

# Moretown Matters

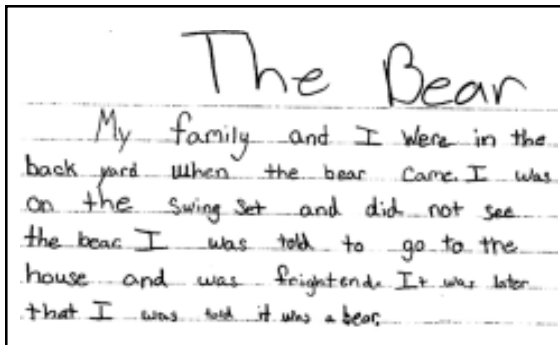
Moretown's Community Newspaper

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## MORETOWNERS GRIN AND "BEAR" IT



*Photo by Dave Cutler*



*by Heather Cutler*

### **The Summer of Bears** *by Heidi Cutler*

Bears have been making appearances all over Central Vermont this summer, tipping over grills and garbage cans and destroying bird feeders. The bear in the photograph is one of several which have shown little fear of humans and which have been nuisances in our area. The bear has visited our house on several occasions; the visit shown was on Saturday July 27<sup>th</sup>. After emptying one bird feeder it carried off a second one, leaving only after a rifle shot was fired at its feet. The shouting voice of the photographer had no impact on this bear's actions.

The black bear is normally a nocturnal animal, feeding on twigs, buds, leaves, nuts, fruits, corn, berries and young plant growth. With the extremely dry conditions this summer, natural food sources have not been sufficient to support the growing bear population in our area. This has resulted in their intrusion into residential areas. The normal home range for a black bear is 8-10 square miles. This one, or others like it, have been seen on Crosse Hill, Cobb Hill, Freeman Hill and in Moretown Village.

While we have not seen a repeat performance of this particular villain during daylight hours, we often hear them at night collecting apples from the apple trees and talking in their characteristic "hoot" to other bears in the area. Hopefully the bear hunting season will send these giant pests back into the woods and away from people and their houses. ❖

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### **Northern Lights Appear** *by Ed Schwartzreich*

On Sunday evening September 12, cool, clear and moonless, viewers in Moretown were treated to a grand display of northern lights. Shortly after dusk the northern horizon was filled with a curtain of greenish white light. Searchlight-like beams of green and pink, looking like a new car dealership had arrived in town, extended far up into the sky and then gradually faded, only to have new ones appear elsewhere. Since the 12<sup>th</sup> we have not observed any repeat performances.

A little research indicates that the 11-year sunspot cycle which causes the northern lights will reach its maximum in the year 2000. So on clear nights this fall and winter take just a moment to go outside and look to the north. You may be in for one of nature's real treats. ❖

## History Lesson ... Moretown Memorial Library

The Moretown Memorial Library, a two-story, white clapboard building, is located high above the Mad River. Built as a private home and known as the Palmer house, it was purchased for \$450 in 1923 and converted for library use. The Moretown Library Association, the first in town, started in May 1904 with \$250 in subscription money. It was followed by the Moretown Public Library, organized on March 7, 1905 under the law of 1894, which entitled the library to receive 124 books from the state a year later. In March 1916, when the association sold its books to the newly-formed Moretown Free Library for \$19.09, the public library was discontinued.

Florence Haylett kept the new library in her home until 1919. In 1921-22 the library was open for a time, but it needed new quarters. Consequently, on October 24, 1923, the trustees met to discuss buying the Palmer house. Letters that they sent out requesting money for repair, upkeep, and the purchase of books brought responses from 28 former residents, three townspeople, the Community Club, and the Dramatic Club.

The late Greek Revival house with porch, side lights, and curved lintels over the windows was much larger in 1923 than it is today. The flood of 1927 washed away all but what remains: one large room with a children's alcove and two upstairs rooms used by the Moretown Historical Society. The library, closed for repairs until September 1929, has since stayed open with town support. Recently the foundation was worked on with assistance from Vermont Historic Preservation and the upstairs rooms were cleaned and put to use. Although open only a few hours each week, Moretown's library continues to serve a population of about 1400. The library is listed on the register of the Vermont Division for Historic Preservation. *Extracted from Where the Books Are by Patricia W. Belding; 1996. Used with permission. Photo courtesy of the Moretown Memorial Library. ❖*



**Talking about History ... no one ever identified the Mystery Photo from the Second Issue of MORETOWN MATTERS!**

### Moretown Community Newspaper

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Pen & Ink drawing by  
Valerie Dudash

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## SCHOOL BOARD ISSUES

### Special Education Update:

In earlier issues of *MORETOWN MATTERS*, the projected extraordinary increase in high cost special education children at Moretown elementary school was reported, with the expectation that in the next few years special education costs would skyrocket. The efforts of the Moretown school board to secure legislative changes in special education funding to help alleviate this anticipated large funding problem were reported in the last issue of *MORETOWN MATTERS* as being successful. This good news was premature. Representative Alan Weiss was incorrect when he informed us that the senate had passed a bill allocating \$2.3 million to deal with exceptional special education costs in districts such as Moretown. What happened was that Senator Jeb Spaulding, who was planning to introduce just such a bill, ran into a problem when consulting Department of Education analysts. Special education costs at Moretown were not projected to rise into the exceptional category until 2000-2001 fiscal year. On that basis Jeb dropped the issue for this year, but failed to communicate with Alan Weiss. Alan then inadvertently misinterpreted an unrelated \$2.3 million discretionary spending bill, and incorrectly passed that information on to us.

Jeb has since organized a meeting with board member Wavell Cowan, and including Bill Talbot from the Dept. of Education. The result is that the Department will develop a "needs" criterion for exceptional special education costs as a basis for Jeb Spaulding to seek appropriate funding for next year. We'll keep you informed of progress.

### Harwood Governance:

A Harwood 7-8 committee including members representing Warren, Waitsfield, and Fayston, and supported by Superintendent Bill Riegel is seeking to devise a so-called contract district approach (a number of school districts contracting with each other to support the operation of a common school) whereby middle school students at Harwood can be placed under the control and responsibility of a new board consisting of delegated members from existing elementary school boards. The Moretown School Board members have indicated that this proposed new Harwood 7-8 board does not have their support. The Moretown Board feels that another layer of bureaucracy will only increase the current inefficiency of Harwood (7-12) governance. They believe the only viable solution to the Harwood governance problems is to develop an integrated K-12 or 7-12 solution.

It has been suggested that the Harwood 7-8 committee should check with the State Board of Education for a legal opinion as to where the Valley towns will stand if Moretown will not join the proposed contract district. The Moretown board believes the current Harwood board would then necessarily still govern the Middle School, since they cannot abrogate their statutory responsibilities and the articles of association require a unanimous vote of all towns for any change. This would mean that the Valley towns would have no governing authority but would simply tuition their students (pay the costs) into a Harwood district middle school composed of Moretown as the sole remaining sending school, not having withdrawn its middle school students.

### Harwood Assessment:

A resolution of the Harwood assessment problem (the Education department ruling confirming that the Harwood board has been improperly assessing member towns) has stalled at the Harwood board level. Motions responding to this problem are expected at their next meeting but there are only rumors of content and speculation of support for those motions. We await a concrete proposal from them before considering a course of action. This contentious issue will be with us for some time. ❖

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### Quality Education is a Community Affair:

The School-Community project is building up a cadre of community members who can provide support executing classroom needs from their homes; viz. typing up student stories for the new School Literary Journal, lettering flash cards, cutting out shapes or letters, etc. Call Linda Holden at 485-6398. ❖

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**Note:** *MORETOWN MATTERS* can be recycled by leaving used issues at the Town Office.

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## Planning Commission News *by Paula Mastroberardino*

Throughout the summer the Planning Commission has continued its work on a revision and update of Moretown's Zoning Ordinance. The Ordinance was adopted in September 1976 and last amended in March 1990. The goals of the Planning Commission are to bring the Ordinance up to date with current state statutes, to address areas of concerns of the residents, to revise the Ordinance to meet the goals of the Town Plan, and to modify the format into a more "user friendly" layout.

The Planning Commission was awarded a \$7,500 grant from the Agency of Commerce and Community Development in the fall of 1998 to address these issues. The funds were used to contract the services of Burnt Rock Inc., Associates in Community Planning, of Waitsfield.

The involvement of Burnt Rock Inc. has been great. In May, the Planning Commission along with Burnt Rock Inc., held its first Public Forum at the Town Hall. The meeting enabled residents to address their concerns and opinions.

Towards the end of October the Planning Commission will hold its last Public Forum. It is important that residents attend, ask questions and contribute their ideas. It is important for the Planning Commission to hear what concerns Moretown residents. After this forum, the Commission will deliver a draft copy of the Ordinance to the Selectboard. The Selectboard will schedule a Public Hearing for this amended Zoning Ordinance in December (after hunting season). In March, at Town Meeting 2000, you will be asked to vote to adopt the amended Zoning Ordinance.

The date of the Public Forum will be published in the *Times Argus* and the *Valley Reporter*. You are welcome to attend the Planning Commission meetings; they are held the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Town Office at 7:00pm. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Paula Mastroberardino, Planning Commission Chair, at 496-4992. ❖

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## Selectboard Report *by Dave Bruley*

The following topics of interest came out of the Selectboard meetings since our last issue: Fred Keil of Janson Design was awarded the bid for Town Planner, with the low bid of \$4,500. The Selectboard has applied for a \$15,000 grant to help with this project. Tentatively, the options being considered are:

- A. Build a new Town Garage on the South Hill property, Mountain Road side;
- B. Renovate and expand the existing Fire Station where it is, possibly buying some of the adjoining property; or
- C. Relocate the Fire Station to where the present Town Garage is.

Fred will have a report for the October 6th Selectboard meeting, which will outline costs, pros and cons, etc. **Tentatively, a public hearing will be held Wed. night, October 13th.**

The new fire truck was delivered in late August. The door was raised to accommodate the new truck at a cost of \$865.

Patty Moulton has been appointed Town Hall coordinator.

New steel beams have been installed to support the Town Hall floor, as recommended by the Building Inspector.

As a result of State inspections, two bridges have undergone repairs: Munn's Bridge at a cost of \$1,900, and Lovers Lane Bridge at a cost of \$9,050.

There was discussion of reducing the speed limit to 35 MPH on the Common Road and surrounding area as a result of the golf course being constructed. This will probably be done in the next 12 to 15 months.

It seems that Harwood Union will be owing Moretown a considerable amount of money due to incorrect assessment procedure over the past few years. The topic will be discussed again at the next Harwood school board meeting on October 6th.

Finally, the Selectboard is still searching for an Animal Control Officer following the resignation of interim officer Dave Bruley. Anyone interested? Call Susan Goodyear at the Town Clerk's office. ❖

## ISLAND TREES

In Hawaii there are beautiful Banyan trees  
 with branches like the braids of a woman's hair  
 Long and twisting in different patterns.  
 I want to be one of these trees  
 Ancient trees, old as time  
 when Chinese and Philippine people settled there.  
 Island trees hold memories of Kauai children  
 who sat in their strong arms and swung from their vines  
 I want to be one of these trees.  
 From the highest limbs I can see the ocean  
 from the lowest limbs I can see plumeria and sugar cane fields.  
 I want to be one of these trees  
 The beautiful Banyan trees of Hawaii  
 where vines flow down like women's hair.

by *Lizzie Dudash*  
*March 8, 1999*

Note: Lizzie, a student at Harwood Union High School, is the daughter of Michael and Valerie Dudash. She wrote this as a sophomore in Gretchen Stahl's advanced placement English class. ❖

**A Request for Information:** Moretown Matters is in the process of researching the life and work of artist Esther Hathaway, who lived in our town in the early 20th century. We are looking for information about the artist's early life in Moretown, her family, for whom Hathaway Road (now Common Road) was named, as well as the present location of some of her paintings. We have a good lead to follow up — a grandniece who now lives in New Hampshire. Any information on Esther Hathaway would be welcomed for an article which we hope to have in the next issue.

### Corrections and Comments on the Last Issue

#### The Girls Softball Team ....

As a resident of Moretown for 30 plus years I think the idea of this community newspaper is great. There is with any sort of information publication a responsibility to report information as accurate as possible. This becomes a tough job when you receive articles from others to reprint. As one of three coaches of the Harwood softball team (Fred Larock-head coach - Ronald Graves and myself assistant coaches) I'm very pleased to see the recognition in the news. However there are two corrections - Miranda Plastridge is also a Moretown resident living in Gallagher Acres and Amber Gibbs is incorrectly named Amanda. Just wanted to mention this ... I know it is minor but before something of consequence is printed incorrectly some policy or disclaimer should be printed. Please keep up the good work, I look forward to reading this paper as it continues to grow.

Sincerely, Tim Plastridge

#### The Golf Course ....

In Jonathan Siegel's article about the Wimble Golf Course on page 6, the Farnham name was spelled incorrectly—correct spelling is FARNHAM. This land belonged to my great grandparents. I just wanted to make you aware of the error.

Sincerely, Linda (Farnham) Hendrickson

#### The Taplin School ....

Just a note -

My sister Bertha Foster was the teacher when Taplin School reopened in 1947. She had 17 students and had to supply most of the necessities, such as book cases, etc. (She) was her own janitor but Mr. Ray (?) White used to start the wood fire for her (Mr. White lived next door). Hope the paper continues.

Sincerely, Trudy Murphy

## **Signatures on the Face of the Land** by Sheila Getzinger

**“A conservationist is one who is humbly aware that with each stroke he is writing his signature on the face of his land. Signatures of course differ, whether written with axe or pen, and this is as it should be.” Aldo Leopold, *A Sand County Almanac*, Oxford University Press, New York, 1949.**

Tim and Mary Larsen of Moretown, Vermont and Decatur, Georgia placed their signature on the face of some 255 acres of land between Stevens Brook Road and Cox Brook Road in Moretown through their gift of development rights and perpetual conservation restrictions to the Vermont Land Trust, Inc. of Montpelier. In a document signed last September which discusses the philosophy of land preservation and conservation through non-regulatory management and recognizes attributes of the property in terms of its agricultural, silvicultural, scenic and natural values, the Larsens made a commitment to limit use of their property to agricultural, forestry, educational, non-commercial recreation and open space purposes only, all under the guidance and supervision of the Vermont Land Trust and other local land management organizations. Mr. & Mrs. Larsen will continue to use and occupy their home and barn areas, consisting of a total of approximately 2.5 acres of land, but the balance of their land will be managed to contribute to the economic health of the entire State of Vermont through plans which insure sustainable production of food, fuel, timber and other products and which invest in the scenic beauty upon which our tourist and recreation industries depend.

The Larsens join conservationists Everett and Ella Maynard who also conveyed development rights and conservation restrictions to the Vermont Land Trust in 1996. Mrs. Maynard readily acknowledged that the economics of farming lends itself to pressure and temptation to divide and sell off land - something they no longer wished to do. They needed to find a way to make their farm economically viable for themselves and future generations and found that way through the Vermont Land Trust. They sold development rights and placed conservation restrictions on 256 acres of land along the Mad River and Routes 100 and 100B as well as a parcel located at the end of Ward Cameron Road. Although property tax savings come primarily through enrollment of the property in the State's Current Use Program, the fact that development on the Maynard property is now prohibited may somewhat lower the appraised value of the land, and the taxes. It took approximately a year for the Maynards to complete their transfer to the Vermont Land Trust. Their relationship continues through Trust representatives' annual visits to the farm to review its land use and management practices, and Mrs. Maynard reports it has been a pleasure to work with them.

The reputation of the Vermont Land Trust and the fact that it is a local organization were considerations for the Larsens when they embarked on a plan to make certain their land would always be used and regarded with the conservation principles they advocate. Only on direct questioning about details of the arrangement and how others might join in their conservation efforts, Tim Larsen modestly admitted that in addition to the gift of development and conservation rights to the Trust, they were also required to make a donation to the Trust's maintenance fund. This money helps fund an annual land or aerial inspection of the property by the Trust to make sure the property is properly used and managed.

Mark McEthron of the Vermont Land Trust, Inc., explained that the Trust, which boasts approximately 3500 members, understands that the working landscape is a vital part of Vermont and is the reason for its primary objective of conservation of productive agricultural and forest lands. The Trust is interested in the protection of lands which epitomize the Vermont landscape - beautiful lands which are usually highly visible from roads and are, or have potential to be, productive agricultural or forest lands or to provide recreational opportunities. Its level of interest in a parcel of land, whether for gift or purchase, is largely dependent upon its attributes (its size and whether it is possessed of forest or agricultural lands, ridgeline, water courses, wildlife habitat) and the requirements and resources of the landowner. The Trust accepts gifts of development and conservation rights in lands which meet its criteria and also has resources, though limited, to purchase such rights.

Whether land preservation and conservation involves a gift or a sale, it is a sad fact that it is inextricably connected to economics. There is hope, though, that through the generosity and foresight of people like Tim and Mary Larsen and Everett and Ella Maynard, future generations will come to understand the importance of land preservation and conservation even to the maintenance of its economic value. Excessive use or development of land is, after all, subject to a law of diminishing returns. The Larsens and the Maynards deserve our enthusiastic praise for their relinquishment of land ownership in favor of stewardship, and for what this expression of their relationship to land will mean to the preservation of our finest coliseum - Vermont. *Footnote: The full text of the Larsen and Maynard grants can be viewed at the Town Clerk's Office at Book 59, pages 309-315 and Book 55, pages 690-699, respectively. For further information pertaining to the transfer of development rights or conservation restrictions, contact Mark McEthron of the Vermont Land Trust, Inc. at 223-5234. ❖*

## Moretown Girls Show Strength in Little League Softball



*Photo and news contributed by the Yandow Family*

A nine and ten year old girls' All-star softball team comprised of girls from Moretown, Waterbury and Waitsfield competed and won the district championship in Little League. This same group of girls went on to beat Georgia and became the 9-10 Girls All-star Vermont State Champions. The team and the coaches are shown on the left (Moretowners names are shown in **bold**).♣

Front: **Cheyne White**, Katy Wilder, **Samantha Sandretto** and Rebecca Roy.  
Middle: Kerry Trombley, **Natasha Yandow**, Sky MacLean, **Iris Davis**, Kacey Kerrigan, **Kim Durand** and Rebecca Thompson. Back: Coaches Mike Wilder, **Steve Yandow** and Tom Trombley.

## City Wheels Serves Moretown

*by Jeanne Lamica*

City Wheels is a transportation provider for the following communities: Barre, Berlin, Montpelier, Northfield, Waterbury, Moretown, and Waitsfield areas. City Wheels offers car pools, personal transport requests (taxi service), and regularly scheduled routes.

You can contact them by calling 223-2882. You will be greeted by a pre-recorded message that will offer you many selections to choose from. For transportation requests/information in Moretown, Valley Transit is the selection you want.

**Call them for location drop offs and pickups.** Their office hours are Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (office closed for all Federal and State Holidays). The regular route for the Mad River Valley (which may be expanded in October) is as follows:  
Departs Montpelier - Arrives in Waitsfield

6:00 a.m. -	7:00 a.m
8:00 a.m. -	9:00 a.m
3:00 p.m. -	4:00 p.m
5:00 p.m. -	6:00 p.m

LET US KNOW HOW THIS WORKS!♣

## Work at the Hydroelectric Plant

*News and Photo by Earline Marsh*

The Green Mountain Power Corporation maintenance crew took advantage of the low water level in the Winooski River during August to drain the forebay and install new water intake racks, at the historic hydroelectric plant on Rt 100B in Moretown.♣



## MORETOWN COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**Selectboard meetings:**

Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm in the Town Office: Oct 20th, Nov 3rd and 17th, Dec 1st and 15th

**Planning Commission meetings:**

Tuesday evenings at 7pm in the Town Office: Oct 19th, Nov 2nd and 16th, Dec 7th and 21st

**Development Review Board Hearing:**

Wednesday evening, Oct 27th at 7:30 pm in the Town Office

**Harwood Union High School Board meetings:**

Wednesday evening at 5:30 pm at the Harwood Union High School: Oct 20th, Nov 3rd and 17th, Dec 1st and 15th

**Moretown Elementary School Board meetings:**

Thursday evenings at 6:30 pm at the school library: Oct 28th (budget), Nov 11th (general business), **Monday** Nov 22nd (budget), Dec 9th (general business), and **Monday Dec** 20th (budget)

**Historical Society Meetings:**

Wednesday evening at 7:30 pm at the Town Library: Oct 20t, Nov 17th, Dec15th

**Moretown Historical Society Pot Luck Supper:**

October 20 th in the Moretown Town Hall - Supper at 6:30 pm and meeting at 7:30.

Guest Speaker: **Maudean Neill, Certified Genealogist**

Topic: **Jones Brook Area, Past and Present**

**Elementary School Open House and Book Fair:**

Tuesday evening, Oct 26th from 6 to 8 pm  
The **Elementary School Open House** features the **Marvelous Moretown Book Fair**. This is an opportunity for students to share their learning with parents, friends and other community members. There will also be the wonderful opportunity to review and purchase books for any special children in your life.

**MORETOWN MATTERS Community Newspaper Review Meeting**

WED OCT 27TH, SCHOOL LIBRARY at

7 PM. Come along and enjoy the fun!

*Scheduling events? Notify the Town Office (496-3645)*

## MORETOWN MILESTONES

**Births**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Child</b>	<b>Parents</b>
7/10/99	Eleanor Bloomfield Tarno	Elizabeth & Mark Tarno
8/27/99	Nicole Lynn Cutler	Heidi & David Cutler

**Marriages**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Names</b>
7/31/99	Bobby Emil Belleville & Sharyn Shelly Barnes
7/31/99	Robert Arthur Wills & Felicia Anne Smithers
9/18/99	Brian Scott Sayers & Eileen Dawn Blake

**Deaths**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Age</b>
7/18/99	Jill Ellen Austin	47

**The Family of  
Ryan Michael Evans**

... would like to thank friends, relatives and members of the community for their love, support and kindness, during our recent loss. Ryan touched many hearts in his short life and his memory will live on in us all.

Most sincerely ... Randy, Wendy, Bradley, Adam, Tyler, Tegan, Sonia, Thacher, Britney, Alicia, Noah, Madison, and Carigan

## COMMUNITY VIEWPOINTS

### No More School Buses? by Kent Holden

Should we embrace the idea of School Bus Heaven? What would happen if a natural disaster made the buses inoperable for an extended period of time or the cost of busing became 25% of the school budget? What would happen if we no longer had school buses? Would parents carpool? Would someone in Moretown start a cost effective transportation system? What would people do??

The cost of transporting Moretown students (Harwood included) is currently 3% (\$76,409) of the total expenditures for FY2000 and 7% over the cost of last year's transportation budget. At a rate of 7% increase per year over the next 5 years (not an unreasonable expectation) the cost of buses will exceed \$107,000!!! Shouldn't we be spending money on the education of our children rather than the transporting of them?

Are you aware that busing issues currently take up 20/30% of the School Board's time? Are you aware that riding to school on a bus adversely affects many students' ability to function at a high level during the school day? Are you aware there are many times elementary school children get off the bus at home in tears because of something that happened on the bus? Are you aware many students spend 45 minutes one way on a bus? In fact, it is difficult to come up with positive aspects for transporting our children to school on buses, other than it is a convenience for parents.

So, if there are no buses, how do our children get to school and home again? By parents, family, friends, or creation of carpools? Should the school expand the after school program to accommodate parents who cannot pick-up students until 5:30/6:00? Should the school budget allow for a stipend to help cover the cost of transporting students to and from school?

Think about it...this is the last year of the current transportation contract. Should the contract be renewed? Do we need buses? If so, at what cost? If we don't have buses what should the School Board/Town do (if anything) to help get students to and from school? If buses are kept how can we reduce the cost (time and mileage)? Only have bus stops on main roads? Work with the Superintendent to have more efficient bus routes that include inter-town pick-up and drop-off? Should the School Board have a public forum on the issue? Get involved and help the School Board by expressing your ideas about this issue.

*An important service of a community newspaper is to provide a public forum for community members to express their thoughts and concerns. Contributions for this **Community Viewpoints** page should be short and to the point. Anonymous contributions will not be printed.*

### A letter from the Editor by Julie Kitchell

Regular readers of MORETOWN MATTERS have probably noticed that each of the four issues looks different and has a somewhat different focus. Some of the change in look and content is a reflection of reader input. A large factor in the diversity of the issues is that each one has had a different editor (or editors). Don't fear that this is because each editor has quit in disgust after one issue. The rotation of editorship is a fundamental ground rule for this community newspaper. The editor rotation policy is an attempt to prevent burnout by insuring that no one person gets stuck with the volunteer job until they DO quit in disgust.

So this is my one stint as editor of the newspaper and I admit that it is biased toward my interest in nature and conservation. I love the abundance of wildlife in Moretown; and I love the land. At my house, days are marked by changing views. "Is it clear enough to see Mt. Mansfield?" "Is there snow on the Camels Hump?" "Are the evening grosbeaks back?" "Is that a buck in the meadow?" Every day is different.

The next issue of MORETOWN MATTERS could reflect your interests. Will you contribute a written piece, a picture or a photo? I, for one, am already looking forward to issue five of **MORETOWN MATTERS**.

## BUSINESS DIRECTORY

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Attorney	Sidel & Pikulski	Sheila K. Getzinger	496-3277
Auto Body Repair	Majestic Auto Body	Tom Douglass	244-5465
Auto Repair	LeBoeuf Auto Repair	Tim LeBoeuf	496-7484
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Computers	MDW Computer Systems	Mike Wister	244-4954
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Health & Fitness	Awaken to Comfort	Caroline Strauss	496-3895
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Painting	Peter Rousseau-Painting	Peter Rousseau	496-6450
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### Putting “Community” into Community Newspaper

A newspaper only truly becomes a community newspaper when its operations are transparently a product of a broad sector of the community. That is why the Moretown Community Newspaper is structured to allow any member of the community easy access to its pages, and equal opportunity to participate in its operations. A key event supporting this approach is the post publication newspaper review meeting. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, October 27th (see the calendar)

**At this meeting the just published issue of *MORETOWN MATTERS* is critically reviewed, and upcoming issues are discussed and organized. Here also policy, financing and other operational issues are discussed and decisions taken. In other words, this review meeting is where the community control of the Community Newspaper is manifest. These meetings are informal, informative, inclusive and welcoming. Your participation is encouraged - just come!**

## MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK - Thanks to all!

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## MORETOWN MATTERS Funding News

A computer generated random number selection procedure produced the winning numbers for two Newspaper fund raising raffles.

**Ruth Lewis**, a Gallagher Acres resident, was the winner of the handmade "Granny Square" Afghan, produced and donated by Earline Marsh. Raffle tickets for the afghan were sold at a number of community events over the past few months.

The winning number for the **50/50 raffle** held recently at the WSI Moretown Landfill is **7840026**. The winning ticket holder should forward the ticket with their name and address to Moretown Community Newspaper HCR 34, Box 45, Montpelier, VT 05602 to receive a check for their winnings. ❖

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Ruth Lewis receives her new Afghan  
*photo by Earline Marsh*

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