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Gene Sevi of Roxbury drives his team in the Fourth of July Parade despite the constant rain. A number of brave souls turned out to watch the parade even in the rather nasty weather.

Roxbury Celebrates The Fourth!

By BILL CRONEY
The Northfield News

Rain or shine should be the motto of the Roxbury parade committee. Grey skies and rain couldn't dissuade the annual Roxbury Fourth of July Parade from taking place last Saturday.

At precisely noon the big red Roxbury Volunteer Fire Department (RVFD) tanker truck began to ease its way down the (approximately) half mile stretch of route 12A from the starting point just north of the village to a point just past the fire station.

To call the Roxbury Fourth of July Parade "laid back" or informal, or possibly even unstructured would be an understatement.

Nevertheless, the small crowd of dozens of parade watchers and the parade participants seemed to be hav-

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Photo by Bill Croney, The Northfield News

Members of the Beaver Meadows First Responders, young and old alike, proudly display the flag from their antique Mack fire truck during the Roxbury Fourth of July parade. Dozens of participants and viewers braved the rain to make the parade a success.

A Gathering of Eagles

By STACIE L.L. MORGAN and
ANDREW J. CARNEY

It was a gathering of Eagles when 8 Eagle Scouts gathered with many other attendees to witness Jeffrey Morgan receive Scouting's highest honor, the rank of Eagle Scout.

Jeffrey is the son of Drs. Stacie and Scott Morgan of Northfield.

Governor James Douglas, in a letter read during the ceremony, congratulated Jeffrey on his "...recent success in achieving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout."

The Governor told Jeffrey, "I want you to know how much I admire you for the hard work, tough discipline and motivation you have demonstrated in reaching this level of success." To earn this prestigious award, a Scout must complete a service project and achieve twenty-one merit badges in various subjects to include 12 required merit badges determined by the Boy Scouts of America at the national level.

"It is an honor that few achieve" said Lieutenant Governor Brian Dubie who also sent his congratulations to Jeffrey.

In fact, less than 2% of all scouts ever achieve this award and Jeffrey earned it just after turning 16 last month. Lieutenant Governor Dubie continued in his letter to Jeffrey by explaining, "But even more valuable than the honor, are the skills and accomplishments it represents. Together with the qualities of character, discipline and leadership, they will equip you well as you grow to manhood, and as you realize how you can make a difference in this world, and find personal satisfaction, in whatever walk of life you choose."

The service project requirement for Eagle Scout must be a large scale effort that will improve the community.

Jeffrey's project focused on remedying safety violations and improving conditions at the Northfield Memorial Park.

On behalf of the community of Northfield, Selectman Mel Adams presented a letter, signed by each member of the Board of Selectmen, thanking Jeffrey "...for the wonderful work you have done at the Memorial Park. Much of the work was manual labor, saving the community a lot of tax dollars. The work that was done made an amazing difference in the appearance as well as the safety of the facility."

Over 200 service hours went into the completion of Jeffrey's Eagle project at no cost to Northfield taxpayers.

The Select Board continued by recognizing that Jeffrey "...planned, prepared, organized and supervised the entire project himself and in doing so put in countless hours of your time. Northfield will be forever grateful to you for doing such an awesome job."

Of course no Eagle project is accomplished alone. Jeffrey conducted his own fundraising for this project and recruited many volunteers. Local and regional businesses were contacted and offered support for Jeffrey's Eagle Project.

The Eagle Ceremony Master of Ceremonies was Colonel Steve Carney, BSA Committee Member and Cub Master for Northfield Pack 729.

The Presentation of the Colors was provided by Northfield's American Legion Post #63 Color Guard who did a most professional and honorable job. Dr. Stacie Morgan, Green Mountain Council Executive Board Member and



Photo courtesy of Stacie L.L. Morgan

Jeffrey Morgan, who just turned 16, gives the scout sign before accepting scouting's highest honor, the rank of Eagle Scout. Jeffrey graduated from NHS two years early and has been awarded a \$50,000 scholarship to Norwich.

Jeffrey's mother, led the audience in singing our National Anthem. Following our reverence to our flag, Lieutenant Colonel Cal Kemp, Vermont National Guard Chaplain and Jeffrey's Pastor of the Williamstown Lutheran Church provided a moving Invocation/Benediction.

A fascinating history of the Eagle was presented by Hal Grosser, BSA Frontiers Camp Director, which provided a valuable context for the value, stature, and meaning behind the rank of Eagle Scout.

The Eagle Scouts in attendance challenged Jeffrey in a lively dialogue that illustrated to all other attendees what really went into Jeffrey's joining the gathering of Eagles and prepared him to take the Eagle pledge, which was poignantly administered by Jeffrey's Grandfather, John Hanagan, Eagle Scout (awarded in 1953).

The other Eagle Scouts present were Steve Carney, Hal Grosser, Josh Hatch, Scott Morgan, Mitch Ostrout, and Nelson Skinner.

Jeffrey acknowledged those individuals in attendance that helped him attain Eagle Scout. First and foremost, Jeffrey thanked his parents who guided him along the way; and especially his father, who held various scouting positions and is currently the Scoutmaster for Troop 759. He next thanked his brother, Thomas, who not only supported Jeffrey's Eagle Project, but patiently and unselfishly shared his parents during this painstaking process. Additionally, Jeffrey presented the following individuals with Mentor

Pins in recognition for their assistance during his journey: John Anderson, Jon Hatch, and Steve Skinner, the former leadership of Troop 749, who got him off to a good start when he moved to Vermont; two individuals were instrumental in motivating him to complete his Eagle requirements, Steve Carney and Hal Grosser; Doug Power who helped make scouting memorable by organizing his trip to Philmont Scout Ranch. Doug has also helped him along the Eagle Trail by overseeing his project and as counselor for key Eagle required merit badges; Pastor Cal Kemp who helped him be a reverent scout, and Colonel Michael Morgan, who always made time for him and who attended this auspicious occasion even though his daughters graduation party was at the same time as Jeffrey's Eagle Ceremony.

Jeffrey gave special thanks to Troop 759, the Northfield American Legion and the Sons of American Legion who helped make this event possible. But it seems like Jeffrey made this event possible as well, through hard work, dedication and focus.

Jeffrey graduated from Northfield High School, two years early, on Saturday, June 13, 2009.

As a result of Jeffrey attaining the rank of Eagle Scout, he received early acceptance to Norwich University in the Computer Security and Informa-

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Photo courtesy Green Mountain Girls Farm

Laura Olsen from Green Mountain Girls Farm holds one of their lambs. The farm is one of a growing number of CSA farms in the area offering shares in vegetables, dairy, cheese, meat and other farm fresh products

Northfield's Newest CSA Holds Open House

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CSA's are becoming de rigueur in the area and Green Mountain Girls Farm is one of the newest.

Over the last 20 years, Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) has become a popular way for consumers to buy local, seasonal food directly from a farmer.

Here are the basics: a farmer offers a certain number of "shares" to the public. Typically the share consists of a box of vegetables, but other farm products may be included. Interested consumers purchase a share (aka a "membership" or a "subscription") and in return receive a box (bag, basket) of seasonal produce each week throughout the farming season.

More recently, CSA's have grown to include meat products and dairy, cheese and much more than just vegetables.

One farm that offers more than many is Green Mountain Girls Farm.

Last week, the owners hosted an Open House and encouraged area residents to drop by and get to know the farm, its animals and its farmers.

Located at 923 Loop Road in Northfield, people who came to the open house were able to see the new piglets named Tic, Tac and Toe, met the milk-

ing team, both goats and the farmers who care for them, helped name the new lambs, checked out the progress on the new guesthouse and event space.

Despite the ongoing rain, about 100 people took the opportunity to tour the farm.

Dozens of names were suggested for the four new lambs, including Black-jack, Clue and even Eeny, Meeny, Miny, and Moe.

People had the opportunity to sample Barbeque pork, spit roasted goat, Pesto chicken pasta, fresh goat's milk, snap peas, salsa and green salad, all grown and raised on Green Mountain Girls Farm. The food was gobbled up.

"Great Spread. The food was fantastic," said Rosa Benoir of Northfield, as she and her daughter watched the goats getting milked.

Many kids and adults enjoyed watch-

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