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Mrs. Vivian J. Prindl with New England Patriots' Owner, Bob Kraft and Quarterback, Tom Brady at the 2009 New England Patriots Community MVP Award Ceremony.

Kurn Hattin Volunteer Wins NE Patriots MVP Award

by Kim Fine

Westminster, VT – On May 28, Kurn Hattin Homes volunteer, Mrs. Frank J. Prindl of Hudson Falls, NY was honored for her tireless commitment as a volunteer to Kurn Hattin Homes at the Gillette Stadium Clubhouse in Foxboro, MA. She was the most senior volunteer of the 21 selected from the 200 applications for the 2009 New England Patriots Community MVP Awards. Joshua Kraft, President of the New England Patriots

Charitable Foundation and Bob Kraft, owner of the team, hosted the luncheon and ceremony. Kurn Hattin Homes was also presented with a \$1,500 grant from the Foundation.

Twice yearly, Mrs. Prindl comes to the Kurn Hattin campus and lives for 4-6 weeks. She works full days tutoring children in reading, writing, math, and art and assisting the librarian with many tasks. As a retired teacher, she has a

vast experience and dedication to young children. She not only tutors the children, she nurtures them as a loving grandmother would. The children love her. Mrs. Prindl volunteers in her hometown school and in her home as well. She helps all her children achieve their potential in many ways. Our children's home is a better place because of Mrs. Prindl. We're very proud that she received this award. She's most definitely our MVP!

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Kurn Hattin Day Annual Alumni Meeting & Celebration

By Kim Fine



Westminster – May 16 was 'Music From Around The World' at the 22nd Annual Kurn Hattin Day Celebration. The children's performance of 16 songs from Africa, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Russian, and the USA dazzled the audience. This event held in May each year is our way of saying thanks to the many who support Kurn Hattin Homes. Special thanks also go to volunteers: Bill Abbott, Chris Goding, Janet Wilson and Father Lance Harlow who performed with the jazz band.

The Kurn Hattin alumni also hold their Annual Meeting on this occasion. Justin Fuller '87 of Putney, VT was honored for his 14 years of service to the Alumni Association, ten years as President. Jackie Ladue Mallory '54 of St. Petersburg, FL was elected into office as the new President. Ted Benoit '75 of Branford, CT was honored for his 8 years as Secretary. Jasmin Sears Queen '90 of Peterborough, NH was elected as the new Secretary. Carolyn Blake-Deyo '54 of Springfield, VT continues as Vice President and Jacky Clark Goodrich, '44 of Charlestown, NH continues as Treasurer. During the meeting, awards are given to the youngest, oldest and the alumnus traveling the longest distance. Emily Endrusick, '08 of Springfield, VT won the youngest award. Ray Jaquith '38 of Bel Air, MD won the eldest award and Earle Spear '50 of Phoenix, AZ won the graduate traveling the farthest award. All the alumni had a great time being back home for the weekend.

Kurn Hattin Homes is a non-profit, year-round home and school for in-need and at-risk children, ages 6-15, from throughout the Northeast. More than 6000 children have called Kurn Hattin Home.

Bellows Falls Union High School Students receive over \$71,000 in Scholarships

Over \$71,000 was awarded to members of the Bellows Falls Union High School graduating class of 2009 at the Class Night Awards Ceremony held on June 17th. This year's amount exceeded that of last year's award amount and in these economic times, the school and students are extremely grateful for such a supportive community. BFUHS would like to publicly thank the many organizations, families and businesses who give so generously year after year to help defray the cost of college and to honor these students. Anyone wishing to be a part of the college scholarship donor group at Bellows Falls Union High School, should contact Melanie LaRoss, BFUHS Guidance Secretary, for more information (802) 463-3944 ext 206 or mlaross@wnesu.net.

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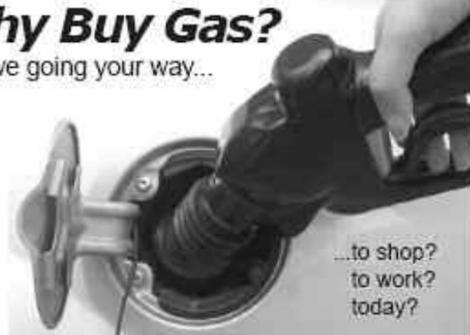
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Allen Brothers, Westminster: W	6:07	8:07	2:17	4:17
Westminster Station: W	6:09	8:09	2:19	4:19
Westminster Town Hall: W	6:12	8:12	2:22	4:22
Basketville: W	6:25	8:25	2:35	4:35
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BRATTLEBORO TO BELLOWS FALLS: COMMUTERS M-F

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Putney Meadows	7:26	9:26	3:36	5:36
Basketville: W	7:28	9:28	3:38	5:38
Westminster Town Hall: W	7:40	9:40	3:50	5:50
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Compass School, Westm.	7:50	9:50	W	W
BF T-Bird/Rockingham St.	8:00	10:00	4:10	6:05

WESTMINSTER CONGREGATIONAL SUMMER FEST 2009

The Westminster First Congregational Church will be holding its Summer Fest 2009 on Saturday, August 22 from, 9 am to 4 pm behind the Westminster Institute, Route 5 in Westminster, VT. The Rain date is August 23rd.

The Summer Fest Committee is currently looking for Vendors; both crafter and collectable vendors are wanted. If you are interested please reserve your space by calling 722-9040. Spaces will be marked out and will be 15' wide by 10' deep and it will cost \$20 for the day.

This year Summer FEST 09 will include many favorites such as the Vendors area, Classy Collectables booth, the Chicken Barbeque, and the now famous pie table which will have a wide variety of HOME made pies

The Women's Fellowship will run a Classy Collectables table with many attic treasures and The Food booth which will include, drinks, hotdogs, chili, snacks and finger foods. A wide variety of baked goods will be available to eat or take home.

This year's RAFFLE table will have something for everyone. One raffle will be the Gasoline Cards and Vermont Basket Raffle. For one dollar a ticket or 6 for \$5 you could buy a chance to win one of three gas cards, \$100, \$75, \$50 or a beautiful Vermont Basket with a huge assortment of Vermont products not to mention a cool basket.

There also will be a Fly Fishing Raffle with 50 hand tied flies, leaders, floatant and more a \$150 dollar value. One dollar a ticket or 6 for \$5. . Tickets are available from church members as well as at the Summer Fest.

A variety of hourly door prizes will be available to lucky winners as well. You only need to be present to win the hourly raffles.

Mark your calendars for Aug. 22, come eat, enjoy the fellowship and entertainment. Take home a pie or two, BBQ chicken, some baked goods for the lunch box. Take a chance at winning some great prizes, shop for birthdays, anniversaries and Christmas at our vendors and booths. The community at large is invited and we hope to see all of you there.

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Bellows Falls Union High School Students Explore Costa Rica

by Suzanne Groenewold

Eager to practice their Spanish and ready for Costa Rica adventures, 13 BFUHS students, Spanish teacher Julie Torres and Director of Guidance, Tina Mattson discovered the beauty of Costa Rica on an educational trip to the country. The group studied Costa Rica's rich and diverse eco-systems and natural beauty. During the 16 day trip students made new friends, went kayaking and canoeing on the Pacific Ocean, rode a zip line in the middle of the Cloud Forrest, and took grueling hikes with to view waterfalls. While on Osa Peninsula students spent time without electricity and hot water, enjoying the nature around them. They saw an active volcano in Arenal, and traveled throughout the country visiting towns and villages taking in the beauty and landscapes of Costa Rica.



Costa Rica Group on the beach



Costa Rica Group with fruit



Costa Rica Group rafting

Merchants Banks Supports Kurn Hattin's Family Outreach Parent Group Meetings

by Kim Fine

Westminster - Merchants Bank supports Kurn Hattin in many ways and most recently they have given their support to the Family Outreach Parent Group Meetings. The mission of the Parent Group Meetings is to have all families feel welcome and to help their children get ready for reunification. The families are guided to a variety of services in their communities such as social services, the local food shelves, health services providers and help with fuel and communication needs. Eighth graders are assisted in transitioning home and into high school. To help the families socialize, events are held which encourage informal networking. "It feels like one big family", said a mother at a recent gathering. The best outcome of all is the support that the families give one another. There is more frequent ride sharing and visiting together at school events. These are positive steps toward fuller involvement in both the Kurn Hattin and home communities. Kurn Hattin Homes is a non-profit, year-round home and school for in-need and at-risk children, ages 6-15, from throughout the Northeast. More than 6000 children have called Kurn Hattin home.



SEVCA'S 8TH ANNUAL "CHIPPING AWAY AT POVERTY" BENEFIT GOLF TOURNAMENT HITS A 'HOLE-IN-ONE'

WESTMINSTER – On June 4th, Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA) held its 8th Annual "Chipping Away at Poverty" Benefit Golf Tournament at the Crown Point Country Club in Springfield. The Tournament Sponsor was Leonard's Gas & Electric, a Dead River company, with National Fiber as the Co-Sponsor. With 80 golfers and 40 sponsors / donors, it was an outstanding day for all, especially for the families and individuals who will benefit from the over \$9,000 that was raised to support programs serving low income people in Windham and Windsor counties.

Weatherization and Crisis Fuel Program vendors, other businesses, local service providers, other community action agencies, and other SEVCA friends and supporters sponsored and/or engaged in friendly competition to raise money for the anti-poverty agency, many returning from previous years. A Hole-In-One Contest sponsored by Durand Toyota Ford gave participants the chance to win a new Toyota Camry and other valuable prizes. Although there were some close calls, there were no winners. There was also a Putting Contest for a possible \$5,000 cash prize, sponsored by IPG Employee Benefits Specialists. Although no one sank the 80-foot putt for the grand prize this year, (as occurred last year), Bob Perkins won a smaller cash prize for getting closest to the cup. Players also enjoyed participating in a 50/50 raffle and a 'Vegas Hole' competition, in addition to the team and individual golfing competitions.

Tournament winners were: 1st Place Team – Kinney-Pike Insurance; 2nd Place – Whitney Blake Company; 3rd Place – N.E.T.O.; Men's Closest to the Pin – Dean Boucher; Women's Longest Drive – Julie Bastille; Men's Longest Drive – David Smith.

In addition to the above major sponsors, SEVCA wishes to thank the following businesses, organizations and individuals for their sponsorships and other support: 'Double Eagle' Level Sponsors – Kinney-Pike Insurance and Westview Terrace Apartments; 'Eagle' Level Sponsors – EFI and York County Community Action Corp.; Hole Sponsors – Clark's Quality Foods; 'The Current' operated by CT River Transit, Don's Heating, Merrill Gas Co., Sasser, Sefton, Connally, Tipton, & Davis, P.C., Simon Operations, Sovernet Communications, and W.W. Building Supply; Team Sponsors – Bellows Falls Moose Family Center, Bellows Falls Polish-American Club, Chroma Technology Corp., Cota & Cota, J&W Auto Repair, Magee Office Plus, N.E.T.O., SNHS Management Corp., and Whitney Blake Company; General Supporters – Northeast Delta Dental, Hugh Haggerty, Power Survey & Control Corp., The Richards Group, Warren's Heating Service, and Lucas Industries; In-Kind Contributors – C.E. Bradley Labs, CIGNA, Gone Golfing, Paul Politano, Pine Grove Springs Country Club, Putney Food Co-op, Save the Corporations from Themselves, United Natural Foods, and Walmart.

SEVCA also acknowledges the local businesses who contributed to the event's success by providing quality products and services at reasonable prices: Crown Point Country Club, 56 Main Street Restaurant, The Letter Barn, and Vision Graphics.

SEVCA is the Community Action Agency created in 1965 to address the needs of low-income residents of Windham and Windsor Counties. It is perhaps best known for its assistance to families and individuals experiencing health- or even life-threatening emergencies, through crisis resolution programs that provide financial assistance, case management, service linkage, and advocacy to low-income households facing lack of food or heat, eviction, foreclosure, illness, vehicle breakdown, and other serious emergencies.

But beyond providing the "safety net" for households in financial crisis, SEVCA services also help them stabilize their lives, make their homes safe and energy-efficient, take steps to become self-reliant, and enable their children to escape the generational cycle of poverty. These goals are achieved through such programs as Crisis Fuel Assistance, Housing Stabilization, Food Stamp Outreach, Weatherization, Micro Business Development, Individual Development (Matched Savings) Accounts, Tax Preparation Assistance, Thrift Stores, Parent Education, and Head Start. Additional information about SEVCA may be obtained from its web site (www.sevca.org) or by emailing lbrooks@sevca.org.



The 3 Tom Salmons: The former Gov., The State Auditor and his son, and friend Leo Howell join in the festivities to raise money for SEVCA's anti-poverty programs



Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership conference

by Holly Falzo

St. Michaels College recently hosted the Vermont Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Conference (HOBY) and it may have seemed like old home days for Bellows Falls Union High School as it was widely represented not only in administrative positions and counseling but with ambassadors as well.

Thomas Dukeshire, (BFUHS Class of 2003) currently serves as the VT HOBY Leadership Seminar Chairperson and the VT HOBY President while his sister, Mariah Dukeshire (BFUHS Class of 2005) serves as the Recruitment Director. Peter Francis (BFUHS Class of 2009) attended this year as a Junior Facilitator/ Counselor and helped guide the BFUHS Class of 2011 representatives/ ambassadors Margaret "Weeze" Bennett and Peter Falzo.

After spending time with Dr. Albert Schweitzer on a humanitarian mission to Africa in 1958, Hugh O'Brian returned to the United States to start HOBY which he saw as a way to build global peace and instill a desire to help in young people. HOBY started in California and has grown across not only this country but the world as well. Vermont has been involved in HOBY for 35 years offering a four day seminar for sophomores across the state to get together and learn about the state, the country and the world. The core values of the HOBY Organization include volunteerism, excellence, organizational integrity, diversity, innovative thinking, community partnership and life-long learning leadership.

This year there were 105 students and 34 volunteer staff



HELICOPTER LANDS AT KURN HATTIN

Westminster – On Monday, June 15, all the way from Burlington, a U.S. National Guard Helicopter flew to visit the Kurn Hattin Homes' children. The children have learned a lot this year about flying and what it takes to get and keep a helicopter or airplane in the air. The children were thrilled when the helicopter arrived and landed in

members representing 55 public, private and home-based high schools from across Vermont. Thomas Dukeshire is proud of the fact that this year's seminar was the largest that Vermont has hosted. Over the four days, student ambassadors worked to develop a better understanding of free enterprise and the economic and American political systems. Leadership and service, self-identification and self-development for the young leaders of today were common themes throughout the weekend.

During the weekend the HOBY ambassadors met with Vermont business owners, educators, law enforcement officers and a volunteer panel to discuss what they could do to make a difference.

Many students left this life changing seminar with a better understanding of what it takes to make a difference and a challenge by Dukeshire to continue towards responsible citizenship which includes community service and volunteerism with his seminar closing words "Now what are you going to do with this?"

But this motivation and enthusiasm doesn't end after the four day conference as HOBY Ambassadors pledge to complete 100 hours of community service and will continue to get together through the coming years to do different community service projects, network and just to plan for the future. Projects already in the works for the VT HOBY alumnae include habitat for humanity days and work with the boys and girls club.

their ball field. Chief Warrant Officer, Wheeler gave an excellent presentation. She told the children that she has been flying for 23 years. The children asked and answered many questions. They also were able to get up close and see all the instruments. It was a great way to culminate their studies and be outside on a beautiful day. Kurn Hattin Homes is a charitable, year-round residential home and school serving in-need and at-risk children, ages 6-15, from throughout the Northeast.

Compass End of Year Update

WOW! What a wonderful end of the Compass school year—Impressive Senior and Junior Projects, incredibly high quality and moving Portfolio Roundtables and Presentations of Learning, and another beautiful Graduation with thoughtful words from graduates and teachers. Plus a lot of great press locally and statewide. Read more about all this below. Have a great summer!

News Stories:

Compass featured on Vermont Public Radio: VPR reporter Susan Keese spent a couple days at Compass, including sitting in on two graduation roundtables and produced a moving story about this meaningful process. To listen to the story, go to ww.vpr.net/news_detail/85150/.

Compass Journal Available: The June edition of the Compass Journal, which also serves as the Annual Report, is available in hard copy at the school or on our website at compass-school.org/sites/default/files/images/magazine6.09.web_.pdf. This features an overview of 10 years at Compass, lists of Senior and Junior Projects, College Acceptances, other news, and lots of great pictures.

Compass in the News: Compass was featured in cover articles in the Keene Sentinel and Brattleboro Reformer. The Sentinel focused on Compass and how to improve high school education and graduation rates. The Reformer article looked at our 10th Anniversary and the school's evolution. Both articles are on the school website under press.

10th Anniversary Party: Our informal 10th Anniversary Party was a smashing success. What a wonderful mix of alum, friends, and families from the Compass Community. A more formal celebration will be scheduled in the Fall.

Summer Enrollment: There will be on-going admissions over the summer. If you know anyone who might be interested in learning more about Compass and its impact on students, please have them visit the school website, call the school, or just come by to visit.

Portfolio Poem: Since its founding, Compass has aimed to offer an opportunity for students needing a different option for middle or high school. Being part of an educational system where every student is valued and can find success is our overarching goal. Read a touching poem by Sarah Lynde about her transition to Compass and rediscovering her voice at compass-school.org/news/2009/06/03/sarabs-transition-compass-school.



Compass graduate Kelty Wilton receiving his personalized diploma from Board Member Matt Peake

PINK OR BLUE By Babs Lynde, a Vermont Master Gardener

The first time I spotted a blue hydrangea bush, I couldn't believe my eyes. The baby blue blossoms were so massive and abundant that they nearly covered the small shrub that grew near the roadside. I had to stop and chat with the owner in an effort to discover what this stunning bush was called and even more importantly, where I could purchase one!

Hydrangea blossoms come in several different colors of soft or vivid pastels, creams, whites or greens with flower balls ranging from the size of a fist to nearly a foot across. Most of the varieties that we buy today are from species native to China, Japan, Korea and South America, and while most bushes mature from three to eight feet in size, some are nearly as tall as small trees. Some species are climbers, meaning they will grow up the side of a building or lattice work the same as climbing roses or clematis.

Each of the flower heads actually consists of many small flowers. The four most common flower arrangements of hydrangeas are: the mopheads, which resemble round pompoms made up of large blossoms; the lacecaps or laceheads, having flat flower heads, usually with tiny flowers in the center of the arrangement and larger flowers surrounding the center ones; the oakleaf or cone-shaped flower heads; and the snowballs, also known as Annabelle varieties, that have large or small pompoms that consist of smaller flowers than the mopheads. Some hydrangeas will blossom in the late spring while others wait until mid summer or early fall, and at this time there are over 600 named cultivars.

Pruning does not have to be complicated or tricky. Other than dead or broken branches, mopheads and snowballs do not have to be pruned at all unless you want to keep the bushes small or contained. Lacecaps and mopheads can be pruned after the flowers have faded or died but should not be trimmed after mid August which is when they begin producing next year's blossoms on the tips of their branches. If you prune any later, you may not see any flowers the following year. Oakleaf varieties can be pruned in the late winter or early spring, and climbers need trimming only if unruly.

The Kurn Hattin Class of 2009



KURN HATTIN GRADUATES TWENTY-THREE

by Kim Fine

Westminster – Saturday, June 13, 2009 was Graduation Day at Kurn Hattin Homes. It was a very important day and milestone for the 23 students and the largest graduating class in several years. Before the ceremony, Kyle Bussino, Valedictorian and Student Council President said, "I know I will always have people here supporting me." Shania Caswell, added, "Kurn Hattin taught me how to be an individual and that it is ok to be me." All the graduates have over-

come many obstacles and accomplished so much while living at the Homes.

After all the students were in place on the stage, Executive Director, Christopher Barry welcomed everyone and congratulated and encouraged the students to continue making good choices throughout high school and their adult lives. Kylie Wood, Salutatorian, then welcomed the students in her address. Father Lance W. Harlow of St. Charles Parish in Bellows Falls gave the Invocation and read stanzas from a graduation poem written by Kurn Hattin Homes' founder, Reverend Charles Dickinson when he was a student at Harvard College in 1876. He read, A youth pursues a rainbows bright, Far up the rugged mountain's side, But when he gains the crowning height, The radiant bow, thrice glorified, Above the far horizon lies; —"Oh give me wings.' The urchin cries. So we pursue the future's bow, The distance widening as we go, The mountain-top we've gained today, But lo! Our rainbow far away, with ten fold brilliance spans the sky. On eagle's wings we now must fly, Far o'er the passion plains of life—Above all selfish, earth-born strife.

Then, several students received one or more prizes from the nine categories of awards including academic awards, cottage awards, sports awards, the Massachusetts Board of Directors' award, alumni awards, scholarship awards, and awards for showing the greatest improvement. Prizes were also given for good citizenship and greatest aptitude in the field of agriculture.

Kyle Bussino, Valedictorian, bid a heartfelt farewell before the presentation of diplomas by Mrs. Roberta Violette, President of the Board and Mr. Tom Fahner, Director of Residential and Educational Services. Reverend Father Lance W. Harlow of St. Charles Parish in Bellows Falls gave the benediction and then everyone sang the "Kurn Hattin Alma Mater" written by Westminster resident, Margaret Wright Bent (1888-1985). As it says in the song, "There's a sense of joy and cheer, that surrounds us at Kurn Hattin, Makes us thankful to be here. Cheer for Kurn Hattin!" Our cheers go out to the Class of 2009: Adam Beam, Skylar Bushey, Kyle Bussino, Richard Campbell, Shania Caswell, Maranda Deane, Caleb Dionne, Mina Fleming, Asia Hosten, Anna Kerlin-Smith, Elizabeth Kerlin-Smith, Cody Lackey, Michael LaCroix II, Keegan LaPlante, Christopher Meyer, Sarah Norman, Dustin Olson, Crimson O'Reilly, Lucas Parker, James Perez, Kadi Stewart, Jackson Stone and Kylie Wood.

After graduating, many of the students will stay on campus for part of the summer in the ninth grade transition program. Then they will rejoin their families and attend their local high schools in the fall. Others will go to the Putney School, Milton Hershey School in Pennsylvania and McCann Technical High School in North Adams, Massachusetts. Wherever they go, Kurn Hattin will always be their home.

Kurn Hattin Homes is a charitable, year-round, residential home and school serving in-need and at-risk children, ages 6-15, from throughout the Northeast. Since 1894, over 6000 children have called Kurn Hattin home.

Okay, so how can you change a pink hydrangea to blue, and a blue one to pink? First of all, know that you cannot change the color of all hydrangeas. White, cream and light green colored varieties will always remain the same. Second, if your hydrangea flowers are a pale pastel in color, they will stay lightly colored in whatever shade you force them, while some of the more dramatic ones, like the deep purples and blues, will have darker colors. Third, only the mophead or lacecap varieties can be changed to different colors, and four, older blossoms of most hydrangeas will turn a greenish-white regardless of what color they originally began.

To change pink flowers to blue, you need to have aluminum which lowers the pH in the soil and can be added by aluminum sulfate around the roots of the bush. Ideally, the soil's pH should be at 5.2 to 5.5 for the flowers to be blue. You can purchase a pH testing kit and aluminum sulfate at almost any nursery or lawn and garden store. Be sure to follow the directions carefully as too much aluminum can burn the delicate roots. Fertilizers can also be chosen to keep your soil pH where you want it, by using grades low in phosphorus and high in potassium. Look for the numbers 25/5/30 on the bag which indicate the levels of nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium.

Obviously, a blue plant that you want to change to pink should not have aluminum in the soil. If the hydrangea was blue when you planted it, but changed to pink the following year, then you need to "sweeten" the root area with dolomitic lime several times during the growing season, which can also be found at nurseries and lawn and garden stores. 6.0 to 6.2 is considered perfect for pink blossoms. Again, fertilizers can be very important, so try to find a good brand with low potassium such as 25/10/10.

Hydrangea blossoms can also be shades of purple if you choose to keep the soil range between the pink and blue. If your hydrangea is too stubborn throughout one or two growing seasons to change to the preferred color, then you might want to grow it in a very large pot to have 100% control over the soil and its elements.

Would you like more information concerning hydrangeas? The Master Gardeners of Vermont are trained to help you with all your needs. Call their Helpline toll-free at 1-800-639-2230, send questions by email to master.gardener@uvm.edu or visit their website at <http://www.uvm.edu/mastergardener/> for extensive information.

WESTMINSTER CARES, INC.

The Westminster Cares, Inc. Board of Directors met on June 3, 2009. Westminster Cares creates opportunities for seniors and disabled adults to live with independence and dignity in the community. Your support to this care-giving organization is a way for all of us to take care of our elderly.

Anyone wishing to register quilts for the 2009 Westminster Quilt Show can do so by calling Westminster Cares at 802-722-3607 or by email at westminstercares.org/wgs09. The preview dates to register quilts are August 8, 15 and 22, 2009. "Call for Quilts" posters are on display at various locations. The Westminster Quilt Show will be held on October 17-18, 2009, at the Westminster Center School.

Services provided include: 11 people being delivered Meals on Wheels; 2 recipients are in rehab. 20 rides for 7 different people by 4 volunteers for a total of 180 miles; 3 medical equipment loans. Meetings attended in May: Bookkeeper, Gazette, Quilt Show, Garden Tour and meetings with the Development Director. Programs in May: 2 Secrets of Healthy Aging session, 3 Yoga classes, 4 Artist in Each of Us classes, 24 Living Strong classes held. Anyone interested in learning more about Westminster Cares, working on a committee, making a contribution or attending a workshop may contact Ronnie Friedman at 722-3607 or by email at wecares@sover.net.

Westminster Cares has received the following memorial gifts during the month.

In memory of Al Green from Central Elementary School Staff, in memory of Al Green from Central Elementary School Staff, in memory of Al Green from Michael and Gerry Harty, in memory of Al Green from Peg Shultz, in memory of Al Green from the Federal Firefighters Benevolent Association, in memory of Al Green from Kerry and Brian Pickering, in memory of Al Green from Errol and Elberta Wood, in memory of Dorothy Green from Doreen Branford, in memory of Al Green from Todd and Carla West

Westminster Cares welcomes donations throughout the year from anyone wishing to memorialize a loved one or a friend. Send to: Westminster Cares, PO Box 312, Westminster, VT 05158.



Sojourns Community Health Clinic Expands Primary Care Coverage.

In order to help meet the Primary Care needs of our region, Sojourns Community Health Clinic in Westminster, VT is pleased to announce the addition of Ron Kelter, Physicians Assistant, to our practitioner team.

Ron is a licensed PA with over 14 years of experience in Family Medicine and is also a licensed Acupuncturist. Ron will be joining Sojourns on Wednesdays and Fridays.

At Sojourns, Ron will be focusing on general family practice. He loves working with everybody, all ages and populations. He says, "I especially enjoy working with people who are willing to be active participants in

their own care. I want my patients to be able to be pro-active and explore all the avenues to good health. I treat the whole person, from 360°. My diverse training gives me the range I want to have with people. I am really pleased to be in a place where you can walk out your door and there are 23 other practitioners practicing 28 modalities. At Sojourns, the respect the practitioners have for each other and their patients is refreshing and energizing." All of the members of Sojourns' Primary Care team; Dr. Amy Littlefield, ND, Dr. Greg Burkland, ND & April Brumson, NP and Ron Kelter, PA, are credentialed to accept insurance and are accepting new patients.

Sojourns is a non-profit interdisciplinary holistic community health clinic offering, primary care, general family health care, wellness support, biological medicine, and bodywork through over 20 different treatment modalities. Sojourns is located at 4923 US Route 5 in Westminster, VT., just a mile from exit 5 on I91. To schedule an appointment with Ron or any of our other practitioners, contact Sojourns at 802-722-4023. For more information on Sojourns, visit our website at [HYPERLINK "http://www.sojourns.org"](http://www.sojourns.org) www.sojourns.org or call and speak with Diana Venman Sojourns' Practice Manager.

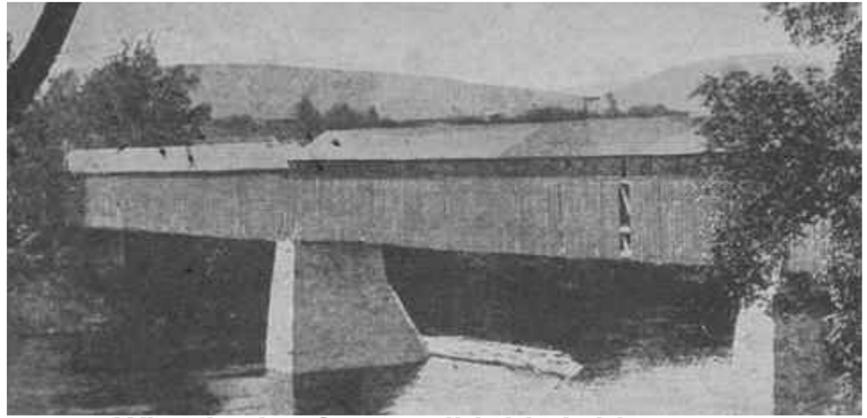
School Garden Care Day

Elizabeth Harlow

The community is warmly invited to join in the fun and work of a School Garden Care Day, Friday, July 17, 3-6 pm. Dress for the weather, bring your own gloves (kid size gloves are available). Bring a picnic if you like and enjoy good company.

With all the June rain, the weeds have been growing like, well, weeds! Find the gift of mindfulness in weeding. Stop by anytime to practice! On our Care Day there will be weeding, mulching, and planting to do. The more the merrier! Friends, family, neighbors are welcome! The expanded playground is a great support in bringing the whole family. Young weeders can take play breaks! Call Elizabeth Harlow if you have garden questions: 376-5143.

WESTMINSTER MYSTERY PHOTO



What body of water did this bridge span and how was it destroyed?

You may email your answer to the westminsternews@gmail.com or wminster@comcast.net Phone: Babs Lynde at 802-722-9516

The answer and the winner/s will be announced in the Next Issue.

June Answer: It was Metcalf's store and the post office located on U S Route 5 in the center of town

June Winners: Taylor Porter, Bill Smidutz, Bernie Lawrence, Marty Collins, Christian Blake, David Wright, Jerry LeFerve, and Burt Nowers. (Burt Nowers now lives in Tennessee, but he was brought up here in Westminster and says he enjoys our paper immensely!)

News from Westminster Volunteer Fire and Rescue

The Westminster Fire & Rescue Department holds their monthly meetings on the 1st Tuesday of every month and a combined drill on the 3rd Tuesday of every month.

Number of calls in May: 21

Number of man hours spent: 3822

Number of calls in June 1st through 30th: 28

Number of man hours spent: 5610

Number of calls calendar year to Date: 150

Association Meeting: The Westminster Fire and Rescue Association met for their regular meeting June 2nd with 30 members present. During that meeting, the members voted to pay for the painting of the inside of the Fire House. [excluding the garage section] This is yet another example of the association funding a project and saving the taxpayer's money rather than having the cost hit the budget. The beautification project was also paid for by the association. Guidelines are being drafted for people using the building so there won't be any tape or tacks used on the newly painted walls.

Gas Grill Safety: Keep your gas grill clean and in good condition. There is a vent at the back of the grill that releases head smoke and at times, flames. There have been cases where vinyl siding has melted because the grill is positioned too close to a wall. Many grills will have a label listing clearance recommendations. If not, 24 inches is a good standard. Propane cylinders can also be dangerous. Be sure they are not stored indoors, but outside in a well ventilated area.

Burn Permit Alert: With summer upon us, it is usually a good time to do an outside burn, however there may be times when burning is not allowed because of wind or sudden dry spells. Be careful to burn in open areas away from other buildings. Remember only unfinished wood or brush is permissible to burn. Anything else is not allowed.

Anyone wishing to do an outside burn must get verbal permission from one of the fire wardens before starting a fire. You must talk with one of the wardens. Leaving an answering machine message will not count as a permit.

The wardens are: Cole Streeter 722-3178
Mark Lund 463-9355
Pat Haas 387-5778

Missing Tent:

The Fire Department has 2 tents we use when we put on functions away from the fire house. Currently, one is missing. No doubt it was loaned to someone who forgot to return it. If anyone out there has it or knows of its whereabouts, please return it or contact one of the members of the fire department. We will be needing it very soon.

Studebaker Fund-Raiser: Work is continuing on the restoration of the 1953 Studebaker Fire Engine. The chassis has been sandblasted and painted and is now sitting at the Fire Station along with the rest of the panels and the wheels and cab. Funds are still needed to complete the project. After the fund-raiser is over, we are going to generate a chart listing the names of the donors. If anyone wishes to give money in memory of or in honor of a friend or loved one, please include the information when you send in your donation.

Those wishing to give money send to:
Westminster Fire and Rescue Association
Studebaker Fund

PO Box 111

Westminster, Vt. 05158

Shelter:

The Fire Station will be open for shelter in case an event occurs where shelter is needed. Contact the Chief or any member of the department in case of any emergency needs.

We are looking for help. Anyone interested in volunteering their time to help the community in a time of need, please contact Chief Cole Streeter at 722-3178 or stop by the Firehouse any Sunday morning and pick up an application. We would like to have additional volunteers from the Westminster West area. There is a Fire House and an engine located there and more help is needed to utilize the equipment during calls.

As always, we would like to thank the community for its continued support of the fire department.

WESTMINSTER HAPPENINGS

Activities

ScottishCountryDance Classes

Every Wednesday @ 7:30 in the Westminster Center School Gym. BernardMcGrath, instructor. All skill levels welcome. Contact Michael Daley for more information at 387-2601. No charge.

Putney Contra Dance

Last Saturday of every month at Pierce Hall on East Putney Falls Road, off Rt. 5 in East Putney. A beginners' workshop is taught at 8 pm, and the regular dance goes from 8:30 to 11:00 pm. A donation at the door will benefit the Pierce's Hall Building Fund. For more information, call (802) 387-5985.

Senior Lunch

Every 2nd Thursday of the month. All Westminster

seniors are invited to attend. Join us at the First Congregational Church on Route 5

Bellows Falls Gallery

Downtown @ 5:30 every 3rd Friday of the Month.

Contra Dance

Every 3rd Saturday of month at 7:30 @ The Town Hall in Walpole, NH

Gentle Yoga

Every Monday at 10:00am @ The Westminster Institute: Call Westminster Cares @722-3607 for more information.

Living StrongClasses

Mondays & Thursdays @The First Congregational Church in Westminster 9:00am to 10:00am @The Westminster West Church 6:00pm to 7:00pm Call Westminster Cares for more information:

Faith Community

The First Congregational Church of Westminster

United Church of Christ
The Rev. Sami Jones McRae, Pastor
Main Street, Route 5, Westminster, Vermont 05158,
802-722-4148
Sunday worship at 10:00 AM
Communion is the first Sunday of each month. Sunday School is held at 10:00 am from Sept to May. The church has a ramp and lift for wheelchair access. All are welcome.
Rev. Sami will be leading a bible study every Tuesday evening this summer at 7:00. The topic will be "Living the Questions"

Important Dates

July 5 - Communion and worship 10:00 am
July 7 - Women's Fellowship 12:00 noon
July 7 - Bible Study 7:00 pm
July 12 - Hymn sing in the Meadow -meet 9:30 am at the Motel in the Meadow, Chester, VT
July 14 - Bible Study 7:00 pm
July 19 - Possible Joint service with area churches, worship 10:00 am
July 20 - Standing committee - 7pm
July 21 - Bible Study 7:00 pm
July 26 - Worship 10:00 am
July 27 - Bible Study 7:00 pm
Aug 1, 8:00 motorcycle for Davids house Chester Thomas Ride
Aug 22, summer fest (Aug 23 Rain Date)

Music in the Meadow and Hymn Sing in the Meadow

On July 12th we will gather to worship at a Hymn Sing in the Meadow, 9:30 at the Motel in the Meadow, Chester VT. Please join us on Day 2 of Music in the Meadow for prayers and songs. All the money raised at Music in the Meadow is donated to the Susan G Komen foundation for breast cancer research.

Day 1 of Music in the Meadow July 11, runs from 1-7pm a variety of music will be played. Featured artist will donate their time and talent: Tom Hitchcock-The Never Be Brothers, Rob Cannillo, GB 101, John Taylor & Mike Leuci, The Stockwell Brothers, and Mark Shelton. Need more info check out <http://www.motelinthemeadow.com/>

Summer Fest 2009 - SAVE THE DATE AUG 22 (Rain Date 23)

The Annual Summer Fest will be held behind the Westminster Institute on Aug 22, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. The Rain Date will be Aug. 23. The Summerfest 2009 will include; Vendors, Chicken Barbeque, Pie Sale, Classy Collectables, Bake sale and lunch items. You will also find a variety of Entertainment, several Raffles including Gas Cards, VT Baskets, Fly Fishing equipment and hourly Door Prizes.

Wanted: crafters and collectibles vendors for the Summer Fest which will run Aug 22 rain date Aug. 23. If you are interested reserve your space call 722-4148

Vacation Bible School will be held this summer starting on Aug 17-21 from 9am to 12pm. This year's theme will be Camp E.D.G.E (Experience + Discover God Everywhere). Children will enjoy a morning of games, songs, stories and activities. Vacation Bible School is free and open to all children in our community ages 4 to 6th grade. Snacks and drinks will be included. Parents, guardians and grandparents can get more information or register their children by calling church. 722-4148

The Congregational Church of Westminster West

Sunday Worship at the Congregational Church of Westminster West (a UCC church) is at 10am. Holy Communion service is held on the first Sunday of every month. Prayer service is held on Thursdays, 12:30 to 12:50pm. Child care and Sunday School are available during worship hour. Choir meets most Sundays at 9am. Fully wheelchair accessible.

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Susie Webster-Toleno, Minister

New Church Office Hours:

Susie Webster-Toleno will be at the church Monday 1-4pm and Thursday and Friday mornings until 12:30. Feel free to drop by, but it's a good idea to call if you really want to catch her, as she sometimes steps out to visit people in their homes or the hospital. She can be reached at the Church during her office hours at 387-2334, or a message may be left for her at home 254-4142 or by email ccww@sover.net

SENIOR POT-LUCK

Thursday, July 9, 2009 at noon at the First Congregational Church on Route 5, Westminster. Main dish provided by the Council on Aging. Bring a dish to share.

Guest speaker: Heidi J. Smith, RN, Community and Facility Liaison, VNA and Hospice of Vermont and New Hampshire will present a 15 minute DVD that highlights both Hospice and VNA services and will lead a discussion.

Meetings

Selectboard meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 7PM in the Town Hall.

Planning and Development

Commission meets the 2nd Monday at 7:00 in the Town Hall.

Westminster Activities Commission

Second Monday of the Month at 6:00pm at the Westminster Institute.

Westminster School Board

1st and 3rd Tuesday at 7:00 at the Westminster Center School Library.

Windmill Hill Pinnacle Association

3rd Thursday at 7:00 at the Westminster West Congregational Church

Westminster West Public Library Board

2nd Mondays at 7:00 at the Westminster West Public Library

Development Review Board

meets the 1st Monday of each month at 7:00PM. at the Town Hall

Community Improvement Program

Committee meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:00PM.

Westminster Cares Board

meets the 1st Wednesday of every month at the Westminster Fire Station.

Westminster Institute Board

meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Institute.

911 Committee

meets as needed.

The Westminster Fire & Rescue Dept

holds their monthly meetings on the first Tuesday of every month and a combined drill on the 3rd Tuesday of every month.

Westminster Historical Society

meets the third Tuesday, monthly, at 7:30 pm at the Westminster Institute.

Westminster Gazette Meeting, Monday,

July 20th, 12:30 @ Westminster Cares Office.

Volunteer/s Needed

to Distribute the Westminster Gazette to Local Establishments.

Usually, the 1st Tuesday of the Month

Summer at the Butterfield

Library

by Linda Fawcett

The Summer Reading Program sponsored by the Vermont Department of Libraries has started. Your child can join at any time. We have all of the DCF and Red Clover books which they have to read and vote on at school. There will be a story hour on Thursday mornings in July at 10:00am. There will also be a meeting of the Butterfield Library Knitting and Crafts Society every other Thursday at 10:00am beginning June 25. We will be having a book sale in conjunction with the Church's Summer Fest on August 22. Please come and join us. Butterfield Library, Westminster, VT 802-722-4891

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The Health Center at Bellows Falls

Rockingham Medical Group Announces Hours of Operation

Bellows Falls, VT—Rockingham Medical Group will begin new hours of operation for walk-in care beginning Wednesday, July 1, 2009. The new hours for walk-in services will be Monday through Friday, 8 am – 6 pm. Saturday and Sunday hours will be 9 am – 3 pm.

For the 4th of July weekend, walk-in care will be offered from 9 am – 3 pm on Friday, July 3rd, and Sunday, July 5th. The office will be closed on Saturday, July 4th.

In the event of a medical emergency, please go to the Springfield Hospital Emergency Department at 25 Ridgewood Road, Springfield, VT; or call 9-1-1 for emergency assistance and transportation.

Rockingham Medical Group is located at The Health Center at Bellows Falls, 1 Hospital Court, Bellows Falls, VT and offers a wide range of primary care and preventive health services including family medicine, hypnotherapy, internal medicine, orthopaedics and sports medicine, outpatient counseling, pediatrics, physical therapy, podiatry and bone densitometry. Lab and x-ray services are also available on site during the week. Routine office visits are scheduled Monday through Friday, with non-scheduled, walk-in services available seven days a week. Financial assistance, based on a sliding fee, is available to those in need.

If you have questions, need a physician, or would like to learn more about Rockingham Medical Group, please contact Fran Clark, office practice manager, at 802-463-9245.

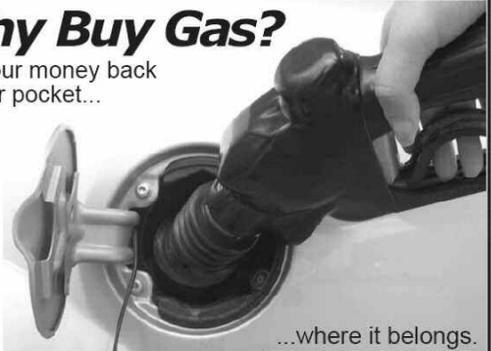


KURN HATTIN MARCHING BAND STROLLS WITH THE HEIFERS

by Kim Fine

The Kurn Hattin Marching Band, with the majority of its 105-person student body, strolled up Main Street in Brattleboro, Vermont on Saturday, June 6 in the eighth Annual Strolling of the Heifers Parade. This two-hour extraordinary parade, which promotes farmers and agriculture throughout New England, attracts spectators from near and far. The Kurn Hattin children marched along with many other bands, floats, and entertainers. All were led by a very adorable heard of young heifers. The Kurn Hattin children have been marching in parades since the early 1900s. Kurn Hattin Homes is a charitable, year-round residential home and school serving in-need and at-risk children, ages 6-15, from throughout the Northeast.

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It is a pleasure to announce that **Bernie Hindes has been named the June Elk's Student of the Month for Bellows Falls Union High School.** Bernie, a freshman, is the son of Bernie and Sue Ann Hindes of Bellows Falls.

Bernie has a wonderful work ethic. He always completes any task that is given to him. He arrives at school every day with a positive, eager to please attitude!!

Bernie helps the school community by doing various tasks around the building including distributing the daily mail and newspapers, completing various clerical tasks and assembling fund raising packets for different activities at BFUHS. He approaches his work with enthusiasm and is eager to learn. Mrs. Keefe, BFUHS receptionist says Bernie continues to work as diligently in May as he did in Sept. I am extremely appreciative for all that Bernie does for me in the office."

Bernie has helped the community by putting in many years of recycling community service; taking the recycling from the middle school to the recycling center. Additionally he has recently started serving community service at the Rockingham Public Library

It is a pleasure to give Bernie the recognition that he deserves for a job well done. Congratulations.

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BFUHS National Honor Society Inducts New Members by Suzanne Groenewold

Bellows Falls Union High School inducted 14 members of the Junior Class to the Jesse A. Judd Chapter of the National Honor Society at a dinner program on Thursday evening, June 4th. Candidates were judged according to 4 categories of criteria: scholarship, leadership, service and character. The new members are; Julie Cermola, Tanner Degenkolb, Emily Francis, Sophie Geha, Hillary Harrington, Aly Hewitt, Codi-Ann Hindes, Hannah Hodsden, Rachael Kirkpatrick, Jennessa Lever, Aaron Morton, Dini Rowell, Marissa Smith, and Tyler Terrell.

Present members are; Brian Bashaw, Britta Brennan, Kara Chaffee, Kealy Chipman, Molly Chisamore, Peter Francis, Trevor Fuller, Valerie Gero, Craig Guild, Megan Harris, Meghan Hitchcock, Courtney James, Joyce Kearney, Kiya Labadie, Alexandria Mann, Eliza Masure, Kerrie Record, Mandy Sault, Evan White, and Quentin Young.

COLLABORATION PRODUCES MONTHLY LOCALVORE LUNCH

Westminster – Westminster Cares, Our Place Drop-In Center, the Westminster Congregational Church, and the Council on Aging are teaming on a new monthly community meal featuring foods produced locally. On July 15, August 26, September 16, and October 21, the church doors will be open at noon to all community members interested in a healthy lunch and the companionship of neighbors.

Westminster Cares already serves over 100 Great Falls community members with local well-being programs addressing physical and emotional needs and will promote the monthly lunches at class sessions this summer. "Nutrition education and another opportunity for seniors and disabled adults to interact socially fit nicely with all that we do," said Ronnie Friedman.

"Many community members don't know about the nutrition and community development expertise of our staff," noted Executive Director Susan Shea. "Our Place is happy to

share Ana, our talented and savvy part-time cook who is a local farmer and board member of the local farmers market, for this effort."

On the menu for the July 15th Community Localvore Lunch is roasted or grilled pork and veggies, new potato and pea salad, fresh salad (baby Asian greens, grated carrots and chiongia beets, scallions, summer radishes, and cucumbers, and panna cotta with local blueberries and raspberries. Coming attractions include gazpacho, a Spanish tortilla style frittata with new potato, Grafton Cheddar, and baby onions, all-local beef chili, and roasted chicken and root vegetables.

Nearly 100% of the ingredients in the meals will be from local farms, and food-related costs will be covered by the Council on Aging with American Recovery Reinvestment Act of 2009 funds. Donations of any amount will be accepted.

Reservations are encouraged. To RSVP or for more information, call 722-3607 or visit Westminster Cares' website at www.westminstercares.org. Our Place's new community blog at <http://www.ourplacevt.org/> also features upcoming events and volunteer opportunities.

Bellows Falls Middle School News

On Thursday, June 11, 2009, the Bellows Falls Middle School Grade Eight Citizenship Awards were presented to Samantha Barth and James Morton. According to Larry Clark, director of guidance, this award is the highest award presented by the Middle School, awarded since 1972 to the eighth grade boy and girl voted as most outstanding in citizenship by the faculty and staff. In addition to framed certificates, their names have been added to a plaque of honor in the main hall.

Also on Thursday students were recognized with presentations of Presidential Education Awards. To qualify, a student must have maintained an average grade of A from grade 5 through 2nd term of grade 8, as well as appropriate achievement test scores. The certificates, signed by President Obama, were presented to the following 11 students:

Samantha Barth, Alexis Dodge, Jacob Hodsden, Denise Kingsbury, Benjamin Masure, Lisa Moll, James Morton, Lauren Pungner, Laren Rowell, Stewart Shaughnessy and Corina Stack.

Beekeepers Workshop

"Tracheal and Varroa mites are notorious killers of bees in New England. American Foulbrood disease is on the increase as dead hives are being robbed. Beekeepers must take timely steps to control these pests to SAVE THE BEES! Charles Andros, former NH/VT Apiary Inspector, will hold a beekeeping workshop from 1-3:30 PM on Saturday, July 11, at 18 MacLean Road, Alstead, NH 03602. Look for the "BEE" sign on the south side of Walpole Valley Road. The topics of discussion will be taking off and extracting honey, wax processing, treatment of mites and foulbrood, and making propolis tincture. Bring a veil, if you have one, as we shall be opening some colonies. We'll be inside if it is a rainy day. Registration required. email:lindena@sover.net or call 603-756-9056."

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The Bald Hill Conservation Committee would like to thank it's friends and neighbors for help in cleaning out illegally dumped garbage from the ravine on Henwood Hill Road. Special thanks to the Town of Westminster for use of a truck and traffic signs. Twelve volunteers removed 70 tires, a sofa, mattress and 7 bags of garbage!

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School Board Blog

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It's fun for the whole family and the biggest fundraiser of the year for the little village church in Westminster West – a wonderful resource that serves our whole community.

So, as you clean out your attic, basement, or garage please keep the fair in mind. Set aside treasures to donate, and come join in the fun!

If you want to make a donation, get involved or have other questions call Nick Keil at 387-4555 or Laura & Betsy Bryant Williams at 387-2765.

See you there!

Community Picnic & Cruise Night

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