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106th Annual Bellows Falls Alumni Association Weekend
Friday, June 17th – Sunday June 19th, 2011
(Father's Day Weekend)

Art in the Garden

WESTMINSTER, VERMONT



Photo: Steve Procter / Steve Procter Sculptural Ceramic Vessels

10th Annual Garden Tour

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Sunday
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Dances: Friday, June 17th, 8pm to 12am

1. **The Waypoint Center:** Bellows Falls (Across from the railroad station)
Live Band: **INTERCEPT** ID REQUIRED! Dances are cash bar only.

All Bellows Falls Alumni & Graduates are welcome at this dance.

ALL THOSE PLANNING TO ATTEND THIS DANCE SHOULD MAKE SURE TO READ THE
PERTINENT INFORMATION & PARKING INSTRUCTIONS ON THE REVERSE OF THIS PAGE.

2. **The American Legion:** Rockingham Street (Downtown)
DJ: **Pete Carlson** ID REQUIRED! Dances are cash bar only.

All Bellows Falls High School Alumni age 21 and older are welcome at this dance.

Each alumnus is allowed to purchase ONE guest ticket at \$7.00 per person. Those who pay their dues through the mail will be on a checklist at the dances. It is recommended that you purchase your dues through the mail. Anyone not paying their dues through the mail should purchase a ticket at the Dari Joy in Bellows Falls prior to the dances.

In addition to your dues, and the price of a guest ticket, there is a cover charge of \$5.00 per person that will be collected at the door for both you and your guest.

Dues Tickets: If you wish to purchase your dues tickets in person, they will be on sale at the Dari Joy in Bellows Falls from 5pm to 8pm on Wednesday, June 15th and Thursday, June 16th. On Friday, June 17th, the day of the dance, they will be available from 12pm to 8pm.

Class Reunions: Saturday, June 18th

The Alumni Association is pleased to have the Class of 1961 as our honored guests for the weekend. The class has chosen to hold their reunion at the Saxtons River Inn. Other class reunions will be held at various locations, check with your class officers for more information.

Parade: Sunday, June 19th (Father's Day) at 1pm

The annual crowning of the Alumni Queen and her court will take place in the Square at 12:30pm. The parade will start at 1:00pm from the staging area at Morgan's Field. To register your float or to participate in the parade, please contact Josh Kemp at 802-376-7758. It is MANDATORY that you register if planning to participate in the parade in any way!

Annual Meeting: Sunday, June 19th at 4:00pm

The meeting will be held at the Bellows Falls Middle School. We welcome and encourage all to attend. Awards are presented for floats, bands, attendance and longest distance traveled to the event.

2011 Alumni Court

Court listed alphabetically and described in their own words. page (3)

Thank You !

Westminster Village has had a secret gardener for the past year and a half. His neighbors are about to reveal his name in order to say a public thank you to him.

You may have noticed that the flower bed in front of Town Hall, the plantings at the soldiers memorial monument at School St. and the garden in front of the Congregational Church have had a bit more care than in the past. Babs Lynde and church members did what they had time for in front of Town Hall and the church. Our secret gardener has added his helping hand. He recently purchased some additional perennials for the Town Hall bed and has weeded all three this month. He plans to continue keeping the little spots of greenery and color neat all summer.

Richard Michelman, who lives on Rt. 5 in our village, has volunteered this work in memory of his late partner, Charlie Edson.

Richard, we all thank you for this service and your caring hand in keeping our village looking good.



Margaret Bennett



Megan LaBeau



Courtney Parker



Ruth Rowell



Amber Strickland



Please join us to wish our Town Manager
Sonia Alexander
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**May Mystery Picture
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Dick Barrows guessed correctly for the bridge picture in the April issue



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8:00	8:15	8:30	8:45	9:00	9:15	9:15	9:30	9:45	10:00	10:15	10:30
1:55	2:10	2:25	2:40	2:55	3:10	3:10	3:25	3:40	3:55	4:10	4:25
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Compass School Director's Year-End Overview

by Rick Gordon

This has been a terrific year at Compass, with renewed focus and energy and numerous accomplishments for our students and the school.

Some of the easiest to identify changes at Compass were obvious in infrastructure improvements—a newly paved driveway, new computer lab with 10 new IMacs, a student-built storage shed, two new buses, a full-size film screen and cinema quality projector, new low flow toilets, new carpeting, and many other more minor projects.

The concrete improvements in infrastructure serve as a foundation for the more significant advancement of quality in the educational program throughout the school.

From the Religions class in the fall to the 1940's Museum to electives on Time and Space and the Film Festival, the year was full of engaging courses at all levels.

The school play, All Dressed Up, came together beautifully for performances at the Westminster Institute. Winter Term provided meaningful service for Kidsplayce, the BF Warming Shelter, and the Nature Museum, and a very special student led group began important work related to teen mental health and support. And the Compass exhibit at the March Student Art Show in Brattleboro once again reflected the many ways the arts are integrated throughout our curriculum.

Trips took us to Boston, Maine, and the Dominican Republic, expanding horizons for our students and opening them to identity forming experiences.

The newly reorganized exploratory intensives led to the development of our wonderful Compass Chorus, some strong art courses, a furthering of our partnership with Westminster School's afterschool program, and stellar teams in soccer, basketball and ultimate frisbee.

The month of May demonstrated once again how Compass ends the year on a crescendo. Packed houses for the 7th Annual Film Festival, the 1940's Museum, and Senior Projects, Roundtables for the 8th, 10th and 12th grade, and a moving ceremony honoring 8th graders as they complete their middle school years.

Senior Graduation Portfolio Roundtables, as always, were the highlight of the year. Every 12th grader rose to this final challenge to pull together their work over their high school years, reflect on their learning, and share their insights with a panel of family, teachers, peers, and outside community members.

The work reflected in the students' portfolios was striking in its breadth. For example, one student had deeply thoughtful writing on religion and spirituality, a clip of her acting in the jungle version of Macbeth, a high level presentation in calculus, her string theory comic book, and two films she wrote for the film class. These collections of student work show how students are pushed to think deeply about topics while employing a wide range of skills to communicate their ideas. Incredibly impressive and inspiring!

These improvements in quality throughout the school helped increase admissions several fold over last year. We expect good size groups of incoming 7th and 9th graders who will add to the Compass community.

These many successes are a tribute to all at Compass—most notably the teachers and students who do the hard work on a daily basis to make the school a supportive and energetic educational environment. Together, we look forward to even greater successes in years to come.

Financial Workshops Planned at SEVCA

Westminster. Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA), in conjunction with the Vermont Women's Business Center (VWBC), will hold a two part financial workshop for women considering starting a business. The first session takes place on Tuesday, June 14 from 9 – 11:30 a.m. at the SEVCA office, located at 91 Buck Drive in Westminster, the second session follows on Tuesday, June 21.

Join SEVCA's small business counselors Susan Brace and Karen Perlberg to "Get Fiscally Fit for Business Success". The workshop topics will include creating a savings plan with goals, making spending plans/budgets, establishing a banking relationship, getting and managing credit, insurance questions, and the separation of personal and business finances.

These workshops will help prepare aspiring entrepreneurs to ready themselves for creating their own businesses. They will also be of interest to any woman who needs to develop her financial management skills to take care of herself and her family.

To register for the FREE workshops, call Karen at 802-722-4575 ext. 151 or email kperlberg@sevca.org.

The Vermont Women's Business Center is a project of Central Vermont Community Action Council, Inc., funded in part through a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Small Business Administration. Reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities will be made, if requested at least two weeks in advance. The Vermont Women's Business Center is a project of the Central Vermont Community Action Council, Inc. They can be reached at 800-266-4062.

Westminster Cares Opens a Store on eBay – Help us Out!

Starting June 1, Westminster Cares will open an eBay store, called WeCares.

In our new virtual store, we'll sell your donated items and turn them into funds that go toward supporting our community programs.

It's a great way to donate to Westminster Cares and clean out your attic at the same time!

Karen plans to donate a favorite canoe with wicker seats that was paddled many miles on Northeast streams. That's just one example. Some other types of goods that would make great donations to WeCares: items that you believe to be worth \$25 including collectibles, figurines, jewelry, boats, musical equipment or instruments, some sporting goods, flatware, coins and stamps.

So if you have items you feel have a net worth of \$25 or more, please contact Ronnie Friedman at Westminster Cares to find out how to make your donation.

Goods that we can't accept: dishes, computer equipment of any kind, old stereos, televisions, lamps and clothing.

If we collect goods that do not sell on eBay or that turn out to not be what they were purported to be, we plan to sell them at the SEVCA flea market in the fall and use the proceeds for our programs. Items can be dropped off at the Westminster Cares office in the Westminster Motel in the village, or we will probably be able to pick them up. Just call us at 722-3607.

Questions? Give Ronnie a call at 722-3607, or email her at wecares@sover.net.

We thank you very much!

The 2011 Alumni Court listed alphabetically and described in their own words.

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Margaret Bennett:

Hello, my name is Margaret Bennett. My parents are Peter and Jeanne Bennett and we live in Westminster West, Vermont. While at Bellows Falls Union High School, I have participated in sports such as soccer and tennis, and was the girls' basketball manager. In addition, I have been actively involved in my school community by being a member of Student Council and a Class Officer. Outside of school, I am a respite care worker for a lady with Alzheimer's. In the fall, I will be attending Simmons College in Boston to further my education and study to become a nurse.

Megan LaBeau:

My name is Megan LaBeau. My parents are Jerry and Nancy LaBeau. I live with my mother Nancy and brother Michael in Bellows Falls. I have played Field Hockey, Basketball and Softball all four years I have attended Bellows Falls Union High School. I will be attending Castleton State College, majoring in Early Education.

Courtney Parker:

My name is Courtney Parker. My parents are Richard and Brina Parker and we live in Bellows Falls. While attending Bellows Falls Union High School I have been involved in Student Council, Big Brothers Big Sisters, The New Era, Green-Up Day, Girls Varsity Soccer, Yearbook Committee, Prom Committee, and Homecoming Committee. I held the offices of Class President and Student Council Historian. I also worked at Dari Joy. I will be attending Fisher College to study Human Services & Psychology as well as to play soccer.

Ruth Rowell:

My Name is Ruth Rowell, my parents are Laurie and Brian Rowell, and I have lived in Saxtons River, Vermont with my two sisters and parents for 17 years. At Bellows Falls Union High School I have been involved in tennis and field hockey for four years, as well as prom committee and yearbook committee. Once I graduate I am looking forward to attending the University of Vermont, majoring in Business Administration.

Amber Strickland:

My name is Amber Strickland. My mother's name is Robin Novasel, and we live in Chester. While attending Bellows Falls Union High School I have been involved in Student Council, SADD, and Soccer. I enjoy traveling, reading, and learning new things. After I graduate I'm hoping to join Americorps.

Important June Dates: Westminster School

June 1 – Planting Day

June 9 – Success Night & 6th grade graduation, Center School

June 10 – Field Day (Friday afternoon)

June 14 – West School Success Night

June 16 – Last student day

Elementary School Concert

It was a hot and sweaty night, but siblings, grandparents, moms and dads were swept away by terrific music in the Center School Gym. The program on May 26th began with thanks to the many volunteers who help out at our schools all year long. Special recognition went to Molly Banik, our Volunteer of the Year. She has been a room parent, helped start up our parent/teacher group T.E.A.M., served on the West School study committee and is now a member of the School Board!

The concert brought together classic standards, from Singin' in the Rain and Rockin' Robin to current hits, like Green and Don't Stop Believin' – with classic rock by the trio, Fido, and the Westminsterstrels. Kids were dancin' in the aisles! Vocal soloists shone, and the new school band gave us variations on The Ode to Joy and Hot Cross Buns. Congratulations to Music Director, Ashley Paine, for closing out her first year in Westminster with a fabulous show. Thanks also to Coleen Grout for stage design and props, Michael McConnell for sound work, and many others who helped make the night a success.



Kurn Hattin Holds Spring Open House

Westminster –Windham County Retired Teachers, the National Society of New England Women Abigail Adams Colony and the Newbury, Vermont Women's Fellowship attended Kurn Hattin Home's Spring Open House on Monday, May 2nd. The guests were treated to a luncheon, a performance by the Select Choir and Jazz Ensemble and a tour of the campus. "The best way to really know the good work of Kurn Hattin is to see it in person. The children are so happy," remarked Marion Chamberlin of Newbury.

Kurn Hattin Homes is a residential, year-round, charitable home and school for in-need and at-risk children, ages 6-15, from throughout the Northeast.

Virginia "Gini" Coursen to be 2011 Grand Marshal

Each year the Bellows Falls Alumni Association honors a member of the community by asking them to preside over the weekend festivities as Grand Marshal. Typically the person is chosen because of his or her lifelong service to our community. This year the Bellows Falls Alumni Association has chosen Gini Coursen as Grand Marshal for the 2011 Alumni Weekend.

Gini has a long history of service to the youth of our community. She was involved with the little league program for almost 2 decades where she held the office of Vice President. She is currently involved with Windham County Reads, an organization which is dedicated to bringing families and books together and inspiring people of all ages to become lifelong readers.

Mrs. Coursen has also been involved with the BFUHS Booster Club since 1976 and was recently honored for her many years of service to that organization. The Booster Club serves to recognize and promote both athletic and academic excellence at BFUHS.

Gini may not be an alumna of Bellows Falls High School but that has never deterred her from making a huge contribution to the school, the students and the community at large. When discussing her contributions to the community with Alumni Association President, Stacy MacIntyre, Gini stated the following: "I happen to think that the best thing in my life are my children, Andrew class of '80, Michele class of '82, Scott class of '84, and Joshua class of '89."

Art in the Garden

Westminster Cares celebrates 10th Annual Garden Tour, June 25 & 26. Westminster Cares will hold its 10th Annual Garden Tour Saturday, June 25; 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Sunday, June 26, noon to 3 p.m.

The garden of nationally recognized garden designer, writer and lecturer, Gordon Hayward, and his wife Mary, will be featured in the event. Four other beautiful Westminster gardens will also be on the tour, those of Cyndy Fine, Judy Hawkins, Vanessa and David Stern, and Chuck Ginnever.

To celebrate the garden tour's tenth anniversary this year, each showcased garden will highlight the work of one of these local artists:

- Mary Hayward, watercolors
- Steven Procter, pottery
- Joe Fichter, sculptures
- Chuck Ginnever, sculptures
- Mark Ragonese, sculptures and furniture

Lunch is available, catered by Entera Artisan Catering – Tristan Toleno, chef – Saturday and Sunday at the Hayward Garden.

Local musicians will provide music throughout the weekend event.

Tickets to the tour cost \$15 per person or \$25 for two. Tickets, directions, and maps to the gardens will be at the Westminster Institute on Route 5, Westminster, and at the Hayward Gardens in Westminster West on the day of the tour.

Michaela Medina of The Gardeners Eden will speak at a reception at the garden of Vanessa and David Stern, at 7 p.m. Friday, June 24, to kick off the Art in the Garden Tour. A guided hike from Bellows Falls Union High School to the Sterns' garden on Bald Hill in Westminster is an option before the reception. Donations are requested for admission to the reception.

Medina designs and consults on gardens and landscapes (www.thegardenerseden.com).

She designed and is installing the Sculpture Garden at the Brattleboro Museum and Art Center in Brattleboro, Vt. The garden includes permanent sculpture by noted three-dimensional artists Dan Snow and Jim Cole. As Michaela Harlow, Medina is also a nationally exhibiting artist (www.michaela-harlow.com).

Well-known local artists Judy Hawkins

And Jeannette Staley graciously donated two of their paintings to a raffle to benefit Westminster Cares. Raffle tickets are \$5 each or five for \$20. They will be sold at registration tables and throughout the tour on event days. Tickets are also available now from Westminster Cares. First, second and third prizes will be drawn on Sunday; no need to be present to win.

Proceeds from the tour support the services and programs of Westminster Cares, a volunteer organization whose purpose is to create opportunities for seniors and disabled adults to live with independence and dignity in the community.

For more information on the tour, check our website: www.westminster-cares.org;

E-mail, wecares@sover.net; or call, 802-722-3607.

Westminster resident Kathy Lisai has begun an open group on facebook called "Growing up in Westminster" and invites all who want to reminisce about old times, fine old friends, post pictures, and generally talk about Westminster to check it out and see what you think.

We think "Nice job Kathy, keeping the story and memory sharing going."

EMERALD ASH BORER

By Babs Lynde, a Vermont Master Gardener

Ok, you're driving along the roads in town, minding your own business, looking at the beautiful scenery of Westminster, when all of a sudden you spot this large purple triangular box nearly two feet long hanging from the branch of a tree. There's a little white sticker on the face of it that says "DO NOT DISTURB," and the box looks shiny or sticky. You might think it's a bat box or a lost box-type kite, but you would be wrong!

The Vermont Agency of Agriculture is setting out hundreds of these corrugated plastic boxes on the branches of ash trees as a means of finding out whether or not the Emerald Ash Borer is present in the area, and if so, how prevalent. The "EAB," as it is generally known, is a bright green, iridescent beetle which bores through ash trees during its larva stage. Because this insect has destroyed thousands of ash trees in the Midwest regions since 2002, Vermont has been diligently watching for signs by setting out these bait traps. These purple boxes are baited with oil that comes from the Manuka tree, a New Zealand native known for its oil and tasty tea, and covered then with a very sticky substance which will hold the insect tightly to the trap. The oil is a very alluring scent to the EAB, so hopefully the beetle will be attracted to the trap before the ash tree that it hangs from.

The primary purpose of the traps is to see if any EABs are in the area where the boxes are hanging, not to collect all possible beetles, so if you see one of these bright purple boxes hanging from a tree or if it has fallen to the ground, the Agency of Agriculture asks that you please leave the box where you found it and call the USDA toll-free at 866-322-4512 or Vermont Agency of Agriculture at 802-828-2430. The traps will be left hanging until September. You may also find additional information about these traps at the following USDA website: http://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant_health/plant_pest_info/emerald_ash_b/downloads/PurpleTrapQandA2011.pdf or simply use a search engine and type in "purple traps for emerald ash borer."

The adult beetle is about the size of a penny and is an invasive species that is native to China and eastern Asia. It is believed that these beetles came to our shores inadvertently, as most invasives do, by infested nursery stock, firewood or some other unprocessed ash product. The adults are usually present from mid

2011 KURN HATTIN SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS

Westminster, VT– It's not too early to starting planning for your children's summer sports camps. The Kurn Hattin Summer Sports Camp provides your child with a variety of learning experiences and places an emphasis on high quality individual and small group instruction. Our philosophy is learning by doing. Trained instructors from a variety of backgrounds will instruct in all facets of basic skills and strategies. Staff evaluation through observation and constructive feedback will aid the campers in development of the target skills. The camp schedule is as follows.

Girls Softball Camp–Ages 11-14

Camp Director: Sara Frantz June 27-July 1 9:00-noon
Cost: \$70

Girls Basketball Camp–Ages 11-14

Camp Director: Tom Fahner July 11-15 9:00-noon
Cost \$70

COED Basketball Camp–Ages 8-10

Camp Director: Sara Frantz July 18-22 9:00-noon
Cost: \$70

Boys Basketball Camp–Ages 11-14

Swimming and lunch included. July 25-29 9:00-3:30 p.m.
Cost: \$125
Camp Director: Jarrod James

COED Soccer Camp–Ages 11-14

Camp Director: Dean Kinville August 8-12 9:00-noon
Cost: \$70

For additional information, a camp brochure or to register, contact Tom Fahner at (802) 721-6918.

Survey Data from Town Planning Survey 5/20/11 (from Westminster Planning Commission)

If online survey not practical due to dialup service, please request a paper survey (Town Hall 722-4255). It will cost only 64 cents to mail it back to Town, PO Box 147.

The Planning Commission thanks the 27 residents who have submitted their survey responses for the Town Plan Review of 2011. See details of the survey data to date on the Town website. Some interesting trends are listed below. Residents can submit their survey responses online or request a paper copy of the survey. It seems that having only dialup service discourages online submissions of this survey. The Planning Commission is exploring the cost of printing the survey in an issue of the Westminster Gazette.

Total of 27 surveys submitted, 80% over 45 years old. Employed in Vermont but outside Westminster: 44%. Support both commercial and residential development: 70%. Quality of life is extremely important: 60%. Internet access and cell phone coverage is a problem: 70%. Recommend single-family homes: 92%. Multi-family homes recommended/not recommended: 50/50 even split; low/moderate income homes recommended: 73%; elderly housing recommended: 83%. Rental units not recommended: 52%. Light industry recommended: 79%. Heavy manufacturing not recommended: 65%. Tourism-related business recommended: 96%. Development Review Board should consider the impact of a development project on adjacent properties and the natural environment: 92%. Groundwater pollution is a problem: 55%. Destruction of natural/wildlife areas is a problem: 70%. Feel that zoning ordinances are too restrictive: 48%. Bicycle lanes and sidewalks or walkways need improvement: 66%. Public transportation needs improvement 38%. Will support for public transportation increase with increase in gas prices? Access to natural gas not needed: 52%. Find more details of survey results date on the Town website. Submit your survey responses soon!

May to late July and feed on the ash leaves, leaving them irregular with jagged edges. Their life span as a beetle is short, only 3 weeks, but during this time period, a female can lay between 30 to 60 eggs, although there have been a few cases where a female has laid nearly 200! The eggs are deposited individually under the bark or in crevices, and the eggs hatch 7 to 10 days later. Once hatched, the larvae will chew through the bark and into the tree where it taps into the sapwood, the lifeblood of the tree. The larvae will pupate and change to new adults that emerged from the tree in late April or early May from a D-shaped exit hole about 3 or 4 mm in diameter. If enough larvae have had the chance to feast on any given ash, the tree will eventually die.

Would you like more information concerning the Emerald Ash Borer? 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.



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Part Two:
Hospice Care

Last month I wrote about my husband's failing health and how we cared for him at home. It had always been our wish to make his life as normal as possible. We found we had very caring neighbors and friends, and some people we didn't even know. Truly, the cards, calls, food and concern helped to lift our spirits as we went through the process of dying.

The nurses from the Visiting Nurses Association were always helpful. But it became apparent that no one person could give this much care, particularly an elderly spouse or someone with their own health issues. Local services—Meals-on-Wheels, equipment loans, the Westminster Cares nurse and Westminster Fire and Rescue—were all involved and we really needed them. Our daughter and her husband came over to help out. We were thankful for the frequent visits from clergy and friends.

On one visit the nurse called 911 because my husband was very weak and dehydrated. He ended up in the hospital for a week with pneumonia. When it was time to come home, he needed a hospital bed, a Hoyer lift for transferring in and out of bed and oxygen. How all of these items fit into the bedroom was a puzzle. We had to keep a sense of humor; my husband was always pleasant and thanked everyone for all they did.

Eventually, the hospital discharge planner and doctor talked to us about hospice care. This was a very difficult decision because it was admitting that we were heading toward the end of life.

Hospice was on call 24/7. The calming, helpful nurses came every day. The hospice doctor talked to us at length about the pain medications that we would be using. A counselor came to talk to us about end of life wishes and concerns. They were all caring and compassionate. Twice a hospice volunteer sat with my husband, although I was too nervous to leave him. I thought he might be frightened, alone with a stranger with no family around in case of an emergency.

We decorated the room for Christmas, with soft lights and music in the bedroom. It was very pleasant despite the wheelchair, lift, oxygen tank and hospital bed. Between our caregiver, daughter, son, son-in-law and me, we shared round-the-clock care.

It was a difficult six months, mainly because things kept changing so quickly, but hospice gave us lots of information so we could help my husband and know what to expect as his body shut down. We made his end of life the best we could. Hospice came right away when we called, and stayed to pronounce his passing. Hospice also sent a counselor the next day.

I am thankful that he could be at home. However, it is all-consuming, tiring and takes many helping hands—impossible for many families. Without Medicare, it would also have depleted our savings.

This will give you an idea of approximate costs:

Private pay - Private care and Adult Day Care	\$17,000
Private pay - equipment	1,700
Medicare -VNA/Hospice	20,297
Medicare - Hospital	8,942
Medicare - Ambulance	1,000
Medicare - Doctor and Lab work	2,822
Total	\$51,751

"Old age ain't no place for sissies," Bette Davis said. Well, sissies or not, we're all headed for that place. And the better we know the geography, the easier it will be to navigate.

"Aged in Vermont" is a monthly article on aging issues, organized by Westminster Cares. We're asking local professionals and residents with an interest in these issues to write them.

The articles are not just reading material for the "aged." Young, old and middle-aged readers — anyone with an elderly parent, relative or friend, or who just wants to learn about these important issues that affect us all — is invited to take a look. Remember: "It's not how old you are; it's how you are old."

We address such topics as losing a pet, sleeping problems, supplements, advanced directives and creativity. We explore questions such as should I move to town? and decision making: whose life is this anyway?

Ideas for future columns? Would you like to write one? We'd like to hear from you. Email Ronnie Friedman at wecares@sover.net.

WESTMINSTER CARES, INC.

The Westminster Cares, Inc. Board of Directors met on May 4th and June 1st 2011. 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 friends.

The 10th annual Garden Tour is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday June 25th & 26th. For more information call the office of Westminster Cares at 802-722-3607.

Services provided: Meals on Wheels – 14 people are receiving meals 5 days a week.

Transportation: 24 rides for 10 different people by 8 volunteers for a total of 360 miles; Visiting – volunteers visiting three people; Nursing program – 15 hours; 24 visits to 8 different homes plus a blood pressure clinic. Equipment loans – several pieces loaned including odds and ends of walkers and commodes. We have also received donations of many pieces of equipment. Thanks to all those who think to donate their equipment to Westminster Cares.

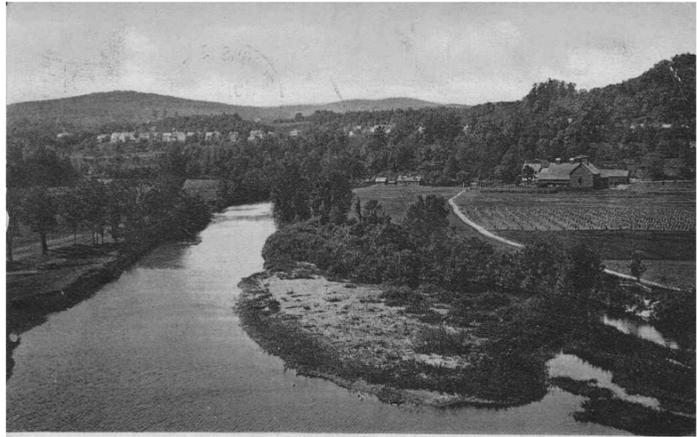
Meetings attended by the director in May: bookkeeper, Gazette, art program, Putney Cares, development director, and garden tour.

Programs in May: 2 Secrets of Healthy Aging session, 5 Yoga classes, 20 Strength Training classes held, 4 Artist in Each of Us classes, Healthy Food Workshop- 14 people attended "Making the most of Food Dollars".

Anyone interested in learning more about Westminster Cares, volunteering to deliver meals on wheels or driving neighbors to doctor appointments, 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. Equipment available: Wheel chair, walkers, hospital bed, commodes, shower chairs, etc.

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.

WESTMINSTER MYSTERY PHOTO



Where was this farm located, and how is it being used now?

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 winners will be announced in the next issue.

May Answer: On Page (2)

May Winners: Ray Stetson, Christian Blake, Becky Noyes, Reg Cote, Artie Aiken, Shel Beebe and Vanessa Schoonover, Peggy and Dirk Jager.

If you have pictures you think would make a great mystery photo stop by the town office and see Babs Lynde.

We are in search of pictures.

News from Westminster Volunteer Fire and Rescue

The Westminster Fire & Rescue Department holds their monthly meetings at 7:00 PM on the 1st Tuesday of every month and a combined drill on the 3rd Tuesday of every month. Rescue training is the 2nd Tuesday of the month.

Next association meeting June 7th at 7:00 PM

The Prudential Committee meets twice a month on the first and third Monday after the first Tuesday at 7:00 PM

June meetings: June 13th & 27rd

Number of calls in April: 29

Number of man hours spent: 12,391

Number of calls through May 31st: 23

Number of man hours spent: 6,192

Number of calls calendar year to Date: 172

Number of calls fiscal year to date: 380

Swimming Safety and Thunder Storms:

Now that summer weather is finally getting close, caution is urged for those swimming in pools, lakes and brooks. It is recommended that if you hear thunder you should vacate the pool for 30 minutes after the last clap of thunder. There is a rule of thumb for figuring how far away a storm is. If you see lightning, every second before you hear thunder is a mile. For example, if you see lightning and can count 5 seconds before you hear the thunder, the storm is 5 miles away. Also, be sure to have a good supply of life preservers on hand and "swimmies" for the little people. Watch for hazards such as low water, slippery decks and rocks. Be extra careful when diving to insure the water is deep enough and there is nothing in the water that could cause injury. Never swim alone and be sure there is ample supervision at all times, especially when little children are around.

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. And watch out for bees. Nests are apt to be made in an idle grill and could be a big and unsuspected surprise when the cover is removed.

Association Meeting: The Westminster Fire and Rescue Association met for their regular meeting May 3rd with 32 members present and 4 members excused. Currently there are 41 members of the volunteer fire department. The deputy chiefs were voted in for another year. Mark Lund, first deputy chief and Real Bazin second deputy chief. Candidates for Captains and Lieutenants must apply in May and be voted on in June. The association officers and trustees will be voted on at the annual meeting on June 7th. All positions of officers and trustees are up for reelection in June. The officers are always elected for a one year term and the trustees have one person for each of the one, two and three year terms.

Longevity pins and certificates were handed out at the meeting recognizing members at 5 year intervals for "dedicated service". This year's awards were presented to the following:

Five Years: Association Secretary/ Treasurer Pete Harrison and Association Vice President Kevin Shrader

Twenty Years: Fiddle Cote, Bill Muzzey, Rescue Lieutenant Jon Parker, Captain Tim Wilder, and 1st Deputy Chief Mark Lund

Twenty Five Years: Gary Cobb and Fire Chief Cole Streeter

Thirty Years: Tony Coven, Fire Warden Pat Haas and Association President Greg Holton

Friday May 20th heavy rains caused major washouts to Bemis Hill, Our Rd. and Arnof Rd. Round the clock work by the Westminster Road crew under the direction of Mark Lund plus several members of the volunteer fire department restored the roads to passable conditions by Monday. Studebaker: The 2nd Sunday of each month has been designated as Studebaker restoration work day. Gradually, the old fire truck will get restored.

THANK YOU: Chief Streeter praised the members of the department for their good work and loyalty during another busy month. Turnout was strong despite the bad weather and challenging conditions.

The Westminster Fire & Rescue Association welcomes donations throughout the year from anyone wishing to remember a loved one or a friend.

We are always looking for new members: 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, an engine and a rescue vehicle located in Westminster West and more help is needed to utilize that equipment during calls.

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

The Westminster Fire and Rescue Association, Inc. operates independently from Westminster Fire District #3

WESTMINSTER HAPPENINGS

Activities

Scottish Country Dance

Classes

Every Wednesday @ 7:30pm in the Westminster Center School Gym. Bernard McGrath, 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. @ 12:00 pm. All Westminster seniors are invited to attend. Join us at the First Congregational Church on Route 5

Bellows Falls GalleryWalk

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

Secrets of Healthy Aging

A facilitated discussion group and potluck. The 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month at the Westminster Fire Station at 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. Call Westminster Cares at 722-3607 for more information

Contra Dance

Every 3rd Saturday of month at 7:30 pm @ 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 Strong Classes

Mondays & Thursdays @The First Congregational Church in Westminster

9:00 to 10:00 am

@The Westminster West

Church 6:00 to 7:00 pm.

Call Westminster Cares

for more Information:

722-3607.

Knitting Together

Every Wednesday from 1-3 p.m. at the Saxtons River Inn. For more information or if you would like to donate yarn please contact Caroline at (802)463-4653.

Westminster Center School Success

Night/6th grade graduation is Thursday June 9th. West School Success Night is Tuesday, June 14th, and the last student day for all Westminster Schools is Thursday, June 16th.

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Westminster Volunteer Positions Available

The Westminster Selectboard is seeking persons to fill the following positions:

Planning Commission: 1 position available

The Planning Commission meets the second Monday of every month. Term is for 3 years.

Development Review Board: 1 alternate position available.

The DRB meets the first Monday of the month.

Term is for 1 year.

Energy Coordinator: 1 year position

Friends of the Westminster West Town Hall: 1 position available

Term is for 1 year.

Recycling Committee: 1 position available

Term is for 1 year.

If you are interested in applying for any of these positions, please write or email your response to Sonia Alexander, P.O. Box 147, Westminster VT 05158, or email westmin@sover.net

Faith Community

The First Congregational Church of Westminster

United Church of Christ

The Rev. Sami Jones McRae, Pastor

Main Street, Route 5, P.O. Box 122, 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 as well as a handicapped bathroom. Westminster First Congregational is an Open and Affirming church, all are welcome.

The Congregational Church of Westminster West (UCC Church)

Sunday Worship is at 10:00am. 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 9:00am. Fully Wheelchair accessible.

Open and Affirming 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

Safe Disposal for Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)

It's time to dispose of your unused or left over home improvement and car care products, like paints, stains, antifreeze, and old gasoline. Or garden goodies such as insect sprays, pesticides, and fungicides. And don't forget the pool chemicals, mothballs, and protective pet products. These products require special care when they're disposed and Windham Solid Waste Management District (WSWMD) is providing that care. Household hazardous waste days are a great way to clean out all the products in your home that contain potentially hazardous ingredients!

How do you know if it's a hazardous product? The labels disclose warning words such as "caution", "hazard", "flammable", and "corrosive". Practically every home contains hazardous products that can harm you or your environment. The first step in ridding your cupboards and shelves of these products that should not be thrown in your household trash, is to identify them. Then safely store them until your community announces a household hazardous waste collection.

On Saturday June 18, WSWMD will be at the Putney Fire Station from 9A - 1:30P, and on July 16 (9A - 1:30P) at the Townshend Town Barn to collect HHW from all residents of WSWMD communities. This collection is not for businesses, municipalities, or schools. We can only accept hazardous products used at home. All WSWMD community residents are invited to both collections. There is a \$2/gallon fee if a household brings more than 10 gallons of HHW. Less than 10 gallons of HHW is free of charge (except for fluorescent light bulbs and latex paint).

If you can't make the June and July collections, then store your waste safely until the annual collection that is always held on the first Saturday in November. WSWMD also accepts some hazardous products on a daily basis at their Convenience Center on Old Ferry Rd. ("the old dump"). These products are: oil based paints, polyurethanes, stains, used motor oil (uncontaminated), oil filters, mercury containing devices (fluorescent light bulbs, thermostats, etc.), aerosols, non-alkaline and rechargeable batteries.

Please refrain from putting your hazardous waste in glass containers. All items should have a lid that is screwed tight or taped. We will NOT accept empty containers, non-household hazardous waste, narcotics, radioactive wastes, ammunition, explosives, and asbestos.

Hazardous products cause problems in both their use and disposal. They can pose health risks during use and if the unwanted portions of these products go down the drain, into the trash, or get burned, they threaten the environment. Sometimes the only difference between industrial hazardous waste and household hazardous wastes are the quantities used in the product. For example, the industrial solvent methylene chloride is sometimes used in oven cleaners but is regulated when used as a pesticide in larger quantities.

For more information, a list of hazardous household products, fees, and details on latex paint, go to windhamsolidwaste.org or call us at 257-0272.

Meetings

Selectboard 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 7:00 pm in the Town Hall.

Planning and Development Commission 2nd Monday at 7:00 pm in the Town Hall.

Westminster Activities Commission

2nd Monday of the Month at 6:00 pm at the Westminster Institute.

Westminster School Board

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

Windmill Hill Pinnacle Association

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

Westminster West Public Library Board

2nd Monday at 7:00 pm at the Westminster West Public Library

Development Review Board 1st Monday of each month at 7:00 pm. at the Town Hall

Community Improvement Program Committee

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

Westminster Cares Board 1st Wednesday of every month, at the Westminster Fire Station at 4:00 pm.

Westminster Institute Board NEXT MEETING FOR WESTMINSTER INSTITUTE: Thursday, May 5 @ 7:00 pm. at the Institute.

911 Committee as needed.

The Westminster Fire & Rescue Dept holds their monthly meetings on the 1st Tuesday of every month, @ 7:00 pm and a combined drill on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at the Westminster Fire Station.

Westminster Historical Society

2nd Tuesday at 7:00 pm at the Westminster Institute.

Westminster Gazette Meeting

Thursday, June 23rd at the Westminster Cares Office

Westminster Recycling Committee

Every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm at the

The Deadline for The July 2011, Issue of the Westminster Gazette is Wednesday, June 29th by 5:00pm

*** Please note the deadline date has been changed to the last Wednesday of the month**

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It is a pleasure to announce that Kristen Lawlor has been chosen the Bellows Falls Union High School Elks Student of the Month for April. Kristen, a senior, is the daughter of Betsy Mercier of Walpole, NH and Jeffrey Lawlor of Bellows Falls

As a student who excels in her classes and turns in high quality work, it is clear that Kristen is interested in her education. Her attentiveness, participation, and over-all work ethic in her classes clearly demonstrate a well developed student who is ready for college.

Mr. Divis, Social Studies teacher at BFUHS, commends Kristen for the work she has done in Senior Seminar this semester stating, "Kristen goes above and beyond in creating excellent Public Service Announcements on topics ranging from same-sex marriage to hate crimes, and contributes well in class through questions and class discussions. In a class that depends on class participation and students listening to other points of view, Kristen excels in looking at all sides of a situation and to others' views in a respectful way. She is doing exemplary work in this class and I have been very impressed with her work ethic and ability so far this semester."

Her positive, optimistic attitude about life in general and definitely about school is refreshing. It is clear that she enjoys learning and thinking critically about issues that involve her community and the world. Her smile and attitude help make school more of a welcoming atmosphere, and a better overall environment. Kirsten is respectful and mature, and her attitude positively influences those around her, which is greatly appreciated.

The BFUHS Student of the Month Committee appreciates the time Kristen has put into making BFUHS a better place. Clearly a talented art student, her willingness to participate in various art shows, to help the band and to help the drama club are appreciated. She is dedicated to her community service projects and her help with the youth dances at the Moose is appreciated as well. Congratulations go to Kristen. BFUHS is proud to have her represent us with this award.



It is a pleasure to announce that Stewart Shaughnessy has been named the Bellows Falls Union High School Elks Student of the Month for May. Stewart, a sophomore, is the son of Donny and Stacey Shaughnessy of Bellows Falls.

Stewart works hard in all aspects of school. He's conscientious, responsible and is eager to improve his skills. His assignments show attention to detail, logical thought and good insight. As a sophomore, he has shown academic growth and maturity and he has consistently been on the honor roll.

Always positive and friendly, Stewart goes out of his way to help. He listens to people with an open mind, encourages people in all aspects of life and just tries to make people's days better. He is friendly to all, has a wide variety of friends and is well liked by his peers and the faculty at BFUHS. His positive attitude makes him a good role model. Stewart finds good in every situation and is a genuinely good person.

Stewart is a member of student council and works hard to make BFUHS a better place. He is involved in the sports program and shows up and gives 100% at practices,

and during games working hard on the field and supporting his teammates from the side lines. He has been active in class activities as well. Not only active at BFUHS, Stewart is well known in the community as a young man who goes out of his way to help others. Congratulations, Stewart. BFUHS is proud to have you represent us with this award.

"Important News About 3SquaresVT!"

3SquaresVT (formerly Food Stamps) is Vermont's Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program -- a nutrition program designed to help you stay healthy by allowing you to spend more money on healthy, nutritious food. 3SquaresVT can help you make ends meet -- especially in this challenging economy! It can help you stretch your food budget and put three square meals a day on your table, at the same time freeing up money for other living expenses. If you are eligible for 3SquaresVT, your children are eligible for free school lunches. If you are elderly or disabled, special rules make it easier to qualify. If you are an eligible senior, you can get your benefit directly deposited as cash right into your bank account.

*New rules make it easier to qualify. You can get 3SquaresVT even if you have a savings account or own your own home. Don't assume that you earn too much to qualify. You may be eligible for 3SquaresVT even if you were turned down for Food Stamps in the past.

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*3SquaresVT helps Vermont. 3SquaresVT benefits are all federal dollars, so by applying you are bringing money into the state. Also, shopping locally or buying local products is a way to support your community and your local farmers. *Apply today! Call Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA) at (800) 464-9951 and ask for a 3SquaresVT application or set up an appointment for help filling out an application.

SEVCA is a non-profit organization designated by state and federal officials to address the full range of needs of low-income residents of Windham and Windsor counties. SEVCA's Family Services Program provides help for families and individuals in crisis through programs that offer financial assistance, case management, service linkage, and advocacy to low-income households facing lack of food, heat, eviction, foreclosure, illness, vehicle breakdown, and other emergencies."

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High Expectations: Westminster Sixth Grade Heads for College

Making important educational decisions begins well before senior year. High Expectations, a project created by Westminster School's principal Steve Tullar, is designed to help students and families start to think about their educational futures.

As part of this program, Westminster sixth graders have visited Castleton State College. They have also had middle school representatives visit Westminster Center to talk about their middle school options.

In April, students visited Vermont Technological College (VTC). The day began with a campus tour, followed by an official welcome from Admissions officer, Nate Ball, to learn what it takes to get into college. They ate lunch in Morey Dining Hall where students met a former Westminster sixth grader, now a VTC student. After lunch the group went to class in a greenhouse to learn about using insects as a natural means to keep harmful insects from damaging plants, and to a technical drawing class, where they drew their hands without looking at what they were drawing. The day on campus ended with a choice of playing racquetball or swimming in the pool.

Donna Sheehan, mother of Brodie, was on the trip. Speaking about her own children she said, "I

want them to have every opportunity that they can have in life. If you want to do anything in life, if you want to get ahead, you need to go to school, that is the bottom line."

These college visits help young students to picture themselves on a college campus and learn what they are looking for in a school. Sheehan added, "Being here today with my son has been a great experience I wish I had this opportunity, I wish the schools had done something like this when I was younger."

In just a few days, Donna's son Brodie will be among the 29 Westminster sixth grade graduates headed to a new school.

For many students, selecting what school to attend only happens after high school. Westminster however is one of 90 Vermont towns with no middle school of its own. Families may choose where to send their children. Brodie, has made his middle school choice, one that his family sees as the best fit.

"It is our goal that High Expectations will give Westminster students and their families the tools to make informed educational decisions for middle school and beyond. Having this experience now is practice for the process students and their families go through senior year," says principal Steve Tullar.

Westminster's High Expectations Project is expected to continue with next year's sixth grade.



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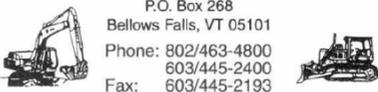
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Business of the Month Harlow's Farmstand

We're picking our own strawberries now, and soon will have beet greens. Most of the local produce we sell comes from Harlow Farm, certified organic since 1985. We also sell vegetables, fruit, dairy, cheese, bread, maple syrup, and honey from local and Vermont farms: Old Athens Farm, Deep Meadow Farm, High Meadow Farm, Boggy Meadow, Orchard Hill, Walpole Creamery, West River Creamery, Strafford Organic Creamery and Butterworks.

We sell beef and pork, including nitrate-free ham and bacon, and poultry from Harlow Farm. Fresh chickens will be ready July 1, and Hannah's Hens are laying eggs like there's no tomorrow.

The bedding plant season is well underway—chance of frost long gone! There are still plenty of annuals, perennials and herbs. Later this summer, we'll have jams, jellies, chutneys and other preserves from the farm kitchen, new this year on the farm.

Our 60-kilowatt solar panel array has been in operation since October, and Paul reports it's working well. Power from the solar panels will offset the electricity we use to run the farm, including housing.

Café Loco is open from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday. Stop in and welcome Michael back from Florida.

Harlow Farm is open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. Call 802-722-3515 or find us at <http://www.harlowfarm.com/>

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Saxton River Art Guild Free Show

The artists of the Saxtons River art Guild, under the auspices of Westminister Cares, will hold an art show Saturday and Sunday, June 25 and 26th, at the Westminister Institute, from 9:30 am till 3:00 pm.

We will be in conjunction with the Westminister Garden Tour, but will be a FREE exhibit inside the institute. Many highly skilled artist will be on display with a wide variety of their art to be on sale, with the Westminister Cares organization to receive 10% of the sales.

The public is invited to the Free Art exhibit inside the institute. Please come inside and enjoy the colorful art, and visit with all the artists..



A great time was had by **All Westminister Center School Students** on June 1 when each grade planted a crop to harvest in the fall. Many thanks to the Harlow family, the Allen family and to Mike Collins for their help.

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We want to meet you.

BFUHS Class Night and Graduation June 15th & 16th, 2011

The Bellows Falls Union High School will be holding our annual Class Night on Wednesday, June 15, 2011 at 7:00 pm in the BFUHS Auditorium. The Bellows Falls Union High School Graduation ceremony will be held on Thursday June 16, 2011 at 6:30 pm.

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