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Race to Read Comes to Cabot!

By Kathleen Hoyne

"Read 15 books. Sign the Hood. Change the Future." Powerful words from a powerful, fast, and nice guy.

Troy Kingsbury will come to Cabot School on June 17 at 10:00 a.m. with his green race car, and every child who has read 15 books will be allowed to sign the hood of his race car.

"Race to Read is a literacy program using race cars to inspire children's passion for reading," states the mission statement on Race to Read's Facebook page. "With iPods, video games, and electronic devices, it may be even more difficult to entice youth to sit and read a good book. Reading is a great way to learn new information, expand one's imagination and have fun. Furthermore, it's easily accessible and inexpensive" says Troy. One of Troy's goals are simply to encourage kids to continue reading, even if it's a struggle. He points out some startling facts on his Race to Read Vermont, The Fight Against Illiteracy YouTube video, such as:

"An estimated 30 million Americans over 16 years old cannot perform simple and everyday literacy activities."

"Approximately 50% of the nation's unemployed youth aged 16-21 are functionally illiterate, with virtually no prospects of obtaining good jobs."

"60% of prison inmates are functionally illiterate and 85% of all juvenile offenders have reading problems."

"Seven out of eight students with reading problems in first grade continue to struggle with reading in ninth grade."

Scott St. John, Cabot Food Services Director, has organized this event in conjunction with the summer breakfast/lunch program, which begins Monday, June 16. The summer food program, sponsored by Hunger Free Vermont and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, provides breakfast (8:00 -10:00 a.m.) and lunch (11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.) Monday through Friday throughout the summer, and is free for everyone under 18 regardless of residency. Adults may have a meal for $4.00.

Everyone is welcome to stay for lunch after meeting with Troy. Also on hand will be Kathleen Hoyne from the Cabot Public Library, who will be available to help kids get signed up for the Summer Reading Program: "There will be all kinds of fun incentives for helping youth of all ages keep on reading this summer – we have t-shirts, prizes, an excellent line up of great science-related programs, and a chance to win gift certificates to a local bookstore – see you on the 17!"

Continued Progress on Cabot Town Garage Project

BIG AND VERY WELCOME NEWS:

The Environmental Review was accepted as complete on April 20. We also received official notification that the Federal Release of Funds has been issued which will allow us to do two things:

1. Purchase the land for the town garage without jeopardizing grant eligibility; and,
2. Submit a grant application seeking funds for the town garage project.

We plan to "Close" on the purchase of the property for the new town garage on June 4 or June 5. In the best of all possible worlds, the eight acres of land that the Cabot voters authorized us to purchase at Town Meeting will belong to the town not later than June 6, 2014.

And, last but not least, we have hired a consultant---paid for with a Development Grant approved by the UDAG/Community Investment Fund Committee---to write the grant application, which we hope to submit by June 15 if at all possible, since funds are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis until gone. Recognizing this is an ambitious goal, we (Zoning Administrator Karen Deasy and myself) are going to do everything possible to make this happen.

A special shout-out and thank you must go to Zoning Administrator Karen Deasy, who has worked tirelessly on the Environmental Review submission. Without her significant contributions, we would not be where we are today. And, we are also grateful to several folks working for the State of Vermont who provided lots of guidance and assistance throughout the process. We are appreciative of their assistance, patience and support.

So, now it's on to grant writing. The grant application is lengthy and complex---in my view---but we will get the application completed and submitted as soon as possible. Stay tuned.

Jack Daniels-Chair, Cabot Select Board

Signs of Spring!

Lambs at Helfands' farm on Deeper Ruts Road.

CABOT SELECT BOARD

REGULAR MEETING DATE MOVES BACK TO FIRST AND THIRD WEDNESDAYS AS OF JUNE 1

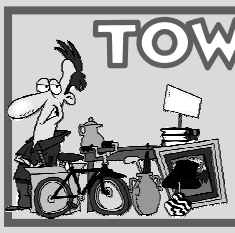
JUNE MEETING DATES:

June 4 and 18 at 7:00 p.m.

Willey Building

TOWN OF CABOT CELEBRATIONS!
JUNE 28TH, 2014

TOWNWIDE LAWN SALE



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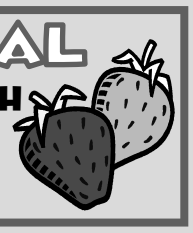

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got fish? (They Did!)

Winners of the Cabot 2nd Annual Children's Fishing Derby

Saturday, May 17

BOYS

Jason Judkins
16.5" Brook Trout

Caleb Covey
23" Pickerel

GIRLS

Maddie Perry
23.5" Pickerel

Bonnie Peterson
8" Brook Trout

Cabot Annual Children's Fishing Derby sponsored by:
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June 15th, 2014
Thank You Dads!

RUMMAGE SALE DONATIONS NEEDED

Cabot PTSO is looking for donations of clothing and good clean furniture for the Fourth of July rummage sale. Volunteers will be at Cabot School Gym to receive donations from:

July 1 - July 3,
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

For questions or to arrange pickup of your items before July 1, please call 279-6818.

Cannot accept computers, TVs, printers, encyclopedia, mattresses.

Rummage sale proceeds benefit Cabot PTSO programs. Your support is appreciated.

ADVICE FROM THE TREE WARDEN

By Roland (Slim) Payne

Thursday, May 1, I went to Burlington and picked up ten trees. In the afternoon, I staked out tree locations by the Town Hall. Monday, I called Dig Safe and had to wait until Thursday, May 8, to dig any holes. On Friday, May 9, I had Deb Bothfeld and 12 students from Cabot School to dig holes and plant trees. They worked really well, planting eight trees in two-and-a-half hours. Saturday, Richard Eno, Declan O'Connor, my son Roland, Jr., and I planted the last two trees May 10. Declan is a small boy with a big ambition; he is Richard Eno's mentee. Volunteering together is something good other mentors and mentees can do. I want to give a big thanks to each and every one of them—it made planting easy this year, thanks to all the help. I still have to clean up and mulch the trees.

I have been driving around town some, and I am amazed at how much bush honeysuckle is growing in this town; it is everywhere, and Cabot is not the only town with a lot of it. I will keep checking the giant hogweed on Elm Street to see how much comes back this year.

Watch for ticks. Garlic was one foot tall already by May 15.

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Community Commentary

A Need for Safety

Dear Editor,

We write to share our feelings of anger, frustration and sadness that some voters of Cabot did not support safe passage in town when they voted down the expansion of the village sidewalk to extend to the recreation field. Some argued that there is not a safety issue, and it was merely an issue of property values, even after hearing from our youth that they do not feel safe walking on the side of the road to go to the recreation field for athletic games and practices.

Unhappily, we share with our Cabot community a clear example of the safety risk a lack of safe sidewalks presents. Our daughter, when walking home from school, was on the bridge before the recreation field when a garbage truck and a car both drove onto the bridge from opposite directions. Our daughter was almost struck by the truck and had to cling to the railing to avoid being hit. Unfortunately, something from the truck flew off and hit our daughter in the head, resulting in a concussion.

It would be a tragedy for another child to have the same experience our daughter had, or worse. Even a near miss is unacceptable when considering the safety of our children. No parent should have to experience the anxiety and fear that we have felt since this event. Every day we now worry about whether or not she will make it home safely.

Does another child need to be injured before we, as a community, recognize the need for safe passage for our youth?

Sincerely,

Lynn and Todd Jones

Obituaries & Memorials

Logan Allan Cookson

On May 24, 2014, the skies opened up and took a beautiful angel home, Logan Allan Cookson.

Logan was born on May 11, 2004, in Berlin, the youngest child of Scott and Tammy Cookson of Cabot. He formerly resided in East Barre and attended Central Vermont Catholic School. The last two years, he attended Cabot School.

Logan touched many people in some small way throughout his short yet memorable life. Logan's life would seem too short to many, but those who were touched by him understood that the quality of existence far exceeds the quantity of time one lives.

He was a country boy at heart. He loved everything from exploring the woods to hunting, camping, mowing the lawn, and stacking wood with his Dad. He always looked for something to fix or take apart. He also enjoyed playing basketball, soccer, hockey, and chess. Since moving to Cabot, he enjoyed guiding his mom through the woods, showing and teaching her the wonders of nature. Logan and his brother, Brock, mentor and best friend, were inseparable. They enjoyed animals, farming, and playing outside. Logan spent many hours on the floor playing with his army men and wrestling figures. He also loved to talk on the phone. He had a passion for party planning. He would often make calls to family and friends to arrange get-togethers. Logan was especially proud of his greatest accomplishment, passing the hunter safety course.

Family members that live on to honor and remember Logan's life include his parents, Scott and Tammy Cookson; his best friend and brother, Brock "Brockie", also, brother, Shayne of Burlington and sister, Shantal Cookson of Barre; maternal grandparents, Kenneth Allan Adams and Jacqueline Bissonnette Adams of Berlin; paternal grandmother, Connie Martin Murray of Waterbury; and great- grandmother, Elva Martin of Waterbury. Aunts and Uncles include Maureen Adams and companion, Ron Lackey of Stowe, Jody and Jaime Fewer of Barre Town, Andrew and Karen Adams of Cabot, Nancy McLaney of Crestview FL, John Cookson and companion Shannon Buziak of Cabot, Dan Cookson of Waterbury, Tammy and Kevin Johnson of East Calais, Dawn Cookson of New Hampshire, and Angela and Gary Ward of Cabot; a nephew, Trenton Cookson of Plainfield; cousins include Spencer, Camryn, Julia, and Seth Fewer of Barre Town, Karissa, Lindsay, and Kaden of Crestview, FL, Courtney Cookson, Christopher, and Kyle Johnson of East Calais, and Garan Ward of Cabot.

He was predeceased by his paternal grandfather, John Cookson. He also left behind his pets, three chickens and a bunny.

With Logan's passing, we remind others that his life is one to be celebrated. Although we will miss him every day, he will forever remain in our hearts. In his short ten years, we were able to create many wonderful memories, and it has been a privilege and a blessing from God to be his parents.

Calling hours will be held on Friday, May 30, at the Hooker and Whitcomb Funeral Home, 7 Academy Street, Barre from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

A mass of celebration in honor of Logan's life will be held on Saturday, May 31, at 1:30 p.m. at Saint Monica Catholic Church in Barre.

In honor of Logan and his country ways, we ask that those that attend dress casually, either in denim or in camouflage.

Those who wish to make donations in Logan's memory may contribute to the Cabot School, Main Street, Cabot, VT 05647, Central Vermont Catholic School, 79 Summer Street, Barre, VT 05641, or Vermont Fish & Wildlife, 1 National Life Drive, Davis 2, Montpelier, VT 05620.

PLANTING A GARDEN?

Consider planting a row for the Cabot Christmas Dinner

Last year, many people donated items from their own vegetable gardens for the Community Christmas Dinner organized by the Ducharmes and friends at the school dining facility. Please consider thinking ahead and planting something extra in your garden to contribute to the local mix, such as -

Potatoes ***Carrots***
Onions ***Squash***
Cabbage ***Beets***
Sweet Potatoes

Drafting Zone Regulations

Following is a letter I wrote to the Planning Commission and posted on their website soliciting feedback about the Draft Zoning Regulations, which are near completion.

Dear Cabot Planning Commission,

I feel badly that I've flooded this website with comments, questions, and concerns. I know that wading through them all means an extra work load for the commission. I have also been disappointed often with the responses to citizen concerns aired here and at the public hearing. So, I'm just going to make a few general statements and be done with it.

First of all, I apologize that by criticizing this document, I am probably hurting the feelings of the people who have worked on it for the past year. I know it took hours and hours, and was very, very tedious. I am really sorry about that. However, I would like you to weigh all that time and energy against the amount of time, energy, and money that these regulations will cost the generations of landowners who will have to live under them. In that light, the effort involved may be worth it.

When I moved to Cabot and read the zoning regulations, I thought that most of them seemed reasonable. I'm not a lawyer, but I felt like I could understand them. I trust that a roomful of townsfolk could generally agree on what they said. These proposed regulations are way too complicated. How would an interested buyer figure out what would be permitted on the land they want to buy? Would they need a lawyer to figure it out? Or would the town need to pay a ZA full time to offer interpretations of what the DRB "may" allow? [*The Development Review Board is a new quasi-judicial board proposed by the Town Plan and draft zoning regulations.*] Are we really against "development" as it currently stands in Cabot?

How many current structures will become "noncompliant" if these regulations are passed? Do you have an estimate? There could be severe repercussions for folks who fall into that category. With all the regulations, it seems most folks would be out of compliance with them for some reason or another, and the proposed grandfather clause is not nearly inclusive enough.

As I look at Cabot's Census data, I see our homeowner housing costs are higher and our incomes are lower than the county and state averages. These proposed regulations greatly increase the need for permit fees, site visits, engineer plans, surveyors… for nearly every project a homeowner needs to do. Have you estimated how much the associated costs would go up for the average landowner, and what this added hardship would mean for families?

I'm also confused about the intention of the proposals. I was taught that it is not the role of government to make us safe. That is our job. A lot of regulations could be passed in the name of public safety. The risks to safety do not seem to balance with the added burdens and costs these proposals will put on landowners. Especially when there are already state, federal, or other rules (like insurance policy regulations and inspections required for mortgages) that cover those concerns. Why should every landowner pay the town to enforce regulations which already exist elsewhere?

It's impossible to protect the "rural character" and water quality, if we can't make any regulations limiting the big polluters of the world. There aren't any real polluters in Cabot, as far as I can see. Just people living and loving their land, trying to make a living, in the way they see fit. If folks already are out of compliance, and things are fine, then what are we worried about?

If the FEMA maps need to be included because, if they're not, we will lose FEMA funding in case of a disaster, I can see where folks would feel threatened by that. How many of the proposed changes are connected to offers of funding from the government, or other grantors? Will the costs to landowners outweigh the benefits of some of these monies?

Yes, the document allows a lot of exceptions for things, but extended permit processes are needed for most of them. Also, permission would be under the jurisdiction of a DRB and a ZA who "may" grant us a permit. I couldn't count the number of times this document uses the words "may," "will strongly encourage," and "will consider" to how decisions would be made. This gives a lot more leeway to the ZA and the new DRB in a lot more situations, than exist in the current regulations.

The idea of relinquishing our current two-board system (P.C. and ZBA) for a one board system feels like we are surrendering local control. I like the idea of keeping the check and balance system here, with my neighbors. I can't imagine that the boards we have now are so swamped with permit applications that they can't keep up. If that's the case, then a two-board system still makes the most sense- more hands mean lighter work.

Finally, what's the rush? Regulations such as these are being passed all around Vermont, the U.S., and the world. Why not wait awhile and see how it goes for the others? Let them work out the bugs and constitutional issues. Why make our townspeople fight those fights?

I could go on and on about the ways this document puts excessive burdens on landowners, while not even accomplishing the intentions it claims to. I apologize for making so many comments on this website. I know it makes me sound burdensome, myself. However, this document seems to open the door for great abuses of power, and seems to go against our very constitution. That is probably why the town has to submit, willingly, to these regulations. If passed, we will end up not only living under these restrictions, but paying for their enforcement against us through our local fees and taxes.

If we have a choice in the matter, and can return the decision to approve regulation changes to the voters, I suggest we take it.

Thanks for your consideration.

Amy Hornblas

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PINE BOARDS
1" X 4" UP TO 1" X 14" WIDE
X 8, 10 & 12 FEET LONG

2" X 4", 6", 8", 10" OR 12"
X 8, 10, 12 & 16 FEET LONG

HEMLOCK BEAMS VARIOUS SIZES

Richard Hourihan 535-4552

Two Joe's Pond IceOut Winners

The ice is out! The iceout date was 4/29/2014, and the time was 10:06 am. Photo by Diane Rossi .

By Jane Brown

We had two Ice-Out winners this year, Kelsey Phillips, who lives in Iowa City, Iowa, the eight-year old granddaughter of Chris and Dot Wilson, who have a cottage on West Shore Road. Grandpa Chris purchased a ticket for each of his three granddaughters, and Kelsey's had the exact date and time, April 29 at 10:06 a.m. The other winner, William "Bill" Brochu, was brought up in the Hardwick area and is the nephew of Jane and Garey Larrabee (Hastings Store) in West Danville. When I talked to Bill on the phone to let him know he was a winner, he told me he almost didn't get in the game this year. Apparently, he had tickets, but forgot about them until April 1, when the contest closes, and didn't have time to get them to the post office. That evening, he went to the pay on line ticket site on the Joe's Pond website, www.joespondvermont.com, and made out ten tickets, getting them in the contest just under the wire before 11:59:59 p.m. Luckily, one of those ten tickets was for April 29 at 10:06 a.m.

It isn't rare to have more than one winner; we have had as many as four people select the exact date and time, in 2002 and again in 2008. We had three winners in 2006. This year, each of our two winners received over $2,900.00. In recent years there have been local winners, and we were able to have a brief presentation ceremony, but this year, since both winners are out of state, that wasn't possible. But each will receive an Award Certificate along with the check.

TAX CREDITS FOR SOME CABOT PROPERTY OWNERS

Caitlin Corkins of the Agency of Commerce and Community Development will speak at an informational meeting in Cabot on Monday evening June 9, at 6:00 p.m.

Ms. Corkins will explain tax credits available for some Cabot income producing properties within the designated village center.

The June 9 informational meeting will be held in the second floor meeting room at the Willey building. Please contact Debra Zimmerman, Cabot Community Association Coordinator, at 802-563-3338 or Karen Deasy, Zoning Administrator, at 802-563-3139, with questions.

Organized by the Cabot Community Association

Second Annual Quilt Raffle!

Queen size "Oregon Trail"
Handmade in Cabot, Vermont

Drawing at Apple Pie Festival October 18, 2014

All Proceeds to benefit the United Church of Cabot

$5 each or 3 for $12

For Tickets call Sue: 802-563-3380

NORTHEAST KINGDOM'S LARGEST LAWN SALE

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
SATURDAY, JUNE 28, 2014
Your place or on the Common

Advertising & your location on map for $10 if paid by June 15
$20 June 16 or later

$10 contribution is used for cooperative event advertising:
Banner at top of World cover page June 25
Ad in Hardwick Gazette June 25
Cabot Chronicle cover banner June 1
Posters on community bulletin boards
Plus notices sent to media outlets around the area

Additional paid advertising dependent on number of registrants:
Times Argus and Caledonian Record if enough contributors

If you provide your email address,
we will email you electronic versions of poster and event signs to share with friends, family, and your own posting locations

Maps available sale day at locations all over town & www.CabotChronicle.org

Fill out reservation form and send $10 by June 15 or $20 from June 16 on to secure a space on the Common or get your location on the lawn sale map.
Info and reservation form at www.CabotChronicle.org,
Email Cabot.Development@yahoo.com or call 563-3338
Or fill out reservation form below:

TOWN WIDE LAWN SALE SATURDAY, JUNE 28, 2014

Information to provide on map:

Name _____

Your Address _____

Sale Location (if different):

☐ _____ **or**

☐ **On the Common**

Phone (check if you don't want posted)

☐ _____

Types of items for sale:

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Print Email address: _____

☐ **$10 enclosed by June 15; $20 June 16-on**

Drop form and check in black mailbox in vestibule outside CCA office in Willey Building, at Town Clerk's office or Cabot Public Library, or mail to:
Townwide Lawn Sale, P.O. Box 245, Cabot, VT 05647

CABOT STRAWBERRY SOCIAL

SATURDAY, JUNE 28

CABOT UNITED CHURCH STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

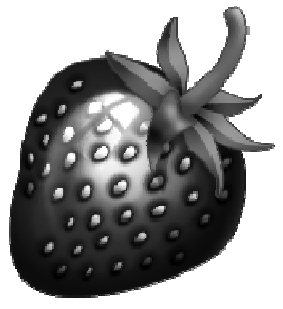
CELEBRATE THE DELICIOUS STRAWBERRY

Strawberry shortcake,
Ice cream sundaes,
Grilled hamburgers & hot dogs
Drinks and more

10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. AT THE CHURCH

A perfect break to get off your feet and keep up your strength while lawn sale-ing.

The best local berries, lovingly prepared by the town's best cooks.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

~ JUNE ~

Sunday, 6/1

Artists Reception Don Sunseri, a retrospective, 4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m., donations to support the arts. White Water Gallery, 5 River St., East Hardwick. (the old freezer locker) The collection on exhibit is mostly abstract 3-D and other paintings as well. Contact James Teuscher 802-563-2037.

Friday, 6/6

Village Harmony Presents Alumni Ensemble Concert led by Larry Gordon with special guest singer Titiana Sarbinska, 7:30 p.m. 18 young adult singers and instrumentalists perform traditional music from many cultures, American shape-note songs and Renaissance songs at the Old Schoolhouse Common in Marshhfield. Admission at the door $10, $5 students and seniors. For more information call 802-426-3210. Benefit the Jacquith Public Library.

Saturday, 6/7

Central Vermont Humane Society 22nd Walk for Animals. Recreation Field Pavilion at Poolside Drive in Montpelier. Celebrating 50 years of saving animals' lives. 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. To help support shelter animals. Ages 0-up. Participants are asked to collect pledges for shelter animals. All walkers who raise at least $50 receive a Walk t-shirt, Prizes awarded. Free food, giveaways, dog training demos. Come for the walk, stay for the fun and being a voice for animals who cannot advocate for themselves.

Green Mountain United Way Bowlers Unite!! Join us on the lanes at Twin City Family Fun Center at 1:00 p.m. in Berlin on the Barre-Montpelier Road. Bowlers of all skill level are welcome. Play two games. Prizes, bowling shoes and bowling balls will be on the house or bring your own. Gather a team of 4-5 bowlers, download team sign-up sheet. For more information contact Michael Knight 802-229-9532 or http://www.gmunitedway.org/bowling-was.shtml. *NOTE: Deadline to sign-up Tuesday, June 3rd*

Faith in Action Free Community Chicken Dinner with Dan Goodrich band. Dinner 5:30 p.m., Music 6:00 p.m. Masonic Hall, Main Street, Cabot. More information call 563-3322.

2nd Annual Spring Celebration Tractor Raffle and Bob Amos CD Release Concert, 7:00 p.m. Concert featuring Bob Amos and Catamount Crossings. Raffle winner announced during the concert intermission for the Yanmar Se 2400F TL 24hp 4wd Sub-Compact Tractor with Loader. One in 250 chances to win. Raffle tickets with complimentary concert ticket is $100. Concert only tickets are $10 for members, non-members $12. Proceeds to benefit Catamount Film and Arts. North Congregational Church, Main Street, St. Johnsbury. Contact Catamount Arts Box Office 802-748-2600 ext. 100.

Monday, 6/9

Ellie Hayes of Central Vermont Council on Aging will be at the Twin Valley Senior Center on Route 2 in East Montpelier to present information about VPharm at 1:00 p.m. Open to the public.

Thursday, 6/12

Chocolate: From Bean to Bar. Free and open to the public at **B**uffalo Mountain Coop Cafe in Hardwick, 6:00-8:00 p.m. A class will explore cacao from cultivation to confection. Contact Rachel at the Coop, 472-6020.

Friday, 6/13

Lyndonville Downtown Street Festival on Depot Street, 6:00 -9:00 p.m. Music, food, fun, shopping.

Saturday, 6/14

Breakfast at Lake View Grange Hall in West Barnet. 8:00-10:00 a.m. All the fixin's of a good old fashioned breakfast. Prices Adults $7.00, over 60 $6.00, children under 12 $3.50. Contact 802-748-8180.

FREE Vermont's open-water free fishing day. The one day in the summer when residents and non-residents may go fishing in the Green Mountain state without a fishing license. Great opportunity for young people to give fishing a try. Check out www.vtfishandwildlife.com, click on fishing and then on kids fishing events or call 802-828-1000. If you have been looking for a good excuse to give fishing a try, here it is.

Touch-A-Truck at Montpelier High School, 11:00 a.m.- 2:30 p.m. If you like trucks and cars, come to their annual Touch-A-Truck day, where kids young and old can touch, honk, climb on the many vehicles on display, such as firetruck, ambulance, backhoe, snowplow, dump and garbage trucks, semi. Ages 2 and up. Cost $8 family, $3 adult, $2 child. Concessions and other activities,. Entry fee includes a free day pass to Montpelier Recreation Department Pool. Information: 802-225-8699.

Craft Brew Races, The Stoweflake Mountain Resort in Stowe, $45.00-$65.00, 12:00 noon. A 5K road race followed by a local craft beer festival. Runners and walkers are welcome to participate in the 5K; the post race beer festival will be open to non-runners as well and separate tickets are available on website. The craft beer festival will be held immediately following the race, featuring 20+ local breweries. This is a 21+event. Contact Matt Gray 401-318-2991.

Saturday, 6/14 & Sunday, 6/15

Vermont History Weekend at Morse Farm Maple Sugarworks in Montpelier, by donation, 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Vermont Civil War Hemlocks encampment, vendors, hobbyists, demos. Contact Michael Tierney 802-224-6256

Monday, 6/16

Annual Bread and Puppet Museum Open House 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Celebrate its thirty-eighth season with a festive event. Music, ceremonial opening of museum doors and small shows start at 2:00 p.m. At 4:00 p.m. puppeteers present a performance at the Bread and Puppet Farm, Route 122, Glover. Call for more information 802-525-3031 or website www.breadand puppet.org.

Monday, 6/23

Local author Fred Cheyette will speak about his book ,*"Wake Up Calls,"* 1:00 p.m. This book is about ordinary people experiencing extraordinary events. True stories of strange and inexplicable occurrences. At Twin Valley Senior Center, 4583 US Route 2, East Montpelier.

Thursday-Saturday 6/26-28

Magic Tree House: Dinosaurs Before Dark, KIDS Theatre, Vermont Children's Theatre, 2283 Darling Hill Rd., Lyndonville. Theatre performers ages 7-10. Thursday, June 26, 7:00 p.m.; Friday, June 27, 7:00 p.m.; and Saturday, June 28, 2:00 p.m. Information: 802-626-5358. Join Jack and Annie on their adventure back in time to experience an amazing group of dinosaurs face to face . info@vermontchildrenstheater.com

Saturday, 6/28

Strawberry Social sponsored by United Church of Cabot and Townwide Lawn Sale and Business Expo on the Common sponsored by Cabot Chronicle.

Sunday, 6/29

Circus Smirkus 2014 Big Top Tour ,*Anchors Away for Atlantis*. 1:00 and 6:00 p.m. at the Circus Barn in Greensboro. For tickets call 1-822-SMIRKUS or visit www.smirkus.org.

~ ONGOING ~

Postcard Painting Show June-July 12. Postcards From the Keys, Florida Winter paintings by David Smith. At the Jaquith Library, Marshfield.

Bingo! Every Wednesday at Twin Valley Senior Center, 4583 US Rte. 2, East Montpelier, 1:00 p.m. Come join us for friendly fierce competition and laughter. Sponsored by Twin Valley Seniors.

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

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

Cabot Recreation Department 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 p.m.-5:30 p.m. Join the group, conquer the obstacles and get out of the dungeon alive! All are welcome.

Bone Builders Exercise Program, every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, TVSC, 4583 US Rte 2, East Montpelier, 10:45 a.m.-11:45 a.m. Free. All levels welcome. Sponsored by Twin Valley Seniors.

Movie Matinee, every Monday, 1:00 p.m., Twin Valley Senior Center, 4583 US Rte 2, East Montpelier.

Northeast Kingdom Astronomy Foundation invites you to their open house on the second Saturday of each month.1:00p.m.-4:00 p.m. Tour the state of the art observatory to see a demo of the main telescope and Ash Dome and collection of portable telescopes at Northern Skies Observatory (on the hill) behind Peacham Elementary School, Peacham. Contact Damon@nkaf.org or www.nkaf.org.

Classic Film Night, first Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. with Rick Winston and Tom Blachly. Jaquith Public Library 426-3581, Marshfield.lib.vt.us

Story time and Playgroup, Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Jaquith Public Library, 426-3581. Marshfield.lib.vt.us

Tai Chi, at TVSC, 4583 US Rte 2, East Montpelier. Mondays 1:00-2:00 p.m. Must register. 223-3322. A medical release will be required. Sponsored by Twin Valley Seniors.

Twin Town Socialites, second Tuesday of each month, Cabot United Church, 7:00 p.m. Social activities, community service. Call Marcy 563-2766 for information.

Yoga & Wellness Classes, Fridays, 9:00a.m.-10:30 a.m., Cabot Public Library. Nourish your body, mind and spirit! Alicia Feltus 563-3220 or aliciafeltus@gmail.com.

UDAG/Community Investment Fund for Cabot meeting, third Thursday every month at 7:00 p.m. In the Willey Building. For information email Jan Westervelt, jrwcabot@yahoo.com

Lego Club, Tuesdays, Cabot Public Library, 3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. We supply Legos for you to build your creations.

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Cabot Community Association New Hours!

CABOT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

The Cabot Community Association (CCA) office will be open to the public from 9:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. on Mondays beginning in June. Debra Zimmerman, the Cabot Community Association Coordinator, will also be available by appointment. Call 802-563-3338 to schedule.

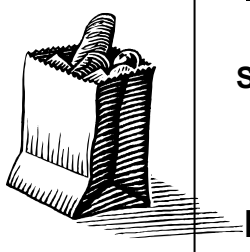
The Cabot Community Association office is located in the Willey Building on the first floor, shared by *The Cabot Chronicle* and Cabot Connects mentor program (which also has space at the school).

FOOD SHARE AND FOOD DROP DATES

CABOT FOOD SHARE
Wednesday, JUNE 11
Noon-2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, JUNE 25
Noon-2:00 p.m.

Cabot Masonic Hall



FAITH IN ACTION NORTHERN COMMUNITIES PARTNERSHIP INC.

NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR

Home Office
3339 Main St., P.O. Box 157
Cabot, VT 05647
(802) 563-3322 ~
admin@fiancp.org

NEK Office
71 Depot St., P.O. Box 515
Lyndonville, VT 05851
(802) 626-1212
nekfaithinaction@gmail

Available for Cabot Residents

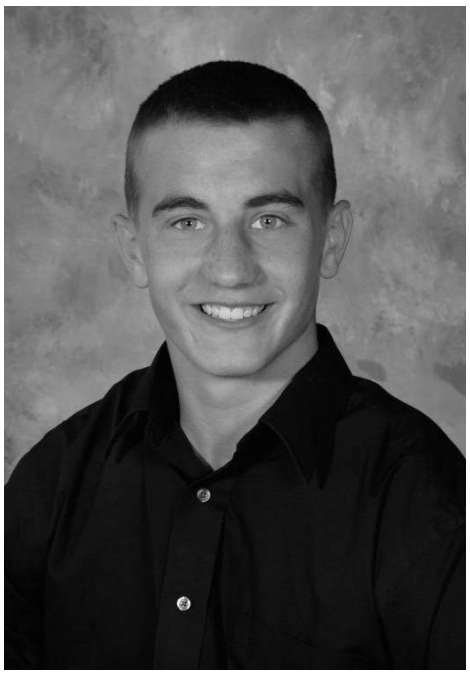
MARSHFIELD FOOD DROP
Second Saturday of every month.
SATURDAY, JUNE 14
Food pick up at 8:00 a.m.
Open until food is gone - usually 9:30 am

Onion River Food Shelf
Old Schoolhouse Common
School Street, Marshfield

Contact: Christopher Whalen 426-3122

Volunteers show up at 6:50 a.m. to unload 5,000 pounds of food for distribution. More help is needed unloading the truck, organizing the food for distribution, and helping senior citizens and others carry boxes of food to their cars.

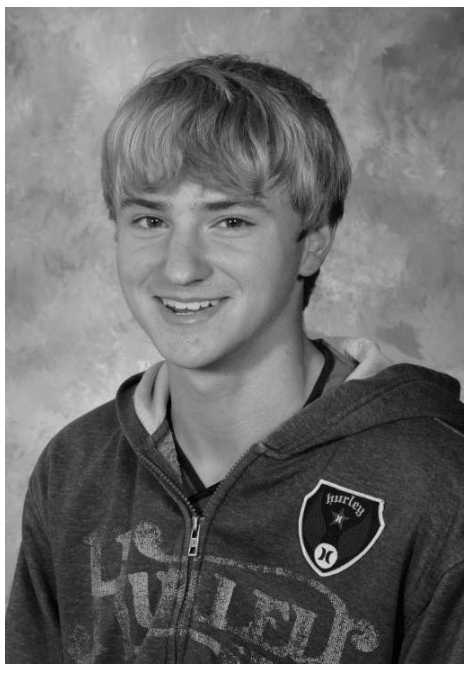
Congratulations to the Graduating Class of 2014



Joe Ambroz

Olivia Bellavance

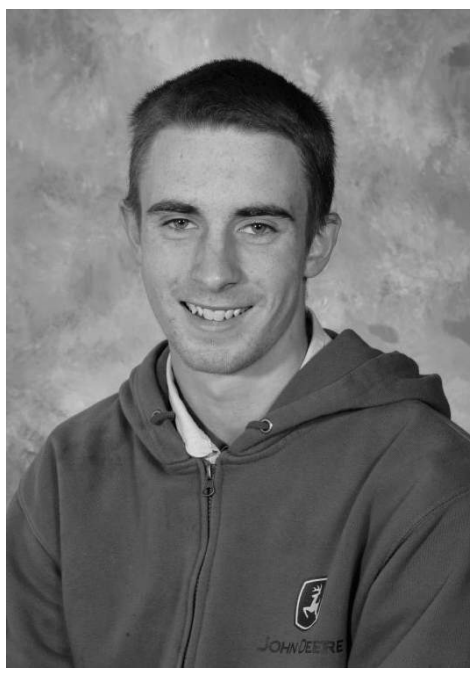
Hugh Burke



Darren Celley

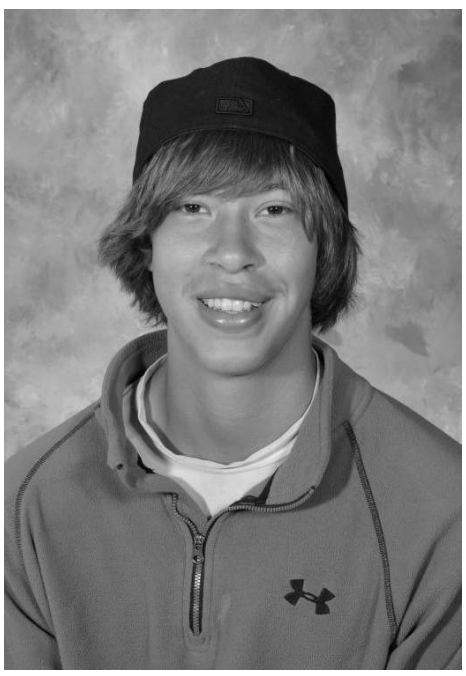
Plans for the future

- ***Joe Ambroz***
  United States Navy.
- ***Olivia Bellavance***
  UVM, Biology.
- ***Hugh Burke***
  2014-2015 National Guard, Basic training and advanced training in intelligence.
  Fall 2015, St. Michael's College.
- ***Darren Celley***
  Johnson State College, Biology.
- ***Tim Ducharme***
  Dairy Farming.
- ***Cypress Ellen***
  2014-2015 Gap year in Europe to work as an au pair.
  Fall 2015, Clark University.
- ***Adlai Feldman***
  Lyndon State College, Criminal Justice
- ***Lars Hammer***
  University of New England, Marine Biology.

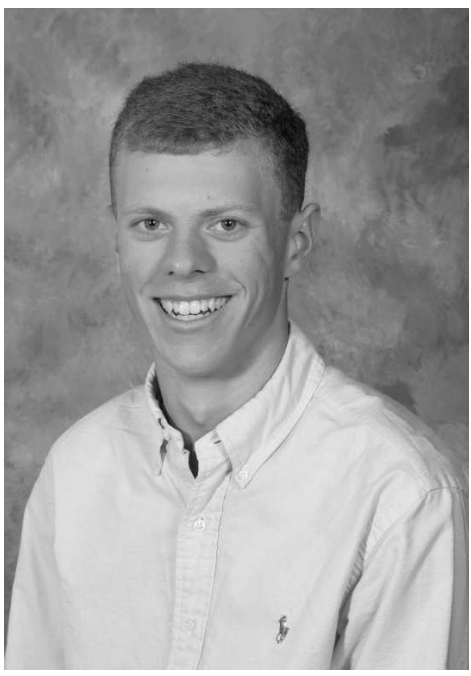


Tim Ducharme

Cypress Ellen



Adlai Feldman



Lars Hammer

Congratulations to the Class of 2014 from
The Cabot Chronicle
staff and advertisers
We are proud of you all!

Best wishes to the Graduates of Cabot High School and Middle School.
CCA
CABOT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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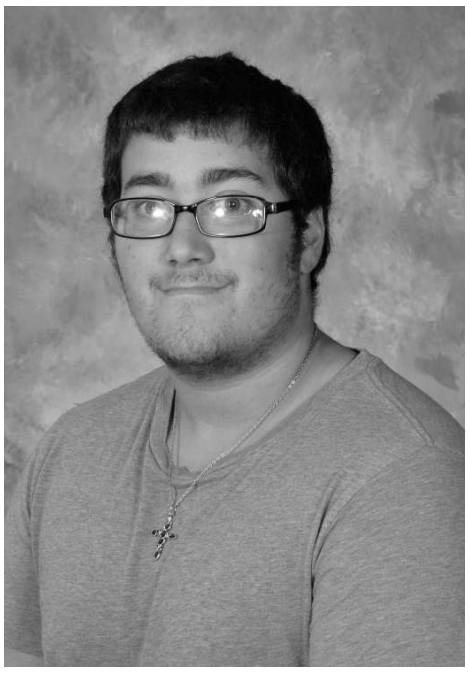
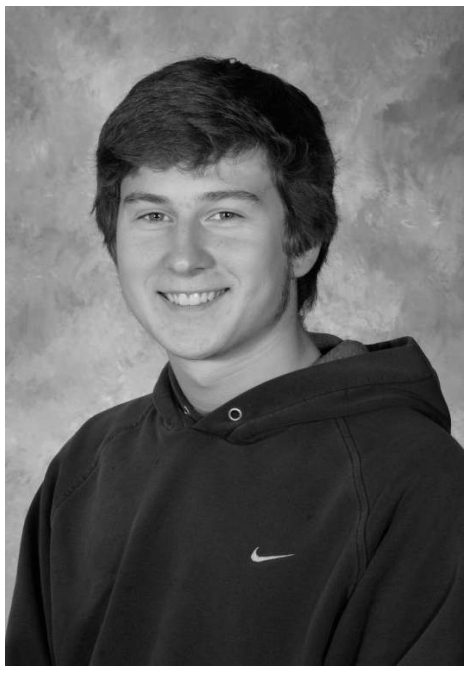


André Jacques

Jonah Jarvis



Carter Maxfield

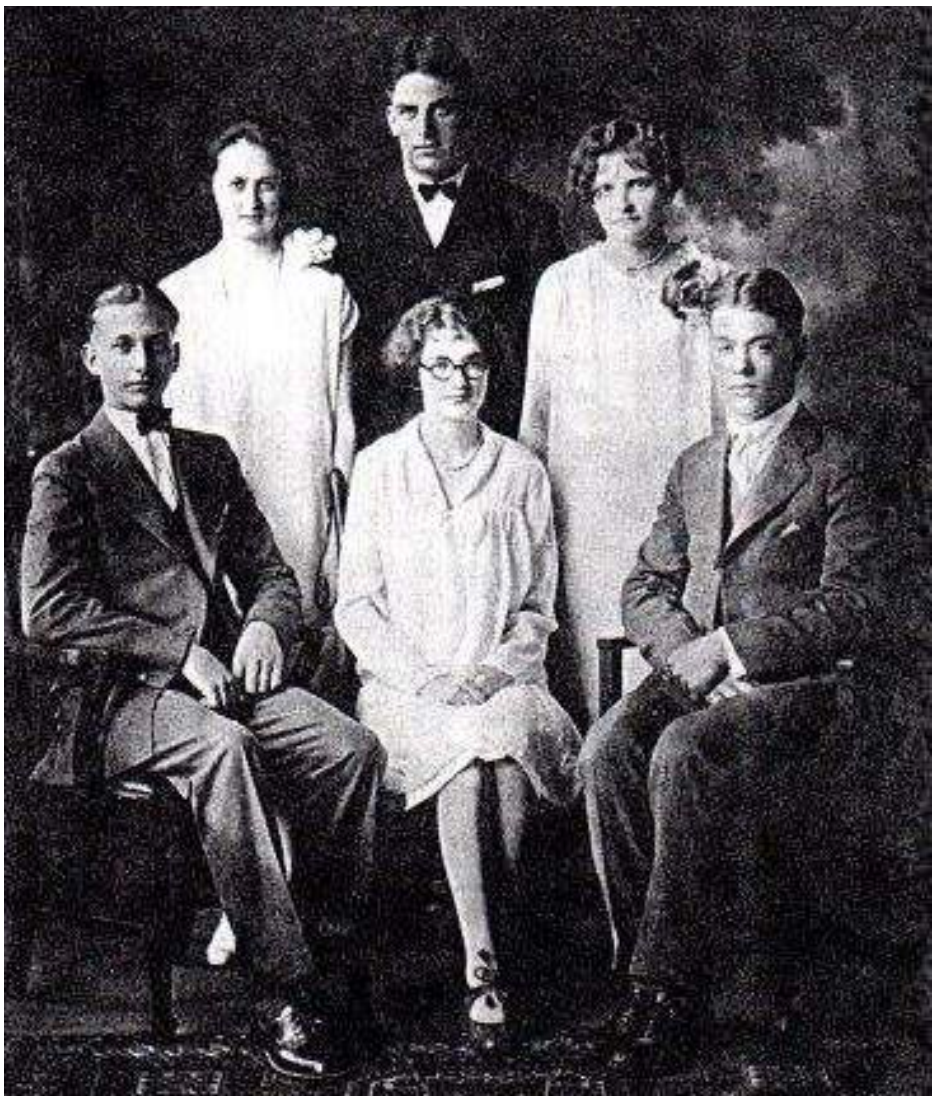
Kassandra Morse

Plans for the Future

- ***André Jacques***
  Keiser University, Golf Management.
- ***Jonah Jarvis***
  New England Culinary Institute.
- ***Carter Maxfield***
  UVM, Mechanical Engineering.
- ***Kassandra Morse***
  Smith College, English.
- ***Timothy Mueller-Harder***
  Brown University, Computer Science.
- ***Randy Rich***
  Landscaping Services.

Timothy Mueller-Harder

A Glimpse Into Graduation History



The Cabot graduating class of 1927, demonstrates the history of dedication and excellence of Cabot youths education. Photo courtesy of Cabot Historical Society

Randy Rich

Congratulations from the

COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUND OF CABOT

(formerly the Cabot UDAG Committee)

CIFC scholarship announcements will be made at Cabot High School graduation.

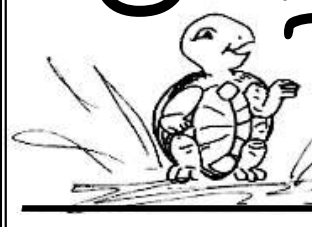
GRADUATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

EIGHTH GRADE GRADUATION
THURSDAY JUNE 12, 2014
5:30 P.M. AT CSPAC

BACCALAUREATE CEREMONY
SPONSORED BY
THE UNITED CHURCH OF CABOT
SUNDAY, JUNE 8, 2014

CABOT HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION
FRIDAY, JUNE 13, 2014
6:00 P.M. AT SCHOOL GYMNASIUM
GOVERNOR MADELEINE KUNIN, GRADUATION SPEAKER

CAMP LAUGHING TURTLE



234 Pransky Road,
Cabot, Vermont 05647
(802)563-2730
www. camplaughingturtle.com

AT CAMP LAUGHING TURTLE

We have a strong tradition of learning to live in health, harmony and respect in every part of our lives.

Our first priority is having fun together while learning to take personal responsibility for our choices.

Our goal is to develop caring, connected and capable young people who share a strong and abiding commitment to themselves, their community, and the natural environment.

Our staff is variously gifted in music, drama, creative arts, outdoor living, hiking, sports, backpacking, outdoor, carpentry, gardening and leadership skills. They reflect the values we most appreciate and share a commitment to providing positive and healthy learning experiences which foster creativity and promote feelings of independence and self-esteem.

At camp we help kids understand that they are special and that summer is about the fun they create as they find new friends and face new challenges.

CAMP WEEKS:

June 16th through August 22nd

8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Care is available from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
DAILY TRANSPORTATION
AVAILABLE FROM ST. JOHNSBURY
(bus pick-ups possible in Danville and Walden)

RATES:

$180 per week

which includes a fee of $2 per day for the bus.

Family rates, sliding fee scale, limited grants and scholarships.

(Don't hesitate to ask about a payment arrangement that would be suitable for you and your family.)

For more information, call Judy at

(802)563-2730

or visit the website.

To register online,

www.Camplaughingturtle.com

Early Childhood Nature Camp

Nurturing a Sense of Wonder
Day camp for children ages 4-7
June 23-27, 2014
Newbury, VT

Outdoor Nature based Curriculum * Hands on Exploration
*** Science Inquiry & Math * Run by Experienced Early Childhood Educators: Cecilia Gulka & Lynn Talamini**
To register contact cgulka@fairpoint.net (563-2284) or lynntalamini@hotmail.com (917-4303) by June 6th

FREE Community Chicken Dinner

With Dan Goodrich Band

Saturday, June 7, 2014
Dinner starts at 5:30 PM
Music starts at 6 PM
MASONIC HALL, MAIN STREET, CABOT

Please come for this delicious meal and great concert.
Bring your family, friends and neighbors!
Sponsored by:
Faith in Action, 3339 Main Street, Cabot, VT
563-3322 admin@fiancp.org

VT Moose Permit Lottery Application Deadline is June 10th

Vermont's moose hunting permit lottery application deadline is June 10, and the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department is urging hunters who plan on entering to do so now online.

The application is quick and easy to fill out on the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department's website by clicking http://www.vtfishandwildlife.com/hunttrap_mooselottery.cfm.

Five moose hunting permits also are offered in an auction with a bidding deadline of August 15. Bids must be submitted on the department's moose permit bid form available from Fish & Wildlife at 802-828-1190.

Women's League Softball

Wanted; Women to play on our Women's League Softball Team, the "Cabot Creamers". You MUST be at least 16 years old to play. The season starts in June, and games are played on Thursday nights at 6:15 p.m. in Hardwick. There is a $10 league fee

Even if you have never played before but have always wanted to try it out, we play to have fun and would love to have you join our great team of Ladies.

Interested parties should contact:
Jennifer Persons at 563-2058 or Jenny Dunham at 563-2203

VERMONT MOUNTAINEERS

June 2014 Schedule

HOME GAMES - 6:30 pm | AWAY GAMES TO BE ANNOUNCED

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	2	3	4	5 VM @ Holyoke	6 VM @ Laconia	7 Holyoke @VM
8	9 VM @ Sanford	10 N. Adams @ VM	11 VM @ Holyoke	12	13 VM @ Plymouth	14 VM @ Danbury
15 Sanford @ VM	16	17 Keene @VM	18 VM @ Laconia	19	20 Laconia @VM	21 VM @ Holyoke
22 Ocean State @VM	23	24 Plymouth @VM	25 VM @ Sanford	26 VM @ Keene	27 Sanford @ VM	28 N. Adams @VM
29 Danbury @VM	30					

TICKETS

Mountaineers Baseball Tickets will be on sale at the Montpelier Recreation Department and other locations listed on the team website at www.thevermontmountaineers.com.

"Double Take"

This year's spring soccer U19 team has five pairs of brothers playing--how cool is that?! Worthy of recognition!! They are as follows (older brothers in the back): back: Camden Celley,Caleb Maxfield, Hugh Burke, Mark Schumacher, Ian Nally. front: Darren Celley, Jeremy Maxfield, Henry Burke, Frank Schumacher, Will Nally

The Winner of the May 2 50/50 Raffle Fundraiser *In support of Varsity Girls Basketball was*

Lee Penniman,
$800 with Ticket #99
sold by Jasmine Tetreault

Dozens of other prizes were also awarded, and coffee & cake were provided in appreciation of community support

Thank you for making it possible to purchase new uniforms for Cabot Girls Varsity Basketball

Cabot Community Service Award

In an effort to celebrate the valuable contributions made by many people to our community, the Cabot Select Board and the Cabot School Board are soliciting nominations for the 2014 Cabot Community Service Award. This award will recognize a Cabot resident whose contributions of time, talent, and energy over a number of years have had a significant positive impact on Cabot School and/or the larger Cabot community. Previous recipients of this award have contributed to the strength and vitality of our community in a variety of ways: through planting trees, coaching, mentoring, organizing and helping with community-wide activities, and serving on various boards and committees. Last year's recipient of the Cabot Community Service Award was Roland "Slim" Payne.

If you know of an individual well-deserving of this award, please send a letter of nomination prior to June 4 that describes his/her contributions, to either the Cabot School Board or the Cabot Select Board at the addresses listed:

Cabot Select Board
Jack Daniels, chair
c/o Town Clerk's Office
Willey Building
Cabot, VT 05647

Cabot School Board
Chris Tormey, chair
c/o Cabot School
25 Common Rd.
Cabot, VT 05647

Thanks very much!

Chris Tormey
Chair, Cabot School Board

WEBSITE VOLUNTEER NEEDED NOW

The Cabot Chronicle

The Cabot Chronicle needs someone to update the paper's website each month, starting right away. Work involves uploading approximately thirty articles at the beginning of each month, removing outdated material, and occasional mid-month updating when special events are going on, such as the community map for the townwide lawn sale.

The need is continuous, but even if you can only help for a month or two, WE NEED YOU NOW! It would be a real help to the community.

Please call 802-563-3338 or email inbox@CabotChronicle.org today.

Richard Danner at the Museum

Peter MacLeod, a historian from the Canada War Museum in Toronto, Ontario, left, talks to Richard Danner of Cabot after his speech at the Connecticut River Museum's dinner talk about the War of 1812 recently. MacLeod spoke at the Old Lyme Country Club in Old Lyme, Connecticut. Danner, a member of the Connecticut River Museum, went to hear about Vermont's involvement in the war. MacLeod said Vermonters provided a lot of food to the Canadians during the war.
Photo by Will Walters

Twin Valley Senior Center

Twin Valley Senior's, Inc.
4583 U.S. Route 2
P.O. Box 152
East Montpelier, VT
05651

Twin Valley Senior Center News
By Rita Copeland

ABOUT OUR NEW HOME

Twin Valley Senior Center moved to its new home on May 14. See our new contact information in the box on this page. This would have not happened without each of you in the community support in each of the towns that we serve, which are Cabot, Marshfield, Plainfield, Woodbury, Calais and East Montpelier. Special thanks to the Woodbury Foundation, Harris & Francis Block Foundation of Marshfield and The Home Depot of Williston. There was also a grant from Senator Bernie Sanders' office which enabled us to get the stove, dishwasher and freezer for the Meals on Wheels program.

I personally know that the new space would not be as functional as it is without the dedication, guidance and carpentry work of Stanley Fowler and son Denis Fowler of Plainfield. They have been two great assets during this project that I never could have done without. They both worked so closely with us throughout this whole project for months. They have contributed so much time, thought and knowledge to this project for everyone to enjoy. I really have grown very fond of both of them and have enjoyed our close contact just about every day for the last few months. They have received hardly any compensation for their time, knowledge and hard work. Please, when you meet them, say "thank you" for all they have done for the seniors and the community. I cannot find enough words to thank them and tell them how much I have appreciated them all the way through this whole project. Bob Morse of the Colburn Road in Plainfield has also been a terrific help to each of us through this project by volunteering his time and help whenever needed.

There are many, many more thank yous and recognition that I will certainly pursue as time allows. Everyone that has attended the center seems very pleased with the outcome. Some are sad we left the Marshfield space. There was no choice, as there was not room at the Old School House Common to grow as we have strategic plans to do. Our new center allows us to be more efficient, comfortable and accessible to the towns that we serve. We are pleased to to have fundraising projects on site and room for future growth.

TVSC will be open on the same schedule as always to begin, with the three days from 9:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m., Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. However, lunch has been changed from 12:00 p.m. to 12:15 p.m. to accommodate in-service programs that we want to present. We still have door-to-door transportation, free of charge to all six towns with no annual dues.

Our first strategic plan is to open five days a week, and in the near future expand to bring programs that can be done on evenings and weekends. However, before we can accomplish that, we need to recruit new volunteers to help us do the things we want to do. We are asking you to join us, giving some of your free time to help. We are looking for volunteers (any amount of time you could give) for the following areas:

Meals on Wheels: Readying the meals on wheels for different delivery routes by packaging, labeling and keeping logs.

Activities: Planning in-house activities, picnics and day trips

Dining Room Hostess: Greeting and helping seniors, setting up tables for lunch, pick-up of lunch plates, etc., readying for dessert, clearing and cleaning tables. Visiting with seniors and playing different games that they would like to play.

Director Assistant: Helping with paperwork, phone calls, etc. as needed.

Overall Volunteer: Learning the overall functions of the center to be a back-up person as needed.

Exercise Leader: Be trained to fill in and maybe be a leader for future classes of exercise programs.

No matter how much time you can spare on weekdays, nights or weekends, there are a lot of functions that take place at TVSC that we can find to fit your schedule. As we move forward, we will be looking for local talent, programs, etc., that we want to bring into the center for all community members to enjoy. Please contact Rita at 223-3322 or email me at ritacope@myfairpoint.net if you are interested in becoming part of the family at TVSC or want to bring new projects for everyone to access in the communities.

Twin Valley Senior Center UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Photo by Will Walters

Rita Copeland, second from right, executive director of the Twin Valley Seniors, stands next to Bob Zita of KBZ Enterprises of Barnet at the new Senior Center at Blueberry Hill on Route 2 in Plainfield. Second from left is Joyce Fowler, a Twin Valley volunteer. They stand with the Home Depot of Williston volunteers who came to paint the interior as part of a Home Depot Foundation grant to the Senior organization.

From The Cabot Public Library

2014 Cabot Public Library's Summer Reading Program

This summer's theme is **science**.

All programs are free and open to children and adults of all abilities. Sign up for the summer reading program and win prizes, t-shirts and enter our raffle to win a $25.00 gift certificate for The Galaxy Bookshop. The Thousand Page Club continues.
Sign up as soon as school is out!

Evening Programs: *(Days and times vary.)*

Tuesday, June 17th – 6:30 pm – Fizz, Boom, Read! Kickoff with Ken Klingler!

Pizza and Ice Cream for everyone! Sign up for the Summer Reading Program and check out the array of prehistoric artifacts from the Paleolithic period, the Archaic stage, and the Woodland period from Ken's collections. Ken will present information and artifacts pertaining to these 3 periods in human history. Ken is an artist, sculptor, an avocational archaeologist, and an Associate with the Vermont Division of Historic Preservation.

Thursday, June 19th – 7:30 pm - What's Up! The Sky at Night with Brad Vietje and Mazie O'Connor

These educators with the Northern Skies Observatory, will guide us through the stars, planets, galaxies, and comets. Using globes, planispheres, models, and planetarium software, your tour guides to the universe will help children understand what's up at night, getting to know the constellations, and learning to recognize the bright stars, and the visible planets.

Tuesday, June 24th – 6:30pm - The Science of Archaeology with Scott McLaughlin

This program engages kids of all ages in a simulated archaeological dig based on an actual archaeological site. Participants examine artifacts and features found on the surface level and then "excavate" the site to discover what the site's function was and what life was like 100 years ago.As the mystery unfolds, participants are provided with resource materials to help them interpret the life and times associated with the site.

Thursday, June 26th -6:30pm - Middle School Pizza Party!

Come for a reunion of your school buddies and pick up your books for the summer! The middle school has a required reading list and books will be available for your children to pick up.

Tuesday, July 1 – 6:30pm - Project MICRO with Janet Schwarz

Remember the first time that you looked through a microscope???

Project MICRO (Microscopy in Curriculum, Research-Outreach) exposes Vermont youth to the *wonders* of their microscopic world. They may observe bizarre bugs, "filch" fingerprints and be mesmerized by miniscule pond water inhabitants. We bring all of the microscopes (both dissecting and compound), eye loupes, and pocket microscopes. Project MICRO is sponsored by the UVM College of Medicine Microscopy Imaging Center and is largely dependent upon volunteers**.** Suggested age: 8 and up.

Tuesday, July 8th – 6:30pm - The Biology and Management of Vermont's Moose with Cedric Alexander

Cedric Alexander, Moose Project Leader, Vermont Fish and Wildlife Dept., will review the history of the presence of moose in Vermont, the extrication and restoration, current status, management, and future projections of their health.

Tuesday, July 15th - 6:30pm - Action Origami with Gail Martin

Back by popular demand! Participants will make and decorate some of the following from paper: spinners, helicopters, flapping birds, hopping frogs, hang gliders, poppers, windmills, and a skeletal octahedron. Come see a display of samples sent in advance by Gail!

Friday, August 22nd – 7:00 pm – *Mayfly* with Katie Trautz and Julia Wayne

Mayfly, Americana/Old-time duo, is a Vermont based band that performs old-time New England and Appalachian music, as well as original songwriting on guitar, fiddle, mandolin, banjo and vocals. *Mayfly* has been performing for over 10 years, touring throughout the USA and Canada. The ladies have two albums, one of which won 'Best Traditional Album of the Year' in Vermont. *Mayfly* intersperses close harmony vocals with strong instrumentals influenced by blues, ballads, and American roots music.

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Friends of the Winooski River

Cabot students at the end of the day.

In early May, the Friends of the Winooski River and its volunteer partners planted trees on the banks of the Dog and Winooski Rivers in Berlin, Cabot and Marshfield, kicking off the spring season with a series of successful restoration events.

On May 6 and 7, students from the Cabot School and then volunteers from Cabot Creamery joined the Friends for plantings in Cabot. The Cabot Creamery sponsored these events.

"It is great to be able to get out and have so many volunteers help protect the shores of these rivers," said Ann Smith, Executive Director of Friends of the Winooski River. "Riparian restoration is key to the health of any river. The small trees and spikes we planted over the past week will help protect the water quality of the Dog and Winooski Rivers by controlling erosion and reducing water pollution."

This year, the Friends will plant a total of 1,800 trees, including a mix of native floodplain species of willows, dogwoods, alders, elderberry, maples and other species. Over the past eight years, the Friends have planted 14,000 trees and shrubs on 35 acres throughout the Winooski watershed.

School Board Update

By Chris Tormey,
Cabot School Board Chair

At our May 5 meeting, the Cabot School board approved the hiring of Gail Curtis as the interim Principal of Cabot School for the 2014-2015 school year. A longtime resident of Proctor, Vermont, Ms. Curtis was chosen from a group of applicants by a selection committee comprised of parents and school staff. Ms. Curtis has worked as a teacher or administrator in Vermont schools for over three decades. She has spent much of her career as a classroom teacher in the upper-elementary grades, and has also worked extensively with other teachers to improve teaching methods and students' success. In addition, she has experience as a principal at the elementary and middle school level. Ms. Curtis brings a broad range of valuable skills and experience to our school, and we are excited to welcome her to Cabot.

High school graduation will take place this year on Friday, June 13, in the school gymnasium beginning at 6:00 p.m.. Fifteen graduating seniors will receive their diplomas on that evening. We're pleased to welcome former Vermont governor Madeleine Kunin as our graduation speaker this year. Ms. Kunin was asked to attend by one of our graduating seniors, and we're excited that she has accepted the invitation to join us.

The Baccalaureate ceremony for Cabot's graduating seniors (along with their friends and families) will once again be sponsored this year by the United Church of Cabot. That program will be held at the Church on Sunday, June 8.

Eighth-grade graduation will take place this year on Thursday, May 12, at 5:30 p.m. in the Cabot School Performing Arts Center. The eighth grade students recently returned from their end-of- the- year trip to Washington, D.C. A great deal of learning takes place in a short time for those students during that week-long visit, and the trip could not happen each year without the combined energy, organization, and fundraising efforts of the middle school teachers and parents.

May is a time of students completing this year's courses and of teachers and administrators planning courses and the schedule for next year. This year, high school students are taking exams in advanced-placement calculus and biology, and seniors are completing their Senior X internships and projects. Next year, students in a marine biology/ anthropology class will travel in the spring to Belize on the Caribbean coast of Central America to study in the rain forests and coral reefs. It's challenging to schedule within a small school, and we appreciate the work of our school staff in making the varied courses that comprise our kids' experience fit together and work.

Finally, on a financial note, the Vermont Legislature has, in the 2014 session just recently concluded, taken action that will affect the size of Cabot residents' school property taxes this year. Just prior to its adjournment, the Legislature set the statewide base property tax rate at 98 cents per $100 of assessed homestead value. Since this is a reduction of three cents from the $1.01 expected rate from which we built our 2014-2015 Cabot School Budget, it means that the budget passed by Cabot voters on Town Meeting Day will now result in a lower Homestead Tax Rate for Cabot property owners. That rate will now stand at $1.5736, rather than the $1.6050 figure that was approved at Town Meeting. Boiling all that down, it means that school taxes for the coming year will be 2.4% higher than this year's, rather than the 4.5% increase we had expected it to be at Town Meeting time.

Kingdom Animal Shelter

By Helen Morrison

Bella is a friendly eight-year-old spayed female. Her elderly owners had to go into senior housing and they weren't allowed to take her. Bella likes to cuddle, sit on your lap, and sleep with you in bed. She loves to have her head and nose softly petted and massaged. Bella also loves the sun and loves when her bed is placed in front of a warm place. Bella is an amazingly sweet girl and manages to acquire an amazing purr when she is relaxed! Bella is very sad that her owners had to leave her and is wanting a good, loving, and quiet home.

If you would like to meet Bella, come to Kingdom Animal Shelter on Memorial Drive in St. Johnsbury. Check our website for adoption hours: www.kingdomanimalshelter.com.

The Hidden Price of Tail-less Cats

By Helen Morrison

All of us are aware of domestic tailless cats. Many of us know them as Manx cats. They are appealing to some folk, mainly for their unusual lack of a tail. These cats exist mainly due to breeders crossing cats who have shorter and shorter tails until they get kittens who have no tails. But here is the rub. In a litter where you may have one or two healthy manx kittens, there can be others with serious genetic and physiological abnormalities. They are born with a condition called sacrocaudel dygenesis. Their tail bone is not only missing but the backbone up into the body and the sacrum are missing or deformed, along with the nerves coming from that part of the spine. The kittens appear to be normal for about a month. The mom takes care of any fecal matter or urine by licking and cleaning them. But as they begin to grow and move about, it becomes clear that something is deeply wrong. They cannot defecate normally; their back legs often do not work. And if you cannot find someone willing to help them express their fecal matter several times a day and help them move about, then they need to be euthanized. And it is hard to find someone willing to take on this extra care.

At the Kingdom Animal Shelter, we received a surrendered family of cats ... a mom and five kittens, all a beautiful coal black. The mom's tail was normal in length. One of the kittens' tails is normal, two have bob tails, and two have no tails. They are sweet, sweet, sweet. One of the bobtail kittens suddenly lost all ability to move, and needed to be euthanized. As I said to the foster parent, with one genetic abnormality, there may be more, and perhaps that is what happened to this kitten. And now that they are beginning to try to walk, one of the tailless kittens' back legs don't work properly. His back legs move like a frog's legs move. It does not bode well, not only for walking, but also for the ability to eliminate. Meanwhile, there is a kitten at one of the vets we use who is an absolute sweetheart, long black silver fur, friendly, playful, loving his food. He was found as a stray. But he can't eliminate and his back legs don't work properly. He is tailless. If there is a vet tech or someone willing to work with him, help him eliminate daily, maybe fashion something for him to walk, he could have a good and happy though challenging life. I have heard of a vet tech who took such a kitten, kept it in diapers, and it lived a good life for 8 years. But it takes a special person willing to tend to the special needs.

So, there appear to be some pockets of cat communities in the area that have the genes for shorter tails, and this is leading to a number of kittens with sacro-caudel dysgenesis. It is particularly hard for me to understand why we must cross breed and cross breed to get a particular trait that is really a genetic abnormality and which leads to who knows how many kittens being thrown away to get a few that are viable and healthy and able to be sold. Here are these beautiful little beings, trapped in bodies that don't work, all because we are after some peculiarity, some novelty that may sell. It is extremely unfair.

If you think you might be a person who could take on the care of one of these special needs kittens, give me a call at 563-2488.

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