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The Cabot Community Christmas Tree Lighting



The Memorial Tree on the Common lighting ceremony will take place on December 15th at 6:30 p.m. followed by a Christmas Concert at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information, and an opportunity to purchase a bulb in memory of a loved one, see the special notice on page 7.

OLIVER!

Calling all pickpockets and other scurrilous Dickensian characters! Your friends and neighbors at Cabot Community Theater are going to mount a production of "Oliver!" this spring, and we need you! There are some terrific lead roles in this show, and we also need folks of all ages for the chorus roles--it's an opportunity for parents and kids to be in a show together. The talented Caleb Pitkin will be directing this wonderful musical, and we're hoping for lots

Cabot Community Theater

of involvement from the community to make it a success!

Auditions are planned for December 15 and 16. Watch for an announcement about time and place in Front Porch Forum and flyers at the Cabot Village Store and library, or you can be notified by sending your name and email address to karen@praxisworks.org, or phoning Karen Mueller-Harder at 563-2669 if you don't have email. Rehearsals will start in January, with performances in April.

ATV Ordinance Going No Where

The Cabot Select Board will not pursue an ATV (all terrain vehicle) ordinance for the town. After inviting public input at select board meetings, in a mailed community survey, and on an election day Australian ballot question, community response was roughly sixty percent negative and forty percent positive.

This leaves Cabot ATV owners the option of limiting travel to their own

land or land they have written permission to ride and Class IV roads, or to work with land owners to develop a trail system, much like the VAST (Vermont Association of Snow Travelers) trails. The Vermont ATV Sportsman's Association, Inc., (VASA) is located in Barre and has offered to assist such efforts, and provides useful information on their website—www.vtvasa.org.

GET READY FOR SNOWMOBILING SEASON!

TRAIL PASS SAVINGS DISAPPEAR AFTER DECEMBER 15
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Non-Resident
Regular Snowmobile \$145 each plus club and county dues
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Classic Snowmobile Model Year 1998 or older
Not Available in regular season

Volunteer
Contact your club to learn how to qualify
\$40 each - same for Resident or Non-Resident Plus club and county dues

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\$90 each same for Resident or Non-Resident Plus club and county dues

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Resident/Non-Resident
One time \$115 fee plus club and county dues
(Must be legally registered as Antique, and used exclusively in exhibitions, parades and public functions. Antique TMAs sold only through VAST office.)

For more information on Snowmobiling in Vermont see pages 6 & 7

SPECIAL MEETING MONDAY, DECEMBER 10 6:30 P.M., CSPAC

The Cabot School Board will hold an informational meeting to present a draft budget for Cabot School for the 2013-2014 year at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, December 10 in the Cabot School Performing Arts Building (CSPAC). Our goal is to share the draft with interested community members, as well as to get input prior to finalizing the budget in early January.
We hope that a large number of community members will attend.

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THE FLYING FARMER

St. Honore', 480 Million Year Old Rock, And A Farmer's Vacation

By Will Ameden

Excerpted from Will Ameden's blog, The Flying Farmer, available at his website for Catamount Aviation and Under Orion Farm, <http://catamountaviation.wordpress.com>.



Looking out over Lake Champlain

What does it take to get a farmer away for a weekend? For me it was my friend Elena blocking off the weekend on my calendar, and not telling me a thing about where or what we were doing. My only hints: we are driving; bring warm clothes; bring a change of clothes that I didn't mind being seen publicly in. Hmmm...

Nearby **Rainbow Sweets** in Marshfield was the first stop. The very delicious St. Honore' was, as always, very eatable. What a fantastic way to start a trip. So my mind was working. We are headed south...Boston maybe? We then turn east over Lincoln Gap, and passed a "Road Closed" sign. Camping? With no gear? Hope not. Middlebury maybe? Nope.

The next stop was Bristol, VT. Our original destination, the **Bobcat Cafe**, was closed, but the **Bristol Bakery and Cafe** was the perfect substitution for a light lunch and good coffee. Now we are northbound. Burlington? Driving in circles? Ah, Shelburne Museum!

Sadly, we missed it by one day and now it is closed for the season! A chilly visit to the **Shelburne Airport** just across the road from museum, was the obvious next stop. This is a small grass field squeezed in under the bigger footprint of Burlington International Airport. It has the throwback feeling of a 1950's, with old airplanes, vintage trucks, and sagging hangers. For years Ray Magee has driven up to greet a person in his golf cart. We were not disappointed. After a quick walking tour of the airport (some members of our party were not dressed for airfield operations...ahem. Right Elena?), we were northbound again...driving through Burlington. To Canada perhaps? I hope not. No passport or even an "enhanced drivers license".



Barn in Alburg

Ah...the Lake Champlain Islands. Located in the north west corner of Vermont, it almost feels "another world away". There are no Green Mountains jutting up comfortably around you. It is flat and wide open with water all around. The trees seem shorter, scrub-bier, and leaves you feeling a little bit exposed.



Shore Acres Inn and Restaurant, on the east shore of North Hero Island, was chilly and empty, but welcoming. As Nathan at **Snow Farm Vineyard** describes it (of course we were wine tasting), two thirds of the Island residents leave for other locales during the winter. The up side (is there a down side?) is that there are no traffic lines, no crowds, and a fantastic 50% off sale at the **Junk and Disorderly** antique store.... perfect! We came away with an antique coffee grinder, tin maple sugar molds, "In The Mood" 78 rpm record by Glen Miller (this is a perfect tune for my wind-up phonograph in the Catamount Airfield Operations Shack), and free Halloween candy.

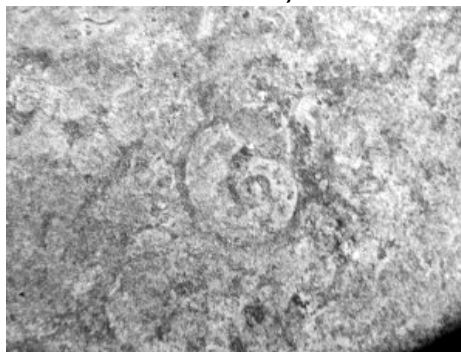


Bird houses in North Hero

Hero's Welcome General Store, usually jam-packed with folks, was our perfect supply station. We stocked up on the essentials: Coffee and pastries from the counter, candles, a Vermont mystery from the book room, wine, sandwiches from the fine deli, and a WWII Poster Puzzle from the game room. We were ready for exploring on the following day. Back at the Inn, the mystery book seemed to be a dud. We turned to the biography of Benedict Arnold instead, reading aloud of the Naval battle of Valcour Island during the Revolutionary War, while following the descriptions of Lake Champlain and the Islands with the VT Gazateer. What a history this place has!



Coral reef



fossil

After a lovely dinner and charming breakfast at the Inn we were off exploring. **St. Anne's Shrine**, on the northern end of Isle La Motte, is an open Victorian chapel. It rests on the site of Fort St. Anne, the first French settlement in Vermont in 1666. Worth a return trip back when it is warmer (or be dressed for winter), and when the visitors center is open. **Chazian Coral Reef** was a little harder to find. Located on the east side of Isle La Motte, the Goodsell Ridge Preserve is an abandoned dairy farm that happens to be home to the world's oldest coral reef—480 million years old! Again, the visitors center was closed, but walking along the trails and fields, looking at fossils on the exposed coral was awesome! Wonder what it was like trying to plow and plant crops on this farm. Not much for topsoil.



A chilly farmer at Northern Lights Airport

Almost as awesome was our next stop, **Northern Lights Airport** in Alburg. On an overcast, windy day there was not a lot going on, but you could tell that was not always the case. The long row of open hangers was full of small aircraft and piles of floats for water operations during the summer. Scooter Prescott who operates the airfield and maintenance shop (so the story goes) has a set of dollies that he uses to allow float equipped aircraft to takeoff from the grass airfield (these floats have no wheels on them). The float plane sits on top of the dolly, which has wheels. As the plane departs, it lifts off the dolly which then zooms down the runway until the brakes on the dolly activate which brings the whole thing to a stop. Love to see that sometime! [Note: many folks with float planes put wheels or skis on in the winter when the lake freezes, then reattach the floats again in summer] We did not have time to see the Royal Lipizzan Stallions of Austria in North Hero, or the Hyde Log Cabin State Historical Site, or do any hiking in places with names like *Alburg Tongue*, *South Hero Marsh WLA*, or visit the Quarry. But it was the perfect farmer's vacation: historically stimulating, visually satisfying and comparatively relaxing. The weekend did feel like a world away, but without the travel hassles. In fact, having a mystery vacation might be the next big thing.



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COMMUNITY COMMENTARY

Dear Editor:

I am writing this letter in response to the recent spate of articles touting the benefits of school choice. For many reasons, I believe that a decision to close Cabot School would be a very poor decision. Outsourcing our education to other places has never been shown to be a cost-saving measure for voters. Additionally, families would have to consider how to transport their children back and forth to schools that are many miles away. Our town would lose the sense of community provided by the school, and the children would lose the support of that vital network. Moreover, if we were to send our children to another town, we lose the right to voice our opinion regarding how that school is run. School decisions are left to the townspeople, not to those sending their children in from other places.

Finally, there are many benefits inherent in a small school that would be lost if our children are shipped out. The size of our school makes for deep connections and relationships. Additionally, it affords teachers the opportunity to be flexible and responsible to each student's needs and learning style. For all of the foregoing reasons, I believe that Cabot School should be supported.

More importantly, however, I think that Cabot School should continue to educate our youth because they have a talented and dedicated staff that is making a real difference. For example, because of Brian Boyes, many children of this town have become proficient instrumentalists. Additionally, he has taught my children to listen to music in a way that I can not. He has taught them the language of music. They no longer hear a song and merely like or dislike it. They hear the changing beats, the interactive melodies, and the complexities or lack thereof, in a song. Due to the work of Bill Tobin, they can perform complex math equations, and even seem to enjoy it. (I have also seen Bill, along with the students, having a great time in an impromptu jam session, playing his electric harp along with their piano and drum!) Those kinds of interactions are priceless.

Lindsey Rudaya, and Cam O'Brien before her, have taught my children to speak French. They have also inspired a love of languages that has resulted in international travel. Michael Crocker

recently took his Marine Biology students on a whale watch, and they were able to see a mother and baby whale bubble-feeding. In Biology, the students learned which species in a lake were non-native and invasive. High school science means that a walk by the water has become a dialogue about the environment!

Peter Stratman, in addition to being an amazing instructor and mentor, has spent countless hours on the soccer field teaching about determination and a love of sport. Most recently, he took his varsity boys soccer team to the semi-finals! Congratulations Huskies! Many community members, including Cabot's beloved centenarian Blanche Lamore, as well as teachers and students, were on the fan bus that Jim and Karen Abbott (among others) worked diligently to secure.

I see the results of Julia Hewitt's work every time a grant proposal of my daughter's has been accepted, allowing her to remain at Stonehill College, where she is an honor student. I see Deb Bothfeld's work when I watch the children of this town at Burke on community ski day. How many of these kids might never have learned to ski, if she hadn't set up ski lessons as part of the physical education curriculum?

The foregoing are merely examples, and not meant to be an exhaustive list of the talent that we have here in Cabot. My hat is off to all of the teachers that work so hard to make our school an amazing place. I celebrate because my children have learned to see and experience the world in a different way because of your tireless work at Cabot School.

Of course, as with any good relationship, there are areas of Cabot School that need improvement. There is no such thing as a perfect school, and any one child's education is going to depend on a number of factors. Teachers need the support of families and community that value education. Please show your support by cheering at a game, clapping at a concert, or voting to support the budget of Cabot School on town meeting day. The School Board is always so cognizant of the needs of all community members! School choice can, and should, mean choosing CABOT.

Sincerely,
Juliann R. Ambroz

Dawn of a New Era

By Brigitte Codling

As the possible dawn of a new era approaches, residents of Cabot have been voicing their thoughts, ideas, and concerns related to closing Cabot High School in order to give our high school students School Choice. Some residents maintain the desire to keep the school intact and continue working to try and improve it, others feel that, after three years of failed attempts, it's time to make a change, and others remain somewhere in between.

Regardless of how any of us feel about the school; the undeniable facts we all face remain; millions of tax dollars are needed to bring the current campus configuration up to par and the administration is considering early retirement options for teachers, which will cost nearly a million more. The school has failed for years to meet the State's standards of learning, and is now considered "A School in Need of Improvement" by the Department of Education, yet has the 11th highest public school tuition rate in the State. Cabot High School students no longer follow a traditional high school curriculum, but, rather, are participating in an all-encompassing "humanities" course, which was implemented with little preparation and no public input.

Over the past few years, this new project-based learning initiative has been failing many of our high school students; students who spend much of their day in front of a computer instead of a teacher each day.

How to best educate our children and how to pay for it are two of the most important issues Cabot residents are faced with today. It is encouraging to see so many residents of Cabot interested in all aspects of the school, interested in learning more about closing Cabot High School, as well as details related to High School Choice. I would urge anyone interested in learning more about any of these subjects to attend School Board meetings, to visit the "Cabot Residents for School Choice" facebook page, the School Choice Vermont website, as well as the Department of Education website. Regardless of where you stand on the issue of School Choice; most can agree it is time for a new beginning for our high school students, for our elementary students, for Cabot School, and for the Town of Cabot. It's time to put our diversity to work and come together as a community to offer our students a standard of learning worthy of our children at a price we all can afford.

Schools of Democracy

By Lars Hasselblad Torres, Cabot

Cabot School is one of an increasingly small number of Vermont schools that provides its students and townspeople with an essential democratic experience: the capacity to shape the learning of generations of its residents. In the present, it might seem that the pendulum of public opinion swings toward a loosening of that experience, a pulling away from the side of direct involvement and drifting toward that modern experience of ever distant institutions and an increasingly fragmented community. When the school choice system was enacted in Vermont in the 19th century, the goal was to bring access and coherence to a landscape dotted with religious and private academies. Today's choice discussion, founded on "free market" ideals over public governance, is another swing at the foundations of democratic life.

Markets are not democracies, and I cherish Vermont's deliberative democratic tradition. There are at least two arguments advanced in service of a market drift, two claims that I would like to forcefully rebut.

First, that Cabot High School is somehow "failing" its service to students and its community and that the proper course of action is to close it down, remanding parents choice. This is a canard: seventy three (73) percent of Vermont's schools are dubbed "failing;" this is much more a function of poor public policy than a crisis of education at Cabot School. In fact, Cabot School as a whole has experienced a radical change in leadership and orientation during the last decade. Such changes do not come easy or without pain; these are weak arguments for throwing in the towel. More than ever, under new and diligent leadership for the last two years, Cabot School has a better shot than ever at transformation and meeting that 2014 NCLB target of "100 percent proficiency" in core subjects. To cut that transformation short by amputation of "choice" will be demoralizing; furthermore, "choice" doesn't solve the problem, providing no guarantee that Cabot students will be better served elsewhere. In fact, national data shows that overall test scores are no better at choice schools than non-choice schools.

Second, there is the idea that Cabot School is a tax burden on the community and the interests of its homeowning residents. and students will be better served when the community tuitions its children farther afield. In fact, there is little evidence to support this clientelist claim. Costs, as every tax payer in Cabot knows dearly, are not fixed. Salaries go up, fuel goes up. And so on. In the same way, as schools accepting incoming students experience enrollment pressures and the burden to

provide services rises, so will the costs. It is nearly a guarantee that today's sticker price will not be tomorrow's sale price. By eliminating Cabot School or part of it, we are not solving a fundamental systemic problem. What it will do is cede our power as a community to exercise a democratic say in our community's education. A much better conversation to have seeks creative ways to contain the cost to the public while finding alternative means to grow Cabot School's income.

In fact, school choice is a profoundly regressive public policy that favors anyone who is willing to endure the struggle of a large group of students to ensure the safety of their own. The absolute beauty of a public school is that we're in this thing together. It is a fact that there are children at Cabot School who have extraordinarily limited options relative to others. Cabot School brings us into a common place where we - students and parents alike - help each other out and work together, regardless of means. Eliminating a K-12 opportunity like Cabot School (or any part of it, such as its high school) is a terrifically short-sighted, reactive action that privileges a few and punishes many more.

I'd like to ask three things of everyone wrestling with the question of closing Cabot School. First, please take the extraordinary approach of trying to look at the school anew. If you can, make the effort to attend the next open house or community presentation. Meet some of the engaged students if yours isn't one of them, hear their stories of learning, look for that spark of a lifelong passion. Second, get involved positively. A school can't live without its community, and I doubt Cabot will thrive without its school. If you can, find ways to pitch in and volunteer - at the individual, project, classroom or any other level that appeals to you. There are many, many exciting things happening at the school, and they will be even better if you are a positive part of them. And third, give the current leadership at Cabot School the respect of a full term. Let's not hold the faults and deficits that were inherited as the standard of measurement. Let's employ standards of progress and achievement; to do this takes time. Everyone knows that yesterday's economic policy doesn't deliver results today; these policies require time to implement and mature. The same is true for education; let's make sure the needles are newly shifting in the right direction and find ways to amplify those results.

I believe those needles are shifting, and I'm deeply proud that this town has sustained such an institution. I hope future generations will benefit from the privilege as well. I believe our democracy depends on it.

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OBITUARIES & MEMORIALS

Rachel H. Bailey



Rachel H. Bailey, 94, formerly of Woodbury, died Wednesday, October 24, 2012, in the Heritage Hall North Nursing Home in Agawam, Massachusetts.

She was born November 26, 1917, in Walden, one of eight children of the late Joseph R. and Myrtie (Wilcox) Houston. She attended Walden public schools, Hardwick Academy and graduated from high school in Portsmouth, N.H.

Rachel continued her education at the Heaton Hospital Nursing School in Montpelier.

On January 15, 1939, she married Earnest Henderson in Danville. In her earlier years, Rachel stayed at home to care for her children. She later was employed at Digital Electronics Company in Westfield, MA.

Following the couple's retirement, she and Earnest returned to Vermont and made their home in Victory. During their marriage, Rachel and Earnest went on wonderful vacations with their children. After the children were grown, the couple traveled the United States in an RV, making true and lasting friends in every state. Earnest died on August 23, 1986.

Rachel later married Sprague Bailey on June 22, 1988, in Las Vegas, NV. The couple returned to make Woodbury, VT., their home. Rachel and Sprague loved Woodbury, and after Sprague's death on January 25, 1998, Rachel stayed. She often commented that the people of Woodbury treated her so wonderfully that she couldn't imagine a better place to live.

In later years, Rachel received much care from family, friends and neighbors, in particular her daughter, Michal and son-in-law Steve Carlton, her sister Bev and friend Shirley, neighbors Richard and Liz Paton and many, many others who showed kindness and concern.

In 2004, she moved to Louisville, Kentucky, to live with her son, Stan and his wife Peggy, charming everyone and making new friends there. She moved to Agawam, Massachusetts, in 2011, where she received care at Heritage Hall Nursing Home and was cared for by her son Steve.

She was a member of the South Walden Church; affiliated with the Woodbury Center Church and a member of the Woodbury Bible Study Group. She enjoyed reading, crossword puzzles, playing Scrabble, spending time with her family and her Bible Study Group.

Rachel was a sweet and loving lady. She always had something pleasant and kind to say to everyone she met. Her charm, her sense of humor and most of all her gentleness will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Survivors include two sons: Stanley Henderson of Louisville, KY, and Steven L. Henderson of Indian Orchard, MA; a sister, Beverly Cook of Zephyrhills, FL; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; many nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was predeceased by a daughter: Michal Carleton; six siblings: Leona Stratton, Joyce Popodopoulos, Jody Houston, Hugh Houston, Olive Robertson and Louise Hale Salls.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, October 30, 2012, at the Woodbury Center Church with the Rev. David Hunter officiating. Burial followed in the Danville Green Cemetery in Danville.

Donations in her memory can be made to the Vermont Association for the Blind, Development Office, 60 Kimball Avenue, South Burlington, VT 05403.

Arrangements under direction of Dian R. Holcomb of Northern Vermont Funeral Service, 60 Elm Street, Hardwick.

Sandra Marie Churchill

Sandra Marie Churchill, 52, of Highland Avenue in Hardwick, died Sunday evening, November 11, 2012, at the Central Vermont Medical Center in Berlin.

She was born August 29, 1960, in Hardwick, the daughter of Bert and Eva (Jackson) Hale. She attended schools in Walden and was a 1978 graduate of Cabot High School.

On June 19, 1981, she married Brian Churchill in Walden; the couple had lived in Walden, Cabot and in Barre in recent years.

Employed as a merchandiser, she worked for Kinney Drugs in Bradford for the past ten years.

Sandy enjoyed doing crafts, reading, and her cats. Time spent with friends and family was important to her.

Survivors include her husband, Brian Churchill of Barre; two daughters; Amanda Churchill of Montpelier, and Amy Churchill and her partner, Matthew Jacques, of Barre; a sister Susan Hale and her partner, Shelly Barton, of Winooski and a brother, Michael Hale, of Hamptonville, N.C., and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Besides her parents, she was predeceased by two brothers, Jeffrey Hale and Stephen Hale.

A service of remembrance was conducted Thursday, November 15, 2012. Arrangements by Hooker and Whitcomb Funeral Home of Barre.

Gordon W. Durkee, Sr.



Gordon W. Durkee Sr., 76, of Marshfield, died Thursday, November 22, 2012, at his home.

Born on February 13, 1936, in Barre, he was the son of Martha (Kidder) and Malcomb Durkee, Sr. He graduated from Marshfield High School in 1955 and attended St. Johnsbury Trade School for drafting.

Gordon married the love of his life and best friend, Connie Dudley, on September 23, 1956. He was proud to say they were married for 56 years and he cherished every moment they had together. Together, they built a family whom Gordon was so proud of.

Gordon retired from National Life Insurance Co. on April 1, 1988, after 32 years. A year later, he took a temporary job with Vermont Life Magazine, which continued for 22 years. Gordon was a member of the Vermont National Guard for 13 years and then he joined the Army Reserves, retiring after 15 years. Most recently, Gordon was a member of the Vermont State Guard. Just this week, he was promoted to Major. Upon his death, this award was presented to his wife, Connie, by his Commanding Officer, Darrell Burkhalter. This had been approved three days prior to his death, without Gordon's knowledge.

He was a past member of the Twinfield School Board. Through the years, he served as a town service officer in Marshfield, a hunter safety instructor for over 40 years, and was a member of the Marshfield Fire Department. He was an active member in the Wyoming Masonic Lodge #80 of Marshfield, which he joined in 1964. Gordon served on the board of trustees for the Village of Marshfield, serving as the president for several years. He was a past member of the Montpelier Elks.

Gordon had a passion for hunting, fishing, reading and playing cribbage. He was happy to be a part of his grandsons' Boy Scout troops, having been a

Boy Scout himself. Just recently, he was becoming computer savvy, learning to use his laptop. Gordon and Connie camped for over 47 years in the Vermont State Parks, and recently, at the Groton Forest Road Campground, which Connie and he called their summer home.

Survivors include his wife, Connie of Marshfield; his son, Gordon "Bill" Jr. and his wife Robin of Woodbury; his daughters, Bobbie McAvoy and her husband Patrick of Ware, Massachusetts, Betty Durkee and her partner George Harris of Marshfield, Becky Durkee of Marshfield and Betsy Dutil and her husband Robert of Marshfield; grandchildren, Greg McAvoy of Ringe, NH, Geoff McAvoy of Ware, Massachusetts, Glenn McAvoy and his partner Stacy Agnew of Alexandria, VA, Debbie Durkee and her partner Derrick Barnett of Marshfield, and Daniel Durkee of Woodbury; a great-granddaughter, McKenna Durkee of Marshfield; and his loyal canine companion, Baxter. He also leaves behind brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, numerous nieces and nephews, and his extended daycare family.

Gordon was predeceased by his brother, Malcomb Durkee, Jr.; his beloved sister-in-law, Barbara Dudley Mears; a brother-in-law and a sister-in-law; and three nephews and one niece.

A service celebrating his life was held on Wednesday, November 28, 2012, in the Old Labor Hall on Granite Street in Barre.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to the Wyoming Masonic Lodge #80, 32 Hollister Hill Road, Plainfield, VT 05667; or to the North Country Animal League, 16 Mountain View Meadow, Morrisville, VT 05661.

Barbara "Bobsy" McGoff Wilson

Barbara "Bobsy" McGoff Wilson, 78, passed away November 20 after a courageous battle with Thyroid Cancer. She was born in Barre, VT, October 31, 1934, daughter of the late Charles and Maxine (Coravillas) Griffin. She attended schools there and graduated from Spaulding High School in Barre. She married Morton "Dewey" McGoff of Cabot, VT on April 7, 1956. He predeceased her. She married the second love of her life, Richard Wilson of Barre, VT on May 11, 1981.

Besides her husband, she leaves a son, Robert McGoff of Colchester, CT and two daughters Bambi McGoff of Colchester, CT and Wendy Hacker and her husband David of Fairfield, CT, a step-son David Wilson and his wife Tracey, a step-daughter Debbie Watson and her husband Scott, thirteen grandchildren, James Stone, Jr., Jenny Stone McMahon, Tiffanee Kelsey McGoff, Kelsey McGoff LaBelle, Erin McGoff, Brendan McGoff, Kyleigh Hacker, Kenneth Hacker, Kristina Hacker, Kristina Watson, Heather Watson, Garrett Wilson Cooper Wilson and two great granddaughters, Molly Jo McMahon and Skylar Villas Hacker, two sisters Joyce St. Francis of Burlington, VT and Claire Simmons of Rhode Island, a brother Charles "Skip" Griffin, Jr. of Oceanside, CA. She was predeceased by her sister Carole Bernasconi of Barre, VT. She also leaves cousins, nieces and nephews.

She was loved by all for her wit. Family and friends will remember her as a fun practical joker. She lived by the motto, "To live in the hearts of others."

Her graveside service will be held at the convenience of her family at Hope Cemetery in Barre, VT. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to your local American Cancer Society. The Cummings-Gagne Funeral Home 82 Cliff St. Norwich, CT, has been entrusted with her arrangements.

New Projects Starting in Cabot

On November 27, over 40 Cabot community members came out to the third meeting in Vermont Council on Rural Development's Community Visit process to launch the projects that community members selected as top priorities:

- **Build an Agricultural Network,**
- **Improve Community Communications, and**
- **Develop a Community Arts Center.**

Local task force groups are forming in each of these three areas and, after a delicious dinner prepared by Butters Restaurant, the task force groups met with a visiting team that helped them get organized and build action steps for the work ahead. If you want to get involved in any of the projects or for more information, contact Jan Westervelt at 563-2489 or jrwocabot@yahoo.com or Jeanne Johnson at 563-3338/3147 or Cabot.Development@yahoo.com. Jan is serving as the "Chair of the Chairs" and will work to help groups move forward over the next year.

Watch Cabot Front Porch Forum (frontporchforum.com) for meeting times and direct committee contact information.

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EVERY VOTE COUNTS

How did Cabot stack up against the statewide vote? Here are the results from the General Election on November 6 for Cabot and the state of Vermont.

General Election Cabot Results

I. For US President
ROSS "ROCKY" C. ANDERSON, Utah
4
GARY JOHNSON, New Mexico
15
PETA LINDSAY, California
2
BARACK OBAMA, Illinois*
487
MITT ROMNEY, Massachusetts
221
Combined Write-in votes
5
Spoiled
0
Blank
3
TOTAL VOTES CAST For
US President 737

II. For US Senator
PETE DIAMONDSTONE, Brattleboro
10
CRIS ERICSON, Chester
18
LAUREL LAFRAMBOISE, Chelsea
2
JOHN MACGOVERN, Windsor
189
PETER MOSS, Fairfax
6
BERNIE SANDERS, Burlington*
502
Combined Write-in votes
0
Spoiled
0
Blank
10
TOTAL VOTES CAST For
US Senator 737

III. For Representative to Congress
JAMES "SAM" DESROCHERS, Milton
23
MARK DONKA, Hartford
171
ANDRE LAFRAMBOISE, Chelsea
0
JANE NEWTON, Londonderry
7
PETER WELCH, Norwich*
511
Combined Write-in votes
0
Spoiled
0
Blank
25
TOTAL VOTES CAST For
Representative to Congress 737

IV. For Governor
RANDY BROCK, Swanton
260
DAVE EAGLE, Brattleboro
2
CRIS ERICSON, Chester
18
EMILY PEYTON, Putney
23
PETER SHUMLIN, Putney*
418
Combined Write-in votes
6
Spoiled
0
Blank
10
TOTAL VOTES CAST For
Governor 737

V. For Lieutenant Governor
CASSANDRA "CASS" GEKAS, Burlington
241
BEN MITCHELL, Westminster
20
PHIL SCOTT, Berlin*
451
Combined Write-in votes
0
Spoiled
0
Blank
25
TOTAL VOTES CAST For
Lieutenant Governor 737

VI. For State Treasurer
JESSICA DIAMONDSTONE, Dummers
67
BETH PEARCE, Barre City*
356
DON SCHRAMM, Burlington
41
WENDY WILTON, Rutland City
221
Combined Write-in votes
2
Spoiled
0
Blank
50
TOTAL VOTES CAST For
State Treasurer 737

VII. For Secretary of State
JAMES C. CONDOS, Montpelier*
574
MARY ALICE "MAL" HERBERT, Putney
65
Combined Write-in votes
0
Spoiled
0
Blank
98
TOTAL VOTES CAST For
Secretary of State 737

VIII. For Auditor of Accounts
DOUG HOFFER, Burlington*
352
VINCENT ILLUZZI, Derby
304
JERRY LEVY, Brattleboro
20
Combined Write-in votes
0
Spoiled
0
Blank
61
TOTAL VOTES CAST For
Auditor of Accounts 737

IX. For Attorney General
ROSEMARIE JACKOWSKI, Bennington
11
JACK MCMULLEN, Burlington
217
WILLIAM H. SORRELL, Burlington*
363
ED STANAK, Barre City
111
Combined Write-in votes
1
Spoiled
0
Blank
34
TOTAL VOTES CAST For
Attorney General 737

General Election Statewide Results

I. For US President
ROSS "ROCKY" C. ANDERSON, Utah
1,128 0.4%
GARY JOHNSON, New Mexico
3,487 1.2%
PETA LINDSAY, California
695 0.2%
BARACK OBAMA, Illinois*
199,239 66.6%
MITT ROMNEY, Massachusetts
92,698 31.0%
Combined Write-in votes
2,043 0.7%
TOTAL VOTES CAST For
US President 299,290

II. For US Senator
PETE DIAMONDSTONE, Brattleboro
2,511 0.9%
CRIS ERICSON, Chester
5,924 2.0%
LAUREL LAFRAMBOISE, Chelsea
877 0.3%
JOHN MACGOVERN, Windsor
72,898 24.9%
PETER MOSS, Fairfax
2,452 0.8%
BERNIE SANDERS, Burlington*
207,848 71.0%
Combined Write-in votes
252 0.1%
TOTAL VOTES CAST For
US Senator 292,762

III. For Representative to Congress
JAMES "SAM" DESROCHERS, Milton
8,302 2.9%
MARK DONKA, Hartford
67,543 23.3%
ANDRE LAFRAMBOISE, Chelsea
1,153 0.4%
JANE NEWTON, Londonderry
4,065 1.4%
PETER WELCH, Norwich*
208,600 71.9%
Combined Write-in votes
268 0.1%
TOTAL VOTES CAST For
Representative to Congress 289,931

IV. For Governor
RANDY BROCK, Swanton
110,940 37.6%
DAVE EAGLE, Brattleboro
1,303 0.4%
CRIS ERICSON, Chester
5,583 1.9%
EMILY PEYTON, Putney
5,868 2.0%
PETER SHUMLIN, Putney*
170,749 57.8%
Combined Write-in votes
969 0.3%
TOTAL VOTES CAST For
Governor
295,412

V. For Lieutenant Governor
CASSANDRA "CASS" GEKAS, Burlington
115,015 40.4%
BEN MITCHELL, Westminster
6,975 2.4%
PHIL SCOTT, Berlin*
162,767 57.1%
Combined Write-in votes
257 0.1%
TOTAL VOTES CAST For
Lieutenant Governor 285,014

VI. For State Treasurer
JESSICA DIAMONDSTONE, Dummers
6,939 2.5%
BETH PEARCE, Barre City*
147,700 52.3%
DON SCHRAMM, Burlington
12,497 4.4%
WENDY WILTON, Rutland City
114,947 40.7%
Combined Write-in votes
198 0.1%
TOTAL VOTES CAST For
State Treasurer 282,281

VII. For Secretary of State
JAMES C. CONDOS, Montpelier*
225,801 86.6%
MARY ALICE "MAL" HERBERT, Putney
34,105 13.1%
Combined Write-in votes
876 0.3%
TOTAL VOTES CAST For
Secretary of State 260,782

VIII. For Auditor of Accounts
DOUG HOFFER, Burlington*
140,805 51.3%
VINCENT ILLUZZI, Derby
123,806 45.1%
JERRY LEVY, Brattleboro
9,381 3.4%
Combined Write-in votes
276 0.1%
TOTAL VOTES CAST For
Auditor of Accounts 274,268

IX. For Attorney General
ROSEMARIE JACKOWSKI, Bennington
8,533 3.0%
JACK MCMULLEN, Burlington
94,588 33.3%
WILLIAM H. SORRELL, Burlington*
164,441 57.9%
ED STANAK, Barre City
15,629 5.5%
Combined Write-in votes
588 0.2%
TOTAL VOTES CAST For
Attorney General 283,779

Information Meeting on

UDAG GRANT APPLICATIONS

Thursday, December 20, 7:00 p.m.

Cabot residents are invited to the UDAG Committee’s December meeting to view community organizations grant requests for Australian ballot vote at Town Meeting 2013

The following Cabot community organizations have made grant requests:

*Faith in Action Cabot Chronicle
Cabot Chronicle/Parent Teacher Student Organization*

Organizations eligible to apply for grants include community, civic, non-profit, fraternal and similarly-organized groups in the Town of Cabot, as well as committees, agencies, organizations or commissions created by the Town of Cabot or Cabot School District. Individuals are not eligible and no assets purchased with these grants may be owned by or distributed to any private party or be installed permanently on private property.

The UDAG Committee reviews grant proposals to determine whether a proposed grant meets the goals of the UDAG Plan. When such a determination is made for all grants proposed, a warned information meeting on the grants the Committee considers consistent with the UDAG Plan is hosted by the Committee at its regularly scheduled meeting on the third Thursday of December. The grant proposals determined by the Committee to be consistent with the UDAG Plan will be voted on by Australian ballot on Town Meeting Day. The submission of the grant proposals to the voters does not constitute an endorsement of any grant proposal by the Committee. Each voter must decide if a particular grant proposal is a worthwhile use of UDAG funds, and cast their vote accordantly by voting YES or NO for each grant proposal.

SCHOOL CHOICE INFORMATION MEETING

Monday, December 3

7:00 p.m., Masonic Hall

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the process for shutting down the High School in order to offer High School Choice to our students in grades 9-12. A representative from School Choice Vermont will be in attendance to present, discuss, and answer questions related to the process, legislation, experiences of other towns, taxes, per pupil costs, transportation options, statistics, pros and cons, etc.

All residents interested at any level in progressing this effort, or think they might be, are welcome to attend. This will not be a forum for debate.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

~ DECEMBER ~

Saturday, 12/1

Cabot Community Chorus concert, Cabot United Church, 6:30 p.m. Refreshments to follow.

Vermont Symphony Orchestra concert, Flynn Center, Burlington, 8:00 p.m. The concert will feature classical composers Hindemith, Prokofiev, and Dvořák with conductor Anthony Princiotti. Information: flyntix.org, or call (802) 86-FLYNN.

Belize Auction fundraiser, 10:00 a.m. in Cabot School Gym. Support the AP Biology and Cultural Anthropology students in raising funds for their Belize studies.

Sunday, 12/2

Seed Saving begins now! Jaquith Public Library, Marshfield, 1:00 p.m. Join Anne Miller to learn about how to start seed saving. Information: 426-3581.

Monday, 12/3

Book Discussion Group, Cabot Public Library, 7:00 p.m. Emily Carr's *Klee Wyck* is this month's featured read. Please visit the library to pick up a copy of the book. Information: 563-2721.

School Choice Information Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Cabot Masonic Hall. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the process for shutting down the high school in order to offer high school choice to Cabot students grades 9-12. A representative from School Choice Vermont will present information and answer questions.

Tuesday, 12/4

Who Decides About War? Ben Scotch, Cabot Public Library, 7:00 p.m. How the war-making power has drifted from Capitol Hill to the White House, and explore how voters and their Congress members can play a bigger role in the solemn task of deciding if or when to go to war. Information: 563-2721.

Wednesday, 12/5

Herbal Class: Immunity Tincture and Cold Care Capsules, Jaquith Public Library, Marshfield, 3:00-5:00 p.m., with Sage Zolkowitz. Information: 426-3581.

Classic Film Night with Rick Winston and Tom Blachly, Jaquith Public Library, Marshfield, 7:00 p.m. Information: 426-3581.

Cabot Corridor Revitalization Committee, 6:00 p.m., Willey Building. Narrowing and refining options for the final public presentation to the community. Please stop in and share your thoughts and concerns concerning options for Main Street.

Friday, 12/7

Vermont Symphony Orchestra's Holiday Pops concert, Barre Opera House, 7:30 p.m.

Harvest of Words - Local Authors Reading, 21 Mill Street, Hardwick, 6:30 p.m., free. Join local authors Shari Altman, Bethany Dunbar, Ben Hewitt, and Julia Shipley as they share their stories on agrarian life, food and being human. We also encourage you to bring a non-perishable item for the Hardwick Food Pantry or monetary donation to benefit the CAE's Food Access Fund. Information: 472-5840.

Saturday, 12/8

Elves Workshop, Cabot United Church, 4:00-6:00 p.m. Co-sponsored with Cabot Mentoring Program, children come to make gifts for family and friends.

Monday, 12/10

Cabot School Board Special Meeting, CSPAC, 6:30 p.m. The board will present a draft budget for Cabot School for the 2013-2014 year.

Tuesday, 12/11

Holiday Craft Making Workshop for Youth, Cabot Public Library, 3:00-4:30 p.m. Make your own holiday gifts! We'll have jewelry making, holiday ornament making, quilling (paper crafting), and handmade candy canes! Information: 563-2721.

Wednesday, 12/12

Song Circle: Community Sing a-Long, with Rich and Laura Atkinson, Jaquith Public Library, Marshfield, 6:45 p.m. Participants are welcome to bring along instruments. No experience is necessary and song books will be provided. Information: 426-3581.

Friday, 12/14

Vermont Symphony Orchestra Brass Quintet and Counterpoint, Hotel Jay, 7:30 p.m. Information and reservations: jaypeakresort.com or (802) 864-5741, ext. 10.

Saturday, 12/15

Lighting Memorial Tree on the Cabot Common at 6:30 p.m., followed by **Concert** in Cabot United Church at 7:00 p.m. presented by the choir from Central Vermont Academy and the Charlestream family. Refreshments will follow the concert. Everyone is welcome.

Saturday, 12/15-16

Oliver! Auditions for Cabot Community Theater spring presentation. Watch Cabot Front Porch Forum (sign up for www.frontporchforum.com) for time and location.

Monday, 12/17

The Saturn People's Sound Collective, Haybarn Theater, Goddard College, Plainfield, 7:00 p.m. Brian Boyes' new 20-piece musical project combines jazz, minimalist music, post-rock melodic sensibilities and global music. Information: www.brianboyes.com.

Tuesday, 12/18

Special Holiday Preschool Story Hour, Cabot Public Library, 10:30-11:30 a.m. We'll have stories, crafts, and special holiday treats! Information: 563-2721.

Wednesday, 12/19-20

The Magical Mystery Tour, produced by the Cabot High School Allied Arts classes. A performance, concert and art installation based around the music and culture of the Beatles and the 1960s. Information: jhaugland@cabotschool.org or 782-3936.

Thursday, 12/20

UDAG Town Meeting Grant Applications public information meeting, 7:00 p.m., Willey Building. At it's regular December meeting, the UDAG committee will make available all grant requests that will be presented for vote at Town Meeting 2013. Community members are invited to review the applications and ask questions.

Monday, 12/24

United Church of Cabot Annual Candlelight Service, 7:00 p.m. Program of lessons and carols with special music.

~ JANUARY ~

Wednesday, 1/2

Classic Film Night with Rick Winston and Tom Blachly, Jaquith Public Library, Marshfield, 7:00 p.m. Information: 426-3581.

Wednesday, 1/16

Song Circle: Community Sing a-Long, with Rich and Laura Atkinson, Jaquith Public Library, Marshfield, 6:45 p.m. Participants are welcome to bring along instruments. No experience is necessary and song books will be provided. Information: 426-3581.

~ ONGOING ~

Bingo! Every Friday, Old Schoolhouse Common, Marshfield, 1:00 p.m. Come join us for friendly fierce competition and laughter. Sponsored by Twin Valley Seniors.

Book Group for Adults, fourth Mondays at 7:00 p.m., Jaquith Public Library, Marshfield. Information call: 426-3581.

Cabot Recreation Dept monthly meeting, second Tuesday of each month, Willey Building, Cabot, 6:00 p.m.

Cabot United Church services are every Sunday at 10:00 a.m. To reserve the church for a function or any other reason call 563-2278.

Diabetes Discussion Group, 6:30 on the 3rd Thursday of the month at The Health Center of Plainfield, free and open to anyone with diabetes and their families. Information: 322-6600 or dgrabowski@the-health-center.org.

Dungeons & Dragons, Cabot Public Library, Fridays 3:00-5:30 p.m. Join the group, conquer the obstacles, and get out of the dungeon alive! All are welcome.

Family Contra & Square Dance, First Friday of each month. Danville Town Hall, 8:00 p.m., donation requested. Chip Hedler will do the calling and David Carpenter will lead the band. Information: 563-3225 or email samlyman@sover.net.

Fiddle lessons with Katie Trautz, Mondays, all ages and abilities. Call 802-279-2236 for more information.

Healthy Living Gentle Exercise Program, every Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Old Schoolhouse Common, Marshfield, 10:45-11:45 a.m., free. Wheelchair friendly. Sponsored by Twin Valley Seniors.

Knit & Crochet group: meets the third Sunday afternoon of every month, 2:00 p.m. All skill levels welcome. Bring yarn, hook, or needles. Information: 563-3396 or e-mail bonniesd@Together.Net.

Movie Matinee, every Monday, 1:00, Twin Valley Senior Center, Old Schoolhouse Common, Marshfield.

Story Time and Playgroup, Wednesdays from 10:00-11:30 a.m.: Jaquith Public Library.

T'ai Chi, sponsored by Twin Valley Seniors, free, Mondays 1:00-2:00 p.m. Must register: 426-3447. A medical release will be required.

Twin Town Homemakers, second Tuesday of each month, Cabot United Church, 7:00 p.m. Call for info: Cindy at 456-1361.



SNOWMOBILE SAFETY COURSES

Anyone born after July 1, 1983, and who is 12 years of age and older, must complete and pass a six-hour safety course.

December 1, 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Bradford

Bradford Elementary School
Please call or email Chad Osgood at Osgood.chad@yahoo.com or 802-522-3499 to register. Max of 24.

December 1, 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m., Johnson, VT

Johnson Municipal Building
Space is limited. To register, call Troy Charette at 802-635-8388. Class is free of charge. Donations will be given to Sterling SnowRiders to help maintain trails.

December 1, 9:00 a.m.—12:00 noon, Glover, VT

Glover Village School
Second part of a snowmobile safety class sponsored by the Orleans SnoStormers and Glover Trailwinders. Call 754-9385 to register.

December 1, 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Barre Town, VT

Barre Town Elementary School
Co-Hosted by Barre Town Thunder Chickens and Montpelier Recreation Department. Pre-Register 225-8699, limited to first 40 students.

December 8, 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Lyndonville, VT

Lyndon Town School, Lily Pond Road off Route 114, Lyndonville
Call 274-2735 or 754-9385 to register for the limited spaces available. Anyone born after July 1, 1983, who is not certified should attend.

December 15, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Island Pond, VT

Brighton Elementary School, Island Pond, VT
Reservations requested. Lunch provided. To sign up contact Janet Selby 802-895-2951 or email hjselby@surfglobal.net.

To find courses that may be added, go to www.VTVAST.org and click on Safety Course Schedule.

CABOT FOOD SHARE

Wednesday, DECEMBER 12
Noon-2:00 p.m.

Thursday, DECEMBER 27
2:00—4:00 p.m.

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VAST (Vermont Association of Snow Travelers) recommends registering snow-machines directly with Vermont Motor Vehicles (DMV) by mail or online:
http://dmv.vermont.gov/registrations/offroad/renew.

Phone: 802-828-2000 or toll free 1-888-99-VERMONT (1-888-998-3766)

Vermont DMV locations:

Bennington 802-447-2756

Montpelier 802-828-2000

Newport 802-334-3363

Rutland 802-786-5815

So. Burlington 802-863-7292

Springfield 802-885-5273

In addition, registrations can be renewed at participating town clerk offices. Cabot's town clerk participates in this program. There is an additional processing charge, and the pre-printed DMV paperwork is required.

Cash cannot be used to pay for the renewal fee to DMV (http://dmv.vermont.gov/locations/town_clerks).

Happy Holidays

FROM THE FARM FAMILIES WHO OWN CABOT

Cabot Visitors Center

2878 Main Street, Cabot
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Nov.-May: Mon.-Sat. 9am-4pm

January: Mon.-Sat. 10am-4pm

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UNITED CHURCH OF CABOT COMMUNITY EVENTS

December 1, 6:30 p.m.

Cabot Community Chorus Concert in Church
Refreshments to follow

December 8, 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Elves Workshop at the Church

Co-sponsored with Cabot Connects Mentoring Program
Children invited to make crafty-type gifts for family and friends

December 15

6:30 p.m. Memorial Tree Lighting

7:00 p.m. Concert in Church

December 24

7:00 p.m. Annual Candlelight Service
Program of lessons and carols with special music



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CABOT MEMORIAL TREE LIGHTING

December, 15, 2012

UNITED CHURCH OF CABOT

It is time, once again, to light our Memorial Tree on the Common in honor and memory of our loved ones. The reading of names and lighting of the bulbs will be at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, December 15, followed by a Community Christmas Concert in the church presented by the choir from Central Vermont Academy and the Charlestream family.

REFRESHMENTS WILL FOLLOW THE CONCERT.
EVERYONE IS WELCOME.

PLEASE LIGHT A BULB IN MEMORY OF:

MEMORIAL TREE BULB REQUEST

If you would like to have a bulb shining in honor or memory of a loved one or friend, please complete the form below and return it with \$3.00 for each bulb. Make checks payable to the United Church of Cabot.

PLEASE RETURN YOUR REQUEST BY

DECEMBER 8, 2012, TO:

UNITED CHURCH OF CABOT

PO BOX 127 ~ CABOT, VT 05647

Enclosed is payment of \$_____ @ \$3.00 per bulb

Signature: _____

Cabot Students Take The lead In Conservation Project

By Julia Hewitt, Billie Jean Rowe, and Seth Herrick-Trombley

Tenth grade students at Cabot School are putting their biology and chemistry studies to work, collaborating with local conservation organizations to build a public river access on the Winooski River in Plainfield. When completed, canoeists and kayakers will have a place to portage the Plainfield Dam, immediately downstream.

“This project has been in the works for a couple years with Friends of the Winooski and Vermont River Conservancy,” said David Schilling, SEED program instructor. “I thought it would be a great fall project for the SEED biology and chemistry course that I co-teach with Ella Malamud. I’ve done conservation and trail projects with students before, but this one needed to be different. It needed to combine the course’s academic objectives in a meaningful way and help students develop 21st century leadership and employability skills. Students couldn’t simply do the dirty work; they needed to take leadership at all levels.”

The SEED class, a collaboration between the Barre Technical Center and Cabot School, combines Barre’s pre-tech format with Cabot’s academic courses. In SEED, students participate in service learning and hands-on investigations that focus on better understanding the natural and human systems that surround us. The class serves as a portion of the high school’s biology and physics courses.

In the river access project, students have assumed roles on three teams: landscaping, engineering, and signage. In these groups, they are “empowered to act as professionals in various fields and to explore what it means to apply academic content in the real world,” Schilling added. “They’ve also had the opportunity to work with experts in the field, including Noah Pollack of the Vermont River Conservancy and Friends of the Winooski, who wrote the grant to build this project.”

As part of the engineering team, sophomore Lyrica Stelle has been planning and creating a wood crib staircase. “We’ve been cutting in the stairs that go down to the water, so we had to dig six feet by six feet. To put in the staircase, we’ve had to drill or pound in rebar through the individual stairs; it

must go four feet into the ground to hold each step in.”

This staircase will provide critical river access. “There’s a dam a little ways down the river, and there’s no take out point for another couple of miles,” sophomore Kyle Celley noted. “You really can’t paddle the stretch of the river between Marshfield and Plainfield without needing to cut across private land. It’s a really nice stretch, and we wanted people to be able to paddle that and to take out.”

Sophomore Maya Morse described her charge as part of the signage team. “Our job is to make a sign that looks really nice and tells people about the river access project and the natural history of the river.” The signage team has also been challenged to incorporate information about environmental stewardship into their display.

The third committee, landscaping, has been improving the overgrown wheelchair accessible parking spot for the Co-op. Celley explained, “We’re also going to have a small picnic table near the top of the stairs so people can buy something at the Co-op, then walk down and eat their lunch down by the river.”

The unconventional structure of the biology/chemistry course allows for a balance between in-class study and fieldwork. During the first quarter, students have been in class for three days a week learning about wetlands biology, the chemical properties of water, and soil chemistry. “On the other two days,” said Celley, “we go to the river and do hands-on work, incorporating what we learned at the beginning of the week.”

“The chemistry really ties into our project,” said Celley, “because we’re going to test the soil to see how nutrient-rich it is. From there we can either figure out if we can use some natural fertilizers to change the chemical makeup of it or change the plants we want to use in our rain garden to match the soil that’s there.”

Students have noted that this is not an ordinary science class. “This course teaches about real-world applications of the material,” said Morse. “There’s a genuine audience for our work-- people who will benefit from the service project we’re doing.”

Stelle observed, “It really helps us understand how we can use our knowl-



Lyrica Stelle and Kyle Celley work on the Plainfield river access project.

edge. In some classes, people ask *when are we ever going to need this?* In this class, the answer is obvious.”

Not only are students finding relevance in their coursework, but they are also becoming more self-sufficient. “In a normal classroom, we rely heavily on the teacher,” said Celley, “but in this course, we’re doing the project ourselves. Most of the time, if we have a small problem that comes up, we can collaborate with each other and figure out a solution as opposed to how it works in a traditional classroom where you instantly ask the teacher. We’re learning different social skills and discovering how to work together with our teammates to get a common goal accomplished. When faced with something we really can’t figure out, then we can ask Noah or another one of the experts.”

Science teacher Ella Malamud finds this approach promising. “I’m really, really excited about the projects we’re involved in. Personally, I could sit and talk about chemistry and biology for hours and hours and hours. Invariably, in every class, there are some students who are as excited about sitting and discussing science as I am. Then there’s everybody else who’s not quite as ex-

cited about it, also just sitting in the classroom. They may work for a grade, but in a month will forget what they had supposedly learned. The idea here is that because they have this real-life



Biologist Noah Pollack explains to Ian Nally how to calculate rise over run for river access stair construction.

The Magical Mystery Tour: And it’s an invitation

By Cassandra Morse

Roll up, roll up, for the Mystery Tour! On December 19 and 20, the Cabot High School Allied Arts classes will be hosting the Magical Mystery Tour, a performance, concert and art installation based around the music and culture of the Beatles and the 1960s.

“There is just something so appealing about a generation that believed so completely in their ability to change the world,” says James Haugland, the Cabot School chorus and drama instructor. “Exploring this period with the young people at the Cabot School has been very exciting and rewarding.”

“It’s fun to discover and re-discover the music with the students,” says Brian Boyes, the Cabot music instructor. “Some students are coming into it with familiarity but are re-discovering the music in new ways, whereas for others, this is their first real taste of the music.”

The students have been enthusiastically preparing for the final performance, still weeks away. “We are working to model all the aspects of a professional level performance,” Hauland

explains. “I think the students are getting excited and invested in the process.”

“I expect it to be like a roller coaster ride,” Ruth Kaldor, the Cabot School visual art teacher, confesses. “We’re helping the students into all the roles and responsibilities that are associated with a production of this magnitude, and every one of them is working on contributing something meaningful to the performance.”

The art pieces being developed include short dramatic vignettes, original music arrangements, sets, costumes and, of course, the concentration on the iconic music of the Beatles.

“Of all the bands we’d be likely to study in school, the Beatles are definitely my top choice,” band member Timothy Mueller-Harder says. “I am

very familiar with all their music, so to be learning how to play it is really rewarding. I have a high standard to model my work on.”

“Honestly,” says chorus member Cypress Ellen, “I didn’t expect to like the Beatles. But listening to their music

and singing the songs, I can see how spectacular they are.”

The performance will not be the only product of the semester’s work on the Beatles; students are also working in groups to record thirty-minute radio broadcasts

for Goddard College’s independent radio station, WGDR. The collection of broadcasts, entitled *A Day in the Life*, will include music, writing, and stories from the community. After conducting interviews and fieldwork, students will determine exactly how the Beatles have influenced the community.



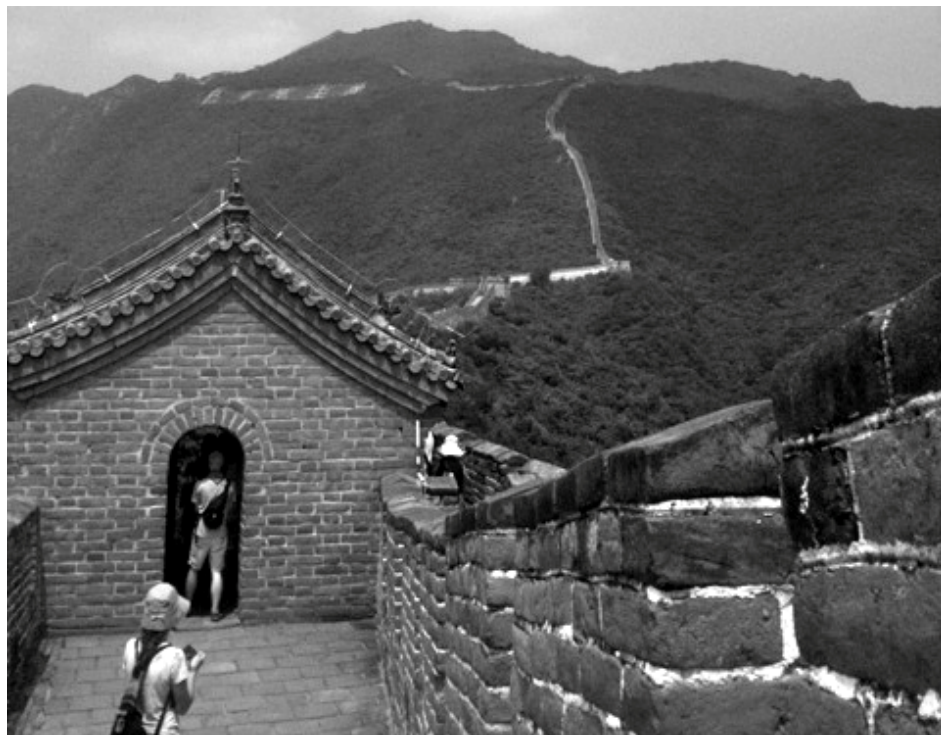
“After all,” Boyes says, “everybody has a Beatles story. In many ways, it’s one of these odd cultural phenomena that connect us.”

The final performance will feature not only music arranged by students, but also that by several guest artists, well-known local singers and musicians who will sing alongside the students.

“The creative imagination of our students at the Cabot School will be the driving force behind the final product,” Haugland says. “Our students have so much to offer, and I think the community will be very excited to be a part of this magical event!”

And the community can certainly be involved in the production! The chorus and band would like to invite any and all singers from the community to join in with the fun. They will be assembling a community chorus to sing in some of the big group numbers, and anyone interested in participating in the production should contact James Haugland at jhaugland@cabotschool.org or at (802)-782-3936. Additionally, if you have a Beatles story to share, contact Brian Boyes at bboyes@cabotschool.org, or call (802)-563-2289 ext 228.

One Planet, One Sun and One Moon: From Cabot To China



Students from the Governor's Institute on Asian Cultures visit the Great Wall of China.

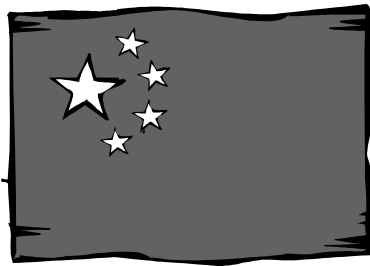
By Billie-Jean Rowe

While most Cabot students spent their summers working or hanging out with friends, junior Cypress Ellen spent two weeks in China under the auspices of the Governor's Institute on Asian Cultures (GIAC), the aim of which is to maintain the relationship between China and the United States through education.

"We went to China to continue the tradition of learning about Chinese culture to better our understanding of this rapidly globalizing world," Ellen explained. "I think everyone should get out there in the world and meet people. The opportunity to form something meaningful with people far away is priceless. Act on the opportunity if you have the chance."

Ellen went to three different cities in China. "They were Beijing, Kunming and Qufu (pronounced Chu-fu)," she explained. They were all in different regions of the country, and the sizes of the cities varied. "Beijing being the largest," Ellen explained, "followed by Kunming and last Qufu, which was considered a small city though it was still relatively large from my perspective."

"My favorite part of the trip was meeting the students in both Kunming



and Qufu," said Ellen. "We got to hang out with them, and they showed us firsthand a lot of the things they thought were cool. In general, they were really hospitable. I consider myself lucky to have made friends like them, and I wish I could see them again."

"The most valuable thing I learned was that, despite how much we pressure ourselves with cultural barriers and concern ourselves with our differences instead of our similarities, we are all people, on one planet, with one sun and one moon. We should never be afraid of other people because they do some things differently. Life is not as complicated as we make it."

Watch the *Chronicle* for an account of junior Hugh Burke's experience with the GIAC. For more information about the program, visit http://www.uvm.edu/~outreach/?Page=gov_inst.html

Cabot Huskies Soccer



By Caleb Maxfield

The Cabot boys' varsity soccer team has finished their season with a record of 10-3-1, and 12-4-1, including playoff games. Our hard work rewarded us. We played hard and advanced to the semi-finals, where we lost 3-1 against Twin Valley. Getting to the semi-finals was no easy task, as we had to beat Danville. We played Danville tough; we outplayed them the first half, scoring an early goal by freshmen Will Nally. In the second half, they came out strong and did the same thing. Now tied, we battled to hold them off the rest of the game. Junior Darren Celley scored a goal late into the half, giving us the lead. We now had to play very decisive smart defense, and we did. The timer ticked down to a stop and we had beat Danville! We were going to the semi-finals! This win was long overdue, and it was in large part because of our 12th player, the spectators. Our spectators cheered us on throughout the game and to victory. Thanks spectators, for being there for our support.

Not only did we have a lot of fan support in Danville, but we also had many fans supporting us at our semi-final game in Brattleboro. Jim Abbott and

Cyndi Hastings, along with others, put a lot of energy and effort into fundraising the money needed to rent a coach bus! Local people and business' were very generous with their donations. The bus was full of students, family, and community members that reserved a seat to the game. The energy and enthusiasm was very much appreciated.

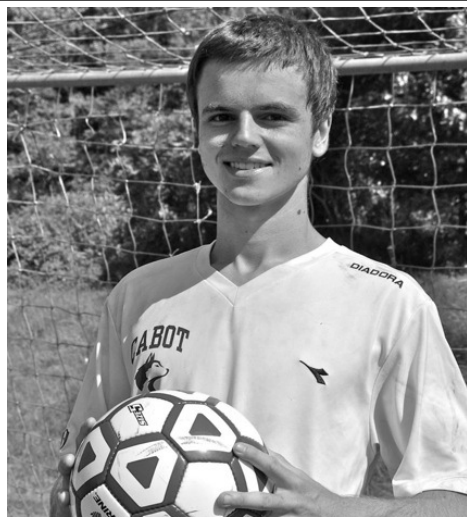
Our game against Twin Valley was a sad loss. They out-played the first half, scoring three goals. We weren't playing fundamental soccer. At half time, our coach, Peter, gave us a talk. When we came out in the second half, we held them. They didn't score another goal. The ball switched possession many times, but no one could get a goal in. Then, late in the half, with less than five minutes to go, senior Camden Celley delivered a beautiful shot to the corner. We didn't get the opportunity to score another goal before the game ended, and our season was over.

It was an amazing season. We beat Danville, making it to the semi-finals, Camden broke Cabot's record for goals scored in a single regular season, and we had great fun playing together as a team. Next year we hope to be even better...going all the way to the finals!

Celley Now Holds Record for Individual Goals in One Soccer Season

On October 9, senior Camden Celley broke Billy Waller's 20+ year record for the number of individual goals in a season with 32 individual goals, followed by two more goals. The winning goal came in the 2nd half of a game against the Craftsbury Academy boys' varsity team. Everyone was cheering him on and celebrating his new record. Who might break it one day?

Senior soccer star Camden Celley



Cabot Recreation Department

We just wrapped up another great soccer season, and we are now getting ready to start the basketball season. It's important that you sign up your child now for basketball. Once the teams are formed, we cannot add new players. We are also gearing up for the winter, so look for trail and ice rink work to start up. We are looking for volunteers to

help with those. And always we are looking for new members at the recreation department. It is imperative that we have members to ensure the *ability to provide sports for our children!!!*

Amber Bothfeld
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Northeast Kingdom Warriors Soccer Club

The Northeast Kingdom Warriors Soccer Club is taking registration for players between the ages of 8 and 14 (children born from August 1998 forward) through the spring. We expect to serve all young soccer players in this area, as the closest clubs to Cabot are Morrisville and Barre. Games are played in May and the first half of June. Practices will begin as soon as we can get outside in April.

We are still looking for a relatively flat piece of land (around 200 X 120 yards) that can be used for a ten-year period for

a soccer field. The U.S. Soccer Foundation offers grants for field improvement and equipment and has helped countless new clubs get established. However, in order to get a grant, we need a piece of land to use.

We are always looking for other soccer enthusiasts to help with coaching and other club responsibilities. If you would like to enroll your child for next spring or volunteer for the Northeast Kingdom Warriors, please contact Michelle at 563-2427 or mpsoccer2@aol.com, or Donna at 595-9429 or mackinnon.dm@gmail.com.

Community Invited to December Events at Cabot School



The students of Cabot School want you to see what they have learned and how they are learning it. Please come to the Cabot School Performing Arts Center (CSPAC) on **Wednesday evening, December 5, at 6:00 p.m.** for a Presentation of Learning, "Beyond the Witch Hunt: Taking Action Against Injustice." Ninth and tenth grade American Studies students will present a series of television talk shows to be filmed before a live studio audience they hope will include you! In addition, they will display artwork related to the topics they have studied: the Salem Witch Trials; The internment of Japanese Americans during World War II; McCarthyism; The War on Terror/post- 9/11 persecution of Muslims in the United States (4 students); and the Ku Klux Klan and Neo-Nazis in the United States. Please join us for an informative and thought-provoking evening.

Take another evening out, on **Wednesday, December 12, at 6:00 p.m.**, to see Cabot's elementary school students share their work from our

brand new music and performing arts class (with support from the middle school performing arts class). Under the guidance of new teacher, Mr. James Haugland, the students have been "playing" hard to discover and celebrate their unique creative gifts and their potential as a collaborative ensemble. This winter event will focus on the theme of "Finding Joy in Music", and promises to be an exciting moment for our young artists. We hope you'll join us!

And finally, we hope you will join Cabot high school students as they embark upon "The Magical Mystery Tour," on the evenings of December 18 and 19. (See article on page 8.)

Our transformation to a project-based learning environment is engaging students in a deeper understanding of relevant content. Presenting their learning to a "real" audience is a culmination of their work. YOU are the real audience and we hope you will join us for all of these presentations.

FROM THE CABOT PUBLIC LIBRARY

Our book drop has been modified and is back in service. Thank you so much for your patience.

Programs:

Who Decides About War? Ben Scotch - Tuesday, December 4, 7:00 p.m.

Ben Scotch, retired attorney and former executive director of the ACLU of Vermont, will begin with the Constitution's division of war-making power between Congress, which declares war, and the president, who is the commander-in-chief in times of conflict. As World War II was the last time Congress declared war, we will trace how the war-making power has drifted from Capitol Hill to the White House; discuss the War Powers Act which Congress passed in 1973 in an attempt to re-balance war powers; and explore how voters and their Congress members can play a bigger role in the solemn task of deciding if or when to go to war.

Holiday Craft Making Workshop for Youth - Tuesday, December 11, 3:00-4:30 p.m.

Make your own holiday gifts! We'll have jewelry making, holiday ornament making, quilling (paper crafting), and handmade candy canes!

Special Holiday Preschool Story Hour - Tuesday, December 18, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

We'll have stories, crafts, and special holiday treats!

Book Discussion Group - December 3, 7:00 p.m.

Every 3 weeks, beginning September 24, the Vermont Humanities Council sponsored Book Discussion Group will meet to discuss the new series, *Canadian Cultural Diversity*, facilitated by Cynthia Russell. Please visit the library to pick up a copy of these books.

Roy McGregor, *Canoe Lake*
Alistair MacLeod, *Island*
Antonine Maillet, *Pelagie-La-Charrette*
Emily Carr, *Klee Wyck* -
December 3 - this month's featured read

Yoga & Wellness Classes - Mondays 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Welcome the changing seasons! Nourish your body, mind and spirit! Yoga is an amazing practice to help with the transition of changing seasons! Please contact Alicia Feltus for info about yoga. 802-563-3220 or aliciafeltus@gmail.com

Dungeons & Dragons - Fridays 3:00-5:30 p.m.

Join the group, conquer the obstacles, and get out of the dungeon alive! All are welcome.

Thank You!

Thanks so much to **Beth Wade** for all the fabulous and fun story hours. Many thanks to **Cynthia Russell** for another Book Discussion series so well done. And to **Alicia Feltus** for another wonderful year of yoga. Many thanks to **Cindy Robbins** and **Ed Lewis** for their creative afternoon projects of knitting/felting and paper modeling, for the afterschool youth. Much appreciation to **Ricky McLain** for sharing his knowledge of home brewing and to **Jen Miner** for her expertise in CPR.

Cabot Library Reminders:

o HOURS

- Tuesday 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
****Story Hour 10:30-11:30 am****
- Wednesday 2:00 a.m.-6:00p.m.
- Thursday 11:00 a.m.-6:00p.m.
- Saturday 9:00 a.m.-2:00p.m.
- Closed Sunday, Monday & Friday
- Echo Pass** - Allows up to 2 adults and 3 youths, \$4 each admission price, entrance into the ECHO Lake Aquarium and Science Center in Burlington.
- Vermont State Parks Pass** - Allows free entry into State Park day areas for up to 8 people in one vehicle. Go to www.vtstateparks.com for more info.

See you at the Library!

Kathleen Hoyne and Anne Walker

TWIN VALLEY SENIOR CENTER

We would like to take this opportunity to "Thank" each and every one of you that attended the Twin Valley Senior's Fundraising Hunter's Breakfast on Saturday, November 9th. We had a very successful breakfast and the donations we received will help the Center so very much in feeding seniors, the disabled and our Meals on Wheels clients.

A special thanks to the following volunteers who worked so hard and diligently. To the Plainfield Fire Station for letting us use their facility and:

Without the following help we could not have done it!

John Taylor - Plainfield
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Candy Taylor - Plainfield
Sue Remington - Plainfield
Kelsey Copeland - Barre
and to Joyce Fowler for her donation of homemade donuts.



Thank you to the following for their donations: Shaws Supermarkets, Bill Smith-Plainfield, Price Chopper, Hannafords, MacAuleys and Tim's Convenience-Plainfield.

The Annual Appeal letter for 2013 has been mailed to residents in our five member towns. We thank all residents who have contributed and encourage others to consider donating. Please be as generous as your means afford and thank you.

Rita Copeland, Executive Director

Advice From The Tree Warden

By Roland (Slim) Payne

We planted eight trees on the Common November 3 - two red oak, three black cherry and three Kentucky coffee trees. They are all eight to ten feet tall. We also planted one red oak on Tara Rogerson's lawn near the Post Office. All went well. We had a very good crew and I want to thank each one of them for their efforts that made it easy: Frank Kampf, Irene Harvey,

Roland Payne, Jr., Lars Torres and Tara Rogerson.

I hope the trees will work in with street plans being designed for Route 215 and the Danville Hill intersection and Common. I had been warned about the Route 215 plans, but didn't know about the Common plans until after we planted the trees. I found out at the meeting showing the plans, so hopefully, it will work out.

8th Grade Fundraisers

The Cabot School 8th grade is raising money for their spring of 2013 class trip. They intend to travel to Washington D.C., as many classes have before them. The trip is considered to be part of the school curriculum although it is not funded by the school budget. The class needs to raise money to pay for the trip.

Here are a couple of options if you want to help out.



1. **Citrus Fruit** - The fruit is picked in Florida and put on a truck to Vermont. When the truck arrives, the fruit has only been off the tree for a few days. The truck should arrive no later than December 16. Payment is made at delivery time.

Available are full and half boxes of Ruby Red Grapefruit, Naval Oranges, Tangerines, or a variety pack. The prices are excellent. If you are interested in more information, contact any 8th grader you know or reply to this posting. **Ordering deadline is December 1.** There will be a few extra boxes ordered to be available at delivery time, but orders should be made as soon as possible.

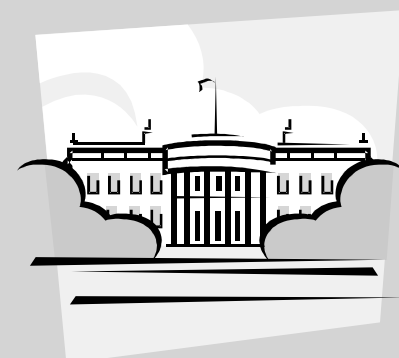
2. **Coupon Books.** Red Barn Fundraising annually produces a thick book of coupons from many, many Central



Vermont and Chittenden County businesses. The total value of the coupons is around \$2000. The cost of a book is \$20. The Cabot 8th grade gets to keep half. Using only a couple of the coupons will pay for the cost. Gardener's Supply, Woodbury Mountain Toys, Capitol Stationers, Lenny's, Onion River Sports, Petra Cliffs, and the ECHO Center are some of the participants. The coupon books are nice, reasonably priced presents or nice to use oneself! The coupons expire mid-September 2013.

To order either fruit or the coupon book contact Susan or Sam Carpenter at 426-3331
cabotfundraising@yahoo.com.

Thanks!



Snow Removal... Decrease your risk of injury!

- Avoid caffeine and nicotine: These are stimulants that place extra stress on the heart.
- Avoid eating large meals: This places extra demands on the digestive system and can lead to stomach cramps.
- Drink plenty of water: Dehydration is just as big an issue in cold winter months as it is in the summer.
- Dress in several layers: You will be able to remove a layer as needed. Ensure that you dress warmly in cold weather.
- Remember that extremities such as the nose, ears, hands and feet need extra attention when it is cold outside. Don't forget about the wind chill!
- Wear proper footwear: Boots with slip-resistant soles or anti-slip cleat attachments can help to minimize the risk of slips and falls.
- Warm up: Before beginning any snow shoveling, warm-up for five to ten minutes to get the joints moving and increase blood circulation.
- Stretch: After warming up, perform gentle stretches for the back (ie. knees to chest), arms and shoulders (ie. body hug), and legs (ie. forward bends from a seated position). This will ensure that your body is ready for action.
- Use proper body mechanics when shoveling.
- Pick the right snow shovel: A standard shovel is still a better option than most other snow shovels.
- Recommended rate for continuous shoveling is considered to be around 15 scoops per minute.
- People with prior diagnoses of heart problems should use extreme caution.

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The Saturn People's Sound Collective

Under the direction of Brian Boyes
Debuts December 17 at Haybarn
Theatre, Goddard College, Plainfield

Imagine if Sun Ra, Steve Reich and Sonic Youth met up on the Silk Road . . . with Maria Schneider and Darcy James Argue along for the ride too.

It might sound like the start to a bizarre joke, but this is, in fact, the creative impetus behind Brian Boyes' new 20-piece musical project, *The Saturn People's Sound Collective*.

The Vermont composer, trumpeter and educator has been dreaming up this ensemble for the past two years. "In the winter of 2010, I was conducting an all-star high school jazz ensemble and I decided to re-arrange some of my older jazz septet compositions for the big band setting. It was then that I had a brief glimpse into the potential of my work for a large jazz ensemble. Specifically, I was experimenting with the sonic potential of my jazz writing when mixed with elements of Steve Reich's minimalism, jazz improvisation and Middle Eastern tonal frameworks."

Those familiar with the work of Brian Boyes, however, know that he is no stranger when it comes to working with large ensembles; his most recent work has been as trumpeter and co-leader of the 13-piece Movement of the People: The Fela Kuti Project, not to mention his history with the 10-piece acid jazz sensation, viperHouse.

Boyes' ambitious new project, entitled *The Saturn People's Sound Collective*, is a 20-piece ensemble that draws on the creative influences of the Mingus, Ellington and Sun Ra big band traditions to realize a 21st century nu-world sound that combines jazz, minimalist music, post-rock long-form melodic sensibilities and global music.

"I know that it's a bit of a mouthful," comments Boyes, "But at the end of the day, it's really just about writing and playing some compelling and joyful music . . . Ideally, I am striving to create challenging listening music that isn't a challenge to listen to."

The Saturn People's Sound Collective will offer up their debut performance on Friday, December 7, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. as part of Goddard College Concert's new Local Spotlight.

Goddard College Concerts is committed to showcasing a local band or musician who has a special project to bring to the stage at the Haybarn Theatre. The Local Spotlight will feature Vermont musician(s) who are interested in being part of the series and experimenting in the Haybarn Theatre. Musicians/bands will expand on what they are currently doing on stage by creating a collaborative project with various local acts, hosting a fundraising effort, expanding their show with a special guest new to Vermont stages or attempting a theatrical extension of their show. Goddard College has been an incubator of the arts and is proud to instigate musicians to imagine their fullest potential at the Haybarn Theatre.

The Collective includes some of Vermont's most notable musicians from a diverse array of backgrounds. The instrumentation includes five reeds (doubling on saxes, clarinets and flutes), four trombones, three trumpets/flugelhorn, three cellos, one violin, mallet percussion, guitar, bass, modified drum kit, and percussion (Indian tabla, South American cajon, Middle Eastern frame drums) and voice.

The Saturn People's Sound Collective is made possible in part by The Vermont Community Foundation.

For more information: please visit: www.brianboyes.com



SUDOKU GOLF MASTERS LOOP-COURSE CHALLENGE

By J. Scott Davidson

NOVEMBER SOLUTIONS

Sudoku Golf, Masters Loop-Course Challenge is a math challenge done on correctly completed Sudoku puzzles. The object of the game is to create an 18 "hole" path with the lowest overall score. You start and end the loop course in the 2nd row as indicated. Add the squares as you go and find the path with the lowest total, as in golf. You may move to any adjacent square not already in the path, including diagonals. (Only one hole in one is allowed)

Solution for last months puzzles are shown here➔

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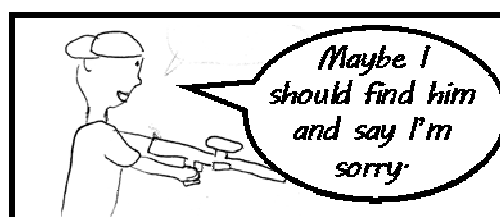
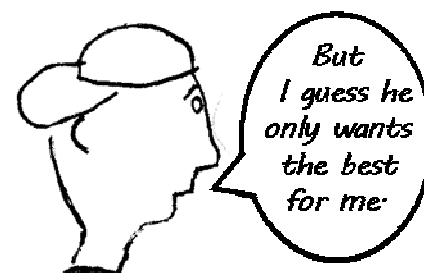
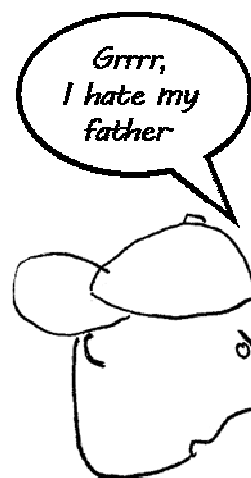
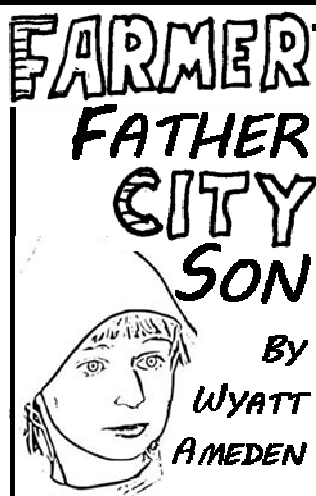
Low Score—'59' (Can You Do Better?)

HOLIDAY PUZZLE EXTRA:

Find Turkey & Santa Dates (6 digits) ~ If 1-9 code A-I, find a "Cool" NE spot now (5 letters).

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Score to beat—'65'



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