprise, Inc. & Clean Sweep Chimney Service**  
Full Service Masonry - New Construction and Repair: chimneys, fireplaces and stainless relining. Chimney Sweeping Service: inspections, caps and hearth products. Gary & Shari Nelson, CSIA certified and VT licensed; Fully insured. PO Box 53 Sheffield, VT 05866. (802) 626-8320.

## Clocks

### Clock Repair

Antique clock repair by appointment. Richard Diefenbach, 1148 Jamieson Rd. Danville, VT. (802) 748-2193.

## Computers

### Northeast Computer Systems

Home & Business Computer Systems. Networking, Hardware, Service, Support and Software. 37 Depot Street, PO Box 1059, Lyndonville, VT 05851. (802) 626-1050. FAX (802) 626-5012. www.necomp.com

### Yankee Electronic Solutions

Fully reconditioned computer systems and upgrades for all PCs. Fast, professional on-site service and repair. 623 Concord Avenue, St. Johnsbury, VT 05819. (802) 748-4544. E-mail:yes@kingcon.com

### DPG Services

New & Used Computers. Upgrades, Installation & Repairs. Services and Hardware guaranteed or your money back. Dan Gray. (802) 748-5033.

## Construction

### A.C. Trades

Foundation and Sill Repair. Winter Selective Cut Logging (S.F.I. certified). Andy Cochran, 1104 Great Road, Groton, VT 05046. (802) 584-3828.

### Beliveau Builders

26 combined years of building experience in new construction, vinyl siding, remodeling, decks, roofing and other building projects. 477 Dole Hill Rd., Danville, VT 05828. Call Chuck or Chris: (802) 748-1553.

### C&C Bunnell Excavating

Excavation, Site Work, Septic Systems, Bulldozing, Roads, Ponds and Trucking Sand, Topsoil, Gravel & Stone Deliveries. Calvin Bunnell, Joe's Brook Rd., Barnet, VT 05821. (802) 633-3413.

### Calkins Rock Products, Inc.

Sale of Sand, Gravel and All Sizes of Ledge Products. Portable Crushing. Route 5, PO Box 82, Lyndonville, VT 05851. (802) 626-5636.

### Gil's Construction

Foundations & Floors. New Rapid Forms. Free Estimates. Gilman LaCourse. (802) 748-9476.

### William Graves Builders

Working throughout Caledonia County for 28 years, serving as a new-building and also renovation contractor for residences, barns, businesses and public facilities. We also offer project management services. We appreciate your calls and interest. PO Box 128, 329 Cloud Brook Road, Barnet, VT 05821. (802) 633-2579 FAX (802) 633-4631. email: gravesbuild@kingcon.com

### Mark Greaves, Builder

New construction and remodeling including Custom Houses start to finish. 335 Red Barn Road, Danville, VT 05828. (802) 748-9659.

### Dave Legendre and Sons Builders, Inc.

43 years of quality craftsmanship. If it pertains to building, we do it from design to finished product with your needs in mind. Certified Pella Contractor. Residential & Commercial. St. Johnsbury, VT 05819. (802) 748-4068.

### Laferriere Construction, Inc.

New construction, remodeling, custom work, residential & commercial. Dennis Laferriere, 525 Wightman Rd, Danville, VT 05828. (802) 684-3606. FAX (802) 684-3628.

### Ross C. Page Foundations

Concrete foundations & slabs. Residential, Agricultural & Commercial. Ross C. Page, 368 Thaddeus Stevens Road, Peacham, VT 05862. (802) 592-3382. FAX (802) 592-3382.

### VT Home Specialties, Inc.

Builder/Dealer of REAL LOG HOMES. PLAIN & FANCY and MEDALLION Cabinetry, Home Furnishings. Route 2, West Danville, VT 05873. (802) 684-1024. www.vthomespecialties.com

## Michael K. Walsh & Son, Builders

Custom new construction: Houses, decks, remodeling, renovations, restorations, additions, finish work, wallpapering. High quality workmanship for over 30 years. Solid reputation. 349 Calkins Camp Rd., Danville, VT 05828. (802) 684-3977.

## Custom Sawing

### On-Site Lumbermill Work

I will come to your land and cut your logs with my Wood-Mizer portable sawmill. Less sawdust, more lumber! Jeff Hale, Ryegate, VT. (802) 584-3972.

## Dentists

### Ronald E. Ducham, D.D.S.

Family dentistry. 501 Portland St., St. Johnsbury, VT 05819. (802) 748-4727. New patients welcome.

### Hawkins Dental Group

Hubert Hawkins, DDS & Hubert W. Hawkins, DDS. Complete Family Dentistry. New patients welcomed. 1350 Main Street., St. Johnsbury, VT 05819. (802) 748-2325. (800) 870-4963.

### Peter M. Ollman, D.M.D.

Dentist for infants & children. 576 Railroad St., St. Johnsbury, VT 05819. (802) 748-8701.

### Stuart V. Corso, D.M.D.

General and family dentistry. 31 Mountain View Dr., Danville, VT 05828. (802) 684-1133.

## Dowsing

### American Society of Dowsers

Contact us for information about dowsing, events and dowsers available to help with your search. (802) 684-3417. Call our bookstore for books, tools and a free catalogue. (802) 748-8565. www.dowsers.org

## Electrical Service

### Matt Pettigrew Electric

New homes (conventional frame, post & beam or log) renovations or service upgrade (aerial or underground). Heating system controls, generator installations and all other phases of electrical work in a professional manner. Licensed in VT & NH. Danville, VT. (802) 751-8201.

### Nudd Electric

Serving the Walden and Danville area since 1964. Fully insured and licensed. Jim Nudd (802) 533-2980 and Darren Richards (802) 563-2303. Walden, Vermont.

## Excavation

### Andre Excavation

All phases of excavation including septic systems and drainage. Free estimates. Prompt service. Call Dennis at (802) 563-2947.

### Compact Excavation Services

Including stumps, trenches, drainage, crushed stone driveways, yolk raking, small building demolition, small foundations, tree length brush removed, rock retaining walls built, excavator (with thumb) picks up most anything. Also trucking and trailer to 10,000 pounds and 30' long. Matt Pettigrew, Danville, VT. (802) 751-8201.

## Fencing

### All Types of Fencing

Commercial, Agricultural and Residential. Chain Link, High Tensile, Barbed Wire, Woven Wire and Ornamental. Gordon Goss. (802) 633-2822. Cell (802) 777-0919. Fax (802) 633-3405. email gossmaple@kingcon.com

## Flooring

### Carpet Connection

The flooring specialists. All your flooring needs. Largest selection in the State. Depot Street, Lyndonville, VT 05851. (802) 626-9026 or (800) 822-9026.

## Country Floors

Complete Flooring Sales & Installation. Carpeting, Vinyl, Hardwood, Ceramic Tile, Area Rugs. Stanley H. & Joanne C. Martin, Hollister Hill Road, Plainfield, VT 05667. (802) 454-7301.

## Florists

### All About Flowers by Lallie and Sandy

All occasion florist featuring fine silk flowers, unique dried designs and the freshest flowers in town. Wedding and funeral arrangements for all budgets. Customized gift and food baskets available. 10% senior discount not applicable with other discounts. 196 Eastern Avenue, St. Johnsbury, VT 05819. (802) 748-5656 or (800) 499-6565.

### Artistic Gardens

Florist & Greenhouse. Unique floral arrangements for weddings and all occasions. Specializing in sympathy arrangements for funerals, fresh flowers, gourmet fruit baskets and balloons. FTD & Teleflora. Memorial Drive, St. Johnsbury Center. (802) 748-5646.

## Forestry

### McMath Forestry

Complete Ecological Forestland Management Services. David McMath, Forester, 4875 Noyestar Road, East Hardwick, VT 05836. (802) 533-2970. Toll Free: (866) 462-6284. www.mctree.com

### Everts Forest Management

Timber Inventories & Appraisals. Timber Sales. Tax Assistance. Forest Management Plans. NH License No. 207. Peter Everts, 278 Cloudy Pasture Lane, West Barnet, VT 05821. (802) 592-3088.

### New England Forestry Consultants, Inc.

Forest & Wildlife Management Planning Services. Green Certified Resource Managers. Contact Kurt Zschau at (802) 684-9900 or e-mail: woodlot@charter.net www.cforesters.com

## Furniture Restoration

### Chair Care and Klappert Furniture Restoration

Authentic restoration of old finishes and techniques for antique & fine furniture. Specializing in chair repair & all seat replacement. 90 5th Avenue, St. Johnsbury, VT. 05819-2672. (802) 748-0077.

## General Store

### Walden General Store

Full Deli, Clothes, Groceries, Megabucks & Lottery Tickets, ATM, Hunting & Fishing Licenses and Supplies, Fuel. Open Every Day. VT RT 15 in Walden. (802) 563-3001.

## Hair Care

### Country Styles Family Hair Care

Janet L. Carson. Located at the K.P. Hall on the top of Hill Street, Danville, VT 05828. Follow the handicapped accessible ramp. Home service available to shut-ins. (802) 684-2152.

## Health Care Providers

### Danville Health Center

General Health Services for all ages. Open M-F. Deb Bixby, N.P., Mariel Hess, N.P.; Tim Tanner, M.D.; and Sharon Fine, M.D. 26 Cedar Lane, Danville, VT 05828. (802) 684-2275. (800) 489-2275 (VT).

### Concord Health Center

General Health Services for all ages. Open M-F. Sarah Berrian, M.D.; Susan Taney, N.P.; and Donna Ransmeier. 201 E. Main Street, Concord, VT. (802) 695-2512.



# BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Business Identification at a Reasonable Price \$65.00/ year Price Includes Free Subscription

## Health Care Providers

### Hardwick Chiropractic Montpelier Chiropractic

BioGeometric Integration is gentle, effective chiropractic that allows your system to heal and to become increasingly adept at correcting itself. Dr. Grace Johnstone and Dr. Rick Eschholz. (802) 472-3033 or (802) 223-2967.

### Linda Sayers, Reiki Master

Reiki is an ancient, hands-on healing art, which supports the body's ability to heal itself. Reiki promotes deep relaxation and helps release physical and emotional blockages. Linda Sayers, Reiki Master and Light Practitioner. 63 Norway Road, Greensboro Bend VT 05842. (802) 533-2378.

### Lyndonville Family Chiropractic

Contributing to the health of the community for over 17 years. Offering a holistic approach to healthcare utilizing chiropractic, nutrition and massage therapy. Karson Clark, D.C.; Stacey Clark, D.C. 11 Hill Street, Lyndonville, VT 05851. (802) 626-5866.

### Dan Wyand, PT & Associates

Rehabilitation of Sports Injuries, Orthopedics and Neuromuscular Disorders. Sherman Dr., P.O. Box 68, St. Johnsbury, VT 05819. (802) 748-3722/1982. Lyndon, VT. (802) 745-1106.

## Hearing Service

### Armstrong's Better Hearing Service

STARKEY and WIDEX-Senso-Digital Custom Hearing Aids. Free hearing screenings, batteries, accessories, all-make repairs. Isabelle Armstrong, Sandra Day & Louise Toll; Consultants and Licensed Hearing Aid Dispensers. 198 Eastern Ave., St. Johnsbury, VT 05819. (802) 748-4852 (800) 838-4327.

## Historic Preservation

### S. A. Fishburn, Inc.

Historic preservation and design featuring custom cabinetry and wood and plaster restoration. (802) 684-2524. fish@kingcon.com

## Insurance

### Denis, Ricker & Brown, Inc.

Mike DeMasi, Hilde Desmet, Pam Kvam, Debi Lawson & Renee Simons. Full Service Insurance Agency. 23 Church Street, Lyndonville, VT 05851. (802) 626-3354.

### Sawyer & Ritchie Agency

Complete insurance service for your Home, Farm, Automobile or Business.. Danville, VT 05828. (802) 684-3411. (800) 734-2203 (VT)

### Francis Berwick Agency, Inc.

All lines of insurance for home, farm, automobile and business. Est. in 1955. Licensed in NH & VT. Francis and Jeff Berwick. Located at 185 Church Street, Peacham. Mail: PO Box 272, Peacham, VT 05862. (802) 592-3234 or (802) 592-3956.

## Investments

### Investment Watch

Portfolio analysis and strategy; tax assistance. Rachel Siegel, CFA. (802) 633-3977. rsiegel@together.net

## Jewelry

### On the Hill - Kennedy's

Full Service. Buy & Sell, New & Used. Jewelry repairs on site. Watch repairs available. Sell or trade your old gold and jewelry for something new. Daily 9-5. Saturday until noon. 1244 Main Street, St. Johnsbury, VT. (802) 748-4367 or (800) 407-4367.

## Lawn Care & Landscaping

### PH Lawn Care & Landscaping

Lawn mowing, seed & mulch, bush hogging, retaining walls, shrubbery, sweeping, split-rail fence, lawn installation, light trucking. Jeff Cleveland, 765 Mitchell Drive, Lyndonville, VT 05851. (802) 626-0933 or 535-7069.

## Live Music

### Middle Earth Music Hall

Weekly live music in a small but popular venue. Feature acts passing through or on their way up. Sandwiches and drinks. No Smoking. Corner of Main & Barton Streets, Bradford. (802) 222-4748. See Arts Around in the *North Star* or log on to www.middle-earth-music.com

## Maple Syrup

### Sugar Ridge Farm

Pure Maple Syrup & Maple Products. "Vermont Seal of Quality." Available by mail. MC & Visa accepted. Free brochure. Stephen & Diane Jones, 566 Stannard Mt. Rd., Danville, VT 05828. (800) 748-0892.

### Rowell Sugarhouse

Visit a real sugarhouse. Open year round. See our sugaring equipment. Maple products, gifts, country crafts, VT shirts, woodenware, baskets, honey, souvenirs and more. We will ship your order. MC/ Visa/DS. Rt. 15, Walden, VT 05873. (802) 563-2756.

### Gadapee Family Sugarhouse

Pure VT Maple Syrup in a variety of containers from gallon to 1.7 oz. nips. Plastic jugs or glass. Maple cream, candy and sugar to order. We have the "Vermont Seal of Quality" and we ship. 718 Calkins Camp Rd., Danville, VT 05828. (802) 684-3323. email: gadmaple@together.net

### Broadview Farm Maple

Pure VT Maple Syrup available in Grade A Fancy, Medium Amber, Dark Amber and Grade B. "Vermont Seal of Quality." Maple Cream, Maple Candy and Maple Sugar are available. We ship via UPS or Parcel Post. Joe Newell, 442 York Street, Lyndonville, VT 05851. (802) 626-8396.

### Goodrich's Maple Farm

Award-winning Maple Syrup & Products. Retail, Wholesale and Mail Order. Custom tubing installation & consultation. 2427 US 2, Cabot, VT 05647. (802) 426-3388. www.goodrichmaplefarm.com

### Cabot Hills Maple

Marcia Maynard & Family, 977 Thistle Hill Road, PO Box 68, Cabot, VT 05647. (802) 426-3463. Fancy, Medium, Dark Amber and Grade B Vermont Syrup packed in jugs and glass. Maple almonds, pecans and peanuts by the bag. Vermont Certified Organic.

## Meat

### Moore Beef

Butchering - Custom & Commercial - USDA Inspected. Fresh sides of beef & pork. Buying beef daily - Trucking. So. Main St., St. Johnsbury, VT 05819. (800) 286-8323 or (802) 748-8323.

### Lewis Creek Jerseys

**Badger Brook Meats**  
Vince Foy & Deb Yonker. Retailing Certified Organic Angus Beef and Lamb by the Cut in any Quantity. North Danville, VT 05828. (802)748-8461.

### Second Chance Farm

Organic beef, pork, lamb, range chickens, turkeys, eggs. Penny Lowe, 842 Fellows Road, North Danville. (802) 748-1975.

## Music Studio

### Vermont Sky Digital Audio

16-Track Professional Recording Studio for Singers, Songwriters, Students and Bands. Advertising Jingles; Creative Consulting and Guitar Classes. Barnet, VT 05821. (802) 633-2523.

## Old Barns

### The Barn People

Since 1974 Vintage Vermont barns purchased, dismantled, restored & reassembled elsewhere. Great for homes, additions, Great Rooms, studios, backyard offices and oddly enough...barns. Ken Epworth, 2218 US RT 5 N, Windsor, VT 05089. (802) 674-5898. e-mail: barnman@sover.net

## Opticians

### Barre Optical

"The Eye Fashion Center" Louis J. Cassani, Registered Optician. Eye Exams and Contact Lenses. Complete Professional Eye Care. 341 North Main St., Barre, VT 05641. (802) 476-7932.

### Optical Expressions

Your Family Eye-Care Center. Eye Exams, Contact Lenses and Consultation for Laser-Eye Surgery. Green Mountain Mall, St. Johnsbury Center, VT (802) 748-3536 or Berlin Mall, Berlin, VT. (802) 223-2090.

## Painting

### McGowan Painting

Interior painting, wallpapering, plaster refinishing, smooth or rough texture. Robert McGowan Painting, Serving the Northeast Kingdom since 1990. (802) 472-6188.

## Party Supplies

### Quick Pick Party Shop

Pinatas, Specialty Balloons, Confetti, Decorations, Gifts-to-Go, Candles, Gourmet Foods, Fundraisers. www.quickpickpartyshop.com or call Jennifer Duncan. (802) 633-3993. Megan's Pantry Home Tasting Parties - Taste Before You Buy.

## Pet Care

### North Danville Pet Hotel

Boarding, Grooming, Day Care. It's not just a kennel. It's a camp. 1319 North Danville Road, Danville, VT 05828. Rusty & Laurie Speicher, proprietors. (802) 748-5810.

## Real Estate

### St. Johnsbury Real Estate Agency

**Kelly Donaghy, REALTOR**  
80 Mt. Pleasant Street, St. Johnsbury, VT 05819. Family-owned business, serving Northeast Kingdom since 1946. Residential Homes, Land, Seasonal Property and Investment Property. Free Market Analysis. (802) 748-2591 or (800) 798-7897. Email: keldonaghy@yahoo.com

### Coldwell Banker

### All Seasons Realty

Brent Shafer CBR - Realtor Broker-in-Charge. 3 office locations to serve the entire Northeast Kingdom with 18 full time salespeople. Lakefront, Residential and Acreage. PO Box 1166, Lyndonville, VT 05851. (802) 626-4343. Email: Allseaslyn@together.net

### Harold Dresser, Realtor

Reynolds Real Estate, Inc. 791 Broad Street, Lyndonville, VT 05851. (802) 626-9357 office. (802) 626-5302 home. Multiple Listing Service. www.reynoldsre.com Email: reynoldsre@charterinternet.com

### Peter D. Watson Agency, Inc.

Country, period and vacation homes; land and timber tracts, farms and businesses. Free market analysis. Greensboro: (802) 533-7077. Hardwick: (802) 472-3338. East Burke: (802) 467-3939. www.northernvtrealestate.com

### Century 21

### Quatrini Real Estate

Susan S. Quatrini, GRI, Broker-Owner. 1111 Main Street. St. Johnsbury, VT 05819. (802) 748-9543 or (802) 748-3873. e-mail: c21qre@sover.net

### David A. Lussier Real Estate

Farms, Acreage, Homes and Investment Properties. 854 Center Road, PO Box 872, Lyndonville, VT 05851. (802) 626-9541 or (802) 626-8482. Email: Lussier@kingcon.com

### Sara Heft, REALTOR

Century 21 Quatrini Real Estate, 1111 Main Street, St. Johnsbury, VT 05819. (802) 748-9543 or (802) 684-1095. saraheft@mac.com Danville resident able to help with all your real estate needs.

## Schools

### The Riverside School

grades 3-8  
· diverse student body  
· fine and performing arts  
· challenging academic curriculum  
· French, Latin and Greek  
· daily athletic activities  
· small classes  
30 Lily Pond Rd., Lyndonville, VT  
www.riversideschool.com  
Vermont Approved Independent School. (802) 626-8552

### The Stevens School

1510 Bayley Hazen Road, Peacham, VT 05862 (802) 592-3194. Grades 5-8. Named after Thaddeus Stevens, civil rights champion who authored the 14th Amendment, offers rigorous curriculum, academic writing program, emphasizing civil and human rights and responsible citizenship.

## Screenprinting

### Vermont Silkscreen Express

Specializing in custom transfers and silk-screening on T-Shirts, Sweatshirts, Hats, Bags, Mousepads and more. We also make color copies. 37 Depot Street, Lyndonville VT 05851. Tues.-Fri. 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Sat. by appointment. (802) 626-3568.

## Septic Service

### B&B Septic Service

Full Septic Service and Cleaning. Residential and Commercial. Power Rooter Line Cleaning. Camera Line Inspection. Pressure Washing. Call Bob Briggs. (802) 748-9858, (888) 748-9858 or (800) 870-0428. 24-hour service.

## Ski Equipment

### Power Play Sports

Ski and Snowboard Lease Headquarters. Leases starting at \$99. New and used Skis, Skates and Hockey Equipment. Skate sharpening, Ski and Snowboard tuning. Open 7 days. Power Play Sports. Downtown Morrisville. (802) 888-6557.

## Small Engine Repair

### Harry's Repair Shop

Snowmobiles, Snowblowers, Motorcycles, Lawntractors, ATV's and Rototillers. Harry Gammell VT RT 15, Walden, VT 05873. (802) 563-2288.

## Tent Rentals

### Canopy Tent Rentals

Tents for all occasions. 10'X20', 20'X20', 20'X30' and 20'X40'. Carrier's Canopy Connection. Windswep Drive, Danville. (802) 684-3872.

## Tires

### Berry Tire Co., Inc.

New tire sales and automotive repair. Lloyd Morse and Everett Berry, 1545 Red Village Road, Lyndonville, VT 05851. (802) 626-9326.

### Goss Tire Company

### Your Firestone Dealer

Specializing in brakes, front-end work, exhaust and NOKIA tires. US RT 5 in St. Johnsbury and RT 5 and 100 Jct. in Morrisville, VT. (802) 748-3171. (800) 427-3171.

## Tree Service

### Bedor's Tree Service

Professional, quality service. Fully insured. Member NAA. Offering all types of tree care. "Spotless Clean-up." Call now to schedule your free estimate. (802) 748-1605 or (800) 493-6945.

### Burt's Tree Service

Pruning, Cabling, Tree & Limb Removal. Free estimates. Fully insured. Serving the Northeast Kingdom and beyond. Member NAA & ISA. John A. Burt, 25 Garland Hill, Barnet, VT 05821. (802) 633-3822 or (800) 633-3823. email: john@burtstreeservice.com www.burtstreeservice.com

## Vacuum Cleaners

### North Country Vac & Sew

home of Defender Vacuums made locally. Sebo, Panasonic, Koblenz, Sanyo, Eureka, Sanitaire, ProTeam, C.V. Service & parts all makes including Kirby, Electrolux, Rainbow. Sewing machines & sergers Bernina, Riccar, Simplicity, Yamata. 442 Portland St. (next to Sherwin-Williams Paint), St. Johnsbury, VT 05819. (802) 748-9190.

## Veterinarians

### Danville Animal Hospital

Small animals. Office hours by appointment. Stanley J. Pekala, DVM and Lisa Whitney, DVM. Route 2, Danville, VT 05828. (802) 684-2284.

### Northern Equine Veterinary Services

Steve B. Levine. Practice limited to horses. Saturday appointments available. (802) 684-9977. 254 RT 2, Danville, VT 05828. www.northernequine.com

### Companion Animal Care

Small animal medicine & surgery. Bob Hicks, DVM and Sally S. Calamaio, DVM. 54 Western Ave., St. Johnsbury, VT. (802) 748-2855.

## Volunteers

### R.S.V.P.

Do you have some free time? Do you want to help an organization in the Northeast Kingdom as a volunteer? For information call the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program and the Volunteer Center at (802) 626-5135 or (802) 334-7047.

## Water Systems

### H.A. Manosh Corporation

Well Drilling & Hydrofracturing, Water Systems & Treatment, 24-hour Plumbing, Video Well Inspections, Water Fountains. Morrisville, VT 05661. (802) 888-5722 or (800) 544-7666. www.manosh.com

### Green Mountain Groundwater Services

Got Water Problems? Well and Spring inspections, Water yield analysis. 21 years of experience with water supplies. Jim Ashley. (802) 684-3491.

## Welding

### Walbridge Welding

Repairs and new fabrication of steel, stainless steel and aluminum. Located under Portland St. Bridge in St. Johnsbury or with portable equipment at your location. Dale Walbridge. W (802) 748-2901; H (802) 584-4088

### Bob's Welding

General Fabrication and Repair. Stop by and be surprised. Lyndonville, VT. (802) 626-5502.

## Windows

### Mayo's Glass Service, Inc.

Windows, Doors and Awnings - new and replacements. Residential and Commercial. 744 Portland Street, St. Johnsbury, VT. (802) 748-8895.



**The Window**

A quiet room  
a fresh page  
a kettle  
singing

A withered drift  
a gray sky  
a black crow  
winging

Out there somewhere  
hunger, fear and hate . . .  
another day, another year,  
are words too late?

Don Tescher

**Afternoon in John's Woods**

Deep in the woods, snow heavy on the ground,  
Above, a sky, that measureless blue of late winter.  
Tall spruces line the trail,  
Their tips swaying gently in the breeze  
Far above.

As the skiers pass below  
Breaking trail,  
Puffs of powdery snow  
Fall from drooping branches  
On to heads and shoulders.

Three adults and one small boy.  
The latter working hard  
To manage the work.  
Trying so hard  
To copy his father.

What a wonderful gift  
To see a grandchild  
Happy in the woods  
Learning to ski  
Like Dad.

Isobel P. Swartz

**It's tax time. Are you ready to bake?**

**CHOCOLATE LAYER CAKE 1040**

**Line 1.** Butter, a minimum of half a pound (8 oz.), but not to exceed 1 (one) pound (see Line 4.)

**Line 2.** Sugar, light brown or white, unless you or your spouse had a financial account in a foreign country in 1990, in which case dark brown sugar must be used. Do not substitute molasses or honey. Use 1 (one) cup and adjust to taste.

**Line 3.** Eggs, six or half a dozen, whichever is greater.

**Line 4.** Semisweet chocolate, 6 oz. Nonfarm families may choose the optional method of using cocoa powder. If you elect the Cocoa Method, add 1/2 oz (One Tablespoon) of butter to each 3 tablespoons of cocoa. Multiply by .9897 per ounce of substitution. For adjustments to sugar, see pg. 29. Add total of additional butter to Line 1 (above). Sugar adjustments should be reflected in final total of Line 2. For additional details on cocoa conversion, see Form 551.

**Line 5a.** Flour, white. If you were a federal, state or local government employee, you may be eligible for an excess flour tax credit. Measure 2 cups, sifting is optional.

**Line 5b.** Flour, whole wheat, 1 2/3 cups.

**Line 5c.** Alternative mixture: 1 cup white flour plus 3/4 cup

whole wheat flour.

**Line 6.** Vanilla, 1 teaspoon. See Schedule ZE for reporting use of imitation vanilla flavoring. You may be able to deduct the cost of real vanilla extract in 1991 if you itemize deductions.

**Line 7.** Salt, 1/3 teaspoon (optional) If you are a head of household with dependents and were born during a leap year, you must add salt.

**Line 8.** Baking powder, 1/2 teaspoons. Use of baking soda will result in a penalty. See form W-Q, Line 8a.

**Line 9.** Walnuts, 8 oz., chopped. You may be eligible to use pecans or almonds. See Part III of Schedule PE, Itemized Substitutions.

**Line 10.** Preheat oven to 350° F (375 if altitude exceeds 5,500 feet). Be sure that you have turned the oven on before you begin assembling ingredients.

**Line 11.** In a bowl (2 quart capacity) cream butter and sugar for 3 minutes or until well blended, whichever occurs first. (Note: If you are using the Nonfarm Cocoa Method (see Line 4) add additional butter and sugar at this point).

**Line 12.** Incorporate eggs, one egg at a time, into creamed mixture. If the eggs are from a farm of which you are the sole owner, you may be eligible for a Fowl Credit. See Form 9871m "For the Birds."

**Line 13.** Add vanilla.

**Line 14.** In a double boiler, melt chocolate at low heat. If you are using the Nonfarm Cocoa Method, disregard the preceding instruction and stir cocoa into the creamed mixture. Then stir in flour from Line 5a, 5b or 5c, add salt (optional, but see Line 7 for exception) and baking powder.

**Line 15.** Add nuts, which should be chopped, regardless of type (see Lines 8a and 9).

**Line 16.** Pour batter into 2 (two) greased and floured 8 inch round cake pans or 1 (one) greased and floured 9x13 inch pan, which you should have prepared earlier. Bake in preheated oven (see Line 10) for 40 to 50 minutes, whichever is greater. After removing cake pan(s) from oven, cool for 10 minutes (12 for 9x13 pan) and turn cakes out onto wire rack. When cake is completely cool, frost it. (To determine time needed for cooling, complete worksheet on pg. 25). See Form 873 for details on appropriate frostings.

**Note:** If you weigh 20 per cent more (or higher) than your ideal weight (see chart on pg. 19), ignore this recipe and complete Schedule F, "Fresh Fruit Desserts."

Lois (Field) White

**Pumpkin Hill Residents Gather for Potluck Dinner**

LEONARDA CONTRERAS  
DAGESSE

Sixty Danville residents braved the snow on Saturday, March 12 and gathered at the Dagesse's home on Pumpkin Hill Road for a neighborhood potluck dinner.

Ray and Leonarda Dagesse and their four boys moved to

Danville in November 2003. They met with nearby residents through their church attendance and shared their desire to host a get-together to meet their new neighbors. Grace Hallas and other friends offered to help organize the event.

Invitations were hand delivered to 54 households on Parker Road, Pumpkin Hill Road,

Library Road and Noel Drive. Twenty-three families attended while five others relayed their interest but were unable to come.

To stimulate conversation, guests wore name tags with information on their career, hobby, childhood state and years in the neighborhood. Ken and Florence Ward won the longest-residents title (61 years) while Sharon Meroa is the new kid on the block (8 months).

The happy callers also had to

pin a picture of their house on a giant map drawn by Kathy and Alyssa Amsden. As an icebreaker, everyone wore a sheet of paper on which others had to write facts they had learned about them. No one was allowed dinner unless they had something written down on their paper. Well, mercy was shown to a few of them!

Talks of a neighborhood cookout or pig roast next summer are in the air.



**Peacham Farm**

Not too many of these intact Vermont farms are left, and this one is a beauty! Situated on 80+/- acres, on both sides of a country road, the farmhouse and barn have both had lots of TLC, and it shows ... you can move right in. Sit at the kitchen table and look down on both your own private pond and Joe's Pond. The land is open and wooded, and there's lots of marketable timber that would open up your view even more. Close to US 2 West, and it's handy to St. Johnsbury, Montpelier, Stowe or Burlington.

**\$389,000**



1111 Main St. • St. Johnsbury, VT 05819  
email: c21qre@sover.net  
website: quatrini.com • realtor.com or AOL Keyword "Century 21"

**(802) 748-9543**

**"Real Estate for The Real World"**

**Horse Boarding and Training Facility in Lyndon**



**Lyndon:** Horse boarding and training facility with ranch home and mobile home. Barn is 92'X210' with riding arena (70'X150'), 30 stalls, laundry, wash area, 2 heated rooms, hay storage for 8,000 bales, 1/4 training track. More acreage and or house available. Broker owned.

**\$650,000**

**REYNOLDS Real Estate, Inc.**

791 Broad Street ■ Lyndonville, VT 05851  
(802) 626-9357 ■ Fax (802) 626-6913  
www.reynoldsre.com  
Email: reynoldsre@charterinternet.com



**Danville Senior Action Center**

**April Meal Schedule**

**April 5** - Shepherd's Pie, Winter Squash, Banana Bread, Fruit Cocktail with Graham Crackers.

**April 7** - Spaghetti with Meatballs, Garlic Bread, Carrots, Cottage Cheese with Pineapple, Brownies.

**April 12** - Chicken Picatta, Seasoned Rice, California Vegetables, Oranges, Scones, Apple Crisp.

**April 14** - Chef Salad with Ham and Cheese, Vegetable Soup, Homemade Rolls, Pineapple.

**April 19** - Cheeseburgers with Buns, Carrot Raisin Slaw, Fruit Cocktail, Pudding, Fig Newtons.

**April 21** - Minestrone Soup, Tuna and Egg Salad Sandwiches, Orange Juice, Pasta Salad, Brownies.

**April 26** - Pepperoni or Cheese Pizza, California Vegetables, V-8 Juice, Oatmeal Raisin Cookies.

**April 28** - Broccoli, Bacon or Cheddar Cheese Quiche, Homemade Rolls, Tossed Salad, Cantaloupe, Chocolate Cake.

*Sing-a-Long* with Winona Gadapee on Tuesdays at 11:30.

*Meals at Danville Methodist Church.* All meals served with a beverage, homemade breads and desserts. Reservations are appreciated by calling (802) 684-3903 before 9:30 a.m. on day of the meal. A donation of \$3.00 for guests 60+ (Others \$4.00) is appreciated.



# Town Meetings Have Not Always Been Where They Are Now in Walden

BETTY HATCH

Before the March Town Meeting in Walden this year our moderator Roger Fox said he wanted to embarrass me. I wondered what he had on his mind. It seems he was wanting to see who, among Walden voters, had attended the most Town Meetings.

I surprised him by saying, "I probably attended my first Walden meeting in 1946 and every one since. I've attended them in four different buildings." Since he is a more recent resident, he didn't know that meetings were held in the old town hall, the Noyesville School-house, the firehouse and now the Walden School.

Fox tried to find others to say how many meetings they had attended. Joan Bissell said she had probably attended before she was born as her mother was Gladys Rowell, a long time town clerk.

My curiosity got the better of me and I searched old town reports and found that meetings alternated between Goodenough Hall in South Walden and the Modern Woodman Hall in Noyesville from about the turn of the century until 1931. In 1930, residents voted to purchase the Noyesville building for a town

hall and in 1931, they voted to make repairs. From 1932 until 1950, Town Meetings were held there.

This building was built by Stephen V. Meader and had been in use for meetings of the Modern Woodman of America. Town basketball teams used to have games there. As I remember, it had a small room on the first floor, which was used as a kitchen, and lunch was served there. It probably had a stove because they served hot dogs one year, and they were warm. But the building served its purpose. It was sold and taken down.

From 1951 until 1972, Noyesville Schoolhouse was used for Town Meetings. With the upstairs dining room at the church just across the road, the church women served a hot meal at Noon. The women would attend the meeting in the afternoon.

After the Firehouse was constructed, the meetings moved there from 1973 to 1996. The

March Meeting meant moving the fire trucks out and bringing in chairs to accommodate voters. Lunch was served from the Town Clerk's Office.

The first meeting in the multipurpose room at the new school was 1996. It is roomy and voting booths can be set up there for balloting. Coffee and lunch is served from the kitchen.

The meeting lost some of its flavor when in 1976 it was voted to elect officers by Australian ballot. The first year for that was 1977, and town officers have been elected through that process ever since.

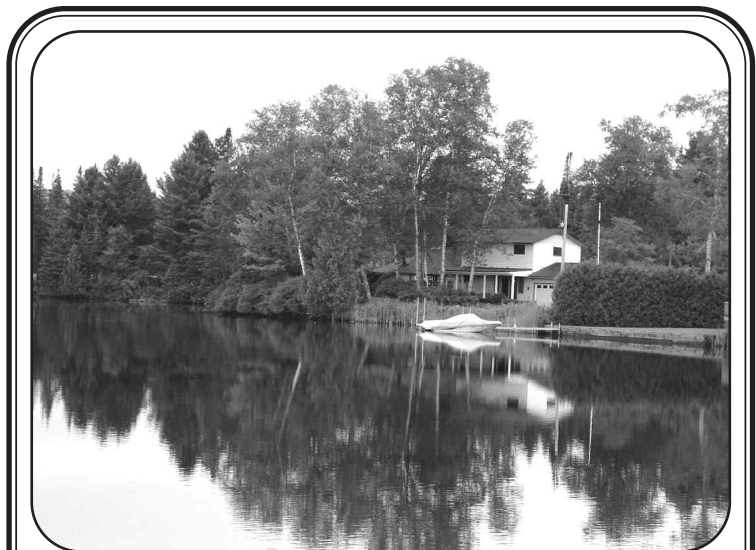
In 2003, voters decided to decide about money projects and the school budget on Australian ballot, also. This method causes all discussion to be held prior to the day of voting, and many voters do not come to the informational meetings.

I expect many have memories of what happened at meetings through the years.



Photo Courtesy of Betty Hatch

From 1932 to 1950 the annual March Town Meeting in Walden was held in the Noyesville building once owned by Modern Woodman of America. By 1951 the Meetings took place in the Noyesville School and this building was taken down in about 1961.



ML#168758 Heaven is 1.2 acres on Joe's Pond, with 524' of shore frontage (with 200' prime), a year round home with 5 bedrooms, a great room with fireplace and lake views from every direction. This home offers the best of both worlds. Privacy, magnificent lake views and close proximity to the village of West Danville make this a most attractive property being offered at \$375,000.



75 MT. PLEASANT ST.  
ST. JOHNSBURY, VT 05819  
802-748-8169 • 802-748-8855  
  
230 MAIN STREET  
LYNDONVILLE, VT 05851  
802-626-8333 • 802-626-9342  
www.parkwayrealtyassociates.com



## Pope Notes

Dee Palmer,  
Library Director

Many thanks to all who supported the Pope Library at Town Meeting. Our luncheon was a great success even though the weather was a challenge. We also thank those who helped in the kitchen or who donated their delicious baked goodies for dessert. Nobody went away hungry!

Our annual Novel Dinner is on Sunday, April 3 at the Creamery Restaurant. If you are interested in attending call the Library (802) 684-2256 or Marion at the Creamery (802) 684-3616 and we may be able to find you a seat. This is one of our biggest and best fundraisers and we appreciate the time and effort Marion and her staff dedicate to making it happen.

We will also have raffle tickets on hand to sell for a beautiful blanket chest hand-crafted by Sally Fishburn and Susannah Morlock. The blanket chest will be on display at the library until August and we'll be happy to sell you some raffle tickets.

Our last book discussion in the "Jane Austen's World" series sponsored by the Vermont Humanities Council and the Pope Library is on Wednesday, April 20 at 7:00 p.m. Suzi Wizowaty will lead the discussion of *Persuasion*. Books are available at the Library.

Book discussion groups are springing up all over! If you are interested in starting one, we can help. We can usually find multiple copies of books through the Vermont interlibrary loan system. We just ask that you make a donation to pay for postage and bring the books back on time. Most libraries will not lend their brand new best sellers, so keep that in mind when you choose.

The book club I am involved in has been meeting for almost two years. We meet monthly and take turns choosing the book, hosting the discussion and, very important, organizing the food. We have read a variety of books from *Catcher in the Rye* by J.D. Salinger to *The Da Vinci Code* by Dan Brown. Our favorite book so far is *Tales of a Female Nomad* by Rita Golden Gelman. Gelman is a successful author of books for children and young adults. At age 48 she changed her life, sold all her possessions and traveled and lived in several different countries – for 15 years! It is a wonderful book that sparked great discussion, and we all brought food native to the many places she lived. We have also corresponded with Rita Golden Gelman through email and invited her to come to Danville. Great things can happen through books!

Our newest book acquisitions are: *The Position* by Wolitzer, *Comfort Me with Apples* by Reichl, *Honeymoon* by Patterson, *Dead Guy's Stuff* by Fiffer, *The Grilling Season* by Davidson and *Mother-Daughter Wisdom* by Northrup.

Thanks to one of our very generous trustees, we have 40 new DVD's and many more to come! Our DVD collection is impressive – come in and check them out!

Don't miss the annual Novel Dinner on Sunday, April 3 at the Creamery Restaurant. The food will be great, the company is always good and the creative table decorations are something you'll want to remember.

## West Barnet Senior Action Center

### April Schedule

- April 1 - Buffet.
- April 6 - Meat Loaf, Mashed Potatoes, Carrots, Assorted Breads, Mixed Fruit.
- April 8 - Hot Beef Sandwich, Potato, Broccoli with Cheese, Grapenut Pudding.
- April 13 - Shepherds Pie, 3-Bean Salad, Muffins, Fruited Jell-O.
- April 15 - Sweet & Sour Pork, Rice, String Bean Casserole, Mixed Breads, Bread Pudding.
- April 20 - Chicken Breast, Mashed Potatoes, Cranberry Jelly, Cauliflower, Rolls, Pudding with Topping.
- April 22 - Macaroni & Hamburg Soup, Biscuits, Cottage Cheese with Fruit, Cake with Frosting.
- April 27 - Salmon Pea Wiggle, Biscuits, Pickled Beets, Peaches with Cream.
- April 29 - Spaghetti with Meatballs, Tossed Salad, Garlic Bread, Ice Cream.

Meals served at West Barnet Church. All meals served with a beverage. Reservations not required. Suggested donation of \$3.00 per meal is appreciated. Phone (802) 633-4068.



## BEGIN REALTY ASSOCIATES



### Danville

MLS# 192675 A view from the top understates the mountainous panorama from this home. Beautiful brick hearth upstairs and downstairs (with wood stove). There are three+ bathrooms, four bedrooms including a master bedroom suite with Jacuzzi. Beautiful southern and eastern views from living-, dining- and kitchen areas (and most bedrooms). Enjoy summer days on the large deck. Finest quality local craftsmanship and masonry. Meticulously maintained by its only owner. Nine +/- acres with state and local permits pending. \$350,000

Close on or later than June 1, 2005.



St. Johnsbury • (802) 748-2045

Danville • (802) 684-1127

www.beginrealty.com



## BEGIN REALTY ASSOCIATES



**AROUND THE TOWNS**



**COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

- Mondays** - Preschool Story Time, St. Johnsbury Athenaeum Youth Library, 10:00 a.m. (802) 748-8291.
- Mondays** - Story Time, Pope Library, Danville, 10:00 a.m. (802) 684-2256.
- Mondays** - Just Parents meet with concerns for drugs and kids, Parent Child Center, St. Johnsbury, 7:00 p.m. (802) 748-6040.
- Tuesdays** - Baby & Toddler Story Hour, Cobleigh Library, Lyndonville. 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. (802) 626-5475.
- Tuesdays** - Bridge Club for all experience levels, Cobleigh Library, Lyndonville, 6:30 p.m. (802) 626-5475.
- Wednesdays** - Preschool Story Hour, Cobleigh Library, Lyndonville. 10:00 a.m. (802) 626-5475.
- Thursdays** - Introduction to Computers, Cobleigh Library, Lyndonville. 10:00 a.m. (802) 626-5475.
- Thursdays** - Chess Club and Game Day, Cobleigh Library, Lyndonville. 3:30 p.m. (802) 626-5475.
- Thursdays** - Danville Town Band Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m. Danville School auditorium. (802) 684-1180.
- Saturday & Sunday** - Planetarium Show 1:30 p.m. Fairbanks Museum, St. Johnsbury. (802) 748-2372.
- Saturdays** - Bridge Club for all experience levels, Cobleigh Library, Lyndonville, 1:00 p.m. (802) 626-5475.

*April*

- 1** Family Contra & Square Dance with Hull's Union Suit Victory String Band, Knights of Pythias Hall, Danville. 8:00 p.m. (802) 563-3225.
- 1-3** St. Johnsbury Players present *The Musical Mystery Tour*. St. Johnsbury School. Fri & Sat: 7:30 p.m. Sun: 2:00 p.m. (802) 748-4002.
- 2** Men's Ecumenical Breakfast, Methodist Church, Danville, 7:00 a.m. (802) 684-3666.
- 2** Scrabble Club, St. Johnsbury



*On this cold day in 1910 there were some big logs drawn out of the woods in West Burke.*

Photo Courtesy of Merton Leonard

- 2** Peacham PTG Auction, Peacham Town Hall, Viewing at 5:00 p.m. with auction at 6:00. Free admission, Refreshments available. (802) 592-3037 or (802) 592-3221.
- 3** Town-Wide Read party with Katherine Paterson, author of *The Great Gilley Hopkins* and *Bridge to Terabithia*. Cobleigh Library, Lyndonville, 6:00 p.m.
- 4** Northeast Kingdom Audubon informational and planning meeting, Fairbanks Museum, 4:30 p.m. (802) 748-8515.
- 6** Catching People's Stories with Jane Beck, director of Vermont Folklife Center, First Wednesday Lecture Series, St. Johnsbury Athenaeum, 7:00 p.m., (802) 748-8291.
- 7** Osher Lifelong Learning: Vermont Folk Art with Jane Beck, St. Johnsbury House, 1:00 p.m. (802) 626-5135.
- 8** Kingdom Coffeehouse with pianist Cody Michaels, 7:30 p.m. North Woods Stewardship Center, East Charleston. (802) 723-6551.
- 8** Sacred Circle Dance, Danville Congregational Church, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. (802) 684-3867.
- 11** Cancer Support Group, Conference Room A, NVRH, 4:00 p.m. (802) 748-8116.
- 11** *Orwell Rolls in His Grave*, documentary film by Robert Kane Pappas, North Country Coalition, 7:00 p.m. North Congregational Church, St. Johnsbury. (802) 748-3663.
- 13** "Why my library book is overdue ..." writing contest award ceremony. 3:30 p.m. Cobleigh Library, Lyndonville. (802) 626-5475.
- 13** Open Poetry Night for poets and poetry lovers, St. Johnsbury Athenaeum, 7:00 p.m. (802) 748-8291.
- 14** Osher Lifelong Learning: Afternoon of Harp Music with Bill Tobin, St. Johnsbury House, 1:00 p.m. (802) 626-5135.
- 14** Film Discussion following *Hotel Rwanda*, Catamound Arts. (802) 626-2600.
- 16** East Mountain Wildlife Research Results, UVM's Bill Kilpatrick reports on mammals on East Mountain, 7:00 p.m. North Woods Stewardship Center, East Charleston. (802) 723-6551.
- 20** Cardiac Support Group, Cardiac Rehabilitation Room, NVRH, 6:30 p.m. (802) 748-7401.
- 21** Petra Cliffs and Pizza, Transportation, pizza and climbing on Petra Cliffs in Burlington, 8:00 a.m. North Woods Stewardship Center, East Charleston. (802) 723-6551.
- 21** Osher Lifelong Learning: Stories of Jazz with George Thomas, St. Johnsbury House, 1:00 p.m. (802) 626-5135.
- 22** Kyoto Agreement and Other Global Issues with Orin Langelle and Anne Petermann of Global Justice Ecology, North Country Coalition, 7:00 p.m. North Congregational Church, St. Johnsbury. (802) 748-3663.
- 22** Sacred Circle Dance, Danville Congregational Church, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. (802) 684-3867.
- 22** Earth Day Coffeehouse with Linda Warnaar and Micah Carbonnah. 7:30 p.m. North Woods Stewardship Center, East Charleston. (802) 723-6551.
- 23** Northeast Kingdom Audubon trip to northern lakes region to see spruce grouse. Meet at White Market Plaza parking area, Lyndonville at 7:00 a.m. (802) 626-9071.
- 25** Diabetes Support Group, Conference Room B, NVRH, 6:30 p.m., (802) 748-7433.
- 28** Osher Lifelong Learning: Roaring '20's in Foxtrot Tempo with Martin Bryan, St. Johnsbury House, 1:00 p.m. (802) 626-5135.
- 29** Vernal Chorus: Amphibians of the Night, Slides and an outside hunt for wood frogs, spotted salamanders and other early amphibians, 7:00 p.m. North Woods Stewardship Center, East Charleston. (802) 723-6551.
- 30** 24th Annual Vermont Spring Ring, 20 handbell choirs in concert directed by Deborah Rice, 4:00 p.m. North Country Union High School, Newport.
- 30** Alzheimer's Support group, Caledonia Home Health, St. Johnsbury. 7:00 p.m. (802) 748-8116
- 30** Northeast Kingdom Classical Series: Rose-Arron Duo, South Congregational Church, St. Johnsbury. 7:30 p.m. (802) 748-8012.

See also the Arts Around the Towns Calendar Page 14.

**Why buy your**



**Buy Smart** - More people in the North Country buy their Tempur-Pedic® from Sleep Source than from any other dealer. We offer a 90-day comfort guarantee.\* Our sales staff is the most experienced at selling the Tempur-Pedic® Swedish Mattress™.

**Advice** - It's what we sleep on, so we know the product inside and out. We can accurately and thoroughly answer all of your questions, to help you select the right Tempur-Pedic® for you.

**Selection** - Tempur-Pedic® Classic Swedish Mattresses™  
 Tempur-Pedic® Deluxe Swedish Mattresses™  
 Adjustable Beds  
 A wide selection of Swedish Neck Pillows™

**Tax-free!** We are located in tax-free downtown Littleton! And we deliver.



Sleep Source of Littleton, LLC

Family Owned and Operated in tax-free Littleton, NH  
 Downtown - 49 Main Street  
**(603) 444-REST (7378)**

\*see store for details

**The Riverside School**

An independent school for grades 3-8



**Building Bridges Changing Lives**

**Find out about The Riverside School**  
 Open House to be held Tuesday, April 12 from 4-7 p.m.

30 Lily Pond Road Lyndonville, VT 05851  
 (802) 626-8552  
 theriversideschool@charter.net www.theriversideschool.com  
 Founded 1981