

# A Reporter's Notebook: Instant spring

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PHILLIPS — When I got a call this week from Peg Stinchfield of Phillips that I must come over and see her spring flowers after a long winter, I decided to make that trip on Sunday.

We drove onto Sawyer Road and into Stinchfield's driveway, and I went inside her lovely home where she has lived since 1938.

"Did you see my flowers? Everyone comes in the spring from far and wide just to see my beautiful flowers after a long winter of snow," Stinchfield said.

So Stinchfield, 92, and I ventured out to the front of the house near the lovely stone wall garden and there and behold were those beautiful flowers.

With a twinkle in her eye she said, "I'm not sure where the seeds came from..." as I looked at all those plastic flowers arranged in the garden.

I don't think I will ever go to Wal-Mart or the Dollar Store again and look at all those flowers on a wall without thinking of Peg Stinchfield.

Stinchfield told me she graduated from Farmington High School in 1934 and then worked at New England Telephone in Farmington until 1938 when Russell Stinchfield "whooped (her) up in his arms" and asked her to elope, "Well, it was now or never," she thought to herself at the time.



Peg Stinchfield sits beside her "annual" spring flowers in front of her home in Phillips.  
(Laura Dunham photo)

## Children's Task Force receives \$5,000 grant

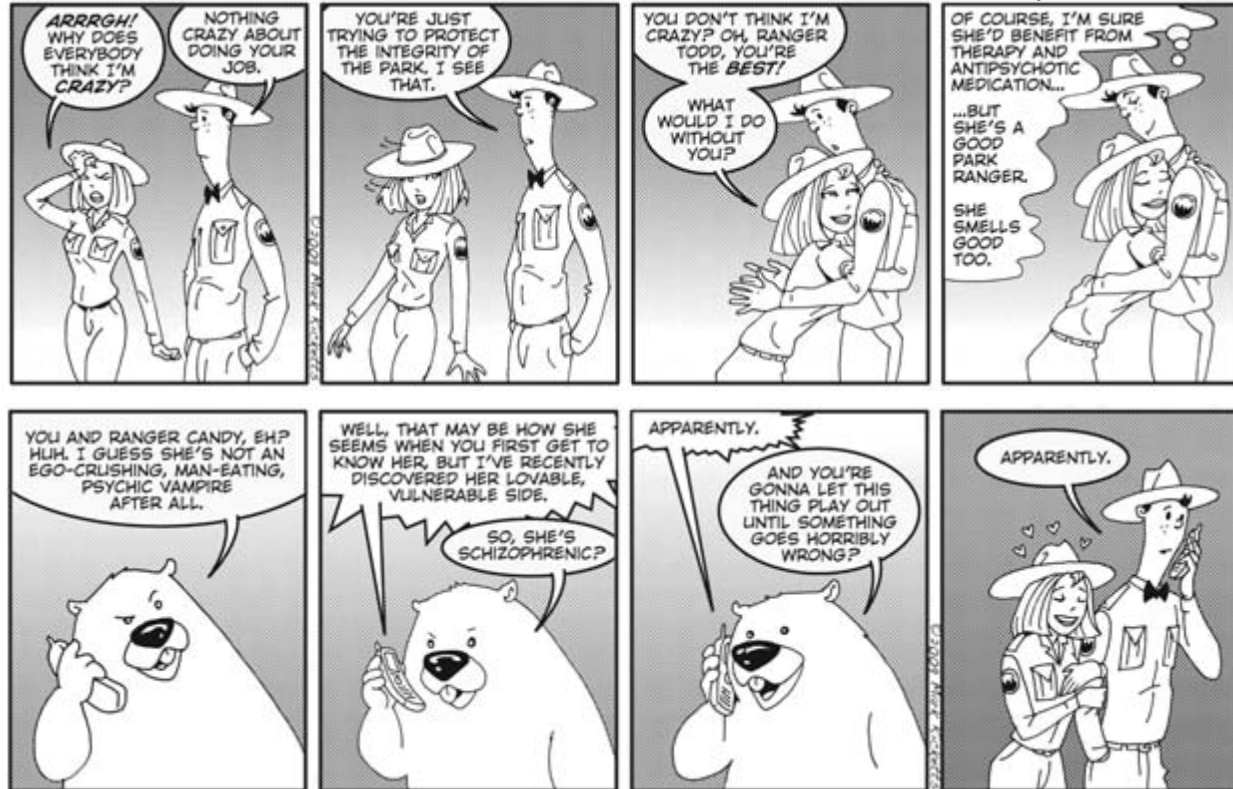
FARMINGTON — the Franklin County Children's Task Force recently received a \$5,000 grant from the Western Mountains Fund of the Maine Community Foundation to support fathers in their roles as parents in Franklin County.

"This grant will allow us to target the specific needs of the fathers in Franklin County to ensure we are on the right track in identifying that both mom and dad are integral parts of their child's life," said Renee Blanchet, Executive Director of the Franklin County Children's Task Force. "This program will also give dads a voice of their own, and help them understand why their parenting is unique and how important their role is."

This group will begin in June with male facilitation and be held at the FCCTF office building on Church Street. Anyone wishing to attend is encouraged to call the FCCTF office to register at 778-6960.

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