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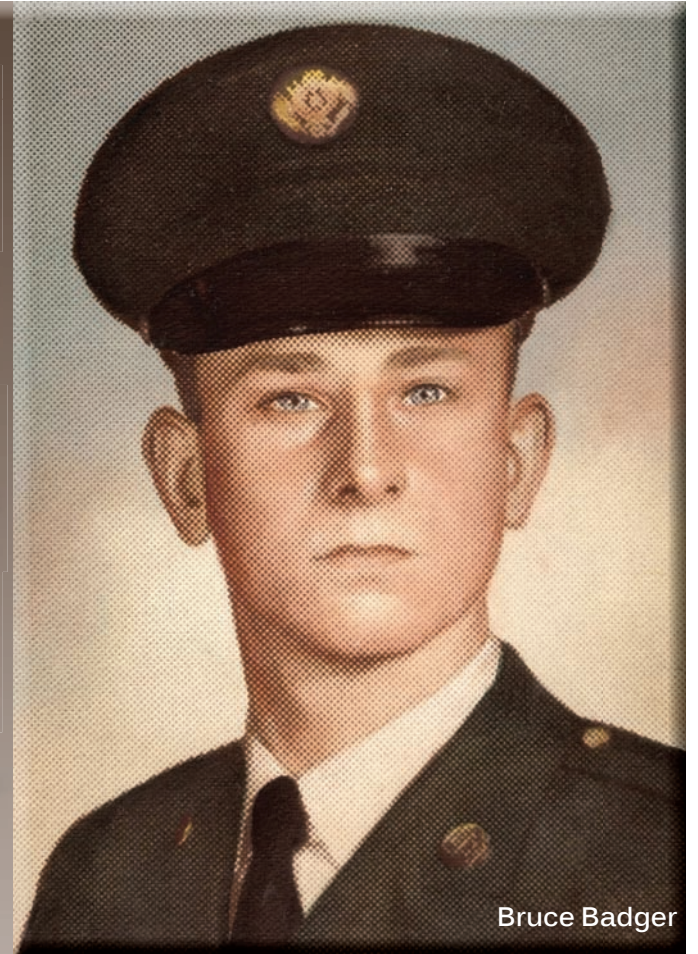
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## Finding answers through fragments

Bruce Badger's Memorial Album comes home



Bruce Badger

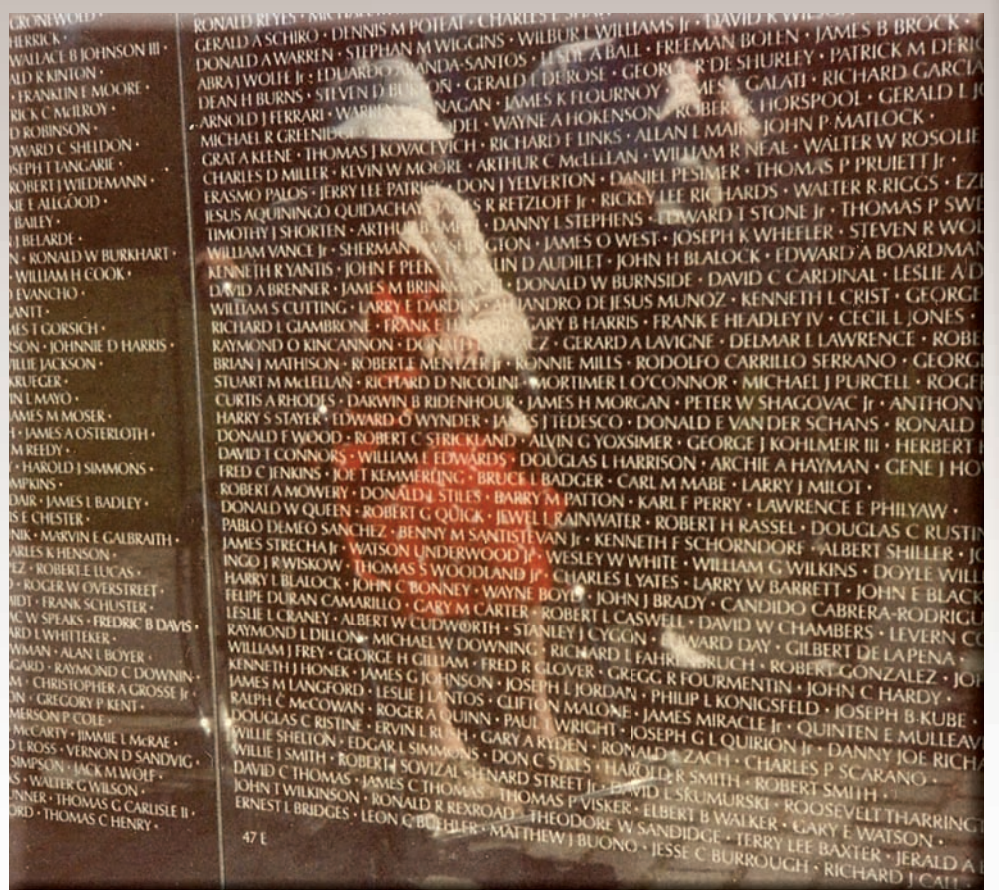
BY SHARON LAKEY

Jan Dutton, sister of Danville's only soldier killed in action in Vietnam, Bruce L. Badger, made a decision. She would send the album she created detailing the events surrounding her baby brother's death. "I think it should be in Danville," she said over the phone. Before sealing the box, she added his Vermont Patriot's Medal and the last two letters he wrote to his mother before his death on April 2, 1968.

When the box arrived at Historical House, we unpacked it, set it on the table and reverently turned the pages. It exudes a certain solid silence. The cover is a deep brown color with an embossed mandala on the front, and every piece in the album is covered in protective plastic, smooth to the touch. Even the glues she used on the contents are of archival quality; it is meant to be handled and read and be accessible for many years to come.

Perusing the book, it seems stark at first. The content is straightforward, unembellished. But when you take time to read each page, skimming over the repetitious elements of newspaper clippings, each chosen fragment adds a little more depth to the mind-numbing loss the family must have experienced at his death.

It opens with a senior photo of Bruce, a black and white 5 x 7. The photo is of a clear-eyed, serious young man, dressed in a suit, a white kerchief peeking out of the lapel pocket. It is this photo the family gave to the media, and it is repeated time and again in the succeeding newspaper clippings. Page two opens with a 5 x 7 color photo of Bruce in his army uniform. He wears the same ...Page 10



The reflection of Geneva Badger at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C.

## Giving thanks

BY NATHANIEL TRIPP

November just might be my favorite month. The Halloween pumpkins have slumped down, their grin becoming progressively more ludicrous, while we enjoy the greater harvest; the wood fire, the fresh cider, the companionship.

The garden is all bedded down or put up, except perhaps some Brussels sprouts. There is still plenty of work outside though, mostly wood lot stuff, and it's a lot more fun if we aren't feeling rushed by the season. I like to linger and see the framework of the hardwoods, deciding where to work next. Only the oaks still have color, if you can call it that, while the papery thin leaves of young beech trees whisper of the ...Page 15

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### FROM THE EDITOR

## A calculated strategy

Local news is on to my family's television every night. I'm sure it's the same for most. I think our statewide news organizations do an admirable job by and large.

For the last week or so, though, we've had to endure the flurry of negative campaign ads that break up the nightly broadcast. They're not unexpected, we've seen them before during past election seasons.

These hyper-partisan rants are so prevalent in common conversation the news station saw fit to feature them, which is commendable since these advertising dollars are funding their operation. Dissapointingly though, their news segment lacked depth. Reporters from the station asked middle-class, hardworking Vermonters on their lunch break to share their feelings toward negative campaigning. I think to no one's surprise, the subjects all said they didn't like it. The segment left me wondering why producers felt this information was valuable. I think most of us would agree with those interviewed, but also file the information under "obvious."

I hear people complain about negative campaigning often. They often say, "I don't know why [candidates] always have to do that," and "I just tune out politics when I see that." These are emotional responses. What's contradictory is that emotion is not a concern for those producing the advertisements. Negative campaigning is a very calculated strategy.

Why do candidates often resort to it? That's easy. It's effective.

Some may remember the "Daisy" ad in the 1964 election, where Lyndon Johnson not so subtly inferred that electing Barry Goldwater would lead to a nuclear detonation. More recently, Swift Boat Veterans during the 2004 presidential campaign slung mud at John Kerry and attacked his military record.

We see these techniques mostly in national and some statewide elections. Luckily, in this region anyway, our local elections don't partake. They should be commended for that.

Many believe the purpose behind these ads is to persuade voters to support a certain candidate, but sometimes, that's only a small part of the strategy. Sometimes, the plan is to keep you, the undecided or independent voter, from casting a ballot at all. In some races, a candidate may recognize that their best chance of being elected is to turn out a larger "base."

What's more disturbing, is sometimes the decision to take that road is not up to the candidate. Obscurely named political groups can spend their dollars attacking candidates and never have to answer for it.

Another reason for this tactic, ironically, is sometimes the candidates aren't that different from each other in a policy sense. They may decide to highlight what they feel are negative character issues to polarize and differentiate.

That is why it's so important for independent voters to cast a ballot, even if the negative campaigning turns you off to the process. Tune out the negative campaigning, but not your responsibility as a citizen.

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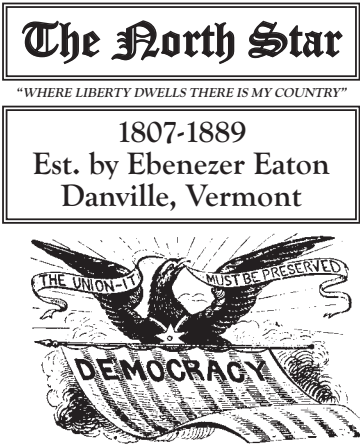
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# Three young men claim to have spotted Lake Champlain sea serpent, an old man shares his wisdom and observations



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November 7, 1879

**A Snow Storm** - After two days of freezing weather and very chilly winds, the weather moderated and a Northeast snow storm commenced. It was the first snow storm of the season, but not enough for sleighing.

**Honey** - The making of bee's honey does not seem to be a failure, at least in one case. Winfield S. Hastings, of St. Johnsbury, had in the spring eight swarms of bees, from which he has taken 350 pounds of honey. He now has 18 swarms and sufficient honey for the winter.

November 14, 1879

**Lynch Law** - Bill Young was acquitted of the murder of Lois Spencer and four children at Kahaka, Mo., by the bungling of detectives who worked up the case, though the circumstantial evidence against him was very strong. The citizens were convinced of his guilt, however, and determined to lynch

him Sunday afternoon. Young married Lydia Bray of Ohio, and Sunday the couple returned to Young's home in Luray, Mo., passing through Kahaka. A mob of 200 or 300 followed them on horseback and in wagons. Surrounding Young's house, they demanded he surrender. He opened fire on the mob and shots were exchanged until he was wounded. Men forced their way into the house, took Young and hanged him. The excitement was intense.

**Sea Serpent** - The Lake Champlain sea serpent has been seen once more, this in Burlington Bay. Last week, while out boating, three university boys, each possessing the Washingtonian inability to prevaricate, saw the monster, or at least part of it, for only some 15 feet of the beast was above water. It measured, apparently, some 12 feet in circumference, while its length, obviously, could only be guessed at. It must have been no less than 90 feet to preserve reasonable proportions. The serpent was first seen near Appletree Point, thence it went up the lake, this side of Juniper, turned gracefully around Rock Lunder then started in a bee line for Essex - probably to get the latest news from the New York elections.

**Store** - Hon. Alden E. Judvine, of Hardwick, had a fainting turn in the store of T.C. Fletcher & Co. in St. Johnsbury. He was removed to the hotel, where he fainted quite away. He recovered enough to take the evening train to his home. We understand he has had similar attacks before.

**Hotel** - The last Lyndon Union says Jerry Drew has been talking hotel this week with John Lindsey, of the Ocean House at Orchard Beach. Everybody would be glad to see Lindsey at the head of the St. Johnsbury House as he is the most successful hotel man. He has a very large experience with the traveling public and would make the hotel in every way first class. He has been in town for a week looking the property over.

**Water Andric** - The Passumpsic Railroad Co. is raising the roof of the bridge just below the mouth of the Water Andric to conform with state law. It is said this is one of the last bridges to be raised. The rest of the bridges on the line have already been elevated to clear the head of the brakeman when standing on freight cars.

**Walden** - Last Saturday, Mr. Joel Harrington of Walden went away from his home, his folks expecting him home by night. He did not return and the next morning the family became alarmed. Many turned out to hunt for him. Mr. Harrington turned up safe and sound and wondering what caused the great alarm, being somewhat indignant when he found out the occasion for it. He had been up in the vicinity of the steam mills, and for some reason was obliged to remain over night.

November 21, 1879

**Noble Lady** - Washington dispatch announce the death, at nearly 90 years, of Mrs. Margaret Eaton, widow of General John Eaton, General Jackson's first

secretary of war, and once senator from Tennessee. The scandals connected with this lady could not have been forgotten by those familiar with public affairs during General Jackson's administration. She was the daughter of an Irish hotel keeper by the name of O'Neal, who kept the first tavern at the national capital that made the slightest pretensions to style. "Peggy" O'Neal is the name she went by. She was married three times, first to Purser Timberlake of the United States Navy, next to General Eaton, and last to an Italian named Buccanini, from whom she was divorced. When her second husband was secretary of war, there was no shortage of scandal afloat about her, but though it all President Jackson was her steadfast friend.

**Tramps** - Some five persons, belonging to the tramp fraternity, arrived in this village, and by order of the Overseer, were kept overnight at the Elm House. The next morning they were requested to work enough to pay for their lodging and breakfast, but none of them could see doing it, and they decamped on the road to St. Johnsbury. Proper papers were made out, and Sheriff Ingalls and Thruwer were put on the track. They were all found in a shanty on the North Danville Road leading to St. Johnsbury, were arrested, and taken to jail, to await a hearing. They were each fined \$5 to be paid within 24 hours or else sent to the House of Corrections.

**Turkey Shoot** - Harvey Pierce and Charles Barber announce by posters that next week there will be exposed to marksmen, at Danville

Green, a fine lot of Turkeys and Chickens, selected from a lodge flock, and all of them first class. They say all who come will find good accommodations and a grand time is expected, as some of the best shots in the country are expected to shoot at long range.

November 28, 1879

**Band Concert** - The Promenade Band Concert and Oyster Supper at the Town Hall this week will be first class entertainment and well worth attending. An excellent orchestra of six or seven pieces is being formed from band members. The entertainment is given as a band benefit and the price of admission is so low that everyone can attend. All are invited.

**Fairbanks** - Thaddeus Fairbanks of St. Johnsbury has received another decoration, the "Golden Flower of Siam," from the king of that far away land.

**Old Man's Observation** - I have noticed that all men are honest when well-watched. I have noticed that purses will hold pennies as well as pounds. I have noticed that in order to be a reasonable creature, it is necessary at time to be downright mad. I have noticed that silks, broadcloths and jewels are often bought with someone else's money. I have noticed that the prayer of the selfish man is "forgive us for our debts," while he makes everybody that owes him pay to the utmost farthing. I have noticed that money is the fool's wisdom, the knave's reputation, the poor man's desire, the covetous man's ambition and the idol of them all.

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# Cheerleading

By ISOBEL P. SWARTZ

I have never been a cheerleader. In fact, until I came to the U.S. I had never seen one in action. Large demonstrations of rah-rah enthusiasm, such as high school pre-game pep rallies, always made me very nervous. Memories of a not-too-distant European past seemed too close for comfort. An exaggeration, I know, but mass hysteria is frightening!

Having said all that, I have to admit to one exhibition of unbridled patriotism that does bring a burst of pride and nostalgia – the “Last Night of the Proms”. The Proms, or Promenade concerts, in London’s Royal Albert Hall, are an eight-week series of summer concerts that have been held since 1895. They began as concerts in London’s pleasure gardens where the audience could stroll about while listening to the music. Most famous conductors, orchestras and many world-renowned musical artists, from rock stars to opera singers, have performed in these concerts. The last half of the final concert of each annual series is an orgy of British patriotism based on the music of Edward Elgar, Thomas Arne, Henry Wood and many other British composers. Before the invention of television and high definition transmission to remote sites throughout the world, people queued for days (and nights) each year, to get a ticket for the last Prom Night concert.

On September 12, 2010 I saw part of the last half of this year’s final Prom, at St Johnsbury’s Catamount Arts on HD simulcast. The Royal Albert Hall was packed with 5544 concertgoers, some in fancy dress, many waving flags of all nations. London’s Hyde Park was also filled with a similar crowd, as were venues in Glasgow, Swansea and Belfast, all enjoying the same big screen simulcast experience as I was. The program included Hubert Parry’s hymn, “Jerusalem”, known to every British school child, at least of my generation; Thomas Arne’s, “Rule Britannia” (always a huge hit and somewhat of a spoof), sung this year by Rene Fleming; Edward Elgar’s, “Land of Hope and Glory” or, the Commencement March as Americans know it, and finally, the National Anthem, “God Save the Queen” (the tune ‘borrowed’ by the U.S. for “My Country ‘tis of Thee”), beautifully rendered by choir, orchestra and audience. No matter how we Brits feel about Royalty, this “gets us” every time!

One of many things that struck me about this event was the contrast between this outpouring of patriotism, and Glenn Beck and Sarah Palin’s controversial party on the Mall in Washington D.C. The London celebration is based on music that, as William Congreve said, “...has charms to soothe the savage breast...”, and imbues the whole event with a unifying camaraderie and joy.

Another thing that came to mind -- most Britons are very critical of their country. They complain about the government, taxes, benefits, the rich, the poor, immigrants, the European Union, the U.S., and just about everything, BUT let a foreigner criticize their country and its failings and they will rise in anger to her defense! Tom Friedman’s column, “We’re No. 1(1)” in the New York Times, September 13, 2010, about current American values (or lack thereof), and the lack of motivation to do anything to help the country return to its former No. 1 position from where it now resides

**There is a lot of talk, especially among the Tea Partiers, about the way things “used to be,” the glory days of wars won, and the Greatest Generation.**

at No.11, according to a recent Newsweek poll, seems in stark contrast.

There is a lot of talk, especially among the Tea Partiers, about the way things “used to be,” the glory days of wars won, and the Greatest Generation. Though I hear a lot of complaining, I do not hear constructive ideas or deep, passionate love for this beautiful country, its history, its outgoing warmth and welcome to people like me who came “from away.” What I hear is fear, discrimination on many fronts, dislike of anything or anyone who is “different,” a lack of compassion and a simmering potential for violence that is frightening. I hear a desire to go back, not to move forward in a positive manner. But I don’t hear any acceptance of responsibility for letting things get to where they are now.

Tom Friedman identified several valid illustrations, the first being a lack of willingness to accept responsibility for our actions, beginning in school. Teachers are being blamed for school failures despite the studies that show that many kids are bored, unwilling to work and exhibit bad social behavior. These studies also show that kids whose parents are actively involved in their children’s lives do better in school. Children do not raise themselves and parents, no matter their circumstances, do bear some blame if their kids behave badly and do not study in school.

Friedman’s second point is related to the first in that it addresses the concept of sacrifice – not a word that we like to use. We don’t like to think that other people are getting some benefits at our expense. This is reflected in attitudes towards immigrants, the poor, the elderly, education, our troops, the Arts, health care and, in fact, anything for which we pay taxes. We forget that other generations have helped us, or our families, and that at some point we may well need help again. This is what annoys me about the attitude of those who say, “Get rid of government.” This is where a little patriotism goes a long way. Not blind patriotism that says, “My country right or wrong,” but the kind that has, in Tom Friedman’s words, “The willingness to postpone gratification, invest for the future, work harder than the next guy and hold their kids to the highest expectations.” It’s time to bring on the cheerleaders!

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# Follow the Money

## 'THE TEMPEST IN THE TEA PARTY'

BY RACHEL SIEGEL



The current "tea party" movement adopted its name to hearken back to our honored, national pastime of protesting taxation. We certainly have a long and deep tradition, delaying national income, corporate, and estate taxes for almost a century and a half after our founding as a nation and arguing about them ever since.

Taxation has always been contentious for governments. It is one of only two tools that governments have to raise income; the other is borrowing. Excessive borrowing can have economic consequences as unhappy for a nation as for an individual, and so economies must also tolerate taxation. On that, most everyone now agrees, but oh, the devil in those details! How, what, and whom to tax is never obvious and always disputed. The balance between economic effectiveness and fairness is surely delicate.

In the economics of markets, a tax creates a "deadweight loss," that is, value that goes to neither producer nor consumer, but gets siphoned out of the market by a government. The more value is "lost" to the market — the higher the tax — the less incentive the markets can provide producers or consumers and the less accurate the market information implied by price. So a tax creates market inefficiency as well as individual burden, and as such is not optimal, however necessary.

When a government taxes,

it assumes that the revenue collected is more valuable than the efficiency lost. Since a tax is created to raise money, it should be designed to effectively do so. The income tax is progressive — those with more income pay a greater share of it — because if the government needs money, it must tax the people who have some. We tax alcohol and tobacco because they are addictive substances, so people will probably continue to use them even if the price is inflated by a tax.

The amount of revenue a government needs is determined by its spending, and excessive spending seems to be the thrust of the modern tea party arguments. "Excessive" spending is in the eye of the beholder, however, and is based on the roles and therefore size of government, which is usually where the argument slides down the slippery slope from economic to political philosophy.

In 1698 the British Parliament gave the East India Company exclusive rights to export tea to Britain, and in 1721 it mandated that its colonists import tea only from Britain, thus giving the company a monopoly on all British and American tea sales. In return,

the British imposed a substantial tax on the company, which raised revenue but also the price of British tea, creating a thriving market in smuggled but untaxed Dutch tea, cutting into East India Company profits.

Over the next fifty years, Parliament revised, repealed, and re-taxed, trying to balance its revenue needs with the Company's. The Tea Acts of 1773 repealed the tax on East India Company tea sold in America, actually lowering the price of tea, but taxed the American tea drinkers instead, shifting the tax burden from seller to buyer. The result was no real change, or if anything, a drop in the price of tea in America, but it made the act of taxation more obvious to the colonists and British tea more competitively priced.

By then, many colonists were unhappy with British rule and their lack of participation in governing, especially their lack of representation in Parliament. Many were also deeply and profitably engaged in smuggling Dutch tea, threatened by cheaper British tea. Ships sent to New York, Philadelphia, and Charleston were sent back to England with their cargoes of tea, which had been refused by the Company's consignment

agents — no doubt under pressure from tea smugglers. But in Boston, the local consignment agents were also the governor's sons, who refused to refuse the shipments.

In this light, the original Boston Tea Party was not so much a protest of taxes themselves, but of where the tax burden fell: on the unrepresented colonial consumers instead of the imperial corporate monopolist. It was also a protest against the East India Company's market power, strengthened by tax-sheltered pricing and protected from entrepreneurial smugglers. As such, it was a demonstration in support of more competitive and more efficient markets.

It is too early to know what this current tea party movement is really about, but most of us now — as even the colonial tea partiers did then — acknowledge the necessity of taxation. As always, the devil is in the details.

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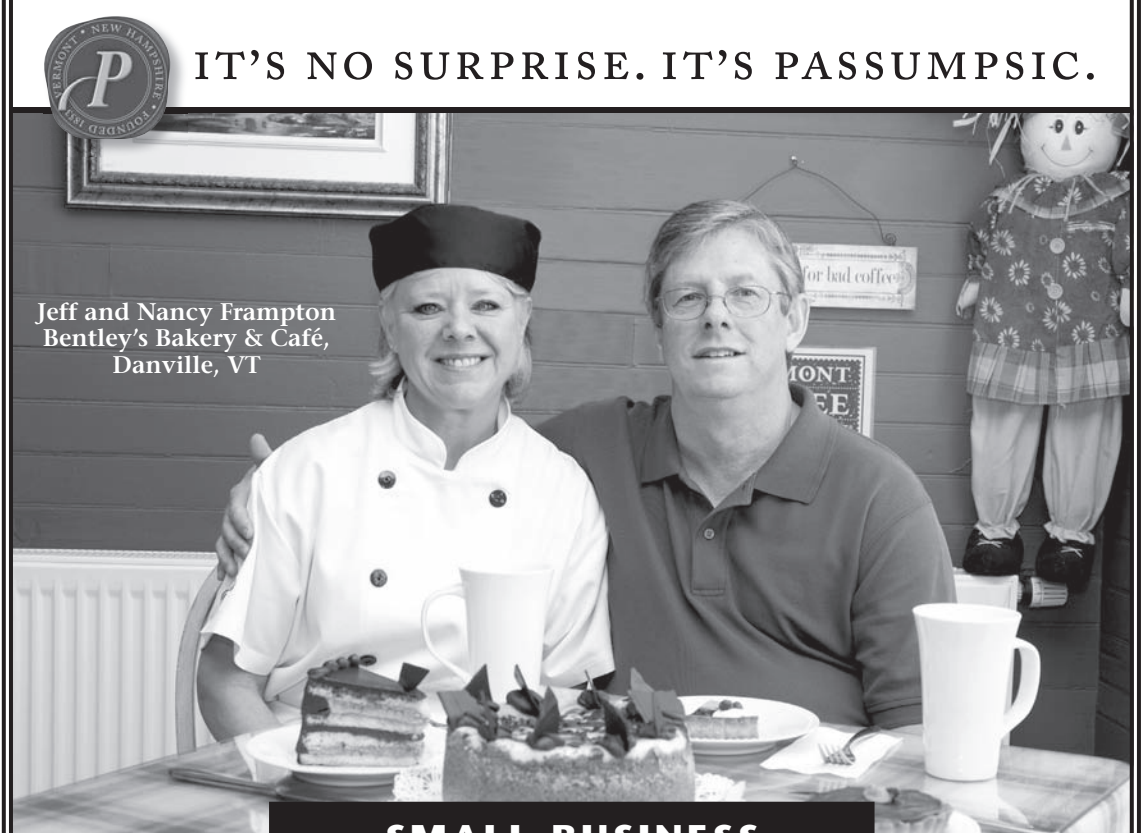
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# Jack Stewart Finding peace with Tai Chi

By Donna M. Garfield

**S**tress. Anxiety. Panic. Never enough time. More to do. That is how most of us feel every day. I met Jack Stewart in 2006 when I took Tai Chi classes and he was the teacher. Jack exudes a calmness that I find in very few people. What is his secret? How does one conquer the busyness that is a constant in our everyday lives?

I traveled to Barnet to meet with Jack Stewart and his wife LJ, who own and operate the Barnet Tradepost Wellness Center, which opened in 2006. The barn on the property was renovated in 2008 to include a large room on the second floor as a place for Jack to hold classes in Tai Chi, Kyudo (Zen Archery), and Kenjitsu (sword-play). It is a peaceful and quiet room where you take off your shoes upon entering and leave your anxieties at the door.

First, though, I am met by a tiger at the foot of the stairs. No, it is not real, but cats always intrigue me. LJ later tells me that Jack created the tiger in 1992. It hung at the Zen Archery Target Shed at Karmê Chöling in Barnet for 19 years and “was meant to ferociously capture and fight off all the bad karma that people were dumping when they practiced Zen Archery.” It was recently taken down and Jack decided to redo

it and keep it as a protector and guardian for the property at the Wellness Center.

Jack was born in Hyannis, Mass. He joined the Navy after high school and then worked at a hospital in the inhalation therapy department. He also attended the Swain School of Design where he earned a Bachelor's Degree in Fine Arts. In 1984 he moved to Vermont and earned his Master's Degree in Art and his teaching degree at Goddard College. He accepted a position as an art teacher at the Danville School and lived in North Danville. It is interesting to note that his great grandfather four times removed helped build the Old North Church.

LJ was born in New York City. She and Jack met at Karmê Chöling through their practice of Zen Archery. LJ says, “Neither of us are practicing Buddhism, which Karmê Chöling offers, but they often

have programs open to the general public. There were Zen Archery programs, and Jack and I were very often at the same ones.” LJ was working in New York City at the time and has practiced medical massage therapy since 1979. They have been married 10 years.

In 1985 Jack joined NVRH as a respiratory therapist. With health care changes in recent years, Jack felt he could do more to help people by being in a different venue, so he left NVRH to more fully practice the contemplative arts.

What are contemplative arts? Jack says, “It means mindfulness and things that are going to strengthen the inner person.” LJ adds, “Simultaneous with working at NVRH, Jack was teaching Tai Chi and Zen Archery classes at home in Danville, which are moving meditations that strengthen body, mind, and spirit. He also hand-sculpts wood. When you

do sitting meditation, it helps to quiet you, clear your mind, and open you up, but sometimes it's difficult to take that with you. So the moving meditations actually help more in allowing you to take some of the things we practice and put them into our daily lives.”

“With Tai Chi, it's coordinating breath and movement together with balance, which ties in well with respiratory,” says Jack. “When you start teaching, you discover you will learn more about the form itself.” He has been teaching Tai Chi for 35 years. Jack does Tai Chi every day. It takes about 20-30 minutes to go through the entire moving meditation.

In the United States we think of exercise as going to the gym or as another activity we need to fit into our already hectic lives.

“Tai Chi is practiced in all the Asian cultures under various names as a means for healthy living and longevity,” says LJ. “It is a way to incorporate our breathing with movement so that the life force

within each of us can freely pump and move. It is very much in line with all of Jack's respiratory work that he has done over the years for himself and for his students.”

Jack also teaches deep breathing techniques. “A lot of people are afraid,” he explains. “Many times people hold their breath. Their shoulders come up. It shows your tension. When you do that, you make yourself very heavy on the top. Then you are prone to fall down. If you are elderly and fall down, there is a good possibility you will break a hip. When you are doing Tai Chi, it is like being a tree. Most people think of a tree as everything you can see on the top. The tree is more than that. It is the rooting down into the earth that makes it very stable so it is very heavy below the earth and then it is supple and moves with the wind. That is the way you want to have your body from your hips down. You want to be nice and rooted. You want to be light at the top. I encourage people just to sigh. Take a deep breath, hold it for a second, feel the tension, and then release the tension from the shoulders down. Feel that relaxation and do it frequently so that each time you do it, it clears your mind and relaxes your body. It is a peace you give yourself that moment and sometimes that moment is enough to find a clearer perspective on your situation.”

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ries ago. According to Jack, it incorporates "very slow, flowing movements that in most forms are coordinated with breathing movements." How do martial arts integrate with this slow fluid movement? "Most people think of martial arts as a fighting skill and as something that is aggressive. It was never truly meant for that. It was meant for the fight internally to try to bring oneself into harmony and balance and to bring about peace of mind. It is for self-discipline. As anyone knows, your true enemy is within you and the more at peace you can be with yourself, the more you can handle those things that are outside of you."

In 2006, LJ experienced a serious health crisis. The neurosurgeons at the Mayo Clinic felt that her remarkable recovery was due to her lifestyle and her practices of Tai Chi and Zen Archery. Many rehabilitation centers and hospitals now offer Tai Chi as part of their wellness programs. It has shown to be beneficial for arthritis, osteoporosis, and fibromyalgia.

In 1971, while Jack was in

the military, he lost his center vision.

"I look at the tip of my finger and I don't see it. I have very good peripheral vision so in sword fighting I don't look at the sword. I look at everything so I see all the movement around me. If you move at all, I've got you. Most people don't think that I have any visual problems. I can see. I just have two blind spots where I can't see." Jack is considered legally blind so he cannot drive. Many times if you watch someone with vision problems, they move tentatively and may bump into things. LJ says, "Jack moves in a very stable, fluid, safe manner. Jack's practices of Tai Chi have enabled him to be much more fluid and sensitive to himself and his environment without the feeling that he is lacking in vision. It's brought forward a kind of sixth sense and awareness of his environment and himself that many of us don't have."

Jack does a lot of sculpting with large pieces of wood. His sculptures are located throughout the Wellness Center. He uses thick glasses and differ-

ent visual aids to get the best results from the vision he does have. LJ says, "I think that it is inherent in Jack's philosophy to take what you have and make the best of it as opposed to focusing on what you don't have. Literally, he turns that around to be a benefit in his life instead of a detriment."

Jack's definition of "Zen" is "the study of life. You can't get out of 'now'. It is here. No matter where you go, you take that with you." LJ adds, "We both try to live in the 'what is' and not the 'what if'. If you are living in the past or living in the future, your mind is not here right now. There is a certain amount of pain and suffering in this life but if we can learn from it, accept it, and move forward, we can keep going."

He also does Zen Gardening, using plants native to the area such as lilies, wildflowers, and perennials, as well as stones and large rocks. The garden perpetuates itself and is very low maintenance. He laughs and says, "I basically got tired of mowing the lawn in North Danville." He has started working on a garden in Barnet. It will

be a place to sit and reflect that brings peace and tranquility.

"Most of us have a cluttered life," adds LJ. "Another part of the practice is not to be austere but to notice that the negative is just as important as the positive as far as balance is concerned. Yin and Yang are the symbols of Tai Chi. They are the positive and negative which make a whole. The opposites create one entirety but in each is a little of the other."

What stresses Jack out?

Repeated negativity. His outlook is to try and be positive. "If I can't change it, sometimes the problem is that things don't want to be changed, or I cannot see a way of changing them, so I withdraw and allow it to envelop itself. Life will fix it. Sooner or later it will change and you try to be at peace with that. Sometimes it's tough love."

LJ finds that false insistence is her stress point. "When situations arrive in life where there is a hard line drawn or no flexibility, I get stressed out or walk away from it, too. We need to agree to disagree. Since I had my health crisis, life is precious,

and I don't want to waste a second of it with false illusions. Stagnation breeds disease. Even if it's baby steps, I need to see that there is at least movement."

Both Jack and LJ have learned the importance of having a good sense of humor and being able to laugh at themselves or a situation.

Jack's hobbies are sculpting and teaching fine arts. He substitutes at the Barnet School and received a community volunteer award from Barnet School last year. He has also been an artist in residence at many places including the Good Shepherd School and Catamount Arts. Every Thursday night he and LJ teach Zen Archery at the Field House at St. Johnsbury Academy.

As well as the classes Jack teaches, LJ practices licensed medical massage therapy, touch for health kinesiology, and laughter yoga. The Wellness Center also offers acupuncture, yoga, midwifery, and physical therapy.

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## The story of Campico

BY BONNIE SIMONS

**O**n a beautiful October afternoon, about 1950, Hubert and I drove around back roads as we often did. As we went by the Ward Farm in the Tampico area, we stopped to visit with Leon Crawford. Hubert asked him if he knew of a piece of land for sale where he could build a camp. Leon said, "I know just the place. Come. I'll show you."

He led us up to a height of land in his hay field with almost a 360 degree view of the Presidential range of the White Mountains to the East, Mt. Moosilauke to the South and Burke Mountain and the Willoughby gap to the North, with a scattering of Vermont farms in the foreground. Hubert had grown up on a farm on what is now the McDowell Road, so it was all very familiar to him. Leon insisted that we should have the land forever "as long as rivers run downhill." They would only like the opportunity of taking their supper up there occasionally. As far as we know, they never did.

We found a Sears-Roebuck building, probably meant for a garage or a utility building that we thought would make a good camp. Since \$1000 seemed like a lot of money, our good friends, Velma and Winona Hall and Mary Stewart, who also wanted a camp, agreed to help pay for it. We'd all use it.

Hubert did most of the building, and a mason from Barnet built a chimney and fireplace. We often stopped to buy a loaf of Pauline Crawford's home-made bread on our way up to spend evenings working on the camp. Since there was no water, we always carried it, and we

found some Aladdin kerosene lamps like those that Hubert remembered from the farm. We shopped yard sales for kitchen equipment and friends contributed so much stuff, we were in danger of overload. Friend Rebecca Skillin donated red material with Pennsylvania Dutch figures that I made into curtains. Hubert and I spent our first overnight in the camp in mid-July and nearly froze, proving the futility of heating with a fireplace. Later, Betsy Chamberlin gave us an old parlor stove from her family homestead in North Haverhill, NH, which actually made it comfortable.

Cousin Theodore and Belle Perrigard also had a hand in the building and furnishing of the camp. Theodore helped Hubert build a privy, which was placed just over the brow of the hill in back of the camp. We discovered that if you left the door open while using the privy, you were looking directly into Archie Champagnes's doorway in the road below!

The next summer we added a bedroom, which made room enough for Cecil Brown and me to invite our Girl Scout troop for an overnight trip. Other visitors were hunters. Hubert, brother-in-law Jack Young, and friend

Dean Romig, enjoyed the hunting season, but thought it was a pretty cold, windy spot. We girls, Mary Stewart along with Velma and Nonie Hall, had planned a winter weekend, which was memorable; we had a January thaw that was very dreary. Fran Sayward braved the long, dark back-road approach, coming all the way from Portland, ME, bringing a homemade meatloaf.

Just as we were beginning to enjoy owning a camp, the Crawfords sold the farm to Scudder Parker and family. They didn't need strangers in the middle of their hay field, so we sold the camp to them. Velma, Nonie and Mary soon bought a small camp at Joe's Pond, which worked out well for them; the lake provided more opportunity for fun for them.

And before long, Hubert and I found another spot just down the road and bought half an acre from Bub Dresser for \$50. There we built another cabin—mostly Hubert's work, but as our dear friend Cay Spencer said, "He couldn't have built it without us. We helped him put up the walls."

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Hubert, left, working on the original camp in 1952. The same year, we felt we had “discovered” Coles Pond on a backroads trip in his Jeep.

wires were put underground. A telephone cross-arm, when sawed in half, makes a perfect two-by-four, and the holes were convenient for putting wires through. We had electricity from the start, because there was a transformer right across the road.

Cay Spencer gave us two big storm windows, which made wonderful picture windows. The two small windows on the road-side of the house were from a hen house. The foundation was made of railroad ties and some big rocks. Even the nails were recycled from the foundation of our house, which we were building at that time. Winter evenings Hubert spent in the cellar straightening nails. Jack Young built bunk beds for the bedroom, a trestle table and two benches. The furniture made a convenient spot to sit and enjoy the spectacular view of the Presidential Range and the big field in front that belonged to the Paterson farm.

Labor Day weekend that first year, Betsy Chamberlin and Kay Scott dropped in and stayed for supper. Hubert suggested we go see the Parkers, as he had already gotten acquainted with Scudder. That was our introduction to a wonderful family with four children, who had just moved from a New York City suburb and were trying to make a living farming. We became good friends with the family: Scudder, a newspaper editor; wife Bets; young Scudder (12), called Deacon; Stephen (10); Sally just starting first grade, and Alan (3) called Punky (short for pumpkin). The family had been chosen by the Ladies Home Journal to be interviewed, and they had been given the offer of a remodeled room. We were surprised to discover that the pictures in the magazine had been printed before the remodeling had actually been done.

Hubert and Scudder hit it off immediately. Bets and I had a lot in common, and we chuckled about their long conversations. Hubert was pleased to be able to help Scudder learn about farming, and he was delighted to have a chance to handle the horse and cow that the Parkers were farming with. They had a joke about the hired man. When Scudder asked him to let him know if he was doing anything wrong, the answer was, “I don’t want

to be shooting my mouth off all the goddamn time.” Hubert had a jeep, and we would drive up to visit the Parkers on snowy evenings when traveling was difficult.

The hunters liked the new camp much better, because it was less windy, and the electricity was an added enjoyment. My brother-in-law Jack Young and Dean Romig came many years for deer season. Dean’s son, young Dean, is still coming. They collected water in big milk cans from the Bennett spring and later from Fink spring.

Over the years, we added another bedroom in the northeast end, and for a few years we even had a flush toilet. Hubert rigged up a pump halfway down the hill, with water piped from the swamp. It didn’t last long, as it could only handle a few flushes.

When our son Tom arrived in 1956, he soon loved coming up to camp. He would holler “Campico!” as soon as the camp came into view. When the government offered money to plant trees, Hubert took advantage of the offer, and we planted thousands of trees on 12 ½ acres of land that we bought from Harley Brown. He owned the farm now owned by Van and Lucille. Tom was about three when he followed his father down the rows with the planter, seeding the pine and spruce trees that make up the current forest.

We enjoyed the camp for many years. Because Hubert was a fireman, he couldn’t be out of town. Campico was close enough to St. Johnsbury to allow us to slip out there whenever we found time. He had a radio in the truck, and if anything was amiss, he would get the call and could get back to town quickly.

Time there was a luxury of simplicity. Indoors there was nothing to do but read and do crossword and jigsaw puzzles. Outdoors, we loved to ride the back roads in Hubert’s jeep. We thought we discovered Cole’s Pond before it became a resort; maybe it had already been discovered, but it was new to us. Sometimes, if I can’t sleep at night, I close my eyes and see once again the sweeping view of the White Mountains as they rose beyond Heath’s pasture. It’s a lovely vision.



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serious look, but there is a hint of pride the young man felt in wearing the uniform.

On the army photo page, Bruce's senior photo is repeated, heading two newspaper clippings. The first is the smallest column: "IN VIETNAM—Sp/4 Bruce L. Badger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip M. Badger Sr., Danville, arrived in Vietnam March 3..." Right next to it is a slightly larger column with the same photo: "Danville Man Killed in Vietnam—A 21-year-old Danville man has been reported killed in action in Vietnam...April 2..."

Bruce was a shy, intelligent youth, renowned locally as a sterling baseball pitcher and avid outdoorsman. At university in Logan, Utah, for two years, he enjoyed hiking the wild country there. But, as the war raged, he felt the call to enlist.

Most of us in Danville know his name because of the Bruce Badger Memorial Highway that connects Danville from Hill Street to North Danville. The highway naming was the result of efforts by Louise Lesard. Her brother, Roger, was Bruce's classmate, and she had been haunted for years about something that took place on Bruce's last leave before leaving for Vietnam. She remembers a February day in 1968 when Bruce stood in the Danville General Store greeting those who entered. In this memory he is shaking hands with all who came through the door, telling them goodbye. His message—"I won't be coming back."

"I just couldn't get this out of my mind," said Louise. "I didn't want him to be forgotten." She took it on herself to ask the Select Board to change the name of the highway, and it was granted in 1983. There

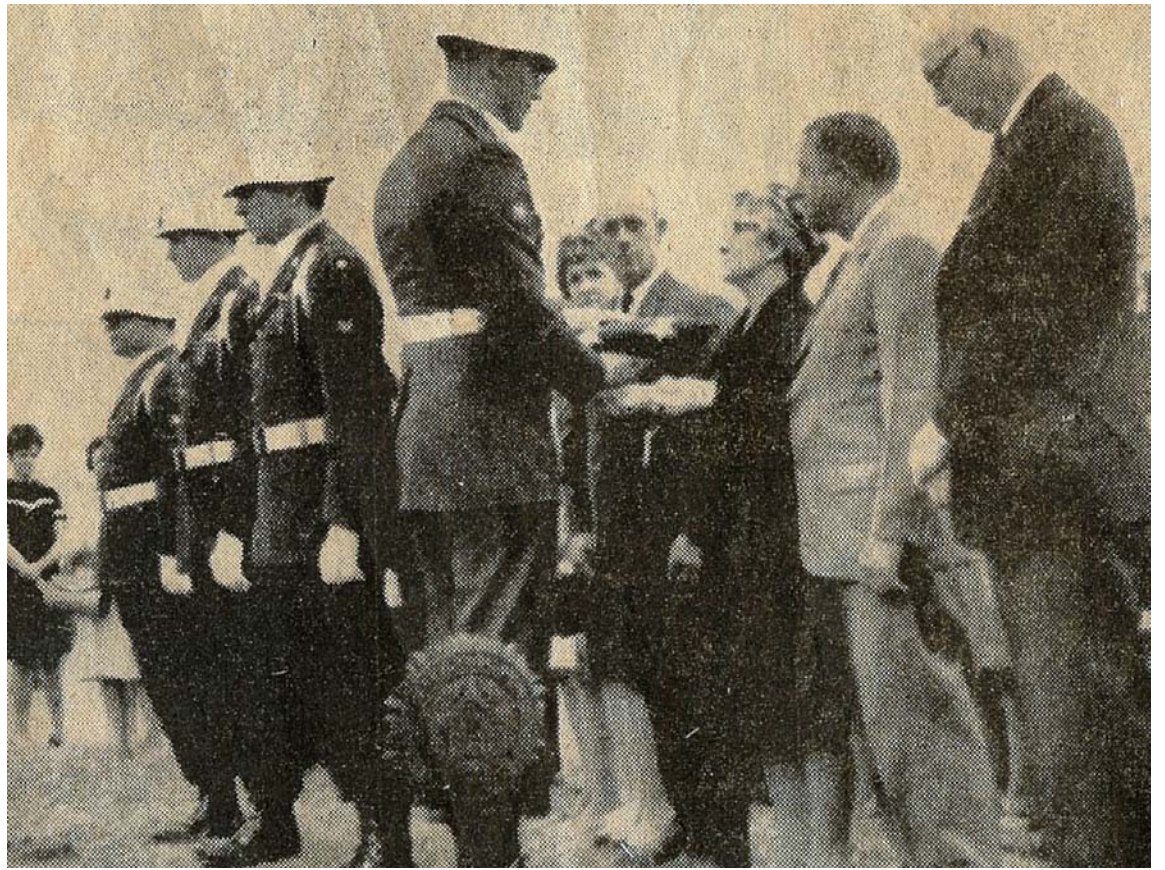
is a photo of this celebration in the album, the family gathered under the sign. Geneva, his mother, is in front, dressed all in white, holding a black purse.

She was an elementary school teacher in Danville and Walden. Bruce was her surprise child, she told Louise in an interview for a North Star article in 1991, coming when she was 42-years-old. "Bruce was the easiest of my five kids. He was such a good boy and never gave me any trouble."

Though all family members were deeply affected by Bruce's death, it is Geneva that emerges in the album as the most stoic of figures. Both of his letters, now included at the end of the album, begin with "Dear Mom..." Page four of the album begins with a newspaper photo of the honor guard presenting the American flag to her. She stands straight, hand raised to receive the folded flag, head tilted upward to look at the tall man before her.

Toward the end of the album, Jean has included a piece written by Geneva. Jean entitled it "A Mother's Remembrance," but the strangeness of the writing is that there is literally no emotion in it; it is an exacting list of facts: "Bruce left Danville Feb. 13, 1967 by bus for Manchester, N.H. He was sent to the U.S. Army Reception Center Station, Fort Jackson, S.C. Feb. 14, 1967..."

It ends with: "March 17 [1968], he was sent out on armored assault vehicle. He was injured by an enemy mine April 2, at Tam Ky at 8:35 a.m. He was taken to 2nd Surgical Hospital by helicopter and died at 11:50 a.m. We were notified by Sgt. Webb April 3, 9:50 a.m. He arrived in Maryland April 8 and was met by Duncan McNaughton. He was brought to Desrochers & Sayles funeral Home April 9 where



Geneva Badger is handed Bruce's flag at his burial.



Bruce is buried in the Danville Green Cemetery

he remained until April 13. His funeral was held April 13 at Congo Church. Military Honor Guards came from Camp Devens. His personal possessions came May 24. Stone was set May 25. Marker arrived June 28. Money came July 25. Lt. Golding presented his awards Mon. Nov. 3, 1968. He helped us with military affairs. History of 1st Cav. and second

lot of patches came from Col Treadwell Jan. 3, 1969."

She was a mother looking for answers, and facts were as close as she could get. In a letter dated May 15, 1968, from a Captain of the Armor Commander, she received the following information: "In the mid-morning hours at approximately 8:35 a.m., your son was on a search and clear mission

three miles north of Tam Ky, Quang Tin Province, Republic of South Vietnam. Bruce was assigned as the machine gunner when his Armored Cavalry Assault Vehicle ran over an enemy mine, severely wounding Bruce and two fellow crewmembers. Within seconds the platoon medic was administering aid to Bruce and within minutes he was evacuated by helicopter to a hospital. Despite the best possible medical care, Bruce died at 11:50 a.m. at the 2nd Surgical Hospital in Chu Lai, Republic of South Vietnam...Bruce's personal property is being collected and will be shipped to you immediately. I know you will treasure his personal property, and I hope that it will reach you without delay."

Evidently, she pushed for more information as the following letter shows. In a response to Geneva's questions, the Squadron Chaplain writes: "Dear Mrs. Badger,



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Left, one of the Polaroid photos from the album, showing a drive through a village. This is the type of operation that Bruce was involved in when he was killed. Right, the family attended the highway dedication in Danville in 1983.

Your letter has been referred to me. Since I have just recently joined the squadron, I did not have the privilege of knowing your son, Bruce.

"I have checked with his troop and the men who knew him. They thought very highly of Bruce and were very saddened by his loss.

"Bruce was a side gunner on an Armored Cavalry vehicle which struck a mine during a mine sweeping operation. Two other men from C Troop were killed with Bruce along with three Marines.

"All Cavalry men wear flak vests when on operations. However, the nature of Bruce's wounds was such that his vest could not save him. He did not regain consciousness after the incident and so was granted a painless death..." With this information, she would have to be satisfied. To find spiritual peace, she had to look elsewhere, and Jean reports that she made daily visits to Danville Green cemetery for

many months after his burial.

Glued into the album are five Polaroid photos that are from an unknown source. Jean has no remembrance of where they came from, but there they are, reminiscent of photos we have all seen from Vietnam--a brown landscape with young men, war machines, and village hamlets. They illustrate the type of military vehicle and activity that Bruce and his squadron were undertaking. In the upper left corner on the page is a particularly odd image; it is of an armored vehicle that is all out of alignment, disjointed, pieces of it lying on the ground. Is it Bruce's vehicle?

As an old woman, Geneva visited the Washington D.C. Vietnam Veterans Memorial. One of the family members snapped a photo of her reflected in the glossy granite where Bruce's name is engraved. It is titled by Jean as "Geneva Badger at the Vietnam Memorial." She is

seated in a wheelchair in a red dress, looking at her son's name among all the rest. On that same page is a photo of bronze figures--three soldiers, dressed for the heat of Vietnam and wearing their flak vests.

Like many before and after him, gentle Bruce was lost for a cause that was stated simply in a letter from the White House to Mr. and Mrs. Badger, dated April 12, 1968: "Americans throughout our great country are eternally indebted and humbly grateful to your son for his selfless courage in fighting to preserve the ideal of freedom for all men...Lyndon Johnson." In the album are many such letters of condolence from high sources as well as listings of medals and commendations given to him posthumously. On one of the pages is a newspaper column listing Vermonters who were killed in Vietnam: 114, including two that Geneva added in her own handwriting after the

column was published.

Glenn, Bruce's older brother, spoke at the funeral: "Bruce...We remember your love for the picturesque hills of Vermont and Utah and your appreciation of the lovely things of life. The sun streams in golden shafts on the mountains and streams that you loved. You were close to nature, because you understood the beauty of

life's precious gifts which we take for granted...You were tolerant and understood that these were times of few convictions, but days of great causes and passions."

Bruce's album and Vermont Patriot's Medal will be on display at the Danville Historical Society during the month of November. Hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays from noon to 7:00.

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# A little Thanksgiving variety

## No Small Potatoes *with Vanna Guldenschub*



Thanksgiving, the quintessential American holiday, is particularly joyous when celebrated in New England. I can't wait to set up the festive table and cook all the traditional favorites that guests await every year and I try hard to make sure I don't disappoint the expectations of the crowd. But along with the turkey, dressing, green jello salad, scalloped sweet potatoes and mashed white potatoes that are 'must haves' at my house, I like to change up some of the side dishes to add a little variety to the menu. Since I can't ever decide what not to cook I have taken to putting

a new twist on old favorites or combining some of the traditional dishes into side dishes that give you a two for one taste. Enjoy this holiday where cooking and camaraderie around the table are what is important.

### Brussel Sprouts and Creamed Onions

I combined these two traditional dishes to form a very tasty gratin. The onions are not swimming in cream sauce and the brussel sprouts are lifted to another level from plain steamed. Gratin is easy to make and look great on the Thanksgiving buffet.

- 1½ lbs small cooking onions (can substitute a one pound bag of frozen pearl onions)
- 2 lbs brussel sprouts
- 1 cup heavy cream
- 1 stick butter
- 1½ cups breadcrumbs – homemade or panko Japanese breadcrumbs
- Salt and pepper to taste

Cut the stem end off the brussel sprouts and remove any of the leaves that are discolored. Place in a pot of boiling water for about 4 minutes – just enough to start them cooking. Drain and set aside. If you are using fresh pearl onions they must be peeled. The easiest way I have found

is to put them in boiling water (skins and all) for just a minute or two and drain them. Let them cool a little and they should slip right out of their skins. An even easier way, although not quite as good, is to use a frozen package of pearl onions.

In a large sauté pan heat 3 tablespoons of butter (I sometimes put a tablespoon of olive with the butter to keep it from burning) till foamy. Add the prepared onions and sauté until they are a light brown color and have softened. Set them aside.

Clean the pan and heat 3 tablespoons of butter till foamy. Add the brussel sprouts. Sauté on medium heat until they begin to soften. You don't want them to get too brown but they can color a little. Mix together with the onions.

Butter a baking pan and add the onions and brussel sprouts. Pour half the cream over the vegetables. Mix the breadcrumbs with salt and pepper and sprinkle them over all. Dot with butter and pour the rest of the cream back and forth over the crumbs. Place in a 350-75 degree oven and cook for about 20 minutes until the top is browned and the gratin is bubbly.

### Sautéed Apples and Cranberries

You can enhance any dinner at a moments notice with this simple condiment that combines cranberry and applesauce. The color is grand and the aroma is pure

New England.

- 2 cups fresh cranberries
- 3 apples – cored and thinly sliced – no need to peel
- 1 fresh orange or ½ cup orange juice
- 2 tablespoons butter
- ½ cup sugar
- Pinch of salt and pepper

In a large sauté pan melt the butter. When fairly hot add the cranberries and sauté them for a couple of minutes or until they just start to soften. Squeeze the orange over the cranberries (or pour the juice) and cook for another minute. Add the apples and cook until they begin to soften – add the salt and pepper and give it one quick stir. That's it. You have a colorful and tasty condiment your Thanksgiving dinner.

### Leeks in Cream

Leeks are not used near enough on American tables. They are a wonderful way to add flavor and subtle color to dishes without overpowering them. I like to use them on their own in this sinfully rich side dish – perfect for a Thanksgiving celebration. It is also a very simple recipe to make but start it early in the day because it has to cook for quite a while.

- 6-8 leeks – cleaned and cut in half down the middle
- 1 pint of heavy cream
- Salt and pepper to taste

Butter a baking dish and pre-

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heat the oven to 375 degrees. I know the oven is a busy place on a holiday - so if you have something else cooking in there the leeks will not mind being a little higher or lower.

Trim the leeks top and bottom (they will have to fit lengthwise in your baking dish) and slice them lengthwise into two pieces. Wash them under running water making sure not to let them fall apart. Lay into a buttered baking pan, placing them in opposite directions to fit into the dish. Pour the cream over the top until it just covers the leeks. Sprinkle a little salt and pepper on top.

Place in the oven, uncovered, for about an hour pushing down the leeks into the cream with the back of a spoon every 15 minutes. If possible turn the oven up to 400 and cook for another 15 minutes. It will brown the cream. The cooking time of leeks can differ - just make sure that they are done when you take them out. They will be very soft. You can't even imagine how good these are!

**Simple Green Bean Salad**

This easy recipe can be made the night before or early in the day before service. It adds a fresh element to the usually groaning Thanksgiving table and is a great alternative to the rich string bean casserole seen so often during the season. You won't need a green salad when you put this on your holiday table.

- 2 lbs. fresh green beans (string beans) stem tips off
- ½ cup olive oil
- 1 medium jar roasted sweet red

- peppers (10 to 12 oz.)
- ½ cup chopped parsley
- Salt and pepper

Take the stem end off of the green beans - you can take the tail off as well if you want but I think this is better with them left on.

Bring a large saucepan of water to a boil and toss the prepared beans into it. You don't want the string beans really limp and overcooked but you don't want them too raw - so pay attention. Testing every 5 minutes is the only way to be sure they are cooked to perfection. The bean should have a very slight crunch. Drain the beans and run cold water over them to stop the cooking. Put the beans in a large serving bowl and pour the olive oil over them. Salt them to taste (this salad requires a bit of salt) and toss with the oil. Set aside. If you make this the night before store it, tightly covered, at this point in the refrigerator.

Chop the roasted peppers into medium-small dice, mix with some coarse ground pepper and add to the salad with the parsley.

Toss all of it together well. Make sure the salad does not have too much oil in it. Pour out any oil that has collected in the bottom of the bowl.

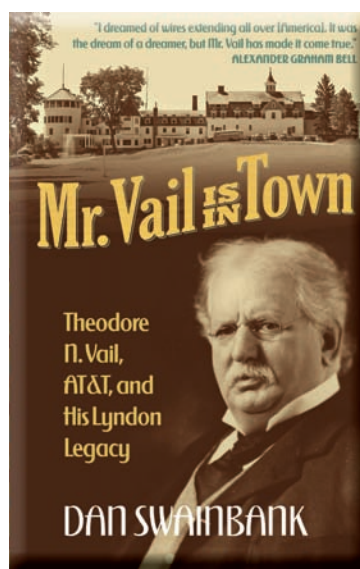
Although this is an easy recipe, there are some things you have to get right. Do not overcook the beans or put too much oil on them and make sure they have enough salt. Once made just set aside and wait for dinner to be served. It will be all set for you to put on the table.

# Lyndon society published Vail book

The Lyndon Historical Society has published *Mr. Vail is in Town: T.N. Vail, AT&T, and His Lyndon Legacy*, a full critical biography.

T.N. Vail was the first general manager of AT&T and the man whose mansion was the first building of Lyndon State College. The book's chapters alternate between the story of the telephone industry and the story of Vail's creation of Speedwell Farms where the college sits now. The book's author is Dan Swainbank, a writing instructor at the college.

T.N. Vail has been called an "organizational genius," a "World Maker," and "The Lincoln of the Telephone" (if Alexander Graham Bell was the Washington of the telephone.) In two stints as



the head of Bell Telephone, he first created the telephone business and then expanded it to be the largest business in the world and a monopoly that lasted for 60 years. Using original source

material, contacts with the Vail family, business histories, and the one previous biography of Vail, Swainbank has reconstructed the story of T.N. Vail's early failures, his personal life and interests, his world travels and investments, and his relationships with such historic national figures as Alexander Graham Bell, J. P. Morgan, and President William Howard Taft.

The book also contains archival pictures of Lyndon and Speedwell Farms, starting in 1883 when Vail bought land on the hill, and pictures of the beginnings of Lyndon State College.

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By LORNA QUIMBY

**D**id you ever hear of a mortgage-burning party? I read about them back in the 1950s and 1960s. After you'd made that final payment and had the mortgage deed stamped "Paid in full," you called up all your friends and celebrated. What a relief it was to be rid of the monthly payments. Usually by the time you'd paid off a twenty-year mortgage, your children were in college and money was needed elsewhere. But it was a grand feeling to own your home free and clear.

Dick and I didn't have a party. We don't have those kinds of friends and wouldn't celebrate with champagne if we did. And it didn't take us 20 years.

Back in 1953, the year we married, Dick bought the property where we now live. He used a loan from the Veterans'

Administration. The local banks were reluctant to loan to returning veterans, who couldn't make a large down-payment. The banks also charged a higher rate of interest. Only a few would take over mortgages from the Veterans Administration.

These days our loan seems small, only \$2,300, but the property was worth even less. There was a small barn between the house and the brook. Years had passed since the days when the structure provided shelter for a horse, a cow, and a pig. Shingles on its roof were rotten. To keep off the rain, someone had placed old linoleum rugs over the section where we might have parked one of our cars. The rugs stuck together and held dampness against the moldering boards beneath. Our vehicles had to remain out doors. Tempera-

ture the following winter plummeted to 20° and 30° below zero. We spent many mornings getting Dick's old Studebaker started by towing it with my Ford "Woodie." (We had no jumper cables.) And the morning the Ford would not start, we took the clutch out of Dick's car!

So much for the barn. At least the house had a good roof. It also had a Sam Daniels furnace, which had been converted from wood to oil. We wouldn't be cold that winter, we told ourselves. The furnace had a register in the living room, and that was it! We ignored the warning signs; pipes down cellar wrapped with newspaper, the strange arrangement in the outside corner of the dining area with screening over square openings so warm air could keep the water pipes to the bathroom, which was upstairs, from freezing. That winter, as we sat eating breakfast, we could admire the frost on the wallpaper under the front windows.

That was only one of the problems with our dream house.

When I first saw my future home, it was a most depressing sight. There was an ell with a rickety porch where I would hang our washing. The condition of the rooms in the ell told of years of neglect—the floors creaked ominously under foot, plaster had fallen from walls and ceilings, and someone had kept chickens in the end where the outhouse stood. The ceiling in the kitchen sagged like a hammock. A water tank, which had been heated by a wood-burning stove (now gone), stood by the chimney. A rust-stained puddle under its base told us all we wanted to know about the tank. There were well worn linoleums on all the floors. The plaster on the outside wall in what would be our den had buckled.

What it is to be young and foolish! We ignored all warning signals. We emphasized the positive, the hardwood floors, which, after we cleaned and sanded them, were beautiful. (So what if they slanted toward the middle of the house. We'd change them "when we got around.") Dad Quimby papered the walls

downstairs and the hall and our bedroom upstairs. All our house needed was a little TLC.

In 1954 the town reappraised its real estate. Our valuation in 1953 was \$1,000. Dick took down the barn, the listers drove in the yard, looked at our fixer-upper and raised our assessment to \$1,350! We told people the way the listers worked was highly professional. They looked at the house (they didn't go in), considered that Dick had a regular job and could carry more of a load, and slapped on the new value.

The monthly payments on our mortgage were \$30.56, which included an amount toward our taxes. It doesn't sound like much, but when you consider Dick's take-home pay, \$30.56 was a large proportion of one week's salary. We made the last on December 30, 1958. By then we had a baby girl and I had stopped working outside the home. We had many places to put the money we'd no longer have to spend on the mortgage. We rejoiced, but, cheapskates as usual, we didn't have a mortgage-burning party!

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Dec. 18	HAZEN (H)	1:00/2:30pm
Dec. 21	LAKE REGION	5:30/7:00pm
Jan. 3	@ U-32	5:30/7:00pm
Jan. 7	@ Montpelier	6:00/7:30pm
Jan. 15	@ Hazen	1:00/2:30pm
Jan. 19	RANDOLPH	5:30/7:00pm
Jan. 21	MONTPELIER	5:30/7:00pm
Jan. 26	LAMOILLE	5:30/7:00pm
Jan. 28	@ Thetford	6:00/7:30pm
Feb. 4	HARWOOD	5:30/7:00pm
Feb. 9	@ Oxbow	6:00/7:30pm
Feb. 16	@ Lamoille	6:00/7:30pm
Feb. 18	@ Randolph	6:00/7:30pm
Feb. 23	THETFORD	5:30/7:00pm
Feb. 25	U-32 (H)	5:30/7:00pm
Mar. 2	@ Harwood	5:30/7:00pm
Mar. 4	OXBOW	5:30/7:00pm

#### GIRLS BASKETBALL (JV/V)

Dec. 15	HAZEN	5:30/7:00pm
Dec. 17	PEOPLES ACADEMY	5:30/7:00pm
Dec. 23	@ Hazen	6:00/7:30pm
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Jan. 8	HARTFORD	2:30pm
Jan. 12	@ St. Johnsbury Academy	6:00pm
Jan. 15	NORTHFIELD	3:30pm
Jan. 19	@ North Country	7:00pm
Jan. 22	@ Brattleboro	4:45pm
Jan. 26	@ U-32	7:00pm
Feb. 2	PEOPLES ACADEMY	6:00pm
Feb. 4	@ Middlebury	4:45pm
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Feb. 12	STOWE	2:30pm
Feb. 16	MT. MANSFIELD	6:00pm
Feb. 19	@ Burr and Burton	5:45pm
Feb. 23	ST. JOHNSBURY ACADEMY	6:00pm
Feb. 26	@ Woodstock	6:00pm

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Dec. 13	LAMOILLE	5:30/7:00pm
Dec. 17	@Peoples Academy (Boys Only)	6:00pm
Dec. 20	NORTH COUNTRY	5:30/7:00pm
Dec. 22	HAZEN	5:30/7:00pm
Dec. 27	ST. JOHNSBURY	5:30/7:00pm
Jan. 3	@North Country	5:30/7:00pm
Jan. 8	RICHFORD	11:00/12:30
Jan. 10	SPAULDING	5:30/7:00pm
Jan. 12	@St. Johnsbury	5:00/6:30pm
Jan. 14	@Enosburg	5:30/7:00pm
Jan. 17	@Lamoille	5:30/7:00pm
Jan. 20	@Hazen	5:30/7:00pm
Jan. 22	MISSISQUOI (Girls Only)	11:00am
Jan. 29	@S. Royalton	1:00/2:30pm
Jan. 31	@Spaulding	5:30/7:00pm
Feb. 2	S. ROYALTON	5:30/7:00pm
Feb. 5	@Missisquoi (Girls Only)	11:00am
Feb. 7	PEOPLES ACADEMY (Boys Only)	5:30pm
Feb. 12	ENOSBURG	12:00/1:30pm

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snows that will soon come. The sheep are finally back in the barn after six months out on pasture. It was fun to see them out there through the summer as they paraded across the distant fields in a great slow clockwise sweep, practicing battle formations such as the phalanx, chevron, and echelon, but I like having them closer to home. We can get reacquainted while they enjoy the new hay, and the barn itself is alive again. Aside from the chickens, it mainly just sheltered barn swallows with its strong timbers through the summer, and it seemed a bit lonely.

If the first snow has not yet arrived, it will soon, as a gentle reminder of where we live. Old Man Winter comes a few gray hairs at a time. With a fine brush, he paints each twig, each stem to herald his arrival. We shall welcome him to our table, for this is what shapes us, like the hills, like the rivers which seem to run black and silver at this time of year, like Thanksgiving itself.

He is walking towards us, down from the hilltops, down from the north, getting closer by about ten miles a day.

This approaching season is the only one we name as a personality, so he must be close to our hearts in some perverse way. Perhaps it is because he brings out our own character as Vermonters. He encourages planning ahead, saving up, and caution, especially when driving. He separates the wheat from the chaff, so to speak, and it is just about now when some old time Vermonters see him coming and head off to Florida. I don't really hold it against them, but it does make me feel a bit smug that we stay and shout into the wind: "bring it on!"

Then the door blows open and in he comes! The children are especially delighted to see him. They gather at his feet expectantly as he settles by the fire. They are fascinated by his hoary visage and blustery tales, just as he seems fascinated by them, touching each one with a gentle hand. There have been times when he has commanded the head of the table, and kept every-

one's attention through the dinner. Other times he has walked with us warmly and gently as we rambled the hills, working up an appetite. He can be long-winded but he is never dull, and if, later at night, he becomes temperamental, well, that's something for the grown-ups to deal with.

There should be at least three generations at the Thanksgiving table, and four is best. Sometimes the very oldest, as well as the very youngest, need a little help but that is part of both the thanks and the giving. This is a time to share each other, with the food serving as a sort

of language. We are telling a story with our turkey and pie. These are the fruits, not only of our labor, along with the soil and the sunshine, but also of our dreams and aspirations as a nation, as a community, and as a family. I've read enough history so that I don't quite swallow all the sappy stuff, but it is still my favorite holiday, still largely unspoiled by the marketers. For early Vermonters, too, Thanksgiving was the biggest celebration of the year, and it is the tangible harvest before us now, as well as that old man at the table, that keeps it so important today.

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**Boys Basketball Varsity and Junior Varsity**  
 Varsity Game follows JV Game

12/16	Lyndon	(H)	5/6:30
12/20	Brattleboro	(A)	5/6:30
12/23	North Country	(A)	5/6:30
12/27	Essex	(H)	5/6:30
1/6	Rice	(H)	5/6:30
1/11	Brattleboro	(H)	5/6:30
1/15	Rutland	(A)	1/2:30
1/21	Colchester	(A)	5/6:30
1/25	Champlain Valley	(H)	5/6:30
1/28	Rice	(A)	5/6:30
2/1	Essex	(A)	5:30/7
2/4	Mt. Mansfield	(A)	5/6:30
2/8	Spaulding	(H)	5/6:30
2/11	South Burlington	(H)	5/6:30
2/15	Burlington	(A)	5/6:30
2/18	Spaulding	(A)	5/6:30
2/22	Mt. Mansfield	(H)	5/6:30
2/25	North Country	(H)	5/6:30
3/1	Burlington	(H)	5/6:30
3/4	South Burlington	(A)	5/6:30

**Girls Basketball Varsity and Junior Varsity**  
 Varsity Game follows JV Game

12/14	Brattleboro	(H)	5/6:30
12/21	Spaulding Tournament	(A)	5:30
12/23	Spaulding Tournament	(A)	TBA
12/28	Champlain Valley	(H)	5/6:30
12/30	Brattleboro	(A)	5/6:30
1/4	Spaulding	(A)	5/6:30
1/6	Burlington	(A)	5/6:30
1/14	Essex	(A)	5:30/7
1/18	North Country	(H)	5/6:30
1/21	Rutland	(A)	5/6:30
1/24	BFA St. Albans	(H)	5/6:30
1/27	Rice	(A)	5/6:30
2/3	Spaulding	(H)	5/6:30
2/7	North Country	(A)	5/6:30
2/10	Burlington	(H)	5/6:30
2/12	Rutland	(H)	1/2:45
2/15	Essex	(H)	5/6:30
2/17	Champlain Valley	(A)	5/6:30
2/21	BFA St. Albans	(A)	5/6:30
2/24	Rice	(H)	5/6:45

**Girls & Boys Basketball Freshmen**

12/15	MMU - Boys only	(A)	6:00
12/18	North Country	(H)	10/11:30
12/20	CVU	(H)	5/6:30
12/23	Spaulding HS	(H)	5/6:30
12/27	Lyndon	(A)	5:30/7
1/5	MMU - Boys only	(H)	5:00
1/8	Rutland	(A)	12/1:30
1/10	North Country	(H)	5/6:30
1/12	Lyndon	(H)	5/6:30
1/15	Essex	(A)	1/2:30
1/19	BFA	(A)	5/6:30
1/22	Rutland	(H)	12/1:30
1/29	Spaulding HS	(A)	12:30/2
2/3	CVU	(A)	5/6:30
2/4	Essex	(H)	5/6:30
2/7	BFA	(H)	5/6:30
2/9	BFA Frosh Tournament	(A)	TBA
2/12	BFA Frosh Tournament	(A)	TBA

**Hockey**

12/11	Lake Placid Scrimmage	(A)	TBA
12/15	Woodstock	(H)	6:00
12/18	Milton	(H)	3:30
12/22	Northfield	(A)	5:30
12/23	Northfield	(A)	5:30/8:00
12/29	U-32	(H)	7:00
1/8	Mt. Mansfield	(H)	5:00
1/12	Lyndon Institute	(H)	6:00
1/15	Peoples	(A)	5:00
1/19	Northfield	(H)	6:00
1/22	U-32 (CVT Civic Ctr)	(A)	6:00
1/26	Peoples' Academy	(A)	6:00
1/29	Brattleboro	(A)	4:45
2/2	Middlebury	(A)	4:45
2/5	Milton (Highgate)	(A)	6:00
2/9	Stowe	(H)	6:00
2/12	Burr & Burton	(H)	5:00
2/16	Northfield	(A)	8:30 pm
2/19	Woodstock (Union Arena)	(A)	8:10 am
2/23	Lyndon Institute	(A)	6:00
2/26	Hartford	(H)	6:00

**Nordic Skiing**

12/11	CVU - TBD	(A)	
12/18	So. Burlington	(A)	
12/22	Harwood	(A)	
1/10	Stowe Mt. Resort Classic	(A)	3:00
1/21	MMU	(A)	
2/11	LI Carnival	(A)	1:00
2/28	Classical Champ.	(A)	
3/3	Freestyle Champ.	(A)	

**Alpine Skiing**

12/14	NCU @ Jay Peak GS	(A)	
12/22	LI @ Burke SL	(A)	
1/5	Essex/Lam @ Smugg GS	(A)	
1/8	NCU @ Jay Peak GS	(A)	
1/10	St. J @ Burke SL	(H)	
1/20	HU @ Mad River SL	(A)	
1/28	BFA @ Hardack SL	(A)	
2/4 & 5	Essex Invit GS/SL	(A)	
2/11	LI Invit. @ Burke GS	(A)	
2/14	St. J Host NVAC SL @ Burke	(H)	
2/15	S.B. Host NVAC GS @ Lincoln Peak	(A)	
2/28	Girls State Meet LI @ Burke	(A)	
3/3	Boys State Meet	(A)	TBA

**Wrestling**

12/11	Early Bird Tournament	(H)	10:00
12/18	N/S Duals @ SHS	(A)	10:00
12/22	Spaulding	(A)	6:00
2/29 & 30	Hubie Wagner Invite	(A)	TBA
1/4	Enosburg, Mt. Mansfield	(H)	6:00
1/8	Newfound	(A)	TBA
1/15	Mt. Anthony Invite	(A)	9:45/8:30
1/21 & 11/22	Essex Classic	(A)	TBA
1/25	@ Vergennes w/Essex	(A)	6:30
1/29	Colchester Invite	(A)	TBA
2/1	Milton, CVU	(H)	6:00
2/3	@ Harwood w/Middlebury	(A)	6:00
2/5	Jason Lowell MMU	(A)	TBA
2/10	@ Randolph w/ Mt. Abe	(A)	7:00
2/25	State Championships	(A)	6:00
2/26	State Championships	(A)	10:00

**Gymnastics**

12/14	South Burlington	(A)	6:00
12/22	Milton	(A)	6:30
12/29	CVU	(H)	6:00
1/5	Essex	(A)	7:00
1/15	Harwood	(H)	1:00
1/21	U-32	(A)	7:00
1/29	Randolph	(H)	1:00
2/5	Middlebury	(A)	12:00
2/12	U-32	(H)	1:00

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# The Danville name is not what it seems

By STEPHEN McDUGALL

DANVILLE – This year, the historic town of Danville, Quebec celebrates its 150th anniversary, but few residents know the origin of the name for their town. Sure, a few know that it came from the town of Danville, Vermont because of pioneers who came north of the border in the early 1800s at the invitation of the Lower Canada governor who offered them free land to settle.

But over the years, many residents assumed the name had to do with someone named Dan. Few realized the name had a more complicated past and is not an English name, but instead comes from the name of a famous French geographer and map maker.

In the 1790s, the founding father of Vermont, Col. Ethan Allen, was searching for names for some of towns he wanted to establish in his newfound state, which had broken away from the larger state of New York. Because the northern half of the state had once been the lower part of the former New France up until the British conquest in 1760, the French influence on the state was still strong.

After the Americans won their independence from the British in the early 1780s with the help of the French government, Allen wanted to thank them by using French names for some towns. Under the advice of expatriate French author Michel Guillaume Jean de Crevecoeur, Allen took the name Danville from Jean-Baptiste de Bourguignon d'Anville, a cartographer for the French King

Louis XV.

D'Anville was famous in France for redrawing most of the world's maps based only on reports from explorers he received at his office in Paris. He died in 1782 at the age of 85.

The name was anglicized by removing the apostrophe and leaving the D in place at the front of the name.

Even though he worked for the King of France, d'Anville did not have an aristocratic title, unlike the Duc d'Anville, the son of a former Huguenot who became a vice-admiral in the French navy. Known as the Duke, this d'Anville tried to retake Acadia from the English in 1746 using an armada of ships and a regiment of soldiers from France. But before he could attack the English in what is now Nova Scotia, the hapless aristocrat died of a mysterious poisoning at Cape Breton. The two d'Anvilles do not appear to have been related, given that the map maker was a Bourguignon, and the vice-admiral was from the Rochefoucauld family.

The story would have ended there if not for the exporting of the name to Quebec via the first Vermont pioneers, who left and formed a similar town in the Eastern Townships 150 years ago.

But an extensive look at our neighbor south of the border indicates there are also 17 Danvilles in as many states in the U.S.

Most of the Danvilles are small communities similar to those in Danville, Quebec, and Danville, Vermont. After Danville, QC, the closest Danville is in New Hamp-



shire, about an hour's drive north of Boston.

Besides these two New England towns, there are Danvilles in the states of Alabama, Arkansas, California, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Missouri, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Washington, and West Virginia.

What is not known is why these other states chose the Danville name for their towns. Do they know the origin of the name? Past attempts to contact these towns via the internet have not been successful.

The Record (see note below) will endeavor to find out for a future article.

EDS: Pictures of the historic characters involved in the Danville name are hard to find. Information about Ethan Allen is on Wikipedia, but Bourguignon d'Anville is not to be found.

**Note from Sharon Lakey, Director of Danville Historical Society:** This summer, when our Danville, VT, tour went to Danville, QC, one of the events we enjoyed was a display of historical photos set up in a room in

the school. Several historical articles were on display in the hall as well, and this one was pointed out several times as a new piece of information about our town's name. The author of the above article, who writes for the local paper (The Record) in Danville, QC, was recently at Autumn on the Green with a contingent of citizens at a booth sharing information about their town and its 150th anniversary. We hope you enjoy this article; McDougall says he has more!



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# Buddha in the Green Mountains

By GARY FARROW

Karme Choling, one of the first Tibetan Buddhist meditation centers in the United States, sits among the wooded hills of Vermont's Northeast Kingdom, witness to a change in America's spiritual landscape and the refinement of an ancient message for a new audience.

The original property, once a dairy farm, was purchased in 1970 by a group who invited Choygam Trungpa Rinpoche to be their spiritual teacher. Many members, back-to-the-land hippies, opted to drop out of mainstream society. It must have been an odd sight, the well coiffed fastidious Rinpoche lecturing and cajoling his long haired charges.

Choygam Trungpa first offered traditional Buddhist teachings but soon found he needed to tailor his message to people who had never been exposed to a religious culture that goes back over 2500 years to the Buddha himself. He expressed the message in contemporary Western terms and emphasized principles such as: the development of nonego; cultivation of gentleness and compassion towards oneself and others; and a focus on personal responsibility.

Trungpa also introduced the concept of Shambhala which means enlightened society, a place of peace where the individual can realize her true potential. Not one to shy away from provocative language, he called this journey the path of the Shambhala Warrior, a reference to the courage and fearlessness required.

This year marks Karme Choling's 40th anniversary. During these 40 years, interest in Buddhism has gone beyond those who wanted to drop out to those in the American mainstream. A recent PEW survey indicates that 25% of Americans express belief in tenets of certain Eastern religions.

Here in Barnet this Buddhist retreat center now finds itself woven into the fabric of the greater community. Hundreds of residents, both the familiar and the curious, recently came from surrounding towns on a late clear summer day to a party thrown in

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their honor.

Visitors enthusiastically took in meditation classes, demonstrations of Ikebana (Japanese flower design) and Golden Ball Tai Chi. A bluegrass band provided entertainment during the cookout which was followed by guided tours of numerous trails on the 700 acre property. Karme Choling has gone from farmhouse and barn to retreat cabins, meditation halls, guest quarters and dining facilities

The center's niche is providing long retreats which can last up to a month and beyond. Weekend and week long programs are also offered. Jane Arthur, Karme Choling's Director, points out, "the center allows people to take a break, regain their strength, and reflect on how they want to live their lives". Here they learn spiritual principles and practices, tools which can be integrated with their work-a-day world.

Likely to be either baby boomers or in their twenties, program participants come from all over the world. It is striking the number of people who are in recovery or have experienced some other difficulty which has caused them to question their way of life.

Choygam Trungpa's son, Sakong Mipham Rinpoche, is now the spiritual head of the Shambhala Buddhist lineage. The Sakong continues the work to make the teachings more accessible to as many people as possible. Publication of books about meditation like, the popular "Turning the Mind Into An Ally"; use of Internet websites and blogs; and Karme Choling's "Tail of the Tiger" program geared towards bringing contemplative practices to professionals, all help get the message out.

According to the Shambhala Buddhist view, the nature of each person is one of goodness, warmth and intelligence which can be cultivated by meditation and other practices. Daily life, rather than an impediment to spiritual practice, provides opportunities to grow and radiate one's true nature outward to family, community and the society at large

It is the belief of Shambhala that people, driven by ego, doubt and fear, tend to be caught up in habitual and painful ways of thinking and behaving. Practices such as meditation help a person cut through these obstacles; experience their true nature; and awaken to the joy of living.

During the party celebrating the 40th, residents who live near Karme Choling had an opportunity tell stories about what this unlikely neighbor has meant to them.

The owner of the local general store confessed she didn't know much about Buddhism, but Karme Choling people were always polite and kind. An architect noted that through having the retreat center as a client, he came to understand that when problem solving with others, there is no need to hold on tight to one's own ideas. One woman spoke of the "circle of care" these Buddhists provided her mother in the last months of her life.

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## 6th Annual Gourmet Buffet in Cabot

For the sixth year in a row Cabot chef David Hale is working with culinary students to put on the "New Traditions Supper," a gourmet meal which has become an anticipated epicurean treat in the area. This year's meal will be served in three settings, Saturday, Nov. 6, at the Cabot United Church.

Although it is served buffet style, this is not your typical Vermont church supper. The meal features linen table cloths and a wide choice of gourmet cuisine ranging from cider braised pork with caramelized onions to pear and cranberry crisp. Culinary students in their best chef garb, fill the plates.

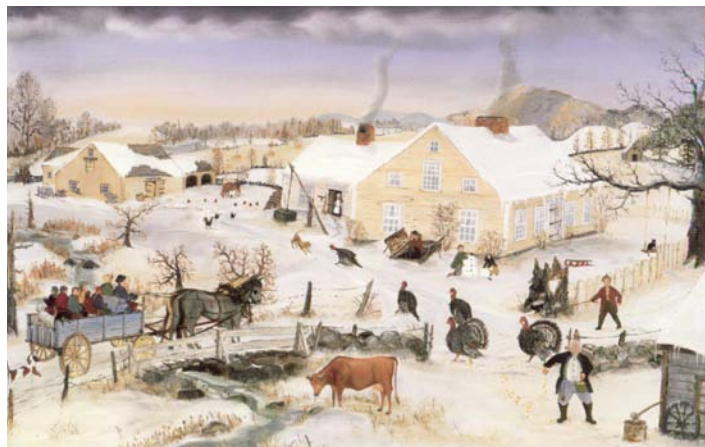
Hale is the culinary arts

teacher at St Johnsbur Academy. The students at the academy will work with Hale to prepare the Cabot meal. The final stages of prepping and the actual serving will be conducted by students from the New England Culinary Institute as part of their "service learning requirement."

Proceeds from the dinner are used to help heat the church during the winter months. Reservations are requested for this event and servings are offered at 5 pm, 6:15 pm and 7:30 pm. at the church on Main Street.

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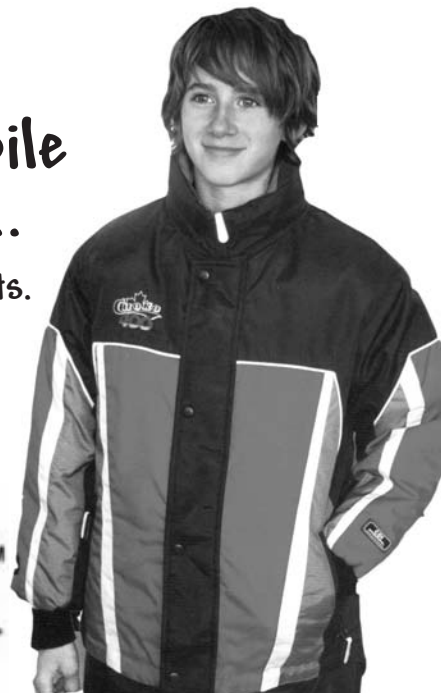
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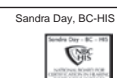
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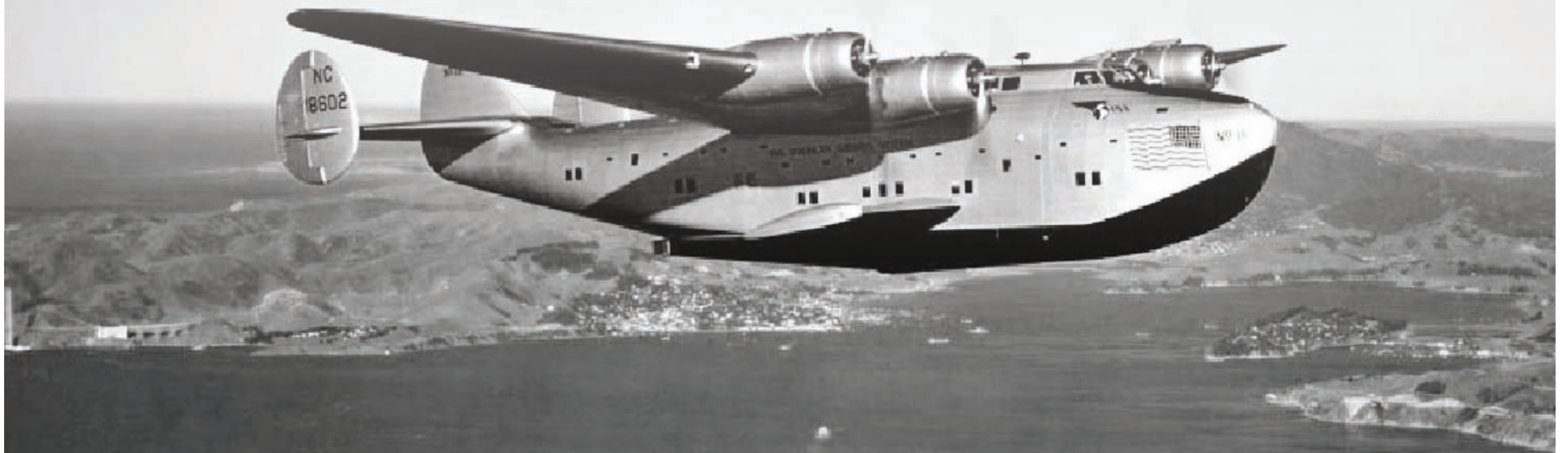
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# PACIFIC DUTY - PART I

By Bill Amos



**T**he week Catherine and I thought we would have together in San Francisco vanished almost as soon as we arrived. Along with a few fellow graduates of the Japanese Language School in Boulder, Colorado, we were hoping to unwind for a few days dining, relaxing, and seeing the sights. Catherine and the other wives present were hoping for such an interval before sending their men overseas. But there is nothing middle-of-the-road about a surname that heads the alphabet. The “A’s” get the cream or the dregs. Who was the first to receive orders the day after arrival in San Francisco?

My classmates, new Ensigns all, said they’d watch over Catherine until she caught a train back East. That was reassuring, but my hasty departure was painful nonetheless. Being the first out of the gate is no pleasure.

I was ordered to fly directly to Pearl Harbor. The grapevine said it would be on a Navy PBY sitting on mail sacks—no seats for passengers and no passengers of any importance. We were told it would be very cold at flight altitude, for these twin-engine flying boats were unheated. Sandwiches and hot coffee were promised for the 14-hour flight.

In late afternoon a taxi took me to a naval dock area near landmark buildings of the 1915 San Francisco World’s Fair. There, waiting in splendor, was my flight. It was the Honolulu Clipper (Boeing 314, NC18601), one of Pan American Airlines’ majestic transoceanic flying boats that had been taken over by the Navy, but still operated in luxurious fashion by Pan Am. I stepped from dock onto its half-wing stabilizer, then through a wide door into a splendid lounge with upholstered chairs and


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walnut-topped tables.

Other passengers arrived. All, to my consternation, were senior officers of the regular Navy, certainly with many years of service behind them. I, a brand new Ensign who knew almost nothing of Navy etiquette and regulations, was clearly the odd man out. The others were curious how such an obvious neophyte could have been awarded passage on a VIP flight. I was uncertain myself, knowing nothing of the need for intelligence officers who knew the enemy’s language.

As soon the hatch door was secured the four great engines began to turn over. We taxied slowly out into San Francisco Bay and then, thundering and thumping over waves we were suddenly skimming across their tops, great plumes and mist spraying to the rear. Even that ceased as we took to the air, and the engines settled down to a muffled roar that would be with us through the night. As we rose, corrugated misty waves fell away fading in the waning light.

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miles away, the great plane's range was capable of another thousand miles, so if trouble arose, it could reverse course in mid-flight and return to San Francisco. Its long-distance cruising speed was considerably less than the top speed of 190 mph, so our trip would take about 14 hours. To me it was like a rocket ship to the moon.

I remember little of any social interaction that may have taken place between the cadre of senior officers and me, except that after dinner (served on linen-covered tables by two white-jacketed stewards) I was invited to join them in poker. I sealed my fate by explaining I had never played the game and knew nothing about it.

There was a chance to examine the huge plane's appointments. To the other officers the clipper may have been old hat, but for me, with only one other flight on a DC-3 under my belt, a flying ship was a miracle. Passenger accommodations were all on the main deck; flight operations were above on the second deck, and a forward compartment held baggage. The lounge that doubled as a dining room was spacious (probably less so than memory sees). Passenger compartments extended into the tail, stepped at several levels; each could be converted into Pullman-styled bunks curtained

off at night.

Passengers weren't allowed in the long flight deck with its forward cockpit where the pilots sat, but I could stand at the top of the stairs to look into the spacious area above our passenger level where several flight officers worked, including the navigator at his large map table and the radio operator at his station. All told there were perhaps ten crew members.

With the sun setting across a blanket of clouds I excused myself and retired behind dark curtains in one of the after-cabin's comfortable bunks. It was made up with clean sheets, a warm Pan Am blanket, a reading lamp, and other amenities similar to those of a Pullman car. Sleep came easily with the steady drone outside.

The next morning a steward announced a hurried breakfast because we were fast approaching Pearl Harbor. We flew in, landing in a great spray and taxied to a dock.

The most memorable flight of my life was over. How many other brand-new young officers flew to war in such splendor and comfort?

My classmates arrived over the next week having flown, as predicted, in Navy PBYS resting on mail sacks and fed cold sandwiches. They did not enjoy hearing

about my trip.

I was ordered to report to the duty officer at ICPOA (Intelligence Pacific Ocean Area) on the rim of Makalapa crater overlooking Pearl Harbor. The building, a new two-story wooden barn of a structure, was situated a couple of hundred yards from Admiral Chester W. Nimitz's concrete CinCPac headquarters.

At the time of our arrival JICPOA (Joint Intelligence Pacific Ocean Area) had just been formed out of ICPOA, Army Intelligence, and a miscellany of other services to create a massive intelligence operation of some twenty different units. This was the "joint" command in which we took up our duties.

We new arrivals had no idea of JICPOA's overall functions, for we had been told nothing about our destination before leaving the mainland, nor were we instructed once we arrived at Pearl Harbor. It was total immersion, but gradually we learned JICPOA's organizational umbrella covered a wide range of intelligence activity. The 20 entirely separate sections were devoted to such specialties as hydrography, shipping, field reports, photographic interpretation, cartography, terrain and geography, psychological warfare, translation, interrogation, medical intelligence, and other promising avenues. Hidden beyond these were the highly secret products of

traffic analysis and cryptography that had to be incorporated into reports without revealing their source. We were told nothing of these.

JICPOA regularly provided Commander-in-Chief Pacific Admiral Chester Nimitz and his intelligence officer, Commander Edwin Layton, with up-to-the-minute assessments of enemy activity and intention. Voluminous weekly reports and more than a million photographs were produced every three months and circulated under the highest secrecy to command and field. This immense flow of intelligence was never equaled by the Japanese enemy.

As recently graduated language officers we were assigned to the...Page 22

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translation section and had infrequent association with other sections. In time many of us branched out into other specialties requiring necessary language skills.

My earliest duty was simple and direct: translate everything I was given or could get my hands on that had come in from field operations. At such an early stage in the war this material had been picked up largely on Guadalcanal, with a little from wrecked planes and an occasional shipwreck. Once in a while we would handle items of genuine military importance, mostly from defeated ground forces. Japanese troops occupying islands were mostly Imperial Japanese Navy ground forces, roughly equivalent to our Marines. The Japanese Army was hardly present in the South Pacific in the first years of the war, its forces reserved for China and Indo-China.

Some of what we handled was sobering, much of it of personal nature—diaries, letters home, descriptive essays and poetry—hardly the output of an inhuman enemy. Such material was usually destined for incineration in a building to the rear of ours.

The large room in which I worked with other translators was packed with desks and shelves holding references, all in somewhat untidy order. A few maps hung on walls, but overall it was an unprepossessing place with small sense of “intelligence” activity. In general it seemed a hit-or-miss operation with little in the way of a fruitful outcome, although if someone did begin translating an item of promising content, it might be whisked away to another room where senior and more experienced translators worked.

I came across militarily unimportant items that were fascinating in their own right. Colorful morale-building magazines showed Japan’s mighty armed forces at their peak in combat and “peacefully” occupying conquered Southeast Asian countries, from the Dutch East Indies to the Philippines. The publications included cartoons and caricatures of Allied forces in defeat, of Winston Churchill and Franklin Roosevelt portrayed as mad dogs, of “contented” American civilian internees in Manila, of busy Australian POWs building a bridge in Southeast Asia—shades of the River

Kwai! And of course flattering images of Adolph Hitler, Hideki Tojo and others.

I still have some of these magazines that had been on their way to be burned as unimportant waste. They aren’t in the best of shape, having suffered the damages of tropical humidity and mud. But the photographs, never seen in the U.S., are historically fascinating. I hope to donate them to an appropriate Navy museum in Washington, D.C. or Pensacola, FL.

There was another side to what we did. We were called to translator duty with the few prisoners of war held at the Marine Brig. Sometimes it was just doing what was necessary, as when I accompanied a prisoner to the sick bay herded along by a corporal in the Marine Guard.

The man was suffering from an acute attack of malaria and could hardly stagger the fifty yards to sick bay. I reached out to steady him, only to be reprimanded by the guard, “Stay

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voice make any sense to me. I suggested to the doctor it might be dementia brought on by his illness, not wanting to admit in this case I was useless as a translator.

Because we had not been taught interrogation techniques, at first a more experienced officer often accompanied us. Slowly we began trying our solo wings on prisoners considered unimportant.

My interrogations were mostly successful but of little value. I spoke with a group of four illiterate fishermen (one of them a 12-year-old boy)

out of the way, SIR! You don’t want to get in my line of fire, SIR!” That put me in my place.

At the sick bay it turned out the prisoner could hardly understand my kind of Japanese. He may have been an indentured Korean, or someone from a remote part of Japan who spoke a dialect, but no matter, he simply could not understand what I was saying, nor did what he say in a trembling

taken from their small vessel off northern Honshu by an American submarine that unexpectedly surfaced beside them. They were still terrified and had nothing of value to contribute.

But another experience revealed my naiveté and inexperience. I was given a healthy man to interview in an empty room in the Marine Brig. We had no difficulty talking, and he even had a few words of English to add to the conversation.

Using my best interrogating technique I determined that he was not an officer but an enlisted pilot inducted not long before into the service. He had only recently learned to fly and because of his inexperience and ineptitude had been shot down. He was a resident of Tokyo with a home not far from where I lived before the war. He was so personable and willing to talk, we struck up a kind of friendship and exchanged pleasant memories.

I wrote up my report, which was accepted, and that was that...except for one thing. After I left JICPOA and was in FRUPac where I would not have to answer for past failures in interrogation, I learned that the man had been sent to POW camp in the U.S. where he had been interrogated more successfully by someone who knew what he was doing.

The prisoner was in fact a commissioned officer in the Imperial Japanese Navy with a dozen years’ experience. He had been at both Pearl Harbor and Midway, and had lived in Osaka, not Tokyo. During our little exchange in the Marine Brig, he was the professional who led an inexperienced interrogator down a merry path of make-believe. I had swallowed the whole thing.

Because we were junior officers newly arrived, we were fodder for all sorts of duty unwanted by those even a little senior to us. Censorship of U.S. Mail was one of these. We took turns spending evenings at the security desk opening and reading letters from everyone in the building. Senior officers


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escaped our review, for I don't remember their letters coming across the desk, but every enlisted man and every junior officer was subject to scrutiny. It was an eye-opening revelation of American society and mores. A good friend and I "did" each other's mail by simply stamping our frank and initials on the envelope and never opening it. But one time Paul and I arranged to tease Catherine by constructing a heavily censored letter, a fake pure and simple. I'd write a tantalizing opening to a sentence or paragraph, and then cut out most of the page, ending with a "how about that!" exclamation. We did this off and on until finally, Catherine, no fool, caught on and wrote a scathing response to both Paul and me.

Off-duty we newcomers had no difficulty enjoying our Hawaiian station. A Navy Language School classmate, Tom, also at JICPOA, had naturalist interests similar to mine. We explored coral reefs underwater with goggles (face masks and snorkels had not yet been invented). It was our trips to the mountain forests that I remember most vividly.

Tom suggested, "Let's go to the Wainae Range and look for honeycreepers." I knew nothing about endemic Hawaiian birds in those days, but in his early twenties Tom was already a first-rate ornithologist.

We arose early to start our first foray into upland Hawaiian forests. Tom knew what to search for, and I was ready for anything. His untrained shock of light hair made him easy to follow in dense foliage.

We were both Lieutenants (j.g.) at the time, and had no problem entering Schofield Barracks, the sprawling army base that only two years before had been attacked by Japanese naval aircraft. We drove toward the mountain backdrop, left our Jeep, and followed a trail into Pohakea Pass on foot.

As I was to discover many years later during repeated visits and residence in the islands, climbing Hawaiian mountains is no picnic. Trails are washed out by torrential rainfall, leaving nothing underfoot but trenches of slippery red mud. As we climbed, Tom would suddenly freeze, point,

and there in our binoculars would be a brilliant apapane, or i'iwi, or perhaps a tiny wrenlike elepaio, birds found nowhere else in the world. One discovery after the next thrilled us, especially when we heard, then saw, an o'o, now extinct on Oahu, and possibly throughout the islands—therefore the world.

An hour into the climb we entered a steep-walled, heavily vegetated gulch, pushing our way through a thick growth of tree ferns, lobelias, and o'hia trees. Suddenly two sharp metallic clicks, rifle bolts slamming home, sounded, one to the left, one to the right of the trail, their sources hidden by the dense tangle of tropical vegetation. A voice rang out.

"Halt! Who goes there?"  
"Naval officers," I called back.

"What are you doing here, sirs?"

"Looking for birds," shouted Tom.

There was a very long silence. Then,

"You'd better get the hell out of here! SIRS!"

We left.

We learned later that we had stumbled into the perimeter of the most advanced radar installation the United States had at the time. We scratched that area from our birding itinerary.

Honolulu's Ala Wai Yacht Basin was filled with ocean-going yachts stuck there because of the war. Owners had left them to be sold or

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rented, and several naval officers had taken up residence on luxurious boats at little cost. It was a place for parties, with some of the best held on a large yacht not far from a smaller one occupied by two of my JICPOA friends, Curt and Frank.

The big boat belonged to the madam of the largest bordello in war-time Honolulu. But out there in the yacht basin she was circumspect and proper, no hanky-panky allowed and nothing related to what she orchestrated on shore. She held parties all right, but our wives and parents would have had no concern about their transplanted young men out there under a tropical moon.

One especially fine small yacht in the Ala Wai Basin was occupied by another friend from JICPOA, an unforgettable character and amazing operator. Walt was the son of an Episcopal bishop, but that didn't slow him down. He was the best wheeler-dealer I've ever known. Not only did he now own a yacht outright, having bought it for the price of a rowboat (he said), but he got a shiny black Lincoln Continental convertible thrown into the deal as well.

Feathering his nest, Walt had developed an ingenious means of cultivating off-duty favors from senior officers. He would wangle an invitation to a flag officers' event in Pearl Harbor or Honolulu, and then pay close attention to those present. Afterward he would

go back to his yacht, take out a card file and write details on separate cards about each officer he had met. At a subsequent party a month or two later, he'd find out who was going to be there, check his card file, and then flatter captains and commanders and rear admirals with his astonishing "memory" of their favorite foods, pastimes, families, interests, and experiences. That guaranteed more invitations. Walt lived the good life. He also was a very good officer on duty. We less enterprising guys were enormously impressed.

Waikiki was more than a beach where we went on days off. I tried my hand with a traditional surfboard that bore no resemblance to the lightweight composition boards of today. The monster I used was ten feet long, carved out of heavy koa wood, and weighed almost more than I could carry. But I had expert instruction how to succeed from Duke Kahanamoku himself, the great Olympic swimmer and Hawaiian hero. He was on the beach every day helping service men learn what he had mastered.

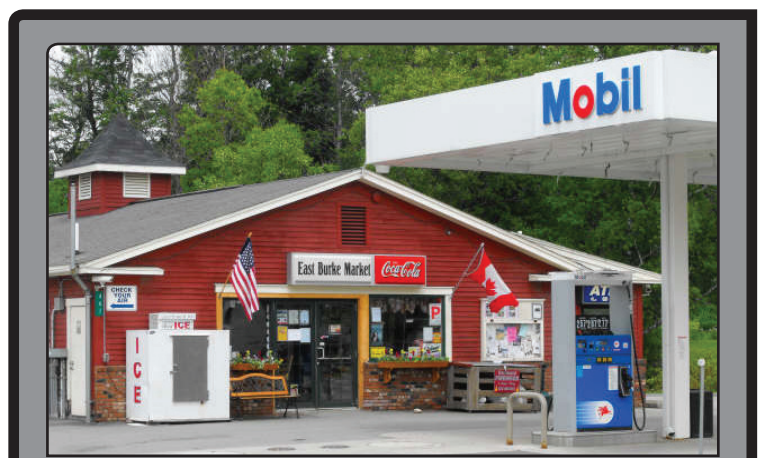
Waikiki was nothing like

the densely populated hotel country it is today. With only the Royal Hawaiian and Moana Hotel, other accommodations were acres of cottages, most of them occupied by wartime personnel of one sort or another. Several held Sir Maurice Evans, the Shakespearean great, and his retinue. They seemed to lodge there indefinitely, doing little to entertain troops and sailors. They were an odd lot and after one or two social events we stayed clear of them. Other cottages held transient celebrities like Jackie Cooper, Frances Langford and Bob Hope on their way to entertain forces farther out in the Pacific. Many of them came up to our outdoor amphitheater on Makalapa hill near the CinCPac building. I often went there for an evening's entertainment before going on duty at midnight.

A couple of months after settling into JICPOA's routine I received an odd request for a meeting, the outcome of which resulted in orders to an ultra secret organization I knew nothing about. It was the start of the most remarkable experience of my life.



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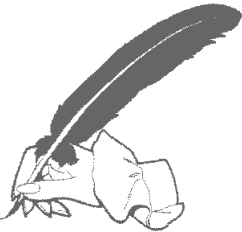
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**Friends at home,**

When I last wrote to you I was in such a hurry, as the mail was just going out, that I could not stop to write but a few lines. If we stop long enough here I will try and give you an out line of our journey from Hagers town to this place. We started from H.T. [Hagerstown] last Saturday morning and have traveled all the time except one half day for six days. Sunday and Monday we heard heavy canonading at our right. I expected to see some fighting before this time, but the firing which we heard was on the west side of the Blue Ridge we being on the east side. Gen. [Joseph] Hooker is in front of us, so we feel pretty safe, for any one bearing that name is not in the habbit of getting whipped.

As near as I can reckon we are about sixty five miles from Hagers town, and the old soldiers say it is the hardest march they ever had with knapsacks. My knapsack, haversack, canteen, gun and equipment weigh 60 lbs and I have carried them all of the way and kept up with the Reg't. One day I carried two guns one of them belonging to one of my best friends. There has been times when I thought I had been about far enough, but giving up in the army will never do. Anyone who thinks the soldiers life is an easy one, just let him carry what I have carried sixty miles and he will think differently. When a man is at home when he comes on from his days work at night he can sit down and eat a good warm supper, but the soldier as soon as he stops for the night he has got to go to work and pitch his tent and then cook his supper (if he has any to cook) and by that time it is about dark. The next morning about 5 o'clock we are waked up, the roll is called and we have to get breakfast. As soon as it is light we are on the move, such is a soldiers life, but if a person has his health he will get along first rate. I am as tough and hearty as I ever was in my life, and so are all the Peacham boys. We are confident that we can whip the rebels before next fall although it may cost some of us our lives, perhaps all of us. . . .

I want when you write to me not to write such mournful letters. Write more what is going on day after day on the old priest Wosester [Worcester] farm, how much the oxen girth, how many times the horse strap has broke, [does the] lumber wagon which I have rod many miles in clicks as well as it used to. Do not pitch you[r] letters all on the key of A minor. The majer key is what we soldiers want lively and full of bright hopes of the future. True we have seen hard times, but never mind that. Job was surely afflicted, but he was patient, and came out all right. So it will be with your son Hazen, if you only think so. I am confident that I shall be permitted to return home again some time. My every thought and feeling seems to say, you shall again see your native land, though many miles [are] betwexed it and you.

I have only rec'd two letters from P[eacham] since I came here. Ben [Merrill] has had five or six and I have written as many as he has. I do not know but they are on the way but I have not got them yet. The Peacham boys are all well and in good spirits. Do not have any fears for me, for I am getting along first rate.

From your son  
Hazen

[in margins]

Tell any of the folks in P[eacham] that I should be happy to hear from them. It is snowing quite hard here now. Give my love to all the friends and relations in Peacham. H

Civil War letters written by Union soldiers who had attended the notable Peacham Academy display a good knowledge of grammar, spelling, and sentence structure. Most notable, however, is their vivid description of action. The best of these letters was written by Hazen Hooker (born 1842), a Peacham native, who volunteered at age nineteen with several of his neighbors, including Luicus Morse (born 1840). Haz and Luch, as they were called, lived at the foot of Academy Hill, Haz on the farm previously owned by Rev. Leonard Worchester and today by the Danielsons and Luch in the house built by his grandparents where today his descendants now reside, the Bernard Churchhill family.



Hazen Blanchard Hooker who died at the Battle of the Wilderness, May 5, 1864; Peacham Historical Association.

Describing their first march in the army, Haz wrote his parents on November 5, 1862: "We have just halted from a long and tiresome march of fifty miles, and a march that I shall never forget, if I live till I am a hundred years old." The letter printed below was written the next day, giving more details of that long march. A few days later, he wrote: "You had ought to be thankful that this war is as far away from Vermont as it is. When we stop nights we burn the fences for miles & miles around us. If we stop near a cornfield it is just about ruined in 24 h[ours]. We do not stop to ask who owns it, but go and take it."

At the end of November, Haz wrote of "that steer and hog scrap" his parents described in their first letter to him. He jumped right in and gave "a little practical advice on breaking steers." He wrote: "In the first place, and also the last, do not let them run away. I am very sorry you broke them tugs which I mad[e]. I fear you will never be able to get another pair that will answer the same purpose them have. But this will not do, I see I have pitched my tone rather high. I must alter it so that I can ring more clearly." He was clear in his desire for a box from home, possibly shared with his Academy classmate and fellow soldier, Ben Merrill (born 1843): "Now Marm

[Mercy (Mary) Blanchard Hooker] I want you to send me two pair of footings [socks] . . . and a pair of gloves, either wolen or buckskin . . . fill up the box with something good to eat . . . You cannot send anything but what will be acceptable. In the first place I would like 2 or 3 lbs of butter, and a few cakes of maple sugar and ten or a dozen ginger cakes, and a small loaf of brown bread . . . I wish you would get me a small jack knife . . . and do it [these things in a box] all up in the Caledonian [local newspaper] and send it by mail." He ended that letter with a sentiment shared by all the Peacham soldiers: "Eat a good lot of Thanksgiving supper for me."

Back to his earlier letter after that hard march, here is his introduction to army life.

*Hazen B. Hooker's letters and photographs are preserved at the Peacham Historical Association. Letters in this series are transcribed as written with no change to spelling, punctuation, or capitalization. Brackets indicate information added; ellipses indicate missing words.*



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*Kiss Me, Kate* is a play within a play. Egotistical Fred, played with panache by veteran St. J. Player Barry Hayes, is the director of a Broadway-bound musical version of Shakespeare's *Taming of the Shrew*. He and his diva movie star ex wife star opposite each other and argue constantly backstage.

Lora Dean is diva Lilli Vannessi who is full of sarcasm and willfulness. Lora is joined by her husband Ed who not only has a leading role in *Shrew*, but also will be seen in many smaller parts on stage. Fred's new girlfriend, Lois, played by Laura Wayne, is a flirt, sexy would-be Broadway star who is in love with Bill.

Bill, portrayed as a really likable guy by Dana Gray, has a serious gambling problem, leading to the appearance of two gangsters ready to collect on a debt. Veteran Bill Taxter and Sandy Murray give great performances as the two gangsters.

Throw in a pompous Jan Clausen as General Howell, and you've got a fun performance for the whole family. Rounding out the cast are Pat Jansen, Nathaniel Wayne, Sarah Bengston, Jessica Simpson, Nate Colpitts, Chris Colpitts, Jose Tapia, Kim Wood, Susan Montague, Kelly Allen and Jane Vinton.

*Kiss me, Kate* was Cole Porter's response to Rodgers and Hammerstein's huge success with *Oklahoma* and proved to be his biggest hit and the only one of his shows to run more than 1,000 performances on Broadway. It won the first Tony Award presented for Best Musical in 1949. A film version was produced in 1953, and there have been at least four TV productions. There have been several revivals, including the most recent in 2010 in Canada.

Jacqueline Scott joins the St. Johnsbury Players as Director, ably assisted by Producer Jane Vinton, Stage Manager Sue Montague and well known accompanist Anita Bonnevie. Rory Donnelly is on drums with Bill Moulton on bass.

We have technical support from Bill and Jackie Taxter, Jan Clausen, Joshua Duncan, Amanda Allen, Jay Scherer, Bill Vinton, Heather Bowser, Judith McGivney, Brian Fogg and Caitlin Wallingford.



Lora Dean

*Kiss Me Kate* is made possible by generous donations from Passumpsic Savings Bank and Union Bank. *Kiss me, Kate* will be performed on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 5 and 6 at 7:30 p.m. at the St. Johnsbury School auditorium on Western Avenue and again on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 12 and 13 at 7:30 p.m. There will be a matinee performance on Sunday, Nov. 14 at 2 p.m. Tickets are available at the door. For more information call (802) 748-4002.

Ten percent of the profits from the show will go towards the W. Clark Noyes Theatre Arts Award. This award, started in 1980 is given to a local high school senior or seniors pursuing a degree in the theatrical arts.



Above, from left, Nathaniel Wayne, Laura Wayne, Dana Gray and Nathan Colpits. Below, Pat Jansen and Sue Montague.





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### An Inventory of Leaves

This fall the leaves came off sooner than usual. By early October they were mostly on the ground, where they sit, or accumulate around the bushes.

Out here in the country no one uses leaf bags or puts them out by the road to be picked up and hauled to some anonymous leaf dump.

We're able to follow the leaves, to know more or less what happens to them. You can, if you're so minded, take an inventory of leaves.  
Which I did.

- This year's inventory:
- some to fertilize the raspberry bushes
  - some for the vegetable garden
  - some to fill a hole in the driveway
  - some back into the woods or ground

Leaves keep on working, if you let them.  
They never retire.

- Van Parker



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## One dress, three weddings, 67 years

On April 5, 1943 Beverly Hamilton who grew up in Danville, became the bride of Corporal William Jenks on a snowy Monday afternoon at 3:30 p.m. at the Congregational Church in Danville.

The wedding, officiated by the young minister, the Reverend Paul Tiller, had been planned in four days. Bill Jenks grew up in St. Johnsbury and was serving in the U.S. Army, 82nd Airborne, and was stationed at Ft. Bragg, NC. He knew he would soon be shipped overseas. Bill called Beverly, who was living and

working in Wellesley, Mass. on a Wednesday and said it looked like he could get leave for the weekend and suggested they get married.

Frances Hamilton, mother of the bride to be, met Beverly in Boston on Friday for a shopping trip where they purchased Beverly's wedding dress and dresses for the bridesmaids.

Family and friends in Danville, looking for something to celebrate during the tough war years, decorated the church with beautiful flowers, altered dresses, and gave rationed sugar for the bride's cake and other refreshments for the wedding

reception. The bank in town closed early and everyone in town was invited to the wedding.

The dress they selected on that hurried shopping trip was a keeper. Described on the front page of the Tuesday, April 6, 1943 edition of the Caledonian Record, it was an "ivory slipper satin gown, fashioned in empire style with lace collar and long sleeves ending in a point over the hand and a full skirt terminating in the train."

Twenty five years later Susan Jenks, eldest daughter of Beverly and Bill, married Philip Tallman in Greeley, Colorado. Susan, who grew up in Danville, was going to school and living in Colorado at the time. She decided to get married there. The Reverend Paul Tiller, who had performed the wedding of her parents, also officiated at Susan and Phil's wedding. Although she took more than four days to plan her wedding, Susan chose to wear her mother's wedding dress.

On July 31, 2010 there was another wedding. Susan and Phil's daughter, Sarah Tallman, who had grown up and lives in Colorado, planned her wedding at her parents' new home in Danville. Sarah, a professional ballerina, chose to wear the same wedding dress, when she became the bride of Christopher Baker, also from Colorado. Once again, family and friends rallied to arrange flowers, prepare food and celebrate their wedding. The bride and groom are living in Colorado, and after 67 years the dress has finally come home to Danville.

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## Our big fat Greek dinner

There was no whole lamb roasting on the front lawn nor was there a large Greek family gathered in the house of Jenness and Tim Ide on Friday night October 15th. There was another movie inspired dinner to benefit the Pope Memorial Library hosted by Jenness and Tim. This was the 5th in the series of Foodie Dinners inspired by the movies. And another resounding, taste tantalizing success!

Jenness selected the movie My Big Fat Greek Wedding for her inspiration dinner. With a major assist from Mary Swainbank, Susan Tallman, Henretta Splain and Karen Moran a menu was devised to reflect the 'big' flavors of Greek cooking. As many of you probably know, My Big Fat Greek Wedding was an 'omage' to Nia Vardalos' (writer and star) Greek immigrant family. It was a hugely popular movie when it premiered in 2002, that told the story of star-crossed lovers; the daughter of Greek immigrants, still clinging to the pride of their Greek heritage and an (non-Greek) American boy and the ensuing trials and tribulations culminating, finally, in that 'big fat Greek' wedding.

There were ten guests gathered at the Ides' table who were the lucky recipients of some inspired culinary creations. Variations of many Greek foods can be found in Middle Eastern and Balkan cooking also. Two of the first course items, Dolmathakia and Boureki, were good examples of this shared heritage. The Dolmathakia (small stuffed grape leaves) made from ground lamb, spices and rice wrapped in grape leaves and steamed in water and olive oil can be found in many Turkish, Iranian, Armenian,

Albanian and Romanian cookbooks as well. The Greek Boureki of layered phyllo dough, butter (of course), cottage and feta cheese and egg that was served also has Turkish, Albanian, Armenian and Arabian versions and can be called burek, borek, byrek, boereg or byrupek. No matter what they were called, they certainly whetted the appetites of the diners for the main course whose star turn, Moussaka, was created by Karen Moran. This luscious, creamy layered Greek dish was served beside Greek Sorfrito. The Sorfrito or Greek lamb kabobs braised in vinegar was accompanied by a dipping sauce of Tzatziki made of cucumber and yogurt. A traditional Greek salad rounded out the entrée course. To complete the meal in true 'Greek' style a homemade baklava was presented and devoured at table.

All in all, not only was the dinner inspired by a film but the culinary creations of all the chefs were truly inspired. And while the guests may not have been a Greek family, this dinner, as in previous dinners, exemplifies the family of 'community'. We hope more of our community will find inspiration and be inspired by not only Jenness and Tim Ide, Deb and Skip Gray, Ginny Flanders, Alan Parker, Susan Tallman, Karen Moran, Shirley Richardson, Henretta Splain and Mary Swainbank.

If you would like to experience a dinner such as this or would like to host one, please contact the Pope Memorial Library (684-2256), Susan Tallman (68403836) or Henretta Splain (563-2478). We are currently planning the November event and would love to see you there. The suggested donation for the dinners is \$25. All donations go to benefit The Pope Memorial Library.

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### An Apple Tree

There's an apple tree in our yard in North Danville.  
No telling how old this tree is.  
When we bought the place in 1965 it seemed like an old tree then.  
My guess is it must be at least a hundred.

Who planted it? No one seems to know.  
Somebody who once lived here.  
Nor do I have any idea what kind of apples it bears.  
Probably something I've never heard of, probably a variety not found in most grocery stores.

It isn't an especially beautiful tree. We've trimmed it once or twice in our time here. Mostly it's on its own.  
So there it sits or stands and does its own thing.  
Every year it bears a crop of apples.

This tree is very regular about that. Some years are better than others.  
2010 was a pretty good year. The apples turn a kind of maroon color as the season moves on.  
They are fine for making apple sauce.

There's something about a tree like this. Don't quite know how to put it, something almost holy.  
It's a reminder that the special and the ordinary go together.  
That being who you are isn't a bad thing.  
That what we're searching for might be close to home.

- Van Parker



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# Woody on Words: Idioms

By Woody Starkweather

Idioms are oddities of language. Every language has them, expressions that don't mean what they seem to mean. They cannot be taken literally. For example, in a heavy down-pour, we say "It's raining cats and dogs." Where this idiom came from is a mystery, but it does convey the sense of chaos and profusion that one feels in a heavy rain. So, there can be something of poetry in an idiom, but the metaphor is long since lost, and now people say it with

no sense, or little, of canines and felines. It means only that it's raining hard.

We say it is "pitch black" on a starless, moonless night, but in using the expression we are not aware that "pitch" is an older word for "tar," which is a black substance.

An item in a store is said to cost "an arm and a leg." But the literal meaning of this phrase is not in our minds at all. It would be a painful thought.

Many idioms, like "an arm

and a leg" are hyperbole, over-statements that may, at the time of their origin, been expressive, but now are poetically or rhetorically empty. Their meaning has reverted to the prosaic. "An arm and a leg" means no more than "expensive."

Idioms are somewhat similar to aphorisms, such as "Too many cooks spoil the broth," or "a stitch in time saves nine" having the same triteness, the emptiness of lost metaphor, but the aphorism always has a moral significance. It reflects some cultural value. Idioms don't do that. They just are.

For foreigners trying to learn English, these idioms pose a challenge as difficult as our capricious spelling rules. Imagine yourself not knowing very much English and hearing someone say "My goose is cooked." Huh? Can't you just hear someone with a French accent saying "Goose? You are cooking goose?" "You will make paté perhaps?"

The language learner hears

the words and attends to their literal meaning. "Piece of cake?" "Drop in the bucket?" "Talk turkey?"

Some idioms can be traced back to their origins. "Letting the cat out of the bag" comes from the practice of flogging in the 19th Century British Navy. The "cat" refers to the cat-o-nine-tails, a multistranded whip with a knot on the end of each strand. If you revealed the secret of some wrong-doing, the "cat" would be taken out of its cloth bag and used to flog the wrong-doer.

The expression "loose cannon" also comes from the square-rigged warship era. The cannons on board these ships were lashed to the ship's side, and in the rolling or heeling ship a cannon that became unlash could roll around on the deck unpredictably and cause much damage.

"Passing the buck" came from a form of communication used in corporations before the email age. Management would

communicate a piece of information on a "buck slip" – a memo with all the relevant employees' names listed on it. As the employees read the memo, they would check off their names and "pass the buck slip" on to the next person on the list. The last name on the list was the boss's, hence "the buck stops here."

But many idioms cannot be explained. Their origin is lost. "You're pulling my leg," "at the drop of a hat," "Charlie horse," or "talk turkey" defy explanation. Somewhere, some time in the distant past someone said "you're pulling my leg," and everyone probably laughed because it was so funny, so poetically appropriate, so perfect a way to express the idea that a joke was being played. It's hard to imagine, isn't it? I'm not pulling your leg. Why would I want to do that? It's just my rule of thumb, trying to keep you on pins and needles. You can see that I'm throwing in everything but the kitchen sink. OK, OK. I'll call it quits.

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His duties include press and public relations, design and production of electronic and print publications, marketing and advertising, copy writing, photography, print and media buying, and communications strategy. Chamberlin has been involved professionally in Lyndon's publications and communications for over

25 years as a outside contractor.

The director of communications and marketing position was recently created following a reassessment of Lyndon's communications, public relations, and design needs and objectives. Through this process the College realized it was time for a new approach to how they address these needs and objectives. Bob Whittaker, dean of institutional advancement, notes that "it's great to have

these capabilities on-campus — we're in a good position to fulfill our communications and marketing needs while also realizing some cost savings."

Keith graduated from Lyndon in 1977 with a degree in Communications Arts and Sciences. In between he spent 4 years working in the College's media facility; was part of the remarkable team at Troll Press for 15 year; and opened Flek, Inc., a design and communications firm in St. Johnsbury, Vermont, with partners Florence Chamberlin and Amy Hale.



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# Evergreen care and other November gardening tips

By CHARLIE NARDOZZI

Helping evergreen trees and shrubs prepare for winter, wrapping trunks of young trees, and getting tools ready for winter are some of the gardening activities for this month.

Evergreens continue to respire (that is, lose moisture albeit slowly) during the winter, so make sure they have a good deep watering before the ground freezes. It's best to water them well for several weeks, if there aren't deep and long rains. Protect young plants from wind damage during winter by wrapping them in burlap or with wooden protectors on the windward side.

Wrap the trunks with tree wrap or use white plastic protectors to prevent sunscald and frost cracking on young, thin-barked trees, such as maples. These materials will reflect the warming rays of the sun so the tree bark doesn't heat up on winter days, only to be suddenly cooled when the sun sets and the temperatures plummet. The plastic protectors also prevent rodents from gnawing on the trunks. Or, you can wrap the trunks with wire mesh.

Take some time this fall to get your mower and other power equipment ready for storage. Wipe off any dirt and debris, especially loose wet grass that may have accumulated on the deck or caked underneath it. This can rust the deck over winter, shortening the life of the mower body. If reaching under the deck, make sure to disconnect the spark plug first so the engine has no chance of starting. Then you can store with the fuel tank empty or full. If storing with fuel, add a stabilizer, then run the machine for about 10 minutes. Store mowers in a dry location, or if outdoors,

wrap in a waterproof tarp.

After their dry summer rest period, watch for signs of shoot growth on amaryllis. That signals it's time to pot them up, or if already potted to resume watering. Use a pot only slightly larger than the bulb diameter. Set a bulb into moistened potting mix so one-half to one-third of the bulb protrudes above the soil. Place the pot in a warm well-lit spot, and don't water it again until the first leaf or flower shoot starts to grow.

Protect the soil of your empty vegetable bed and keep out wayward weed seeds by covering the beds with leaves or straw. Avoid weedy hay as this only introduces millions of weed seeds. This surface organic matter also can encourage beneficial earthworm activity.

There's a window of opportunity for mulching because you want to wait until the ground freezes so you don't give rodents a hiding place too soon, but if you don't mulch before the snow accumulates, it won't get done. If we could rely on constant snow cover, mulching would be less neces-

sary, but in the absence of that protection, we need to provide a winter blanket. Some plants such as coral bells, delphiniums, oriental poppies, iris, violas, and sedum are better off without any mulch, especially in winter, when it can compact and encourage crown rot.

Before snow flies and the ground freezes, November is your last chance to plant garlic bulbs, to dig gladiolus to store indoors over winter, and to plant fall bulbs. If you don't get your spring-blooming bulbs planted, pot them, then store indoors in a cool place (40 degrees is ideal, as in a spare refrigerator or cold root cellar), just don't let them freeze. Then, anytime after 12 weeks you can bring into warmth indoors to force into bloom.

Charlie Nardozzi is a nationally known horticulturist, author, gardening consultant, and garden coach (CharlieNardozzi.com). Distribution of this release is made possible by New England Grows--a conference providing education for industry professionals and support for Extension's outreach efforts in ornamental horticulture.

## The Human Husk

I've seen it many times.

Warm and wet, the eyes open searching for a face, a pattern hardwired in the brain.

In the moment eye meets eye, a soul makes contact with this world, conscious thought begins, the husk takes on a meaning.

Sometimes it seems as though that husk is all there is.

We care for it, and flaunt it as we grow, but as we grow we also find those special interactions, the ones that make us realize that deep within is where the real truth resides.

The spirit reaches out, connecting soul to soul. But when it fades it leaves the soul marooned inside a husk, a house with shuttered panes, until at last it finds release with our last breath.

- Isobel P. Swartz

## Aging

In your eighties I think you'll see  
You're not as spry as you used to be.  
You used to run but now you creep  
and when you walk the hills are steep.  
You open the paper to the obit page  
to see who died at an early age.  
First you peer and then you squint—  
It's getting hard to read newsprint.  
The light's not right, the print is small.  
You're lucky you can read at all.  
You have pills for this and that;  
Eat the lean and leave the fat.  
Cutting wood is sweat and toil.  
(It's much easier burning oil.)  
You want to rise but sit instead.  
The time for chores is just ahead.  
When you begin to feel the cold  
Is when you think you're getting old.

- Richard Quimby

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# What's Happening at Town Hall

## Barnet

Town Clerk: Benjamin Heisholt  
Selectboard: Ted Faris, Gary Bunnell and Jeremy Roberts

October 11, 2010

**Tax Revenue** - Co-Chair Faris discussed his recent conversation with Attorney Jon Anderson regarding the pending appeal of TransCanada Hydro Northeast from the tax appeal decision of the Barnet Board of Civil Authority. Faris confirmed with Anderson that the Town will continue to employ him to the extent of maintaining an advisory presence in the TransCanada appeal process, but not for the purpose of pursuing negotiations with TransCanada. Faris also suggested that the Board vote to hold in escrow 2010 property tax revenue generated by the 2010 increase in the Town's valuation of TransCanada's property. After brief discussion, a motion made by Roberts to place in a reserve escrow account 2010 property tax revenue generated by the 2010 increase in the Town's valuation of TransCanada's property. Seconded by Bunnell and approved by voice vote.

**Ramp** - Co-Chair Roberts discussed the handicap-access ramp at the Town Hall. Several complaints were made at the 2010 Primary Election that the ramp is in poor condition and danger-

ously slippery when wet. Roberts spoke with Highway Department employee Keith Gadapee regarding repairing the ramp. Gadapee agreed to repair the ramp before the November General Election.

**Timothy Gibbs** - Gibbs attended Vermont Constable training at the Vermont Police Academy on Oct. 8. The Town of Barnet is exempt from recent legislative changes in Constable training requirements, because Barnet's Constables do not issue tickets or conduct traffic stops. Enforcement of dog licensing requirements has become difficult because roughly half of the dog owners who are delinquent have disconnected telephone numbers. Gibbs suggests that next year the Constable begin going door-to-door to assess fines for delinquent licensers. This policy is already in the Town's dog ordinance, but has not been administered in recent years. Gibbs has contacted a contractor regarding repair of a portion of West Barnet Road damaged by a car fire. Because the weather is now too cold to perform planned cold-patching of a shim on West Main Street, Gibbs will request a quote from the same contractor for this job as well.

## Danville

Town Clerk: Wendy Somers  
Town Administrator: Merton Leonard  
Selectboard: Steve Larrabee, Denise Briggs, Doug Pastula, Marvin Withers and Michael Walsh

October 7, 2010

**Treatment Plant** - Leslie Parker and Jefferson Tolman of United Water were present to discuss the next years waste water treatment plant contract adjustments which will be effective Oct. 1. The contract is based on the Consumer Price Index cost of living adjustment which was 1.34 percent for the past year, amounting to a cost increase of \$660 for the next year and a new annual fee of \$50,079.53. There was a surplus in the LP gas budget of \$1608.99 due to the warmer winter, this is proposed to be transferred to cover the overage in the maintenance budget, for a net maintenance budget of \$6,198.65. The maintenance for the past year included new motor controllers on the pumps at the plant that is intended to reduce the electricity usage, thus running more efficiently and eventually paying

for themselves. Douglas Pastula moved to accept the next year's contract with United Water as presented, Marvin Withers seconded the motion which was approved.

**Town Garage** - There were six bids received for replacing the old metal roofing on the old town garage. The low bid was submitted by Graves Builders of Barnet of \$8,855.00, the second lowest bid was submitted by Robert Briggs of Danville of \$10,340. The other four bids ranged up to a high of \$14,300. After some discussion, Marvin Withers moved to award the roofing bid to Graves Builders for their bid of \$8,855.00 providing they have met all the specs. Steven Larrabee seconded the motion, which was approved.

**Sewer** - Steven and Tammy Carrier were present to discuss their sewer line on Wind Swept Drive. Several years ago they had a sewer line installed from their house to the last manhole on Meadow Drive to connect their house with the town sewer system. They ran a six inch line and understood that would be large enough to allow additional connections to the system and they hoped to be able to recoup some of their expense at that time. They claimed they received permission from someone but they do not have any paper work. A quick check at the town office did not readily turn up any documentation. Steven Larrabee has requested and received permission to run a new 8-inch sewer line from the end of Windswept drive to that same manhole. In doing this, the new line will replace the Carriers line, they will be reconnected to the new one, but it will not allow them to recoup any of their cost. They will try to determine the date of when this was done to help further the search to find the details of their agreement.

**Bulletin Board** - Marvin Withers brought up a request that the Board join the school in obtaining an enclosed and lockable bulletin board that would be located at Marty's to securely display town and school notices. As it is now, town notices go on Marty's bulletin board along with a lot of individual ads and notices, there being no guarantee how long the posting remains visible. The Board agreed that would be a good idea and would be glad to join in with the school on the bulletin board.

Town Hall - Merton reported that the front porch construction is under way. It was found that the original concrete construction had no reinforcing.

## Lyndon

Town Clerk - Lisa Barrett  
Admin. Assistant: Dan Hill  
Selectmen: Martha Feltus, Kevin Calkins and Kermit Fisher

October 11, 2010

**Gym Use Policy** - As discussed at the Board's prior meeting, a draft policy was reviewed and amended. The proposed policy will be discussed again at the Board's next meeting.

**Cemetery Rates** - The last cemetery rate increase was effective May 31, 2006. The Board will discuss the rates again after getting more information about future expansion of the cemetery.

**Sanitation Rates** - As discussed at the Board's July 19 meeting, requests have been received to have a reduced sanitation rate when not in town for three or four months. Currently the seasonal rate is only offered to those gone six consecutive months. Motion made by Martha Feltus, seconded by Kermit Fisher, to change the eligibility for the seasonal rate to "be gone not less than four (4) consecutive months." The seasonal rate would be calculated as two-thirds of the full-year rate. Motion carried 3-0.

**Road Race** - Motion made by Martha Feltus, seconded by Kermit Fisher, to approve the request of Good Shepard Catholic School to use Town roads to hold their annual foot race on Saturday, October 30, with proper traffic control. Motion carried 3-0.

## Peacham

Town Clerk: Bruce Lafferty  
Selectmen: Richard Browne, Tim McKay and Andy Cochran.

October 6, 2010

**Planning Grant** - Barry Lawson requested that the Board approve and schedule a planning grant public hearing. Potential dates for the scheduling of notices and warnings for the hearing were discussed. The Board requested that the Clerk to the Board and Lawson coordinate these duties. The Board pointed out that the State of Vermont requires that the Town give its approval for such grant requests in order to insure proper compliance with the Town Plan. No Town funds are to be allocated for this process. Browne moved to hold a public hearing to apply for a planning

grant by Peacham Community Housing on Tuesday, Oct. 26, 2010 at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall gym. Cochran seconded. Unanimously approved.

**Cemetery Matters** - The Board reviewed Arthur and Shelley Green's cemetery lot written proposal. Browne moved to approve the document from the Green's. Cochran seconded. Unanimously approved. The Town Clerk indicated that the document would become an attachment to the Green's cemetery lot deed and the cemetery indexing file.

**Road Report** - Due to the recent heavy rain storms, the road crew has been busy clearing culverts and ditches, as well as grading rain damaged road sections. Mark reported the Great Road culvert that the Town had hoped to replace this summer overflowed, but fortunately the crew was able to prevent any road damage. The Board will contact the A.O.T. to attempt to receive grant funds for this culvert replacement next year. Peacham Pond winter road maintenance was discussed. The Board decided to hire Scott Abare to provide the winter maintenance on these roads as contracted last year. Road Foreman Mark Chase inquired as to what extent the Board wants to maintain Class 4 roads in 2011. Some roads that were mentioned were Peacham Pond Road, The Lane, Lanesboro Road, Devil's Hill Road, and Rake Factory Road. Financial consideration with regard to Class 4 maintenance was discussed. The Board will hold a special meeting on Friday, Oct. 15, 2010 at 7 a.m. to tour as many Class 4 roads as possible. The tour will begin at the Town Garage. Mark received a price for a new Town grader. It would have to be special ordered since vehicles with our specifications are not in stock. Grader finances were discussed and no action was taken. Mark presented a proposal for the purchase of a new ten wheel Mack Plow/Dump truck from Sheldon Trucks, Inc. The truck would not be available until February or March of 2011. The Board discussed 2011 budgeting for vehicles and various trade-in options. Browne moved that the Board accept the proposal from Sheldon Trucks, Inc. for and that the chairman be authorized to sign the necessary documents. Cochran seconded. So voted. An application will be submitted to the office of the State Treasurer for a municipal equipment loan at 2 percent.

Snowmobiles - Ross Page pre-

## November 2010 Menu

### West Barnet Senior Meal Site

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.

**Nov. 3** - Baked chicken, rosemary potatoes, fresh carrots, raisin bread and strawberry shortcake.

**Nov. 5** - Buffet

**Nov. 10** - Chipped beef and egg gravy, boiled potatoes, green beans, carrot-raisin salad, biscuits and jello with topping.

**Nov. 12** - Pork chops, mashed potatoes, apple sauce, mixed veggies, dark bread and butterscotch pudding.

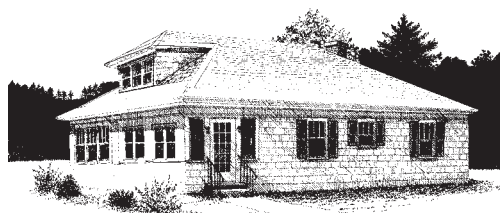
**Nov. 17** - Salmon pea wiggles, crackers, pickled beets, dark bread, broccoli salad and tropical fruit.

**Nov. 19** - Roast turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, peas, cole slaw, rolls, cranberry sauce and pumpkin pie.

**Nov. 24** - Corn chowder, tuna salad sandwich, pickles, cottage cheese, ginger bread and topping.

**Nov. 26** - Closed

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sented Bayley-Hazen Snowmobile Club's annual request for limited use of Class 3 roads and crossings. This year's request is to use the Town Common to cross from the cemetery past the firehouse, and to use 600 feet of Penny Street. Browne moved to accept the snowmobile club's request. Cochran seconded. Unanimously approved.

**2011 budget** - Browne produced the first Excel spreadsheet draft for the 2011 budget. This year budget proposals for all Town committees will be established by the Board and sent to the committees for their approval and input.

September 15, 2010

**ATVs** - The Board reviewed the Danville ATV Club's request as presented previously by Roy Vance to open up portions of Harvey's Hollow Road and Keyser Pond Road to ATV travel. Twenty Peacham residents responded negatively and two residents responded positively to the request. Browne moved that the Board deny the request of the Danville ATV Club to use any Class 3 roads in Peacham. Cochran seconded. Unanimously approved. The Board requested that the Clerk to the Board inform Roy Vance of their decision.

**Town Plan** - The Board announced that in response to the Town Plan Hearing on Sept. 13, 2010 that the Planning Commission is making progress on the new Town Plan draft but has recommended that the Board officially re-adopt the existing Town Plan in the interim. Browne seconded. Unanimously approved. The Clerk to the Board will call NVDA to inform them of this decision and Browne will email them as to the official results of the hearing.

**Ball Field** - Katharine Lafferty will administer Recreational Facilities Grant from the Department of Building and Grounds if it is awarded. Budget line options discussed for specific athletic field equipment needs. A spreadsheet of financial estimates was presented by McKay for the athletic field and the six foot wide walking trail.

**Road Equipment** - McKay reported that the Road Foreman, Mark Chase, has obtained financial figures for some new road equipment. McKay produced figures estimating the effect of new purchases on the Town tax rate. A plow truck replacement is scheduled for this year. Various purchase and trade scenarios were discussed concerning the costs of current equipment repairs and financial planning which includes the potential for a low interest loan from the Vermont Municipal Loan Fund. The Road Foreman will attend the

next Board meeting to present a current update on prices and equipment.

**Zoning** - A new sign erected on Hollow Wood Road was discussed. Permit procedures were reviewed and the Zoning Administrator, Bob Hansen, will write to the resident concerning the permit process and zoning by-laws with regard to signs and any other proposed building projects.

## St. Johnsbury

Town Manager: Jim Fitzgerald  
Town Clerk: Sandy Grenier  
Selectboard: Bryon Quatrini, Gary Reis, Daniel Kimbell, Jim Rust, and Jean Hall Wheeler.

September 27, 2010

**Public Comment** - Carol Callanan informed the Board that she is concerned about the prisoner release program going on in the State. She stated that she did not believe that \$52,000 for the Community Justice office will help to protect the town from (perhaps) 60 early release offenders. Carol suggested the grant could be better used to pay for training in conjunction with local retirees that could volunteer to help with training and job skills. Ms. Callanan indicated she was concerned for her own safety because of housing developed for the released offenders across the road from her house. Jim Rust told Ms. Callanan that the decision for the release came from the State, and the grant was supplied to assist the Town with the integration of the parolees. Town funds are not paying for the grant, and the Town had very little say in the early release program. The point was also made that people be released back to the community in which they lived before incarceration, rather than St. Johnsbury.

**Town Manager** - On a motion by Bernie Timson, seconded by Daniel Kimbell, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Ralph E. Nelson Jr. as full time town manager.

**Recreation Center** - Town Manager Ralph Nelson reported that the Board had been in contact with the St. Johnsbury Academy earlier and made some suggested changes to the Memo of Understanding originally supplied by the Academy on September 7. The revised MOU was returned to the Academy on September 16, but no communication had been made since that time. Joe Fox reported that it is still being reviewed by the Academy.

**Hotdog Cart** - Dan Ehlers was present to request a vendor's license at a reduced rate, or that would run for one year from date of issue, to operate a hotdog cart in the downtown area through foliage season. Ehlers reported that he and his partner have all state licenses in place. Concern was expressed about setting a precedent in either reducing the fee for part of the year or changing the current date of issue/expiration. Another concern would be the liability of the Town, even with insurance held by the Ehlers. Sandy Grenier indicated that the Board had raised the fee to \$150 several years ago to make the competition with local retailers more equitable. The Board decided to consider the matter further.

**Referendum** - Chairman Jim Rust prefaced the discussion by saying he fully supports the individual's right to petition for a vote on any article, even if it is unpopular for some. Rust confirmed that all petitions were turned in to the Town office on time with 261 confirmed signatures, which met the 250 minimum requirement. However, Rust continued to say that 17 people who had previously signed the petition had requested their signatures be removed. The requests were received within the required period of time, and reduced the number of signatures to below the required 5 percent. Town Clerk Sandy Grenier confirmed the verified signatures, and the letters requesting the removal of some names from the petition. Joanne Brown asked the Board to reconsider and give consideration to the people who put the petition together and those who chose to sign the petition. Debbie Rousseau pointed out consideration was also being given to those who did not sign the petition. On a motion by Rod Lamotte, seconded by Bryon Quatrini, the Board voted unanimously to accept the letters from 17 people requesting their names be removed from the petition.

**Westside Project** - Red Dufresne of Dufresne Group addressed the current status on the clarifier/filter tank replacement project. In March 2010, the voters approved a bond to pay 25 percent of the projected cost, with an expected 75 percent of the \$1.73 million project coming from grant funds. Currently there is only 45 percent of funding available, so another bond resolution may be required. The schedule for this project has been delayed until the funding is secured. Red said the funding would only be granted if the State wrote a letter saying it was an emergency situation and the

water system is a health hazard, which the State is unwilling to do. The Westside Infrastructure Project final design and specifications are complete and set to go to bid with the opening set for Nov. 10, 2010. Estimated construction for this project at \$5.9 million, which is \$1.2 million more than original cost estimate. If the actual bid comes in too high, the project may need to be reduced. Engineering design and specifications for the northern portion is approximately 80 percent complete and should be ready for bid in February, 2011 after easements are obtained. Dufresne also warned that residents of Grandview Terrace, Harvey Street, Lynwood Terrace and Webster Street may want to disconnect the pumps they have had to install for additional pressure, since as a result of this project, their water pressure will increase by 36 psi.

## Walden

Town Clerk: Lina Smith  
Board of Selectmen: Perley Greaves, Dave Brown and Peter Clark.

October 19, 2010

**Justice Program** - Carol Plant from Hardwick Restorative Justice explained the program and offered her services to help the Walden community. This could be to act as mediator between neighbors who have a disagreement.

**Garbage** - Health Officer Jenn Persons reported that she had dealings with residents on Cabot Road who have garbage on their property that is causing a health hazard. She informed the board that she wanted to issue a letter of intent to the residents giving them 14 days to clean this garbage up. The board agreed to this. Potential septic problems on the same property were discussed. The Health Officer was directed to contact the Agency of Natural Resources. Luke Persons reported on issues involving dogs at the same location. Luke's phone number is 563-2911 if anyone needs to contact him regarding dog issues.

**Property** - Doug Lavelle talked to the board about the ditching done in front of his house on Bayley Hazen Road. He noted

that he had talked with them in the past about a boundary marker that had been taken out. The board will look into getting that replaced.

**Walden Store** - Rick Cochran talked to the board about the plans for the property he has bought where the Walden Country Store was. He talked about the possibility of moving the Town Clerk's office to this location. Perley Greaves stated that he felt the town clerk and fire department did not need any more room at this time.

**Bridge** - A letter was received from the State of Vermont regarding replacement of the bridge on Route 15 near the town garage. A hearing will take place at the next regular meeting Nov. 16. A representative from the State will attend to explain the project and answer questions.

## November 2010 Menu

### Danville Senior Action Center

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 \$4 for guests 60+ (others \$5) is appreciated.

Nov. 1 - Cream of broccoli soup, chicken salad on a roll, carrot-pineapple-raisin slaw and grapenut pudding

Nov. 2 - Homemade clazones with pepperoni and veggies, acorn squash soup, orange juice and birthday cake

Nov. 4 - Chipped beef and gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli, carrots, rolls and oatmeal squares

Nov. 8 - Crab cakes, penne with lobster sauce, sauteed greens, green beans and rolls

Nov. 9 - Baked ham, winter squash casserole, boiled potatoes, pumpkin bread and tomato juice

Nov. 11 - Spinach pie, kielbasa, broccoli, rolls

Nov. 15 - Pot roast, potatoes, carrots, rolls, fruit cobbler and tomatoe juice

Nov. 16 - Scalloped potatoes with ham, California veggies, V-8, fruit crisp and rolls

Nov. 18 - Game Supper

Nov. 22 - Spaghetti and meatballs, tossed salad, garlic bread and green beans

Nov. 23 - Chicken divan, rice, rolls and carrots

Nov. 25 - Thanksgiving community dinner. All are welcome!

Nov. 30 - Beef stroganoff, egg noodles, biscuits, California veggies, clementines and OJ

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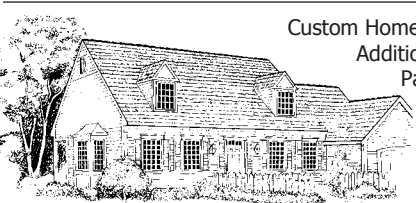
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**Mondays:** Story Time, Pope Library, Danville, 10 a.m. (802) 684-2256.

**Mondays:** Just Parents meet with concerns for drugs and kids, Parent Child Center, St. Johnsbury, 7 p.m. (802) 748-6040.

**1st Monday:** North Danville Community Club, Meeting, 6 p.m. North Danville Community Center. (802) 748-9415.

**1st & 3rd Mondays:** "Six O'clock Prompt," Writers' Support Group, 6:30 p.m. Catamount Arts. (802) 633-2617.

**2nd Monday:** Cancer Support Group, NVRH Conference Room A, 4 p.m. (802) 748-8116.

**Last Monday:** Alzheimer's Support Group, Caledonia Home Health, Sherman Drive, St. Johnsbury. 7 p.m. (802) 748-8116.

**Tuesdays:** Baby & Toddler Story Hour, Cobleigh Library, Lyndonville. 10 a.m. (802) 626-5475.

**Tuesdays:** Cribbage Tournaments, 6 p.m. Lake View Grange Hall, West Barnet. (802) 684-3386.

**Tuesdays:** Argentine Tango, 4:30-5:30 p.m. (beginners) 5:30-6:30 p.m. (intermediate) Teacher: Isabel Costa (603) 823-8163.

**Tuesdays:** Japanese Swordplay, 3-4 p.m., Barnet Tradepost Wellness Center, 633-2700

**Tuesdays:** Tai Chi, 4-5:30 p.m. and 5:30-7 p.m., Barnet Tradepost Wellness Center, 633-2700

**2nd Tuesdays:** Caledonia Right to Life will meet at St John's Catholic Church Parish Hall, 1375 Main St, St Johnsbury, VT at 7:30 pm. All are welcome.

**2nd & 4th Tuesday:** Bereavement Support Group, Caledonia Home Health, Sherman Drive, St. Johnsbury. 5:30 p.m. (802) 748-8116.

**2nd & 4th Tuesday:** Drop-in quilting at 1 p.m. at the Cobleigh Public Library, (802) 626-5475.

**Wednesdays:** Read 'n' Stuff, Cobleigh Library, Lyndonville. 3:30 p.m. (802) 626-5475.

**Wednesdays:** Danville Farmers Market on the green from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Wednesdays:** Ordinary Magic. Meditation for Life, St. Johnsbury Shambhala Center, 17 Eastern Avenue, 6-7 p.m.

**Wednesdays:** Japanese Swordplay, 3-4:30 p.m., Barnet Tradepost Wellness Center, 633-2700.

**3rd Wednesday:** Cardiac Support Group, NVRH, 6:30 p.m. (802) 748-7401.

**Thursdays:** Introduction to Computers, Cobleigh Library, Lyndonville. 10 a.m. (802) 626-5475.

**Thursdays:** Live Music at Parker Pie in Glover. Call (802) 525-3366 for details.

**Thursdays:** Kyudo (Zen Archery), 7-9 p.m., St. Johnsbury Academy Field House, 633-2700.

**2nd Thursday:** Film discussion following 7 p.m. film at Catamount Arts, St. Johnsbury. (802) 748-8813.

**3rd Thursday:** Caregivers Support Group, Riverside Life Enrichment Center, 10 a.m. (802) 626-3900.

**Thursdays:** Read and Weed Book Club, Cobleigh Library, Lyndonville. 3:30 p.m. (802) 626-5475.

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**Fridays:** Kyudo (Zen Archery), 4-6 p.m., twice monthly, Barnet Tradepost Wellness Center, 633-2700.

**1st Fridays:** Contra Dance, 8 p.m. at Danville Town Hall. All levels welcome. (802) 563-3225 or [samlyman@myfairpoint.net](mailto:samlyman@myfairpoint.net).

**4th Fridays:** Public readings at Green Mountain Books in Lyndonville. Call (802) 626-5051 or E-mail [greenmountainbooks@myfairpoint.net](mailto:greenmountainbooks@myfairpoint.net).

**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, 12:30 p.m. (802) 626-5475.

**Saturdays:** St. Johnsbury Winter Farmers Market. St. Johnsbury Welcome Center.

**1st Saturday:** Men's Ecumenical Breakfast, Methodist Church, Danville, 7 a.m. (802) 684-3666.

**1st Saturday:** Scrabble Club, St. Johnsbury Athenaeum, Noon - 4 p.m. (802) 748-8291.

**1st & 2nd Saturdays:** Dance in the Kingdom at the Good Shephard School - Latin & Ballroom dance: Lessons at 7 p.m. followed by open dance, 8 to 10 p.m. (802) 748-3044

**2nd Saturdays:** West Barnet Grange community breakfasts from 8-10 a.m.

**3rd Saturday:** All you can eat breakfast, 8-10:30 a.m., Barnet Congregational Church.

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# Pope Notes

with Dee Palmer, Library Director

Our fall book discussion series, Booker Prize winners, continues on Wednesday, November 17 at 7pm with "The Life and Times of Michael K." by J.M. Coetzee. In this novel, set in a South Africa

torn by civil war, Michael K. sets out to take his ailing mother back to her rural home. On the way there she dies, leaving him alone in an anarchic world of brutal roving armies. Imprisoned, Michael is unable to bear

confinement and escapes, determined to live with dignity. Scholar Bob Johnson will lead this discussion. Books and schedules are available at the library.

Our new book acquisitions are: Red Herring by Mayor, Safe Haven by Sparks, Ape House by Gruen, I'd Know You Anywhere by Lippman, Wicked Appetite by Evanovich, Shadow Tag by Erdrich, Grand Design by Hawkins and Next Generation Democracy: What the Open-Source Revolution Means for Power, Politics and Change by Jared Duval. Special note: Jared Duval is the brother of my new daughter-in-law, Juliet.

Congratulations to Jared on this exciting achievement.

Sincere thanks to all who have thus far responded to our annual appeal. In December we will celebrate the Pope Library's 120th birthday. We look forward to your support to help maintain this beautiful building and all the important resources it contains. The Library Staff and Trustees are very proud that the Pope is a vital community center and we are determined to work towards its continued growth.

## From the Children's Room

Story Hour has been very busy! We hope you can join us on Wednesday mornings at 10am. Lots of fun, good books, activities, songs and snack. We now have the "Warriors" series in our collection as well as many new picture books. Come in and check them out!

Please note that the library will close at 1pm on Wednesday, November 24 and reopen on Saturday, at 9am on November 27. Happy Thanksgiving!

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**Danville - Peacham**

Here is a fabulous piece of property: 180 acres with White Mountain Views, building lots, some marketable timber, trails, and an old barn. Land is in both Danville and Peacham, close to Joe's Pond. **MLS# 4000796** **\$395,000**

# November events in the NEK

Wed., November 3, 2010

**First Wednesdays.** In Search of Nirvana: Rock-'n'-Roll Religion. George Dennis O'Brien, former president of Bucknell University and the University of Rochester, examines the story of legendary grunge band Nirvana and Kurt Cobain, which offers insight into the world of rock, its promise, and its dangers.

Thurs., November 4, 2010

**Winter Coat Swap** Donations Drop Off at the South Woodbury Church on Thursday and Friday evenings (Nov. 4 and 5) from 5 - 7 p.m. We accept new or used outdoor winter clothing that is clean and in good condition. If you can't make the designated drop off times, call 472-8044 to arrange for a pick up. On Saturday, Nov. 6, all donations will be set up, organized by size, and everything is free. Come and take what you need, no limits, no income guidelines. No need to donate in order to receive.

**Reception to honor Bernadette Chouinard** on her retirement from teaching Home Economics/Family & Consumer Science for many years at Danville School. You are cordially invited to congratulate Bernadette on her retirement at the Pope Memorial Library on the green from 3:15 to 4:30 p.m. There will be a basket for cards. (No gifts please)

Sat, November 6, 2010

**Continuous Threads--Legacies of Creativity** in the Northeast Kingdom - exhibit at the Northeast Kingdom Artisans Guild. Exhibit featuring the work of 10 noted regional artisans and their place-based inspirations. Phone: 802-748-0158. NEK Artisans Guild, 430 Railroad St. St. Johnsbury, VT. Web: www.nekartisansguild.com

**Dan Swainbank**, author of "Mr. Vail is in Town," book signing, 2 p.m. Green Mountain Books, Broad Street, Lyndonville. (802) 626-5051 for more information.

**Cabot Gourmet Buffet** - Epicurean Delights prepared by chefs. Three seatings - 5 p.m., 6:15 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Cabot United Church, Main St. Reservations - 426-3281

**Rick Norcross**, of Rick and the Ramblers at The Music Box, 7:30 p.m. He will be doing a rare local solo show here to brighten up the gray lights of November. From East Hardwick, Vermont, Rick celebrates 46 years in the music biz by fronting the band of his dreams, the Ramblers. Find out more about Rick at <http://www.rickandtheramblers.com>

**South Woodbury Church** - Baked Beans & Ham Dinner, 5:30-7 p.m. at the South Woodbury at the Calais Woodbury United Church. Community Fall Dinner; Baked Beans and Ham Dinner with Salad, Drinks and Dessert. Look forward to seeing you there! Call Jeff at (802) 456-1557 or (802) 232-1013 for more info.

Thurs., November 11, 2010

**How to Destroy a Lake**, 7 p.m. Kellie Merrell with the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation explains why lake shores in the Northern Forest of Vermont are sensitive ecological zones that provide essential habitat for many terrestrial and aquatic species and protect water quality by preventing erosion and filtering nutrients. At Sterling College.

Fri., November 12, 2010

**Harlem Superstars** Basketball Game vs. Community Members, 7 p.m. at Hazen Union Gym. Don't miss comedy basketball at its best! Tickets for Sale at the Hardwick Area Community Coalition office, Hazen Union, Woodbury School, Craftsby Academy, Hall's Market, Union Bank and Merchants Bank. For information call (802) 472-8010 or email [erica@haccprevention.com](mailto:erica@haccprevention.com)

Sat. November 13, 2010

**Holiday Bazaar**, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the United Church of Hardwick - South Main Street. Candy, Food, Crafts, Raffle, Chinese Auction, Serendipity, Fish Pond for children Lunch served -

**A Day in November**, vendors, quilts, lunch, food sale, RADA cutlery and November specials, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Danville United Methodist Church. Contact Judy Garland at (802) 684-2510 for more information

Thu, November 18, 2010

**The 90th Annual Game Supper in Danville** - not only the oldest game supper in Vermont, but considered by many to be one of the finest in the region. Once featured in Yankee Magazine's Book of Special New England Days, the game supper takes place at the Danville United Methodist Church on the southwest corner of the Green. Email: [tobybalivet@netscape.net](mailto:tobybalivet@netscape.net) Website: [www.danvillevt.com/Activities.htm](http://www.danvillevt.com/Activities.htm). Danville United Methodist Church, 201 South Main St. in Danville, VT.

St. Johnsbury Academy Theatre presents "Grease," 7:30 p.m. at Fuller Hall. Advanced sale, reserved seating tickets on sale starting Nov. 1 at Kennedy Jewelers, Main Street, St. Johnsbury. Tickets will also be available at the door starting 30 minutes before curtain time.

Fri., November 19, 2010

**Peter Rowan**, 7:30 p.m., with Special guest Sierra Hull. St. Johnsbury School Sizzling Bluegrass! For more information call (802) 748-2600.

Sat., November 20, 2010

**26th annual Catamount Benefit Auction** at the Catamount Arts Center. The action begins at 6 p.m. with the

silent auction and reception. The live auction will begin at 7 p.m. with Mike Welch as the celebrity auctioneer. More than 200 items from local artists, crafts people and businesses will be up for bids during the evening. Items in the auction are on view in the Catamount Gallery beginning in early November.

Wed., November 24, 2010

**Danville Thanksgiving Eve Ecumenical Service**; location to be announced.

Thurs., November 25, 2010

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