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Cabot Ice Rink

Volunteers preparing the skating rink for cold weather.

By Susie Socks

Thanks to a hard-working crew and very cold December temperatures, the Cabot Common rink is up and running weeks earlier than usual. On December 8, we assembled and leveled the frame, brought over benches, and set up the message board. The very next day we installed the plastic liner, and the Cabot volunteer firefighters used two tanker trucks and water from a Cabot Creamery settling pond to fill up the rink…an amazing 18,500 gallons of water! Even with the unusual cold, it took 5 days for the rink slab to freeze solid. Unfortunately, while the slab was setting up, there was some snowfall, which adhered to the relatively warm ice, causing a crusty surface. Between shoveling and skating on the ice, much of the crust has worn away…a few resurfaces should make for a great skating rink.

No skates? No problem! Skating supplies are available for borrowing. At the message board corner of the rink, there are bins of various size skates, hockey sticks, pucks, traffic cones (for goals or slalom courses), and milk crates (for beginners needing a little balancing help). We hope to have a couple skating parties…check the town bulletin boards and Front Porch Forum. Please feel free to arrange your own parties and hockey games, too!

The rink is made possible through Cabot Recreation Department funds and LOTS of volunteer work. A huge "thank you" to the following community members who built this year's rink for us: Christy Aucoin, Dean Deasy, Ben Deasy, Frank Kampf, Andy Luce, Cathleen Maine, Isabelle Maine-Torres, Steve Main, Jeannie McCallum, Billie O'Conner, Declan O'Conner, Sharon O'Conner, Randy Peterson, Martha Rockwell, Harper Smith, Makaya Smith, Ethan Socks, Jonah Socks, Michael Socks, Chuck Talbert, Willem Talbert, Chip Taylor, and Lars Torres.

We also need lots of help to keep the rink running through the winter. Volunteer opportunities include shoveling, snowblowing, tidying up supplies, setting up party food and/or music, and donating good-condition skates and sticks. If you can spend an hour each week, or an hour once in a while, please contact me: Susie, 563-2073, cabotfarm@gmail.com. See you at the rink!

Become a Mentor

To be a mentor, you don't need special skills, just an ability to listen and to offer friendship, guidance and encouragement to a young person. And you'll be amazed by how much you'll get out of the experience.

Talk to a Cabot mentor about the experience. Check out the story on page 9, and we think you'll want to sign up. E-mail Kathleen Hoyne at CabotConnects@hotmail.com or call 802-563-3338. You'll be glad you did.

Cabot Town Government 2012 Financial Audit and Accounting Changes for 2013

By Jack Daniels, Select Board Chair

On December 4, 2013, town auditor Linda Maclay from Fothergill Segale & Valley, CPAs, presented the Independent Auditor's Report and Financial Statements for the year ending December 31, 2012, to the Select Board and the Town Treasurer. The 2012 audit report is now available on the Cabot website, www.cabotvt.us.

The 2012 report includes an adverse opinion as a whole because financial statements did not display "the amounts that would be reported in government-wide financial statements resulting from modified cash basis transactions for the Town's governmental activities and business-type activities are not reasonably determinable." This occurred because the financial statements prepared by the Town were not in compliance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, specifically GASB 34 and GASB 37. The main purpose of the Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is to improve and create accounting reporting standards or generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). These standards make it easier for users to understand and use the financial records of both state and local governments.

The 2012 audit report states that the Town "prepares its financial statements on the modified cash basis and not on an accrual basis," which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. A major step in the process to change to an accrual base accounting system is to identify the original cost information for all capital assets. This will be a time-consuming but critical step in the process to bring town financial records into compliance with GASB 37. Jan Westervelt, a former CPA, has volunteered to assist in this process.

The 2012 Audit report also contained two findings: A. Material Weakness and Internal Control Finding, which the auditor believes "was caused by a lack of governmental accounting...", and B. Significant Deficiency and Internal Control Finding because the Selectboard has not been approving "signing orders" prior to expenditures being made.

As a result of these two findings, corrective actions have been initiated. Referencing the first finding, the Town will pursue training opportunities in the area of governmental accounting as it transitions to an accrual based accounting system and compliance with GASB. Referencing the second finding, all requests for payment are now being approved by at least one Selectboard member before any payment is made by the Treasurer, and the full Select Board is now approving all payments at the following regularly scheduled Selectboard meeting.

And now, the big news: as a direct result of lengthy discussions generated by the review of the 2012 audit, the

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Country Commentary

Country Commentary,

I have long ago given up on New Year's Resolutions. I never seemed to follow through with them, and it always gave me an ache of guilt in the pit of my stomach that I hadn't. I am not saying don't make any, I am just stating what doesn't work for me - but what does work for me is making my resolutions into meaningful, achievable goals. Achieving goals are dreams in action. I have always wanted to be a hobby chicken farmer with my partner, Rick. I dreamed and wished, but until it became a plan, a goal, it just never happened. But now, because we planned and worked step by step to have chickens, well, now we have them and I love them. Some of them come into the house to eat the cat's food. They even know how to go to the refrigerator to ask for milk. In case you ever wondered, chickens love milk.

So, put some of your dreams into action, get out there and make a plan, make your dream into a goal and go for it! You'd be surprised how quickly it can manifest. I am a writer, and it certainly didn't happen overnight, but when I got serious and put it out there that this is what I want to do, opportunities just seem to come up left and right. There are writing contests and columns to be written, and I am jointly writing and illustrating a series of books with a very good friend of mine.

So, now I would love to have everyone send in their goals for the year, or just one, and how they mean to achieve it - you know, we here at the Chronicle would love to know! Are we nosy? YES that is why journalists do what they do. But, seriously, your dream in action might inspire someone else to begin making goals of their dreams. How very cool would that be, if your words printed in this paper were able to help someone else?! And isn't that what neighbors are supposed to do? Help me to help others by sharing. You can do it. If you are nervous about how you write, then have no fear; that is what editing is for. So give us a try, make your community proud! They may have no idea what your goals are, and who knows, there may even be someone out there who is willing to help you get your dream in motion. And, meanwhile, have a very happy and prosperous NEW YEAR!

In Happiness with clouds of butterflies,

Laura Lee Saorsa Smith
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Cabot Audit

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Town will immediately transition in 2013 to an accrual-based accounting system, whereby revenues and expenditures will be recorded in the year in which they occur.

A very positive outcome of this change is that financial reports will reflect what happened in that year, eliminating the routine surpluses and losses that have traditionally occurred because expenses were shown in one year, yet some revenue was shown in the following year because reimbursement was received after December 31st. That situation will go away with the transition to an accrual -based accounting system, also eliminating fluctuations in the tax rate resulting from the old cash basis accounting system.

The Town Treasurer, assisted by the Assistant Town Treasurer and by Jan Westervelt, has been working diligently with the town auditor to make all of this happen. As a result, our financial statements for 2013 should meet GASB guidelines. Now, that's something to get excited about!

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Country Commentary Poetry Corner

This Morning

Dark and silent only broken by a soft rumble
and the telltale sound of gears
expertly manipulated on quiet streets.
A rumble interrupted at stop signs
whose stern message I observe half-heartedly
in tamed and mindless obedience to the letter of the law.
Tires on gravely blacktop crunch through sleepy neighborhoods
and hot coffee gingerly sipped through a spill proof lid
washes my teeth in their morning brown.
Headlights on reflective paint and unlit rooms behind shop glass
show me only the yellow wavering eyes of my transport as I glide through,
an approaching harmless growl quickly passing.
Bundles of dwellings with windows softly lit
by the unobtrusive lamps of breakfast blur
into the fading dark in side view as my wheels roll ever slower
with unliving familiarity towards my entry point to the highway.
Here I negotiate with barely a thought through hurling distracted death
and plunge safely into the relentlessly sputtering stream of early risers.
I pilot my sanctuary into disciplined step
with the first few to whom my fate is so anonymously intertwined
as together we ride the ebb and flow of our communal vein of light to our destinations.
Largely motionless inside my bubble of metal and controlled explosions
I watch the rise and swell of the rolling hills passing beneath me,
and guide with tempered hand my weaving dance around the maypole of commuters.
White fences draw their ghostly crooked lines across my windows
as the darkness above speeds westward,
chased by long low lines of color which bubble from the vibrating horizon in my rear view.
Subtle hues of red slowly begins to saturate the world around me,
condensing in tiny pools which pry obscure shapes from the background,
forming them into farmhouses and sheds, mailboxes and off-center hand-painted signs.
More colors draw strength from reds boldness and spread
with growing confidence across the land and sky.
At last, even as I watch,
heralded by the march of a humble but persistent army of color and light
the triumphant glowing forehead of the sun breaches the earth
and drives the last bits of darkness to cower in shivering formation behind miles of fence posts.

By Zachary S. Wakefield
from Missouri

Zachary S. Wakefield and Cabot's Laura Lee Saorsa Smith are co-authoring and co-illustrating a series of children's books.

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Legislative Report

By Representative Catherine (Kitty) Toll

The 2014 Legislative session promises to be challenging. Property taxes, education funding, a $70 million budget gap, funding the new state hospital and health care are some issues at the top of the list. Additionally, the State Treasurer is urging the Legislature to address the funding of retired teachers health care costs, which have created an additional $26 million pressure to the state budget in 2015. This pressure will continue to grow, and if not addressed, is predicted by the State Treasurer to be $77 million by 2040. In 2001, the retiree health care state expense was approximately $4 million. The state has been paying the recommended contribution to fund benefits every year, but has not been able to keep up with the rapidly growing retiree health care costs over the past decade. These benefits are paid at the state level and are not reflected in local school budgets. Our challenge is to contain these costs and identify a funding source to meet this obligation, which includes a thorough review of all state budgets.

Early in November, the Commissioner of Taxes projected that statewide education spending will increase 3.8%. Based on these estimates, the Commissioner recommended that education tax rates increase by five cents. However, in mid-December, an error was found in the calculation and the revised increase could be as high as seven cents per $100 of assessed property value. The actual spending will be determined in March, when school budgets are passed at town meetings, and will move these projections either upwards or downwards, based on results at the local level. Salaries, special education costs and health insurance premiums are the major drivers to this increase. In fiscal year 2012, the Legislature created the Supplemental Property Tax Relief Fund. The $11.8 million in the fund can be used to reduce the base education tax rate by one cent. It is important to remember this is one-time money, and would have to be replaced by other funds in the following year.

Following a poor start to the Vermont Health Connect website, by mid-December the functionality was much improved, and over 15,000 Vermont individuals had utilized the site to sign up for insurance policies. Another 30,000 Vermonters who work for small businesses were enrolled by going directly to the exchange's two providers, MVP and Blue Cross/Blue Shield of VT. Another 3,500 Vermonters who work for small businesses that enrolled through VT Health Connect will have their 2013 plans extended until the premium processing functions are operational. Approximately 800 Vermonters who work for small businesses that will no longer provide coverage needed to seek coverage through the exchange.

The new Vermont State Hospital, to be named Vermont Psychiatric Care Hospital, is scheduled to open in July 2014, with the first eight beds on-line. Total capacity of 25 beds is scheduled to be operational by August 15, 2014. This is a level-1 hospital serving involuntary patients needing acute psychiatric care. The total cost of the construction is projected to be $28 million, and the hospital will have an annual total operating budget of approximately $19 million.

Along with my fellow members of the House Appropriations Committee, we will examine every state budget to ensure we are getting the best use of our limited resources. Many questions will be asked, including what are the best investments we can make with our tax dollars, and are Vermonters better off due to these investments.

I look forward to hearing your questions and concerns. The 2014 legislative session will begin on January 7. To follow actions of the legislature or to check the status of a bill, visit www.leg.state.vt.us or contact me for information.

Best Wishes for a Healthy and Happy New Year!

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Cabot Town Garage Working Group (Round #5)

By Jack Daniels, Selectboard Chair

THIS MONTHS THEME:
Slow but steady progress
THE BIGGEST NEWS SINCE THE LAST UPDATE:

The Town of Cabot may qualify for a Community Development Block Grant/ Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) grant because the existing town garage site was affected during the May 2011 flood, which was a FEMA qualifying event. The grant announcement reads, "The project moves critical municipal infrastructure out of the floodplain or fluvial erosion hazard area," which is exactly what relocating the town garage to the South Walden road would accomplish. The CDBG/DR grant requires a 10% match, and the project must be completed within two years of the award date. Should the Town of Cabot qualify for this grant, funds would become available to purchase the land for the new garage site, construct the garage facility, and, at the existing site, demolish the old garage, restore the river bank to its original configuration and install a storm water filtration system, which would mitigate future flooding.

Before the Town can apply for a CDBG/DR grant, we must first complete an Environmental Review (ER), which is what Karen Deasy and I have been working on for several weeks. The ER process is lengthy and complicated, but almost done, thanks to the incredible efforts of Karen, our Zoning Administrator and Town Planner. Our goal remains to submit the ER not later than November 30, and sooner if possible; we will keep you posted.

The Town Garage Working Group (WG) has been making use of Karen Deasy's credentials as an architect on this project. The WG has developed a plan for the site, determining locations for the main garage with attached storage unit, salt shed, sand pile and septic system. The garage design---modeled after Stafford's town garage---is pretty well set, allowing Karen to take the drawings to the next level, which includes drain design and location, office and storage location, and placement of work benches and the like. All town vehicles will be able to fit into the garage at the same time--including all trucks with snow plows (a first)--that will make winter weather operations both more efficient and safe. In fact, safety for town personnel will be significantly improved once garage operations have been relocated to the new site, as well as out of the flood plain.

On the permitting front, a PERK test was administered on November 8, and the results indicate that the tested area is suitable for either a "performance based" mound system, or "a mound with a curtain drain." The engineer who conducted the test recommends a gravity flow Presby mound system with a curtain drain, which in his words "would be a relatively small mound: with the subsurface drainage uphill from the mound (estimated system cost: $9,000 - $13,000)."

The second environmental requirement is a Wetlands Delineation report. Shannon Morrison, the District Wetlands Ecologist for the VT Department of Environmental Conservation, who inspected the proposed site, said that while it appears there is plenty of room on the site to construct a town garage facility, the project will require a permit to build a road across the swale near the road frontage, which is a class II wetland. Ms. Morrison recommended that the town hire a consultant to delineate the wetland required for the permit, and that process started Friday, November 15. The delineation report should be completed by November 30. The good news from the permitting arena is that the town will be able to construct a garage on this site, if purchased. Lastly, the survey of the site, performed by Lisa Ginnet, has been completed and the eight acres have been measured and pinned.

Where does this leave us? I believe in excellent shape, as we work to have site drawings, building design drawings, and solid cost estimates completed before the end of this year, allowing time in January and February to conduct public hearings and to apply for the CDBG-DR grant. We will continue to finalize an Environmental Review, as well as make every effort to keep you posted on this exciting and long overdue project. In the interim, we'll just keep working.

To Resolve or Not to Resolve, that is the Question

By Michelle Delaney

Setting a New Year's Resolution can be a daunting task, surrounded by all kinds of feelings. It can also be a great way to begin anew. Some people resolve never to resolve. Some people create a resolution every year, only to give it up within a week. A few people make a resolution and stick to it. What is it that makes some successful and others fail?

First of all, you need to have a strong motivator and it needs to come from within. Your motivation can not be that you will quit smoking because your partner would like you to quit smoking. It needs to be for something that you desire. Maybe you will quit smoking because you want to be able to ride bikes next summer with your child. Maybe you will quit smoking because you need more money available for something else that is important to you.

Resolve to lose 50 pounds in one month, you are likely setting yourself up for failure, and your goal needs to have action steps. What is it that you are going to do to lose 50 pounds? Are you going to begin working out? How many days a week? When? Where? With whom? Be very specific on the changes you will make in order to reach your goal. Maybe, instead of drinking cola, you will begin drinking seltzer. Do not design a resolution that overwhelms you just thinking of it. Pick one specific thing that you would like to change and stick to it until it becomes your new habit.

Third, you need to design an environment of success. If you are giving up smoking, it is going to be difficult if you hang out with smokers. If you are giving up soda, then you better make sure it is not in your house. If you are going to begin working out, it is easier to stick to it if you have someone who is going to stick to it with you. If you want to eat more fruits and vegetables, then you need to have them available as snacks. If you are traveling, bring healthy snacks with you, then you won't be tempted to stop at Dunkin Donuts.

Fourth, it is always helpful to have an accountability partner. Someone should know your goal and that someone should be encouraging and supportive, but also willing to ask you the tough questions. How many times did you work out last week? How many sodas did you drink?

We are creatures of habit. This can be a positive or a negative, depending on whether you understand this, and if you are willing to use it to your benefit. We do not really "break" habits; we change or substitute them. If, every time you have a work meeting, there is a bowl of candy in the middle of the table that everyone shares, you are likely to have some, too. If you do not want to do that anymore, you need to have a plan. Maybe you chew gum instead, or maybe you bring a healthy snack or some herbal tea instead. If you do not have an alternative, you are likely to do as you always have done. On the bright side of being a creature of habit, if you can consciously stick to your newly desired habit for 30 days-it will become automatic.

Planning Commission Update

The Planning Commission is continuing to work on the new land use (zoning) and subdivision regulations with our consultant, Brandy Saxton, of PlaceSense, and nearing completion of our first solid draft of all sections. In January, we will focus on flood hazard regulations, drinking water source protection, definitions, subdivision regulations, and definitions. The Planning Commission will need to do a thorough review and edit of this first draft and our consultant will be filling in some of the gaps before we have a complete draft for public review. Progress is steady and we are on still on schedule for spring public hearings. Draft documents and our progress can be followed on the PlaceSense web site at: http://www.placesense.com/ On February 6, 7 pm, we will be holding a public meeting to share the draft subdivision regulations that are being developed and take questions and comments. Subdivision regulations will be new to Cabot's zoning regulations and the Planning Commission feels that this is an important aspect to maintaining the character of Cabot into the future.

The Town has completed and submitted its application to the Agency of Commerce and Community Development for Village Center Designation. The application will be considered at a meeting in Montpelier on January 7. We are optimistic that we will be successful in the designation process that will make us eligible for tax credits on commercial buildings that are renovated for use and provide us with some bonus points when applying for state municipal grants. Thanks go to Karen Deasy, Planner and Zoning Administrator and Bruce Westcott on the Main Street Study Group for preparing the application.

The Planning Commission regularly meets the first and third Thursdays of the month at 6 pm. However, there can be slight variations in the meeting schedule, so it is always good to check.

Submitted by Gary Gulka, Cabot Planning Commission Chair

The planning commission has released drafts of articles 1, 2, and 4 of the revised land use regulations and an initial draft zoning district map. Work is under way on article 3. You can view presentations, read drafts and meeting notes, view the map, and comment on the working draft at **www.placesense.com/cabot.**

Cabot Community Association

By Bruce Westcott, CCA Chair

The Cabot Community Association (CCA) is a not-for profit corporation that we've had in our community for over ten years, but since this summer a growing group of volunteers have moved to build a new agenda to support Cabot residents, businesses, and taxpayers. The CCA By-laws call on us to work in partnership with Cabot's citizens, businesses and service organizations to support social, educational and charitable activities for our mutual benefit, and we thank *The Cabot Chronicle* for helping to spread the word.

Just a year ago, the Vermont Council on Rural Development (VCRD) delivered a "Report and Action Plan" which highlighted three priority projects that evolved from community meetings and discussion.

The three initiatives highlighted were:

- Develop a Cabot Agricultural Network
- Improve Community Communications
- Develop a Community Arts Center

CCA would like to share with *Chronicle* readers news about how CCA is developing, and what we're doing to support these three initiatives. One of CCA's specific purposes is to "work to preserve and enhance the working landscape the natural beauty of our environment," so it was natural for us to want to support the work of Cabot folks interested in community agriculture. CCA is working to provide an organizational home to the volunteers focused on community agriculture: expanding markets, building connections and boosting prosperity of our local farm economy. During 2013, the Cabot Agricultural Network committee (CAN) has established itself as a working committee and nailed down its charge: "For Cabot to have a strong connected community that promotes a productive, sustainable, healthy and diverse working landscape."

The Community Communications initiative identified in the VCRD report is working to improve the "strong connected" part, but CAN is looking at the part that makes our lives work economically and fit into the landscape for generations to come.

CAN conducted a community survey, and identified the need for a joint initiative in regard to sales and marketing. CAN also sees a need to find ways to get young people into farming -- the average age of Vermont farmers has increased to 57 years, now. CAN also wants to start a discussion on securing

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2013 Cabot Property Transfers

CLOSING	SELLER(S)		PROPERTY	BUYER(S)		PRICE
1/4/2013	GAGNE	RICHARD & CARMEN	120 SANDY BEACH ROAD	GAGNE RICHARD & CARMEN TRUST		$0
1/22/2013	BOTHFELD ROBERT REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST		CHURCHILL ROAD	BOTHFELD ROBERT TRUST AGREEMENT		$0
1/25/2013	BOUDREAU	ROBERT ESTATE	1013 OLD US ROUTE 2	ROBERTS	GARY & SUNEE	$72,000
1/25/2013	DUBOIS	MARIE	1136 BRICKETTS CROSSING ROAD	BREEZY ACRES	TREE FARM	$0
2/6/2013	PEARL	SHERI ET AL	JOE'S POND	PEARL	MARGARET ET AL	$0
2/22/2013	LITTLE	HERBERT	6640 MACK MOUNTAIN ROAD	JACKSON & MAHAN	NICHOLAS & SARAH	$100,000
2/26/2013	THOMPSON	HARRY	1348 VT ROUTE 215 SOUTH	THOMPSON	HARRY & HUNTER	$0
3/1/2013	MORSE	CECIL & BARBARA	3197 DANVILLE HILL ROAD	MORSE, SR.	JOHN	$0
3/11/2013	HILL	WARREN & LAURA	2234 SOUTH WALDEN ROAD	HILL	JAMIE & GARY	$135,000
3/5/2013	DRISCOLL II	FRANCIS	853 JUG BROOK ROAD	DRISCOLL II	FRANCIS & SUSAN	$0
3/13/2013	MELNICK & GARDNER	SALLY & DUFFY	201 URBAN ROAD	DALE & POND	LAURA & CYRUS	$139,000
3/26/2013	KUNCZ	KIMBERLY & CHRISTOPHER	2615 VT ROUTE 215	CITIMORTGAGE, INC.		$1,168,016
3/26/2013	HOUGHTON	GILBERT & RANDALL	303 DANVILLE HILL ROAD	AUDET	JOSEPH & MELINDA	$40,000
3/28/2013	HALLSMITH	GEORGE & GWENDOLYN	136 HEADWATERS LANE	WELTERS	OLIVER & JANA	$96,060
4/10/2013	HALLSMITH	GEORGE & GWENDOLYN	DANVILLE HILL ROAD	HALLSMITH	GWENDOLYN	$0
4/10/2013	CITIMORTGAGE, INC		2615 VT ROUTE 215	FEERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION		$0
4/12/2013	PHOENIX	DANIEL & JULIE	SAWMILL ROAD	BRANDT	PETER & ANNA	$15,000
4/19/2013	FLANAGAN	THOMAS & MARTHA	1179 WEST SHORE ROAD	DUDLEY	STEPHEN & MARY	$103,500
4/24/2013	RIENDEAU	RICHARD & JENNIFER	COITS POND ROAD	MULLENS	JOHN	$80,000
5/14/2013	GRAHAM	SHARON A.	5326 US RTE 2	GRAHAM	JOHN A	$0
5/15/2013	FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOC.		3377 MAIN STREET	EH POOLED INVESTMENTS LP		$47,250
6/10/2013	PATOINE	ELSIE	SO. WALDEN ROAD	FOUNTAINE	SHAWN	$35,000
6/10/2013	PATOINE	ELSIE	SO. WALDEN ROAD	FOUNTAINE	SHAWN	$10,000
6/14/2013	MORGAN	NORMAN & BARBARA	2606 MAIN STREET	BACON	HARDOL & MARY	$55,000
6/20/2013	DESSO	JAMES & DEBRA	173 CHATOT ROAD	GULBORD	JUSTIN	$35,000
6/28/2013	SEARLES	RANDY	2639 SOUTH WALDEN ROAD	PAQUIN	IJ & ERIN	$15,000
7/9/2013	HOGAN	JOHN	462 HOUGHTON ROAD	JACQUES & AUDET	ROSA & DAVID	$8,000
7/10/2013	DAUTEUIL & BEATTIE	JOHN & THOMAS	1449 WEST SHORE ROAD	AEP LOAFMORE LLC		$375,000
7/24/2013	BAKER	JACK D & BETTY A	4241 VT ROUTE 215 N	JACK & BETTY BAKER TRUST		$0
7/26/2013	CLARKE & FURLONI	DOLORES & JOE	1279 WEST SHORE ROAD	MARTHA TALBOT, TRUSTEE		$200,000
7/26/2013	WARD	STEPHEN & COLLEEN	2783 VT ROUTE 215	AGRI-MARK		$110,000
8/7/2013	PAQUIN	IJ & ERIN	2639 SOUTH WALDEN ROAD	SEARLES	RANDY	$0
8/20/2013	FOUNTAINE	SHAWN	2 SOUTH WALDEN ROAD	FOUNTAINE	MARCEL	$0
8/20/2013	ROBERTS	GARY & SUNEE	1013 OLD ROUTE 2	ROBERTS	BRIAN & SUZANNE	$36,000
8/26/2013	VAN HEES REVOCABLE TRUST		857 SOUTH WALDEN ROAD	VITALE	BENJAMIN & ELIZABETH	$349,000
9/3/2013	HALLSMITH	GWENDOLYN	70 HEADWATERS LANE	VONDRA	TOMAS	$30,000
9/13/2013	CHURCHILL	VINCENT & JENICE	1332 CHURCHILL ROAD	CHURCHILL	WALTER & MARY	$180,000
9/20/2013	GOCHEY	LARRY & CHERRY L	3636 VT ROUTE 215 NORTH	SCHOLZ	DIETER	$40,000
9/23/2013	OPRYSKO	KATERYNA ESTATE	HOUSTON HILL ROAD	OPRYSKO	LEW JOSEPH	$0
10/1/2013	RICKER	WILLIAM & SANDRA	68 SANDY BEACH ROAD	RICKER	WILLIAM, SANDRA, ROBIN, PETER & WILLIAM IV	$0
10/4/2013	ROCK	NORMAN & JOAN	955 WHITTIER HILL ROAD	NEWLAND & MYERS	ERIC & ANDREA	$140,000
10/10/2013	RODGER	LAWRENCE & PAULYNE	2320 DUCHARME ROAD	CARPENTER	BARBARA	$149,500
10/22/2013	PLATT	JONATHAN & CARRIE	1847 BRICKETTS CROSSING ROAD	HELFAND	ISRAEL & CATHLEEN	$83,000
10/24/2013	TOWNE	JOHN L	DANVILLE HILL ROAD	TOWNE	STEPHEN P.	$0
10/25/2013	HOUSTON	JAMES D. & JOANNA L.	209 GARNEY ROAD	CHURCHILL	MARTIN & ANDREA	$325,500
11/1/2013	E. H. POOLED INVESTMENTS LP		3377 MAIN STREET	WARNER	DANIELLE R.	$73,000
11/6/2013	PAIRE	SHIRLEY A.	2405 S. WALDEN ROAD	PAIRE	SHIRLEY A. & URIAH R.	$0
11/10/2013	HAMEL	ROGER B. & HEIDI L.	WEST SHORE ROAD	ALAN D. MICHIE REVOCABLE TRUST		$12,256
11/12/2013	HARRIS	BENJAMIN M. & IVY L.	753 DANVILLE HILL ROAD	COLGAN	ANNE E.	$205,000

Obituaries & Memorials

Geraldine N. Bickford

Geraldine Noyes Bickford, age 100, of the Lincoln House, passed away Wednesday, December 4, 2013, at Central Vermont Medical Center in Berlin.

Geraldine was born September 30, 1913, in Worcester, MA, the daughter of Albert Wyatt Noyes and Rosa Blanche Pomerleau Noyes. She was educated mostly in Cabot schools and graduated from Cabot High School in 1931, but also spent several years in Hartford, CT, where her father worked for a children's home.

On January 13, 1931, Geraldine married Anson Edward Bickford, of East Hardwick, who was the son of Mary (Richards) and Newell Bickford. They made their home in Cabot. She was a homemaker and for ten years worked for the State of Vermont. Anson died January 3, 1976.

Geraldine lived most of her life in Cabot, where she was an active part of the community, church and historical society. She was an incredible role model to many, and a woman of strong beliefs and commitments. She enjoyed gardening, homemaking, knitting and crafts, berry picking, and fishing. She was always active and went elder backpacking in Alaska in her 80s.

Geraldine had recently celebrated her 100th birthday with family and friends. At her birthday party, she laughed and joked with 60 guests and had a wonderful celebration of her life.

Survivors include her children, Charles Edward Bickford of Marshfield, and Esther Ann Brown and her husband, David, of Ledyard, CT; many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great -grandchildren who will miss her greatly; and a half sister, Gloria Halpin.

Besides her husband and parents, a daughter, Jeannette Mary Lyndes, predeceased her.

A memorial service in Cabot will be announced in the spring, with her final resting place in the Durant Cemetery, next to her husband, Anson, and near her daughter Jeannette. Contributions in her memory may be made to the Cabot United Church. The Hooker and Whitcomb Funeral Home in Barre is in charge of arrangements.

Harry J. LaPan

Harry J. LaPan, 52, died Monday, December 2, 2013, at his home in Barre.

He was born September 4, 1961, in Barre, the son of James and Madelyn (Searles) LaPan. He attended schools in St. Johnsbury and later attended Vermont Technical College, where he received a plumbing license.

On November 7, 1981, he married Roxann Ryan. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and playing cribbage. He was a member of the Vermont National Guard.

Survivors include his wife; his children Edward, Savannah, Jennifer and Damien, all of Barre; three grandchildren; a brother, Alan LaPan, of Berlin; a sister, Nancy LaPan, of Massachusetts, and other family members in Cabot.

He was predeceased by his parents, a daughter, Sara LaPan, and a sister, Sally LaPan.

There were no calling hours, and a later burial will be held in the Durant Cemetery in Cabot, at the convenience of the family. The Pruneau-Polli Funeral Home, 58 Summer St. in Barre, is handling arrangements.

Robert P. Davis

Robert P. "Bob" Davis, 94, died peacefully Friday, December 20, 2013, at Woodridge Nursing Home in Berlin.

He was born April 17, 1919, in Morrisville, the son of Percy and Edith Dodge Davis. He was a 1937 graduate of Peoples Academy and a 1941 graduate of the University of Vermont, with a bachelor's degree in dairy management and a minor in forestry. He was a captain in the U.S. Army during World War II, serving primarily in northern Africa and Italy.

He married Barbara Davison on July 13, 1946, at Puffer United Methodist Church in Morrisville.

Bob was an integral member of the civic and business community in the area for many years. He was the longtime general manager of the Cabot Farmers Co-op, beginning his career in April 1952, and retiring in December 1984. He served on many boards and committees in the town of Cabot, including the Cabot Board of Adjustment, where he served for 33 years, the Cabot School Board, Cabot Development Council and also served as the delinquent tax collector.

Bob is survived by his children, Dan Davis and wife Mary Jo of Newark, VT; William Davis and wife Deb of Delray Beach, Fla.; and Laurie Callahan and husband Jack of Montpelier; grandchildren, Tad and Maura Davis; Heather and Alden Guptill; and Beth and Kevin Seniw; and great-grandchildren, Faye, Teddy, Gwen and Lacey. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his wife, Barbara Davis, on January 30, 2010, and also by two brothers, Ralph and Don Davis.

A graveside service with full military honors will be held in the spring in the Pleasant View Cemetery in Morrisville. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Bob's memory to UVM Miller Agricultural Research Farm Fund, c/o UVM Foundation, 411 Main St., Burlington, VT 05401; or the Wounded Warrior Project, PO Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675, or go to wounded warriorproject.org.

Carolyn R. Houston

Carolyn Rae Houston, 66, died Thursday, Dec. 19, 2013, at Central Vermont Medical Center in Berlin. She was born Jan. 26, 1947, in Hardwick, the daughter of Howard and Doris (Maynard) Houston.

She attended Brandon Training School for many years. Recently she made her home with Laura Martin in Cabot, and Charlotte O'Hara in Barre. She enjoyed long car rides, swimming, hot tubs and yard sales.

Survivors include three brothers: Harold Houston of Zephyrhills, Fla., James Houston of Walden, and Michael Houston of Websterville; four sisters: Jean Gaboriault of Gilbert, Ariz., Patricia Rouelle of Montpelier, Marjorie Bissell of Fairbanks, Alaska, and Linda Barney of Williamstown; aunts and several nieces, nephews and cousins. She was predeceased by her parents.

Private graveside services will be held in July. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Cabot Emergency Ambulance Service Inc., PO Box 32, Cabot, VT 05647. Northern Vermont Funeral Service, Hardwick, is in charge of arrangements.

Veronica R. Marsh

Veronica Rose Marsh, 42, of Walden died unexpectedly, Wednesday December 11, 2013, at her residence in Walden.

She was born November 6, 1971, in Newport, the daughter of Jerry and Carol (Marsh) Colbeth . She attended Hardwick public schools and graduated from Hazen Union School in the class of 1990. As a young women, Veronica was very interested in police work. She attended the Vermont Police Academy summer program for students in Pittsford and was mentored by the Hardwick Police Department.

On September 5, 1998, she married Paul Ernest Boudreau in Hardwick. He died on July 3, 2001.

Veronica was employed by Taco-Bell in the state of Georgia for two years. Following her marriage, she stayed at home to care for her young children.

She attended the Greensboro Bend United Methodist Church. She enjoyed reading, crocheting, fishing and camping.

Survivors include: her mother and father, Carol and Jerry Colbeth Sr.; five sons: Joshua Marsh, Hunter Bourdeau, Thomas Bourdeau, Kolby Bourdeau and Brighton Marsh, all of Walden; two brothers: Jerry Colbeth Jr. of Morrisville and Nick Colbeth of Walden ; two sisters: Marci Lanphear of Stowe and Melanie Colson of Stannard; as well as many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

A Memorial Service was held on Saturday, December 21, 2013, at the Greensboro Bend United Methodist Church, with Layspeaker Doreen Bartlett officiating. In lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory may be made to the Lamoille Area Cancer Network, P.O. Box 38, Lake Elmore, Vermont 05657. Arrangements directed by Dian R. Holcomb of Northern Vermont Funeral Service, 60 Elm Street, Hardwick.

2013 Vermont Tree Steward Award

Roland (Slim) Payne, Sr., Cabot Tree Warden, has been selected the 2013 recipient of a Vermont Tree Steward Award for Dedication to Service. The Vermont Urban and Community Forestry Council, an advisory group to the Urban and Community Forest Program of the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation, sponsors this annual award, which was presented Wednesday, December 18, 2013, in the Cedar Creek Room of the State House.

The purpose of the Dedication and Service Award is to recognize an individual who has provided outstanding dedication and service to make a difference in their community's urban and community forest. Slim was nominated by Kyle Albee and Roland Payne, Jr.

Roland Payne has been acting Tree Warden for the town of Cabot for seven or eight years. He was a member of the 2012 Vermont SOUL tree steward class, and has been active in forestry since his retirement in 1995.

As town Tree Warden for Cabot, Roland has been a driving force behind the planting of new trees in the town green spaces. He is also working on updating the Tree Inventory for the town, mostly by himself. He has raised awareness of Invasive plants and the need to control them. Each month he writes an article for *The Cabot Chronicle* newspaper on a relevant topic related to trees or invasives.

At the age of eighty – there are no signs of Roland slowing down any time soon.

The Commissioner of Forests, Parks and Recreation, Michael Snyder, and the Vermont Urban and Community Forestry Council (Council) recognized the recipients of this year's Vermont Tree Stewards Awards. Each year the Council sponsors the awards as a way to recognize Vermont's community tree champions. "These awards help us say thank you for the great work volunteers are doing to promote trees in our communities," says David Raphael, Chair of the Urban & Community Forestry Council. "These are the people who go out on a limb for trees because they understand the benefits trees provide and they recognize that these benefits are maximized through careful planning and active stewardship." Awards were given out in the following seven categories: Leader, Community, Volunteer Group, Youth/ Student, Unsung Hero, Practitioner, and Dedication and Service.

"Slim" Payne and his wife Cecile at the state house presentation ceremony in Montpelier. Slim shown holding the plaque he received for tree stewardship for dedication to service.

Advice from the Tree Warden

By Roland (Slim) Payne

Looks like winter is here early this year. It makes you wonder about global warming. It has been cold for some time, now, and I guess that is what a normal winter should be.

Hunting is over, and no deer again! That is ok, I didn't hunt much, had a problem with my knee and couldn't walk much. I did cut a few Christmas trees, and will cut a few more between now and Christmas. This year, we are going to the Community Dinner on Christmas Day, should be a good time.

I was notified that on December 18 I will be recognized at the State House as the 2013 Recipient of a Vermont Tree Steward Award under the category of Dedication to Service. The Vermont Urban and Community Forest Council, an advisory group to the Urban and Community Forest Program of the Vermont Department of Forest, Parks and Recreation, sponsors this annual award.

I have not heard from Branch Out Burlington about trees for next spring, but it is early, still.

I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

~ JANUARY~

Wednesday, 1/1

New Years Day Hike, 10:00 a.m.–noon, Ricker Pond. Look for animal tracks, listen for boreal birds, and discover the outlets of Ricker Pond and Lake Groton. Snowshoes recommended. Dog-friendly. Meet at entrance to Ricker Pond State Park. Questions: (802) 498-0079. Call First Day Hike Hotline at (802) 249-1230 on December 30th and 31st until 8:00 p.m. for changes or cancellations.

New Years Day Hike, 1:00 p.m., Groton Nature Center Loop. Dog-friendly, one-hour guided hike on easy terrain. Snowshoes recommended. Meet at Groton State Forest Nature Center parking area on Boulder Beach Road, 1.6 miles from Route 232. Call First Day Hike Hotline at (802) 249-1230 on December 30th and 31st until 8:00 p.m. for changes or cancellations.

Saturday, 1/4

Winter Farmers' Market, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Fresh, in season produce, baked goods, local crafts, farm raised meats, poultry, music, and more. St. Johnsbury Welcome Center, 51 Depot Square, St. Johnsbury, 802-592-3088.

Saturday, 1/11

Free Winter Trails Day. If you are new to winter sports, snowshoeing and cross country skiing are quick to learn and fun for all ages, perfect for families and groups and a great way to exercise. Visit website to find participating sites: www.snowlink.com/winter trails.aspx.

Cabot Old Time Contra and Square Dance, 7:30 p.m., Willey Building. Dances are taught and easily learned by young and old. Donation suggested. For more info, call David Carpenter at 802-426-3225 or email samlyman@sover.net.

Big Bang Bhangra Brass Brand, 7:00 p.m., CSPAC. Under direction of Brian Boyes, the Big Bang Bhangra Brass Band combines Indian Bhangra, Bollywood, New Orleans Brass Bands, and the 1930's jungle swing of Duke Ellington and Cab Calloway. Donation at the door.

Tuesday, 1/14

Workshop on Water Quality and Agriculture by the Winooski Natural Resources Conservation District, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Marshfield Town Hall, 122 School Street, Marshfield. Free, lunch provided. Vermont experts talk about water quality, nutrient pollution, soil health and the programs available to farmers to meet these goals and actions. RSVP to Laura at 802-288-8155 ext.104 or email: laura@winooskinrcd.org.

Wednesday, 1/15

Las Marthas, 7:00 p.m. The Annual Debutante Ball in Laredo, TX, is unlike any other! The Society of Martha Washington was founded to usher each year's debutantes (called "Marthas") into proper society. The festival resonates anew in a time of economic uncertainty and political tension over immigration. Free. Catamount Arts Center, 115 Eastern Ave., St. Johnsbury, 802-748-2600. Website: www.catamountarts.org/shows/las-marthas.

Thursday, 1/16

Heart of Vermont Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting and Mixer, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Hardwick Inn, Main Street, Hardwick, 2nd floor. Pizza, Local Foods, Beverage and Dessert provided, BYOB. RSVP by January 13 to chamber@heartofvt.com or call 802-472-5906. Free to members, it's a good time to join.

Monday, 1/20

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Program: The Problem of Slavery in Early Vermont. 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Vermont History Museum, 109 State Street, Montpelier. Vermonters have always been proud that their state was the first to outlaw slavery – but is that what really happened? Info: amanda.gustin@state.vt.us, www.vermonthistory.org, or 802-828-2180.

Wednesday, 1/22

Cabot Public Library Community Book Group –10:30 a.m. We will read *Busman's Honeymoon* by Dorothy Sayers in January. Copies of this book will be available in the Cabot Public Library. 802-563-2721, cabotlibrary@yahoo.com.

Saturday, 1/25

15th Annual Spaghetti Dinner, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Danville School Cafeteria, 148 Peacham Road. Ride or drive in. Marinara sauce, meatballs, garlic bread and Cesar salad plus dessert!! Eat-in or take out. By snowmobile: The school is off trail #153, follow signs on all Danville trails. Price: $10.00; Children 6 to 12 are $5.00; Under 6 is FREE.

Sunday, 1/26

Drawing on 16mm Movie Film Workshop, 10:00 a.m.-noon, FREE, Memorial Building, Top Floor, Hardwick. We will draw, paint, and etch on 16mm movie film to make a station ID for Hardwick Community Television. All materials provided. We will project the film at the end of the workshop, then broadcast on Channel 16. Open to adults and older kids. Contact Leif Goldberg at HCTV 472-6655 or just come by!

Trio Cavatina, 3:00 p.m. Chamber music's treasures. General Admission: $18. Senior (65 & older): $16. Student & Special Rate: $6. Tickets available at the door (cash or check) or online. South Congregational Church, 1052 Main St., St. Johnsbury. Phone: 802-748-8012 or 802-626-9204 or 802-748-7135, website: www.nekclassicalseries.org

Monday 1/27

Book Group 1:30-3:30. The January book is *The Glass Castle* by Jeannette Walls. Jaquith Public Library, 426-3581, Marshfield.lib.vt.us.

Coffee Growing in Panama, 7:00 p.m. Free, Craftsbury Public Library. Isaac and Melissa Jacobs spent 2 years in the Peach Corps working with Panamanian farmers. After leaving, they started Canopy Coffee to maintain relationships with the coffee farmers. They will share their experiences and the coffee. For more information, contact the library at 586-9683 or craftsburylibrary@gmail.com.

Tuesday, 1/28

HOOKED ON GROWTH by the Growthbusters, 7:00 p.m., Free, Jeudevine Memorial Library, 93 N. Main St, Hardwick. In this film one man, Dave Gardner, takes on City Hall, politicians, the Pope, Wall Street and modern society as he questions our most fundamental beliefs about prosperity. This 54 minute film will be followed by light refreshments and discussion. For information call the Jeudevine Library at 472-5948.

~ 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.

Story Hour at Cabot Public Library, Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.

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.

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.

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.

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. Social activities, community service. Call for info: Cindy at 456-1361.

Yoga & Wellness Classes, Friday, 9-10:30 a.m., Cabot Public Library. Nourish your body, mind and spirit! Alicia Feltus: 563-3220 or aliciafeltus@gmail.com.

Cabot Planning Commission, regularly meets the first and third Thursdays of the month at 6:00 p.m. in the Willey Building.

Cabot Selectboard meets first and third Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. in Willey Bu9ilding.

Cabot School Board meets first and third Mondays at 6:30 p.m. in School Library.

Cabot Community Association usually meets fourth Wednesday 7:00 p.m. in Willey Building.

VCRD Committees: Communication usually meets second Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. in Cabot Library Agriculture third Tuesday 7:00 p.m. Willey Building; Arts third Thursday . 7:00 p.m., Willey Building, as needed.

Free Compost Collection: Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District is accepting food-scrap drop offs at two locations every Tuesday and Saturday through April. Tuesdays at All Metals Recycling from 9:00 a.m.- noon, and at Highfields Center for Composting (outside the building between CAE and Brochu's garage) 1-4:00 p.m.; Saturdays 10:00 a.m. – 200 p.m. outside Highfields. Call 229-9383 x102 for more information, or www.cvswmd.org.

First Wednesdays 7:00 p.m. Classic Film Night with Rick Winston and Tom Blachly, Jaquith Public Library.

FOOD SHARE AND FOOD DROP DATES

PLEASE NOTE, ONLY ONE DATE FOR DECEMBER!

CABOT FOOD SHARE
Wednesday, JANUARY 8
Noon-3:00 p.m.
Wednesday, JANUARY 22
Noon-3:00 p.m.
Cabot Masonic Hall

Available for Cabot Residents
MARSHFIELD FOOD DROP
Second Saturday of every month.
SATURDAY, JANUARY 11
Food pick up at 8:00 a.m.
Open until food is gone - usually 9:30 am
Schoolhouse Common
School Street, Marshfield

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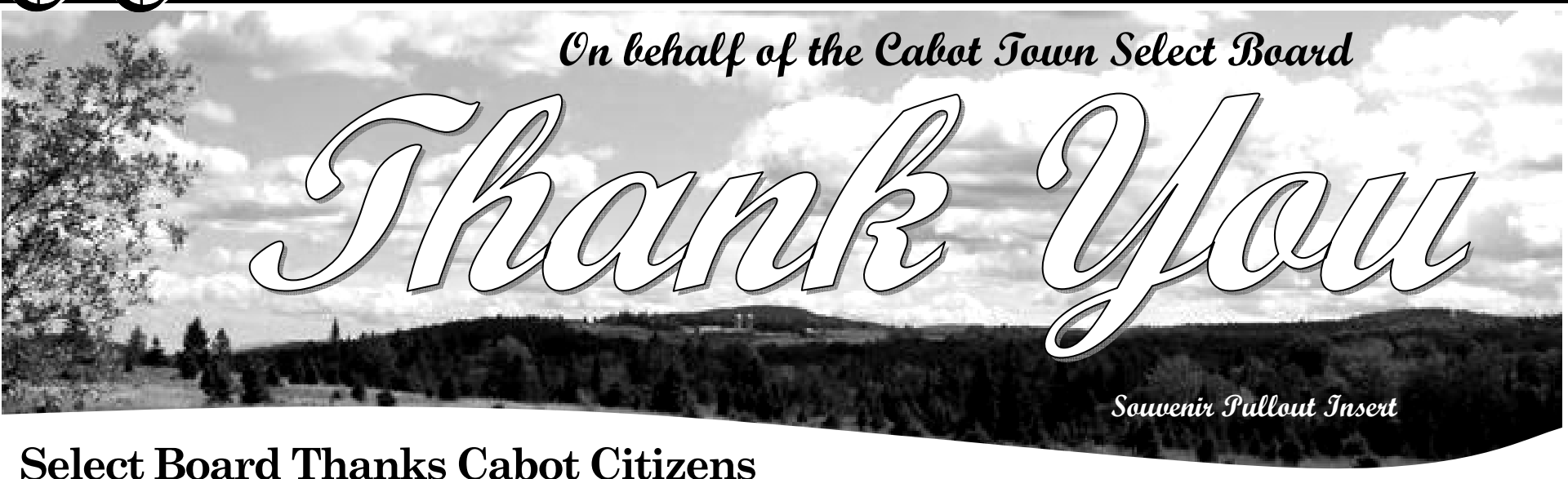
THINK ABOUT CABOT MAPLE FEST SILENT AUCTION

If you received new toys for Christmas, please consider saving the items that will be replaced for the Cabot Maple Fest Silent Auction. Maple Fest is a primary funding source for *The Cabot Chronicle*, and your donation can be tax-deductible because the Cabot Community Association, *The Cabot Chronicle's* parent organization, is a 501©(3) non profit organization. For more information, call 802-563-3338 or email inbox@cabotchronicle.org



Select Board Thanks Cabot Citizens for Community Service In 2013

The Cabot Select Board wishes to take this opportunity to recognize---in no particular order--- and to thank the dozens and dozens of Cabot citizens of all ages for volunteering their time and talents to the Cabot community in 2013. Without the active service and support of so many Cabot residents, Cabot would not be the welcoming and wonderful community that it is today. So, here goes, with our most sincere apologies to anyone that we may have inadvertently left off this list.

Volunteer Fire Department:

Ably led by Fire Chief Skip Bothfeld, Fire Fighters Andy Luce, Dean Deasy, Chip Taylor, John Christman Sr., Will Ameden, Ken Christman, John Hammer, Steve Hogan, Jeff Durgin, James Lubas, Nathon Smith, Jay Deasy, Daniel Peterson and Elizabeth Bean, who contribute so much in so many ways. How can we ever begin to adequately thank those of you who volunteer countless hours to make our community a safer place to live and work? Irrespective of the time of day or night, the weather outside, or how they may feel, these neighbors of ours always respond when the call goes out.

Cabot Ambulance:

Sheila Brown, Andy Luce, Ken Christman, Sarah Matthew, Johnathan Matthew, Jenn Miner, Dave Covell, Hazel May, Glenn Goodrich, Ruth Goodrich, Charles Miner, Josh Gouge, Rachel Gouge, Beth Wade, Jan Westervelt, Dan Peterson, Tyler Placey, John Miner and Nathan Smith have contributed significantly to Cabot through their willingness to serve 24/7, 365 days a year. They are an incredible group of selfless, highly trained and dedicated volunteers who deserve our thanks and our support.

Planning Commission:

No group of volunteers has spent more time in the Willey building this year than the Planning Commission. In addition to performing their regular duties, PC members have been writing new zoning regulations that will be presented to the community in 2014. Led by Chair Gary Gulka, and assisted by new Zoning Administrator Karen Deasy, Chuck Marion, Frank Kampf, Greg Burtt, and Lars Torres volunteered an incredible number of hours of service in 2013.

UDAG Committee:

Jan Westervelt, Jeannie Johnson, Chuck Talbert, Roman Kokodyniak, and Jackie Folsom met regularly to administer the UDAG funds, a complicated job that requires attention and commitment in carrying out this fiduciary responsibility.

Willey Building Committee:

Carlton Domey, Fred Ducharme, Brad Alexander, Ben Dunham and R.D. Eno spent considerable time and effort overseeing the Willey Building improvements and the repair work on the Masonic Hall.

Recreation Committee:

Tara Rogerson, Donna MacKinnon, Claire Pike, Michelle Delaney, Rebecca Nally, Lynn Lehoe, Michael Socks and Chuck Talbert have worked diligently to provide recreation opportunities and improve recreation facilities in Cabot, including the ice skating rink, sports and recreation trails.

Library Trustees:

Stephanie Burtt, Jeannie McCallum, Amber Bothfeld, Kathleen Higbee and Beth Wade have volunteered their time in support of the Cabot Public Library, bringing the latest in the world of literature and interesting programs to Cabot.

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- Health Clinics
- Monthly Newsletter
- Meals – Every Mon., Wed. & Fri. 10 am-2 pm
- Bingo & Games
- Exercise-Bone Strengthen & Tai Chi
- Entertainment
- Parties, Trips, Celebrations
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Donations & Contributions always appreciated
- Gift Certificates
- Meals on Wheels for Homebound & Disabled residents
- Dietician approved meals-Home cooked, *No physician orders needed to receive meals*

School Directors:

Chris Tormey, Ry Hoffman, Jackie Folsom, Paul Stecker and Sharon O'Connor have spent innumerable hours working to constantly improve the educational experience of Cabot's most precious resource.

Cemetery Commissioners:

Melvin Churchill, Frederick Pike, Ruth Goodrich, Deb Bothfeld and Marvie Domey have dedicated their time and energy to managing our beautiful Cabot cemeteries.

Town Moderator:

Ed Smith continues to do a masterful job moderating Town Meeting and the School meeting during some tense debates. He works diligently to ensure fairness for all Cabot residents.

Auditors:

Recently deceased town auditor Sue Freeburn performed magnificently and effortlessly in pulling together the town report. She always accomplished this time-consuming task with a smile and never missed a deadline. She will be truly missed. Special thanks must also go to Cathleen Maine who assisted Sue in this work.

Pound Keeper:

Is there a better pound keeper in Vermont than Cheryl McQueeney? We doubt it. Thank you for all that you do.

Animal/Dog Control Officer:

Jo Guertin handles tough assignments whenever called upon to do so. We are fortunate to have her available whenever we need her assistance.

Fence Viewers:

Rusty Churchill and Daniel Cookson, who are ever-ready to view fences.

Tree Warden:

If there is a more conscientious tree warden in Vermont we would love to meet her or him. Slim Payne does everything that is required of him as Tree Warden and more, to include outstanding stewardship of the Town Forest. Some people love to hug trees; Slim loves to plant and care for them. Also, thanks to Roland Payne, Jr., who is very ably assisting Mr. Payne, Sr. in his work. And, oh yes, Slim recently received a prestigious Tree Warden of the Year Award.

Health Officer:

Thanks to Val Covell for performing a tough job with empathy, dedication and caring.

Town Garage Working Group:

David Pike, Bernard Shatney, Rusty Churchill, Brad Alexander, Fred Ducharme, Karen Deasy and Aldo Nunn have worked to design a new town garage that, hopefully, will be approved by the voters at Town Meeting.

Town Services Officer:

Bill Cobb, who also directs Faith in Action. We wish to thank all of the volunteers who support these programs.

July 4th Committee:

Wendy Barnett and Jamie Gokey, assisted by dozens of volunteers, plan and manage the July 4th extravaganza, clearly one of the most important days in our community.

Bread & Puppet Circus and all Parade Participants:

For showing up each July 4th for our parade, generating tons of smiles through music, satire, dancing, generous spirits, and more.

Cabot Front Porch Forum:

For providing a wonderful forum for Cabot residents to share information, exchange stuff, and keep apprised of goings-on in Cabot. And, oh yes, it's highly likely that the FPF may include a Community Wide Calendar in 2014. Stay tuned.

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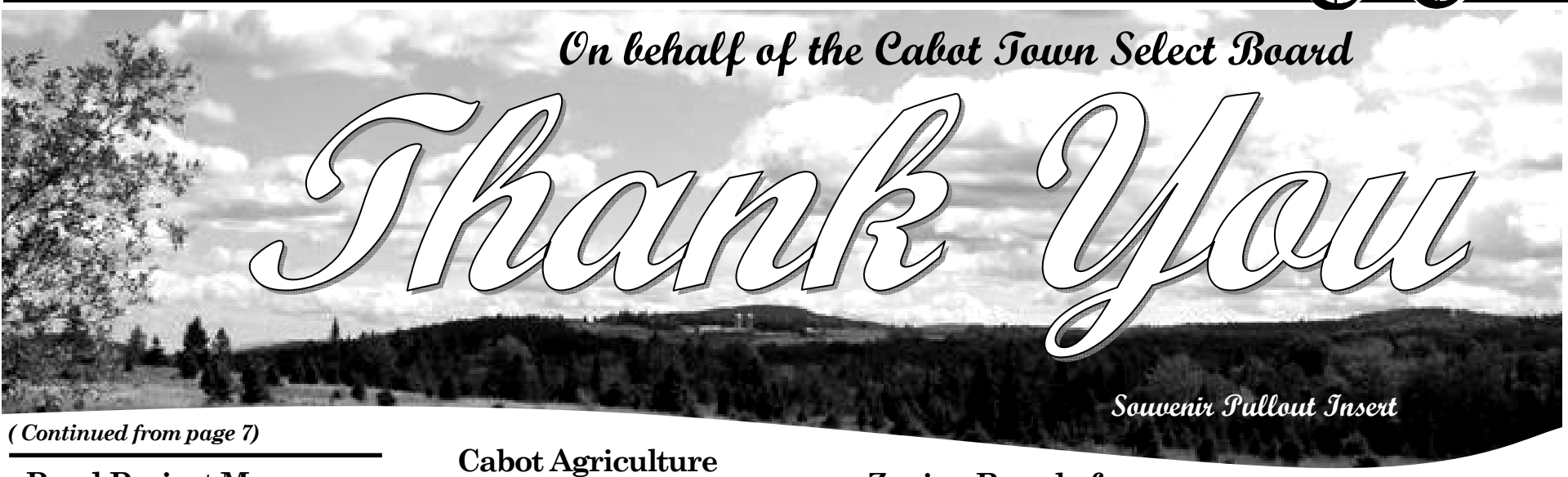
You are invited to visit ...

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



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Road Project Manager:

Larry Gochey for overseeing the replacement of a new culvert on Mack Mountain road, the installation of a second culvert between the hardware store and the grocery story, and the repaving of Main Street.

Conservation Committee:

Gary Gulka, Chris Duff, Cedric Alexander, and Mark Christenson did whatever needed to be done to meet the mission of this Committee, to include planting trees along river beds.

First Constable:

Steve Hogan for his service to the people of this town as our town constable.

Justices of the Peace:

Cedric Alexander, Fred Ducharme, Sue Carpenter, Judy Pransky, Carla Payne, Lars Torres and Caleb Pitkin for contributing to justice and peace in Cabot.

Cabot Community Association:

Bruce Westcott, Todd Jones, Jeanne Johnson, Jan Westervelt, Niels Larson, Frank Kampf, Lori Augustyniak, and Ted Bermingham for re-energizing the Cabot Community Association.

Communications Committee:

Anne Walker, Christine Friese, Tara Rogerson, Ted Bermingham, Frank Kampf, Jeanne Johnson and Beth Wade have worked to improve communications within Cabot, to include the eventual creation of a community-wide calendar.

Cabot Agriculture Network (CAN):

Sjon Welters, Ted Bermingham, Mary Ann Tormey, Irene Harvey, Chuck Talbert, Niels Larson, Jeannie Johnson, Frank Kampf, Richard Hourihan, Jeannine Valcour, and Jan Westervelt are working to create an agricultural network in Cabot.

Cabot Arts Committee:

Elysha Welters, Ellen Blachly, Janet Van Fleet, R. D. Eno, Roz Daniels, Clara Mueller-Harder and Karen Mueller-Harder have worked to identify and bring together artists residing in Cabot and from the region.

Cabot Church:

For embracing and supporting the Cabot Community, and for allowing community activities to be held in your beautiful facilities, such as the outstanding piano concert performed by Cabot resident Diane Huling in November.

Grand Juror:

David Pike for being available to serve as our Grand Juror, should the need arise.

Law Agent:

Chip Taylor for also being available to serve as our Law Agent whenever the need arises.

Fire Warden:

Andrew Luce for your service as Fire Warden to our community.

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Zoning Board of Adjustment:

Carlton Domey, Larry Gochey, Fred Ducharme, Caleb Pitkin, Michael Socks and Kate Chatot for performing the duties of the Zoning Board whenever required.

Regional Planning Committee Representative:

Richard Payne for very ably representing the interests of Cabot during a very busy year.

Senior Center:

Judy Pransky, Roz Daniels, Sue Carpenter, Cia Considine, Connie Hourihan, Marge Trautz and Genia Schumacher for serving as directors to this Center. The Senior Center provides the perfect place to support activities of our senior citizens, most of whom have probably contributed their time in service to Cabot for multiple decades.

Recycling/Trash Hauler:

John Cookson for opening and operating the recycling center and hauling our trash away each and every Saturday come rain or shine, or whether it be hot as blazes or cold as the Artic or at the top of Cabot Plains.

Cabot Students:

Cabot students offer so much to the community through their school activities, academic events, athletic events, cultural activities, social events, enthusiasm, youthfulness, public service and volunteerism, and the positive contributions they make every day.

Cabot Mentoring Program:

Peter Ackermann, Sarah Antoniello, Raquel Bigelow, Judy Boucher, Mark Bromley, Ian Burfoot-Rochford, Greg Burtt, Steph Burtt, Mark Christensen, Cia Considine, Sara Cosentino, David Creighton, Michelle Delaney, Jim Goodrich, Connie Hourihan, Richard Lacelle, John Hammer, Todd Jones, Rachel Kellett, Donna McSweeney, Stacey Mudgett, Ed Pcolar, Cindy Robbins, Lynn Rockwell, Tara Rogerson, Jackie Scribner, Lynn Talamini, Lars Torres, John Vara and Stephen Watkins for serving as mentors, and in some cases, on the Mentor Advisory Board.

Food Bank:

Val Covell, Diane Klingler, Charlie Codling, Bernie Shatney, Susie Gokey, Wayne Martin, Gene and Wendy Marquis. Also, special thanks to the High School students participating in the SEED program who volunteer their time assisting the Cabot Food Bank.

SEED:

Semester of Entrepreneurial and Environmental Discovery high school volunteers Jasmine Tetreault, Shannon Harvey, Seth Herrick-Trombley, Isabella McCallum, Frank Schumacher, Jeremy Maxfield, Rowan Lanxner, Monique Bigelow, Alisha Celley, Henry Burke and Jordan Hale, assisted by David Schilling and Cyndi Hastings, who volunteered their time in support of the food bank.

Apple Pie Festival:

Bonnie Dannenberg, Joanne Luce, Jeannie Johnson, Mary Beth Churchill, Jennifer Gochey, Theresa Lay-Sleeper, Beth Hoffman, Peter Dannenberg, Jane Brown, Jan Westervelt, Larry Gochey and the 40 to 50 volunteers who support this wonderful, delicious event.

Gym Beautification Work Group:

Thanks to the outstanding work of the following volunteers, the school gym has not looked better in a very long time: Abbot family, Bellavance family, Deb Bothfeld, Burke family, Celley family, Harvey family, Cindy Hastings, Herrick-Trombley family, Leho family, Jared Lowe, Maura Martin, McCallum family, Charles O'Conner, Randy Rich, Schumacher family, Chuck Talbert, Jasmine Tetreault, Dave Thompson, Patrick Tibet, Lars Torres, Villeneau family, Moran family, Zach Churchill, and Carpentino family. Wow: Now that's a lot of scrapers and painters. Who knew Cabot had so many Michalangello's living here?

Cabot Youth Sports:

Tawnya May, Tamara Feldman, Sonia Bailey, and Bret Bellavance.

Cabot Athletic Boosters:

Rebecca Nally, Cindy Tetreault, Sue Hammer and Johneal Hale.

CSPAC Boosters:

Erica and Bob Burke, Karen and Erik Mueller-Harder and Lars Torres.

Cabot Historical Society:

Bonnie Dannenberg, Jeannie Johnson, Peter Dannenberg, Joan Luce and Jane Brown for keeping Cabot History alive and present in our community, supported by numerous volunteers.

Master of Colors:

Bill Walters for ensuring that the flags remain in good shape and fly appropriately (full staff except for designated events, when they are flown at half-staff). Also, thank you Reporter Walters for providing so many interesting, accurate, and educational articles in the Hardwick Gazette about Cabot throughout the year.

Cabot Creamery:

For being an important part of Cabot, for contributing Cheese and donating funds in support of community projects and for the Cabot Creamery personnel who volunteer their time and energy to goings-on in Cabot throughout the year.

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Cabot Chronicle:

Todd Jones and Jeannie Johnson publish the Cabot Chronicle each and every month, keeping residents informed on both recent activities and upcoming events. They spend considerable time and effort in putting out a great free monthly newspaper for our community.

Cabot Town Employees:

While technically not volunteers, we do want to thank the town employees for routinely going above and beyond what would normally be expected of them in the performance of their duties. So, to Tara Rogerson, Michelle Leclerc, Rusty Churchill, David Pike, Aldo Nunn, Maurice Richardson, Kathleen Hoyne, Anne Walker, Karen Deasy and the part-time employees we say thank you for all that you have done in 2013 to make Cabot a better place to live and work.

AND SO MANY OTHERS: We would be remiss if we did not include the wonderful contributions of the many Cabot residents who volunteer in support of the Main Street Working Group, Old Home Week and Alumni celebration, Maple Fest and Fall Foliage Day and other events in Cabot.

SUMMARY: After looking at all the names on this list, and sincere apologies to those who may have inadvertently been omitted, one can not help but be overwhelmed by the generosity, commitment, and in some instances, sacrifices made by so many people in service to others. Acknowledging that we can never express our appreciation enough, we do want to say thank you, thank you, thank you to each and every one of you. Your efforts, your time, your commitment, and your service to Cabot are deeply appreciated, and Cabot is a much better community because of this.

May you all have a wonderful, happy, safe, and prosperous New Year. And, may you all continue to serve in 2014. And, oh yes, we are always looking for more volunteers, as there remains lots of work to do in 2014.

Sincerely,
Fred Ducharme, Caleb Pitkin, Jeff Gabrielson, Jack Daniels, Ted Domey
Cabot Select Board

The Cabot Public Library Presents

Cabot Old Time Contra and Square Dances

2nd Saturday at 7:30 pm
From September to May

The dances are taught and are easily learned by young and old. The contra and square dances are traditional Vermont and New England social dances that have been danced for many generations in the town halls, barns, and kitchens around Vermont.

The music is provided by piano and an assortment of fiddles, mandolins, guitars and the occasional surprise instrument. Musicians are always invited to sit in and join with the fun of playing traditional dance tunes.

Anyone and everyone is invited to attend. There is a small donation requested to help cover the cost of the caller.

For more information contact David Carpenter call 802-426-3225, or email, samlyman@sover.net.

The actual second Saturday dates are:

January 11, February 8, March 8, April 12, and May 10 in 2014

The dances will be held on the top floor of the Willey Building.

Mentor Recognition "Thanks!"

Thank you to all Cabot Connects mentors, past and present, who have helped and continue to help youth in Cabot feel connected to adults and involved in our community. These folks have spent countless hours going to basketball/soccer games together, fishing, canoeing, skating, making car models, baking, learning stuff on the computer, running errands, hiking, reading with kids, making crafts together, visiting colleges, star gazing, and just hanging out together.

They are helping to keep our community strong by building positive connections with youth and families here in Cabot. Please remember to say thanks when you see them and ask them about their experience being a mentor - you might want to try it!

Cabot Connects matches mentors and mentees, based on similar interests, and matches get together two-to-three times per month. Mentors always report they get as much, if not more, than mentees out of the mentoring relationship - it is a very satisfying way to spend a few hours each month. For more information, please contact Kathleen Hoyne at cabotconnects@hot mail.com.

By way of celebrating our mentors and National Mentoring Month, there will be an evening of Bingo games with fun prizes on Friday, January 24, at the Willey Building starting at 7:00 p.m. We will have desserts and refreshments - all are welcome!

Happy National Mentoring Month to Cabot Mentors:

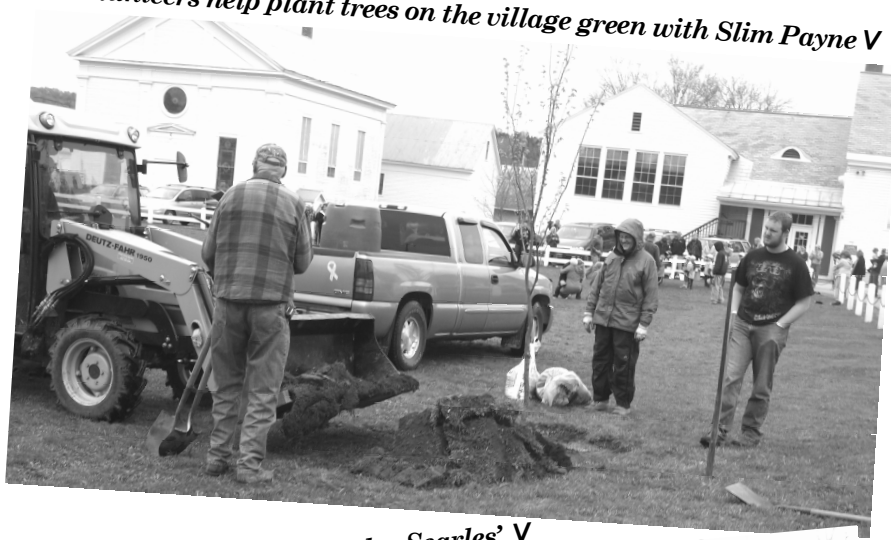
Peter Ackermann
Cedric Alexander
Susan Alexander
Sarah Antoniello
Lori Augustyniak
Raquel Bigelow
Sheila Booth
Amy Bothfeld
Deb Bothfeld
Judy Boucher
Mark Bromley
Ian Burfoot-Rochford
Greg Burtt
Steph Burtt
Richard Bushey
Tammy Christman
Melvin Churchill
Mark Christensen
Jennifer Churchill
Cia Considine
Sara Cosentino
David Creighton
Ben Davis
Michelle Delaney
Ken Elmer
Alicia Feltus
Jim Goodrich
Gail Greaves
Connie Hourihan
Richard Lacelle
John Hammer
Ernie Howard
Kathleen Higbee
Todd Jones
Rachel Kellett
Amber Ksepka
Ashley Ksepka
Theresa Lay-Sleeper
Cathleen Maine
Billie Marcotte
Tracy Mauck
Donna McSweeney
Stacey Mudgett
Karen Mueller-Harder
Suzy North
Roland Payne
Ed Pcolar
Leonia Pike
Chris Riddell
Cindy Robbins
Lynn Rockwell
Tara Rogerson
Cynthia Russell
Linda Savoca
Christa Scholz
Jackie Scribner
Lynn Talamini
Susan Tobias
Lars Torres
Connie Withers
Jon Vara
Stephen Watkins

On behalf of the Cabot Town Select Board

Thank You

See how many it takes to make things happen in a small town with a big heart.

Volunteers help plant trees on the village green with Slim Payne V



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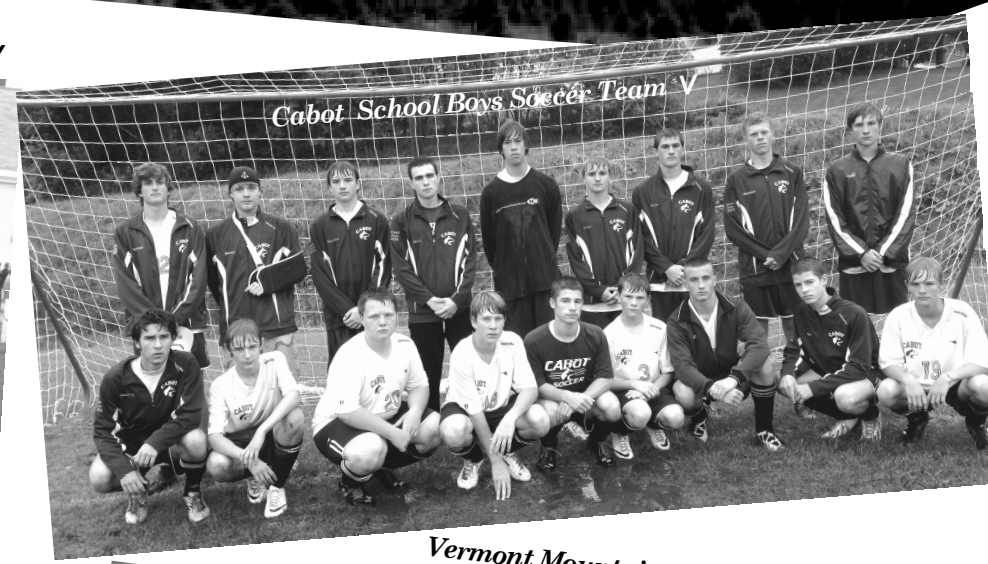


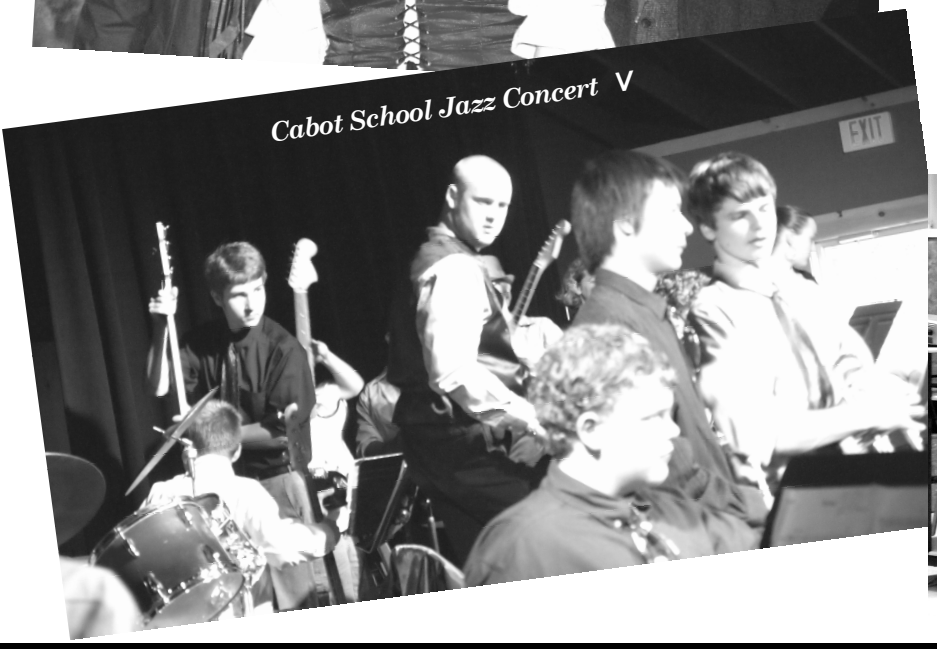
Harry's Hardware Revived by the Searles' V

Vermont Mountaineers mascot, Skip, with Cabot kids at the Cabot Community Night V

Cabot Community Theater presents Oliver Twist V

Apple Pie Festival 2013 V

Cabot School Jazz Concert V



Cabot citizens come together to vote on town issues V

THE BIG BANG BHANGRA BRASS BAND BLOW-OUT IN CABOT ON JANUARY 11

Cabot Arts and the Cabot Community Association present Vermont's most eclectic jazz ensemble on Saturday, January 11, 7:00 PM at the Cabot School Performing Arts Center.

Under the direction of noted Vermont musician, band leader and Cabot School music teacher **Brian Boyes**, the **Big Bang Bhangra Brass Band** is one HUGE party that combines the rich musical and dance roots of Indian Bhangra, Bollywood, New Orleans Brass Bands, and the 1930's jungle swing of Duke Ellington and Cab Calloway.

From call and response singing to ripping horn solos, Big Bang Brass fuses the deep funk and swing grooves of New Orleans with the centuries-old Punjabi Bhangra grooves and dance moves reaching back 500 years. The result: a wild and colorful explosion of musical crossroads guaranteed to stir the soul, body, and mind.

Topped off with a troupe of Bhangra dancers, Big Bang Brass features some of Vermont's best funk and jazz players from such favorites as Movement of the People, The Saturn People's Sound Collective, Viper-House, 35th Parallel, Money Jungle, and D'Moja.

This third event in the Cabot Arts winter performance series kicks off at 7:00 PM. Admission is by donation at the door.

New Workplace Laws Effective January 2014

The Vermont Commission on Women (VCW) released new flyers to educate Vermonters about workplace laws.

Starting this month, workers in Vermont will have the right to request flexible working arrangements without fear of retaliation. Those intermediate or long-term changes might include working from home, changes in the number of days or hours worked, changes in work arrival or departure times or job-sharing. Employers must discuss and consider such requests at least twice per calendar year. VCW's Executive Director, Cary Brown, in support of this provision, stated, "This law makes Vermont the first state in the country to guarantee employees' right to request flexible working arrangements, supporting both men's and women's participation in work and family responsibilities."

Other information incorporated includes current equal pay laws, how to handle suspected pay discrimination, wage disclosure laws, pregnant worker's rights, lactation accommodations, anti-retaliation protection, and information concerning family and medical leave. The flyer targeted to employers features an equal pay audit - a checklist to help employers review fair pay policy and procedures, and also case studies illustrating how Vermont businesses implement flexible working arrangements. The flyer targeted to workers includes a section on what to do if you suspect pay discrimination. Each flyer includes additional resources to learn more or get help.

The Commission, an independent non-partisan state commission dedicated to advancing rights and opportunities for women in Vermont, was part of a diverse stakeholders group of representatives from state government, business, law, and labor, economists and legislators facilitated by the Attorney General's office which discussed and debated the equal pay law, passed this spring. These flyers are part of a public information campaign to educate both employers and workers in Vermont about their rights and responsibilities under this new law. The information includes other protections of interest to working women.

To read the flyers, go to http://women.vermont.gov/ and click on *Workplace Laws for Workers* or *Workplace Laws for Employers*.

The Vermont Commission on Women (VCW) is an independent non-partisan state commission dedicated to advancing rights and opportunities for women in Vermont. Launched in 1964 in response to a nation-wide call to action from President Kennedy, VCW is made up of sixteen volunteer commissioners and an advisory council who guide VCW's public education, coalition building, and advocacy efforts. VCW offers many services to the public, including a toll-free information and referral service at 800-881-1561 and many publications, including the handbook, The Legal Rights of Women in Vermont. For more information, visit women.vermont.gov. Lilly Talbert of Cabot is Communications and Program Director.

The Cabot Chronicle

Thanks for the Support

In the December *Cabot Chronicle*, we asked readers to consider making a year-end donation. That plea resulted in over $600 toward the expenses of the paper. Thank you very much to our generous readers.

It costs about $15,000 to put out the *Chronicle* for a year. One-third of that comes from fundraisers, most notably Maple Fest in March; one-third from the town appropriation; one-sixth from our wonderful advertisers and subscribers; and the remaining sixth remains a problem. We're working on advertising, but this is a community paper that makes most of its space available free to community organizations. Subscriptions and donations are voluntary, but necessary, so if you can, please make a donation or buy a subscription for yourself or as a gift.

Your support is very much appreciated, both financial and intellectual. Please share any thoughts you have about future content or fiscal improvements by emailing Inbox@CabotChronicle.org, phoning 802-563-3338, or writing to P. O. Box 245, Cabot, VT 05647.

CCA

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renewable sources of energy/fuel -- how can we prepare, if there is, indeed, an end over the horizon for affordable oil for our agricultural economy? Producing more of the foods we eat here in Cabot seems to be a logical topic to approach, as well, since this benefits all Cabot residents and would make for a diverse working landscape. In 2014, we will work on consolidating a plan and start on the road towards its implementation.

The groups formed to improve Community Communications and to focus on Community Arts have been busy, too. By working together and leveraging from each other's talents, Cabot's artistic community can be a significant driver and inspiration for the future—whether that entails events, group shows, work with youth or a full-blown Cabot arts center. The third key priority, advancing communications, will help build the glue between neighborhoods, parts of town, and discrete groups of residents in ways that will help Cabot maintain its strong feeling as a community. You'll hear more about their activities in coming issues of *The Cabot Chronicle*.

CCA is getting organized to be helpful to our community in ways beyond the work of these three task forces, and YOU have the opportunity to help shape our efforts and investments. First, you can become a member; CCA By-laws say that *"Any resident of Cabot, or having an interest in supporting and advancing the purposes of the CCA shall be admitted to membership."* Members elect a nine-member Board of Directors that meets monthly, and is responsible for staff, budget and strategy. Between Christmas and Town Meeting, you'll be hearing more about opportunities to participate, and we hope you'll join us.

Second, as a tax-exempt non-profit organization, CCA will be seeking grants to help serve community purposes. The CCA Board has a great working relationship with our Town officials, and we're interested in supporting efficient provision of Town services and in taking on economic development and community development projects beyond what your tax dollars can support. Right now the CCA Board is very focused on acting on the Articles that Cabot voters passed last March, supporting CCA's hiring of an *"Economic and Community Development Coordinator to coordinate volunteer activities in support of economic, educational, and community development in Cabot."* CCA hopes that we'll have good news about forward progress, and how new staff capabilities will be put to work in coming months. Articles in the February and March *Chronicle* will cover the work of the other two committees and the plans we're making for the coming year. CCA hopes you'll be interested in supporting our work; please let us hear your questions and comments, by phone (563-3338) or by email at Inbox@CabotChronicle.org.

Vermont Minimum Wage Increase

Starting January 1, Vermont's minimum wage will increase 13 cents an hour to $8.73 an hour (up from $8.60). Workers who earn tips will see their minimum wage increase six cents an hour, to $4.23. Since the State's wage rate is tied to the consumer price index, the Vermont Department of Labor calculates any adjustments that need to be made for the following year.

Ice Fishing Safety Tips from F&W

The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department has some ice safety tips for those of you who will be going ice fishing this winter.

"Once we have sustained cold weather to form good ice, ice fishing can be safe and a lot of fun," said Col. David LeCours, Vermont's Chief Game Warden, "but when we go onto the ice, we need to use good judgment and observe several safety precautions."

- Leave your car or truck on shore. Every year, several motor vehicles go through the ice on Vermont lakes, and people have drowned as a result.
- Leave information about your plans with someone – where you intend to fish and when you expect to return.
- Wear a personal floatation device and don't fish alone.
- Ice varies in thickness and condition. Always carry an ice spud or chisel to check ice as you proceed.
- Be extremely cautious crossing ice near river mouths, points of land, bridges, islands, and over reefs and springs. Current almost always causes ice to be thinner over these areas.
- Avoid going onto the ice if it has melted away from the shore. This indicates melting is underway, and ice can shift position as wind direction changes.
- Waves from open water can quickly break up large areas of ice. If you can see open water in the lake and the wind picks up, get off!
- Bring your fully-charged cell phone with you.
- Carry a set of hand spikes to help you work your way out onto the surface of the ice if you go through. Holding one in each hand, you can alternately punch them into the ice and pull yourself up and out. You can make these at home, using large nails, or you can purchase them at stores that sell fishing supplies.
- Carry a safety line that can be thrown to someone who has gone through the ice.
- Heated fishing shanties must have good ventilation to prevent deadly carbon monoxide poisoning. Open a window or the door part way to allow in fresh air.

Vermont's New Free Ice Fishing Day

Saturday, January 25, 2014 is Vermont's new free ice fishing day - a day when anyone, resident or nonresident, may go fishing without a fishing license.

If you would like to learn more about ice fishing, be sure to attend the free fishing day ice fishing festival being held January 25 at the Larrabee Point Fishing Access Area on Lake Champlain in Shoreham. Vermont Fish & Wildlife staff and experienced volunteer ice fishing enthusiasts will be there from 1:00 to 4:30 p.m. to help everyone, young and old, learn how to enjoy this unique and popular type of fishing. For more information, contact Nicole Corrao by calling 802-318-1347 or by emailing Nicole.Corrao@state.vt.us

Fish and Wildlife Department Holds Free Trapping Seminar

The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department will hold a free seminar entitled "Trapping Through the Ice" at the Edward Kehoe Education Center in Castleton, on January 11, 2014. Bill Pickens, President of the Vermont Trapper's Association, will lead topics on rules and regulations, trapping equipment, personal safety, and trapping techniques. Participants will spend a large portion of the day on Lake Bomoseen.

Beavers and muskrats can be legally trapped until March 31, 2013. "Trapping through the ice can be challenging, but trappers will leave this seminar equipped with the knowledge of how to trap safely and improve their success rate," said John Pellegrini, hunter education training coordinator for the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department.

The seminar will run from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and participants are encouraged to bring a lunch. Proper attire is required as students will be outside for a majority of this seminar. Vermont Fish & Wildlife will provide all trapping equipment.

Registration is required by contacting Alison Thomas at 802-371-9975 or by email at alison.thomas@state.vt.us. Please include your full name, address, and a daytime phone number in the message. A confirmation letter will follow.

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Kingdom Animal Shelter

By Helen Morrison

A year ago this past Fall, a man brought two carriers to the Kingdom Animal Shelter, left them outside in front, and raced away in his truck. Luckily, one of the volunteers got his license plate number, and we were able to identify who he was. In one carrier was a female black cat; in the other was a female tabby. They were taken to the vet and they tested negative for FeLV and FIV. They were given their shots. They had been fixed. Only a bit of time went by and it was clear that the tabby was very ill. In fact, it was thought that she had ingested antifreeze. She was in acute kidney failure. She was euthanized. The other cat, the black female, was fine. Her owner had named her Oprah. The owner was headed south and did not want them anymore. Oprah was wonderful at first...friendly, warm, and affectionate. But as time went by, she began to exhibit "shelter fatigue" and became grumpy, ornery, and somewhat aggressive. No matter how we tried to socialize her, it just got worse.

In the spring, a man came in. No one on adoption duty recognized his name. He was very determined that he wanted a black female cat...in fact, he pointed to Oprah. An application was filled out, personal references were checked. He said he hadn't had a pet for years, so did not have vet references. Oprah went home with him. Shortly thereafter, one of the Board members recognized his name. He was the one who had dumped Oprah off in the fall. Several Board members drove by the home, and Oprah was outside and seemed peaceful, happy, and friendly. The information given on the application had been false, and friends had given glowing recommendations, so KAS let it be.

Fast forward to this fall. We received a call from the shelter at Agway in Lyndonville that a black cat named Oprah was there. The owner had dropped her off. He didn't want her any more. He was headed south. He had tried to have her euthanized at several area vets, but all had refused, as she was obviously healthy and friendly. We went to get Oprah, had her tested, and gave her her shots. And she is now back at our Shelter. She is happy, friendly, and well cared for. Our huge concern is that she will get shelter fatigue again, and become ornery and unfriendly. She deserves a good home, loving, caring, out in the country where she can come in and out of a house, a place where traffic is minimal. She will be a wonderful pet if we can just get her adopted before too much time has passed.

Here is a photo of Oprah. She is quite beautiful. If you would like to adopt her, come and meet her at Kingdom Animal Shelter at 1664 Memorial Drive in St. Johnsbury, Monday-Wednesday, 4-6:00 p.m., Friday, 4-6:00 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, noon-3:00 p.m., or give me a call at 563-2488. I'd be glad to introduce you to Oprah.

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Green Mountain Club Celebrates Winter Season

As winter whitens the mountaintops and moves down into the valleys, many of us are tempted to hibernate. But you don't have to. The Green Mountain Club is embracing the upcoming winter season.

"This season is one to celebrate, with impressive trail networks, outfitters and a variety of sports options," observes Jen Butson of the Vermont Department of Tourism & Marketing. "Vermont does winter right."

Happily, getting outside is getting easier. The *Winter Hiking Guide to Vermont*, just published by the Green Mountain Club, describes more than 75 winter hikes all over the state, enjoyable whether on snowshoes, spikes or bare boots, depending on conditions.

Ranging from walks of less than a mile to hilly challenges of 10 miles or more, every description includes driving directions to the trail and a color map showing the trail and terrain. Small enough to fit in a large pocket, the book includes winter hiking and safety tips for all hikers.

The Green Mountain Club, which built and maintains the Long Trail from Massachusetts to Canada and more than 200 miles of other trails, invites you to stay active and invigorated this winter. For your copy of the *Winter Hiking Guide to Vermont*, go to http://bit.ly/18XkHCP or check your favorite book or gear store. For more information, call Pete Antos-Ketcham (802) 241-8217.

2014 Hunting, Fishing and Trapping Licenses Available

Vermont hunting, fishing and trapping licenses for the new year 2014 are available on the Fish & Wildlife Department's website (www.vtfishandwildlife.com).

New this year, online license purchasers will automatically be entered to win an Old Town canoe and other prizes. The winner of the canoe and a trolling motor will be drawn on May 15, while the winner of a hunting rifle and hunting jacket will be drawn at the Yankee Sportsmen's Classic in January, 2015.

While on the website, license buyers are urged to sign up to join the mailing list to receive Vermont Fish & Wildlife news. They can also purchase a 2014 Fish and Wildlife calendar online or donate to the Nongame Wildlife Fund.

Printed copies of the 2014 Hunting, Fishing & Trapping Laws and Guide are also available from license agents. The department's website will soon have a link to an online version.

VERMONT FISH & WILDLIFE

Northeast Kingdom Warrior Soccer Club

By Michelle Delaney

Just can't get enough soccer? The Northeast Kingdom Warrior Soccer Club is accepting registrations for players between the ages of 6 and 18 for spring soccer. Teams must be registered with the Vermont Soccer League by February 10, so please do not wait to register. If it does not look like we will have enough in any age group, we will not submit a team. All teams are unisex, with the exception of the 6-8-year olds. We are looking 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. Home fields for those 10 and under will be in Cabot at the Marcotte Field, 11 & 12-year-olds will play at Walden, and older teams will likely play at Twinfield.

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.

Recreation Department Update

By Michelle Delaney

We would like to thank all the people that help make recreational opportunities available for our children. We are happy to have begun a closer relationship with the Walden Recreational Department, and have had the opportunity to combine teams when it benefits both communities. This also gives us the much-needed use of another soccer field. Both our soccer field and baseball fields in Cabot are in need of repair. If anyone has flat land that they might allow to be used as a soccer field for a year or two, that would give us the needed time to repair the recreational field.

Chuck Talbert has organized little league for the past three years. Last year, he coached the Farm League team, and Jen Persons coached t-ball. Donna MacKinnon organized the fall 2013 soccer season, and Lynn Lehoe scheduled the games for both soccer and basketball. Karen Alexander coached the Kindergarten through second grade clinics. Our third and fourth graders played with Walden. Walden's fifth and sixth graders played with Cabot and were coached by Niall McCallum.

Rebecca Nally and Michelle Delaney are both helping to organize basketball this year. Rebecca has faithfully managed the recreational department for the past seven years and is working towards passing on her knowledge to new volunteers. Tara Rogerson is now handling the financial aspects of the department. Michelle Delaney is coaching the Kindergarten through second grade basketball clinic, Brian Hale is coaching the third & fourth grade team. Dave Creighton is coaching the fifth and sixth grade girls' team, and Ian Burfoot is coaching the fifth and sixth grade boys' team. Walden's fifth and sixth grade players are joining us for basketball.

One thing we always lack for the elementary players is qualified referees. The department voted to allocate some money to pay for a few middle or high school students or parents to take the soccer referee course this winter. The courses take place only in the winter. The closest one to us is in Morrisville on January 11. Please contact Michelle Delaney (mpsoccer2@aol.com) if you are interested. Basketball games are beginning and we are in need of referees for basketball, also. If your child plays, please consider reading up on the rules and refereeing. Please contact Lynn Lehoe (lmlehoe@gmail.com) to volunteer to referee.

The Mobile Home of Tomorrow-Vermont Leads the Way

Efficiency Vermont – efficiencyvermont.com

On average, Vermonters who live in mobile homes spend 66% more of their income on energy than those who live in stick-built homes—mostly due to older, energy-inefficient design and construction.

In 2011, hundreds of mobile homes were lost to Tropical Storm Irene

Since then, housing advocates, including Efficiency Vermont and the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board, have been working on a better mobile home—one that's both energy-efficient and resilient. This fall, these homes became a reality. They're being manufactured in Wilder, VT, and distributed across the State.

They look like a standard mobile home, but feature:

- high-performance construction, with superior insulation in the walls, floor, and roof and triple-glazed windows;
- advanced air-source heating, cooling, and ventilation;
- ENERGY STAR® hot water heaters, lights, and appliances;
- and much more.

Affordable housing that's truly affordable

One benefit of a mobile home is the relatively low initial purchase price, but hidden costs—like high energy bills and lack of durability—have long been a burden for the people living in them. These new durable, energy-efficient homes go a long way toward reducing the total cost of ownership, making mobile homes a truly affordable choice for people across Vermont.

Bears Fattening Up for Winter's Slumber

By Li Shen
for Northern Woodlands Magazine
Illustration by Adelaide Tyrol

Conventional wisdom says that if you put up a bird feeder on November 1 and take it down on April 1, you won't have a problem with marauding bears, because they hibernate between those dates. After a bear's visit in mid-November two years ago, I assumed the put-up date should be rescheduled to late November. A month later, almost on New Year's Day, I was astonished to hear that a large bear had just been seen on a porch a few miles from my home in Thetford Center, VT.

What gives? Why aren't bears in bed by then?

Pregnant females are first to hibernate, reports Ben Kilham, of Lyme, NH, a wildlife researcher, who has studied black bears extensively in the Northeast. He says they don't begin slumbering until around the second week of December. Next, he says, are the unbred females, who start hibernating around Christmas. The hibernation schedule of adult male bears is harder to predict, because they generally stay active as long as food is available, or until forced to their dens by heavy snow or plunging temperatures.

Kilham says young males often are the last to retire because they have the greatest incentive to keep feeding—so they can grow to compete with mature males. In our area, young males can still be active until mid-January.

When they do call it a winter, where do they go? Many people probably envision bears hibernating in rocky caves. Bears certainly use caves or rock crevices, if they exist within their home territories. But many bears here must look to other places for winter shelter. They excavate dens under tree roots, or make their own protected cavities beneath tangles of fallen boughs. They spend time collecting leaves, branches and grasses to help insulate their winter quarters. Sometimes, the female and her cubs from the previous winter work on the den as a team.

For some reason, a bear builds a new den each year, even if the old one remains in fine condition. They will build, even if the new den offers less protection. Such was the case in Michigan not long ago, when a female bear spurned her cave of the previous winter, built a new den above ground, but then fell prey, with cubs, to wolves.

Contrary to another popular belief, a hibernating bear is not comatose; it can be roused from sleep in mid-winter in several minutes. Nor does its body temperature drop substantially, as is the case with smaller mammals, which must awaken at times during winter to eat and move about. A thick coat of hair and body fat allows a hibernating black bear to maintain a temperature of about 88 degrees F., about eight degrees lower than its summer temperature.

Female bears are likely to become at least somewhat active in winter. They give birth in late January or early February, and they clean and nurse their cubs. Their one to three cubs are hairless and weigh less than a pound when born, but they weigh three-to-four pounds by the time they leave the den, which seems impressive, given the fact the mother doesn't eat or drink over winter. (Nor does she defecate or urinate.) Females may weigh more than 200 pounds before winter, but by spring they are likely to have lost 60 or 70 of those pounds.

Black bears in our region mate in June, and the females must put on as much fat as possible over the following six months to assure survival of both her and offspring. However, fertilized eggs do not implant in the female's uterus and become embryos until November or December. This process of implantation apparently is disrupted if she hasn't put on enough fat—which would help assure her survival, without cubs, over winter. This would explain why bear birth rates drop dramatically after lean summers.

To build fat, bears might travel miles in a single day to forage for berries, nuts, apples and other woodland plants. They eat much and sleep little.

Black bears in our region face a special challenge: the growing fragmentation of forests by housing, commercial developments and highways, which can cut off their access to natural feeding areas and tempt them to try other food, such as sunflower seed. Not all homeowners with birdfeeders are as tolerant of bears as those in the Thetford neighborhood where I live. The last thing a homeowner wants is a bear coming to his or her house for food.

"A fed bear is a dead bear," is an old saying that too often becomes a sad reality.

Li Shen is an adjunct professor at Dartmouth Medical School and a member of the Thetford conservation commission. Reprinted with permission of Northern Woodlands Magazine editor.

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HELPING NEIGHBORS CONNECT

Front porch forum was named one of two important community information tools during the Community Visit process just completed with Cabot residents by Vermont Council on Rural Development. The other is the Cabot Chronicle.

Keep abreast of planning meetings on Developing a Cabot Community Arts Center, Building a Cabot Agricultural Network and Improving Community Communications. Be aware of proposals of the committee addressing issues on Main Street and thoughts about Cabot School.

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Twin Valley Senior Center

Twin Valley Seniors, Inc.
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By Rita Copeland, Executive Director

The Twin Valley Senior Center family would like to wish you and your family the best in the New Year. Our wishes include having good health, happiness and a year filled with joy for each of you.

I, as Director, the Board of Directors, Staff, and Volunteers want to thank each and every person who has supported the Center in any way during the past year, and hope you will continue to do so in the New Year. To each of you that donated monetary gifts, vegetables, fruit, home baked items, magazines, we can't thank you enough. We want you to know that everything that you do is always appreciated and a big help to the Center. To the taxpayers who approve our appropriation requests: we are forever grateful. Operating a non-profit is not an easy task, and with your support, we continue to succeed, as well as improve.

At TVSC, we are hoping the New Year will bring new and exciting changes for us, for the residents of the communities we serve, for the seniors attending the center, and for our Meals on Wheels clients. We have started with the help of Jason Lemieux and some Twinfield High School students. As I write this article, they are in the process of building a website for TVSC that will be up and running soon.

At the Center, we have lost some very dear friends. To the families: we know it makes the holidays a difficult time of year, but also know that our thoughts are with you as well as our dear departed friends. As we move into the New Year, we are hoping that our "Memory Quilt" with departed members' names and pictures will hang proudly at our Center to always remind us of how much we enjoyed their company and now miss them.

At TVSC, our door is always open to anyone who has suggestions, ideas, would like to join, volunteer or who wants to just learn more about us at the Center. It takes many hands to make the Center operate as smoothly as it does. The teamwork that our dedicated volunteers display is why the Center works so well. The dedication of our volunteers, from working on-site, delivery of meals to the home-bound, doing our Facebook page and the newsletter, put in over 500 hours monthly. This is all done because they care and know that they make a difference. Volunteers are needed for many different projects at the Center, and I call on you in the communities we serve to please contact us if you have any time to spare. We are more than willing to accommodate your schedule. There is always coverage needed for vacations, sick time or just a break by the present volunteers. Once you see our operation, then you will understand just how important your time might become in the overall operation of the Center. So, in the New Year, please contact us at 426-3447 if you can spare any time.

Best Wishes to each of you!
Rita Copeland, Executive Director
TVSC Board of Directors

From The Cabot Public Library

The Libri Foundation is a nationwide non-profit organization that donates new, quality, hardcover children's books to small, rural public libraries throughout the United States. The Libri Foundation will match any amount of money raised by local sponsors, from $50 to $350, on a 2-to-1 ratio. The Friends of the Cabot Public Library generously gave us $350 to maximize our grant award. We now have in the Library $1,050 in children's books! The books range in reading levels from board books to chapter books. These books will be available for borrowing in early January. They will be on the cart just before the Children's Reading Room. Please come to the Library and check them out!

Programs

Cabot Old Time Contra and Square Dance – Saturday, January 11 – 7:30 p.m.
Dances will be held on the second Saturday of the month from September through May, sponsored by the Cabot Library. The dances are taught and are easily learned by young and old. There is a small suggested donation to help cover the cost of the caller. For more info, please call David Carpenter at 802-426-3225 or email samlyman@sover.net.

How to Develop Early Literacy Skills – Tuesday, January 14 – 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Denise Boucher, Speech and Language Pathologist at Twinfield Union School, will discuss how to develop early literacy skills through fun and games! Playing games, incorporating activities into daily routines, singing songs and reading books are all fun ways to help your child learn the early skills of phonological awareness (i.e., hearing the sounds in words) and the meaning of letters and written words. Come join us for a discussion of early literacy activities.

Community Book Group – Wednesday, January 15 – 10:30 a.m.
We will read *Busman's Honeymoon* by Dorothy Sayers in January. All are welcome to join in! Copies of this book will be available in the Cabot Public Library.

Yoga & Relaxation – Fridays 9:00 – 10:30 a.m. - Willey Building
BE INSPIRED - Stretch and relax to promote balance and harmony throughout all the body's systems! All levels welcome – contact Alicia for more info - 802-563-3220 or aliciafeltus@gmail.com.

Thank You!
Special thanks to **Beth Hoffman** for treating us to a fun evening of making and decorating Cake Pops. Many thanks also to **Susan Green** of Jaquith Library for all the different crafts for our annual Holiday Craft Workshop. We have 2014 Calendars of the cutest cats ever for $15.00 to benefit the Kingdom Animal Shelter. Thanks also to **David Carpenter** for organizing the wonderful Contra dances in Cabot every month.

Cabot Library Reminders:

- Tuesday 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
  Story Hour at 10:30 am*
- 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.

See you at the Library!
Kathleen Hoyne and Anne Walker

Cabot Community Memorial Tree - 2013

Bulbs were lit on the tree on the Common in honor of:

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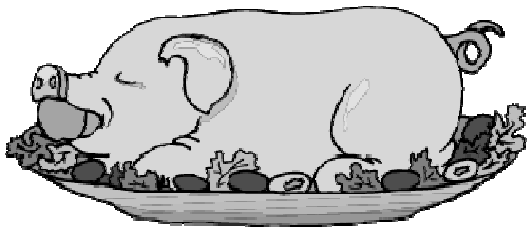

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Exercise good driving habits to keep you incident-free.

Speed

Slow down and drive according to the road conditions. Driving too fast is the leading cause of winter crashes.

Distance

Leave more room than usual between vehicles – you'll need the extra time and distance to brake safely. Signal early, merge slowly and carefully.

Brake

Brake early and slowly to prevent skidding. Never slam on the brakes on winter roads.

Control

Do not use cruise control during a storm, don't overestimate the ability of four-wheel or all-wheel drive, and look out for black ice on what appears to be bare pavement.

Focus

Stay off the cell phone and minimize other distractions. You'll need added reaction time to respond to an unforeseen event or situation.

Vision

Look ahead – the actions of other vehicles will alert you to what is happening ahead so that you can react safely and in time.

KEEPING VERMONT'S ROADS SAFE

Snow and Ice Control

VTRANS uses a time tested approach to maintaining Vermont's roads in winter, which includes using carefully calibrated equipment to spread a measured amount of salt early in a storm, and as necessary throughout, to prevent the snow and ice from bonding to the road. The end result is our ability to achieve bare pavement much sooner after a storm has ended.

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Just prior to a storm, VTRANS equipment may be seen spraying a liquid onto the road surface. This practice is known as "anti-icing" with salt brine. Salt brine is a 23% mixture of salt and water that will dry within about 45 minutes, leaving a thin, white film of salt that is ready to start working when the first snowflakes fall.

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- Increase salt activation efficiency
- Melt snow and ice at lower working temperatures
- Melt snow and ice with less salt

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Sand, salt and other materials are important, but the snowplow is 'king of the road' when it comes to keeping our highways safe. In fact, when a storm's temperatures are cold (below 15 degrees F), often the best approach is just plowing. In those cold conditions, snow is often very dry, and will either blow clear of the road or plows will push it aside. Standing at the ready to battle winter weather are 275 dump trucks with plows and wings, 41 pickups with plows, and 68 loaders and graders. Vermont's snow-fighting equipment and materials are complemented by a team of 350 skilled, dedicated, and licensed snowplow operators. Not only do these men and women stay current on the latest techniques and equipment, but they invest long hours behind the wheel applying their expertise day and night - including weekends and holidays - to deliver safe roads for all.

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To support the work of our skilled operators, do not travel beside a snowplow for long periods. The impact of plowing snow drifts or packed snow can jostle the plow sideways without warning. Snowplows can create a snow cloud that reduces visibility to zero, so avoid driving into a snow cloud. Do not pass a snowplow when visibility is severely reduced. When you do pass, be sure you can see clearly ahead and allow plenty of room. Be aware that a snowplow driver's vision is restricted; you may see the driver, but the driver may not necessarily see you.

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SUDOKU GOLF

MASTERS LOOP-COURSE CHALLENGE

By J. Scott Davidson

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 below (upside down)

PUZZLE EXTRA - DATE: **2/2/14 - Groundhog Day,**
PUZZLE EXTRA - WORD 1: **1-9 = L-T, Word: LOST,**
PUZZLE EXTRA - WORD 2: **1-9 = A-I, Word: BAGGAGE**

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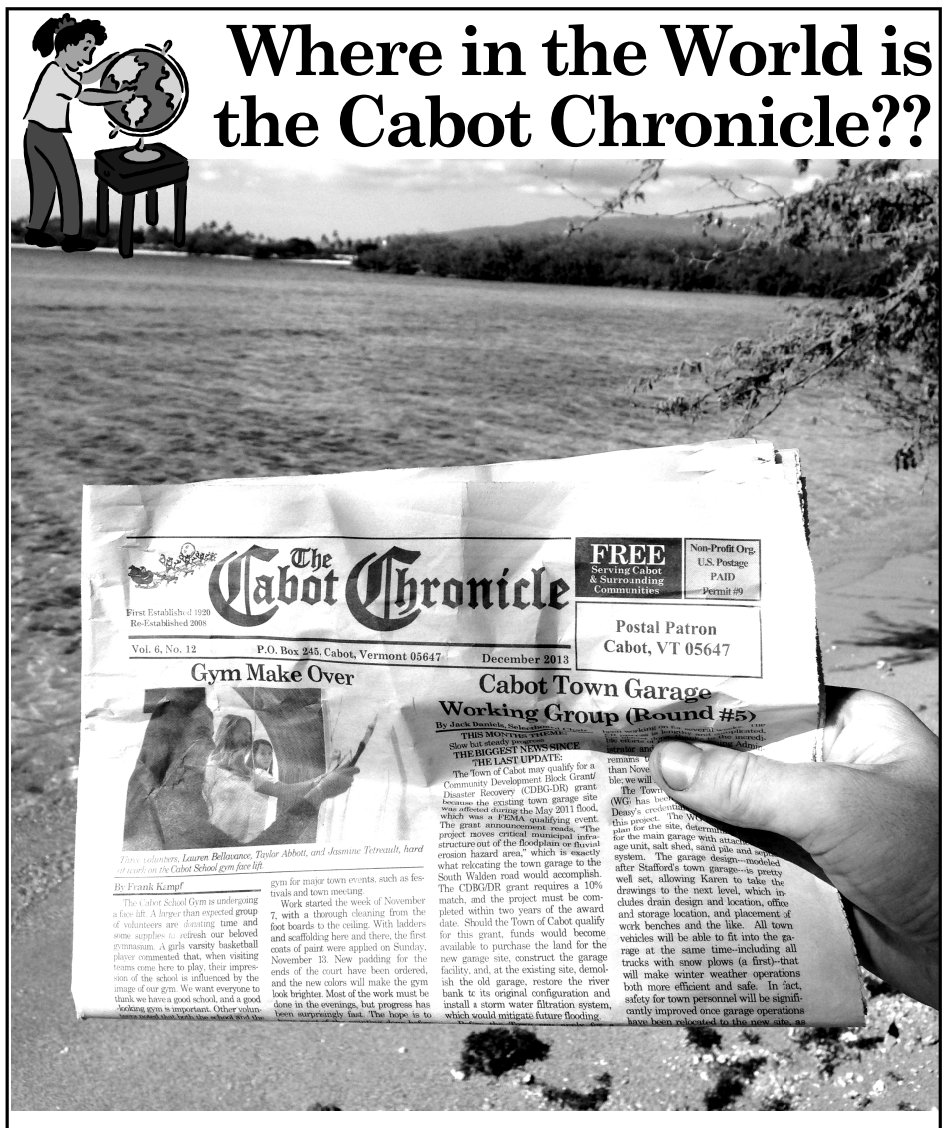

E3 Matt Nally, 2012 graduate of Cabot High School and son of Rebecca and Matt Nally of Cabot, is stationed with the U.S. Navy at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, and sent us this photo.

JANUARY SOLUTIONS FOR GOLF SUDOKU

SUDOKU SOLUTION

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