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New Principal for Cabot School

By Brigitte Codling,
Search Committee Member

A committee made up of parents, school board members, school staff, student representatives, and staff from the Washington Northeast Supervisory Union met on Monday, December 8, 2014, to review 24 resumes that had been submitted by potential candidates for the position of Principal at Cabot School. At this meeting, the committee also discussed, at length, results of the "Principal Search Input" community survey and developed interview questions designed to reveal traits desired by the Town of Cabot for its new principal.

After thorough review of the resumes and active discussion about which candidates might best meet the needs of our small school and community, the committee determined that four of the twenty-four candidates appeared to possess the qualities, characteristics, experience, and vision the community of Cabot is looking for in a principal. The four candidates selected by the committee were subsequently scheduled to visit the school and sit for an interview on either December 17 or 18.

Upon completion of all interviews, the committee vigorously discussed each candidate at length. The committee took special care to thoroughly vet each candidate's attributes in an effort to ensure the chosen candidate would best meet the needs of the community, its families, school staff, and especially the students at Cabot School. After careful consideration and ample deliberation, the committee unanimously recommended one individual to the WNESU Superintendent, Nancy Thomas. Upon accepting the committee's recommendation, the Superintendent made her recommendation of that candidate to the School Board on Monday, December 22, 2014.

The School Board had the ability to either accept the recommendation or reject it and ask for another candidate to be recommended. However, the board enthusiastically accepted the recommendation made by the hiring committee and Superintendent, appointing David Schilling as the next Principal of Cabot School.

David Shilling originally came to Cabot School in 2009; he has worked with Cabot students through the VT Youth Conservation Corps VT Futures Program; served as the Cabot School SEED Program Instructor through the

Snowstorm of December 2014



Heavy, wet snow caused massive damage to trees and power lines, in Cabot and statewide, leaving over 100,000 without power, some for as long as six days. Washington Electric Co-op called it the worst storm in ten years. Outages were reported in every county in the state.

Barre Technical Center, and most recently as the Cabot School Design and Technology Instructor. David has a Bachelor's degree in Environmental Education from Hampshire College, achieved his Teacher Certification from Vermont Technical College, and he will complete his Masters in Education from Upper Valley Graduate School of Education and VT/NH Administrative licensure from Upper Valley Educator's Institute this spring. David has been instrumental in developing Project Based Learning at Cabot School and has worked with other Cabot School staff to develop Cabot School's design plan, which outlines pathways to Proficiency Based Graduation (www.cabotdesignplan.org). David is dedicated to "Leveraging the resources of our local and extended communities to both connect students with real-world, high stakes learning opportunities, as well as reestablish the role of the school as an opening and welcoming community resource." David will begin his term as Cabot School's Principal on July 1, 2015. Until then, he will continue to work as a teacher at the school and intern with the current interim principal, Gail Curtis.

Happy 2015!!! From the Cabot



Community Association
By Debra Zimmerman, Coordinator

Membership Drive

With the coming of the new year, the Cabot Community Association (C.C.A.) is launching its first annual membership drive. At the December 2014 meeting of the Community Association Board of Directors, it was decided to extend an invitation to all those who support the C.C.A. mission to become members. It is the mission of the Cabot Community Association to enhance the quality of community life for those visiting, residing, or doing business in Cabot. This past year, C.C.A. has worked to support marketing and sales efforts of local businesses, to promote recreational and arts events, to support the efforts of the Cabot United Church to gain funding for historic renovations, and many other things. To anyone and everyone who supports this mission, please join the Cabot Community Association! We will all benefit (See CCA, page 2)

Changes at Cabot Connects Mentoring and Cabot Public Library

Anne Walker and Kathleen Hoyne have shared responsibility for running the Cabot Public Library for several years, and Kathleen paired her part-time work at the library with a part-time job managing Cabot Connects, the local mentoring program. In fact, it was Kathleen who established the program under the auspices of the Cabot Coalition, and she has been the only coordinator.

In December, Anne Walker accepted a full time position with the Attorney General's office, and the Library Trustees offered Kathleen Anne's hours, creating a full time position with the Cabot Library. Kathleen wanted one full time job rather than two part time jobs, and accepted the extra hours. She leaves the mentor program with great regret, and intends to help with the transition to new leadership and fundraising projects.

In planning future steps, the mentor program board is considering other leadership models. While having administrative support for the many tasks required to manage a high-quality mentoring program has been crucial in achieving the level of success Cabot Connects has attained, some volunteers feel the time spent fundraising has limited their time with mentees, and they would prefer spending their time directly helping to run the program rather than fundraising. And, so, the board is considering whether they can manage the program on a volunteer basis.

The board is considering a six-person all volunteer Co- Coordinator situation, sharing oversight of matches and other duties such as paperwork, communication and group activities, trainings, etc. The program will still be affiliated with Mobius Mentoring and committed to QMS (Quality Mentoring Standards), which are best practices in the field of mentoring set by the National Mentoring Center. Kathleen will be working on a part-time basis (five hours per week) until the end of January to help with this transition. There should be more information available by the February issue of *The Cabot Chronicle*.

TOWN MEETING 2015 DEADLINES

JANUARY 20 - Last day for voters to submit a petition to have an article voted on at Town Meeting

If you or a group of citizens want a particular issue voted on at annual town meeting, you can ask the selectboard or school board to place the article on the warning on the board's own motion. If the board decides not to add the suggested article to the warning, you can circulate a petition and submit it to the legislative body to force the board to include certain types of articles on the warning.

Petition must contain signatures from at least 5% of registered voters in the municipality.

JANUARY 26 - Last day for voters to submit Nomination to Run for Local Office

* See Page 5 for Nomination Requirements

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(two year and three year terms)

School Board members
(two year and three year terms)

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COUNTRY COMMENTARY

Merry Meet Again -

As winter settles down around us like a huge blanket, it seems we turn to indoor things; knitting, crochet, bridge, solitaire, video games, felting, collecting stamps and some self-reflection.

I love winter, especially coming in from the cold to warm by the wood stove. The rooms are filled with the aromas of drying woolens and apple crisp.

Sledding is one of my favorite winter pastimes, though I used to snowboard (ride). Cross country skiing I still do, but most of the time I am on my butt, it helps me keep in shape, at least the getting back up does. I like to snowshoe, but I don't like the dog walking on the back of my snowshoes.

I like to snuggle up in my easy chair with a blanket and a book, a cat sleeping next to me. Winter isn't just for the

young, it is for all of us in all its splendor. An untouched wooded area draped in winter finery is a wondrous and magical affair.

The snow buntings come back from wherever they go for the summer. All sorts of birds end up at the feeder, along with the piggy squirrels. Life seems to slow down and becomes quieter. My husband and I share a winter solstice feast and give things for the wild creatures to eat, as we do for our domestic friends. We celebrate the coming of the light. We celebrate Christmas, too, and make it last for as long as we can!

We do our best to make winter a joyous time. A time for being with loved ones and enjoying their company. I hope you do, too.

Blessed be your days and always have fun!

Laura Lee Saorsa Smith



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from your volunteer efforts!

We encourage all Cabot residents to become members and attend the Association's 2015 annual meeting, scheduled for March 25. At the annual meeting, decisions will be made regarding goals, priorities, and the general direction of the Association in 2015.

If you are interested in joining the association, please call the C.C.A. office (802-563-3338) or email the Coordinator at debraleezimm@gmail.com. Members will be asked to provide addresses or other contact information, as well as a \$2.00 donation to cover mailing expenses. Cabot Community Association Membership cards will be available for those who choose to join the Group. If you have any questions about membership or if you would like to learn more about the Association's activities, please call or email.

For those who are new to the Cabot Community Association, here is a short summary: Over the past year, the Community Association has worked toward fulfilling its mission via three working committees. The focus has been on: 1) developing a Cabot Agricultural Network (C.A.N.), 2) improving community communications, and 3) supporting the arts and local artists.

Cabot Agricultural Network

Recently, the C.A.N. committee members have been busy planning an exciting new initiative for 2015. C.A.N. is organizing a series of educational workshops to benefit Cabot area businesses and food producers. Please watch postings on Front Porch Forum and read

the next *Cabot Chronicle* for more information. The Cabot Agriculture Network meets monthly on the third Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in the C.C.A./Chronicle office on the first floor of the Willey building. Sjon Welters serves as the chair of the Cabot Agricultural Network Committee.

Cabot Communications Committee

The Cabot Community Association Communications Committee, chaired by Frank Kampf, has been working diligently on developing a *Cabot Chronicle* business plan. Also, as announced in the December *Cabot Chronicle*, the Communications Committee is organizing a February 11 public meeting about *The Chronicle*, to be held from 7:00 to 8:30 that evening. The public will be asked for ideas on increasing revenue, decreasing expenses and generally improving the service provided to the community by *The Cabot Chronicle*.

Cabot Arts

The Arts Committee of the Cabot Community Association put together a successful blues concert this past November. The committee is scheduled to meet Sunday, January 4, at the home of Committee Chair Elysha Welters. The meeting will provide an opportunity to check in and discuss how things are going for artists and art in Cabot. By that time, the December 28 Cajun New Year's Dance, with Katie Trautz, is one event that will mostly likely be reported as having been wonderful! Any upcoming arts events discussed at the meeting will be known in time to include in the February Chronicle.

If you would like more information about the Cabot Community Association, please leave a message at 802-563-3338. Thank you for your interest and ongoing support.

Wishing all a Happy, Healthy and Peaceful 2015

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COMMUNITY COMMENTARY

Selectboard and Planning Commission recordings available

Dear Editor,

I am pleased to announce that you can now find MP3 recordings of Cabot Selectboard and Planning Commission meetings at the Cabot Library. The recordings are going to be kept behind the desk, on a thumb drive. You may use the thumb drive to listen to the meetings on one of the library's computers, or download the file onto your own device, so you can listen at your convenience.

As I'm the one recording the meetings, the recordings available are only of the meetings I've been able to attend. The Selectboard meetings which are currently available are: April 1, August 20, September 3, December 12, 2014, and the hearings about the ballot question on October 29 and November 3 2014. The Planning Commission meetings were recorded on: April 3, April 17, May 1, June 5, October 2, and December 4. The MP3 recordings could be useful to board members who were absent at the meetings, or townspeople who are curious about what they missed.

Some of these recordings include the Class 4 Road discussions, which brought dozens of concerned citizens to the Selectboard meetings over the course of the summer and early fall. The Planning Commission hearing of May 1 includes the discussion about the River Corridor regulations being proposed. The Planning Commission is hoping to have another River Corridor hearing soon, and concerned citizens and commissioners alike could bone up on the issue by listening in on the previous hearing. This

way, we can come more informed, and ready to discuss the implications of the policies being proposed.

For the record, and for anyone who is interested, I will continue to record meetings and submit them to the Cabot Library. I am grateful to the trustees for providing this service for the community.

Folks may be interested to know that our Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission meetings are being videotaped and are available on Youtube. They share a lot of information at these meetings, and you can listen to meetings that happened only a week ago, from the comfort of your own home!

On another note, I just want to mention that holding the mid-term elections at the Willey Building made things difficult for many people. Countless folks had a hard time getting into and out of the building, with the stairs in both directions, and the elevator being questionable, according to many. Also, the dining room, which was used to vote and count the ballots, was way too small. A number of people complained about the lack of privacy while voting, feeling like people were looking over their shoulders, since the ballot officials were seated only a few feet away. During the ballot counting process, the room got very loud, and it was challenging to work with your partner and hear what they were saying right next to you. Although I love the Willey Building's character, I suggested to the Selectboard that they return elections to the school gymnasium in the future, to improve voter access and the ballot counting process.

*Sincerely,
Amy Hornblas*

Town Garage Project Update

By Jack Daniels, Selectboard Chair

Even though 2014 has come to a close without the Town having constructed a new town garage, the tremendous amount of work accomplished this year should ensure that a new town garage will be built in 2015. Thus, we begin the New Year excited, knowing that we will be completing a badly needed project that has been talked about for decades. That's a good feeling.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE: (no change from last update)

Part A. Plans call for issuing bids to construct the new garage facility in the February/March 2015 time frame, with construction commencing in May or June. We anticipate the new facility will be ready for use next fall (we are shooting for a September 2015 completion/occupancy date).

Part B. Required under the terms of the grant, this involves demolishing the existing garage and reconfiguring the site to minimize future flooding at this location. We hope to have the demolition and site work completed in the September-November 2015 time frame, so that we can close out the grant by the end of 2015.

GRANTS: The Town has applied for a \$50,000 state grant to help pay for the construction of a new salt-shed, estimated to cost \$100,000. We anticipate hearing sometime in January 2015 if our grant application has been approved.

PERMITTING: BREAKING NEWS -- The Town received the Wetlands Permit for the garage site on December 14, 2014, which means that we now have all of the necessary permits in place to proceed with this project. While other permits will be required at the time of building construction, the big and time consuming permits have all been received.

BUDGET: As was detailed in the last *Cabot Chronicle* article, the town garage grant application for \$1,000,000 was approved in the amount of \$700,000, still a very significant award amount, but short of what we need to complete construction. Now, the town must provide the granting agency with a revised budget, detailing how the \$300,000 shortfall will be addressed, before the \$700,000 can be released to the town, and here is the latest plan. Part of the shortfall will be made up with a \$50,000 salt shed grant, if approved. And, \$42,000 has already been made up by reducing project building costs resulting from obtaining more detailed bids, thus leaving a projected budget short-fall of approximately \$210,000.

At the December 3, 2014, Selectboard meeting, the Selectboard made the decision to seek additional UGAG/CIFC funds in the amount of \$210,000 to complete the Town Garage project. Accordingly, at the next Town Meeting on March 3, 2015, Cabot voters will be asked to approved the use of an additional \$210,000 in UDAG funds for the town garage project. If approved by the voters, this amount will be in addition to the \$200,000 in UDAG funds that were approved by the voters at the March 2014 town meeting. An alternative would be to increase taxes to cover this project cost, but the Selectboard believes it preferable to utilize UDAG funds for this purpose, and accordingly, will ask the Cabot voters to support this action at Town Meeting next March.

SUMMARY: 2014 has been a very good year with the Town Garage story. However, 2015 should be even better, as less than a year from now, we should have a new town garage in place. Now, that is something to celebrate.

Thank you again for your continued support of this critically important project.

Recycling Going Strong in Cabot



by Ben Davis,
Cabot Representative to the NEKWMD

Cabot residents (and neighboring town residents) are doing a great job of getting recycled materials separated from trash. Every Saturday, for years now, a steady stream of recyclers has taken advantage of free recycling and convenient trash collection at Cabot's own recycling depot on Sawmill Road. The depot is open to the public on Saturdays from 8:30 until noon, only. The depot is locally operated. Materials collected are recycled through the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District (NEKWMD), of which Cabot and Marshfield are member towns.

In June of 2012, the Vermont Legislature passed the Universal Recycling law (Act 148), which takes a big step in reducing the amount of material Vermonters throw away into the landfill. Universal recycling gives all Vermonters the chance to increase diversion of valuable materials from the waste stream. Vermont residents and businesses get convenient and consistent recycling and disposal options. Haulers assume increased responsibility for curbside recycling pickup.

Act 148 bans mandated recyclables from the landfill and requires the phased-in ban on leaf and yard debris, food scraps and clean wood from the landfill.

Beginning July 1, 2015, banned from disposal in trash:

- Aluminum and steel cans
- Aluminum foil and aluminum pie pans
- Glass bottles and jars from foods and beverages
- PET and HDPE plastic bottles and jugs
- Corrugated cardboard
- White and mixed paper
- Newspaper, magazines, catalogues, paper mail, and envelopes
- Box board

The really good news is that all of these items are already being collected at Cabot's recycling depot, and have been for years. The number of people recycling in Cabot and neighboring towns is increasing. With increasing recycling, changes are in store for the recycling depot.

Please talk with your neighbors and encourage them to use our convenient depot. Separating at home makes using the depot easy. Remember to rinse food residue from all plastic, metal, and glass.

After July 1, 2015, trash haulers collecting from residences will also be picking up recyclables from the list above. For more information, please contact the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District (NEKWMD) at (802) 626-3532, or <http://www.nekwmd.org>.

ITEMS CURRENTLY BANNED FROM TRASH

A number of items are already banned from throw away trash. Disposing of them improperly results in contamination and harm. These include:

- Asbestos wastes
- Batteries
- Dangerous wastes: gasoline, explosives, acids, drain cleaners and unprotected "sharps", etc.
- Electronic wastes, including computers, monitors, printers, TVs, stereos, VCRs, DVD players, and other electronics, such as phones and chargers (please note that electronics recycling is free at electronic collection sites.)
- Hazardous wastes
- Liquid wastes,
- Mercury added products, including lightbulbs and batteries
- Oil, including used motor oil and oil filters
- Oil based paint, varnish, thinner and stripper
- Propane cylinders
- Smoke detectors
- Tires
- White goods, such as refrigerators, stoves, washers and driers.

All can be disposed of properly. Please contact the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District at (802) 626-3532 or visit the District web site at: <http://www.nekwmd.org>

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OBITUARIES & MEMORIALS

Carlton Edward Domey



Carlton Edward Domey died November 30, 2014, at Central Vermont Medical Center from complications with multiple myeloma. Carlton was born in Cabot, VT, November 26, 1928, son of Edward and Ruth (Woods) Domey.

He attended Cabot school and served two years in the United States Marine Corps at Camp Lejeune, NC, in automotive mechanics.

In 1958, he married Marvarene Gould, also of Cabot. He farmed in his younger years. He was employed by Cabot Cooperative Creamery for more than 30 years, retiring in 1988 as plant manager. He served the town of Cabot as zoning administrator for 20 years and town lister for more than 25 years. At the time of his death, he was an active member of the Willey Building Committee.

Carlton enjoyed his family, hunting, fishing, Labor Day weekend in Walden, four-wheeling, snowmobiling, tinkering in his garage, gardening and a good game of cribbage. He was a member of United Church of Cabot, Vermont Assessors and Listers Association, and the American Legion.

Raymond Lawson Domey



Raymond Lawson Domey, 95, formerly of Marshfield, VT, passed away November 30, 2014, in Wichita, KS. He was born March 27, 1919, in Walden, VT, to Edward and Helen Domey.

After graduating from high school in Cabot, VT, Raymond worked on the family farm. He then joined the Army and was assigned to the Cavalry in Fort Riley, KS. He began his Army career working with horses, which he loved to do. The cavalry soon became the Army Tank Corps. It was while on leave one weekend that he met Mildred Ricker. They fell in love and were married on February 21, 1943, in KS.

After the Army, they moved to Marshfield, VT, where they started a family and raised three children. For about the first year in VT, Raymond worked at the creamery, where he made cheese and cottage cheese. Raymond then joined the U.S. Postal Ser-

Oliver Steve Forrand



Oliver Steve Forrand, 89, of Main Street, Montpelier, died on Sunday, November 30, 2014, at the Woodridge Nursing Home, with his family by his side. He had been a resident of Woodridge Nursing Home for the last five years.

He was born in Cabot, VT, on July 3, 1925, the son of Stephen and Libbie (Gushea) Forrand.

Oliver married Madeline J. Relation on November 21, 1969, in Northfield, VT. They enjoyed forty years of marriage until her death in August of 2010.

In 1941, at the age of 16, Oliver joined the U. S. Navy, serving four years during World War II and received an honorable discharge in 1946.

After his military service, he worked for Northfield Woolen Mills as a shop foreman for the weaving department until the mill closed in 1974. He then worked for Malden Mills, Inc., for several years until he retired in December of 1987.

Upon retirement, he took up baking, taking great pride in making weekly

In addition to his wife, Marvie, he is survived by five children: Lyndy Huntley and her husband, Harry, of Cabot, VT; Susan Domey Allen and her husband, Paul, of Pembroke, MA; Robyn Hall and her husband, Stuart, of East Ryegate, VT; Edward "Ted" Domey and his wife, Jeanne Johnson, of Cabot, VT; and (Valerie) Anne Domey French and her husband, Tom, of Barre, VT.

Surviving grandchildren include: Abigail Hall and her fiancé, Ben Grubbs, of Raleigh, NC; Chelsea Hall Turley and her husband, Peter, of Montpelier, VT; (Carlton) Philip Hall and his fiancée, Brittany Baranowski, of Castleton, VT; Christopher Allen of Amherst, MA; Andrew Allen of Pembroke, MA; Caleb Domey of Cabot, VT; and Julian French of St. Johnsbury, VT. He also leaves a nephew and seven nieces and their families.

Carlton is predeceased by his sister, Lois, and brother, Raymond.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, December 6, 2014, at Cabot United Church. Interment will be in the spring.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Cabot United Church, P.O. Box 127, Cabot, VT 05647, or the charity of your choice.

Arrangements are being coordinated by Des Groseilliers Funeral Home, Hardwick, Vermont. -

vice, where he served as Marshfield Postmaster. He was also a volunteer fire fighter and Assistant Fire Chef. He retired in 1984, and Raymond and Mildred moved to Wichita, KS, where they lived until their deaths. Gardening, caning chairs, hunting and fishing were Raymond's passions.

Raymond is preceded in death by his parents, Edward and Helen Domey; wife Mildred; and sister Lois Domey.

He is survived by his children, Bonnie Bonnell and husband, John, Patricia Ducharme and husband, Max, John Edward Domey and wife, Allison; grandchildren Tammy, Holly, Dan, Adam, Megan and Michael; five great-grandchildren; sister-in-law Marvie Domey and, for mere hours, his brother, Carlton Edward Domey.

A memorial service was held Monday, December 8, 2014, in Derby, KS. Burial will follow at a later date in Vermont.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established with the Disabled American Veterans, P.O. Box 14301, Cincinnati, OH 45250-0301.

treats for his granddaughter, Kristin, and her friends. He enjoyed reading, cribbage, playing golf and fishing. He was also a member of the Northfield and Montpelier country clubs for a number of years. His other sports interests included baseball and football, with an eye on the college level teams.

He was a member of St. Augustine Parish in Montpelier, VT.

Oliver is survived by his two daughters, Mary Joanne Dukette, of Montpelier, VT, and Nancy Tassey and husband Scott, of Calais, VT; granddaughter Kristin Darcy and great-granddaughters Ella and Lily Darcy, of Montpelier, VT; two grandsons, Mathew Tassey, of Calais, VT, and Scott D. Tassey and fiancée Desirae Baker, and great-granddaughter McKenzie Tassey, of East Montpelier, VT.

A graveside service with military funeral honors will be held in the spring at Calvary Cemetery in Northfield, Vermont.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Woodridge Nursing Home, Patient Activities Fund, P.O. Box 550, Barre, VT 05641.

Michael James Hale



Michael James "Mikie" Hale, 52, of Winooski, formerly of Walden, died peacefully on Tuesday, December 16, 2014, at home with family by his bedside.

He was born June 23, 1962, in Hardwick, the son of the late Bert W. and Eva (Jackson) Hale. He attended Walden public schools, Danville High School and graduated from Cabot High School in the class of 1983.

Michael was employed for several years doing various jobs for the railroad company; this took him on many adventures throughout the country. For the last 13 years of his career, he worked as a machinist for Lydall in both Vermont and North Carolina.

He enjoyed living in North Carolina, especially spending time with baby girl Harper and Sunday dinners with the Hendrix family. Mikie was passionate about his love of rock and roll. He enjoyed his family's camp, fishing, golfing, mowing lawns on his tractor, riding his scooter and tinkering.

Survivors include a sister, Susan Barton-Hale, and her spouse, Shelly Barton-Hale; brothers-in-law Miguel

Carl Bertram Harvey



Carl Bertram Harvey, 91, a native Hardwickian, died Monday, December 8, 2014, at the Greensboro Nursing Home.

He was born February 10, 1923, in Hardwick, the son of the late Elbridge and Lulu (White) Harvey. He attended Hardwick public schools, Lyndon Institute in Lyndon and graduated from Hardwick Academy in the class of 1940. He later graduated from Johnson State College in the class of 1968, with a degree in elementary education.

Carl entered the U.S. Army Air Force in 1942. He was stationed in Flint, MI, Charleston, SC, and attended technical school at Scott Air Force Base in Belleville, IL, where he learned to operate air compressors which manufactured oxygen. While in Illinois, awaiting orders for his overseas assignment, he met Norma Jean Gilson, who would become his wife in March of 1946. Carl fought in the battle of the Ryukyu Islands (Ie Shima) in the western Pacific during World War II. Staff Sergeant Harvey was honorably discharged in 1946, at Fort Devens, MA.

In his earlier years, he owned and operated a dairy farm in Hardwick from 1946 to 1962. He later was a fourth-grade teacher at Cabot School from

Bernard-Rivera, his spouse, Ron Bernard-Rivera, and Brian Churchill; nieces Amanda Churchill and Amy Jacques and her husband, Matt; stepchildren Melinda Sanborn and her husband, Brian, and Craig Merchant; step-grandchildren Dante and Elizabeth Sanborn; many dear friends including Truda Merchant and Susan Smith. He considered the Entrikens as his second family, including Paul, Phil, Mike and Jane. He is also survived by several aunts, uncles, many cousins and the North Carolina Hendrix family and their baby girl, Harper Lynn.

In addition to his parents, Michael was predeceased by three siblings, Sandra Churchill, Jeffrey Hale and Stephen J. Hale, as well as Walter and Dolores Entriken.

Visiting hours were held on Sunday, Dec. 21, 2014, at the Northern Vermont Funeral Home, 60 Elm St., Hardwick, with a brief service following. Arrangements under the direction of Dian R. Holcomb of Northern Vermont Funeral Service of Hardwick.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to: American Liver Foundation, New England Division, 188 Needham St., Newton, MA 02464.

1968 until 1983, when he retired due to failing health. Carl was awarded the Outstanding Vermont Teachers Award from the University of Vermont in 1982.

Carl was a member of the United Church in Hardwick, the American Legion Post 7, the Caspian Lake Lodge 87 F&AM, a member and past worthy grand patron of the Riverside Chapter 32 Order of the Eastern Star, all in Hardwick, and the Coral Chapter 16 Order of the Eastern Star in Morrisville. For 46 years, he enjoyed his camp on Greenwood Lake in Woodbury. Other enjoyments included traveling to visit his sons, collecting coins and playing cards with three generations of his family.

Survivors include three children, Sharon Slayton and her husband, Stephen, of St. Johnsbury, Carolyn Ryan, of Craftsbury, and Douglas Harvey and his wife, Elizabeth, of Warrensburg, MO; a daughter-in-law, Marsha Harvey of Hardwick; 11 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; several nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was predeceased by his wife, Norma Jean, on June 16, 2002; a son, Stuart Harvey, on July 22, 2002; two sisters, Bernardeen Bassett and Lucille Clark; and a son-in-law, William Ryan.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, December 17, 2014, at the United Church in Hardwick. Burial will be in the spring in the family lot in the Fairview Cemetery in Hardwick.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to the Hardwick Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 837, Hardwick, VT 05843, or to the Craftsbury Community Care Center, 1784 Craftsbury Road, Craftsbury, VT 05826.

Northern Vermont Funeral Service

60 Elm Street
Hardwick, VT
05843-0063

802-472-6861

Dian R. Holcomb
Funeral Director

FREE CONCERT
40TH ARMY BAND
January 14, 2015
7:30 p.m. ~ State House



Free and Open to the Public

The program, "Vermont in the Civil War; connecting to the legacy of Vermont's Military" will feature traditional patriotic American tunes, as well as contemporary musical selections from Clare Grundman, Mark Williams and James Swearingen.

This concert is free, open to the public, and the opener for the annual "Farmer's Night" series of concerts and entertainment at the State House during the legislative session.

Travis J. Hough



Travis J. Hough, 27, of St. George, VT, formerly of Barre, VT, lost his courageous battle with cancer on Wednesday, November 19, 2014. His room was completely full of family and friends.

Travis was born on July 7, 1987, in Morrisville, VT. He was the son of Linda Potvin and Steven Hough. He was a graduate of Cabot High School in 2005 and moved to Barre shortly after. He worked for Price Chopper as a dairy clerk for six years, until his illness.

Travis was a very special young man, full of life, who touched many people with his kind nature and amazing smile. He was always willing to give a helping hand to anyone in need. He loved hanging out with his enormous group of friends and enjoyed going to concerts, where he gained even more friends in the band members that he had the great privilege of meeting.

Travis enjoyed watching NASCAR, and he was a huge Kevin Harvick fan. It was a very special NASCAR year for

Travis as Harvick won the championship. Although Travis was very tired and did not watch the race, he did get super excited to learn that Harvick won the championship, and he watched him accept his trophy in Victory Lane.

Travis' battle with cancer lasted more than three years. He never gave up and never complained. He was a hero to us all.

Travis leaves behind his mom, Linda, who was his strength and his caretaker through his entire battle. He also leaves his big brother, Steven, and little sister, Kate; his special nephew, Gabe, and sweet niece, Mercedes; his grandmother Laura; many special family members and a magnitude of friends, including his best friends AJ, Shelby and Nick. He also leaves behind his father and half-siblings. He was predeceased by his grandfather Bobby Potvin and his grandparents Cliff and Polly Hough.

A service was held on Monday, December 1, 2014, in Plainfield, VT. Memorial contributions may be sent to Hope Lodge, 237 East Ave., Burlington, VT 05401.

Cabot Speaker Series to Help You Sell Your Products

Let successful Vermont business people help you be successful, too!

By Sjon Welters

This January, February, and March, the Cabot Agricultural Network group has organized, under auspices of the Cabot Community Association, a series of Saturday mid-morning presentations by successful Vermont business leaders. The goal is to have these speakers assist, inspire and inform anyone who is making or wants to make a product, and do a better job at it. Learn from

their experience, ask questions, and be part of a conversation with other Cabot area residents on how best to market yourself.

These presentations are held at the former Cabot Creamery office building on the same parking lot as the Cabot Creamery Visitors Center at 10:30 a.m., on

Saturday January 10 and 24, February 7 and 21, and March 7.

See the schedule on page 6 and watch for further announcements on Front Porch Forum and posters all around the area.

CCT Presents New Directions Showcase

By Karen Mueller-Harder

In March, Cabot Community Theater will perform a showcase of one-act plays directed by young people from within our community. We've had an ongoing mission to foster leadership and expand horizons, and this will be a great opportunity to see what the next generation has to offer!

Our team of directors will be: Megan Walker, Adam Blachly, Clara Mueller-Harder, Leo Parlo, and Maggie Palmiero, supported by Karen Mueller-Harder. Each director is selecting a play to direct; titles and more information about the specific plays will be announced shortly on Front Porch Forum and on the CCT Facebook page.

A cast of actors, young and old, will be needed, and both large and small roles will be available. Rehearsals will generally be held on weekends, with most roles requiring only one rehearsal every week or two, though you can choose to be in more than one play if you want. Auditions will take place in the Cabot School Performing Arts Center on Saturday, January 10, from 1-3:00 p.m., and Sunday, January 11, from 3-5:00 p.m.. Performances are planned for the weekend of March 27-28.

Please email Karen (karen@praxisworks.org) for more information.



Planning Commission Public Meeting

**Flood Hazard and River Corridor Regulation
January 22, 2015, 6:30 p.m.
Wiley Building**

The Planning Commission invites the public to a meeting and discussion on January 22, 6:30 p.m., in the Wiley Building, on regulation of flood hazard areas and river corridors.

Currently, the Planning Commission is developing and reviewing draft regulations on these areas. Anyone that has had to deal with floods and flood insurance knows that this can be a complicated topic. For that reason, the Planning Commission has invited a state expert, Sacha Pieler, flood plain manager for the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation, to lead a

discussion on how flood hazard regulations work, minimal standards necessary for the town to be eligible under the National Flood Insurance Program, and other recommended provisions that the town can consider adopting. She will also discuss the newer approach to protecting river corridors and restricting development in areas along rivers that are prone to erosion. The Planning Commission is currently receiving advice from the State on both flood plain and river corridor regulation approaches that are in the current draft of the regulations.

The meeting will be an opportunity to learn more about flood and erosion hazards and to participate in a discussion of how Cabot should regulate development activities in these areas.

Cabot Planning in Progress

By Karen Deasy,
Zoning Administrator-Planner

Flood Ready Vermont

A resource available to all to research flood resilience efforts across the State. Cabot is working hard with various groups and organizations to assure we meet new standards as they come about. Cabot is currently eligible for the maximum match from the State's Emergency Relief Fund which assists Municipalities with rebuilding infrastructure after a disaster.

See article also in this issue further exploring this important topic. Also, Sacha Pealer from the State Rivers program will be in Cabot January 22 to further discuss River Corridors and FEMA flood zones.

Universal Recycling

With Act 148, Vermont will be moving forward with it's universal recycling law. Cabot currently accepts all materials required to be separated out by 2015. We are looking at expanding recycling options beyond what we currently handle. We are discussing plans for acceptance of yard debris and food scraps and what this may mean at our recycling center.

GIS Mapping

A big thanks to Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission. They have provided us with GIS maps of Cabot and many of the State mapped

resource layers, including E911 addressing, culverts, flood plains and tax parcel maps. They are a great resource for the Town.

Radon Testing

Vermont Department of Health has available free radon testing kits for your home. Radon is an odorless gas that is emitted from rocky ledge. If you have never had Radon checked in your basement or would like to check again, the form to receive a free test kit is available at the Town office.

Energy Code

Vermont has adopted a State wide commercial and residential energy code. For folks looking to remodel or renovate, add an addition or build new, this legislation applies to you. Copies of the guidelines are available at the Town office. Your builder is aware of these rules and should provide you with the necessary certificates, for those of you doing it yourself there is a "self certification" process. Efficiency Vermont is also available to assist and provides free consultation services. Information on the Efficiency Vermont program is also available at the Town office. Planning Commission meetings for January will be January 8 and 22 at 6:30 p.m. in the Wiley Building.

Please contact Karen Deasy, Zoning Administrator-Town Planner, at 563-3139 if you have questions, or email zacabot@fairpoint.net

TOWN OFFICE DESCRIPTIONS

Serving in a local office is a great way to give something back to your community. If you are considering serving, below are the offices elected by Australian Ballot you can choose from:

Selectboard Members

General supervision and control over town; enacts ordinances, regulations, and policies for town; oversees town property and personnel; prepares, presents and manages budget; and oversees roads, including laying out, discontinuing, and reclassifying roads. Sits as local board of health, liquor control commission, and sewer commission. Should know the town well, be able to understand all sides of complex issues, and have very thick skin. 17 V.S.A. § 2646(4); 17 V.S.A. § 2649.

Town Clerk

Records, preserves, and certifies the public records of the town. Issues dog, marriage, civil union, and hunting and fishing licenses; as well as motor vehicle renewals. Runs the local elections, serves as clerk of the board of civil authority, and hears tax abatement requests and tax appeals. Should have the patience of a saint and be a good ambassador for the town. 17 V.S.A. § 2646(2).

Town Treasurer

Keeps the town's accounts, invests money (with the approval of the legislative body), keeps a record of the taxes voted, and pays orders drawn on him or her. Should be very precise, detail oriented and good at math. 17 V.S.A. § 2646(3).

Town School Board

A detailed description of responsibilities can be found at the Vermont School Board Association's website, http://education.vermont.gov/documents/talbott_duties_sbe_electorate_boards.pdf.

NOMINATION REQUIREMENTS FOR TOWN OFFICES

- Nominating petition signed by 30 voters or one percent of the checklist—whichever is less.
- Petition must clearly indicate the office and term length prior to circulation for signatures.
- Candidate must be legal voter of the town.
- Candidate name must appear on petition exactly as it appears on the voter checklist.
- Nominating petition, accompanied by a consent of candidate form, must be filed with the municipal clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on sixth Monday preceding day of the election.
- Voters may not sign more than one petition for the same office, unless more than one nomination is to be made, in which case the voter may sign as many petitions as there are nominations to be made for the same office.
- Newly elected town officers take office on Town Meeting Day, after taking oath of office.
- Petition nominating form available at <http://www.cabotvt.us/docs/petitionforoffice.pdf>.
- Additional information can be found at <https://www.sec.state.vt.us/elections/town-meeting-local-elections.aspx>.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

~ JANUARY ~

Saturday, 1/3

Jeremiah McLane & Timothy Cummings 7:30 p.m. Musical styles of Appalachian, Cajun and Quebecois dance tunes. 802-586-7533 or www.musicboxvt.org, the Music Box, 147 Creek Road, Craftsbury.

Wednesday, 1/7

Classic Film Night with Rick Winston and Tom Blachly 7:00 p.m. (1932) film director Ernst Lubitsch. Stars: Miriam Hopkins, Kay Francis, Herbert Marshall. Event is Free. www.jaquithpubliclibrary.org. Jaquith Public Library, Marshfield.

Saturday, 1/10

Help You Sell Your Products, 10:30 a.m. Cabot Agricultural Network Group under Cabot Community Association offers how to market your products, by successful Vermont business leaders. Cabot Creamery Office Building in Cabot. Contact Sjon Welters for more information 563-2172.

Cabot Old-Time Contra Square Dance 7:30 p.m. Caller Lausanne Allen, special guest fiddler Jason Bergman, mandolin and guitarist Tristan Henderson. Willey Building, Cabot.

Tuesday, 1/13

Ask The Techies. 6:30-7:00 p.m. Receive a new tech toy and having difficulties running the thing? Bring to Beth and Paul Wade and they will assist with the operation and give you options. Cabot Public Library.

Thursday, 1/15 – Sunday, 1/18

Spice on Snow! Summit School of Traditional Music & Culture presents the Fifth Annual Winter Folk Music Festival in downtown Montpelier. Go to <http://summitschool.wix.com> for information.

Sunday, 1/18

A Winter Serenade, 3:00 p.m. Presented by Cabot Arts and Cabot Community Association, featuring Vermont's most acclaimed soloists in recital together. Diane Huling, pianist and Raymond K. Malone, violinist. Admission by donation at the door. United Church of Cabot.

Tuesday, 1/20

Natural Marshfield. 7:00 p.m. A series about the local environment. Roger Hill, guest speaker, will discuss climate change. Event is free, Jaquith Library, Marshfield.

Thursday, 1/22

Flood Ready VT, 6:30 p.m. Planning Commission Public Meeting on Flood Hazard and River Corridor Regulation and presentation by state rivers specialist, Sacha Pealer, of the Watershed Management Division. Willey Building.

Friday, 1/23

Vermont Burlesque Festival, 8:00 p.m., Barre Opera House. Hosted by The Logger Rusty DeWees and the Midnight Social Orchestra. More information www.vtburlesquefest.com. and ticket pricing call 802-476-8188.

Saturday, 1/24

We Love Our Volunteers, 1:00 p.m. Jaquith Public Library will be hosting a Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon. Please RSVP Susan or Sylvia 426-3581.

Help You Sell Your Products. 10:30 a.m. Cabot Agricultural Network Group under Cabot Community Association offers how to market your products by successful Vermont business leaders. Cabot Creamery Office Building in Cabot. Contact Sjon Welters for more information 563-2172.

Sunday, 1/25

Enso String Quartet, 3:00 p.m. Classical music performed by First Prize winners at the Banff International String Quartet competition. Violin, violin, viola and cello. South Congregational Church, St. Johnsbury. More information catamountarts.org

Tuesday, 1/27

Parenting Group, 7:00 p.m. Come join in and share tips that have worked well with you in your family, successful troubleshooting common frustrations. Parents only please (nursing infants welcomed). Jaquith Public Library, Marshfield.

Thursday, 1/29

This Changes Everything, 7:00 p.m. Reading and Discussion Group on Climate Change. A well researched sharply-argued book about climate change by award winning author, Naomi Klein. Discussion leaders Jay Moore, Rutger History Ph.D. and Judith Sargent, Goddard M.A. in Social Ecology. Two sessions also February 5 and 12. Jaquith Public Library, Marshfield.

Saturday, 1/31

Annual Book Sale by the Friends of Jaquith Library. 9:00 a.m. -1:30 p.m. To donate books, call Diana 426-3383 or drop off at library starting January 26. Come find some amazing reads to get you through the second half of winter. Old Schoolhouse Common, Marshfield.

VAST Danville S-Ski-Mos 16th Annual Spaghetti Dinner 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Danville School Cafeteria. Danville, VT. Spaghetti and meatballs, plain and meat marinara sauce, Caesar salad, bread and Parmesan cheese, lots of desserts to choose from. If you ride-in, there is a trail that goes directly to the school off of Trail #2. Admission: Adults \$10, Ages 6-12 \$5, under 6 Free. Contact Alan or Sandy Towle 802-684-3372 for more information.

~ ONGOING ~

Girl Scout Cookies. Starting January 9. Please support Cabot Girl Scouts. Cookies will also be on sale at Town Meeting. Contact Cecelia Gulka 563-2284.

Pathfinder Fridays 3:00 p.m.- 5:30 p.m. Cabot Public Library. Role playing game puts you in the role of a brave adventurer fighting to survive in a world by magic and evil.

Beaders Group. All levels welcome, bring your projects. The Bead Hive. Plainfield. Saturdays 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Call 454-1615 for more information.

Diabetes Discussion and Support Group. Everyone welcome. The Health Center conference room. Plainfield. Third Thursday, 1:30 p.m. Information 322-6600.

Fiddle Lessons, instructor Katie Trautz, Monday afternoons. Contact 802-279-2236.

Lego Club at Cabot Public Library Tuesdays in October 3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. LEGOs provided. Come build your creations.

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

~ Christmas Thanks ~

The Cabot community members who prepared, delivered and enjoyed the Christmas Day turkey dinner are grateful for the help received from:

Everybody that helped make the dinner spectacular-With extra thanks to
**Fred & Shirley Ducharme, Scott St. John,
Marion Morrison, Ron, Theresa, Theron and Orion Lay-Sleeper,
Tim & Jenn Gochey, Bill Wheeler, and**

Neighbors who planted an extra row
Friends who donated preserved food and baked goods
School administrators for use of the dining facility

Bothfeld Family's Dunstable Farm
Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream, Cabot Cooperative Creamery
Blackwell Roots Farm, TOPS Family Market of Hardwick
and numerous private donations

Thank you, one and all.
Have a safe, healthy and happy New Year.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE COMING MONTHS....

The Cabot Agricultural Network has organized a series of presentations by Vermont business leaders on **Marketing Your Business**. They should provide valuable information that could change your future. Admission is free.

Presentations are scheduled every other Saturday morning, starting with:

January 10, with Chris Pierson of Cabot Creamery, on "Bringing Product to Market: How the Market Works". Is your price right through the distribution channels to the consumer?;

January 24, Calley Hastings of Fat Toad Farm, and Mari Omland, of Green Mountain Girls Farm, and Floating Bridge Food & Farm Coop, on "Starting Your Own Business and Organizing a Town-wide Business Cooperative." An option for our town?;

February 7, Greg Georgakilis, of Farmers-to-You, on "The New Economy: Collaboration and the Future of Sustainable Agriculture". How everybody wins when businesses and consumers direct and manage the economy together;

February 21, Jackie Folsom, former president of the Vermont Farm Bureau and local dairy farmer, on "Selling Vermont Farm Products: How the Marketing Landscape Has Changed and How to Adapt for Success";

March 7, Mateo Kehler, of The Cellars at Jasper Hill; on "Who is Your Market?". Do you really know or do you think you know?

Please stay tuned for further details.

For further information, please contact sjon@rhapsodynaturalfoods.com.

PUBLIC FORUM ON FUTURE OF February 11, 2015, 7:00-8:30 p.m., Willey Building

A Cabot Community Association (C.C.A.) Task Force has been working on a business plan for *The Cabot Chronicle*. We are looking for ideas on how to increase revenues, decrease expenses, and improve the service provided to the community.

Please come and share your ideas. Input would be greatly appreciated. Feel free to call the Association and Chronicle number—802-563-3338, and leave a message if you have questions.

FOOD SHARE AND FOOD DROP DATES

CABOT FOOD SHARE

Wednesday,
JANUARY 7
Noon-2:00 p.m.

Wednesday,
JANUARY 21
Noon-2:00 p.m.

Cabot Masonic Hall
3339 Main Street

FAITH IN ACTION NORTHERN
COMMUNITIES PARTNERSHIP INC.
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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.com

Available for Cabot Residents

MARSHFIELD FOOD DROP
Second Saturday of every month.

SATURDAY,
JANUARY 10

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.

Spice on Snow

Winter music festival

Montpelier, Vermont Jan. 15-18th

Dance, Music and Cooking workshops
and performances all weekend long
in downtown venues!

Featuring the Louisiana Revelers, Starline Rhythm Boys, the Green Mountain Playboys, Jay Ungar and Molly Mason, and many more...

Winter is cold in Vermont!

The Summit School of Traditional Music and Culture will heat things up by hosting 'Spice on Snow' Winter Music, Food and Dance Festival January 15th-18th, 2015. We are bringing nationally known performers to our small capital city of Montpelier to teach workshops and play concerts throughout the weekend; featured artists include: Jay Ungar and Molly Mason (who's fiddle tune 'Ashokan Farewell' was made famous by Ken Burns' Civil War documentary, and who are the founders of Ashokan Fiddle and Dance Camps), The Revelers from Louisiana (featured on the TV series 'Treme', and Anthony Bourdain's 'No Reservations'), Corey Porche (Cajun/Zydeco dance and accordion), Jeremiah McLane and Ari Friedman (Quebecois and Original Music), Jon Gailmor (Kids songwriting workshops and performances) and the Green Mountain Playboys (Montpelier's own Cajun band). We are so excited to celebrate the winter with dances, cooking classes, music workshops, and concerts. The Summit School of Traditional Music and Culture is a non-profit folk music school located in Montpelier, Vermont. We host ongoing classes, workshops, and concerts for adults, children and families year-round.

<http://summitschool.wix.com/summitschool>

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present

A WINTER SERENADE



DIANE HULING, piano



RAYMOND K. MALONE, violin

Two of Vermont's most acclaimed
soloists in recital together

UNITED CHURCH OF CABOT
SUNDAY, JANUARY 18
AT 3:00 PM
ADMISSION BY DONATION
AT THE DOOR



BENEFIT PERFORMANCE FOR CABOT CONNECTS MENTORING PROGRAM

SATURDAY, FEB. 28, 2015

7:30 P.M.

CSPAC on Cabot School Campus

We are so pleased to have Lyn Hardy and Abby and Rosie Newton of the *Mother Daughter String Band* play their music in a benefit performance for the Cabot Connects Mentoring Program on Saturday, February 28th, 2015 at 7:30pm at CSPAC on the Cabot School campus.

Lyn, Abby and Rosie are three quarters of the *Mother Daughter String Band*. They have performed together in different configurations as duos, trio and the full quartet for the past several years. Lyn and Abby's musical collaboration goes back to the mid 1970's with the *Putnam String County Band* and both Rosie (Abby's daughter) and Lyn's daughter Ruthie, have made big splashes on the American music scene over the past 15 years. Their repertoire includes Old Time American fiddle music and songs, Celtic airs, jigs, reels and original tunes and songs.



Abby Newton is well known for her groundbreaking work in the revival of the cello in American and Scottish traditional music. She has produced and performed on over a hundred folk recordings including 17 CDs with Scottish singer, Jean Redpath. Abby's solo CDs "Crossing to Scotland" and "Castles, Kirks, and Caves" have earned her critical acclaim both in the US and abroad. She has appeared several times on *Prairie Home Companion* and Fiona Ritchie, of the nationally syndicated NPR show *Thistle and Shamrock*, did a feature program on Abby's music and her influence on the folk cello movement. She currently performs with her band *Ferintosh* (Scottish Traditional/Baroque crossover), *The Mother Daughter String Band* and free lances on the cello with different singers and harpists.



Lyn Hardy's singing has been described as rich, honest, strong, stirring and straight from the heart. She is known for her rock solid rhythm guitar playing having played for square, contra and swing dances for more years than she would like to admit! Her performances draw from a vast and varied repertoire of music. She can touch your heart with a country song, make you laugh the next minute and then reach into your soul with a sultry blues number. She currently performs with *The Cupcakes*. And along with her daughter Ruthie, and Rosie and Abby Newton they perform as the *Mother Daughter String Band*. Lyn has recorded CDs with her former group *The Rude Girls* and more recently with *The Cupcakes*.

Rosie Newton grew up immersed in the rich folk music scene of Woodstock, NY, and began playing the fiddle when she was eight. She attended college in Ithaca NY and found herself swept up by the area's music scene, which infused her with a deep appreciation for the beauty and diversity of roots music. Rosie's interests span a wide range of musical styles, from Irish and old time to country and pop. She recently toured the Northeast playing zydeco fiddle with Louisiana legend Preston Frank. Rosie currently performs in a duo with Richie Stearns, tours with *The Duhks*, *Red Dog Run*, and the *Evil City Stringband*, and when possible she joins *The Mother Daughter String Band*. She has recorded two CD's with her duo projects.

The Cabot Public Library

Contra Dances

January 10, 2015 - 7:30 p.m.

Caller: Lausanne Allen

Two special musical guests, Jason Bergman on fiddle
and Tristan Henderson on guitar, mandolin and feet.

(All programs are free and open to the public)

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. 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.

This dance series starts a new season of monthly dances on the **second Saturday of the month** September through May. All are invited.



CABOT VERMONT ANNUAL EVENTS 2015

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Saturday, March 21, 2015 MAPLE FEST

Crafters, music, maple and FUN!

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Pancake Breakfast, Grilled Cheese Lunch,

And Maple Goodies ~ Cabot School

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Sponsored by The Cabot Chronicle



Saturday, July 4, 2015 4th OF JULY PARADE AND FIELD ACTIVITIES

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Coffee and Donuts at Historical Society

11:00 a.m. Main Street Parade ~ 12:00 noon Chicken BBQ & Activities at Rec. Field

802-563-9907 - Wendy

Sponsored by Cabot PTSO

Sunday, September 13, 2015 RIDE THE RIDGES

Cycling Scenic Landscapes and Rugged Terrain

8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Lunch on the Common

<http://ridetheridges.cabotconnects.org/802-563-3338>

Sponsored by Cabot Connects Mentoring Program



Saturday, October 17, 2015 APPLE PIE FESTIVAL

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Apple Pie Baking Contests

Crafts, Silent Auction, Apple pies and Chili Luncheon

Cabot School Gym ~ Bonnie at 802-563-3396

Sponsored by Cabot Historical Society



ADVICE FROM THE TREE WARDEN

By Roland (Slim) Payne

As I write this, Winter is not here, it is still fall, but it sure looks and feels like winter. The storm of December 12 through December 17 just kept coming. The wet snow was hard to move and it loaded the trees really bad. I haven't been in the woods very far, but I can see the fir trees didn't do very well. I have seen some 10-inch to 14-inch trees broken off about ten feet above the ground. It would have been a lot worse if we had high winds with it, but, luckily, that didn't happen.

A small engine problem (ethanol gas): A guy in Concord, VT, has devised a way to get the ethanol out of the gas. It is really quite simple. He took a pro-

pane gas tank and cut the bottom off and turned it upside down, took the valve off and installed a pipe and a valve so he can control it. He put five gallons of gas in the vessel, then added two quarts of water and let it stand a little while. The ethanol is quickly attracted to the water and separated from the gas. When he drains the water off - it is a milky color - he has non-alcohol gas left. He uses the ethanol and water mix as windshield washer fluid.

Correction for December edition: It said I didn't trim the trees in the village; it should have said I did trim the trees.

Happy New Year

There has never been a better time to get in shape in Cabot!

N.F.P.T. certified personal trainer Michelle Delaney has openings for clients on Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays from 7:30 to 8:30 am and from 3-8 pm in the Cabot School, gym except for on basketball game nights. The basketball schedule is at Cabotschool.org under Athletics. The cost is \$15 for a half hour of resistance training and a half hour of cardio training.

Also on Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays from 6:30 to 8:30 a.m. and from 3-8:00 p.m., the fitness space only (on the stage) will be open for general public use at \$5 a session or \$20/4 weeks for a trial period of eight weeks (through March 6). The money for the fitness space use will go to pay a qualified person to supervise usage and to build up a fund for equipment repairs and replacements. The equipment that is available is an elliptical, concept 2 rowers, treadmills, stationary bikes, recumbent bike, weights, bowflex, kettlebells, weighted balls, balance boards, balance balls, and resistance

bands. Students, teachers and staff have free use of the fitness space, but students under 7th grade will not be allowed unless they are in a session with Michelle. January 5 is the first day of open gym sessions and client openings. If all goes well and enough people use it to make it financially viable, it will continue to be open and we may add in some weekend hours. So, take this opportunity to get in shape!

January 12 through March 6 there is an eight-week boot camp from 6:30 to 7:15 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings. The boot camp is primarily body weight exercises with some cardio and stretching. It is designed to be adjustable to different fitness levels using the concept of rest based training. The fee for this class is \$144 for the whole class, or \$8 per session.

Contact Michelle at mpsoccer2@aol.com or 563-2427 with questions or to buy your monthly pass.

Mentors Matter: Celebration Event January 17

January 2015 is National Mentoring Month. This national campaign, now in its 14th year, is held each January to thank mentors and recruit new volunteers. This year's theme is "Mentoring Works!," and we highlight the many proven benefits mentoring provides for Vermont's young people, including improved school and class attendance, better relationships with peers and family members, and a greater sense of connectedness to their schools and communities. For example, in a recent national report called "The Mentoring Effect," young people who were at risk for not completing high school but who had a mentor were 55 percent more likely to be enrolled in college than those who did not have a mentor. They were also 81% more likely to report participating regularly in sports or extracurricular activities, 78% more likely to volunteer regularly in their communities, and more than twice as likely to say they held a leadership position in a club or sports team.

"Be Someone Who Matters to Someone Who Matters!" Mentoring is a two-way street. Not only does mentoring improve young people's prospects for success in school and life, but people who serve as mentors also say that their lives are greatly enriched, as mentoring leads to new experiences, new connections and new satisfactions.

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, biking, fishing, canoeing, skating, playing ice hockey, making car/airplane models, baking, learning stuff on the computer, running errands, hiking, reading with kids, making crafts together, visiting colleges, picking mushrooms and berries, star gazing, and just hanging out together.

Peter Ackermann
Cedric Alexander
Susan Alexander
Sarah Antonello
Lori Augustyniak
Raquel Bigelow
Sheila Booth
Amy Bothfeld
Deb Bothfeld
Judy Boucher
Mark Bromley
Ian Burfoot-Rochford
Greg Burt
Steph Burt
Richard Bushey
Tammy Christman
Melvin Churchill
Mark Christensen
Jennifer Churchill
Cia Considine
Doug Cooke
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David Creighton
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Michelle Delaney
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RD Eno
Alicia Feltus
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Ernie Howard
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Todd Jones
Rachel Kellett
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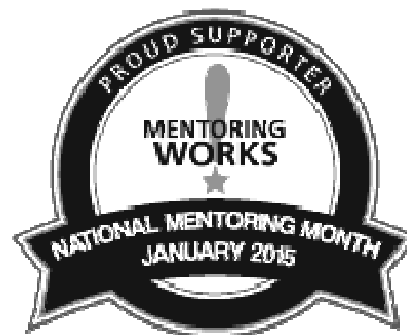
They are helping to keep our community strong by building positive connections with youth and families here in Cabot. Please remember to say thanks when you see them and ask them about their experience being a mentor - you might want to try it!

Cabot Connects matches mentors and mentees based on similar interests, and matches get together two or three times per month. Mentors always report they get as much if not more 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@hotmail.com.

By way of celebrating our mentors and National Mentoring Month, there will be an evening of Community Bingo games with fun prizes on Saturday, January 17, at the Willey Building, starting at 7:00 p.m. We will have desserts and refreshments - all are welcome!

Happy National Mentoring Month!

Ashley Ksepka
Theresa Lay-Sleeper
Cathleen Maine
Billie Marcotte
Tracy Mauck
Donna McSweeney
Stacey Mudgett
Karen Mueller-Harder
Suzy North
Roland Payne
Ed Peolar
Leonia Pike
Chris Riddell
Cindy Robbins
Lynn Rockwell
Tara Rogerson
Cynthia Russell
Linda Savoca
Christa Scholz
Jackie Scribner
Lynn Talamini
Susan Tobias
Lars Torres
Janet Van Fleet
Jon Vara
Paul Wade
Sarah Watkins
Stephen Watkins
Connie Withers



Cabot School Update

By Gail Curtis, Interim Principal

After Christmas Vacation, there will be an increase in prices for breakfast and lunches. Cabot School has the lowest prices in the state for breakfast and lunch. We have kept it low for as long as possible, but we find that we must raise the price beginning the first of the year. The price changes will be:

- Breakfast- from \$1.60 to \$1.75
- Student Lunch – from \$2.20 to \$2.40
- Adult Lunch – from \$4.00 to \$4.50

Please post this notice on a calendar at home so you will remember the changes.

Cabot School is very proud of the opera, “Lillian” performed by middle and high school students, which was

sold out both nights. The students have worked very hard and it shows. The collaboration between Cabot and Twinfield is another wonderful aspect of the performance, which, with the guidance of Brian Boyes, was professional grade. This show is a bright spot in an otherwise very dark time of the year!

Elementary school students continue to make process on PBIS, which stands for: positive behavior interventions and supports. Students are learning the difficult skill of listening to each other and respecting personal boundaries. Twice a month, there is a community meeting grades K-6 to acknowledge students who have shown growth in social skills.

Cabot Girl Scouts

By Cecilia Gulka

Cabot Girl Scouts, under the leadership of Darci Herdling, Jenn Curschmann and Kim Mayo, decorated and delivered holiday cookies to the residents of Cabot Senior Housing on December 22. After delivering the cookies, the girls (Grades K to 4), joined the residents in a joyful chorus of holiday songs. They then returned to the Cabot Public Library for pizza and hot chocolate. The Cabot Girl Scouts wish to sincerely thank Bobby and Stephanie Searles for donating the pizza and the Cabot Public Library for use of their space. In addition, the following Central Vermont businesses are thanked for their donations: Walmart (for paper plates and napkins), Shaws (for cups and hot chocolate), the East Calais General Store (for eggs and butter), Hannafords and Price Chopper (for

cookie mixes and decorations), Kinney Drugs and CVS (for arts & crafts supplies).

In January, the girls will get ready for the annual Girl Scout cookie sale. They will learn about safety, managing money, taking care of customers and other aspects of running a business. They will also develop goals and a budget for spending their cookie profit. Order taking will begin on January 9, and cookies will be delivered in early March. Cookies will also be on sale at Town Meeting.

Girl Scouting is open to all girls from kindergarten through grade 12. For more information about the possibilities and to register, go to the Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains website (www.girlscoutsgwm.org). For local information, call Cecilia Gulka at 563-2284.

The Joy of Having a Blind Pet

By Helen Morrison

Having a blind pet, be it cat or dog, can have its challenges, for sure. But it also can have wonderful rewards. Once a blind pet gets acclimated to its new home and feels safe and secure, it can be loving, playful, curious, and comforting. The key to success with a blind pet is keeping everything in the same place. Beginning in a smaller area, put the food, water, litter box, furniture in the place they can come to expect it. Don't move any of these things around. They will even learn where furniture is and will jump up and explore and settle in, perhaps for a nap. Once they are used to the smaller area and have it well imprinted in their mind, you can open up the area and let them explore more, little by little.

We have a wonderful blind cat at Kingdom Animal Shelter. Her name is Helen. She is all black and is approximately five years old. She was brought in to a local vet to be euthanized, but we happily agreed to take her. She loves being petted and has a constant purr going on. She knows her condo well now, where the water and food and litter box and bed always are. She must be able to sense an enclosed area around her, because she likes her bed to have easy access but with sides and a top. And she has begun to explore the big room of the Shelter. It is interesting to watch her move around, lifting her feet rather high and setting them down tentatively and delicately. She has discovered a favorite chair and makes her

way over, puts her front paws on it, gets her bearings, and jumps up for a nap. She is not very fond of other cats and when she runs into them in her wanderings, some grumblings occur. At one point, she was going into the Playroom and tripped over the step in. She explored the playroom, and on her way out, she remembered the step and lifted her paws right over it.

Of course, there is the health care of a blind cat or dog. A vet should assess the condition of the eyes, what the cause might be, what the prognosis is, what issues to look for. Helen has crystals in the fluid of her eye. She was checked for glaucoma and her eye pressures are normal. But it will be something to watch. It also would be a good idea to have a veterinary ophthalmologist check the pet's eyes to get a more expert opinion. Peak Veterinary in Williston has excellent eye specialists.

Helen is available for adoption to a quiet, loving, and patient home. She will give that love and peace back tenfold. And you will have that fabulous feeling of giving a special needs cat a home. If you would like to meet Helen, come to Kingdom Animal Shelter at 1664 Memorial Drive, St. Johnsbury Center. We are open on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, from 4-6:00 p.m., Thursdays from 3:30-5:30 p.m., and Saturdays and most Sundays, noon to 3:00 p.m.



Cabot Basketball Schedules 2015



DATE		VARSITY GAMES				DEPART
Jan. 2	Fri.	H	Concord @ Cabot	Girls 5:30	Boys 7:00	
Jan. 5	Mon.	A	Cbot @ Craftsbury	Girls 5:30	Boys 7:00	4:00
Jan. 8	Thur.	H	Websterville @ Cabot!	Girls 5:30	Boys 7:00	
Jan. 10	Sat.	H	Blue Mt @ Cabot	Girls 1:00	Boys 2:30	
Jan.12	Mon.	A	Cabot @ Concord	Girls 5:30	Boys 7:00	4:00
Jan.14	Wed.	H	Twinfield @ Cabot	Girls 7:00		
Jan.16	Fri.	A	Cabot @ Craftsbury	Tourney!Girls	TBA!	Boys TBA! !
Jan.17	Sat.	A	Cabot @ Craftsbury	Tourney!Girls	TBA!	Boys TBA! !
Jan. 20	Tue.	A	Cabot @ Lake Champlain!	Girls 5:30	Boys 7:00	4:00
Jan. 23	Fri.	H	Whitchester @ Cabot	Girls 5:30		
			Rochester @ Cabot		Boys 7:00	
Jan. 27	Tue.	H	Rivendell@ Cabot	Girls 7:00	Boys 5:30	
Jan. 30	Fri.	H	Lake Champlain @ Cabot	Girls 5:30	Boys 7:00	
Feb. 2	Mon.	H	Craftsbury @ Cabot	Girls 5:30	Boys 7:00	
Feb.4	Wed.	H	Whitcomb @ Cabot		Boys 7:00	
Feb.6	Fri.	A	Cabot @ Whitcomb		Boys 7:00	5:15
Feb. 9	Mon.	H	Chelsea @ Cabot	Girls 5:30	Boys 7:00	
Feb.12	Thur.	A	Cabot @ Chelsea	Girls 5:30	Boys 7:00	4:00
Feb.14	Fri.	A	Cabot @ Whitchester	Girls 2:30		
			Cabot @ Rochester		Boys 1:00	2:30
Feb.16	Mon.	H	Sharon @ Cabot		Boys 5:30	
As of 12/4/14 Schedules are subject to change.						
Feb. 14	Last Day for Girls to Play					
Feb. 21	Las Day for Boys to Play					
4:00 Departure time means as soon as the big bus returns from its route.						

DATE		MIDDLE SCHOOL GAMES				DEPART
Jan. 3	Sat.	H	Charlston @ Cabot		Boys 2:00	
Jan. 12	Mon.	H	Concord @ Cabot	Girls 5:00	Boys 6:15	
Jan. 15	Thur.	H	Craftsbury @ Cabot		Boys 5:00	
Feb. 4	Wed.	A	Cabot @ Craftsbury		Boys 5:00	4:15
Feb. 6	Fri.	H	Orange @ Cabot	Girls 5:30	Boys 6:45	
Feb. 7	Sat.	A	Cabot @ Concord	Girls 1:30	Boys 3:00	12:15
Feb. 10	Tue.	A	Cabot @ Millers Run	Girls 5:30	Boys 6:45	4:00
Feb. 17	Tue.	A	Cabot @ Websterville		Boys TBA	TBA
(Barre Auditorium)						

Kingdom Animal Shelter Calendar Available

It's beautiful, makes a great gift, and helps support our local no-kill animal shelter.

Calendars are available locally at Hastings Store, Joes Pond Craft Shop, Danville Inn, Diamond Hill & Frame Dames, Lyndonville Agway, Locally Social Coffee, and at the KAS website store.

To purchase online, go to www.kingdomanimalshelter.com and click on "Store" by scrolling down the left hand side. In the store, you will be able to buy a calendar for \$12 with \$3 for shipping and handling.

The volunteers at Kingdom Animal Shelter will appreciate "your purrurchase" very much, and the residents will benefit.



Green Mountain United Way Helping Prepare for Emergency



In collaboration with E911, Vermont 211 and the United Ways of Vermont, Green Mountain United Way is participating in a new statewide initiative to identify those in our community who would need special assistance in an emergency or evacuation. This could include, but is not limited to, people who need the use of a wheelchair, have unique transportation needs, are blind or hearing-impaired or have a service animal.

GMUW is asking local agencies and individuals to assist them in this program by helping disabled and vulnerable members of our population complete a form that documents each person's special need in case of an emergency or evacuation. The information provided on these forms will be treated as confidential and will be turned over to E911 for entry in their database, after which the forms will be destroyed. First responders are the only ones who

will have access to this information at the time of an emergency and will be able to determine any special considerations before arriving on the scene making it safer and quicker for the special needs person.

The forms can be found on the GMUW website at www.gmunitedway.org/e911.shtml. They can be completed online and emailed to info@gmunitedway.org, or can be printed for completion by hand and mailed to GMUW, 963 Paine Turnpike N #2, Montpelier, VT 05602. You can also contact GMUW at 802-229-9532 to obtain the forms, and they are available at the Cabot Town Clerk's office.

This is a vital program that will benefit many members of our local area. Please assist us by helping to complete and provide us these forms. For more information, call the GMUW office at 802-229-9532.

TWIN VALLEY SENIOR CENTER

**4583 U.S. Route 2
P.O. Box 152
East Montpelier, VT
05651**

By Rita Copeland

Thank You & Happy New Year to Rita & Joni, all our volunteers, supporters, members, and the Cabot Chronicle and its readers

TVSC is so grateful to the following donors who have responded to our fall appeal for donations. We know it is a difficult time, financially, for everyone. It is no different for the center to keep operations going. The staff and volunteers are working harder than ever to make sure we continue to do all we can do to take care of our elderly and disabled residents in the six towns we serve. Your generosity is helping us succeed. Please know you make a big difference and we cannot do it without you. We wish you a Happy New Year with Happiness & Good Health

Alan Cheever & Margaret Arthur
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Sarah Fowler
Stanley & Joyce Fowler
Stephen & Marion Gray
Stephen Pinard
Stephen Tredeau
The Old Meeting House
Walter Bothfeld
Wayne & Janice Ohlsson

FROM THE CABOT PUBLIC LIBRARY

Anne Walker will be moving on from her position as Co-Director of the Cabot Public Library for employment with the State of Vermont in Montpelier. We send our deepest thanks to Anne for her years of service, hard work and commitment to the library. We will miss her greatly and wish her all the very best in her new position. Kathleen Hoyne will be taking on the position of Library Director.

Programs
Cabot Old Time Contra and Square Dance – Saturday, January 10 – 7:30 p.m.

This dance series occurs on the second Saturday of the month from September through May. All are invited. The caller for the evening is Lausanne Allen and there will be two special musical guests, Jason Bergman on fiddle and Tristan Henderson on guitar, mandolin and feet. The dances are taught and 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. 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.

Ask the Techies – Tuesday, January 13 – 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Did you receive a new tech toy over the holidays? Bring it in and Beth and Paul Wade will help you figure out how to operate it and what some options are for its use.

Community Book Group – Wednesday, January 21 – 10:30 a.m.
The group will be deciding on the theme of the new series at their December meeting. The first selected book in the series will be announced shortly after.

All are welcome to join in! Copies of the book will be available in the Cabot Public Library.

Fiddle Lessons - Katie Trautz – Monday afternoons beginning January 19
All levels and abilities, Ages 4-100! Old time Irish, New England, Cajun and Swedish styles. For more info: katie-trautz@yahoo.com or 802-279-2236.

Lego Club – Tuesdays in January – 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.
All are welcome! We'll have Legos for you to build creations.

Pathfinder – Fridays, 3:00 - 5:30 p.m.
The Pathfinder roleplaying game puts you in the role of a brave adventurer fighting to survive in a world beset by magic and evil! Join the group - all are welcome.

Thank You!
Thanks so much to all the crafters who helped youth make holiday gifts: Rachel Brandt, Kathleen Higbee, Tomalyn Johnson, Jeannie and Isabella McCallum, Beth Wade and Megan Walker. Many thanks also to David Carpenter for the continuing Contra Dances, Cynthia Russell for facilitating the Community Book Group, and Beth Wade, Christine Harris and Steph Burt for helping out with Story Hour.

Cabot Library Reminders:

- Tuesday 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. ****Story Hour at 10:30 am ****
****starting September 9****
- Wednesday 2:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
- Thursday 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
- Saturday 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
- Closed Sunday, Monday & Friday
- ECHO Pass** – Allows up to 2 adults and 3 youths, \$4 each admission price, into the ECHO Lake Aquarium and Science Center in Burlington.

See you at the Library!
Kathleen Hoyne

Support Available for Seniors' Pets

Twin Valley Senior Center and Banfield Charitable Trust Cares

Twin Valley Senior Center and Banfield Charitable Trust have joined together to provide nutritious food and preventive veterinary care for the pets of homebound Seniors and Seniors that attend the Center.

Banfield Charitable Trust's vision is to ensure that every wanted and loved pet can stay in their home. They strive to create strong and healthy bonds between pets and their owners.

The organization helps struggling pet owners feed their pets through an annual holiday event which collects pet food and funds. These donations are given to Meals on Wheels Association to help nonprofits who would like to establish a distribution/vet care program. In this way, Seniors would not have to face being separated from their pets.

TVSC has been the fortunate receiver of one of the Pet Food Grants from Banfield Charitable Trust in the amount of \$2,500. This grant will enable TVSC to

assist our Seniors who attend the Center, as well as the homebound, with needed assistance for their beloved pets. Thanks to Center volunteer Andrea Blanchard, Meals on Wheels Driver's Flo Remmell and Linda Chesaux, this program will be in operation January.

Just like the Seniors that Meals on Wheels and the Center supports, we are proud to have been chosen to be part of the Banfield Pet Food program. We are anxious to help our Seniors with their beloved companions. Seniors will do whatever it takes to keep their pets with them, from sharing human meals to going without needed medications. Now, TVSC will take care of their pet's needs so that they can take care of themselves.

TVSC will assure pets have vaccinations, certain routine tests, veterinary home visits, proper food, grooming, etc., to help keep them healthy and with their best friend.

Twin Valley Senior Center does not charge membership fees and all donations are tax deductible.

Twin Valley Senior Center
At Blueberry Commons on Route 2, East of Montpelier
SUNDAY, JANUARY 25
4:00 to 6:00 p.m.
\$10.00
Beef Stroganoff, Noodles, Peas, Roll and Carrot Cake

Twin Valley Senior Center Benefit Raffle
Watch for Pamper Yourself raffle tickets to be sold in January and February for a February 19th drawing.
PRIZES INCLUDE:

- 90 minute massage,
- One night at the Inn at Montpelier,
- Breakfast for four at the Marshfield Inn Motel,
- and much more. All proceeds support Meals-on-Wheels.

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Faith In Action Report to the Cabot Community

I would be delighted to report that needs have diminished and thus have our services, however, the sad truth is just the opposite. Unfortunately, there were more people and needs to be addressed this year, but thanks to our wonderful volunteers we have been able to 'up our game' to help meet at least some of the everyday challenges of those living far too close to the edge of mere survival.

Because we endeavor to meet immediate individual and community needs, while at the same time working to identify and develop ways to remediate the underlying causes of local poverty and with our compassionate alacrity to overcome hopelessness, it is difficult to categorize or communicate our full story and future possibilities.

Historically, family and small communities have been the cornerstone of human civilization and have become Vermont's and rural America's most prized legacy. Yet today these time-tested, neighborly incubators of healthy creative citizenry are in disarray and rapid decline, with many predicting their ultimate disappearance. We bring volunteers together to care for their neighbors who might be isolated; living with chronic health conditions or disabilities; or having difficulty meeting their needs for transportation, socialization, adequate healthy food, winter heating, home repairs or other basic needs. Often our clients are folks who have or will fall through the social service cracks and have nowhere else to turn. We work closely with other non-profits and help people in ways they can't, due to some of their limitations, while providing invaluable assurance, joy, laughter and direct participation, which all of our services for vulnerable Vermonters provide.

In our rural areas, it is imperative to be able to keep our elders, disabled, and other neighbors-in-need in their communities and part of the local social fabric. In the absence of a local well-organized and expansive network of volunteers to support these activities in our region, we simply do not see that there will be enough local, state, federal, or other resources to support these populations. Such simple services can provide the safety net that makes it possible for those needing assistance to enjoy a better quality of life and to

maintain their independence. Volunteers and recipients of FIANCP's free programs and services partake in the spirit of neighborly compassion and sharing that is individually fulfilling, and strengthens the relational bonds which hold our communities together.

The life-giving, sometimes life-saving successes of our volunteers to deliver, augment, extend, and leverage existing social services for Vermont's growing needy, elderly and disabled neighbors in four counties, has become a critical component to Vermont's local service and free food distribution matrix.

Our wonderful volunteers come from all walks of life, the only test being to be a willing, responsible person who wants to devote some of their time helping others.

There is no true measuring our effectiveness, except at least the temporary relief of hopelessness and hunger. Although our final 2014 numbers will not be available until February, it looks like our free services and food distributions will have a "street value" of 1.3 to 1.4 million dollars delivered at a total operating cost of under \$80,000 and a total two-office operating cost of two dollars and forty cents (\$2.40) per hour of service.

"Ours is a wonderful example of the power of volunteerism in an environment of purposefully "controlled chaos," which demonstrates the wisdom our all too rare – these days – policy of putting function where it belongs, ahead of form, as form retards function if placed in front of necessary, need-meeting activities.

In this New Year, we are hoping to establish additional programming at our Cabot "Masonic Hall" offices around creative, need-meeting projects, such as: crafting groups, a winter 'Lunch & Laughter' program with old and new comedies showing on our huge screen TV, or other initiatives new volunteers might suggest and organize.

Those with any interest are urged to come in and discuss your ideas for helping us to together help others. Give us a call at 563-3322. I or any of our folks would be pleased to discuss possibilities with you.

Sincerely,
Rev. Dr. Bill Cobb
M.Div., Harvard; D. Min. B.U.
563-3322

"The wood furnace works GREAT! We don't have to worry about it leaking, us or the kids getting sick! Thank you, what a blessing Faith in Action has been; we just can't thank you enough." A Vermont family, who had recently been granted guardianship of two grandchildren, living by necessity off the grid on a Class-IV road.

You are invited to visit...



**Meeting on Sunday Mornings at 10:00
Willey Building—Second Floor Meeting Room
Main Street—Cabot**

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

Danville Post Office Name Changes

Thaddeus Stevens Honored

Vermont's congressional delegation announced that Congress has passed a measure that will rename the post office in Danville after Thaddeus Stevens. The Vermont native led efforts in the Civil War-era to pass a constitutional amendment to abolish slavery in the United States. The legislation will be sent to the president.

The Academy Award winning movie "Lincoln" provided a fresh look at Stevens' role in fighting for the passage of the 13th Amendment to end slavery. Stevens is also credited with shepherding the 14th and 15th Amendments through Congress in the wake of the Civil War.

"Thaddeus Stevens was adamant and unrelenting in pursuing bold legislation that would fulfill his belief in equality and social justice. He was a true Vermont hero and someone that we should all learn more about," the delegation said in a joint statement.

Stevens was born in Danville in 1792. He was elected to Congress seven times after moving to Pennsylvania, serving until his death in 1868. As Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, Stevens was one of the most powerful members of Congress during this period.

To honor Stevens and help Vermonters learn about his legacy, the Senate passed the legislation, introduced by Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) and sponsored by Sen. Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.), in August 2013. Rep. Peter Welch (D-Vt.) led efforts to have the House pass the Senate legislation on a voice vote. The bill, which renames Danville's post office

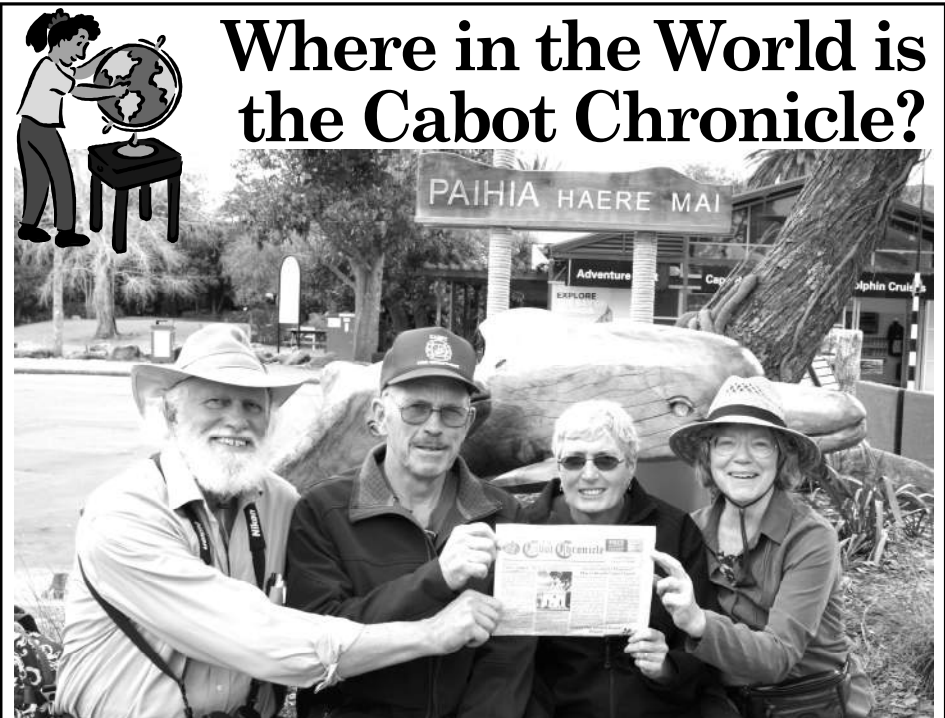
as the "Thaddeus Stevens Post Office," has now been sent to the White House.

Stevens faced a series of challenges as a child. He was born with a club foot, which made it difficult to walk. Stevens' own disability helped mold his passionate advocacy for those in need. As one of four children raised primarily by their mother, Stevens' family struggled with poverty. His mother fought to make sure her children had a chance to obtain a good education and, in 1807, the future congressman's mother moved from Danville to Peacham so her children could attend Caledonia County Grammar School, also known as Peacham Academy.

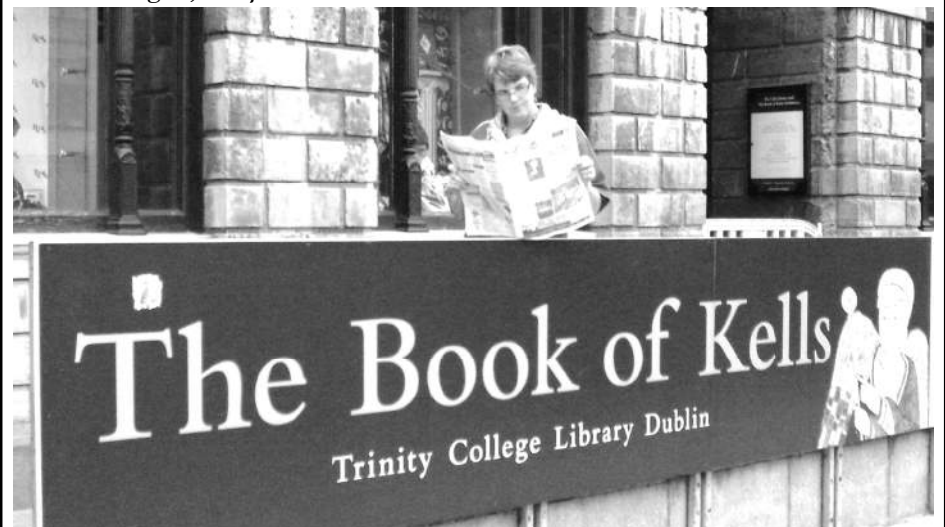
After moving to Pennsylvania, Stevens fought for a public education system in the state legislature. His dedication to free public education can be traced back to the importance his mother placed on his own education as a way to rise from poverty.

Stevens was a man whose views were far ahead of his time. Just a few years after the end of slavery, and at a time when America was rigidly segregated by race, Stevens chose to be buried in an integrated cemetery in Lancaster, PA.

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The Cabot Chronicle in New Zealand. . .and notice Skip is wearing his Cabot Fire Department hat! From left, Ken Klingler, Skip Bothfeld, Rose Bothfeld and Diana Klingler, all of Cabot.



On a recent trip to Ireland, Cia Considine references her Cabot Chronicle on exiting the "Book of Kells" exhibit at Trinity College in Dublin. The Book of Kells is a stunningly beautiful manuscript containing the Four Gospels. It is Ireland's most precious medieval artifact, and is generally considered the finest surviving illuminated manuscript to have been produced in medieval Europe. http://historymedren.about.com/od/bookofkells/p/book_of_kells.htm.

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