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Cabot Town Garage Working Group



Cabot Town Garage in Cabot Village.

Second Report to Citizens By Jack Daniels

The Cabot Town Garage Working Group has continued to meet on the first and third Monday of each month as we address a critical issue--and problem--for the Town of Cabot, the inadequate and unsafe condition of the existing Town Garage. While some of us have heard that the State can at any time close the existing facility--for multiple reasons--a report written July 11, 2013, by John Daly, Environmental Assistant Specialist from the State of Vermont Agency of Natural Resources, says it all. While the full letter is available in the Town Clerk's office, here are a few excerpts:

"I noted during our visit to the current facility that there are several outstanding compliance issues to deal with, and that the location and condition of the current facility poses several obstacles to operating in compliance with environmental regulatory rules."

"We looked at your fuel tank system which is a 1000-gallon tank in a secondary containment structure with roof over it. I noted it was installed after a visit from our Environmental Enforcement Officer Sean McVeigh made the recommendation because of the proximity to the river. While the secondary containment and roof are good, the wiring system does not meet State electrical code."

"I noted several open wires at the facility that would not meet

State electrical code for a public building. I recommend you address the wiring and electrical system by having a licensed electrician basically remove all of the non-compliant electrical components and wiring, and then properly re-wire the entire facility to meet Code."

NOTE: the Town cannot get licensed electricians to work in the Town Garage because of the condition of existing wiring. All electrical wiring would have to be replaced to bring it up to code; there is no half-way measure.

"I noted that the facility is very crowded and that with plows and wings on the trucks, the crew has to basically crawl over plows and wings to move around the shop. One truck has to rest the wing on the stairs to fit in the shop. Work place safety and egress during an emergency are a primary focus for VOSHA, to adequately protect workers in the event of an emergency where the building needs to be evacuated. In general VOSHA does not like to see work crews have to crawl over things to move around a facility."

"I noted that several places around the facility where walls have been hit by plows or trucks and knocked studs or beams off their original locations. Several studs/beams have been knocked back straight, or a second beam has been added, but the overall structure itself seemed very unsafe. I recommend you get a licensed building inspector or struc-

Local Breaks "High Stryker" Record on Fourth of July



Bobby Searles with his boys raises his hammer in victory after a record breaking 5 bell ringing swings! For more 4th of July images, see our photo spread on page 7.

By Lynn Maxfield

On a very hot, humid, July 4, Cabot's very own Bobby Searles broke the "High Stryker" record!! The 2012 record was held, in a tie, by Ethan Ducharme and Michael Schumacher--three bell rings out of three hammer swings! Ethan came by again this year to hold his record--he did it again! A little while later, Bobby came by. When he started swinging the hammer and ringing the bell, he couldn't be stopped!! We heard the bell ring with each of his five swings! We had a new record

holder....and three young boys who were very proud of their dad!!!

Now, you have to wonder if Ethan could've rung the bell two more times, if he hadn't stopped. Possibly, we'll see him again next year and he will put at ease our wondering minds!

It's all in fun.....till next year: enjoy the freedom we have here in America to live a life full of so many blessings! A great, big heartfelt thanks goes out to all of our military service men and women and their families, both past and present.

tural engineer to evaluate the facility for overall structural safety."

Bottom line: the Agency of Natural Resources conducted a similar inspection in 2004 and found many of the same conditions, except that after almost ten years, they are even worse today than they were in 2004. We do not believe the State will wait forever, and the time to move to a new facility has arrived.

The Town Garage Working Group is trying to do just that, and with the help of the good citizens of Cabot, we can make it happen.

Ideally, next month we will have some good things to report on the town

garage project. In the interim, please know that we will continue to work to move this project forward, and we promise to keep you informed on our progress every step of the way.

Special thanks to Rusty Churchill and David Pike for installing a containment vessel to hold the 1000-gallon diesel tank (noted above), and a temporary containment wall around the lower side of the property, which we hope will satisfy the State regulators until we implement a long term solution. The wall was very professionally and inexpensively constructed, and for that we say kudos and thanks to Rusty and David.



CABOT'S AUGUST 10 - 11 OLD HOME WEEKEND

**Town-wide Lawn Sale and
Flea-Market-on-the-Common**
Saturday, August 10, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Church Service with Pastor Christina Findlay preaching
Sunday, August 11, 10:00 a.m. at Cabot United Church.
Lunch to follow. All are welcome.

Come visit with old friends and meet some new ones.

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Bennington: A Key Battle In The Revolution



Courtesy Bennington Museum, "Battle Of Bennington", August 16, 1777.

By Senator Bill Doyle

On August 16, Vermont will celebrate the Battle of Bennington. Edward Conant, in his *History of Vermont*, said the battle was "the first of a series that led to the surrender of Burgoyne's army. It was the turning point of the Revolutionary War, as it led to the recognition of the independence of the United States by France and other European countries and to a treaty with France, on account of which she assisted the new nation with money, fleets and armies. The victory of the Americans at Saratoga, NY, has been reckoned among the great battles of the world, but the victory at Bennington was necessary to that of Saratoga."

Despite declaring Independence, 1776 was a difficult year for the new nation. Great Britain had never made a greater military effort abroad. Against 32,000 disciplined troops, General Washington could only muster 19,000 Continental and state troops. Under the circumstances, it was not surprising that the British forced the Americans off Long Island and out of New York City and drove Washington across New Jersey into Pennsylvania.

1777 looked worse. The British planned a knockout punch designed to isolate New England. General William Howe, who had pinned down Washington's army at Valley Forge, would move north to Albany to meet General "Gentleman Johnny" Burgoyne coming from Canada, thus trapping the Americans in a giant pincers movement.

Fortunately, Howe devised his own plan, took Philadelphia, which was then the capital, and never marched to Albany. Meanwhile, Burgoyne was making great progress along the New York-Vermont border, capturing a se-

ries of forts, including Ticonderoga and Mount Independence in Orwell, Vermont, and gaining advantage in Hubbardton.

Burgoyne, however, was not prepared for guerilla warfare. Bridges were burned, axmen felled trees along the roads. The British army was forced to build 40 bridges, and at one point, it took the army 24 days to cover 26 miles.

As supplies dwindled, the British decided that their best course was to send a diversionary force to capture Bennington, where the Americans had their headquarters and where supplies could be obtained. The actual battle would take place in Hoosick, New York near the Vermont line.

By August 15, 1,600 Americans under General John Stark had gathered at Bennington. The force consisted of New Hampshire, Vermont and Massachusetts troops. The Vermont troops were led by Colonel Seth Warner and militia from Bennington and Wilmington. Last to arrive, wet with drenching rain, were volunteers from the Berkshires, led by Reverend Thomas Allen.

After giving the attack signal on August 16, Stark was said to have exclaimed: "There are the Redcoats, and they are ours, or this night Molly Stark sleeps a widow." In his report to his commanding general, Stark stated that the battle was "the hottest I ever saw in my life-it represented one continual clap of thunder." Parson Allen described the American attack of one of "ardor and patience beyond expectation" and referred to the British fire as "peels of thunder and flashes of lightning." The battle lasted until dark of the 16th with the British in full retreat. The Patriots took 750 prisoners, 1,000 muskets and 4 cannons.



GMO Labeling By Kitty Toll

According to a UVM poll, more than 90% of Vermonters support the labeling of foods that are derived from genetically modified organisms – commonly referred to as GMO's. This labeling would be created for health, religious, and moral reasons, as well as to address a possible negative impact on the environment. On a roll call vote of 99 yes and 42 no votes, the Vermont House voted to move the legislation forward. The Vermont Senate is scheduled to take action next year.

In June, the Connecticut State Legislature passed legislation that has been signed by their Governor, making Connecticut the first state in the nation requiring that genetically-modified organisms (GMOs) be labeled. Even with the passing of this law in Connecticut, Vermont could possibly be the first state to actually require the labeling. Provisions in the Connecticut law state that the law will not go into effect until at least four other states, including one along Connecticut's border, have enacted similar laws. Additionally, Connecticut also requires the total population of states in the Northeast region of the U.S., comprised of New England, New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, to exceed 20 million before the law would go into effect.

The Vermont bill was carefully crafted to address possible litigation. The State faces potential litigation

from the biotech industry on 3 legal issues: federal pre-emption; first amendment rights; and the dormant commerce clause. According to expert testimony, the bill, as written, is legally defensible and has a reasonable possibility of prevailing in court. Should the bill pass the Senate and be signed by the Governor next year, it would go into effect 18 months later under the condition that two other states have passed similar legislation. Sixty-four countries already have such labeling requirements in place.

Please continue to be in touch with me if you have questions or concerns. To see the actions of the legislature this session or to check the status of a bill, visit www.leg.state.vt.us or contact me for information. I can be reached at:

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The Massachusetts Legislature, in thanking Stark for his leadership, paid tribute to the troops at Bennington: "The events of that day strongly mark the bravery of the men who, unskilled in war, forced from their entrenchments a chosen number of veteran troops of boasted Britons." A few days after the battle, George Washington, camped near Philadelphia, paid tribute to the Bennington Battle by calling it a signal victory.

Burgoyne continued to press on toward Albany but did not have the supplies he needed, and the American forces grew daily. Finally, two months after Bennington, he was surrounded

by a much larger force and surrendered with 5,700 men at Saratoga. Burgoyne developed a high appreciation of the fighting qualities of Vermonters: He described Vermont as "a country unpeopled and almost unknown, now abounds in the most active and most rebellious race of the continent, and hangs like a gathering storm upon my left."

The Battle of Bennington on August 16, 1777 was important in the quest of our nation's independence. That is the reason we celebrate the event as a state holiday.

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Health Center in Plainfield Receives National Recognition

By Don Grabowski

The Health Center has been recognized as a Level Two Patient Centered Medical Home by the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA). NCQA is a private, non-profit organization dedicated to improving health care quality.

To earn a Level Two designation, Health Center staff proved that they excel at providing their community with access to the highest quality care and that their patients are provided support to be as healthy as they can be. The Health Center staff believe it is important to continually implement changes that enhance the health of their patients and community.

The concept of a patient-centered medical home focuses on teamwork, quality care, chronic disease management and prevention. Instead of focusing on a patient's treatment only when they are sick or injured, the medical

home seeks to deliver on-going preventative and holistic care. The medical home model involves the patient in their medical decision-making.

The Health Center is a Federally Qualified Health Center offering comprehensive primary health care services, including medical care, counseling, psychiatry, behavioral, neurology, pharmacy, lab testing, dental care, social work, health coaching and physical therapy. Most health insurances are accepted and a sliding fee discount is offered to eligible patients.

To meet the needs of the Central Vermont community, The Health Center has recently added additional medical primary care providers Elisha McLam, MD, and Rebecca Savidge, PA-C, additional dentists Joshua Bratt, DMD, and Kasia Dionne, DMD, and a dental surgeon, Richard Cordero, MD, DMD. The Health Center is located at 15 Towne Avenue in Plainfield; to become a patient, call (802) 454-8336.

Vermont Summer Tourism



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The sun has been shining after a few tough, wet weeks for many in Vermont. Summer is here, heat and all!

And summer in Vermont is a wonderful thing. Whether you choose touring covered bridges in Bennington, playing disc golf at the Killington resort, hiking the Long Trail in central Vermont, mountain biking at the Catamount Outdoor Family Center, shopping in our downtown, sailing on Lake Champlain, or one of our state's many other summer options, Vermont is ready for you!

Fairs and field days are being held around the state. Ski areas offer year-round activities for the entire family - golf, zip lines, biking and more. And festivals around the state celebrate everything from Vermont crafts and heritage to fine foods and fantastic music.

We had a wet start to the summer and plenty of heat too. But we know the best of summer is yet to come. So get out and enjoy all that Vermont has to offer!

Sincerely,
Governor Peter Shumlin

P.S. Here are some of the more than 250 events for August posted on the website of Department of Tourism and Marketing, <http://vermontvacation.com/>:

Vermont Blueberry Festival
July 26 - August 4, West Dover, VT
Blueberries, vintage cars, music, food, parade and fashion; if it's blue, it's probably happening in the Mount Snow area towns of Wilmington, Whitingham and Dover. www.vermontblueberry.com

Vermont Festival of the Arts
August 1 - Labor Day
The towns of the Mad River Valley play host to one of the most diverse festivals in New England. With more than 100 quality arts-related events and activities, the Vermont Festival of the Arts is designed to entertain the soul, enlighten the mind, and energize the spirit. Because this is a multi-dimensional, multi-media, multi-age series of events, there is truly something for everyone. www.vermontartfest.com

Burke Mountain Bike 'n Brew
August 3, East Burke
The 5th Annual Burke Mountain Bike & Brew brings music, Vermont brews, and mountain biking to the mountain! Bike all day on the Kingdom Trails and Burke Bike Park, then join the brew event afterward. Freestyle Demo shows, bike contests, gear demos, mountain board demos and lessons and group rides. www.skiburke.com

6th Annual Jay Summer Fest
August 10, Jay
Tag sale, silent auction, horseshoe tournament, Cow Plop 50/50 raffle. "The Great Land Trust Rush" - Bike, run, hike, race at Jay Community Recreational Centre. Parade, over 40 vendors, music tent, best brownie contest sponsored by King Arthur Flour, American Red Cross Blood Drive, square dance demo, Wooden Horse Arts Guild "Art on the Fence" show, kids games & activities, ice cream social and so much more. www.jayvt.com

Killington Classic Motorcycle Rally
August 29 - September 1, Killington
A premier motorcycle rally, presented by Americade. Social events, a vendor village, bike & stunt shows, live music, and a 12-mile parade, plus five days of touring through Vermont's Green Mountains. www.killingtonclassic.com

COMMUNITY COMMENTARY

Letter to the Editor:

Hello, my name is Jennifer Persons and I am a long time resident of Cabot, as most of you may know me. I volunteer for a dog rescue group called Potter's Angels Rescue; we have saved hundreds of dogs and even a few other animals. Potter's was even able to help out a couple local families from right here in Cabot to re-home their dogs. Due to the huge level of dogs coming through the system, we have had to halt all fundraising events and have decided to just shout out to our communities and ask for your donations in helping us build our sanctuary. Please take a minute to read the following, and if you can, help support our cause. Thank You, Jennifer

Potter's Angels Rescue Rehabilitates Dogs

Potter's Angels Rescue was formed over four years ago in 2009, and in that short amount of time has become a widespread organization responsible for saving hundreds of lives. As we continue to grow we are finding the need for a sanctuary is becoming more of a necessity and less of a luxury. With vet and boarding costs rising and accounting for over 80% of our expenses we need our own spot now more than ever.

We are one of the only organizations in Vermont that believes in rehabilitating dogs with behavioral issues as opposed to euthanizing them and although we have had great success with our committed foster base, it can also be very limiting in the numbers of dogs we can work with at any given time. Due to our willingness to work with dogs of all backgrounds, we have become a last chance to live for many dogs in our local area that have been turned away by

other shelters/rescue groups and we have been inundated with the "harder to place" dogs. Unfortunately, our foster base can only handle so many at a time.

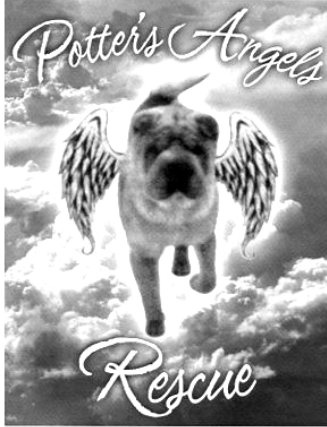
Our sanctuary would not be your typical shelter environment. Instead it will be a place of calm structured guidance and tranquility for our dogs to promote inner healing and complete recovery. Our sanctuary would also serve as a source of education through public seminars and human training sessions (dog optional :-)) allowing us to promote awareness and responsible pet care throughout our community.

As founder of an organization that is run 100% through volunteer time, I cannot stress enough the need for a central location to make it easier to gather more people that can support and assist us with our cause. It also makes it difficult for us to create fundraising events, as time is not something we have to spare, given our full time paying jobs and our full time labor of love on the

side! We are far too busy working to pay the bills and saving lives in our spare time to organize any sort of fantastic fundraiser. In an effort to combat our rising vet expenses and raise money for our shelter we are turning to online fundraisers. Support the underdogs by promoting and/or donating to our cause! Follow the link below for details and freely contact me with any questions.

<https://www.youcaring.com/nonprofits/help-build-our-shelter/74711>. This message was sent using ShareThis (<http://www.sharethis.com>)

With sincerity,
Heather Bent, President
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affectionate. They will keep you entertained for hours. No more staring into a computer screen at endless animated games. These two are real characters full of unpredictable and delightful fun. They presently reside at Kingdom Animal Shelter at 1664 Memorial Drive in St. Johnsbury (741-7387). Come visit Bo and Breslin at KAS during adoption hours, Monday through Thursday, 4-6:00 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays, noon to 3:00 p.m.

The Ninja Boys



Bo and Bres are brothers and it would be great if they could go home together. They are quite the entertaining pair - very playful and mischievous. They appreciate attention from people and get along well with other cats.

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OBITUARIES & MEMORIALS

Leighton C. Pratt



Leighton C. Pratt, 90, died June 11, 2013, at The Morrison in Whitefield, NH.

He was born in Hartford, CT, on April 23, 1923, the son of Calvin and Jessie (White) Pratt. He graduated from Montpelier, VT, High School. He served in the U.S. Coast Guard from 1942 to 1946. He received his B.S. from the University of Vermont in 1951 and M.S. from the University of Rhode Island in 1953.

He worked for the Vermont Department of Agriculture, 1953-1962, then taught school in Cabot and Newport, VT. In 1969, he became the Coos County Agricultural Extension Agent. Following his retirement, he served in the N.H. House of Representatives from 1991 to 2005.

He is survived by his wife Sally (Burgess) Pratt, sons Randall of Portsmouth, NH, Bruce and his wife Ashley, and grandson Alex, and granddaughter Tori, of Bedford, NH.

A celebration of his life was held on June 28 at the Lancaster Congregational Church. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Morrison Staff Education Fund, 6 Terrace St., Whitefield, NH, 03598.

Anne Vara

Anne Folger Pinkham Vara died at Norwood Hospital on July 3, 2013, of complications from a stroke. She was 84. Born in Boston, she was the daughter of Everett C. and Sara M. Pinkham, and lived in Squantum and Foxboro, MA, before moving to Needham in 1937. A graduate of Needham High School and the Chandler School in Boston, she married Richard H. "Dick" Vara, also of Needham, in 1951. The couple moved to Dover in 1956 and built the house where they would live until Dick's death in 2005. In 2007, she moved to an apartment at New Pond Village in Walpole, where she lived the last years of her life.

She is survived by her youngest brother, David M. Pinkham of Stowe, Vermont. Also surviving are her five children: Suzanne Vara of Portland, Oregon; Jon Vara of Cabot, Vermont; Douglas Vara of Kingfield, Maine; Gregory Vara of Millis, and Stephen Vara of Blue Hill, Maine, as well as grandchildren Elizabeth, Cedric, Brittany, Rosalind, Ethan, and Jackson.

After their children were grown, she and Dick traveled often and widely, including a memorable summer-long bicycle crossing of the Great Plains from Matamoros, Mexico, to Winnipeg, Canada. An avid watercolorist and quilter, she also took a keen interest in current events, and was active for many years in the League of Women Voters. Until weeks before her death, she read the newspaper from cover to cover seven days a week. A longtime member of The Dover Church, she also took part in school programs through the Dover Council on Aging.

A memorial service was held at the Dover Church, 17 Springdale Avenue, Dover, on Thursday July 11. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Dover Library, 56 Dedham Street, Dover, MA 02030, and Dover Council on Aging, Town Hall, P.O. Box 250, Dover, MA 02030. To send a note of condolence, please visit www.eatonfuneralhomes.com.

Edward E. "Ed" Wheeler

Edward E. "Ed" Wheeler, 87, of Danville, died peacefully Tuesday, July 2, 2013, at Fletcher Allen Health Care in Burlington, surrounded by his loving family.

He was born June 24, 1926, in Marshfield, the son of Fred and Florence (Sprague) Wheeler. He graduated from Cabot High School in 1944 and then entered the U.S. Navy, serving on the USS LaGrange. On December 22, 1953, he married Ida Jones. They resided in Danville, where they raised their family.

Ed worked for the state of Vermont as foreman of the Montpelier Traffic Shop, retiring after 30 years of dedicated service. He was a member of the Washburn Lodge 92 F&AM of Danville, where he was a past master and a 32nd degree Mason in the Scottish Rite.

A devoted husband, father and grandfather, Ed had a deep love for his family. One of his favorite places was in his garden, where he said he felt closest to God. Hunting, fishing, playing cribbage, feeding and watching wild birds, and researching his family's genealogy brought him much pleasure.

Survivors include his wife of nearly 60 years, Ida Wheeler of Danville; two daughters, Martha Wheeler of St. Johnsbury, and Janice Ouellette and husband, Dan, of Danville; two grandchildren, Jeremy Ouellette and wife Anja and Amanda Tanner and husband Nick; and a great-grandson, Kolja Ouellette. Ed was also looking forward to the arrival of two additional great-grandchildren this fall.

Ed is also survived by his brother and sister, Donald Wheeler and Sandra Wheeler, both of Maine; his in-laws, Joan Donaldson of New Hampshire, Patricia and Eli Kovalik of New Hampshire, Pearl and Herman Pelletier of New Hampshire, Hazel Jones of Nevada; sisters-in-law Janette Wheeler and Joyce Wheeler of Vermont; and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents and numerous brothers and sisters.

Graveside funeral services were held Monday, July 8, in the Danville Green Cemetery with military honors. Donations made in his memory may be directed to either Washburn Lodge 92, P.O. Box 99, Danville, VT 05828; or to the Danville Senior Meal Site, P.O. Box 173, Danville, VT 05828.

Private online condolences may be shared with the family at www.saylesfh.com. Arrangements by Sayles Funeral Home of St. Johnsbury.

If you would like to have an announcement of the passing of a loved one, please send requests to...

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Mildew Attack!

Cabot Historical Society Fights Back

By Peter Dannenberg

The Cabot Historical Society's motto is "Together We Can." This July, volunteers pitched in to combat a mildew outbreak on our antique clothing exhibits.

Some years ago, the family of Bertha Pike Wheeler donated the gown from her 1900 wedding. This summer, her grandson donated an adjustable dressmaker's dummy to use as a mannequin and better display his grandmother's gown.

When Bonnie Dannenberg, C.H.S. President, removed the gown from its glass-fronted cabinet to place it on the mannequin, she was stunned to discover mildew. Inspecting other fabric displays revealed the cabinets' protective glass doors trapped sultry air and allowed mildew growth during this summer's heat wave.

Restoration experts at the Vermont Historical Society told her that several Vermont historical societies had mildew eruptions this summer. Rain, humidity and a heat wave triggered out-

breaks. From Vermont's state professionals and on-line research, Cabot Historical Society's officers learned effective techniques to battle mold and found special products needed to save Cabot's collection. C.H.S. purchased silica gel, soft brushes, special gloves, acid-free tissue paper and acid-free storage boxes to protect fragile antique fabrics. Members' dues and fund-raising paid the cost.

It took several work parties to clean all the displays and cabinets. With the help of volunteer C.H.S. members, the clothing was brushed and aired in the sun. After painstaking cleaning, fabrics not on active display were wrapped in protective tissue and put in acid-free cartons for storage until needed. Glass doors on the cabinets are now left ajar when the Main Street museum building is closed, to allow better air circulation.

Thanks to all who braved oppressive stifling weather and pitched in to save Cabot's collection. Together we can (and did)!



Finally Some Relief From The Heat!

While the heat and humidity have subsided for now, your electricity bills for the month may be a little hard to take. Throughout the past few weeks, the Independent Service Operator of New England (ISO-NE) has requested voluntary conservation as electricity use soared to record levels across our region.

Here are a few ways to stay cool during future heat waves—and keep more money in your pocket.



To do today:

- Open windows at night and shut them during the daytime to keep cool air inside and warm air outside. Same goes for running fans and air-conditioners—run them at nighttime to bring cool air inside (in the case of your fan) and so they don't have to work as hard.
- Delay heat-producing tasks, such as dishwashing, baking, or doing laundry until the cooler evening or early morning hours.

To do this week:

- Make sure your ceiling fans are operating in "cooling mode." See the infographic to learn more. In the summer, use the ceiling fan in the counterclockwise direction. While standing directly under the ceiling fan you should feel a cool breeze. The airflow produced creates a wind-chill effect, making you "feel" cooler. In the winter, reverse the motor and operate the ceiling fan at low speed in the clockwise direction. This produces a gentle updraft, which forces warm air near the ceiling down into the occupied space. Remember to adjust your thermostat when using your ceiling fan — additional energy and dollar savings could be realized with this simple step!
- If you're using AC or looking to buy a window unit, make sure it's right-sized for your space and sealed tight within the window. Models that are too big, cost more to operate and aren't as effective at removing humidity.

To do this summer:

- The best way to improve comfort now and for years to come is through whole-home energy efficiency improvements. Proper air-sealing and insulation can help resolve moisture problems, keep cool air inside, and improve air quality. A home energy audit can identify problem areas and effective ways to improve comfort. For more information and special offers, go to www.efficiencyvermont.com.

Cabot Historical Society

OPEN 2nd SATURDAYS DURING SUMMER

The Cabot Historical Society will be open to the public during the summer from 1:00-3:00 p.m. the second Saturday of each month. Stop in and see the exhibits or do some research. Remaining dates are:

August 10

September 14

Or by appointment – call 563-3396

Disc Course Exhibit



By Janet Van Fleet

I'd like to invite you to come see my exhibit, DISC COURSE, at the Vermont Supreme Court during July and August, 2013. The Supreme Court exhibit space, at 111 State Street, is open Monday - Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

More information and photos at <http://janetvanfleet.blogspot.com/2013/07/disc-course-exhibit-at-vermont-supreme.html>

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Cabot School's June Term 2.0



Cabot School students were recently invited to participate in 350.org/Vermont's Climate Cabaret and Art Exhibit, a call to action from Vermont creatives to address issues of climate change.

By Karen Winter Stewart
Cabot School Principal

One subtle but powerful lesson we've learned from the evolution of information technology is that every product and every practice is always improving.

Remember Apple IIGS? I think the machine at my fingertips right now has an operating system named 10.0 but I am probably out-of-date on that and my phone? I am already a version behind.

At Cabot School, we have casually adopted this geometric nomenclature to mark the evolving progress of some of our academic programs. This spring, we embarked on June Term 2.0, bolstered by the learning and positive response from our initial June Term 1.0 in spring, 2012.

The best part was probably the community-led addition of an Artist-in-Residence, Circus Smirkus, for grades K-8. The CS performance showcased student development in public presentation, a critical focus of the Common Core and our project-based learning curriculum. In addition, children practiced delightful and inspiring forms of fine and gross motor skills that set their eyes twinkling and our faces smiling ear to ear.

In addition, teachers designed new and inspiring end-of-term activities, such as the 4/5 expedition to Siskin Environmental and the grade 7 geological study of New Hampshire's captivating Flume Gorge.

The toughest part of June Term 2.0 was that our Innovation Grant funds were tapped out and last minute fundraising efforts were needed. As always, teachers and parents rallied to the cause, budgets were trimmed and everything came off as hoped. It was a huge rush and left us bedraggled, so we won't let that happen again. Wisely, there is now a June Term fund to seed school-wide June Term activities.

High School students chose up to three June Term activities, and we will probably limit that in the future, as it was a tangle to schedule and may have detracted from the rigor of each learning experience. Plans are already underway for a limited number of intensive June Term experiences for high school students.

June Term 2.0 included:

A reprise of Scottish Dancing, interface with dancers throughout New England and a Cabot community fling hosted by June Term dancers.

"3500" was students' most popular choice, and took them on a geological survey spelunking in New York state caves and hiking the Adirondack Trail in the White Mountains, with superintendent and former "hutswoman" Nancy Thomas in tow.

"Hands on the Land" was also a well attended exploration of career opportunities throughout Vermont. Students met with employers and visited developing Vermont businesses to inspire career choices.

"Ghosts" delved into early Vermonters who just can't seem to stay in the grave. Students met ghost trackers from Burlington to Cabot and learned about the unsettling political and social conditions of the time that keep these spirits coming back.

Student artists engaged in a combined study of flight and kite-making, marred only by elements of climate change that grounded most test flights. "350.org" produced and broadcast a radio script describing how climate change is unraveling and turning the planet.

"Writers" spent a delirious week absorbed in their craft with kindred spirits and other authors, expressed their voices in "Bookmaking", producing artistic bindings and content to express personal vision.

June Term is a natural culmination of a year of learning that taps students' passions and curiosity about their world. And every year we'll be making it better. For fuller descriptions of each June Term Project, go to cabotarts.org

**2013 ANNUAL
CABOT ALUMNI REUNION
SATURDAY
AUGUST 10**



BRING THE FAMILY!!!

**1:00 p.m. Sign in at the
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**1:30 p.m. "TEA" Honoring
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2:30 p.m. Let the Games begin....

4:30 p.m. Annual Meeting

5:30 p.m. Dinner

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

~ AUGUST ~

Thursday, 8/1

Summer Concert Series: Ira Friedman Quartet, Jaquith Public Library, Marshfield, 6:30 p.m. Information: 426-3581.

Thursday, 8/8

Summer Concert Series: Michele Fay Band, Jaquith Public Library, Marshfield, 6:30 p.m. Information: 426-3581.

Saturday, 8/10

Cabot-Wide Lawn Sale, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., your location or on the Common. Call 563-3338 and send \$10 to CCA, P.O.Box 245, Cabot 05647, to sign up and get on the map. \$10 used for cost of ad in *World* and *Hardwick Gazette*.

Wednesday, 8/14

Just for Fun Film Night, Jaquith Library, Marshfield, 7:00 p.m. Information: 426-3581.

Thursday, 8/15

Summer Stargazing, with Paul Wade and Co., 8:30 p.m. Sponsored by Cabot Public Library. Meet at the Cabot Plains Cemetery. Bring any telescope equipment, binoculars etc. that you have. Rain date: Friday, August 16th. Information: 563-2721.

Summer Concert Series: Bramblewood, Marshfield Bandstand, 6:30 p.m. Information: 426-3581.

Wednesday, 8/21-25

Caledonia County Fair, Lyndonville, admission \$10-18. Country music, magic and balloon shows, food, games, ox pulling, horse show, demo derby, children's activities, midway, antique tractor pull, maple, poultry and rabbit exhibits and more. Information: 626-5538 or vtfair.com.

Sunday, 8/25

National Parks Fee-Free Day: fees normally charged for admission are waived. Information: nps.gov.

Tuesday, 8/27

Sydney Lea - Vermont Poet Laureate, Cabot Public Library, 7:00 p.m., Cabot Public Library. Information: 563-2721.

~ ONGOING ~

Bingo! Every Monday, 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.

Children's programs at Jaquith Library, Wednesdays starting 6/26. Begin at 10 a.m. with stories based on the theme for the morning followed by an exciting activity and a free lunch.

Concerts on the Green, Danville, Sunday nights at 7:00 in July and August.

Danville Farmer's Market, Wednesdays 9:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.

Dig Into Reading, Cabot Public Library, Tuesdays 10:30. Come early at 10:00 for a free breakfast.

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. The dances are taught and are easily learned by young and old. Information: 563-3225 or email samlyman@sover.net.

Hardwick Farmer's Market. Buy local! Fridays 3:00-6:00 p.m.

Healthy Living Gentle Exercise Program, every Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Old Schoolhouse Common, Marshfield, 10:45 - 11:45 a.m., free. All levels welcome. 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 to 11:30 a.m., Jaquith Public Library.

Tai 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 Tues. of each month, Cabot United Church, 7 p.m. Social activities, community service. Call for info: Cindy at 456-1361.

Yoga & Wellness Classes, Mondays 6:00 - 7:30 p.m., Cabot Public Library. Nourish your body, mind and spirit! Alicia Feltus: 563-3220 or aliciafeltus@gmail.com.

CABOT FOOD SHARE
Wednesday,
AUGUST 14
Noon-3:00 p.m.

Wednesday,
AUGUST 28
Noon-3:00 p.m.

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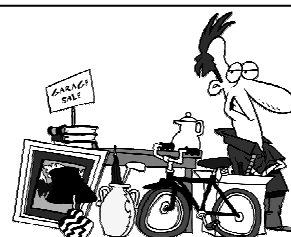


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CABOT OLD HOME DAYS TOWN-WIDE LAWN SALE AND FLEA MARKET ON THE COMMON



9:00 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.
SATURDAY,
AUGUST 10, 2013

*Your place or on the Common
(your tables, canopy, chairs)*

Advertising & your location on map
for \$10 paid by AUGUST 6, \$20 after AUGUST 6

*\$10 contribution used for cooperative event advertising:
Ad in World Garage Sale section August 7,
Ad in Hardwick Gazette August 7, and other free advertising outlets.*

To secure a space on the Common
or get your location on the lawn sale map,
send \$10 with reservation form below
or at www.CabotChronicle.org, or
Email Cabot.Development@yahoo.com or call 563-3338.

TOWN WIDE LAWN SALE
SATURDAY, AUGUST 10, 2013

Information to provide on map:

Name _____

Address _____

Sale Location (check one): ☐ Common ☐ Your Address

Phone (will not be posted) _____

Print Email address: _____

☐ \$10 enclosed ☐ \$20 enclosed (after 8/6/2013)

Drop form and check in black mailbox in vestibule outside
CCA office in Willey Building, at Town Clerk's office or
Cabot Public Library, or mail to arrive by August 6 to:

Townwide Lawn Sale, P. O. Box 245, Cabot, VT 05647

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Veterans begin the independence day parade.



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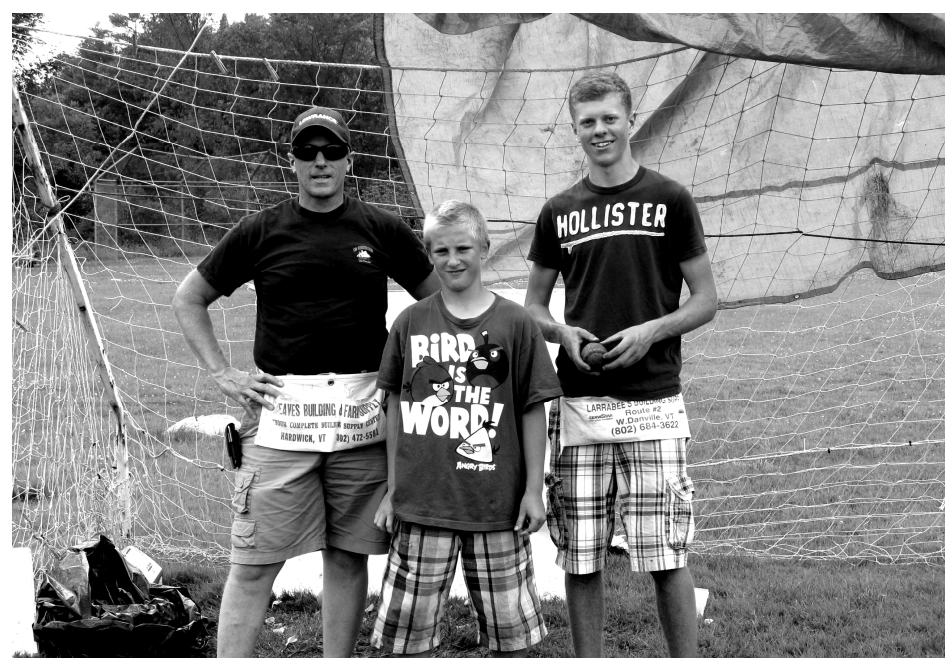
Till Next Year!



Local musicians return for entertainment.



The yearly "Strongman Challenge". Who holds the current record? See page 1.



Volunteers are always needed and appreciated.



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Sign up first as a member (above), Go to "My Market" tab and contact administrator, Provide information requested by administrator for your setup, Once set up, enter merchandise on Cabot Community Farmstand, Receive order(s) via email before delivery time, Drop prepaid merchandise at dropoff location at time indicated



Cabot Apple Pie Festival

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2012

We are looking for Silent Auction donations.
Consider redirecting any useful items not sold at the August 10 townwide lawn sale.
We appreciate your donations of small antique items, hand-made items, gift baskets, oddities and collectibles. All proceeds go to benefit the Cabot Historical Society. For more information or to have someone pick up your item, call 802-563-3396.

CABOT VERMONT ANNUAL EVENTS 2013

Tuesday, October 1, 2013
FALL FOLIAGE FESTIVAL
Crafts, tours, rides, hikes, presentations
9:00 a.m. Coffee Hour
11:30 a.m. -1:00 p.m. Luncheon
5:00 and 6:15 p.m. Turkey Dinner
Throughout town
802-563-2715



Saturday, October 19, 2013
APPLE PIE FESTIVAL
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Apple Pie Baking Contest
Crafts, apple pies and chili luncheon
Cabot School Gym
www.CabotHistory.com, 802-563-3396



You are invited to visit ...



Cabot Evangelical Church

Meeting on Sunday Mornings at 10:30
Willey Building - Second Floor Meeting Room
Main Street - Cabot

For more information contact
Ed Lewis - 802-272-8721



Where in the World is the Cabot Chronicle?



THE CABOT CHRONICLE IN NEW ZEALAND

Dear Cabot Chronicle

Here is a photo of my wife, Laurel Stowell, with the April 2013 issue of the Cabot Chronicle in front of the office of the Wanganui Chronicle in Whanganui, New Zealand. Laurel is a reporter at the Wanganui Chronicle.

Laurel's mother, Anne Stowell, who lives in Kerikeri, NZ, is a long distance subscriber to the Cabot Chronicle. She and her late husband, Bob, had a property on Last Road and spent much time in the area many years ago. Anne, Laurel and I will be visiting the area in mid-July and we are really looking forward to it.

Kind regards
Richard Thompson
Whanganui, New Zealand



SUMMER THURSDAY DINNERS



AT CABOT UNITED CHURCH

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\$8 Adults, \$4 Children
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Only Two Dinners Left!
August 8th
and August 22nd

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Cabot Arts Committee Survey

We still need more input. Please complete and send to us at
Cabot Arts Committee Survey, P.O. Box 245, Cabot, VT 05647.

Thank you.

CABOT ARTS SURVEY

CABOT ARTS MISSION STATEMENT

"To engage and enrich the Cabot Community through creativity".

BACKGROUND: Cabot residents celebrate the diversity of arts, crafts and local products created in the community. Many believe that a Task Force of Cabot residents could come together and expand the use of local venues and increase the focus on the arts and crafts in the Cabot Community. An initiative focusing on Cabot Arts, Crafts, and Programs may lead to an outlet and showplace for local art and products, studio space, and space for youth to gather, and for local music, movies, or theatrical performances to occur.

SURVEY: The purpose of this Survey is to obtain input from throughout the Cabot Community on the interest, feasibility, ideas, and level of support for the development of Arts programs in Cabot. The survey also provides a tool for inventorying the multiple and diverse arts that currently exist and being created in Cabot in an effort to best identify next steps in this process as well as to spread the news on this initiative.

REQUEST: Please take a few minutes to complete this survey and return it to the mailbox outside the CCA office, Town Clerk or Cabot Public Library not later than the end of the month. Ideally, each member of every household who can complete the survey will complete their own to better inventory and assess the arts activity in this wonderful community. Thank you.

CABOT ARTS COMMITTEE

R. D. Eno
Dawn Andrews
Jeannie Johnson
Michael Taub
Karen Mueller-Harder

Rox Daniels
Elysha Welters
Gwen Hallsmith
Diane Huling Holden
Clara Muller-harder

Ellie Blachley
Jan Westervelt
Jack Daniels
Curt Holden
Todd Jones

WHAT TYPES OF ARTS INTEREST YOU? (please circle all that apply)

- A. Dance: modern/jazz/ballroom/contra/swing/tango/salsa/swing/ballet/break/other
- B. Music: pop/classical/jazz/modern/country/oldies/rap/other
- C. Theater: classics/musicals/drama/other
- D. Visual Arts: painting/sculpture/pottery/other
- E. Photography:
- F. Literature:
- G. Youth Choir/youth choral group
- H. Adult Choir/adult choral group
- I. Other- Please describe: _____

WHAT TYPE OF ART OR CRAFT OR OTHER CREATIVE ACTIVITY DO YOU DO? Please describe?

- A. Professional
- B. Fun, e.g. hobby
- C. Would be professional
- D. Other: _____

WHAT ARE THE NEEDS THAT YOU SEE TO SUPPORT THE ARTS IN CABOT? (please check all that interest you and add comments if you wish)

- A. Show place for local art & products
- B. Studio Space (please describe) _____
- C. Space for community to gather
- D. Local music performances
- E. Theatrical performances
- F. Other (please describe: _____)

HOW MIGHT YOU BE WILLING TO PARTICIPATE WITH OTHER CABOT RESIDENTS IN THE ARTS?

TEACH
BUY ART
ATTEND PERFORMING ARTS PROGRAMS
VOLUNTEER TO SUPPORT THE ARTS
OTHER: _____

WHEN YOU THINK OF ART IN CABOT, WHAT COMES TO MIND? WHAT ARTS PROGRAMS IN CABOT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE SHARED?

DO YOU THINK THERE SHOULD BE AN ACTUAL PUBLIC BUILDING DEDICATED TO THE ARTS IN CABOT?

WHAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE CABOT ARTS PROGRAM DO?

OPTIONAL (but helpful)--- CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: _____
Telephone: _____
E-mail: _____

THANK YOU!

The information you've shared will help us to understand the arts resources available in our community and how best we can move forward as we explore the development of an Arts Center in Cabot. We look forward to keeping you apprised of our progress.

Cabot Communications Improvement Committee

Next meeting Tuesday, August 13

Projects developing:
Non-governmental website
Google Maps with "layers" for farms, scenic views, arts, etc.

Online calendar
Bulletin Board at Recycling Center
Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 13, , 6:30 p.m., Cabot Public Library

Cabot Agricultural Group

Next meeting August 20

Special Sugarmakers Meeting October 9

Activities:

Survey to identify common interests, needs and opportunities to beneficially work together; survey will be mailed to agriculturists, foresters, producers, animal husbandry/production (dairy, pig, horse, chicken, ducks, llamas, alpacas, sheep, goats, emus, etc.) and professional animal support services (blacksmith, sheep shearers, hoof trimmers, ferrier, veterinarians, welding, slaughter, butcher, livestock trucking, compost), educators and other related services. When you receive yours, please reply by mid-August. If you are involved in one of these businesses but did not receive a survey, please call 563-

3338 to have one mailed. If you know of someone in the greater Cabot area left off the list, please let us know.

Assistance in marketing town and services may be available from Vermont Council on Rural Development new division for digital support. Also, Brookfield's Floating Bridge Co-op is willing to come to Cabot to talk about how they market their community.

Cabot Sugarmakers "Pow Wow" scheduled Wednesday, October 9, 7:00 p.m., in Willey Building, to explore benefits of marketing Cabot maple products as a group or "brand" to a guaranteed market. Mark your calendar.

Cabot Community Association

The following officers were elected on June 20:

President – Bruce Westcott.
Vice-President – Todd Jones
Treasurer –Jan Westervelt
Secretary – Jeanne Johnson

The group is collecting proposals for use of \$27,500 voted at Town Meeting for community development. Some ideas under consideration include

Arts group community events, such as concerts and dances

Agriculture group reviving 4H
Staff support to community organizations

Working with digital commerce initiative

Other proposals to UDAG committee for projects to improve quality of life in Cabot

Next meeting: Wednesday, August 28, 7:00 p.m. at Willey Building. Please come and bring your two cents' worth.

CABOT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Application for Membership:



Name _____
Phone Number _____
Email address: _____
Date: _____

Bring applications to.....

The Cabot Chronicle Office, Willey Building, Main Street, Cabot VT



ADVICE FROM THE TREE WARDEN

By Roland (Slim) Payne

The new trees are doing well, all but one. That one may grow, but if it doesn't, I'll take it out and put in another one. The maple tree on the common next to the church Christmas tree will probably have to come down next year, it has a lot of dead wood in the crown and could be a hazard.

The Giant Hogweed on Elm Street was sprayed July 3 and looks like it got most of it. The seeds are viable for eight to ten years, so some will most likely come up. It may have to be sprayed next year and again in a couple of years – we will see what happens.

The push right now is on the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB). If and when it gets here, it will kill all native ash trees. If you see purple triangle boxes hanging from roadside trees, they are EAB traps, and someone checks them about once a

week. If one bug is found, things go into panic mode. I won't go into it here, but Cabot is getting a committee together to draw up a plan of attack ahead of time, so we will be ready when it happens. One thing we will have to do is get a count of ash in the right of way so if they need to be removed, they have to go someplace to be chipped or burned or sawn into lumber and slabs burned there. There is a lot of ash in Cabot, we will have a large yard or yards to accommodate large trucks and equipment plus all the wood. We are just starting, so it will take awhile. The roadside count will be done after the leaves drop, so we can see the trees. Right now, we are surrounded – the EAB is in Quebec, New York, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire. So, guess who is next.

Recreation Department

FALL SOCCER REGISTRATION

By Donna MacKinnon

Fall soccer registration deadline for children grades PK-6 is August 15, 2013, and practices begin August 26, 2013. A late fee will apply if you do not register your child before the cut-off date. Forms are available at the town hall or the library. If you would like a form emailed to you, contact

Donna MacKinnon at 595-9429 or .

We are a volunteer organization and we need your help to make these programs for your children possible. Please get involved by coaching a team or coordinating rides to games, etc.

Scholarships are available, so don't let the cost deter your child from playing.



TWIN VALLEY SENIOR CENTER



By Rita Copeland

As a member of Hunger Mountain Council of Washington County, I am sharing this important information with you about the Summer Meal Site Outreach for **Children** during the summer months. These sites are open where all **children** are welcome to show up for a meal. Please share this information with your friends and neighbors. Contact information is also listed if you have any questions regarding the program.

Cabot School, 25 Common Road, Monday through Thursday, 6/17 – 8/8
Breakfast: 8:00-9:00
Lunch: 11:00-12:30
Scott St. John (802) 563-2289, ext. 232

Jaquith Library, School Street, Marshfield, Wednesdays, 6/26 – 7/31
Lunch: 12:00-12:30
Susan Green, (802) 426-3581

Twinfield TLC, 106 Nasmith Brook Road, Marshfield, Monday through Thursday, 6/17 – 8/8
Breakfast: 8:00-9:00
Lunch: 11:00-12:30
Anthony Willey, (802) 426-3213

*Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC)

The following information is excerpted from *The Making of a Forester, An Autobiographical History* by Perry H. Merrill.

"In March of 1933, President Roosevelt proposed as a measure of unemployment relief to put unemployed youths aged eighteen to twenty-five to work in our forests. Congress quickly passed the Emergency Conservation Works Act (ECW), thus creating the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC)."

"This nationwide program was originally designed to enroll about 250,000 youth who must be physically fit, unmarried and unemployed, have dependents and be willing to send an allotment home to their families. Vermont was originally allotted an enrollment of 750 youths, which would require five camps. The CCC enrollees were given \$30.00 per month, of which they sent \$25.00 monthly to their parents."

"By July 20, 1933, Vermont's CCC ranks had swelled to ten companies housed at Camp Wilson ready to start work at once on the East Barre Dam construction project. The dam was completed almost entirely with hand labor, and involved the clearing of brush and trees, and construction of a 600 foot trench for the concrete tunnel under the dam. This hand work required the use of over six hundred wheelbarrows, picks, shovels, sledges and drills."

"The completed dam had a 400 foot width with sides sloping up to an 85 foot crest located 60 feet above the crest of the original stream. It measured 1,500 feet in length with a spillway 100 feet wide, and required 308,000 feet of earth, 84,000 cubic yards of rock fill, 200 cubic yards of concrete, and 1,300 tons of steel. This serves as an example of the accomplishments that took place in Vermont and other states from this program."

"At the end of six years, the number of young men with CCC experience had

Twin Valley Seniors has on-going Tai Chi classes every Monday from 1:00-2:00 p.m. at the Old School House Common. This program is open to anyone regardless of age and is free. The program has openings and we invite you to join us. If you would like more information, please contact Sandra Mennella at (802) 563-3356.

Twin Valley Seniors will be initiating ongoing monthly fundraising take out dinners starting on August 25. This is the last Sunday of the month. We will continue providing these take out meals as long as we receive sufficient participation from the communities we serve. This event will take place at the Plainfield Methodist Church from 4:00-6:00 p.m. The menu will be Chicken Enchiladas, Refried Beans, Spanish Rice and Dessert -- all for \$10.00 Call for reservations to Joyce Fowler 454-8306 or Susan Crampton 223-6954. We want to thank Pastor Carlyle Pearce and the staff at the church for allowing us to use the facility for preparing the dinners. A big thank you in advance for all community members that purchase the dinners. Your participation helps us raise funds to continue serving our senior population.

Twin Valley Seniors is reaching out to ask for volunteers to help us with our fundraising events. It takes many hands to prepare meals and we really are in need of additional volunteers. You do not need special talents; just giving your time and willingness to perform such things as: prepare, package, cleanup, etc. All ages are welcome. If you are willing to spare 1-2 hours of your time once a month, you will be doing a great service as well as helping to support the Center and its services to the six towns we serve. So please consider joining our team by contacting Susan Crampton at 223-6954 or Joyce Fowler at 454-8306.

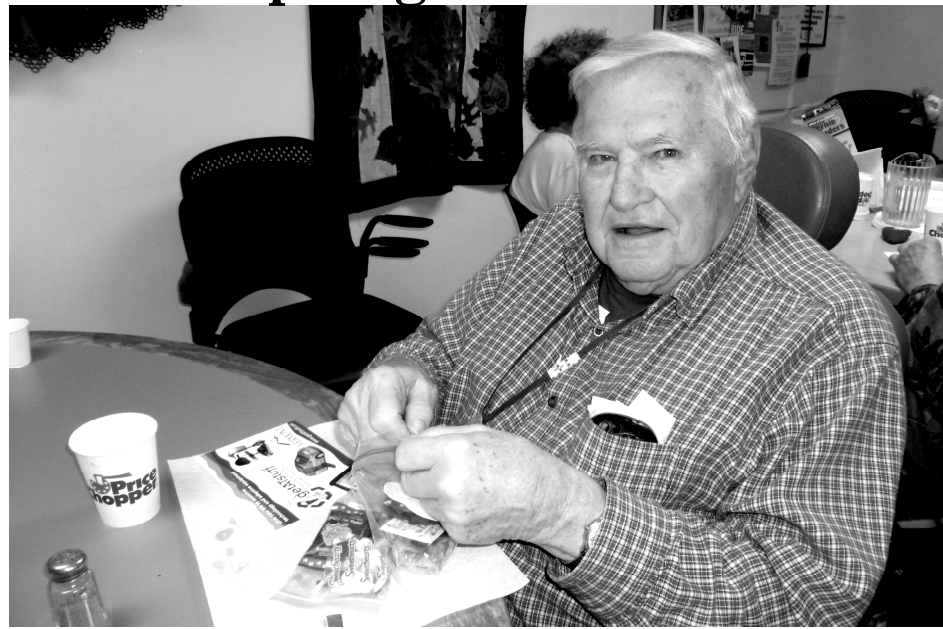
reached 2,500,000. The number of Vermont men given employment under this program was 11,243, and the number of men who worked in Vermont (regardless of origin) was 40,868. Approximately two thousand youths from Massachusetts, three hundred from Rhode Island and a few hundred from New York worked in Vermont camps."

Accomplishments over the life of the CCC:

- Planted 1,255,000,000 tree seedlings over 1,255,000 acres of land
- Fought tree diseases on over 16,722,000 acres
- Installed 64,374 miles of telephone lines to assist in forest fire protection
- Constructed more than 3,400 fire lookout and observation towers
- Constructed 3,982,000 check dams for nation-wide erosion control program
- Constructed 41,000 bridges and 44,475 buildings of various types

"Forestry work projects in Vermont included thinning, pruning, harvesting for state, municipal and private forests, and disease and fire control projects. Recreation projects encompassed camping areas, picnic areas, bathing areas, ski areas, roads and trails. Recreation developments were also made on some state forests, especially where there was water frontage. These projects included skiing facilities, picnic and camping areas, and bathing beaches." "The majority of recreational development on state forests and parks was accomplished by the CCC during the years 1933 to 1942. A major contribution was in the area of fire prevention. Seven new steel fire towers were built; three new wooden towers and eight new lookout cabins were constructed. Telephone lines were built or extended, and valuable fire roads were constructed. Recreational roads were built. Wildlife habitat was improved, and ski trails were laid out." © Perry H. Merrill 1984

Senior Spotlight: Earle W. Curtis



By Betsey Bolt

As I told him, Earle W. Curtis is my victim this month. He was born in Philadelphia, PA, on April 25, 1929, making him 84 years old. He was married to his wife, Delores, for 52 years. She died in 2000. Their sons Rick and Gray live in Cabot. He has five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

He and his family moved to Syracuse, NY, just three weeks after he was born. His father was finishing a degree at Syracuse University School of Forestry. Upon completion, he was offered work as a forester in the Civilian Conservation Camps (CCC*) programs in VT & NH. As Earle says: "Five camps later, we landed in Marshfield at the Groton VT CCC."

His education began in a one room school in Plymouth, VT. He completed grade one there. Of seven students at the school, each had a different grade and one teacher to do all the different levels. Earle was not fond of English or spelling, but in this modern era, that would not have been a big deal. We have automatic spell check and software will help you with grammar, as well. You don't even have to type: voice recognition.

When he was six years old, his family went to Washington, DC, where he went up in the Washington Monument. It was very windy at the top, and he learned that the Monument construction accommodated for this phenomena, often moving as much as six feet. Unfortunately, his dad, apparently, was a kidder, much like Earle, and gave the poor kid the scare of a lifetime. He picked Earle up and stuck him out the open, four foot long window. Earle reveals that this

experience resulted in a lifelong fear of heights!

While in high school, Earle played sports: baseball, football and basketball, and his teams were very successful. He was three years in Marshfield and one year (sophomore) in Poughkeepsie, NY, where he was one of three hundred students. He was a star in both states, saying of his Vermont experience: "We weren't good but we were scrappy as hell!" Ask him about his prowess -- he loves to tell "stories."

Earle relates that when he and Delores married, she was 17 and he was 18. At that time, he needed to receive permission from his father, however, there was no such requirement for women other than being 12 or older! He and Delores loved to dance, going out three nights a week. They farmed for five years in Cabot, and then he began a successful career in sales. He worked for others, such as Prudential and Whole Bread, as well as an independent sales person, retiring at 62.

Although we know him to play Rummy and Pinochle, Earle says that he likes them all. When I asked to relate a "clean" story for me to include in this feature article, he responded that "clean and shady were the same" and then, can you believe it, passed up the chance to tell a story to an even wider audience? However there were two real life tales in the materials he submitted to me: when he was a toddler and more recently in a pick-up, but make sure you have plenty of time if you ask him about either!

He has lived a great life and is 84 years young. He loves to tease and be teased. He loves people and he loves competition. He says: "Win or lose, I have a good time."



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The quilt is 'Morning Star' pattern in a white background with bright blue and modern green. The printed border contains all the colors. It is backed with a mottled beige plus the names of the quilters and date. It is a queen size (96"x109") and needs to be seen to be appreciated. It will be on display at various times over the next few months. For more information, you can call Christa Scholz.(563-2409). For tickets call Christa or Sue Freeburn (563-2085).

FROM THE CABOT PUBLIC LIBRARY

Programs
"Dig into Reading" was our theme for the 2013 Summer Reading Program! Thanks to all who participated – if you have completed your reading goals, come in for your new t-shirt and prize! We've had 60 kids sign up this year and of those, 22 were in the Thousand Page Club – Wow! Lots of reading this summer. Congratulations to all!

We have the required Middle School Summer Reading book, *As Long As There Are Mountains*, by Natalie Kinsey-Warnock. Please stop in during our regular hours to pick up your copy.

Summer Stargazing – Paul Wade and Co. – Thursday, August 15 – 8:30 p.m.

Meet at the Cabot Plains Cemetery. Bring any telescope equipment, binoculars etc. that you have. Rain date will be the following evening – Friday, August 16.

Sydney Lea – Vermont Poet Laureate – Tuesday, August 27 – 7:00 p.m.

Lea has been described as "a man in the woods with his head full of books, and a man in books with his head full of woods." His affection for story, moreover, an affection derived in no small measure from men and women elders in New England, colors his poetry, just as a relish for the musical properties of the word colors his prose. His lifelong passion for the natural world informs almost his every utterance.

Community Book Group – On Break for August – See you in September!

We will read *"I Feel Bad About My Neck: And Other Thoughts on Being a Woman"* by Nora Ephron in September. All are welcome to join in! Copies of this book will be available in the Cabot Library by mid-August.

Yoga & Wellness Classes – Mondays, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. Summer yoga classes are at Alicia's yurt. All levels welcome – contact Alicia for more info 802-563-3220 or aliciafeltus@gmail.com.

Closed the week of Sunday, August 18, through Saturday, August 24. We will resume regular hours on Tuesday, August 27.

Cabot Old Time Contra and Square Dances coming to Cabot! Dances will be held on the second Saturday of the month from September through May, sponsored by the Cabot Library. Stay tuned for more information, but hold September 14 at 7:30 p.m. open for the first one!

Thank You!

We have many people to thank for making this year's Summer Reading Program a success – **Susie Socks** for a fascinating look at owl pellets, **Paul Wade** for rock carving tools and instruction, **Anna Stange** for instruments and songs from around the world, **Susan Green** for collaborating with us and for an array of art projects, **Scott St. John** and **Raquel Bigelow** for providing breakfast as part of the summer food program, and to **Beth Wade** – who is always willing to pitch in with whatever needs doing, but especially for reading to the kids. Thank you, **Tim Walker**, for the many hours donated toward preparing us for better internet service.



Cabot Library Reminders:

- Tuesday 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
****No Story Hour In August****
- Wednesday 2:00 a.m.-6:00p.m.
- Thursday 9:00 a.m.-6:00p.m.
- Saturday 9:00 a.m.-12:00p.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.

State Park Passes Are Here!!!

- **State Park Pass** – Allows up to 8 people in a car free day access to the Vermont State Parks.

See you at the Library!

Kathleen Hoyne and Anne Walker

Fangs Versus Fungus



Illustration by Adelaide Tyrol

By Michael J. Caduto |

In the case of Snake Fungal Disease, if the Jedi Knight from Star Wars, Obi-Wan Kenobi, summoned the power of nature by uttering, "The spores be with you," he would be spot on. This infectious organism features minute spores that produce a fungus capable of defeating powerful venomous snakes. Virtually unheard of in the wild prior to 2006, *Ophidiomyces ophidiicola* has been found on wild snakes in nearly a dozen states, including New Hampshire and Vermont. It is suspected of wiping out half the population of timber rattlesnakes in New Hampshire between 2006 and 2007.

Snake fungal disease, or SFD, causes snakes to develop opaque eyes, scabby scales, and misshapen nodules on their heads and bodies. Their skin swells and thickens, develops ulcers, and sheds prematurely. Because SFD occurs on animals in captivity, where it thrives in warm, moist conditions, some scientists suspect that the fungus may have migrated into the wild as temperatures and humidity have increased. Climate change may also make it easier for diseases to spread during the winter, when many snakes hibernate en masse underground.

Dr. Jeffrey Lorch of the University of Wisconsin Madison has conducted most of the recent fungus cultures on snake skins for the U.S. Geological Survey's National Wildlife Health Center. He says that anecdotal field reports suggest that SFD has been in North America "for quite some time," and may even be a native species. (Lorch's previous research was instrumental in identifying the fungus that causes white-nose syndrome, which has killed millions of bats throughout the Northeast.) SFD infects all kinds of snakes – from rat snakes to rattlers. "It is likely that most snake species in eastern North America can contract SFD," says Lorch, "but we really do not know the population-level impacts at this time or how the infection varies between species."

The greatest concern has arisen with snake species that occur in small, isolated populations, for which losses of even a few animals could severely limit the ability of those populations to persist or recover.

These vulnerable species include timber rattlesnakes. Endangered in Vermont and New Hampshire, rattlesnakes survive as relict populations that harbor little genetic diversity, so it's less likely that an individual will emerge that is resistant to SFD. Vermont's Rutland County is home to two populations that contain the last few hundred individuals. In New Hampshire, rattlesnakes have been reduced to a single population.

The best way to minimize SFD is to report sightings of infected snakes to the appropriate state or federal agency. Take photographs, if you can do it safely. "Citizen reporting," says Lorch, "can help determine how widespread SFD is, which species are affected, and whether the disease poses a significant risk to snakes across the eastern U.S."

Lorch urges precautions to avoid spreading the disease, such as disinfecting equipment, clothing, and hands after handling captive and wild snakes. "It is a good idea to prevent wild and captive (particularly exotic) snakes from having any sort of contact with one another if one of the animals may be released back into the wild."

But why care if snakes disappear? As predators that slither along the middle links of the food-chain, snakes keep populations of prey in check, including grasshoppers, mice, voles, rats, and other critters that frequently damage and destroy crops and gardens. Snakes provide food for larger animals, such as hawks, owls, coyotes, raccoons and foxes. As part of the natural diversity of life, they help ecosystems to be more resilient.

Snakes also have medical uses. Several drugs, including eptifibatide and tirofiban—used to prevent blood clots in patients with symptoms of chest pains and minor heart attacks—are based on snake venom proteins. When administered in time, these drugs help prevent a full-blown infarction.

And where would humans be without these iconic animals to challenge us and serve as a force against which we take our measure? Although many people revile them, snakes and other reptiles inspire a sense of excitement, awe, and mystery. As the Goliaths to our David, they keep us strong and make us feel alive.

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Please also mark your calendar to bake a couple of pies that week to donate. The heart of Apple Pie Festival is the delicious, homemade pies crafted by some of the best cooks in the state. It's just as good for breakfast as it is dessert! The Historical Society can't do it without you, and would be very grateful for pies dropped off Friday evening, October 18, between 5:00 and 7:00 p.m. or Saturday morning, October 19, before 10:00 a.m.

Also, consider entering the Apple Pie Contest. Pies must be entered by 10:30 a.m., so come early to be sure yours gets in the contest. There is a fee to enter: \$5 for adults, \$2.50 for youths, OR you can donate a second pie to sell. (All pies in the contest are sold or auctioned after judging.) There are cash prizes, ribbons and more.

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