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## Remembering Louise Chandler Means

For over 75 years Louise Chandler Means and Elm Hill Farm have been synonymous. In the early 20th century, Elm Hill was the largest employer in Brookfield and today many residents have memories of working or living at the farm. In more recent years, Louise envisioned the farm as a place to serve the needs of those who are developmentally disabled, as is her only child "Weesie."

Louise saw her dream take shape in the last 12 years with the farm being in the hands of The Blanchard Means Foundation, which is now being operated by Rehabilitative Resources, Inc. of Sturbridge.

Those of us who have been intimately involved in the process of bringing new life and service to Elm Hill and who came to know and love Louise for her spirit, imagination and care, wish to truly celebrate her life with a community memorial service at the Brookfield Congregational Church on Saturday, July 11, at 11AM, where she was a long time member.

We cordially invite you, a member of the Brookfield community, a friend of Louise, or one with affection for historic Elm Hill and its dedicated mission, to join with us as we remember Louise, reflect on her life and honor her joyous spirit.

We hope you will also join us afterwards at Elm Hill Center, 26 East Main Street, for a light lunch and social gathering as we continue to celebrate this unique lady and see the progress that has been made as Elm Hill prepares to serve those with special needs and the community.

Family & Friends of Louise

## BROOKFIELD SUMMER CONCERTS

Three-in-one July Concerts on the Common in Brookfield

The Brookfield Cultural Council is hosting Friday evening Concerts on the Common. Baking contests, variety acts and band concerts are planned for four Friday evenings in July.

Schedule:

All events will be held, either at the Town Common gazebo, or, in the event of rain, in the Brookfield Town Hall.

Baking Contest & Variety half-hour at 6:30 PM.

Band Concert 7 - 9 PM.

Baking Contest Results - 8 PM.

Friday, July 10 - Shakin' All Over  
baking contest - "Squares & Bars"

Friday, July 17 - Free Range  
baking contest - "Quick breads"

Friday, July 24 - She's Busy  
baking contest - "Fruit pies"

Friday, July 31 - David Pike  
baking contest - "Cupcakes"

Vendors & community groups are welcome.  
Contact Bill Simpson for booth availability.  
508/867-9233.



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## Council on Aging Notes

Seniors are invited to a drop in meeting with Barbara Clancy and Barbara Harrington at **E.B. Flatts Restaurant** on **Tuesday, July 7 at 12:30 p.m.** Those wishing to eat lunch may purchase from the menu at their own expense. If you need a ride please call Barbara Clancy at **508 867 6043**.

## Basic EMT Course

The Brookfield Emergency Squad would like to let everyone know that Mary Lane Hospital will be holding a Basic Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) course starting September 1, 2009. This course is approximately 150 hours of training and ten hours of emergency room observation time. The program covers medical and traumatic emergencies and how to manage and treat them.

This course will prepare you to take a State EMT-Basic certification exam. These are the first steps to working on an ambulance, either here in Brookfield or in the private sector. The total cost is \$700 and half is due by 9/1/09.

For more information about the class call Michelle Holmgren at Mary Lane at **413-967-2296**. For information about EMTs or Emergency Medical Services (EMS) in general, call Brookfield EMS at **508-867-6036**.

## Katherine Jedynasty Named to Dean's List

Katherine Jedynasty of Brookfield, Mass., a senior at Salve Regina University, has been named to the Dean's List for the Spring 2009 semester.

To qualify for the Dean's List, full-time students must earn a minimum grade point average of 3.5 without receiving a grade below a 'B' in that semester. A Catholic, co-educational institution, Salve Regina was founded in 1947 by the Religious Sisters of Mercy. Its 75-acre campus borders the famed Cliff Walk in Newport's historic Ochre Point/Bellevue Avenue neighborhood.

The Brookfield Citizen applauds Katherine for her achievement.

## Vacation Bible School in W. Brookfield

The First Congregational Church of W. Brookfield, 36 N. Main St., will host vacation bible school July 20-24 from 9-12 daily. All children ages 5 and older are welcome to attend. There is no cost. Please call the church to register - **508-867-7078**.

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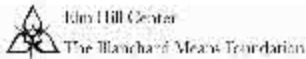
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## Tantasqua Senior Wins Blanchard Means Foundation Scholarship

### *Brookfield's Cari Toth's Essay on Volunteerism and Community Involvement Selected*

The Blanchard Means Foundation today named Brookfield's Cari Toth the winner of its \$500 scholarship for her essay on the importance of community involvement in preserving the historical character of Brookfield. The Foundation is the charitable entity overseeing Brookfield's Elm Hill Center and farm.

"Cari's excellent essay epitomized the vision that we have for Elm Hill Farm," said Bonnie Keefe-Layden, the Chief Executive Officer of Rehabilitative Resources Inc. of Sturbridge, which operates the Foundation. "It is crucial for us to engage young people who appreciate the resource we have in Elm Hill, and who understand that hard work will help keep it viable for generations to come."

The scholarship was designed for a student who will pursue a higher education degree in the field of special education, history, human services or environmental sciences – disciplines that match the mission of the historic farm at Elm Hill Center. It required an essay describing a creative idea that will assist the Blanchard Means Foundation in maintaining Elm Hill Farms historical presence and community value for Brookfield residents.

In her essay, Toth wrote, "The importance of volunteer work and community involvement is not to be taken lightly, for together, we can accomplish great things."

She suggested involving volunteers from Brookfield to assist in cleaning up the land surrounding Elm Hill Farm. "We could make it a fun spring event for young children to learn about plants, trees and gardening. We could have the 'students' plant flowers all around the land to add to the intrinsic value of the land. We could also invite some of the developmentally disabled people to plant, and have fun. Not only would this add to the beauty of the land, but it would be a great event to get people involved in."

Toth will attend Fitchburg State College in the fall, and hopes to pursue a career in special education.

Rehabilitative Resources Inc. (RRI), one of Central Massachusetts' leading care providers for people living with developmental disabilities, acquired control of the Blanchard Means Foundation, a charitable entity which oversees operations of

## Better Nutrition Through Soil Management

The Brookfield Garden Club will host a program by Dan Kittredge, of North Brookfield, on how farmers can work to achieve better nutrition through better soil management to produce better tasting, more nutrient-rich food. Mr. Kittredge is the founder of Real Food Campaign, whose mission is to make nutrient dense foods available to everyone. The RFC hopes to eventually set standards, provide education and use protocols to promote this. It would involve farmers from all parts of the world who have developed methods for nutrient dense foods, as well as scientists, doctors, and nutritionists.

The idea behind the movement began with Dr. Arden Anderson (Real Medicine, Real Health), who believes all forms of life are interconnected and that something done to one aspect of life affects another. According to Dr. Anderson, "Microorganisms in the soil determine how a crop is going to grow and then determines how we're going to grow with the nutrition from that crop". Because of inadequate nutritional practices by farmers in the past, today's food is significantly deficient in nutrient density. "Eating all the right foods today still leaves us short of needed nutrition", says Dr. Anderson. Through Real Food Campaign, Dan Kittredge hopes to help gardeners learn about how balancing biological minerals available in the soil improves the soil life and, in turn, the health of the soil, leading to the improved quality of nutrients. His website is [www.realfoodcampaign.org](http://www.realfoodcampaign.org). The program will be held in the basement of the Brookfield Congregational Church on Sunday, July 26, 2009 at 3 PM.

The program is free and open to the public.

Brookfield's historic Elm Hill Center, in January.

The farm was the property of the family of the late Blanchard Means, whose wife Louise, passed away earlier this month. Following the 1973 death of her husband, Mrs. Means became concerned about the future of the family farm, and envisioned it as a preservation place where the public and developmentally disabled individuals, like her daughter, would enjoy its natural beauty. Her daughter, Louise, still lives at Elm Hill, as do several other adults living with developmental disabilities.

## VENDORS ARE WANTED

The American Legion Post 138 (Spencer) is holding its First Annual Flea Market on July 11<sup>th</sup>; with the rain date of July 12<sup>th</sup>.

Location: Klem's Field, Route 9, Spencer

Set up is 6:00 am

Flea Market will be open from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

\$20.00 donation per spot

Please call 508-885-9537 for more information

