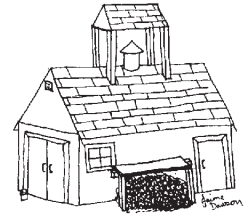


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## Troy Revis: Return of a Soldier

BY GALEN

His face was solemn, the 131<sup>st</sup> Engineers badge stitched into the back of his leather biker vest, the images in him forever, scarring memories he'll never forget, and yet he still gave a smile like he had never left home. "I was just glad I could go over there and do the job...and come back," said Mr. Revis in an interview only one week after his return from Iraq.

On the 29<sup>th</sup> of September 2006, Troy Revis was deployed as a Vermont National Guard to Iraq, sent to serve a year there in the 131<sup>st</sup> Engineers. The group of National Guard soldiers deployed from Vermont consisted of 80 men and woman, all of whom left and returned alive.

Mr. Revis was in the Navy for 10 years from 1984 to 1994, serving on active duty; he left it in order to move to Vermont with his wife, Alice, and start a family. But in 1995 he joined the Vermont National Guard. Drawn in by the involvement with the community and state that the Guard provided, he has stayed with the guard until this day. In total, Troy Revis has served 22 years of active duty for the United States, and will continue to serve.

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This was Mr. Revis' job in Iraq. Almost every morning he would wake up knowing today was another day, a chance at death, a chance at survival, and he would take himself out of bed and prepare for the day. In these situations one needs to try and stay as light-hearted as possible, and to me it appeared that Mr. Revis did impressively well in this category. "One of the first things I did when I was getting the vehicle ready was to tape Bart to the dash." Bart Simpson became his mascot, something light and cheerful in the midst of all the

tension. Mr. Revis also explained that, "I had a little saying every day before we rolled out of the motor pool: *eat my shorts*, and blow the air horn 3 times." When I asked him if there was a reason for this, he responded, "No, no there wasn't no reason, just something I did." Most often a patrol of five vehicles would head out at night searching for the I.E.Ds, artillery rounds set off by nearby insurgents, using pressure wire or radio devices to transfer the signal and charge. Once the I.E.Ds were spotted, the area would be secured, the drivers of the Buffalos would then shut the lights off and use night vision while waiting for the tech team to come in and defuse or blow



**Troy and Dan Revis, on safe ground**

up the I.E.D. When the explosives weren't spotted, it was a different story. They could go off beside you, under you, or on another Buffalo. "I trusted the equipment I was in, and I trusted the men I was with," he explained, but after asking him what it was like to be there in those situations he stated quite simply,

"It was scary, Galen, it was."

Mr. Revis stayed at the Forward Operating Base on the outskirts of Baghdad near the international airport, spending lots of his free time in the gym, and with the M.W.R. (Moral Welfare and Recreation Department). While there, he served beside men and women from Arkansas and Indi-

ana's National Guard. The 131<sup>st</sup> Engineers consisted of 185 soldiers, but Revis' platoon had only 30. His group all liked each other, and tended to get along well; "Oh yeah, there was a good amount of camaraderie, we all got along real good."

After almost a year and a half, Revis flew into Kuwait; it was hot, dusty, and unpleasant, but it was the first step of his trip home. He had left Iraq for good. "When I saw my wife and son in Burlington, I knew I was home." On Revis' trip from the Burlington airport to Guilford he passed many signs welcoming him back, put up by his wife and friends. In Guilford he was greeted by a crowd holding signs and flags for him. In our interview I asked him what it was like to be back. "It was great, just to be able to smell fresh air, see green grass."

"It was basically torture, I never wanted him to leave," said Dan, Mr. Revis' son after being asked what it was like the day his dad left for Iraq. "I broke down into tears." For a year and a half Dan, at 12 years old, was left without a father, and Alice was forced to play the role of a mom and dad, while missing her husband all the time. Both Dan and Alice made it through the hard time though, and now Revis is back here and here to stay.

After one week his phone was still off the hook with calls welcoming him home, and people all over town were congratulating him on his return. Although he had only been around for a week, Mr. Revis was starting to recover from Iraq. "It just feels good to be able to get up and do whatever I want to, you know." On October 15 he returned to his job at GCS, only two weeks after his return, but he told me that he felt ready and prepared to start up again.

For Dan, now that his dad's back he's able to do much more. They are now able to start up again the regular bike rides (cont'd on p.9)

## Home Fire Safety

BY DAN STOUGHTON

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As we approach the heating season, it seems appropriate to remind everyone of the importance of fire safety in the home. If you can prevent a fire in your home, it benefits everyone: yourself, your local fire department, and the taxpayers. Basic maintenance and safety habits can eliminate many household fires.

In the last ten years, 4200 people died and 25,000 more were injured annually as a result of fire. These numbers do not include the events of September 11, 2001. Eighty percent of fire deaths occur in residences. In one- and two-family dwellings the majority of fires start in the kitchen, with most apartment fires starting in the bedroom. Nearly ten percent of all residential fires start from the chimney or heating system. Interestingly enough, smoking is still the leading cause of fires resulting in death in the United States. Senior citizens over the age of 65 and children under the age of 5 are at the greatest risk of fire death. The Guilford Fire Department has responded to over 200 incidents in the last twelve months and has interacted with both children and Senior Citizens (and everything in between).

Working smoke detectors on every level of your home and in sleeping areas dramatically increase a person's chance of surviving a fire. If you need assistance in acquiring or installing a smoke detector, please contact the Guilford Fire Department. Heating systems should be serviced and cleaned, including the chimney, at the onset of each heating season. If you use wood heat, you should inspect your chimney often to check for creosote build-up. When removing ashes from your wood stove or fireplace, use only an approved container and dispose of them well clear of any combustibles and as far away from your house as possible.

Kitchen fires are most easily avoided by always attending your cooking. The second best defense is having a working ABC rated fire extinguisher near your kitchen. Don't store combustibles near your cooking or heating devices. Flammable liquids should never be stored in your home; they should be in a garage or shed in an approved fire rated cabinet.

If your children will permit it, close their bedroom doors at night. If there is a fire in your home, the fire and its byproducts will take longer to get into the closed spaces, thus allowing more time to escape. Should you have a fire in your home, it is important that everyone knows what to do. You should be familiar with two ways out of every room in your residence. Have an established meeting place outside the house for everyone to meet, and practice drills so children know where to go. Never re-enter the house for any reason. Call 9-1-1 from a cell phone or from a neighbor's house.

If you take nothing else from this brief overview of fire safety, please

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From the Fire Chief...

A quick announcement....The Guilford Volunteer Fire Department will be holding an Open House on February 16, 2008. There will be more information around Town in the near future. As always, THANK YOU for the support you offer us whenever we ask! -Daniel Stoughton, Fire Chief 254-4413

## Guilford Cares Update

BY RICHARD DAVIS

Guilford Cares has created a few programs over the past few years to help frail and vulnerable Guilford residents remain as independent as possible at home. The rides to medical appointments program is the most labor intensive effort of the organization. Board President Sue Davis coordinates riders and drivers, and there is a need to expand the pool of drivers. Guilford Cares offers mileage reimbursement at the current IRS rate of 48.5 cents per mile. People who need rides should call Sue at 254-2240, preferably 48 hours in advance.

Every effort is made to get people to their appointments, and the more advanced notice provided the better chance of finding drivers. Sue is also the Guilford Cares nurse and she is available to provide assessments, care management and referrals to appropriate agencies. She has developed a collaborative relationship with local health care providers and institutions. There is no charge for this service and services such as blood pressure checks, medication management and blood drawing are available.

Physical therapist Carol Levin has recently begun providing home safety and mobility assessments for homebound Guilford residents who may not be able to have access to these services. There is no charge to Guilford residents. The newest Guilford Cares' program will offer sliding scale subsidies for people who begin subscriptions for Lifeline telephone monitoring services. Jo-Ann Martyn, Guilford Cares vice president, is in charge of the program and people can call her at 257-1486 for more information. Used medical equipment is available

for loan at no cost. Walkers, crutches, commodes, tub and shower benches and wheelchairs are among the collection housed in the barn of Richard and Susan Davis on Weatherhead Hollow Road,

The annual talent show is Guilford Cares main fundraising event of the year and plans are being made to hold the Third Annual Guilford Cares Talent Show in the spring of 2008. It's not too early to begin thinking about how you might be able to strut your stuff. Current Guilford Cares board members in addition to Sue and Jo-Ann are Richard Davis, secretary/treasurer, Anna Clark, Wilma Higgins, Andy Martyn and Shirley Squires.

All Guilford residents are welcome to monthly board meetings held on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Guilford Town Office. There is currently a need to add a few new active board members. For more information about Guilford Cares programs or if you would like to become a volunteer driver call Richard or Susan Davis at 254-2240 or e-mail: [gcares@comcast.net](mailto:gcares@comcast.net).



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# Local Farming

## What Are You Eating? HOLLY

Local is nice; it's a good way to strengthen connections between neighbors and produce better and healthier food. You know what else is nice? Eating organic. Organic is a fresh, cleaner way to farm. Organic farmers don't use any chemicals that help produce larger crop and higher meat turn-out at the end of the year.

The problem with this is that the chemicals used are dangerous to our bodies. Do you know how far some of your meat, fruits, and vegetables have traveled before ending up on your plate? Say you're eating an apple; that apple has been trucked hundreds of miles, packaged, and sat in a grocery store waiting for you to buy them. Wouldn't you much rather eat an apple that came off your neighbor's tree? So when you buy all your food from a grocery store like Price Chopper or Hannaford's, you have no idea where your money is going!

All you know is that it's not benefiting our town, Guilford. Businesses advertise their food to be "fresh", but how can something that's days, and sometimes week, old be considered fresh? According to Brian Halweil, author of the book *Eat Here, Reclaiming Homegrown Pleasures In A Global Supermarket*, for every dollar we spend locally, it generates twice as much money for our community. Some towns support local more than others, but what's impor-

tant is spreading the word.

In Guilford, more and more farmers are going organic. Phillip Cutting is a local dairy farmer who most recently did the switch, and it's going pretty well! His grandparents bought the farm in 1925, and his father and uncle were partners, but in 1971, Mr. Cutting and his father started working together. Currently, his girlfriend, some friends, and now and then his children help with the 70 acres of land that he both owns and leases. The hardest thing, Mr. Cutting explained to me, was the whole process of actually getting certified. Though the feed



Phillip Cutting with Holly

for animals costs more and some medicines for the cows cost more, there doesn't seem to be much of a difference for Mr. Cutting. When asked what his views on buying and supporting local farms and foods, Mr. Cutting said that it really is a good idea to support our local agriculture. "It's fresher and safer," he explains.

One of the most well-known farms in this town is the Franklin Farm, located on Weatherhead Hollow Road, just past the pond. The Franklins own a small, family

run farm that produces maple syrup, milk, meat, eggs, and homemade salad dressing. In December of 2004, however, it wasn't easy! No milk cooperative would come to gather milk unless there were more farmers willing to go organic and sell their milk too; they had convince others to make the change.

"I felt very strongly about not using some of the chemicals we had been using," Mary Ellen Franklin had explained during my interview with about her and her farm. "Primarily we produce milk, which is sold to Organic Valley cooperative. They buy all our milk, and it's either put in a carton or made into yogurt." Half of their pasture eggs are sold to North East Pastures, which is sold at our local food coop in Brattleboro.

When asked about how it's going now that they're organic, Mary Ellen says how overall, it's going pretty well for her family and farm. Eating organic and locally is decidedly healthier and more supportive of your community. Some families may not be able to afford it, while other just choose not to do it. Our local farmers all agree, eating local really is the way to go. Now don't forget about the farmers behind all of this good food; they are a huge part of what goes on. Don't forget about their hard work and all the effort they put into it; communities should always support them.

The last question I asked Mary Ellen Franklin was, "What is the best thing about farming?" After a pause, she replied, "It's hard to put into words. I don't want to miss out on all the hard work and of course the animals putting in their end. We work at home, for ourselves, and with our family.


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## Friends of Music at Guilford Presents Holiday Programs for Two Good Causes

BY JOY PENFORD WALLENS

On Saturday, December 1, at 1:00 pm, Friends of Music at Guilford hosts its 37th Annual Community Messiah Sing. This popular sing-along of the Christmas choruses of Handel's masterpiece is set at Centre Congregational Church at 193 Main St. in Brattleboro. A few favorite selections from the Easter portion of the work are added at the end for good measure. As he has for several seasons now, Terry Larsen conducts the choral singers and four soloists -- this year including Annginette Anderson, soprano; Evelyn McLean, alto, of Guilford; Robert Havens, tenor; and Larrimore C. Crockett, bass, a familiar face and voice at Guilford Community Church. Bill McKim accompanies on organ and Charlie Schneeweis on trumpet.

The exciting news about this year's Messiah Sing is that all the proceeds from donations at the door will be given to the homeless during the Christmas season. The total collected will be divided equally between the Brattleboro Area Drop In Center and Morningside Shelter. Friends of Music are seeking supporting sponsors to cover their costs for the event.

On Friday and Saturday, December 14 and 15, Friends of Music presents its annual Christmas Ceremony program at Christ Church in Guilford, this year entitled "A Literary Christmas with Tom, Dick & Jane." For a third season, music directors Andrea Matthews and Amy Cann have chosen an entertaining program of music

for instruments and voices for the Guilford Chamber Singers and Gallery Orchestra to perform. Using material mostly written or popular during the Regency and Victorian eras, they have included several pieces by England's "West Gallery" composers in consultation with an expert in this particular musical genre. Sprinkled among the musical selections, Guilford's own Don McLean will read -- perhaps better expressed as "perform" -- holiday-time excerpts from works by Thomas Hardy, Charles Dickens, and Jane Austen, popular authors of the period.

Following tradition, the audience will be invited to join in singing a few carols. Both performances begin at 8:00 pm, and proceeds from donations at the door will be split between Friends of Music and Christ Church, which has been raising funds this fall to restore its damaged steeple.

An especially hearty invitation is extended to all Guilford residents to celebrate the coming holiday season with us at these events. For further information, contact the Friends of Music office in Algiers village at (802) 254-3600, email [office@fomag.org](mailto:office@fomag.org), or visit online at [www.fomag.org](http://www.fomag.org).

## From The Town Clerk/ Treasurer's Desk:

BY BARBARA OLES

Dog Licenses are due by April 1, 2008. The new licenses will be available starting the second week of January. The cost for a dog license will be \$11.00 unless the dog is neutered or spayed, and then the license will cost \$7.00. If you have any questions

concerning the expiration date of the rabies vaccination, please call the office at 254-6857 and we will help you.

**ELECTIONS AND TOWN MEETING:** The last day for petitioned articles to be received for Town Meeting is January 24, 2008. If at all possible we would prefer to have this information by the end of December. This would expedite the work needed to be done to get the town report to the printers in a timely manner. The last day to file a petition for a person to run for office is January 28, 2008.


The following offices will be up for election: For three year terms, the offices of Select Board, Town Clerk, Treasurer, Lister, Auditor, and School Director. For one-year terms, the offices of Town Agent and two School Directors are open.

In order to run for office you need to file a Consent Form and petition with the Town Clerk. The petition needs to be signed by 1% of the legally registered voters in the Town. This is about 16 signatures. The forms are available in the Town Office. Please consider running for one of these offices. Any questions on what is involved in the position, please don't hesitate to come in and talk to me about it.

Thank you everyone who was prompt in paying his or her taxes. I billed \$3,795,163 in taxes for both the Town and the School and received \$3,606,901 which left a balance of \$188,261 to be given to the delinquent tax collector. That is less than in previous years. Thank you again! Barbara Oles, Town Clerk/Treasurer

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## Who is Paul Heintz?

BY NANCY DETRA

What's it like to have two essays due every day, five days a week? Guilford eighth graders found out from Paul Heintz, the Brattleboro Reformer reporter who covers news in Guilford, among other towns. Heintz visited the Gazette newsroom in September to give new reporters a taste of newspaper work. That particular day he had three stories in the Reformer. He said he's expected to produce at least two.

Heintz' news includes town and school issues and events, and stories about the projects, activities and businesses of people in -besides Guilford- Vermont, Dummerston, Hinsdale and Chesterfield. "I try to keep an ear to the ground for stories in my towns," he said, noting that selectmen and people who are already in the news are good sources for stories. He keeps up with these sources, checking in with them on a regular basis.

He also writes stories on political issues, such as the New Hampshire primary and what's going on in the Vermont legislature.

Heintz spoke of the change in the way news is distributed these days. While the local paper has a long history of providing news for communities, Heintz said that online news services are taking the place of newspapers for many people, and newspapers are tightening their belts.

Heintz said he jumped into the world of newspapers when he was still in school, working on both his high school and college newspapers. With a degree in history and English, Heintz took a job after college with PBS in Washington DC. After about a year, though, Heintz said he began to look for a job "in a place I liked." Having been to school in New Hampshire and with family in Vermont, Heintz

knew of, and liked, Brattleboro. When he saw an ad for a job at the Reformer, he applied for it.

A naturally friendly person, Heintz admitted that there are folks who don't like to talk to a reporter. Still, when a story breaks, he finds that most people want to get their side of that story told. And, with Brattleboro being a one-paper town, most stories get aired there.

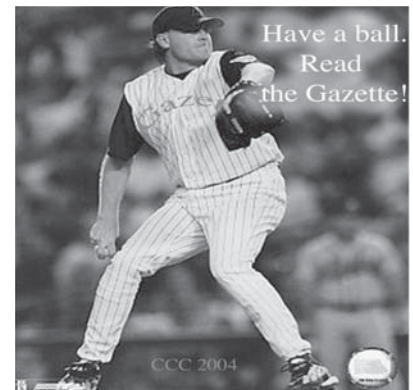
"We have the benefit of being the only game in town," he said.

While he's been at the job less than a year, Heintz is pleased with life in this community, and he's enthusiastic about his work, though he admitted there are drawbacks.

"Be a journalist because it's the best job you could possibly have," he advised students.

"And don't be a journalist, because there's no job security and it doesn't pay well," he added with a smile. If you have a story, you can contact Heintz at the Reformer by calling 254-2311 ext. 275. The Gazette is also interested in your story; email: [gazette@guilfordschool.org](mailto:gazette@guilfordschool.org).

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## THE GUILFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

BY ADDIE MINOTT

What is the Guilford Historical Society?? In the year 1973 a group of Guilford people got together to start a formal society of people interested in preserving and educating about the history of Guilford. The purpose was and is “to collect, restore and preserve for our posterity those items of historical, artistic or scientific interest which can serve as a resource for study and interpretation of our community, its environment and its people.

“In order to do all this we have several hundred members and many committees assigned to various projects. We have a board of Trustees of nine members plus four officers. Anyone interested in the purposes of the society can be a member.” We have activities throughout the year with three “quarterly” meetings of the membership with planned programs.

Each year we cooperate with the Grange to host the July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade and Community Picnic; we join with the Friends of Music at Guilford to host a Garden Tour and Garden Party every other year. In the alternate years we have an old fashioned “Ice Cream Social” with music and delicious sauces for the ice cream. In the last several years we have had an “Irish Variety Show” in March to celebrate “St. Patrick’s Day” at the Guilford Community Church.

We take an exhibit each June to the Vermont History Expo in Tunbridge, Vt.; and each September we have a booth at the Guilford Fair. This year we have joined with the Guilford Conservation Commission to locate the many historical sites and old roads throughout town. We finish our year with an Annual Roast Pork Supper as a major fundraiser, and an Annual business meeting in late October.

Last year and this school year we are involved in a Community History Project through the Vermont Historical Society working with the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students at the Guilford Central School. The children learn about the history of Guilford, and the society receives a project of restored photos from our museum collec-

tion.

Our next project will be to cooperate with the Grange to plan and carry out a 250<sup>th</sup> year birthday party for the Town of Guilford in the year 2011. Be looking for more information as this project develops. Our funds are needed to maintain three buildings: the 1797 Brick One Room School; the 1837 Guilford Center Meeting House, and the 1820 Town Hall building which houses our museum, and to fund the preservation of the artifacts within the museum.

Our year is a busy one but enjoyable as we work together to promote the history and preservation of the history of Guilford. We welcome new members at any time. Our address is at 236 School Road; we are listed on the Vermont Historical Society website at [www.Vermonthistory.org](http://www.Vermonthistory.org) and the Guilford Community website at [www.guilfordschool.org](http://www.guilfordschool.org).

## Historic Algiers Tontine House To Be Restored

BY FRED HUMPHREY

The historic Tontine House, located at the southwest corner of Guilford Center Road and the Coolidge Highway (Route 5) in the Village of Algiers, is about to get a new owner and to be completely restored.

The house, built in 1819, has been through many transformations—from a commercial place for stores and shops to a private home for the prominent Sanford Smith family to the Guilford Home Center and, most recently, as an apartment house.

In 2005 the nonprofit Friends of Algiers Village, Inc. (FOAVI) purchased it, as part of the latter’s efforts to promote the vitality of the village. Now the Windham Housing

Trust (WHT- formerly the Brattleboro Area Community Land Trust) is purchasing it in order to rehabilitate it into modern, affordable apartments. The new owners are well known in Windham County for saving rundown old buildings and restoring them from top to bottom in order to save them from destruction, make them safer and more desirable for the occupants, and to make them environmentally friendly in terms of conservation of their heating and other utility costs.

The Tontine Building, when the extensive rehab work is completed in 2008, will contain seven apartments. The present occupants will be offered alternate housing in other WHT properties while the work is being done. It is expected that most if not all of the residents will be returning to the restored building.

Inasmuch as the funding and planning for the makeover are to increase the supply of affordable housing in Guilford, all tenants will have to meet the federal and state guidelines for income caps, dependents, etc. In announcing the work being planned, Eric Morse, the president of FOAVI, and Connie Snow, the executive director of WHT, praised the efforts of those who have made this transformation possible. They predicted that both the economic vitality and the sense of community in Algiers would be enhanced. The project also marks the first significant addition to affordable housing in Guilford, a development that bodes especially well for both older citizens and for young couples just starting out in the town.



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## 4th Grade Makes Green Up Posters

BY MARY INGRAM

Of course the fourth graders and some of their parents weren't around for the first Vermont Green Up Day back in 1970, but a lot of Guilford grandparents and seniors were there. In those days, the state police closed the highways so Vermonters could get out and pick up litter, trash, and worse that had been so effectively concealed under winter snow for many months.

Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Grange members and any citizens who had the inclination were encouraged by then Governor Deane Davis to get out on that first Saturday in May and green up Vermont.

Gov. Davis' belief in keeping Vermont green and clean is as important an idea now as it was then. Though Green Up 2008 seems a long time off, Guilford fourth graders are currently finishing Green Up posters, which will be entered into a state-wide contest. The winning poster will be featured prominently next spring in the Green Up promotions. Anticipating fame (dinner with Gov. Douglas and the state 2008 Green Up committee) and fortune (cash prizes for state and county winners), is part of the fun for fourth grade as Green Up 2008 starts to get underway.

## Loving Books

BY CATHI WILKEN

A love for reading and books is one of the most precious gifts we can give our children. While knowing how to read is essential for day-to-day survival, loving to read opens new worlds for children. In a book, a child can travel to mystical lands, talk with the dinosaurs, or learn how to make a windmill. The possibilities are endless.

**Read, Read, Read** Although it is never too late to start, we should begin reading books to our children when they are very small, even before they can walk and talk. (Some say we should start BEFORE they're born.) As babies, children enjoy books with bright pictures and simple text. Board books that babies can manipulate themselves (and chew on) are good choices, too. Also good are books that are lyrical, such as Dr. Seuss books and nursery rhymes. While babies cannot understand the intricacies of the language, they do enjoy the rhythm of the words. This early introduction to reading develops a child's love of books and fosters a close, loving relationship between parent and child. As children grow older, our choices of books should reflect a child's interests. Many a two-year-old, for example, adores trains and enjoys listening to adults read books about "choo choos." Older children also like to be involved in the story being read. Asking questions such as: "Where is the squirrel hiding?" "Show me the orange ball." and "What do you think Tommy will do will next?" encourage interaction.

Storytime plays an important role in introducing children to the magic of books. When Laura, Ruth, or I are planning Story time, we've usually chosen six times as many books as we'll use. Some for the babies that are there, some for the toddlers, some for the three-year-old. When babies are participating, we make sure to have a bouncing rhyme or two, as well as songs and finger plays. The older ones don't mind; they enjoy teaching "my baby".

Storytime is on Tuesday at 10:45 am. It lasts anywhere from 15 to 45 minutes, depending on the interest of that day's crop of little people. And when Story time is finished, you can borrow some great books to take home and have your own Story time.

Ruth Allard, Guilford resident and Windham County Reads director, and Laura Lawson Tucker, early childhood educator and Library trustee, will be subbing at Story time for me while I am on medical leave, November 15-February 15.

## Theater Adventure Program

BY LAURA LAWSON TUCKER

For twenty-one years I ran my early childhood program, Laura's School, from our family house in Guilford Center. I closed my program in June, 2006. During those twenty-one years I was blessed with sharing the lives of so many young children and their families. I am honored that our house will always hold the memories of children playing, circle time singing, cooking, and stories being acted out



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on our "Blue Rug Stage." Not to mention, that our yard will always carry the energy of children exploring and creating in the sandbox, in the brook, and under the trees. It was a very big decision for me to close my school. I loved being with children and their families. However, I also knew that it was time for a change. Closing my school meant that I could pursue in depth a theatre program that I had started three years earlier with Darlene Jenson, Theatre Adventure Program, at New England Youth Theatre (NEYT).

My training as an educator first began in the expressive arts. So, I find it quite interesting that Theatre Adventure Program (TAP) has become the center of my professional work today. I have circled around and returned to my roots! TAP is a theatre arts program for children, youth, and adults with disabilities, and a few of their typically developing peers. We have reversed the standard inclusion model and created quite a different one. We have a majority group of participants with disabilities and a minority group of typically developing participants.

Our students enjoy singing, dancing, percussion instruments, costumes, story-acting, and creating a staged performance. We currently have three weekly classes. We have added a new adult group that meets on Thursday mornings. We have also added a Wednesday morning class for children and youth, some of whom come from their school program and others who are home schooled. Our Wednesday afternoon program, now in its third year, meets after-school. TAP is now serving a total of thirty-two area families in three weekly classes. There are plans to add a second summer session in order to meet the needs of the growing TAP roster.

I love my work! What a gift to participate in the creative process with three mixed abilities groups. Two of my favorite times for me during Laura's School days were story-acting on the Blue Rug Stage and creating stories on the great outdoors stage. Now I am extending my interest in creative self-expression with a wider range of ages and abilities.

I would like to invite any Guilford citizen who is interested in finding out more about Theatre Adventure Program to

please call me: 257-7024 or e-mail: [laura@lauralt.net](mailto:laura@lauralt.net), or come visit us at NEYT on Flat Street in Brattleboro (or visit [www.neyt.org](http://www.neyt.org)). We have limited spaces available for our Spring Semester of twelve classes that begins during the last week of January. We welcome inquiries!

We have a strong commitment to keeping our tuition affordable as well as giving scholarships to any family in need. We are striving to keep TAP a strong and vital part of the Brattleboro area community. NEYT is dedicated to helping make the arts accessible to all in the community. TAP is one way that NEYT is accomplishing this goal.

TAP students, whether they have a disability or not, are demonstrating to the Brattleboro community their amazing breadth of talents and skills. Please come experience the joy and magic that happens during a TAP production on the NEYT stage! The Wednesday classes will be performing on November 14 from 4:30-5:30 pm. The Thursday morning adult group will be performing on November 29 from 10 to 11 am. For further information please contact Tucker: 257-7024 or Jenson 254-9528.

## Troy Revis (cont'd from pg.1)

they usually had on the weekends down to Greenfield and back, something Dan had enjoyed so dearly. "Its awesome," said Dan, explaining how it is to have his dad back. He's also able to race his dirt bike now on the track in Winchester, which was too much for his mom to take him to on the weekends.

With Revis back, Dan and Alice got something that they'd been missing for a year and a half- not the bike rides, or help around the house, not the extra transporta-

tion to activities, but the family. The missing piece of the puzzle had been found.

After a year in Iraq, and fifteen months away from home, Revis returned to America on the 24<sup>th</sup> of September. He had seen what we can only imagine, and been scared in a way that I hope we never feel, but most of all he had grown to know death, and life. His bravery and dedication had been proven in Iraq. He had made it there and back. Alive.

## Guilford School Board

Guilford's School Board has 5 elected residents who are committed to

Representing all community members in order to provide a well balanced Education for our children.

Our School Board representatives are: Kevin Freitas, Judie Deschaine, Arthur Pettee, Judith Siciliano and Lisa Ford. Contact information for these reps

Can be obtained by calling the school office.

The board meets regularly in order to regulate the school budget, assess


School policies and ensure that the principal makes decisions that fulfill

State regulations and follow our school mission.

Meetings are held in the school on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:30. all meetings are open to the public. Our meeting agenda and minutes are listed online at [www.wssu.k12.vt.us/boards/guilford](http://www.wssu.k12.vt.us/boards/guilford)

The board has established a strong set of goals for the 2007-08 school year.

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## Kitchen Talks: Stuart Hunt

INTERVIEW TRANSCRIBED BY  
VERANDAH PORCHE

Our town's local poet, Verandah Porche, is now working on a community project, which she calls "Kitchen Talks". She hopes to sit down with 15 elders, in their kitchens, and interview them about their lives. Here is an excerpt from one of these interviews: *(Barbara's sister introduced Barbara and Stuart Hunt when Stuart taught at Brattleboro High School and Barbara worked at the Holstein Association. They married in 1953. Their voices weave through each other's stories on a warm, rainy December afternoon. As we talk in their kitchen facing the Hinesburg Road, Java, the German shepherd, "the only purebred here" settles under the table. Stuart describes how they came to live in Guilford.)* In 1955, I was teaching at the high school: driver-training, math. I set up the auto mechanics course, coached football, and J.V. basketball. Had an undefeated season. We had a small apartment in town and two kids, no room. We wanted them to be brought up in the country. That was the idea. Homer Thomas was an agent with Farm Bureau Insurance. I was selling part time to supplement my teacher's salary. Homer lived up here all his life knew all about the land. He said there were a couple of places for sale out by his farm, this one and where the Lyndes are. We looked at both of them. This had plenty of room. It was available and within our price range. Went to a couple of banks; I won't name them. They said, "You're a teacher. You can't afford it," believe it or not. Then I went in and saw Z. Persons at Brattleboro Trust. He says, "Do you have a car?"

"Yup."

"What year?"

"53."

"Is it paid for?"

"Just did."

"Well, the bank closes at three on Fridays," he says. (They all did then.) "Could you pick me up? We'll go out and look at it." I hadn't known him but I got to real well. His son was a year ahead of me in school.

So I picked him up and we drove out here. The land wasn't worth anything. "No value on it." He said, "If that house were in Brattleboro, it would be worth more than they're asking." People weren't moving out into the country at that time. He said, "We'll allow you so much." The loan was \$500 more than we were seeking. He said, "You'll need it to move." It was not official. The bank Trustees had to vote on it. On Tuesday, he called to say, "It's all set." He said, "I lend money to people and I've always been a pretty good judge of character." He knew I was a good risk. I was born, brought up and educated in Brattleboro, went to the Service and came back to town. I'm going to stay put. Why, Hunts have been kicking around Vermont since 1503! [Laughter...]

This house used to be on top of the hill. In the late 1880s, this house was moved down here in a week, on rollers with oxen. Isaac Robb whose family owned the place was six year old at the time. On the door of the barn are his initials and the year, 1904 or 6. The family name was originally Robbdeau. Homer Thomas said that the father spoke French almost all the time though he understood English.

In the early days, remember, most of your traveled ways went along the tops of the ridges. Then the roads were changed down through the valleys and people wanted to be closer to them. It always puzzled me why in the early days the settlers wanted to farm up there. Everything, hay and wood, and even water had to be hauled up the hill to the farm. It eliminated a lot of work to move the house down the hill.

This road from Halifax came later. It was dirt. Springs popped up everywhere. There was a big one by Petrie's, even after they put in the blacktop. Most of the

people that lived around here worked in Brattleboro, those that weren't farmers. In spring they'd drive a car up to a mud hole, park and go to town in another car. Stanley Stebbins and Ben Lynch, that's how they got to work. Depending on the year, it could last a couple of weeks, sometimes more or less. "Carpool" wasn't a word used back then but that's what it was.

## School Board (cont'd from pg.9)

They include:

- Support Student Learning
- Improve policy review process
- Improve communication between board parents & community
- Evaluate overall school safety
- Organize a community dialogue event
- Improve evaluation process
- Educate ourselves on the budget process
- Increase revenue sources
- Reduce Energy Costs
- Evaluate long term capital improvements needs

Beginning in November, all meetings will spend some time establishing a

School budget for next year. Community members are encouraged to attend these meetings, ask questions and provide feedback in this budget process.

If you have additional questions about the work of our school board contact the Guilford Central School at 802-254-2271.



## Visiting Thompson House

BY MARGARET DALE BARRAND  
AND THE FIRST GRADE CLASS

On Friday, October 5, our 12 first-graders went to the Thompson House in Brattleboro to sing for the residents. Thompson House is a residential facility for older people who can no longer live independently. Some of them need wheelchairs or walkers to help them move from one place to another. Others are quite independent. We will be visiting Thompson House on the first Friday of each month this year.

We had practiced several songs and musical games, but we did not know exactly what it would be like to be there. When we entered the building, the first thing we saw was a very large fish tank with many beautiful fish. We then went into the main room, and there was a large semicircle of men and women sitting and watching us as we came in. We were surprised to find that Mrs. Barrand's husband, Tony, was there already singing with people. He joined right into our songs.

We began with a hand-clapping game, "Miss Mary Mack," which we did with partners. Our next song was "Go Tell Aunt Rhodie." While we were singing we saw that one of the men in the audience was singing right along with us. Mrs. Barrand was thrilled that he knew our song. When we finished our program, Sandy Ware, the director, asked us if we knew any songs that the residents could sing along with us. We sang "Bingo" and "America the Beautiful."

This was a special trip for us. Some of us wondered if we might see our grandparents there. We learned that the residents like to be able to sing along with us if they know the songs. When we go in November, we will choose some songs from long ago that they might sing with us.

We made autumn cards, which we gave out to our hosts before we left. They excitedly passed them around to each other. We will choose something appropriate to take next month.



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Artwork by Colin Gould, Grade 3

## Small town boy back to stay BY JACK

"Of all the places in the country, why return to Guilford?" Ryan Squires, former Guilford School student, paraprofessional, and current local coach, was asked on October ninth.

"Well, I have been to a lot of places, but I found something about them that I just did not like," he replied, "but that was not the case with Guilford."

Squires was raised in Guilford on Weatherhead Hollow Road and graduated from Guilford Central School in 1993. He had some of the teachers that still work here today, such as Ms. Ingram, Mr. Maslauskas (aka Mr. M.) Ms. Bos and Ms. Jakubs. At the school, he played baseball and basketball. After graduating from the middle school he went to Brattleboro Union High School. While attending the high school, he played football. He graduated in 1997. He then moved on to Norwich University in northern Vermont, and there he majored in psychology. He did not play any sports while at college.

After he graduated he did not immediately move back with his family but moved in with his brother in Massachusetts instead. While there he realized how much more he liked Guilford. After about one

year, he moved into the apartment building on the corner of Guilford Center Road and Route 5 in Algiers.

"There are a lot of things I love about Guilford, such as the traditions, farms, the



**Ryan Squires, back on the playground**

Haunted Hay Ride, and the seasons, but what I love the most about Guilford is the people." He is working at the school as one of the paraeducators but would like to be a teacher one day. He would prefer to teach elementary school because he loves working with kids. "Ryan is a great guy, always there to help out students and the school in


any way possible when needed, but I do think that he needs to grow some hair," Galen, a student at the Guilford School, said.

He is also one of the Brattleboro Union High School varsity football coaches and is a very good coach at that. He makes sure that he is at every game to support his team and also teaches his team very well. What does he do with the team? "He coaches the wide receivers and the split ends," said Brandon, a former Guilford student. "He is very fun, helpful, but the best part is that he knows what he is doing." Mr. Squires says that he likes to stay involved. Almost all of his family lives in Guilford, Brattleboro, or Vermont. He loves Guilford, his family, and the kids here at the school but he really loves football. He says that there is nothing better than football except chicken wings. Raised in Guilford, educated in

Guilford, and living in Guilford, Ryan Squires is a small town boy back to stay.



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## The Abbey Group BY SAWYER

This year, the percentage of kids getting the school lunch has gone way up. This is mainly due to the fact that there is a new food service serving up the food in the Guilford Central cafeteria: the Abbey Group. Even when the hot lunch option is not appealing to some kids, they still can avoid a packed lunch with the salad bar or the all-new, make-your-own deli sandwich option, which has been a big hit. Last year there were numerous complaints from students about the food being cold and soggy, but this year such a criticism has yet to be voiced.

The group started out as a restaurant management service, but when a school in St. Albans asked them to provide their school lunches they agreed. It then spread to other schools in the area. They now do school food services, institutional cafeterias, catering services, and campgrounds. The Abbey group claims to be "A Vermont company for Vermont kids", though they also do schools in New Hampshire. Their mission is to provide Vermont schoolchildren with a variety of healthy choices. They try to get as much local produce as they can. The rest comes from Burlington Foods, and they get commodities from the government, such as butter and flour.

The menu has a different hot lunch special every day. For example, the week of October 22 had orange chicken with rice on Monday, rotini or spaghetti on Tuesday, breakfast for lunch on Wednesday, roast pork on Thursday, and pizza on Friday. You can also get salad bar or a deli sandwich any day. All meals come with milk and juice or fresh fruit. Breakfasts offered



**Mary Connolly of the Abbey Food Group**

daily include bagels, cereals, muffins, or the daily specialty entrée. This wide variety helped increase the amount of school lunches bought.

There has been a problem in the Middle School with kids getting their lunches too late. An eighth-grader says, "It is good, but slow". At times, kids haven't received their lunches until five minutes before it was time clean to up and head back to class. This is due to the fact that most of the sixth grade gets the school lunch every day, with many seventh and eighth graders lining up as well. Guilford food service manager Mary Connolly says that individuals have called the food "delicious." Last year not many people touched the vegetables that came with the meals, but this year people have tried them and even pronounced them tasty.

This is the first year that we have had the Abbey group and the response has been terrific. The food is good, the people are nice, and it looks as if the Abbey food service might be in Guilford for years to come.

The Gazette Staff would like to thank numerous wonderful community volunteers, and professionals who have offered us valuable guidance in recent years:

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## Meet the New Gazette Staff BY JAKE

Every year the new eighth grade class takes over the Gazette. Last year the eighth grade was over thirty kids, and this year there are only seventeen kids, so we all have to work harder. There are four different departments that work on the gazette.

### EDITORIAL

In Editorial, the kids write the articles and solicit news from the community and our school. To write an article, we have to interview people in the community, and then we write about who they are or what they do. The kids in this year's editorial team are:

Jake  
Galen  
Holly  
Sawyer  
Jack  
Rustin

Adults in editorial  
Jen Kramer  
Nancy Detra  
Michael Nethercott

### BUSINESS

In business the kids go out into the community, and sell ads. They also keep track of the budget. Without the ads, there would be no paper. The kids in business are:

Kate  
Josh  
Levi  
Sage  
Adults in business  
Kevin Royce  
Barbra Freeman

### PRODUCTION

In production, the kids take all of the articles and ads and put them on paper. They create the layout, and design using Adobe Indesign. In production, we have:

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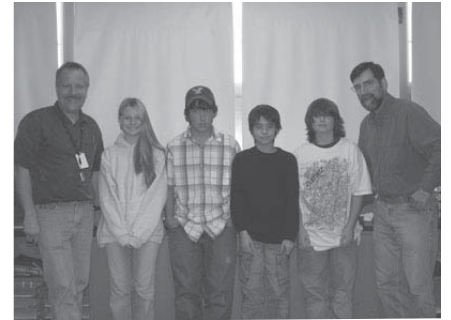
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In am very proud to be on the Guilford Gazette, because we're one of the only towns in Vermont that have the kids produce the school paper.




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## Guilford Girls Soccer BY HOLLY

On October 25, the Guilford Eagles Girls Soccer played their last game. They ran off the field, all in good spirits and cheering. The girls had a winning season, which means they have won more games than they've lost! Carly Emond and Holly were the team's captains for the middle school girl's league of 2007, and next years elected leaders are now Anna Pettee and Becca Potter. Aleigh Parker, Anna Pettee, and Holly are all tied for the spot as this year's Lead Scorer, each with the record of seven goals for the season. The girls, as you may have heard, made it to the second day in the West-Morlan Tournament, for the first time in their coach's eight years of teaching soccer. They were also the only team in the past eight years to win a game in the same tournament! (We came home winning third place, all around.) The last weekend in October, they played in a SIT Tournament (School Of International Training), and they won first place. As a team, they are incredibly proud; their coach must be even prouder! Come to a game next year, and root on our teams! Let's go Eagles!



Drawing by 3rd Grader Camille Gunzburg



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## Tony Guarino, A Career in Sports

BY JAKE

My first experience in sports was sitting on my grandfather's lap, watching men running and jumping around for reasons unknown to me. But seeing that he rooted for all of the New England teams, I would cheer and whoop and holler along with him. Now, Tony Guarino, my grandfather, is the athletic director of Guilford Central School.

In 1937 Tony Guarino started in sports. He played basketball at Sacred Heart School in Lebanon, New Hampshire in the sixth grade. After high school, college, and then two years in the Navy, he started coaching. In 1950 he coached high school basketball, baseball, and cross-country running in Lancaster, New Hampshire. After coaching for a short time in Gorham, NH, he moved to Barre, Vermont. There, he coached basketball, baseball, soccer, football and track and field. His 1962 Barre basketball team, the Vermont State Champions for that year, won a tournament in the Boston Garden. This team was declared the best high school basketball team in Vermont's history, and was inducted into

the New England Hall of Fame in 2002. In 1971 he moved to Exeter, NH to be the Athletic Director of Exeter Area High School. In 1978 he was awarded the Athletic Director of the Year for the state of New Hampshire.

After coaching for 30 years, with two of his five kids in college and his wife Rita getting her Master's Degree in teaching, Tony had to get a job with more pay, so he changed to selling insurance with Horace Mann Insurance. Here he was also inducted into their Hall of Fame as one of the insurance company's top sellers.

When asked for highlights of his



**Athletic Director Tony Guarino**

coaching years, after a pause he said that it was the years 1961, 62, and 63 when his Barre basketball team won three straight State Championships. He also mentioned

his 1956 Gorham, NH basketball team, which won the state championship after an undefeated year. The final thing he said was that he loves watching the "development of young athletes" playing sports. What Tony does not like about today's sports is that everything is so expensive. Now, some kids can't afford to play the sports that they want because of the cost. He said that he liked coaching basketball the most, but he actually enjoyed playing football over the other sports he played, which were basketball, and baseball. In October of 2005, Tony was inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame at Plymouth State University, a delayed award for performance in athletics

as a student at the college, and for his achievement in athletics as a coach after college graduation. He also played a year in the semi-pros for football, for the Lebanon Cardinals.

The last question I asked him was why he tried out for sports to begin with. This pause was even longer, and his response was "It was competitive, it burned energy, you could socialize with your friends, I just liked it." And he kept going at it.

Now, I know why men are running and jumping around, and I still sit in my grandfather's living room, and cheer, whoop, and holler for all of the New England teams. I am proud of my grandfather, and I am sure my school is proud to have him.



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## Middle School Boys' Soccer

### Finishes #1

BY SAWYER

This fall, behind the strong play of nine eighth-graders, the Guilford boys' middle school soccer team cruised to a 12-1-1 record and first place in the eight-team league. After playing each team twice, the only blemishes were a 2-2 tie against Dummerston and a 3-2 loss to Putney Central.

Coached by John Von Feldt with assistant Tim Harris, they dominated in the defense, with eighth-graders Matt Clark and Justin Providence, and seventh-graders Brandon Von Feldt, Mike Franklin, Troy Sargent, and Christian Austin. The mid-field consisted of eighth-graders Sawyer, Jeremy Ducharme, Levi Gunzburg, and Josh Hamilton, seventh-graders Yuri Harris and Christian Haley, and sixth-graders Tim Paradee, Adam McPhail, Henry Mizrahi and Bryce Fletcher. At striker were eighth-graders Galen, and Julian Von Wodtke, seventh-grader Joe Habich, and sixth-graders Kyle Patno, and Tyler McCue. The goalkeeper was Jake Guarino.

A disappointing loss in the annual Westmoreland Tournament didn't keep them down for long, as they continued winning in the regular season. The last game of the season was especially sweet, a 4-1 victory over rival Dummerston, who led the team with 22 goals, scored three times in the contest, and Ducharme had the other goal. This capped a season in which they scored at least two goals in all games but one.

The team celebrates its great season, and the whole school is proud of its high-flying Eagles.

## THE VALUE OF ATHLETICS

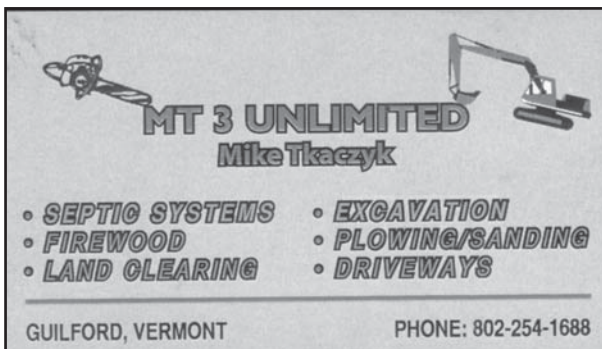
In my thirty years of working as a coach, physical education instructor, city recreation director, and athletic administrator prior to coming to Guilford, I have worked with boys and girls from kindergarten age to college seniors. During those years, I have observed the effect that athletics had on the mental, physical, educational and social growth on those who participated. Many cases immediately come to mind where the involvement in, and exposure from, participation in athletics has been instrumental in an athlete turning the corner from a feeling of low self-esteem to one with a good self-image.

In working on a course while completing my master's degree, I worked in conjunction with two other master's degree candidates on a project to determine what impact playing sports had on the grades of those competing in athletics. We were allowed access to the grades of the athletes in a large local high school. What we found out bore out our thinking. Grades tend to be slightly higher during the sport season. This led us to the conclusion that there were many factors derived from sports participation:

1. To be able to play sports, you had to budget your time in an effort to play sports and have time to study.
2. You had to maintain a certain grade level to be eligible to play.
3. Playing sports made school a little more interesting.
4. The need for recognition was being fulfilled.
5. A competitive attitude extended from the playing field or court to the classroom. Grades were being compared.
6. Students were being involved in a worthwhile activity which kept them out of trouble.
7. Minds were being opened up and students were more alert during class time.
8. Training rules and good nutritional habits had to be followed.

I could cite many cases where young awkward teen-agers grew into poised adults, and who have, on many occasions, mentioned to me how much they gained from competition in athletics. It is easy for me to say that the value of competing in athletics cannot be underestimated. I have observed it first hand. I still hear from many of my former athletes who have succeeded in many areas of the work force, and who give a lot of the credit to their involvement in athletics. I applaud the town of Guilford, and particularly the parents, who expend so much of their time and energy in support of a program for the Guilford students. It will pay dividends in the long run.

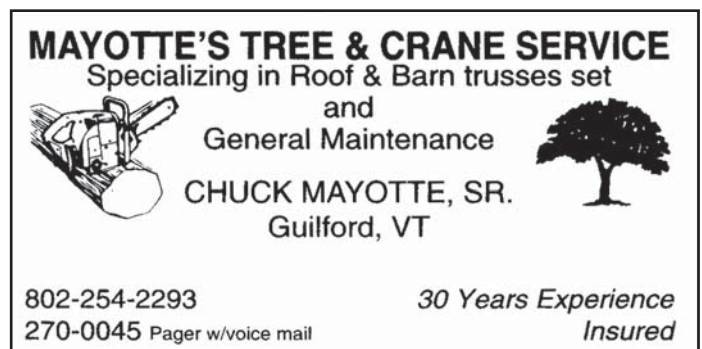
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## When a Stranger Calls A New England Ghost Story

BY RUSTIN

The wintertime brings many a thought and feeling to a frost-covered soul. Some are reminded of a steaming hot chocolate on a frozen evening. Others feel the warmth of the holiday season. And more still feel the heat of a crackling fire, where ghost stories are thrown about like flower petals on a windy day. For it is only a ghost story that can give such a feeling of excitement, pleasure, and sometimes fear. And here, for this snowy season, is a story of one woman's encounter with the supernatural.

It began with the building of a new house in a New Hampshire town called Haverhill. The year was 1993. One could believe that this construction took place during a snowy season, possibly a wet winter, full of hot cocoa and blistering fires. But this is indeed the choice of the reader, for others may decide to place the story in the flow of red and gold leaves of autumn. Wherever you put it, it began with a house.

Lori Angell, who now lives in Putney, Vermont, would tell you that there was no sign of any unusual activities taking place when the house was being built. However, this peaceful state for her abode was short lived. The first signs of another presence in the house were minute ones, hardly noticeable, and easily ignorable. Objects would

be misplaced; doors would open when there was no wind pushing against them. Their dog would start barking, which may seem like perfectly normal behavior for a dog, but know that this particular one was not a barker.


Now before I continue to describe more unusual occurrences, know this: I am only putting out the facts. It is your humble job, gentle reader, to decide your own specific opinion of these happenings. You may decide that it is merely preposterous; why believe in nonsensical stories? I only ask you to keep in mind as you read this that this is an actual account of one Lori Angell, a very logical and down-to-earth woman. Thank you for your time and now, back to the tale.

Like I stated, it began with small happenings, yet it led to more surprising events, impossible for the inhabitants of the newly built house to ignore. Late one night, Lori's youngest daughter fearfully called to her mother from the other room. The fourteen-year-old told Lori that she felt another's presence, and thought there was an intruder somewhere in the closet. Lori found no one there, but her daughter refused to sleep there again.


On a later date, Lori was sleeping on her couch when she slowly woke. Her tired eyes still shut; she reached her hand down, touching a soft head of hair and felt another's presence. It was not the right feel of her cat, or her dog. She opened her eyes. Her cat was outside with her dog. Lori's head shot down where soft hair touched her hand not seconds ago. Nothing was there, other than the warm blankets.

There were many mysteries wrapped around this deceased spirit. It was thought that she was a female by the feel of the hair, but little else was known. It was unclear what she wore, when she passed away, how she happened to come across their dwelling, or many other puzzling things. Lori Angell did not know for sure how this departed being came to rest in her quarters, but friends of hers did offer their ideas. One of the most logical theories being that she came in with an old object. The most likely object seemed to be an old doll swing recently purchased at a flea market.


Lori felt that this being meant the inhabitants of that New Hampshire house no harm. One day, Lori was standing by her sink in her kitchen, which is an "island", so to speak. In the middle of the kitchen is a big shelf that one must walk around in order to get to the different parts of the room. The sink was on the other side of the shelf. As Lori was standing there, a ball rolled around the entire shelf and hit her in the back of her heel. When she turned around, she saw no one. Because of prior incidents, Lori had come to expect such games from her house's extra inhabitant. Lori called to her, and then threw the ball. It would not return, however, until Lori turned around. When that took place, the ball smoothly rolled back to Lori, who was more than happy to repeat the process. Now, before you decide that the ball rolled on its own accord, here is a small bit of information. Due to the house being recently built, the entire floor was completely flat, with no incline.



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The spirit would also go to the school where Lori worked at. One strange occurrence in particular took place in the autumn months when Halloween was in the air. At the school, costumes were put on in an attempt to meet the eerie holiday with good cheer. Lori wore a colorful clown costume that day. A woman at the school decided to take a picture of the costumed school-workers, so she got a camera and snapped a shot of Lori with a para-educator. The next morning, things became strange.

The woman who took the picture called Lori over, staring at the picture in awed disbelief. The para was no longer in the picture. In her place, was a long haired, long dressed, and possibly pregnant woman, shimmering in a white see-through glow.

Lori moved out in late January 1994. Her daughters did not come with her right then but stayed in the house for a couple more years, during which they confirmed the ongoing presence of the otherworldly woman. However, after a while, her daughters threw out the old doll swing, and the woman was gone forever.

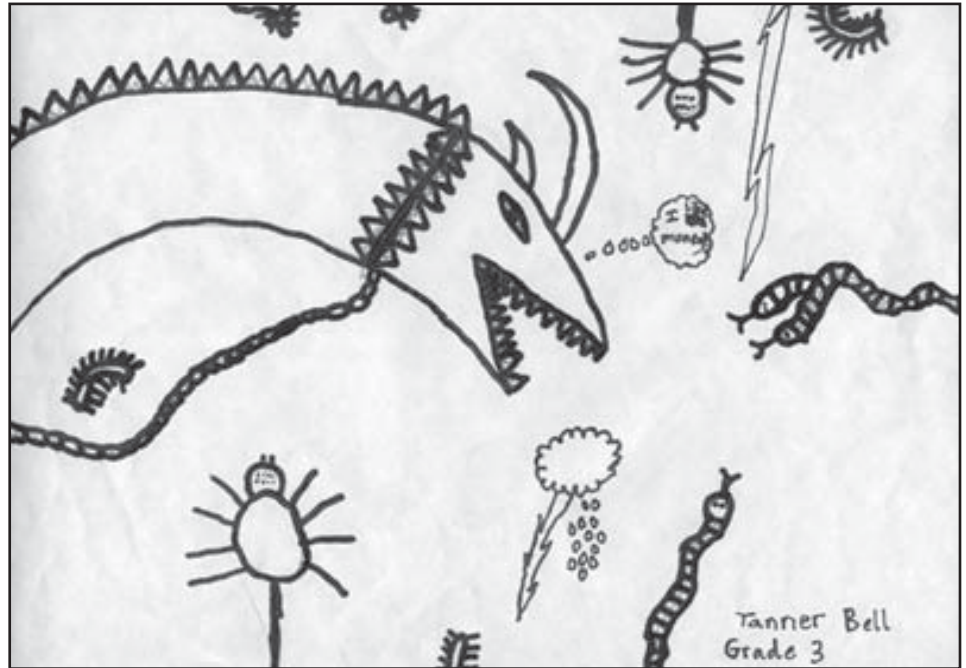
Now that you have heard my humble tale, I do hope you will think more of it than random coincidences and superstition. It would give me a great deal of pleasure if you did indeed think it over twice, before marking it as false or impossible.

If you are hearing this story next to a roaring fire, then perhaps you should stop and let its words fill your ears. You may feel a gust of cold air, followed by the feeling of another's presence. But you needn't fear. This other being is just trying to warm itself and hear a tale by the light of a glistening fire.

## Second and Third Grade Soccer News

BY IAN FULTON-BLACK

At this school we have a 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade soccer team. My dad, Michael Fulton, is the coach. Sometimes my sister Maia and her friend Anna are assistant coaches. We have practices at this school on Saturday mornings. At the practices we practice shooting and have scrimmages every time. Last game our team played Vernon and won six to zero! We had our last game on October 30<sup>th</sup>. We played Vernon and won 6 - 2!



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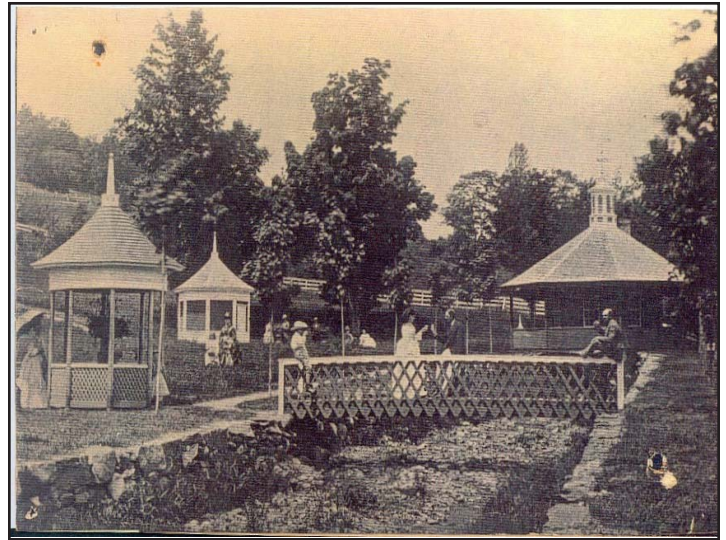
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**A Writeup and Photo from the GHS/GCS  
 Community History Partnership  
 BY MARISSA SMITH AND CHLOE LAKE**

The Guilford Mineral Springs Farm was most popular in the early 1870's when people traveled from Boston and New York to Guilford, Vermont to visit the Mineral Springs Farm. It was believed that the minerals in the spring had healing effects on people, along with the fresh country air. The mineral springs farm was originally on the Houghton's farmland. It was not widely advertised until James Dalton, Joseph Burnett, W. B. Potter, and John Knowlton bought it on August fourth, 1864. They formed a very successful company, and soon enlarged the grounds and built several new buildings, including the spring's house, bottling house, pavilions, and bridges near the springs.

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