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Cabot Residents Shine in Photography Contest



Cabot Cemetery Stephany Searles photo

Two local photographers, with pictures taken right here in Cabot, were winners in the *Vermont Magazine* 2015 Photo Contest. Stephany Searles took third place with a stunning picture taken at Cabot Plains Cemetery during a snowstorm. Cynthia Lubas took Honorable Mention with a picture taken right across the road from Stephany's subject, of the covered bridge. Both can be found in the Winter Edition of *Vermont Magazine*, on newsstands now. Nice little spotlight for Cabot.



Foster Covered Bridge Cindy Lubas photo

Preparation for Town Meeting Is it Your Turn?

Town Meeting is Tuesday, March 1, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. For town officers elected by Australian Ballot, January 25 is the deadline for filing nominating petitions and consent of candidate forms with the municipal clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. A nominating petition must be signed by 30 voters or one percent of the legal voters, whichever is less. Nominating petitions must contain the candidates' name as it appears on the voter checklist. The consent of candidate may contain any nickname a candidate wishes to appear on the ballot. with town clerk with the Town Clerk in order to be on the Australian Ballot on Town Meeting Day, March 1, 2016.

In Australian ballot towns, town clerks receiving petitions for candidates running for municipal office must return any defective petitions to the candi-

date by January 26 (within 24 hours of receipt).

In Australian ballot towns, supplementary petitions for municipal candidates whose original petitions were defective must be filed no later than 5:00 p.m. January 27 (Wednesday after the filing deadline). It is also the last day a candidate may withdraw by notifying the municipal clerk in writing no later than 5:00 p.m. (Wednesday after the filing deadline).

Cabot Town Officers that will be elected by Australian Ballot on Town Meeting Day:

Selectboard Members (2 positions)

School Directors (2 positions)

Nominating Petition and Consent of Candidate Forms can be found at <https://www.sec.state.vt.us/electionsforms-publications/candidates.aspx>.

Other positions that will be elected from the floor, or if no-one is elected from the floor, by the Selectboard:

Lister (2 positions)

Auditor (1 position)

Cemetery Commissioner (1 position)

Library Trustees (2 positions)

Cabot Community Investment Fund (UDAG) (2 position)

Go to <https://www.sec.state.vt.us/municipal/handbooks-guides/municipal-government.aspx#> for a list of town offices and their functions. Or, go to <http://www.vlct.org/assets/General/howto-run-for-local-office.pdf> at the Vermont League of Cities and Towns website.

In addition, January 14 is the last day for voters to petition an article for town meeting.

Cabot Recycling Public Forum



Sponsored by
Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District
And Cabot Community Association

Thursday, December 10, 7-9:00 p.m.

Wiley Building

Do you have questions about recycling in Cabot and surrounding towns? Come to a public forum on the state of recycling in northern Vermont to be held at the Wiley Building in Cabot on Thursday, December 10, from 7-9:00 p.m.

Find out about: Vermont's new recycling law, the state of recycling markets in the Northeast, and the many items that can and cannot be recycled. Also get information on new hauler requirements and the changing nature of waste disposal in Vermont. Bring your questions.

In the meantime, residents of Cabot and Marshfield have been doing a great job using the Cabot Recycling Depot. Information on what can be recycled is available at the Depot:

Location: Sawmill Road in Lower Cabot

Hours: 8:30 a.m. to Noon only on Saturdays

Items collected include:

- Office paper, newspaper, and junk mail
- Brown paper bags, cardboard, and boxboard
- Steel cans
- Glass bottles
- #1 through #4 plastics
- Aluminum cans, foil, and food trays

Ben Davis, NEKWMD Representative, 563-2341

CHRISTMAS DAY COMMUNITY TURKEY DINNER

*Put on by Cabot Neighbors
Turkey with stuffing and all the fixings
Free to all – come to eat or to help See our ad on page 12*



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Join the CABOTVERMONT.ORG

By Bruce Westcott

Have you wished we had a single web portal where you could go to find out about all things Cabot? And, if you're a non-profit group or small business, do you want to get the word out about what you do, how to take part, and how your neighbors can attend your events or buy your products and services? Of course, Internet users all know about our municipal website, CABOTVT.US, and rely on it for information about our town government. Cabot students and their families probably use the school website, WWW.CABOTSCHOOL.ORG, and there are other sites for Joe's Pond Association, the Creamery, the regional Chamber of Commerce, and many others.

The Cabot Community Association is building CABOTVERMONT.ORG to offer a single portal to link all our non-governmental events, organizations and businesses. We've got two simple goals in mind: the first is to provide links to any existing web pages you may want to use -- such as our Town Clerk's page -- but not to duplicate any material on those pages. The second is to offer all our community organizations a no-cost way to let all Internet users learn about what your organization does, how to participate, and what services, activities and opportunities you provide. Later, we'll move on to a third goal, which is to provide every business in Cabot -- from the biggest down to our home-based local businesses -- a simple and inexpensive web page to offer their goods and services.

This CCA initiative stems from one of three key initiatives recommended in the

report of the Vermont Council on Rural Development Cabot Report which states: "... there are community circles that do not intersect, people who feel left out, and glitches in the ways the community invites folks together ..." A communications committee started work, envisioned and revised a plan for a website, which resulted in a "skeleton" version. CCA President Frank Kampf worked with other volunteers to think about content, about website organization, and how it might look and feel to Internet users. About a year ago, CCA sought financial support from the Cabot Community Investment Fund (UDAG) Committee to get some help from a technical consultant and trainer, and we were off and running. We are building toward a website which will include maps of Cabot businesses and attractions, information about Activities and Events, archives for the Cabot Chronicle newspaper, and public copies of minutes, plans or other information about CCA and our affiliated organizations.

Right now, you can visit our page that highlights community organizations: WWW.CABOTVERMONT.ORG/TOWN-DIRECTORY/CABOT-ORGANIZATIONS/. You can see links to a number of organizations, and a brand new page for the Cabot Community Chorus with details of their upcoming Holiday Concert. Over the next several months, we'll be reaching out to all other non-profit and voluntary groups in town to see if they are interested in a similar page. CCA welcomes your questions about this initiative, and hopes to make it a resource you'll value in staying connected to others in Cabot.



COUNTRY COMMENTARY

I hope that deer-hunting season was lucky for you; for who could pass up some good food. I don't hunt, but I understand those who hunt for food. I usually do my hunting with a camera, and sometimes, just taking a walk in the spring, I see baby deer that their mothers thought they put in a safe place. They are tiny miracles, all spotted and so very young and new to the world.

Nature is a wonderful place for seeking out beauty; sunrises and sunsets, to name a few. There is a treasure trove just waiting in every season, and yes, even in winter. I love bundling up in wool and down to keep from freezing on a particularly cold sunny day and go for a long snowshoe. I find the boughs of trees bowing to the majesty of nature, weighted down with snow, while wild birds chirp and chit to me.

I love the smell of wood smoke and the warmth of a good woodstove. I love a hot cup of cocoa and a really good book to read in my chair in front of my stove to warm up my cold toes in wool socks. A cat often sits in my lap and we keep each other warm.

I can't imagine living somewhere it didn't have the four seasons. Too much of the farmer in me, or child of the wild, I guess. I like marking the seasons and celebrating the changes. Autumn, with the trees afire with astounding colors, the emerald green of spring, so delicate and rich, summer and the relief from heat by jumping in a pond and playing with frogs. Yes, I still play with frogs, even at my age, maybe because of my age.

I delight in the richness of each and every season, and wouldn't trade it for the world, even with some of the hardships that are faced. The hardships just make me appreciate my surroundings even more. Sometimes, during the win-

ter, I sit with a good crossword puzzle or bake ginger cookies and have some tea with them fresh from the oven, and sharing the cookies is the best.

In winter, I still make snow angels; I just can't give up on being a kid and believing in the magic. The air is so crisp and clean, the sky clear on a sunny day, and on cloudy ones, well, it just makes for more tucking in and keeping winters' cold at bay. I love the diamond dust that flies all around me to bespeckle the crusted snow. I live for winter days, especially the sunny ones, the ones you have diamond dust making little rainbows across an open field.

But then come the other seasons, and I find that I love them as much, though there is something in almost everything that we can find to complain about. I try not to complain. It never seems to change anything, and is rather annoying to others, I find, or maybe it's whining. Either way I try not to do it.

There is magic everywhere, and with the Holidays, there is always a smidgen more. Children seem to be closer to it, but adults who are young at heart feel it, too. I still feel the magic. Holiday lights asparkle delight me, no matter what time of year I see them. We put them on, sometimes just to lift my spirits after a bad day, and, yes, I do have my bad days, as some of you well know. I suppose none of us are perfect, nor would I want to be, because it would make the world a boring place. I enjoy the oddities and the strange; the unique can be beautiful, too. I hope everyone enjoys the wonders and joys of the Holiday season, and remember to say I love you to those closest to you.

In love and peace,

Laura Lee Smith
fizzgigdragon@aol.com

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Cabot Selectboard

Cabot Listers Ask: Do You Have a Life Estate?

We want the property tax bill to go where you want it. When families set up a life estate, the town clerk receives a property transfer return with a deed, indicating the parties to the life estate arrangement. This paperwork is usually managed by a lawyer, but most times, the lawyer doesn't instruct the town clerk or listers which party is going to be responsible for paying the tax bill. When we guess, we don't always get it right, and there are never any phone numbers or email addresses of the parties on the property transfer form or the deed, for us to follow up if we have questions.

If the tax bill doesn't go to the correct individual, there is the risk it might not be paid on time, which would result in significant financial penalties. No-one wants that. So, if you have a life estate, please check the tax bill you just paid to be sure the correct name and address is on it, and if it needs adjusting, please call the listers at 563-3139 or email lister@fairpoint.net and let us know. We want it to be accurate, within the limits of the legal documents.

Cabot Listers
*Jeanne Johnson, Kate Chatot,
Robyn Hall*

Public Hearing Notice

The Cabot Planning Commission has prepared draft amendments to the Cabot Zoning Regulations. A public hearing to receive public comment has been scheduled as follows:

Date: December 3, 2015
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: Willey Memorial Building

Summary and State of Purpose: The Cabot Planning Commission is proposing a substantially revised and updated zoning bylaw to replace the current zoning bylaw. Changes include but are not limited to modifications to zoning districts and dimensional standards for lots

and setbacks, creation of a Development Review Board to replace the existing Zoning Board of Adjustment

The Planning Commission is also proposing a separate bylaw for major and minor subdivisions of land. Subdivision regulations do not currently exist.

Geographic Areas Affected: All areas of the Town of Cabot

The full text of the draft Zoning Regulations, Subdivision Regulations, and Planning Commission Report can be viewed at the Cabot Town Offices, where copies are also available. These documents are also available on Town of Cabot's web site.



An update from your Selectboard on some of the current projects and issues:

TOWN GARAGE PROJECT:

Tremendous progress was made on the new town garage during the month of November. The steel building was erected, the roof and side panels installed, and the building closed up. And it looks fantastic! A few key points:

1. December 15, 2015, remains the date for "substantial completion". Once this target has been met, the road crew can begin to transition from the existing garage into the new space.

2. Once the new steel structure has been closed up (target date November 30), the interior work can begin, to include building the office and storage space, as well as installing electrical, plumbing and heating systems.

3. **RIBBON CUTTING/OPEN HOUSE:** We hope to hold an Open House at the new site either during the week of December 14 or December 21. We'll be sure to spread the word as soon as a date has been set and we hope that lots of community folks will attend.

4. Demolition of the old town garage should take place next spring.

PROPOSED VTEL TOWN INSTALLATION PROJECT ON WHITTIER HILL:

The Public Service Department has scheduled a Hearing on January 12, 2016 in Montpelier. Additional information will be shared as it becomes available.

WILLEY BUILDING ADDITIONAL PARKING:

The new parking area adjacent to the Willey Building has been completed, save for paving, which will occur next year. Multiple comments have been received about the stone wall, all extremely positive; thank you, Richard Ducharme. Ben Ackermann and Kyle Foster are also to be commended for the outstanding job they performed in completing this project.

2016 BUDGET SCHEDULE:

At the November 3, 2015, regular Selectboard meeting, the Board adopted the 2016 Budget Schedule. It is critically important that the schedule be met to

ensure that the Selectboard and Town Auditors have sufficient time to complete their work in a timely fashion. A few key components of the schedule are as follows:

1. December 17, 2015: External Budget requests, for example from the Fire Department, Cemetery Commission, Recreation Committee, etc... and Social Service Appropriation requests **must be received by Thursday, December 17**, if they are to be included in the 2016 budget.

2. January 7, 2016: ALL Reports to be included in the Annual Town Town Report **must be received by January 7, 2016**.

DESIGNATION OF TOWN HIGHWAYS:

On Monday, November 9, 2015, the Selectboard held two Public Hearings, which resulted in the following actions:

1. Road to Town Forest. Following the Public Hearing, the Selectboard voted to designate the access road leading to the Town Forest as a Class Four road.

2. Road to new Town Garage. Following the Public Hearing, the Selectboard voted to designate the access road to the new Town Garage as a Class Three road.

SELECTBOARD MEETINGS:

The Selectboard meets on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm on the second floor of the Willey Building. Everyone is welcome to attend Selectboard meetings. At the beginning of each meeting, a PUBLIC COMMENT period is scheduled to allow anyone to speak on any non-Warned Agenda item. While no action will be taken on items presented in the PUBLIC COMMENT period, the Selectboard does hope that interested parties will let us know of your concerns, priorities, and possibly projects that you believe your Selectboard should be made aware of.

Thank you.
Sincerely,

Ted Domey, Fred Ducharme, Jeff Gabrielson, Bernie Shatney & Jack Daniels



By Helen Morrison

Kingdom Animal Shelter

Laila and Colby are siblings about six months old. They are very playful, and have gorgeous tabby markings. Laila is just a bit shy, though coming around nicely, and Colby is a rough and tumble guy who also likes to cuddle. Come to meet Laila and Colby at Kingdom Animal Shelter on Memorial Drive in St. Johnsbury Center.



Selectboard Deadlines in Preparation for Town Meeting

December 17	External budget requests must be received (fire department, library, etc., as well as social service appropriation requests)
January 7	Reports for Town Report must be received
January 19	Finalize budgets and town meeting warning
January 18/29	Special meeting if needed to finalize budget & sign town meeting warning
January 25	Nomination petitions for town offices filed with town clerk
January 31	Town Meeting warning posted Town Reports available
March 1	10:00 A.M. Town Meeting



OBITUARIES & MEMORIALS

Margaret N. Highter



Margaret Nora (Barnett) Highter, 97, of Montpelier, VT, passed away on Wednesday, November 4, 2015, surrounded by her family.

Margaret was born in Cabot, VT, on May 3, 1918, the daughter of the late John Barnett and Mary (Goslant) Barnett. Margaret attended school in Cabot and graduated from St. Michael's High School, Montpelier, in June of 1936. Following her graduation, she worked in North Troy at a local bank.

On July 28, 1941, she married Clement A. "Ted" Highter in Montpelier, VT. They moved to Bristol, CT, where Clement Highter worked for Pratt and Whitney in the New Departure area. They later moved to Montpelier, where they made their home and raised their four daughters. During those years, Margaret worked at Vermont College and the U.S. Post Office.

Margaret was a devoted mother and wife to her family and a loving grandmother to her ten grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren. Over the years, she had many friends and was an avid fan of the Boston Red Sox and the New England Patriots. She enjoyed her Time magazine, her garden and her sweets. Her delicious ginger cookies were fiercely coveted by all her grandchildren. She loved to be on the go to see new and dif-

ferent places and never turned down an invitation to travel. She was a member of St. Augustine Catholic Church and an active member of the St. Vincent DePaul Society.

She was predeceased by her parents; her sister, Lillian Bell; her brothers, John Barnett, Warren Barnett, Lute Barnett, Norbert Barnett and Glendon Barnett; sons-in-law Jeffry Turner and Gary Tyo; and her husband, Clement Highter, in 2001, to whom she was married for 60 years.

"Coonie," as her friends called her, is survived by her children, Rae Marie Jacobs, of South Burlington; Jerrilee Turner Silk (Jack), of Bonita Springs, FL; Laurey Tyo, of Colchester; and Frances McAvoy (Gary), of Barre. She also is survived by her grandchildren, Karen Weed (Ray), Sarah Trombley (Mark), Jeffry Turner (Leslie), Janis Turner, Jason Turner, Tricia Tyo (James), Craig Tyo, Morgan Matson (Einar), Justin Lee (Pat) and Kristin Eisensmith (Chris), along with 19 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held at Guare and Sons Funeral Home in Montpelier on Saturday, November 21. The family requests in lieu of flowers a donation be made to a charity of choice. Those wishing to express online condolences may do so at www.guareandsons.com.

The family wishes to thank everyone at the Gazebo Apartments and Starr Farm Nursing Center for the wonderful care Margaret received.

Nancy D. L. Morse

Nancy Dutton Lilley Morse, 84, died November 1, 2015, with her family by her side.

She was predeceased by her first husband, Edward Lilley, and children, Douglas Lilley and Sally (Morse) Wagner.

She is survived by her husband of 33 years, Robert Morse, of East Montpelier; children, Randy Lilley, of Essex Junction, Cathie (Lilley) Meyer and husband, Brad, of Lebanon, NH, Chris (Lilley) Hope and husband, Richard, of Richford, Barbara (Lilley) Fielder, of Cabot, Mark Lilley, of Windham, ME, Diane (Morse)

Konrady and husband, Michael, of Calais, Bruce Morse and wife, Shirley, of Berlin; 16 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren; sister Catherine (Dutton) Bontadelli, of Redmond, OR; and several nieces and nephews.

A celebration of remembrance was held Friday, November 6, 2015, in the Old Brick Church, East Montpelier. Memorial contributions may be made to the Fire & Rescue Service, East Montpelier, VT 05651. Arrangements by Curtis-Britch & Davis Funeral Home of Craftsbury Common, VT. Online condolences may be made at www.Curtis-Britch.com.

Kevin R. Sicely

Kevin R. Sicely, 43, of Minister Brook Road, died unexpectedly on Monday, November 9, 2015, at Central Vermont Medical Center.

He was born in Berlin, VT, on June 8, 1972, the son of Danny and Elaine (Gordon) Sicely. He graduated from Twinfield Union School in the class of 1990. Kevin was a longtime employee of Cabot Creamery. On Dec. 31, 2000, he married Michelle Bador in Worcester, VT.

Kevin was an outdoorsman and enjoyed hunting, snowmobiling and four-wheeling. He also cherished traveling to Maine with his family. Kevin loved to cook, and he especially enjoyed barbecuing.

Survivors include his wife, Michelle Sicely, of Worcester; daughters Kendra and Miranda Bador, both of Worcester; grandchildren Alexis Bador, Landon Garneau and Rylann Perkins, all of

George H. Wilson III



George Henry Wilson III, 82, of U.S. Route 2, passed away quietly at his home on Tuesday, November 17, 2015, after a short illness from lung cancer with his family at his side.

He was born July 31, 1933, at Barre City Hospital in Barre, the son of George Henry Wilson Jr. and Vera (Flanders) Wilson. His early years were spent in Orange and then Corinth, after losing his mother at a very young age. He moved to Marshfield in 1948 to live on the family farm with his father and stepmother, Ethel R. Veselak. George graduated from Marshfield High School in June 1951.

On August 27, 1951, he enlisted in the United States Air Force, where he was stationed in the Finger Lakes region of NY, Wichita Falls, TX, Roswell, NM, and then transferred to Loring Air Force Base in Caribou, ME. While in the service, George worked as an airplane mechanic.

George met his late wife, Evelyn Frances Doney, of Northfield Falls, VT, at a barn dance. They were married on June 2, 1956, and purchased a farm (known as Elmwood Lane) in Marshfield, where they lived and raised their family. Evelyn died October 31, 2001, after 45 years of marriage. During his later years, George met Mary Welch, who became his friend, companion and fiancée until the time of his death.

George was proud to be a Vermonter. He was a kind, loving, compassionate person, who had a playful sense of humor and a very positive outlook on life. He took great pride in his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and provided great strength and wisdom for his family over the years. His family's backyard pool was the site of many

happy gatherings for his grandkids, family and friends. George was an animal lover and the kind of person who lit up whenever a baby entered the room. He was an avid Red Sox fan who, at one family gathering, came up missing, only to be found in his car listening to the Red Sox game. During football season, George was also an avid Patriots fan.

George is survived by his four sons, George Henry Wilson IV and his wife, Pamela, of East Montpelier, Gary Stephen Wilson and his wife, Jill, of Marshfield, Gregory Scott Wilson, of Marshfield, and Geoffrey Paul Wilson and his fiancée, Ann, of Plainfield. He leaves his sister, Susan Wilkie, and husband Duncan, of Montpelier; his sister-in-law, Ida Wilson, of Tampa, Florida; his fiancée, Mary Welch, of East Barre; and many in-laws, cousins, nieces and nephews.

George leaves seven beloved grandchildren: George Henry "Joey" Wilson V and his wife, Shannon, of Cabot, Terry Wilson and his wife, Lorelee, of Westford, Joel Wilson, of Plainfield, and Rose, Eli, Ava and Ruby Wilson, of Marshfield. He also leaves four great-grandchildren: Elizabeth and Clara, of Cabot, and Evelyn and Myra, of Westford.

Besides his parents and stepmother, George is recently predeceased by his brother, Allan F. Wilson, (November 13, 2015) in Tampa, FL. He is also predeceased by several aunts and uncles and cousins.

His funeral service was held on Saturday, November 21, 2015, in the Grace United Methodist Church in Plainfield. Arrangements by Hooker and Whitcomb Funeral Home in Barre. For a memorial guest book, visit www.hookerwhitcomb.com. Contributions in his memory may be made to the American Cancer Society, 55 Day Lane, Williston, VT 05495.

Planning Notes

By Karen Deasy,
Cabot Zoning Administrator
and Town Planner

Work on the existing garage site has continued. The consultant who is completing the design work on the existing site restoration will be starting to permit process so we can begin construction in the spring. We have completed the required work under our Site Monitoring Plan for the existing garage site which will be closed down Ground water samples taken this spring were below reporting levels for PCE. The monitoring wells on site have been removed and the floor drains in the existing facility sealed to prevent additional contamination.

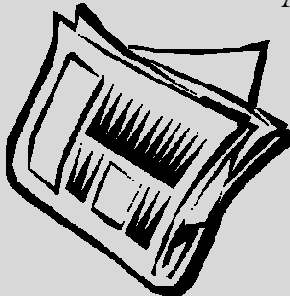
The Sawmill Hazard Mitigation project is underway. We have received a

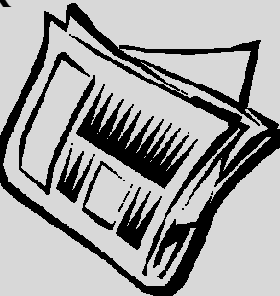
grant from DEC to complete the initial engineering. FEMA is reviewing the application for removal of the Dam and structures on this site. If this project is approved it will change the FEMA firm mapping for houses and structures for approximately one mile along this section of the Winooski River. The removal of the Dam and structures is another on the list of significant projects from our Hazard Mitigation list.

Along this same theme the Town is looking to partner with Friends of the Winooski to introduce a buffer management project at our recreation field. This work is in conjunction with better managing our storm water discharge further protecting water quality.

From an energy management standpoint we have just completed a project with efficiency Vermont to add variable frequency drives to the aeration units at the wastewater treatment plant. The initial readings for energy saving look good and this investment should show a decrease in electrical use at the plant. We are also investigating the possibility of siting solar panels at the sawmill property in conjunction with Sun Common to net meter the towns electrical usage at no cost to the town. This would involve leasing Town land for the installation of a ground mounted solar system.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR





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COMMUNITY COMMENTARY

Dear Editor,

The voters of Cabot made history last year when they won back their right to make the zoning decisions in their town. Well, the time to use our power has arrived. At town meeting in March the Planning Commission will be asking voters to approve sweeping changes in how we can use our land, extend the enforcement policies, and change the structure of the town's legislative process. This gigantic document includes countless inconsistencies, vague language, and will limit freedom while increasing expenses for landowners astronomically. There is no doubt, these proposed zoning rules are dangerous.

Ever since the voters took back their right last year, the planning commission has been meeting and going over the document again and again, trying to sculpt it into something that is palatable to the voters. They have held several hearings with members of the community, including the Zoning Board of Administrators. At these meetings there was much disagreement about the meaning, enforcement, and intent of the sections being discussed. Even the planning commissioners themselves

can't agree, and change their minds about the passages continually. They also could not agree on whether each section was necessary. Two things were agreed upon: that the proposed rules will increase costs and complicate the process of nearly every permit requested.

Some of the most frightening aspects of the proposed rules are fundamental, and these are aspects the commissioners refused to change. One is the use of the word "may" in place of "will." Currently, our zoning rules say that if you meet the requirements, the zoning administrator "will" issue your permit. The proposed document uses the word "may" instead, which means the Z.A. may, or may not, give you a permit if you meet all the requirements.

When enacting laws, we need to be very cautious. The more laws and penalties we create, the more that power can be abused. Cabot voters have a unique opportunity to embrace freedom and help future residents live here in peace. Reject tyranny at the local level: remember to vote at Town meeting.

Sincerely,
Amy Hornblas

Cabot United Church December Schedule

December 6 –
Lighting the Memorial Tree
6-6:30 p.m. in front of the church
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concert by Anima
6:30 p.m. in the church
December 19 –
Santa's Workshop
2-4:00 p.m. in the church
December 24 –
Christmas Eve Service
7:00 p.m. in the church

Short explanations of the above:
Sunday, December 6, 6 – 6:30 p.m.
Lighting the Memorial Tree
The Ceremony will be held across from the church. Names of those who are honored will be read out loud and the tree will be lit. If you have purchased a bulb in someone's name, we hope you can be present. If you haven't purchased one, please send the names and \$3 for each name to Cabot United Church, PO Box 27, Cabot, Vermont 05647, leave it with a member of the church, or put it in the offering plate. Please be sure to get the names to us before December 6.

Sunday, December 6, 6:30 p.m.
Concert by Anima, Central Vermont's Women's Vocal Ensemble
Anima will present a concert of Medieval and Renaissance music for the Advent season immediately following the tree-lighting, at the Cabot United Church. The concert will include several settings of the revolutionary Song of Mary, or Magnificat, in which Mary declares that in a new world order, the mighty will be put down from their seats while the humble and meek are exalted. Admission is by donation.

Saturday, December 19 from 2 - 4:00 p.m.
Santa's Workshop

The annual Santa's Workshop is designed to give children of all ages the joy of creating their own Christmas treasures. The workshop is planned exclusively to give parents free time to finish up Christmas shopping, wrap presents, or just relaxing, so bring in your children and leave them with us for a couple of hours. Some of the planned activities are: making ornaments, Christmas cookies, Christmas boxes, Cards, etc. Every table will have a volunteer showing the children how to craft exciting creations to take home with them. Sometime during the workshop, snacks for the participants will appear. Just one request: Please plan to pick up your child(ren) at 4:00 p.m.. After 4:00, the volunteers will turn into pumpkins.

Thursday, December 24 at 7:00 p.m.
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
A service of Lessons and Carols will be celebrated at the Cabot United Church at 7:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve. The story of Jesus' birth will be presented in scripture and Christmas hymns. The service will end with the classical candle lighting ceremony. Everyone is welcome to begin their Christmas celebration with us.



ADVICE FROM THE TREE WARDEN

By Roland (Slim) Payne

November and still warm, but it could change any time.

On November 7, I went to the annual Town Forest Meeting at VTC (Vermont Technical College) in Randolph, VT. It was a great meeting, with classes on several subjects. I went to three workshops:

Class #1 - Protecting Community-Owned Land, with a panel of people that have done it. The group laid out how they put together a plan to take over a failed ski area in Marlboro, VT. It took three years to transform Hog Back Mountain into a town forest, but it finally came together and is up and running, used for hunting, hiking, mountain biking, snowshoeing, cross country skiing and, last but not least, the ski area with three lifts. The group said they thought raising money would be the hard part, but it turned out it was the easy part.

Class #2 - Keep Forests Forested, addressing forest fragmentation in communities. This is about land being broken into smaller and smaller parcels, leaving no corridors for wildlife to move like they have to for survival (big problem).

Class #3 - Invasives Make Bad Neighbors, preventing and managing the spread of invasive plants. Plants covered were buckthorn, Japanese barberry, bush honeysuckle, wild parsnip, and giant hogweed. All classes were very good.

We walked the road during the Town Forest Road meeting on November 9, then had a hearing at the town office on making the existing road class 4. I don't know what will happen, but steps are being taken.

Hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving,

Planning Commission Seeks Comment on Draft Zoning at December 3 Hearing

By Gary Gulka,
Cabot Planning Commission Chair

The Planning Commission has completed a draft of new zoning regulations that it started working on in 2013, and will be holding a public hearing on December 3 at 7:00 p.m. in the Willey Building to take public comment. Work began in the spring of 2013 with a planning consultant that was funded largely through a grant from the Agency of Commerce and Community Development. After completing the first draft with the consultant in May 2014 and holding public forums, the Planning Commission spent a year and a half carefully reviewing, revising, and taking comment from the public, Select Board, Zoning Board of Adjustment, and Agency of Natural Resources. The resulting final draft is one that the Planning Commission believes is a major improvement in clarity and specificity that is lacking in current zoning, drafted in the 1970s, and addresses many of the town plan goals for future growth and development of the town.

What are the Major Changes Proposed?

This draft has many changes, with some of the more significant ones highlighted below:

The zoning districts have been modified to better reflect current and future patterns of development outlined in the 2012 Town Plan. The four current zoning districts have been expanded to eight districts, including, for the first time, a Commercial Industrial District and a Conservation District. Many of the dimensional standards have been reduced for lot sizes and property line setbacks compared to current zoning.

A Development Review Board (DRB) is proposed to replace the existing Zoning Board of Adjustment. This consolidates project review for commercial projects and non-residential projects under one Board instead of two, thus streamlining the review process.

A General Exemptions section and Residential Exemptions section have been added to clarify development that does not require a permit.

Clearer and more specific requirements for parking, signs, lighting, planned unit developments, and commercial projects.

A process to obtain a waiver from certain application requirements and to obtain a minor deviation from development standards, such as property setbacks, thus providing more flexible regulations.

An Administration article that clearly defines the roles of the zoning administrator and town boards, as well as administrative procedures for permit applications, hearings, and decisions and appeals that is currently lacking in current zoning.

Proposed subdivision regulations that define requirements for major and minor subdivisions of land that is lacking in current zoning, and was specifically called out in the Town Plan as a future action step. It should be noted that the Planning Commission is proposing zoning and subdivision as two separate regulations for consideration by the Select Board and the town voters.

Flood hazard area requirements that not only assure that the town is eligible for the National Flood Insurance Program, but also incorporates state recommendations for restricting development in areas mapped as prone to erosion in flooding events.

What is the Process for Considering These New Regulations?

The review and adoption process for zoning regulations has several steps defined under state law. The Planning Commission must prepare a report and hold a public hearing on its proposed draft. The Planning Commission then submits its proposal and report to the Select Board for their consideration after considering public comment. The Select Board then has the decision-making authority to accept, modify or reject the proposal and hold one or more public hearings before putting proposed zoning before the voters.

The full text of the draft Zoning Regulations, Subdivision Regulations, and Planning Commission Report can be viewed at the Cabot Town Offices, where copies are also available. These documents are also available on Town of Cabot's web site: <http://www.cabotvt.us/>. Current Planning Commission members are Gary Gulka, Frank Kampf, and Chuck Marian and they would be glad to discuss or answer your questions about the proposal.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

~ DECEMBER ~

Wednesday 12/2

Jaquith Classic Film Series 7:00 p.m. (1990) a busload of women become stranded in an isolated part of the Canadian countryside; as they await rescue, they reflect on their lives through a mostly ad-libbed script. Director Cynthia Scott, Stars Alice Diabo, Constance Garneau and Winifred Holden. Jaquith Public Library, 122 School St., Room 2, Marshfield.

Saturday 12/5

Winter Concert 7:00 p.m. The Vermont Fiddle Orchestra will be performing a benefit concert at the Hyde Park Opera House on Main Street in Hyde Park. Proceeds will benefit the Second Congregational Church's Steeple Fund. Tickets at the door. \$10.00 General, \$5.00 Seniors/students, preschoolers are free.

GRACE Holiday Open House 4:00-7:00 p.m. Hardwick. Free and open to the public. The Old Firehouse GRACE, 59 Mill Street. Food, cocktails, and crafts for sale by local artisans, paintings by GRACE artists, staff and invited local artists. The event promises to be an excellent place to get holiday gifts.

High Holiday Tea 2:00-4:00 p.m. Peacham. Sample a variety of teas as well as many sweet and savory delights! Enjoy festive holiday music and a raffle of wonderful local foods, services, and crafts. The suggested donation is \$10.00 and all proceeds benefit Peacham Library. More info 592-3216.

Sunday 12/6

Lighting the Memorial Tree. 6:00-6:30 p.m. The ceremony will be held across from the church. To purchase a bulb to honor someone special, send \$3.00 for each name to Cabot United Church, PO Box 127, Cabot, Vermont 05647, or leave it with a member of the church or place in the offering plate at church service December 6. Names will be read during the ceremony. Immediately after the lighting, Anima, central Vermont's Women Vocal Ensemble, will present a concert of medieval and renaissance music for the Advent season at the Cabot United Church. Admission is by donation.

The Vermont Fiddle Orchestra will be performing its annual Winter Concert 4:00 p.m. at the Unitarian Church at 130 Main Street, Montpelier. There will be a Silent Auction and refreshments. Tickets are general admission \$15.00, \$12 Seniors/students. Ages 12 and under are free. For reservations and more information call 802-229-4191 **before 4:00 p.m. on December 5.**

Handel's Messiah 2:00 p.m. Barre Opera House. General admission \$15.00, \$12.00 Seniors and students, \$5.00 kids under 12, \$32.00 family (2 adults and 2 kids). A holiday tradition since 1879, this beloved work includes some of the most joyful and memorable music from the Baroque period. Conducted by Lisa Jablow and featuring the Vermont Philharmonic Chorus. Tickets contact Box Office 802-476-8188.

Monday 12/7

Meditation with Daria Babbitt. 6:00-7:30 p.m. She will introduce techniques to reduce stress. Discussion time of various healing techniques and inner spiritual growth. Open to all, donations gratefully accepted. Willey Building in Cabot.

Friday 12/11

Traditional Italian Dancing. Old Labor Hall. Granite Street, Barre. 7:00 p.m. There will be couples, set, line and group dances. Easy enough for beginners and yet suitable for intermediate and advanced dancers. Taught by Celest DiPietropaolo and Marie DiCocco, who have been researching and teaching traditional Italian village dances for 30 years. More information call 802-229-1490.

Northeast Kingdom Chorus invites you to kick off your holiday festivities by enjoying a selection of secular and sacred holiday music. 7:00 p.m. at the United Church of Cabot. The chorus, directed by Lynn McKinney of Cabot consists of choral singers from Greensboro, Hardwick, Craftsbury and Cabot. The program includes Victoria's "O Magnum Mysterium", several contemporary pieces, unique arrangements of traditional carols, the audience will be invited to join in singing traditional Christmas carols at the conclusion of the program.

Vermont Symphony Orchestra Holiday Pops, Barre Opera House, Barre. General Admission \$30.00, Seniors (65+) and AARP members \$24.00, 18 and under \$9.00. 7:30 p.m. Anthony Princiotti, conductor; Hillary Boone, emcee. Everyone loves a holiday story, so get comfy as the VSO shares music from favorite Christmas movies, masquerade ball, fractured fairy tales and the Nutcracker. Comedian and Moth StorySLAM host Hillary emcees a program that also features some of her own humorous family sketches plus an amazing youth soloist, the VSO brass and carol singalong. Order tickets 802-476-8188.

Saturday 12/12

"Touch of Vermont" Holiday Gift Market. 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Montpelier City Hall, Montpelier. Now in its 11th year, the Touch of Vermont is the spot to buy a special gift from 45 artisans in Vermont.

VT Snowmobile Safety Course 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. in the Lyndon Town School. Lunch provided. Dress appropriately. Please pre-register by calling Larry Dwyer 802-754-9385.

Upland Bakers, 11:00 a.m. Local Eats! Series about local food making. Featuring Jules and Helen Rabin with over 25 years of forging bread making. Rabins' bread was baked in a wood-fired bread oven. Come hear the Rabins' discuss their system and how they pioneered artisan-style bread among the first in Vermont. Jaquith Public Library, Marshfield.

Cabot Old Time Contra and Square Dance 7:30 p.m. Come and learn how to contra and square dance, open to young and old. Music by David Carpenter and Hull's Union Victory String Band. This

evening's caller is Delia Clark. Donations to cover the caller. Willey Building in Cabot.

Sunday 12/13

Northeast Kingdom Chorus invites you to kick off your holiday festivities by enjoying a selection of secular and sacred holiday music. 4:00 p.m. at the Greensboro United Church of Christ. The chorus, directed by Lynn McKinney of Cabot consists of choral singers from Greensboro, Hardwick, Craftsbury and Cabot. The program includes Victoria's "O Magnum Mysterium", several contemporary pieces, unique arrangements of traditional carols, the audience will be invited to join in singing traditional Christmas carols at the conclusion of the program.

Tuesday 12/15

Holiday Baking and Craft Making Workshop. 3:00-5:00 p.m. Have fun making stained glass cookies, gingerbread houses, holiday ornaments and beaded jewelry at the Cabot Public Library.

Wednesday 12/16

Who's there? Movies about Identity. 7:00 p.m. (1982) An unemployed / unemployable actor dressed as a woman to get a job on a soap opera in this very funny movie. A man in drag creates a better self. Dustin Hoffman, Jessica Lange and Bill Murray. Jaquith Public Library, Marshfield.

Cabot Community Book Group 10:30 a.m. Pulitzer prize-winning books - December selection is "Olive Kitteridge," by Elizabeth Stout. A good read for the winter months. Books available at the Cabot Public library.

Friday 12/18

Wine Tasting 12 noon-6:00 p.m. Join us for sampling of wines, including sparkling wines, champagne, and a variety of other wines. Willey's Store, Greensboro, VT 802-533-2554.

Saturday 12/19

Santa's Workshop 2:00-4:00 p.m. Cabot United Church. Children will make their own creative treasures. The workshop is planned exclusively to give parents free time to relax or shop. Bring the children and let them have fun for a couple hours. Planned activities making ornaments, Christmas cookies, Christmas boxes, etc. Snacks will be their cookies! Please pick up children promptly at 4:00 p.m.

Holiday with the Animals 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Central Vermont Humane Society in East Montpelier. Mark your cal-

endar now to join in the fun, there will be refreshments, activities, special visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus. Please bring donations from our wish list to make the season bright. To see the wish list go to <https://centralvermonthumane.org/donate-now/>. We look forward to seeing you!!

Tuesday 12/22

Special Holiday Preschool Story Hour 10:30 -11:30 a.m. at the Cabot Public Library.

Thursday 12/24

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. Cabot United Church at 7:00 p.m. Service lessons of the story Jesus' birth will be presented in scripture and Christmas hymns, finish with classical candle lighting ceremony. Everyone is welcomed.

Friday 12/25

Deck the halls with hough of bolly...oops...too much eggnog again. Oh well, Happy Holidays!!!

Sunday 12/27

"Breaking Up Christmas" 3:00 p.m. The Green Mountain Playboys return to Willey Building in Cabot for the annual Cajun Dance. A Goodbye to the old year 2015 and a Hello to the new year 2016! You will not want to miss!!

Thursday 12/31

Jay Peak Resort New Year's Eve (NYE) Party and Fireworks. Jay, VT 9:00 p.m.-1:00 a.m. Help us ring in 2016 the right way music, dancing and fireworks. Northstar Fireworks will kick off the night with an on-mountain display around 9:00 p.m. Following the fireworks, The GRIFF (back for the 5th year) will get the party started in our Foeger ballroom. Admission \$10.00 adults 18+, includes a complimentary drink ticket (for those 21+) and appetizers. In addition, there will be a Teen NYE Party and Kids NYE Party to entertain the whole family. 1-800-988-2611 or www.jaypeakresort.com for reservations.



FOOD SHARE AND FOOD DROP DATES

CABOT FOOD SHARE

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

**Wednesday,
DECEMBER 16
Noon-2:00 p.m.**

**Cabot Masonic Hall
3339 Main Street**

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Who Is My Neighbor?**



Available for Cabot Residents

MARSHFIELD FOOD DROP
Second Saturday of every month.

**SATURDAY,
DECEMBER 12**

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

~~~ Save the Date ~~~

# Santa's Workshop



**Saturday, December 19  
2-4:00 p.m.**

Cabot United Church, Church Vestry

This event is for children to make crafty gifts for family and friends

**CABOT ARTS PRESENTS**

## BREAKIN' UP CHRISTMAS

ANNUAL CAJUN DANCE with



**THE GREEN MOUNTAIN  
PLAYBOYS**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27, 3 PM  
CABOT TOWN HALL  
(WILLEY BUILDING)  
3084 MAIN STREET**

ADMISSION BY DONATION AT THE DOOR

### Northeast Kingdom Chorus Performs in Greensboro

The Northeast Kingdom Chorus invites you to kick off your holiday festivities by enjoying a selection of secular and sacred holiday music. Performances are scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on Friday, December 11, at the United Church of Cabot, and at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 13, at the Greensboro United Church of Christ.

The chorus, directed by Lynn McKinney of Cabot, consists of choral singers from Greensboro, Hardwick, Craftsbury and Cabot. The program this year in-

cludes Victoria's "O Magnum Mysterium", several contemporary pieces, and unique arrangements of traditional carols, as well as small-group performances. The audience will be invited to join in singing traditional Christmas carols at the conclusion of the program.

Submitted by: Judy Dales, Secretary  
judy@judydales.com  
802-533-7733  
P.O. Box 247  
Hardwick, VT  
05843-0247

## FAITH IN ACTION'S SIXTH ANNUAL TOYS FOR GIRLS AND BOYS GIVEAWAY



~ along with warm hats, scarves and mittens ~



This year we are accepting unwrapped *new and/or good condition used* toys, books, dolls, backpacks, board games, personal care items and *new* stuffed animals, hats, gloves, mittens and other gifts suitable for Cabot children of all ages.

***Want to be a 'Secret Santa' and sponsor a child or a family's Holiday wish? Call us to find out how!! It's easy and keeps your donation LOCAL!***

Donations can be left at the Faith in Action Office in the Masonic Hall, Main Street, Cabot on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., or left at the front door if we are not open. Let's make this a special Christmas for Cabot's children

### Faith in Action in cooperation with Cabot School WARM COAT DRIVE

Please bring clean coats in good condition to Cabot school between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Monday-Friday, November 30-December 4  
Additional coats accepted at Faith in Action's Masonic Hall Office December 7-15.

*Weather permitting, parents can come for toy giveaways:  
In the morning on Thursday, DECEMBER 17, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon  
In the evening on Saturday, DECEMBER 19, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon  
In the morning on Monday, DECEMBER 21, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
At Faith in Action, Masonic Hall, 3339 Main Street, Cabot  
Please call us at 563-3322 or email admin@fiancp.org  
with questions or special needs requests*

## CABOT COMMUNITY MEMORIAL TREE LIGHTING ON THE COMMON



**December 6, 2015**

**6:00 p.m. – Tree Lighting**

**6:00 p.m. – Caroling**

**Soup & Sandwiches in church  
following caroling.**

For several years, the people of Cabot have purchased bulbs in memory or honor of loved ones. Bulbs are \$3.00 for each name listed. Please provide the names you wish to be read at the lighting ceremony and return your request with payment by December 1 to Cabot United Church, P.O. Box 127, Cabot, VT 05647, or give to any church board member.

***All are welcome to participate. Sponsored by Cabot United Church.***

### Cabot Community Memorial Tree Ceremony December 6, 6:00 p.m., on the Common

Names to be read:

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| _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ |

Payment @ \$3 per bulb: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please print clearly and mail **by December 1** to:  
Cabot United Church, P.O. Box 127, Cabot, VT 05647  
or give to any church board member

In case of questions - please list your phone number or email address:





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Vehicle, computer and telephone required, along with a positive, responsible disposition and comfort with email and basic office software. Previous sales experience not required. Self-directed individual with an honest interest in supporting our local paper, serving local businesses well and conducting business with integrity and respect would be a welcome addition to a very small part-time staff.

Call us at 802-595-7710 or email [Inbox@CabotChronicle.org](mailto:Inbox@CabotChronicle.org).  
We want to hear from you.

# The Cabot Chronicle

## Thanks for the Support

Last year, we asked readers to consider making a tax-deductible year-end donation to support *The Cabot Chronicle*. The community response, combined with a town appropriation, advertising income, subscription fees and the Maple Fest fundraiser, enabled us to end the year "in the black". Thank you very much to our generous readers.

It costs about \$15,000 to put out the *Chronicle* for a year. One-third of that comes from our Maple Fest fundraiser in March; one-third from the town appropriation; one-sixth from our wonderful advertisers and subscribers; and the remaining sixth remains a problem.

While we do charge for advertising, a lot of our announcements, which might be paid advertisements in a larger town, support volunteer and nonprofit organizations in Cabot that do not have an advertising budget. We consider it a community service to publish their activities and events, and don't charge. Earlier in the paper's history, we operated under the belief that all organizations that benefit from the paper should share in the cost; we discovered, however, that community organizations didn't post their events in the paper if they had to pay for the notice, which resulted in the organizations not getting the exposure they needed, and the community members not receiving the information. We considered that a lose-lose. Since that time, we offer coverage to community organizations at no cost, actively pursuing information the community needs. We also publish town notices at no charge, since we receive an appropriation of town funds. We work closely with town officials to be sure readers get the information they need about town activities.

Subscriptions and donations are voluntary, but necessary, so if you can, please make a donation or buy a subscription for yourself or as a gift. Consider it support of not only the paper but our community organizations, as well. Your support is very much appreciated, both financial and intellectual. Please share any thoughts you have about future content or fiscal improvements by emailing [Inbox@CabotChronicle.org](mailto:Inbox@CabotChronicle.org), phoning 802-595-7710, or writing to P. O. Box 245, Cabot, VT 05647.



## HEART OF VERMONT® CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

# HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2015

### Artisan and Craft Market

101 S. Main Street (Hardwick) ~ 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Caledonia Spirits tastings, spirits, honey; Rick Norcross in person books/CDs; natural skin & hair products; massages; food items; fabric art; jewelry; ceramics; toys;

decorative; poinsettias; one of a kind wool hats & hand thrown pottery!

### Hardwick Clothing Company

(Hardwick) ~ 9:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

20% OFF all non-sale items when you use this coupon  
or mention you saw us in *The Cabot Chronicle*!

### Willey's General Store

(Greensboro) ONLY from 7a.m. – Noon

50% off any one (1) item from Housewares

Cut out and bring in this ad for a very special holiday offer:  
One per customer; must have this coupon! Promo code: house50?

Unique items from Whistle Emporium; fresh flowers, locally sourced greens from The Flower Basket, treats from Connie's Kitchen, local vendors, restaurants . . .

For more local events & sales, go to [www.heartofvt.com](http://www.heartofvt.com).

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The Heart of Vermont Chamber of Commerce invites the public to the annual Holiday Happenings seasonal celebration on the first Saturday, December 5, on Main Street in Hardwick. Shoppers and browsers can celebrate the holiday season, enjoy great shopping and good food, and meet friendly vendors with their unique offerings. Local stores, vendors and restaurants have joined together to create an area wide holiday experience. While the center of Holiday Happenings is Main Street, Hardwick, this event encompasses all towns and participating businesses of the Chamber region.

Willey's General Store, Greensboro, featured in Yankee Magazine in 2013 as the quintessential New England general store, kicks off the festivities shortly after Thanksgiving with a series of wine, coffee, cheese and food tastings. The excitement then ramps up to an "extreme" five hour only Holiday Happenings housewares event on December 5 (Look for the Chamber ad...you MUST have the Willey's coupon to get the extreme savings of the 5-hour only sale!)

On December 5, there is a Holiday Happenings Craft & Artisan's Fair right on Main Street, Hardwick, in the beautifully renovated Aiken/Gohl building. Local vendors with unique items create a festive and relaxed atmosphere. Here, you will find natural skin and hair care products, food items, fabric art, jewelry, ceramics, toys, one of a kind wool hats and hand-thrown pottery. Rick Norcross, of Rick and The Ramblers, will be there with books and CDs, and Caledonia Spirits will have tastings and be selling spirits and honey. In the recently restored Hardwick Inn, Hardwick Clothing Company stocks everything practical and holiday...from Carhartt to boutique, and offers an additional coupon discount for December 5. Grab a treat from Connie's Kitchen or vanquish holiday stress with a massage at Aloha Winds and a bouquet of fresh flowers and locally sourced holiday greens at The Flower Basket. Shops such as Whistle Emporium on Main Street showcase the unusual, while The Galaxy Book Shop invites in any (who dare to enter!) the world of imagination with a bookstore both traditional and eclectic.

There will be additional special sales and events throughout the Chamber area before, during and after December 5. It is recommended to look for specifics in area newspapers or online by visiting the Chamber's website at [www.heartofvt.com](http://www.heartofvt.com).

## For Weekly Articles on

### Cabot, Marshfield, Calais, Walden and

### Twinfield, Cabot and Walden Schools

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## Silent Auction a Success Thanks to Apple Pie Festival Donors

By Julie Ackermann

Cabot Historical Society is grateful for the support of community members who donated items for the Silent Auction and Flea Market:

Cabot Smith Farm  
Harry's Hardware  
Velma White  
Marvie Domey  
Tree Dog Kennels  
Gloria Lynn  
Jane Brown  
Cabot Oral Histor Committee  
Trazart Luxury Tree House  
Jeannie Johnson  
Ellen Voigt  
Cabot Greenhouse  
Chickie Pike  
Charles Bothfeld  
Catamount Aviation  
Old Friends  
Amanda's Greenhouse

Lynn Rockwell  
Bill Wheeler  
Wendy's Style Shop  
Bayley Hazen Cust. Quilts  
Maria Acchione  
Patty Hutchinson  
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Cabot Creamery  
Andy Luce  
Nancy Goul  
Cabot Village Store  
Artsy & Fartsy  
Cooke's Car Care  
Ackermann Maple Farm  
Green Mountain Coffee  
Rowell Sugar House  
Dunstable Farm  
Woodbury Mtn. Toys  
Regenes Project  
Jane McKay  
Sue Holden Creations  
Top of The Mountain  
Doris Lasen

## Girl Scout News

By Cecilia Gulka

Cabot Girl Scouts are off to a great start. In October, the girls celebrated Halloween and the birthday of Juliette Gordon Lowe, the founder of Girl Scouts, who was born on October 31. They learned about Juliette and the difficulties she faced getting Girl Scouting started in 1912 and the importance of continuing her work today. Developing girl leaders is what Girl Scouting is all about. On October 24, the Junior girls attended "Fall Fest", a statewide celebration of Juliette Lowe's birthday at Twin Hills, the Girl Scout camp in Richmond, VT.

In September, under the leadership of Sue Rousse-LaGue, the Juniors began their work on their Gardner's badge, repotting geraniums, which they will overwinter, and cleaning up the flower beds at school. They have outlined a full year, hoping to complete the Digital Photography, Jewelry and other badges, as well. They are currently working on their First Aid Badge. On November 16, they took a trip to the Cabot Fire Station, where they were given a tour of the ambulance and learned what EMTs do. Many thanks to Andy Luce for the wonderful tour and to Leonia Pike for helping to chaperone.

The Daisies & Brownies, under the leadership of Darci Herdling and assisted by Jacki Earle, are working hard to provide service to the community. They have made posters and collection boxes for donations of children's books. These will be donated to the Ronald McDonald House and local hospitals. Boxes can be found at Cabot Village Store, Cabot Public Library, Cabot School and the East Calais General Store. If you have a large number of books to donate, please contact Darci at 456-8861 or 917-3882 or darciherdling@yahoo.com to make arrangements for pick up.

In November, the girls celebrated Veterans Day by making cards for veterans and family members who have served in the armed forces. The girls painted pebbles red, white & blue, to serve as a reminder of the sacrifices the veterans make for us. The girls also documented the things they are thankful for and decorated Thanksgiving cupcakes.

Plans are underway to once again make cookies for Cabot Commons and go Christmas Caroling in December. The Girl Scout cookie sale will begin in January. Girls are welcome to join Girl Scouts at any time. For more information, call or e-mail Cecilia (563-2284 or cegulka@fairpoint.net).

## Cabot School Board Update

This fall, the Cabot School Board has met with members of the Twinfield, Danville and Woodbury School Boards to begin discussions about whether and how merging our school districts could potentially benefit our students and communities. Act 46, passed by the Vermont Legislature this past spring, mandates that school districts across the state that currently enroll less than 900 students research the benefits of combining with other districts to form new, enlarged "educational districts" by 2019.

The expressed purpose of this legislation was to improve opportunities for students. We will be continuing our discussions with both the Twinfield and Danville School Boards over the next several months to determine how a merger with those school districts might benefit our Cabot students. We will update Cabot residents on the outcomes of those discussions as they occur this winter.

Chris Tormey  
Chair, Cabot School Board

## Varsity Boys Soccer Wraps Up

By Peter Stratman,  
Coach

With high hopes and a talented crew of senior athletes, Cabot's varsity boys soccer team started pre-season training camp ready to defend its reputation as a division powerhouse. Despite being one of the smallest schools in the league, Cabot's enjoyed quite a run of soccer success, including two trips to the semi-finals in the last four years. This year, the Huskies brought loads of experience and a deep roster of 21 players prepared to make another exciting run.

This year's team was anchored by a strong core: Seth Herrick, a rock-solid goalkeeper who always played with poise and heart. Tiger Bastress, who evolved into one of the league's best defenders...hands down. Will Nally, who lived and breathed soccer over four years to become a skilled ball-handler, dangerous attacker and team leader. And, Caleb Maxfield, whose talent, humility and selflessness helped define our style of play and epitomized our team culture. The team was also bolstered by the skill and scrappy play of Spanish foreign-exchange student Juan Carlos Sanchez Velasco.

Unfortunately, the storybook potential that forecast our season was hijacked by a rough start and the reality that soccer is a game where the most skilled team doesn't always win. We started the season 0-3 for the first time in recent memory.

Interestingly, those early losses challenged the team in a good way. The most impressive aspect of Cabot soccer is the sense of pride and work ethic that the boys contribute to the endeavor. We are successful because our players work diligently day in and day out to improve their skills and tactical awareness. We



show heart, endurance, incredible teamwork, and a deeper appreciation for the game. It's about culture and character more than soccer itself.

Instead of panicking about a rough start, we made the necessary adjustments to correct our course. Over the next 11 games, the Huskies went unbeaten, with impressive wins over Sharon, Whitechester, and league-leader Craftsbury. During that stretch, the boys only gave up five goals, as compared with eight goals let in those first three games.

The 2015 Huskies finished the regular season 10-3-1, claiming third place in the division. Once again, the playoffs brought high hopes, Cabot easily dispatched Twinfield in the first round, but suffered a heart-breaking defeat to Sharon in round 2 on a goal in the final three minutes of the match. Soccer can be cruel sometimes.

Over the last four years, the Cabot Varsity Boys soccer team has worked hard and earned unprecedented success. This year's senior class helped Cabot Soccer earn a 41-11-3 record, with four exciting runs in the playoffs...impressive by any measure. All records aside, it is truly a privilege to help our student-athletes grow their soccer skills and to play a small part in the development of their enduring character.

**Congratulations to our seniors:**

Tyler Abbott, Tiger Bastress, Zach Coolbeth, Seth Herrick, Will Nally, and Caleb Maxfield!

Great thanks to all the fan support this year. Go Huskies!

## Girls Varsity Soccer Grows Stronger

By Coach Michelle Delaney

The girls varsity soccer team has been continuing to rebuild after not having a team for a couple of years. This year we lose two seniors- Jasmine Tetreault and Gala Morse. Jasmine has held together the backfield for several years, now, and will be hard to replace. Gala caught the soccer bug a little later in her school career, but quickly became a positive driving force in the offensive side of the field. Junior Alisha Celley stepped up big this year and became a keeper to contend with. She averaged 25 saves per game. Junior Isabella McCallum is one of our hardest working and most versatile players and does a great job shutting down players in the midfield. We had five sophomore players who have all played critical roles on the field since they were 8th graders: Taylor Abbott, Lauren Bellavance, Michaela Gokey, Natalie Mudgett, and Sam Villeneuve. As these five continue to grow in confidence, they are becoming the heart of the team. This year we also had the pleasure of having foreign exchange student Gyruryeong Kim. Gyruryeong's sense of spacing and movement on the field was impressive



for someone who had never played. In the freshman crew, we had Kiley Currier, who spent some time in goal and some on the field, Claudia Farnham, who is becoming an offensive force, and Cheyenne Phillips, who is stepping into a defensive role. We had one 8th grade, Billie O'Connor, who struggled with knee issues throughout the year, but when she could play, she was able to fill any spot needed. We ended our season on a positive note with a win over Twinfield. It was a pleasure working with this crew again this year.



## TWIN VALLEY SENIOR CENTER



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By Rita Copeland, Executive Director

It is hard to believe that another year is coming to a close. Since May of 2014, we have occupied our new space, and we are really enjoying the space specially renovated for us. We have worked very hard, especially our outstanding volunteers, making this Center a place each of you would be proud of. Each and every one connected to the Center really does care about the Center and what is accomplished here for the residents in all six communities. This Center belongs to **every community member** in the six towns we serve. If you have not visited or partaken of services provided at the Center, we encourage you to visit us and learn about our organization. It is with each of you in mind that we schedule and bring programs and activities to the Center. Programs and activities that benefit you either in a physical health related

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We are closed Christmas Day and we wish all a Merry Christmas. Meals for the Meals on Wheels program for Friday, Christmas Day, will be delivered on Wednesday the 23rd.

way or from our many other programs which help to combat isolation, loneliness, hunger, and you get to meet new friends both young and not so young.

As Director, I am always willing and available to visit your organization, gathering, etc. to speak about the Center. Even if you gather at a home for a cup of coffee, I would be more than happy to join you. I can always be reached by e-mail at [Twinvalleyseniors@myfairpoint.net](mailto:Twinvalleyseniors@myfairpoint.net), telephone 223-3322 and if not answered, leave your name and number and I will return your call. We want to collaborate with other local organizations; many more hands working together can accomplish great things for our communities.

We were so honored to have 21 Veterans as our guests for our Veterans Day luncheon. The sharing of their years of service was a tremendous treat for all the Seniors, Volunteers and Staff at the Center. It gave everyone the opportunity to give their personal thanks for their service, which meant a lot to them. A big thank you to Morgan Adams of Edward Jones in Berlin for co-sponsoring the Veteran luncheon and to Robert Bridges of Plainfield for speaking and handing out information to Veterans about assistance available to them. It was a wonderful, wonderful day and we salute the following Veterans who made our freedom possible. Please visit TVSC Facebook page and our Website [Twinvalleyseniors.org](http://Twinvalleyseniors.org) for some great photos of the day.

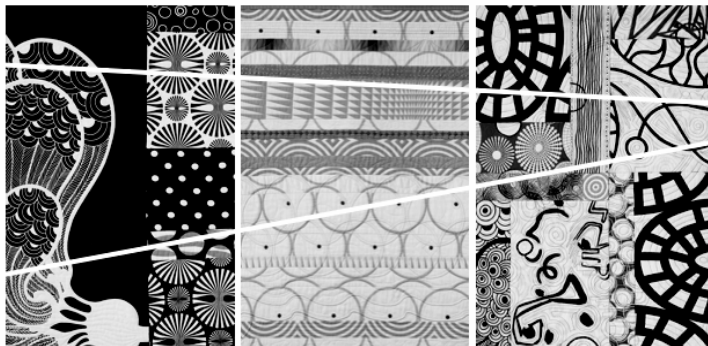
We now have a Tuesday morning Tai Chi class meeting from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Call 223-3322 to sign up.

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#### Meditation Group – Tuesday, December 1, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Meeting on the first Tuesday of the month. Daria Babbitt has been teaching meditation for over 25 years and will introduce different meditation techniques designed to reduce stress. There will also be time for discussion about various healing techniques and inner spiritual growth. This workshop is open to all and donations are gratefully accepted.

#### Tai Chi – Will Resume in May

#### Cabot Old Time Contra and Square Dance – Saturday, December 12, 7:30 p.m.

This dance series consists of monthly dances on the second Saturday of the month September through May. All are invited. Music will be provided by David Carpenter and the Hull's Union Victory String Band and the caller for the evening will be Delia Clark. 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 [s.a.m.lyman@sover.net](mailto:s.a.m.lyman@sover.net)

#### Holiday Baking/Craft Making Workshop – Tuesday, December 15, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Make stained glass cookies, gingerbread houses, holiday ornaments and decorations, beaded jewelry and more!

#### Community Book Group – Wednesday, December 16, 10:30 a.m.

Cabot Community Book group generally meets the third Wednesday of the month. The theme this year is Pulitzer

Prize winning books. December's selection is *Olive Kitteridge* by Elizabeth Strout. All are welcome to join in! Copies of the book will be available in the Cabot Public Library.

#### Special Holiday Preschool Story Hour – Tuesday, December 22, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

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

#### Lego Club – Tuesdays in December, 3:00-4:00 p.m.

All are welcome! We'll have Legos for you to build creations with.

#### Pathfinders – 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.

#### Pokemon Club – Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. – noon

All are welcome – bring your own cards if you have them, but not necessary. Call Ethan Socks for more info at 563-2073.

#### Thank You!

Thanks so much to Beth Wade for help with Story Hour, weeding projects and so much more. Many thanks to Mary Lou DeLacey and Lorelai Bastress for volunteering every week with various projects. Thank you to Blue Christensen and Rose Simone Houston for their help with our Community Game Night. Thanks to Tomalyn Johnson for being such an awesome sub this year and to Tim Walker for help with our air conditioners. Thanks!

### Cabot Library Reminders:

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



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## 4-H Club for Cabot Youth is Back!

By Amber Bothfeld

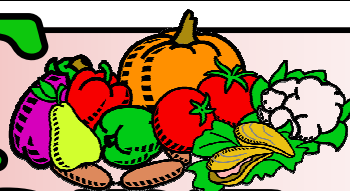
I'm happy to announce that there is a 4-H group in Cabot again, for children ages 5-18, led by Amber Bothfeld. Raymon Bothfeld and Elizabeth Vitale have kindly joined as project volunteers. 4-H is a youth organization sponsored by the Department of Agriculture and offering instruction in agriculture and home economics.

We kick started our club by doing a fundraiser. On October 9, 2015, six members and 4 parents met at the Cabot Church and made lots of goodies for a bake sale. The group made rice crispy treats, M&M cookies, brownies, bread, as well as gluten free cookies for the bake sale. On October 11, Tractor Supply kindly allowed us to use their space for four hours. We were unable to stay for the whole duration because we sold out!!!

Our meetings will consist of learning about agriculture as well as doing activities of interest. We invite you to join us for our holiday party December 12. We will start by caroling door to door in the village while collecting non-perishable food for families in our community in need. I am also accepting donations that can be dropped off at my home or I can pick up. Please let me know if you know of a family that can benefit from our food drive. After caroling, we will walk back to the church to warm up with hot chocolate and goodies, do holiday crafts, and exchange homemade gifts. If you plan on attending, please call or email me so I can add your child to the secret Santa.

Meetings are usually held every second and fourth Thursday of the month at the Cabot Church from 6:00-7:00 pm. For any questions don't hesitate to call me or email me [amberbothfeld@aol.com](mailto:amberbothfeld@aol.com) 802-279-9297.

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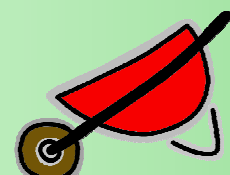
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