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What Property Owners Should Know: Annual Certification - Agricultural Land and Farm Buildings



Owners of agricultural land and/or farm buildings enrolled in the Current Use Program are required to certify to the State Department of Taxes annually that their agricultural land and farm buildings meet the requirements for enrollment and continue to be eligible for the program. This has been required since 2015. Beginning in 2017, the due date for landowners to certify was changed to November 1 of each year.

Failure to certify will result in the removal of land and buildings from the Current Use Program for the following tax year.

To certify, the landowner must complete and submit Form CU-313, Use Value Appraisal Program Agricultural Land Buildings Certification, by the November 1 deadline. In the first week of August, the State Current Use Program will mail Form CU-313 to the landowners who must certify, with owner-specific School Property Account

Number (SPAN), number of acres and farm buildings pre-printed on the forms. A generic form is not available online.

The form must be completed, signed, and returned by the deadline. The Department will accept forms postmarked by November 1. Mail completed forms to the following:

Property Valuation and Review Current Use Appraisal Program 133 State Street, Montpelier, VT 05633-1401

Landowners also may deliver forms to the Department of Taxes customer service window, 133 State Street, Montpelier, 1st Floor.

If you do not receive a form, you are not required to certify. Agricultural certification is not required for new enrollments, since the application serves as the certification statement.

If you are not sure whether or not you need to certify, you may look up your SPAN: <http://tax.vermont.gov/property->

[owners/current-use/placing-property-into-current-use/](http://tax.vermont.gov/property-)certification.

If your SPAN is listed, you should watch for the form in the mail. If you do not receive your form by August 15, email the Current Use Program at tax.currentuse@vermont.gov. In your email, provide your name, current mailing address, and property information (town and SPAN). You should receive a copy of the form immediately in order for you to complete and mail the form by the November 1 deadline.

If your SPAN is not listed, you are not required to certify this year.

Sample forms and instructions are available at <http://tax.vermont.gov/property-owners/current-use/placing-property-into-current-use/>certification.

From Cabot Board of Listers
Jeanne Johnson, Jacqueline Lumbra and Shirley Ducharme

The Den Is Open!



The Den in Harry's Hardware on Main Street is now open. The first day was Wednesday, July 19, and there wasn't a free bar stool available. Bobby Searles was on the phone, behind the taps, and we can only assume he was ordering more beer. Jeanne Johnson photo.

NEXT STEPS

CABOT SCHOOL FORUM

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2017
CSPAC BUILDING, CABOT SCHOOL, CABOT,

Community members should plan on attending the Cabot School Forum on Wednesday, August 9, 2017, at the CSPAC from 6-8:00 p.m.

School representatives will present the results of the non-binding survey that was sent via email, Front Porch Forum and at various locations in town. Even if you didn't have the opportunity to complete the survey, please plan on attending. **WE NEED YOUR INPUT!** Discussion about next steps for our community will be led by a facilitator.

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2017 LEGISLATIVE HIGHLIGHTS CABOT ♦ DANVILLE ♦ PEACHHAM

By Representative Catherine (Kitty) Toll

Agriculture

H.495 – the Miscellaneous Agriculture Bill provides a number of programs designed to improve the farm, forest product and outdoor recreation industries. The bill exempts listed forestry machinery from state sales tax. This exemption includes repair parts and dyed diesel used to power listed machines used for cutting, harvesting, or processing of solid wood forest products. Additionally, the bill provides added information regarding tile drainage systems and nutrient management systems.

The bill also pays particular attention to timber harvesters, allowing for assistance purchasing or leasing skidder bridges to reduce the impact of timber operations on waterways and permits the inclusion of skidder bridges as an allowable expenditure of grant money.

S.34 creates the Rural Economic Development Initiative (REDI), to promote and facilitate community economic development in small towns and rural areas in Vermont. REDI will provide assistance to rural businesses and assist small businesses to identify and successfully apply for grants, as well as promoting and encouraging economic development within the dairy, outdoor equipment and recreation, value added food, and forest product industries. REDI will also help coordinate and promote best practices at composting facilities and with phosphorus removal. The bill includes separation of phosphorus from manure as an eligible activity under the Capital Equipment Assistance Program administered by the Agency of Agriculture.

The bill also engages in several fact-finding efforts intended to improve government effectiveness in providing services to working Vermonters. The Vermont Milk Commission will be researching ways to enhance the dairy industry in Vermont, with a goal of including its findings in the federal Farm Bill. In addition, the Commissioner of Public Service will assess the state of energy efficiency and ways those efforts can be increased. There will also be a thorough review of workers' compensation rates at high-risk worksites and identifying methods to decrease risks.

S.9 - act relating to the preparation of poultry products - provides requirements for the on-farm production of poultry at three distinct levels: fewer than 1,000 birds, fewer than 5,000 birds and fewer than 20,000 birds, providing an opportunity for farmers to grow their poultry businesses and make operations sustainable. All poultry produced under the 5,000 and 20,000 bird exemptions will require a label that has been approved by the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets that ensures that the consumer knows the conditions under which the poultry was produced.

To support rural areas and Vermont's agricultural sector, an appropriation was made in the amount of \$50,000 to fund a grant writing position at Vermont Housing Conservation Board to assist communities in writing competitive applications. This position is in response to testimony taken during the legislative session indicating that federal grant money is available through USDA to assist rural communities with infrastructure and other needs.

For additional information on any bill or actions of the Legislature or standing committees please visit www.leg.state.vt.us or please contact me directly with your questions and concerns. As always, it is an honor to represent our communities at the State House.

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COUNTRY COMMENTARY

Well let us hope that there is a wee bit more sunshine than what we have had thus far this summer.

We get our new pup the end of this month, and we are so excited. It seems to have been a long wait but she was born June 30. So, when our little girl pup is eight weeks old, we will bring her home, and of course, our lives will change again, but dogs are a special kind of people, they really have heart. They are really good company and always smile.

The gardens haven't drowned, in fact they are doing pretty well for the summer we have been having. We will have plenty of tomatoes and green beans, along with kale, and we have been having a lot of spinach. Salad fresh from the garden is pretty cool, and tastes better than any store bought.

I saw a baby deer still getting cleaned off from Mom down under my Weeping Willow tree. It was a sight. I just love nature. We went down to one of our ponds and scared a baby robin from its' nest and it landed in the water. I was holding the dog and freaking out while my partner got the wee thing out, but it sort of fluttered in the water to shore. Never saw that before. We put the wee thing back in its nest and its sibling squawked at it, like "what is wrong with you?" LOL

We saw a Scarlet Tanager too! It was beautiful, we don't get to see those too often. Bird watching is one of our many pastimes. The chickens are all doing well and running around. The three cats are well, my sixteen year old is doing quite well for her queenly self, and the other two, who are much younger, have come to a truce with my eldest. Babies of the four legged kind, gotta love 'em.

We have discovered Dog Mountain in St. Johnsbury and really find that Bodhi loves it there. We all three, which will soon be four, get creemies after we get through. It makes for a lovely day, but maybe I have already told you this, it really is a good time. You meet a lot of nice people up there, but then dog people seem to be pretty cool anyway.

The blueberries are looking good, we will have a pretty good harvest this year. The strawberries didn't do too badly, although it could have been better if I had taken the johnny jump ups out of the berry patch. They are just so pretty. I have transplanted a bunch and will transplant more.

I have been doing a lot of reading on the rainy days and it has been everything from thrillers to sci-fi and fantasy. I can really get lost in a book, a real book with pages and everything. I am not really into the kindle and other similar products, old fashioned, maybe, but I hate to lose the feel of the pages and the smell of the ink. Nothing can replace a book, and if there is an electromagnetic pulse that takes out all electronics, you still have books for entertainment.

Not that there would be an EMP. But ya never know about these things. How strange would it be if books become a real commodity. Life is interesting enough, I think. I think about all kinds of stuff, as you all know. Probably read too much sci-fi.

I am looking forward to autumn and the lovely changes in the leaves. Also, no bugs to speak of and cool sunshiny days. The best time of year for me, anyway. I love winter, too, and hugging the woodstove. I guess I won't wish away our warmer weather. Winter will be here soon enough.

Well, I suppose I should mosey on out to the garden and the green house. Want to be sure we have good yields. The potato beetles have been thick this year, but we know how to battle them, SQUISH! It is my morning ritual, along with taking care of chickens and taking Bodhi for a long morning walk.

Wishing you marvelous miracles,

IN PEACE,
Laura Lee Smith
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Planning Notes

By Karen Deasy
Zoning Administrator and Planner

Danville Hill Water Line

We are onto the next phase of replacement for the water main which services Danville Hill Road. This PVC line, state of the art when installed, is a hazard to our water system. Replacement of this line will improve system reliability and provide some fire protection up Danville Hill Road. There is a potential that construction for this project could start as early as spring of 2018. The engineering firm of Aldrich and Elliot submitted a proposal to complete the preliminary engineering assessment for this work.

Road Right of Ways

There are many locations in town where utilities, public and private, cross the town roads. Waterlines, powerlines and a variety of other cables have been installed within and under the Town right of way. The Town is looking to identify and locate private landowner utilities which cross Town Roads. If you know of any, please contact Karen Deasy and provide what information you can regarding location, purpose and depth of line below the road surface, with sketches, if possible. You may also email the information to zacabot@fairpoint.net.



Town Garage Project

The last phase of the Town Garage reconstruction has been completed. The site reconstruction work was finished by Desroches Construction Services. The project was completed on time and under budget. We will be closing out the grants for the Town Garage relocation which made this possible over the next week. Thank you again for your support.



ADVICE FROM THE TREE WARDEN HELPER

By Roland (Slim) Payne

When will it stop raining about every day? Soon, I hope, but it is not all bad – some things like it. Christmas trees are growing really well, but gardens, not so much, and corn fields flooded with no corn when the water dries up. Fishing not so good, either, because of high and muddy water. Woods trees seem to be doing quite well with little or no wind damage. The Giant Hog Weed on Elm Street looked like it was going to come back strong this year, but I guess the spray we did three years ago has still got it stunted, so it didn't really grow as much as I thought it would, so I will cut the flowers off so it can't go to seed. Mine is a different story. I have ten sticks that are going to flower. I have never sprayed mine, so I have to cut the flowers as the seed are good for ten years. I have been cutting the flowers for six years, so hopefully, some day they will stop growing.

I have not heard any reports of Asian Long Horn Beetle findings in Vermont. That is good. The Emerald Ash Borer seems to be spreading out in New Hampshire and New York, so is not far from Vermont, but non found in Vermont so far. Have a good summer and check yourself for ticks. They are here.

Humor from the HELPER

A mother came home from work to find her young son riding a new bike. "Where did you get the money for that bike?" she asked. "I earned it by hiking," the son replied. "Come on," the mother said, "Tell me the truth." "That is the truth!" the boy explained. "Sis is home from college for the summer, and when she wants to spend time at the house with her boyfriend, she gives me \$20 and tells me to go take a hike."

Cabot Historical Society Seeks Your Memories

The Cabot Historical Society invites community members to share memories concerning Cabot's history for possible publication in *The Cabot Chronicle* Cabot Arcana column. All submissions would become property of the Cabot Historical Society, to be added to the local history collection.

*Submissions may be emailed to
CabotHistorical@gmail.com, or
mailed to P.O. Box 275, Cabot, VT 05647.*

Cabot Arcana Stories From The Cabot Historical Society

Lower Cabot

By Jane Brown, Archivist,
Cabot Historical Society

There was a time when Cabot's lower village was a bustling community. Moses Stone first settled here in 1797. Reuben Atkins followed in 1799. Clement Coburn built a gristmill on the Winooski River in 1801, and two years later, Joseph Coburn put a fulling mill on the opposite side of the river. William Ensign, John Putnam and Horace Haines purchased the fulling mill building several years later, expanding the business to include carding. Alden Webster bought the works in 1835, adding machinery, a spinning jenny and hand looms. The building burned in 1925.

Hector McLean opened a store in 1825, when there were only nine houses in the community. He also had a potash business and a blacksmith shop, and in 1836 opened a hotel.

A post office was established in the lower village in 1870, with Cornelius Smith as postmaster. By 1881 there were 30 dwellings, a meeting-house, several stores, a blacksmith shop, wheelwright shop and woolen factory.

True Town built a large three-story building in the meadow, where he operated a sawmill and a coffin and casket shop. His main business was sawing hard wood chair stock from lumber produced in the mill. The business was later known as the Fowler-Ford shop, owned by Walter Ford. Some years later, it was sold to B. L. Bruce.

The building burned in 1936. Cabot's first snow roller was built in the early 1870s in the Fowler Ford shop. It consisted of two plank drums, each measuring about eight feet in diameter, held together with 2 x 4s. It was so heavy, six horses were required to pull it, but later models used lighter construction, requiring only four horses to pull them.

During the mid- to late 1800s, there were three stores in the community. Mrs. M. W. McDaniels owned the largest one, located across from the West Hill Pond Road. In the late 1890's, she sold it to Edgar and Ernest Peck, who operated it for a few years, and after they left, it fell into disrepair and was torn down.

George Atkins ran a store on the south side of the brook from West Hill Pond. The Rev. Fred Blodgett wrote in his history of Cabot, "Atkins was more

given to drink than business," and he sold after a few years to Seth Adams, "a young man of not much enterprise." After several more lackluster owners, Mr. Cordova Hatch bought the property. He moved the original building back from the road and added a new front, which is how we see it today. The store passed to his son, Charles, who later sold to Frank Phelps. More recently known as Derek's, it is no longer in business.

Across the brook from the Atkins store, Mr. and Mrs. George Burnham had a small store. Mr. Burnham also peddled his goods with a horse-drawn cart. The Burnhams moved to Hardwick and the building eventually was torn down.

The Rev. Blodgett wrote that the First Day Advent Christian Church, built in 1857, was constructed using the same plan as the Methodist church in Cabot Village. By 1881, interest in this church was declining, and by the turn of the

century, it was used only on special occasions. Chub Clark eventually took it down. Construction on a Baptist church was begun at the base of the Southwest Hill Road (now Ducharme Road), but services were sporadic and it

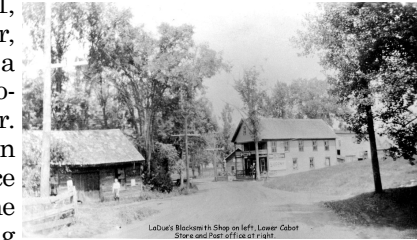
was never completed. The building later became Paquin's Paint Shop and was torn down around 1930.

The school in Lower Cabot produced a high number of successful doctors, lawyers and professors. It closed in 1948. The Rev. Blodgett went to school in Lower Cabot and wrote about those days in detail in his history.

Although J. M. Fisher wrote in the history of Cabot (*Vermont Historical Gazetteer*, Vol. 4) that the Lower Village "has some of the finest farms in

the country," the land remains, but those farms no longer exist. The Winooski River continues to flow past the scattered homes and quiet Durant Cemetery, but its water no longer powers mills and sadly, the sound of a bawling cow or crowing rooster is rare.

More history of the "Lower Village" can be found in *Cabot, Vermont, A Collection of Memories From The Century Past*, published in 1999 by the Cabot Oral History Committee, and the Rev. Blodgett's book, *The Blodgett Papers*, published in 2008 by the Cabot Historical Society. Both are available through the Cabot Historical Society, www.cabothistory.com.



LeBar's Blacksmith Shop on left; Lower Cabot Store and Post Office at right



Saw mill at Lower Cabot



Haines Mill, L. Cabot
Burned Jan. 27, 1925



OBITUARIES & MEMORIALS

Cynthia J Buska



Cynthia Jane "Cindy" Buska, 62, of Berlin, formerly of Plainfield, passed away peacefully on Sunday, July 2, 2017, at Central Vermont Medical Center in Berlin, following a courageous battle with cancer. Her family was at her bedside.

She was born December 14, 1954, in St. Johnsbury, the daughter of the late Gerald Courtney Greaves Sr. and Eunice E. (Milne) Greaves. She attended Danville High School and transferred to Cabot High School, where she traveled to England with other Cabot students. She later graduated from Cabot High School.

On February 15, 1974, she married Olin Michael Buska in Montpelier. They lived most of their married life in Plainfield, recently selling their home and moving to Berlin.

Cynthia was employed by the State of Vermont, working in several departments, including Attorney General's office, Public Service Department, Department of Education and Vermont District Court. She retired in 2012 due to failing health. Later on, she owned and operated Maple Side Deli in Barre for seven years.

Cynthia was an advocate for the homeless and the mentally disabled. She often collected donations on their behalf and was recognized for it. She spent many hours teaching her grandchildren all about life, as well as baking and cook-

ing. That time was very special to her. She was an inspiration to her family, encouraging them to follow in her culinary footsteps. She also enjoyed working in her vegetable, herb and flower gardens. Knitting and crocheting was also something she enjoyed. Her quilts will be forever cherished by her family, friends and her two beloved dogs, Sophie and Paige. Cindy was a wonderful wife, mother and grandmother. She will be deeply loved and missed by her family, and the many people who knew her.

Survivors include her loving husband of 43 years, Olin; a son, Olin M. Buska II, two daughters, Melanie Blair and Elizabeth Barnaby, all of Barre; a sister, Elizabeth "Betty" Larrabee, of Walden; nine grandchildren; many nieces, nephews and cousins. Sadly, she will be unable to greet her two new great-grandchildren into the world, and they will not get to meet their "Meme Skippy."

She was predeceased by a sister, Linda Greaves, and a stepbrother, Gerald C. Greaves Jr.

Funeral services were on Tuesday, July 11, 2017, at the West Danville United Methodist Church, followed by burial in the family lot in the Walden Heights Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory may be made to the Lamoille Area Cancer Network, 198 Farr Ave., Morrisville, VT 05661.

Arrangements in the care of Dian R. Holcomb of Northern Vermont Funeral Service, 60 Elm St., Hardwick.

rael, Spain and Poland. Jeanne's faith was core in her life and she was a member of North American Martyrs Church and devoted many years of service to the church.

Through the years, Jeanne opened her home to people from other countries, including Vietnam, Korea, El Salvador and Spain. After her children were grown, she worked as a polarity therapist and found it fulfilling providing healing energy to others. With her husband, she enjoyed preparing and serving meals at Twin Valley Senior Center.

Jeanne is survived by her husband, Brien Ducharme, and eight children, Andre, Dennis, Maria, David, Gerard, My Le, Miya and Anh, 19 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Donations in her memory can be made to North American Martyrs Church, 3773 US Route 2, Marshfield, VT 05658.

The funeral Mass was Monday, July 10, at North American Martyrs Church in Marshfield, followed by interment in Durant Cemetery in Lower Cabot. Arrangements in the care of des Groseilliers Funeral Home.



Michael S. Graham



Michael S. "Mickey" Graham, 62, passed away at his home on Monday, July 17, 2017. Born in Montpelier on November 11, 1954, he was the son of Eleanor (Perry) Graham and the late Glen R. Graham. On June 16, 1984, he married the former Linda L. DeForge in Waterbury. Linda predeceased Mickey on June 21, 2010.

Throughout his youth, Mickey developed lifelong skills and interests as he worked on the family farm, for the local lumber mill, and enjoyed all that the outdoors had to offer, particularly hunting. He was a 1973 graduate of Cabot High School. Mickey became, in what would become his life's work at the Vermont State Hospital in Waterbury, a psychiatric technician and unit supervisor, and retired following 34 years of service to the state and the patients he cared for, in 2010. Not one to be idle, Mickey took great pride and enjoyment in helping anyone, anytime, on a variety of projects whether it be construction, logging or whatever was needed. Anytime, anyplace, he was ready, willing and able.

Truly an outdoorsman, Mickey was at home in the woods. An avid deer hunter and superb tracker, Mickey had an extensive network of friends and fellow hunters that appreciated his natural abilities. Mickey's home away from home was the camp he and his brother John owned in Bowerbank, ME, that was officially known as the Mousetrap Camp. There, they not only hunted, basked in the glory of their surroundings, but also

enjoyed scouring the woods for antler sheds in the springtime.

Throughout the years, Mickey enjoyed camping with his family at Elmore and Eden, photography, four-wheeling, fishing and especially, riding his Harley. He also took great pleasure in spending time with his special uncles, Donald and Bernard Perry. Truly the apple of his eye was his granddaughter, Nevaeh. Together, they enjoyed shopping, motorcycle rides and going on a variety of adventures together.

Mickey is loved and mourned by his daughters, Kristin Graham and her daughter, Nevaeh Brown, of Waterbury, Caitlin Graham, of South Lake Tahoe, CA; his mother, Eleanor Graham, of Marshfield; three sisters, Rhonda Larrabee and her husband, Brian, of Waterbury, Lisa Graham, of Marshfield, Michele McLauren and her husband, Scott, of Marshfield; two brothers, Terry Graham and his wife, Tina, of Berlin, and John Graham, of Marshfield; as well as nieces, nephews and extended family.

Memorial services were held from the Waterbury Congregational Church, 8 North Main Street in Waterbury, on Tuesday, July 25, 2017, with inturnment in Duxbury Corner Cemetery. Memorial gifts, in lieu of flowers, would be appreciated to Hunt Of A Lifetime Foundation, P.O. Box 241, Harborcreek PA 16421 ("Hunt Of A Lifetime" is a nonprofit organization with a mission to grant hunting and fishing dreams for children age 21 and under, who have been diagnosed with life threatening illnesses.). Assisting the family is the Perkins-Parker Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Waterbury. To send online condolences, please visit www.perkinsparker.com or the funeral home Facebook page.

Ray Hartson



Ray Edward Hartson, 83, died Saturday, June 24, 2017, at his home in Randolph, surrounded by family.

He was born May 20, 1934, in Marshfield, the son of Delmar and Katherine (LaPan) Hartson, and was educated in East Montpelier.

He served in the U.S. Marine Corps in Korea from 1951 to 1954.

On July 2, 1955, Mr. Hartson married Louise (Stevens), who predeceased him. On August 14, 1996, he married Shirley (Broadwell).

He was a truck driver for Capital Candy Co., Cabot Creamery and Corriveau Trucking. Then, he was employed in the granite industry for Williamson Polishing and Granite Importers, and spent his last years working at Morse Sugar Farm.

He was governor of Central Vermont Moose Lodge #1391 in Williamstown, where he was also recognized as Moose of the Year.

Mr. Hartson played steel guitar in several bands, appearing on WSKI Radio, and also enjoyed sugaring, boating, fishing, painting, making model ships and planes, doing puzzles and watching NASCAR.

Survivors include his wife; four children, Debora Blake, Ray "Beaver" and Roy "Bad Horsey" Hartson, and Steve Tracy; numerous grandchildren, great-

grandchildren, step-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren; two sisters, Sylvia Stevens and Sandra Garand; nieces, nephews and cousins.

The graveside service with military honors was held Monday, July 3, in Vermont Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Randolph Center. A celebration of his life will take place at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Central Vermont Moose Lodge #1391, 110 Business Center Road, Williamstown, VT 05679. Arrangements by Cabot Funeral Home in Woodstock. For online condolences, visit cabotfh.com.

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Local Business Matters

Lloyd Plumbing, Heating & Gas Services, LLC

By Ellen Cairns

This month, I chatted with Peter Lloyd, who is the owner of Lloyd Plumbing, Heating & Gas Service, LLC, in Cabot. I have to admit that I don't know much about those trades, but it was a much more interesting conversation than I expected!

I know you took over the Heating and More business last year- when did you first start your business?

It's been about seven years. I was a part owner of Heating and More, which my dad and I started about 11 years ago. Co-ownership can be a challenge, so I started a plumbing business on my own. Recently, I bought out the business I started with my dad and hired my brother. It's been good for my dad not to have the stress of running a business. We are a family business; my grandfather and brother-in-law are also a part of my team.

How many people work there?

Currently, we have ten employees; three office staff and seven technicians. The business is based out of my house in Cabot; we turned the bulk of the house into business space, and now my family is looking to purchase another house in Cabot to live in.

I noticed you have an A+ rating through the Better Business Bureau...

Great customer service is really important to me. We commit to on-time appointments, fixing the job right, providing a warehouse-on-wheels, and straight-forward pricing. We respect the customer's home by offering safety and comfort; we wear floor savers, are neat, clean and professional. We install proven parts and equipment. We offer the best team of highly trained, experienced, background checked and drug tested employees. We back up all our work with the best guarantees on labor, equipment, parts and materials; 100% satisfaction guaranteed. Customer service is all about good communication, being honest with our customers. We provide in-house and paid customer service training to our technicians. Business integrity is huge for me, as is having great, honest and hard working employees with positive attitudes, who are willing to work together as a team and to learn and accept challenges. We have compounded our efforts to be the best customer service company in the area. Our mission is to be dedicated to providing our customers with the best quality service, workmanship and materials.

Is there a busy season to your business?

Yes, basically from the end of summer through the heating season. Summers are really busy, too, with a lot of projects going on - new houses, larger additions



and remodeling work. There's always a lot of work, and we had to decide where to focus. We mainly provide direct-to-customer work, although we work with contractors too.

What do you do in your free time?

I enjoy kayaking, motorcycling, snowmobiling when I get a chance, and, most importantly, family time with my wife and two daughters, who are 4 and 7.

What do you like about having your own business?

I'm a technician at heart and I like doing more of the service side; I am passionate about this business and wear all the hats. It's all about giving people what they want and need, and offering the best customer service out there. People are often calling at their worst time, during an emergency - for me, it's all about how can we make it better? It's also important to me to help my guys be successful by offering them opportunities. I'm trying to develop an in-house training program. The sky is the limit in this business - they can keep climbing the ladder, get all the certifications they need, and there's always work.

Is there anything you don't like about it?

It can be hard to find good employees. I'm always looking for people who have positive attitudes, are honest and hard-working and have integrity. The long hours can be tough, but the team of people I have help make it better.

What do you like about having a business in Cabot?

I really like it - I built my house in Cabot and I want to stay here. It's business-friendly, there are people who want to help, like the Cabot Community Association supporting businesses in the town. I do a ton of local work and my employees are all from around here. We offer discounts on the service call fee to customers nearby; we want to take care of people and be a part of the community.

Local Business Matters is brought to you by Cabot Community Association. Ellen will be contacting local business people over the next few months. If you have a business and are interested in being highlighted or have other ideas you'd like to propose, we'd love to hear from you. Call us at 563-3338 or email Ellen@CabotVermont.org.

Cabot Recycling

By Ben Davis,
Cabot NEKWM Representative

Vermont's Act 148 was designed to keep as much material as possible out of landfills. Why have a law like this? Why go to so much trouble to sort out post-consumer waste, haul it to the recycling center, and labor intensively channel it back into processing markets? It is much easier just to throw stuff away into the landfill-bound trash.

However, when we do that, our bag of garbage joins the refuse of hundreds of thousands of people just like us. Vermonters throw away about 600,000 tons of trash every year. That's a lot of bags of trash every day. In Vermont, residential trash goes to the Coventry Landfill, our only landfill.

According to Vermont's Agency of Natural Resources, over one-third of Vermonters are recycling a significant portion of their personal waste stream. That means two thirds of Vermonters are still throwing away materials that could be recycled. Why is this important?

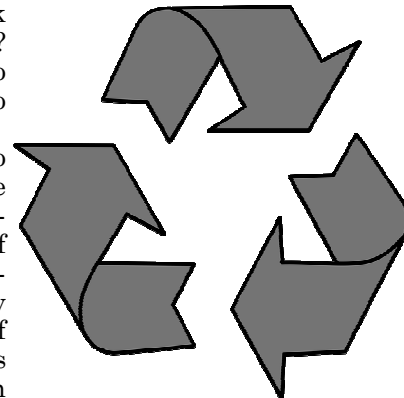
Here's one reason: According to the EPA Greenhouse Gas Report from 2009, landfills are the largest single human-made emitters of greenhouse gases. Landfills give off one third of the total U.S. methane releases into the atmosphere. While CO₂ persists in the atmos-

phere for centuries, methane acts as a vastly more potent greenhouse gas before decaying into CO₂ after 20 years. The estimated 42 million tons of methane released in 2006 was due to the breakdown of paper products deposited in landfills. Food wastes and yard wastes dumped in the landfill are also big methane producers.

At Coventry Landfill, a system of vacuum tubes collects a portion of the methane generated. It is piped to an on-site power generating plant, where it is used as fuel. Unfortunately, much of the methane generated is never captured, escaping from the landfill into the atmosphere.

Another issue of concern to waste managers is the shrinking availability of landfill space in Vermont. Coventry Landfill is expected to be at capacity in less than 15 years. Siting a new landfill in Vermont is going to be an expensive and unpopular process.

All of which goes to say keeping unnecessary items, and hazardous items out of landfills really is a good idea. Recycle as much as you can. The Cabot Recycling Center takes a lot of different types of materials for recycling. If you haven't been there yet, stop in any Saturday morning from 8:00 a.m. until noon only. Trash (bound for Coventry Landfill) is collected for a fee. The Center is located on Sawmill Road in Lower Cabot.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

~ AUGUST ~

Wednesday, 8/2

“Build a Better World” Family Fun Night 6:45 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Marshfield. A Cardboard Boat Regatta with Jennifer Barlow. Families gather to build a boat out of cardboard and duct tape, then launch their boats. Event is free, held at the Jaquith Public Library, 122 School Street, Room 2.

A Forever Frozen Story 7:00 p.m. Barre. Hans Christian Andersen's fascinating tale. Tickets for this event are not available through Barre Opera House Box Office, must call 1-855-561-3602, \$12.00 -\$40.00. The whole family will love this show. Barre Opera House, 6 North Main Street.

Thursday, 8/3

Summer Concert Series 6:30 p.m. Marshfield. An evening of jazz and blues, Capitol Jazz Quartet (Emma Curchin and friends), Central Vermont Jazz Ensemble (Preston Murphy, Matt Avery, Isabella Sances, and Halle Toulis). JDK BBQ Event is free held at the Jaquith Public Library gazebo, 122 School Street. Bring your chairs, blankets for music, food and fun!!

“Primary Colors” 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Montpelier. Art Resource Association Opening Reception for exhibit-original Vermont artists' work will be on display and for sale. T.W. Wood Gallery, 46 Barre Street.

The Great Gatsby Classic 7:30 p.m. Adamant. Quarryworks Theatre show is performed at the Phillips Experimental Theater. Performances are FREE, thanks to the support of the Community and the Adamant Community Cultural Foundation. Contributions welcome, for theater reservations please call 229-6978.

Friday, 8/4

Hamlet Plainfield. “Shakespeare Alive! Echo Valley Community Arts Summer Camp presents three performances; 4:00 p.m. Preview and the Opening at 8:00 p.m. Friday, August 4, and a matinee at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, August 5 (see also August 6) Performed by the Echo Valley Community Arts summer camp performers. Directed by Neil Flint Worden and produced by Naomi Flanders. Suggested donation \$10.00. Plainfield Town Hall Opera House .

“Build a Better World” Family Fun Night 6:45 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Marshfield. 802 Reptiles with Kevin Clarkson. People of all ages join in for a live, hands-on reptile educational program. There will be friendly snakes and lizards of various species for all to hold. Take pictures with and learn about. Jaquith Public Library, event is free, held at the Library, 122 School Street, Room 2.

Vermont Opera Project 8:00 p.m. Barre. Presenting our 2017 summer season “The Andree Expedition” by Dominick Argento starring baritone Michael Chioldi. Tickets \$45.00, \$25.00 students. Barre Opera House, 6 N. Main Street. For tickets or information 802-

683-9064 or VTOperaProject.com.

Saturday, 8/5

Free bluegrass concert/special fundraiser for Twin Valley Seniors, 7-9:00 p.m. at the Plainfield Opera House/Town Hall. Cold Country Bluegrass Band, Sky Blue Boys, Dan and Will Lindner performing on the same stage. By donation.

Sunday, 8/6

Incendio (world guitar) with Tritium Well, 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. St. Johnsbury. Levitt AMP St. Johnsbury Music Series at Dog Mountain Free Concert Sundays. Acclaimed talent and award-winning performers!! Dog and family friendly, beer tent and food trucks, rain or shine. 143 Parks Road. Presented by Catamount Arts.

Hamlet 2:00 p.m. Calais. “Shakespeare Alive! Echo Valley Community Arts Summer Camp presents the matinee performance at Unadilla Theater. Performed by the Echo Valley Community Arts summer camp performers. Directed by Neil Flint Worden and produced by Naomi Flanders. Suggested donation \$10.00.

“Our Domestic Insurrection Circus and Pageant” 3:00 p.m. Glover. Bread & Puppet theater presents museum tour at 1:30 pm. Dingdongs (Short Street Shows) at 2:00 p.m. Circus and pageant 3:00 p.m. The Circus Field, 753 Heights Road.

Wednesday, 8/9

Results of Survey 6:00-8:00 p.m. Cabot. Community members should plan to attend the Cabot School Forum at the CSPAC building. School representatives will present results of non-binding survey that was sent via email, Front Porch Forum and at various locations in town. Discussion about next steps for our community.

Thursday, 8/10

Summer Concert Series 6:30-8:00 p.m. Marshfield. The Stone Cold Roosters band struts tonight, swing and rock, classic country, swamp rock, hillbilly funk, blues, western swing, honky-tonk. Taco Truck All Stars serves West Coast street tacos, enchiladas, tamales and gluten-free menus. Come and enjoy the music, food and fun!! 122 School Street. Jaquith Public Library gazebo. Bring your chairs and blankets.

Chicken Pie Supper 5:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Greensboro Bend. Chicken pie, assorted casseroles, baked beans, coleslaw, rolls, pie and beverage. Adults \$10.00, children under 8 \$5.00. St. Michael's Church Hall, 270 The Bend Road. More information call Jeannine A. Young 802-586-2899.

Cabot United Church Supper. 5:00-6:30 p.m. Cabot. Pulled pork, homemade salads, macaroni and cheese, baked beans, desserts, coffee, tea, and cold drinks. Adults \$10.00, children 5-12 \$5.00. 5:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. take out, 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. open seating. Live music during supper.

Friday, 8/11

Stowe Banjo Dan's Bluegrass Revue. 8:00 p.m. Stowe. The Sky Blue Boys, Banjo Dan and Willy Lindner share the

bill with Bob Amos and Catamount Crossing. Spruce Peak Performing Arts Center 122 Hourglass Drive. Tickets \$20.00 advance, \$25.00 day of concert. 802-760-4634.

Saturday, 8/12

Talk and Chalk at SPA 1:30 p.m.-2:00 p.m. Barre. For young children ages 6+ under. Create a new entrance to Studio Place Arts Center at 201 North Main Street by drawing on plaza squares with chalk. Contact SPA for more information.

Saturday, 8/12-8/13

2nd Annual 40th Anniversary Party 2:00 p.m.-2:00 a.m. Montpelier. Charlie-O's World Famous. Live music, food and festivities. Outside bar and stage. 70 Main Street. Check out website for more details to follow.

Sunday, 8/13

HuDost (Neo Folk Rock) with 35th Parallel. 4:00-7:00 p.m. St. Johnsbury. Levitt AMP St. Johnsbury Music Series at Dog Mountain Free Concert Sundays. Acclaimed talent and award-winning performers!! Dog and family friendly, Beer tent and food trucks, Rain or Shine. 143 Parks Road. Presented by Catamount Arts.

Tuesday, 8/15-19

Vermont State Fair Rutland five-day event. This fair dates to before the Civil War and now features rides, a demolition derby, a miniature tractor pull, fireworks, and concerts. Rutland 802-775-5200; for more information and vermont-statefair.org/fair.php.

Wednesday, 8/16

“Midnight at the Museum” Showtimes 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Montpelier. Circus Smirkus will bring their 30th Anniversary Big Top Tour today/tonight and Thursday, August 17 and Friday, August 18 at the Montpelier High School grounds rain or shine. Tickets are \$22.00 for adults (13+), \$18.00 for youth (7-12), and \$16.00 for children(2-6). Under two are free. Tickets are going fast and this is one show you won't want to miss, so buy your tickets today!! Tickets: SMIRKUS.ORG or (1-877-764-7587).

Just for Fun Movies 7:00 p.m. Marshfield. (1933) The country's leader is a reckless narcissist. His aides are clowns, heedless of the public good. Yes, Groucho is Prime Minister of Freedonia. A very funny movie for all ages. Free Admission at the Jaquith Public Library, 122 School

Street.

Thursday, 8/17-20

Stowe Tango Music Festival 8:00 p.m. Stowe. Led by the Argentine bandoneon virtuoso Hector del Curto, with top tango dancers and 30-piece orchestra. A series of concerts and jam sessions in celebration of traditional Argentine tango music, as performed by artists in residence and enthusiastic amateurs. Spruce Peak Performing Arts. Tickets \$20-\$35. 802-779-9669.

Friday, 8/18

Art Classes 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. East Montpelier. Twin Valley Senior Center will be hosting these classes led by Jan Danziger (former Twinfield Art Instructor). Jan will start a six-week course. The cost will be \$35.00. Please contact Susan Crampton at 223-6954 if you are interested in this class.

Sunday, 8/20

FINALE!! Showtimes are 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Greensboro. Circus Smirkus “Midnight at the Museum” at World Headquarters Circus Barn, rain or shine. Tickets are \$22.00 for adults (13+), \$18.00 for youth (7-12), and \$16.00 for children(2-6). Under two are free. So buy your tickets today!! Tickets: SMIRKUS.ORG or (1-877-764-7587).

Thursday, 8/24

Cabot United Church Supper. 5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m. Cabot. Barbecued chicken, homemade salads, macaroni and cheese, baked beans, desserts, coffee, tea, and cold drinks. Adults \$10.00, children 5-12 \$5.00. 5:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. take out at the kitchen door in the back, 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. open seating. Live music during supper.

Sunday, 8/27

Prydein (Celtic Bagpipe Rock) with Catamount Pipe Band. 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. St. Johnsbury. Levitt AMP St. Johnsbury Music Series at Dog Mountain Free Concert Sundays. Acclaimed talent and award-winning performers!! Dog and family friendly, Beer tent and food trucks, Rain or Shine. 143 Parks Road. Presented by Catamount Arts.

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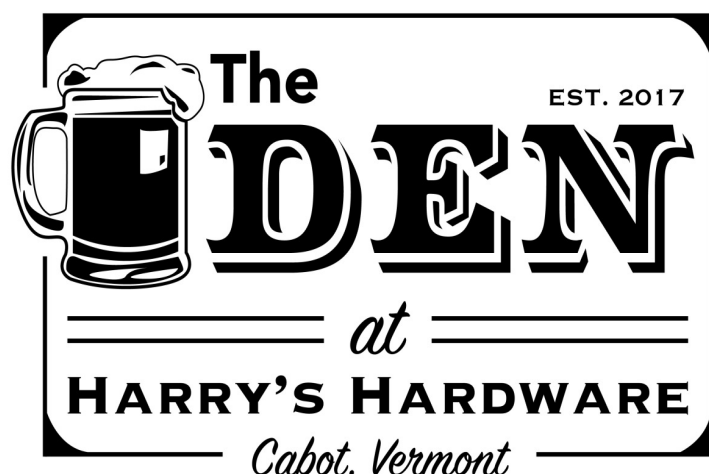
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Wiley Building Repairs



George Colgrove is replacing siding before the Wiley Building is painted. Jeanne Johnson photo.

Messages From Your 2017 Selectboard

Hello Town of Cabot, and welcome summer that has finally arrived. The Cabot Selectboard has been working on the following agenda items:

2018 Change in Fiscal Year

The Voters of Cabot approved the Town to change its fiscal year from a calendar year to a July 1 to June 30 fiscal year. This change coincides with the school's fiscal year and the voters of Cabot can actually vote on a budget prior to that budget year beginning. The Change in fiscal year will take place over two time periods. In November, there will be a public hearing followed by Australian Ballot vote to decide on a January 1 to June 30, 2018, budget. The Town will then hold its traditional Town Meeting the first Tuesday in March and vote by Australian Ballot on the annual budget for a full year (July 1, 2018, to June 30, 2019), preceded by a public hearing on all issues.

Town Ordinances and Policies

An update for the policies and ordinances currently being reviewed:

- The Recreation Committee Policy has been adopted by the Selectboard.
 - The Personnel and Code of Conduct Policies have been sent to the Vermont League of Cities and Towns for a legal review.
- Due to some questionable living conditions reported by the town health officer, the Selectboard is creating a Housing Ordinance which will include all rental units in Cabot.

All approved or revised documents are available on the Town web site.

Cabot Ambulance Service:

The Selectboard received some unwelcome news from our neighbors down the Winooski River. The Town of Marshfield is actively looking for alternatives to the Cabot Ambulance Service in order to better serve their community. This would be a great loss to Cabot if Marshfield decides to seek alternative services. The main issue is that ambulance volunteers must acquire extensive training, which requires an enormous amount of financial and time commitment, which has almost depleted our volunteer corps in Cabot. The selectboard is currently talking with the Cabot Ambulance Service and towns of Marshfield, Plainfield and East Montpelier to come up with options to improve the service within the town of Cabot.

Wiley Building Construction Update:

The construction is coming along nicely, as George Colgrove is replacing siding that has rotted in preparation for painting, and the contractor will start on the auditorium floors soon.

The Selectboard would like to thank Robert Burke for serving as the Cabot Community Investment Fund (CCIF) Chair, and thank Jackie Folsom for willingness to fill the remainder of Robert's term as chair of the CCIF. As always, thank you for your participation and support.

The Cabot Selectboard

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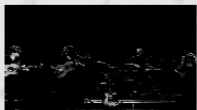
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- 7/9 Chaise Lounge** (Jazz/Lounge) w/ Thea Wren
7/16 Sarah Shook & the Disarmers (Country) w/ Brett Hughes
7/23 Evolfo (Psychedelic Funk) w/ Electric Sorcery
7/30 Seratones (Garage Rock) w/ Ana D'Leon
8/6 Incendio (World Guitar) w/ Tritium Well
8/13 HuDost (Neo Folk Rock) w/ 35th Parallel
8/27 Prydein (Celtic Bagpipe Rock) w/ Catamount Pipe Band
9/3 Matuto (Brazilian Folk/Bluegrass) w/ Buzzkill Abby
9/10 Lao Tizer (Contemporary Jazz) w/ Ira Friedman
9/17 High & Mighty Brass Band (Brass) w/ The NEKtones

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Girl Scout Volunteers Needed

By Cecilia Gulka

Cabot Girl Scouts are looking for a pair of co-leaders for next year's Daisy troop. Daisies are girls in kindergarten and first grade at the very start of their Girl Scout experience.

As a volunteer, you'll introduce girls to new experiences that show them they're capable of more than they ever imagined. You'll be their cheerleader, guide, and mentor, helping them develop skills and confidence that will last a lifetime. Imagine the smiles, the excitement, the memories made—those are the moments you'll share at Girl Scouts.

All leaders are registered Girl Scouts and receive several hours of training, much of it online at your own pace. Support is provided through the main

office, the regional community of GS leaders and through experienced local leaders. Program resources are provided in the form of guide books, leaders manuals, webinars and local meetings with other leaders. In addition, the Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains Council has recently created an online Volunteer Tool Kit, which provides detailed plans and suggestions for actual troop meetings.

For more information about Girl Scouting, please check the Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains website www.girlscoutsgwm.org or call the council office at 888-474-9686. If you are interested in volunteering in Cabot for next fall, or you have any questions, please contact Cecilia Gulka this summer, at cgulka@fairpoint.net or at 563-2284.

Cabot School News

By Dave Schilling, Principal

As the summer nears the halfway point, I hope it's a great break for all. The activity around here hasn't quite let up - I'm excited to see so many familiar faces participating in the recreation committee's awesome summer camp series and taking advantage of the free lunch program offered each day here at school. I'm hoping to sneak out of the office for a few hours next week and tag along on the Marshfield Dam canoe trip.

Cabot's 4th of July event is always action-packed, and this year, it was an honor to join some of our students for Cabot School's very own float, celebrating some of this year's true highlights. The 4th of July parade brings out the very best in our community, and I hope to continue to increase our involvement each year, celebrating the highlights of a busy school year.

We welcome students back to school on August 31, with some beneficial changes in store. We will be leveraging some of our annual Medicaid funding to increase our partnership with Siskin Ecological Adventures of Derby, VT, and get our elementary students outside once a week for lessons in hands-on science and active lifestyles. The Siskin program has been a long-time cornerstone of our middle school leadership curriculum, and it will be great to expand their influence to the younger set. On the subject of middle school, Peter Stratman will be committing a small amount of time next year to a curriculum coaching and leadership role, helping to align programming and work with teachers in grades K-8 to continue building a more unified and effective school. Peter will take responsibility for mentoring our new teachers, which will help to build programs across grade levels. Darrin Dezotelle, our well-regarded high school social studies teacher, will create some design/technology programming in the

middle school to free up some time for Peter to do this work.

On the facilities side of things, things are busy as can be for Pete Ackermann and his crew, as they work to refinish floors, clean classrooms and tackle some much-needed maintenance projects. While we know the buildings continue to need some major work, we're putting time and effort this summer into working on our most neglected areas, one step at a time. A clean, bright campus absolutely contributes to learning outcomes, and we're working to make that a reality.

We have some great new teachers joining us this year. Please join me in welcoming Randilee Raynor and Erin Fuchs to our 3/4 and 5/6 teams, replacing Claire Gallagher and Rebakka Milles, who have taken jobs closer to their homes. Rachel Popoli will be taking over in 1/2 for Lisa Liard, who moved out of state to be closer to family. Also moving out of state was high school science teacher Michael Hendrix, who has given up Vermont's snowy winters for the sun of South Carolina. Thomas Dunbar will be a phenomenal addition to the HS faculty, bringing a strong background in biology to our science program. We are also fortunate to have Taeryn Robbins taking over as Math Interventionist, and Angelica Bianchi as elementary special educator, with a focus on elementary behavior. Angelica's position is a combination of the former positions held by Rose Riley and Alexis Kramer, and is one of the reconfigurations due to last year's budget challenges. I wish Rose the best in her well-deserved retirement, and know Alexis will have a strong impact on her next school.

Look to September's Chronicle for more detailed information on our new faculty members.

Plenty of summer left - keep getting out and enjoying it! See you at the end of August.



Kingdom Animal Shelter

By Helen Morrison
The Three Musketeers

Some weeks ago, the folks doing morning cat care showed up at the Shelter to find three young cats, all in one carrier, left on our doorstep. Luckily, they were alright. It hadn't rained overnight, oddly. They are in great shape and are very, very friendly. Their names are Sully (orange and white), Trevor (orange), and Daniel (tuxedo). They are huggers, which means they like to wrap their paws around your neck and nuzzle right in. They are a bit less than one year old...i.e. teenagers. They can get into a fair amount of mischief, of course. Though it isn't a requirement, it would be lovely if they could go home together. If you would like to meet them, come to the Shelter at 1664 Memorial Drive in St. Johnsbury Center. Our adoption hours are Mondays and Tuesdays, 4-6:00 p.m., Wednesdays 6-8:00 p.m., Thursdays 3:30-5:30 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays, noon to 3:00 p.m.

Right: Sully (top), Trevor (middle) and Daniel (bottom).



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February '18						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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25	V	V	V			
(17 Student Days)						

March '18						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
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(16 Student Days) (1 In-Service Day)						

April '18						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	IP	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	V	V	V	V	V	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					
(15 Student Days) (1 In-Service Day)						

May '18						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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27	V	29	30	31		
(22 Student Days)						

June '18						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	I	I	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
(9 Student Days, 2 In-Service Days) 6/13/18 Last Day of School						

IP - In-Service Parent Teacher Conference-No School
V - Student Vacation/Holiday-No School
I - In-Service-No School
ER - Early Release-Students dismissed at 12:50pm
O - New Employee Orientation

OPEN HOUSE

Cabot School, September 13, 2017
Twinfield Union School, September 14, 2017

TEACHER APPRECIATION DAY

MAY 8, 2018

GRADUATION

Cabot School, June 15, 2018
Twinfield Union School, June 16, 2018

NOTES:

175 Student days. For each "Snow Day" the school year will be extended by one day. Cabot and Twinfield students attending the Central VT Career Center, follow their calendar.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING SCHEDULES

Cabot School Board-First & Third Monday Each Month, 6pm

Twinfield Union School Board-Second & Fourth Tuesday Each Month, 6:30pm

Visit our Websites: Cabot School: www.cabotschool.org Twinfield Union School: www.twinfield.net

Hot Weather Protection For Your Dogs

A lot of people elect to have their non shedding breeds of dogs clipped down short as the weather gets hotter and more humid. Having them clipped down short means that it very well may keep them cooler, but it also exposes their skin to more sun exposure.

There are dog coats you can buy that are designed to keep dogs cool in hot weather that you wet down and put in the refrigerator, NOT THE FREEZER.

Whenever possible, walk your dogs early in the morning or later in the day. It is also better for you not be out in the hottest times of day. If your schedule does not allow this, carrying an umbrella can provide shade for both of you. Also bring enough water for both of you. It is very important for you to stay hydrated, especially if you perspire a lot.

If you have a double coated breed, be sure to comb out the thick undercoat.

When going out for walks to exercise your dog, a small lightweight backpack is handy for carrying water for you and your canine companion. Don't forget a dish for your dog's water.

If your dog lives outdoors in a dog

house, be sure that it will be in the shade all day. If not, move it to where it will be.

If you take your dog for a swim, be sure you don't go to ponds that are covered with deadly blue/green algae.

NEVER LEAVE YOUR DOG IN YOUR CAR DURING HOT WEATHER, EVEN FOR A "SHORT TIME". Cars rapidly overheat, even if parked in the shade, because the sun moves and shade can turn to full sun in a short period of time.

Warmest Regards,
April Frost



TWIN VALLEY SENIOR CENTER



Thank you to all who attended our \$1.00 a Dip fundraiser on June 25. Your feedback and comments were very much appreciated, and we hope to fill your requests by having another. Congratulations to the lucky winner of the 50/50 raffle, Jack Sweeney. We must be your lucky dining place so hurry back!

FREE BLUEGRASS CONCERT

August 5 is a special fundraiser for Twin Valley Seniors, thanks to the great music and thoughtfulness of Con & Jeannette Hogan, who have the Cold Country Bluegrass Band. Last year, they held a concert to help the Senior Center and \$1,000.00 was raised. This year's concert will be Saturday, August 5, from 7-9:00 p.m. at the Plainfield Opera House/Town Hall.

Cold Country Bluegrass, a long time Central Vermont Bluegrass Sextet, will be joined by the terrific Sky Blue Boys, Dan and Will Lindner, with their iconic brand of bluegrass duets harkening back to the 1920's and 30's. This is the second year of this midsummer program.

Cold Country Bluegrass consists of Dobro, Tom MacLeay, Fiddle player, Tony Washburn, Guitarist, Craig Whipple, Mandolin Player Bill Moulton, Banjo Player, Con Hogan and bassist Jeannette Hogan. The group has been together since 1974 and has played in

venues throughout New England, including The Basin Harbor Festival, Tunbridge Fair, and Festivals in New York and Maine. They also have done the summer "Gazebo Circuit" in Danville, Barre, Marshfield, and others. The band specializes in traditional bluegrass and southern harmonies.

MORTAL

The movie *Mortal* scheduled for July 12 had to be cancelled, but has been rescheduled for August 9 at 10:00 a.m. at the center. We hope you can take time out of your schedule to come and view the movie with a discussion time to follow the movie.

BRIDGE LESSONS

Want to learn a new game in September? Jan Danziger is willing to teach Bridge classes on any Monday or Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. at the center starting in September. If you are interested in learning to play Bridge, please contact Jan at 454-1554 / TVSC 223-3322 or email twinvalleyseniors@myfairpoint.net. If interested, please sign up now for September classes so we can make a permanent schedule for the classes.

ART LESSONS

TVSC will be hosting Art Classes led by Jan Danziger (Former Twinfield Art Instructor). Jan will start her six-week course beginning August 18 from 3-5:00 p.m.. The cost for the six week class will be \$35.00. Please contact Susan Cramp-ton @ 223-6954 if you are interested in this class.

SAD LOSS

TVSC is very saddened to have lost a long time member of the center, volunteer and one all around great lady Jeanne Ducharme of Marshfield. Our hearts, love and prayers go out to Brien and to every family member. Jeanne will forever be missed by her friends, co-volunteers and staff at TVSC.

SUMMER SUPPERS AT CABOT UNITED CHURCH ON THE COMMON IN CABOT, VERMONT

Pulled Pork Supper - August 10
Barbecued Chicken - August 24

Includes homemade salads,
macaroni and cheese,
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5:00 PM to 5:30 PM

take out at the kitchen door

5:30 PM to 6:30 PM open seating.

Cost: \$10 for adults ,

\$5.00 for children 5 to 12.

Live music during supper.

Janet Whitlock (left) and Sue Busso-lotti serve pulled pork at Cabot Church's Thursday Dinner. Another pulled pork dinner will be served Thursday, August 10, and Barbeque Chicken will be served Thursday August 24.

Benefits the church's fuel fund.
Amanda Legare photo.



FROM THE CABOT PUBLIC LIBRARY

Thanks to all who have participated in the Summer Reading Program – come in and collect your t-shirts and prizes! It's not too late to sign up – we still have many good weeks of summer reading left.

Many thanks to the Friends of the Library – Sandy Atkins, Mary Lou DeLacy and family, Beth Wade, Janet Westervelt, and Janet Whitlock – for another successful July 4th book sale. Over \$1,000 was brought in by the generous donations of everyone. Thanks also to Michael Malone, Lucia McCallum and Billie O'Connor for helping carry boxes and boxes of books.

Special thanks to Lorelai Bastress who has volunteered weekly in the library for over a year now, helping with everything from day to day operations to many special projects, including offering a baking workshop for youth this summer.

Thanks so much to Kristi Jemtegaard for bringing us several boxes of beautiful new children's books for the collection.

We also have the Vermont State Parks Pass, Vermont State Historic Sites Pass, the Echo Pass and the Vermont History Museum Pass for your summer enjoyment.

Tai Chi and Yoga are suspended for the month of August. Yoga will start up Tuesday, September 5, at 6:30 p.m. at the Willey Building.

Meditation continues in August, meeting the first and third Wednesday– August 2 and 16 at 6:00 p.m. with Daria Babbitt.

Cabot Library Reminders:

- Tuesday 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
Story Hour 11:00 am - NEW TIME
- 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

Hope you have a safe and wonderful summer - see you at the Library!
Kathleen Hoyne



Petra Lalomia and Ila Steinert created their own comic book character with instruction from artist, Erica Cram at the Cabot Public Library's Comic Book Workshop Saturday, July 15. Tamara Feldman photo.



Kathleen Hoyne with Michael Clough and Piper, a Red-Tailed Hawk, from the Southern Vermont Natural History Museum, at the Raptor program at the Cabot Library in July. Photo by Paul Wade.

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Cabot Senior Housing



Cabot Senior Housing on Glinka Road offers:

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- Full kitchen, living room, bath, dining area, one or two bedrooms, deck or porch.
- Solarium, large common area with deck, laundry, bathroom, kitchen, function area.
- Mail delivery and trash and recycling pickup.
- Free parking, garden plot and storage unit.
- Support services in Central Vermont help residents maintain independent living.

Cabot Commons is managed by the Downstreet Housing & Community Development. Applications are available at www.downstreet.org or call 802-476-4493.

Cabot Senior Housing is fully occupied but maintains a wait list. Approved applicants are not committed to moving in when an apartment is available. Applicants maintain their wait list position through three offers of open apartments.

Feel free to contact local board members, Judy Pransky at 563-2730 or Susan Carpenter at 426-3331 for more information.

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CCA Help Wanted

CABOT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

The Cabot Community Association seeks a qualified EVENT COORDINATOR.

The Event Coordinator will be responsible for preparing and executing a detailed outline of event needs and reports to the CCA Executive Director.

Key Requirements:

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- Self-motivation, enthusiasm and willingness to learn
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This is a part-time, seasonal position. Compensation and hours to be determined.

If interested, please submit a resume detailing your experience and cover letter to lori@cabotvermont.org.



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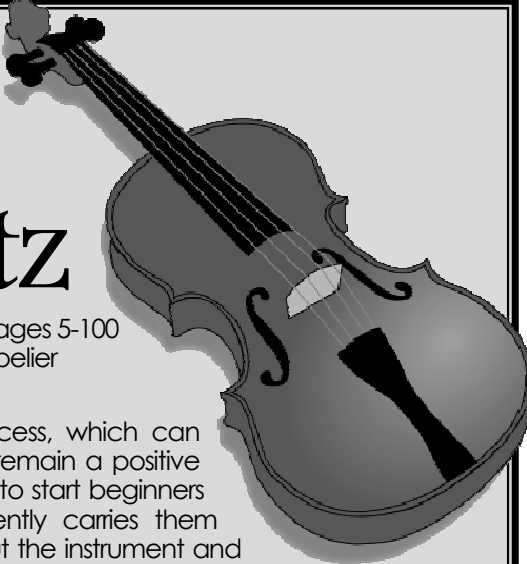


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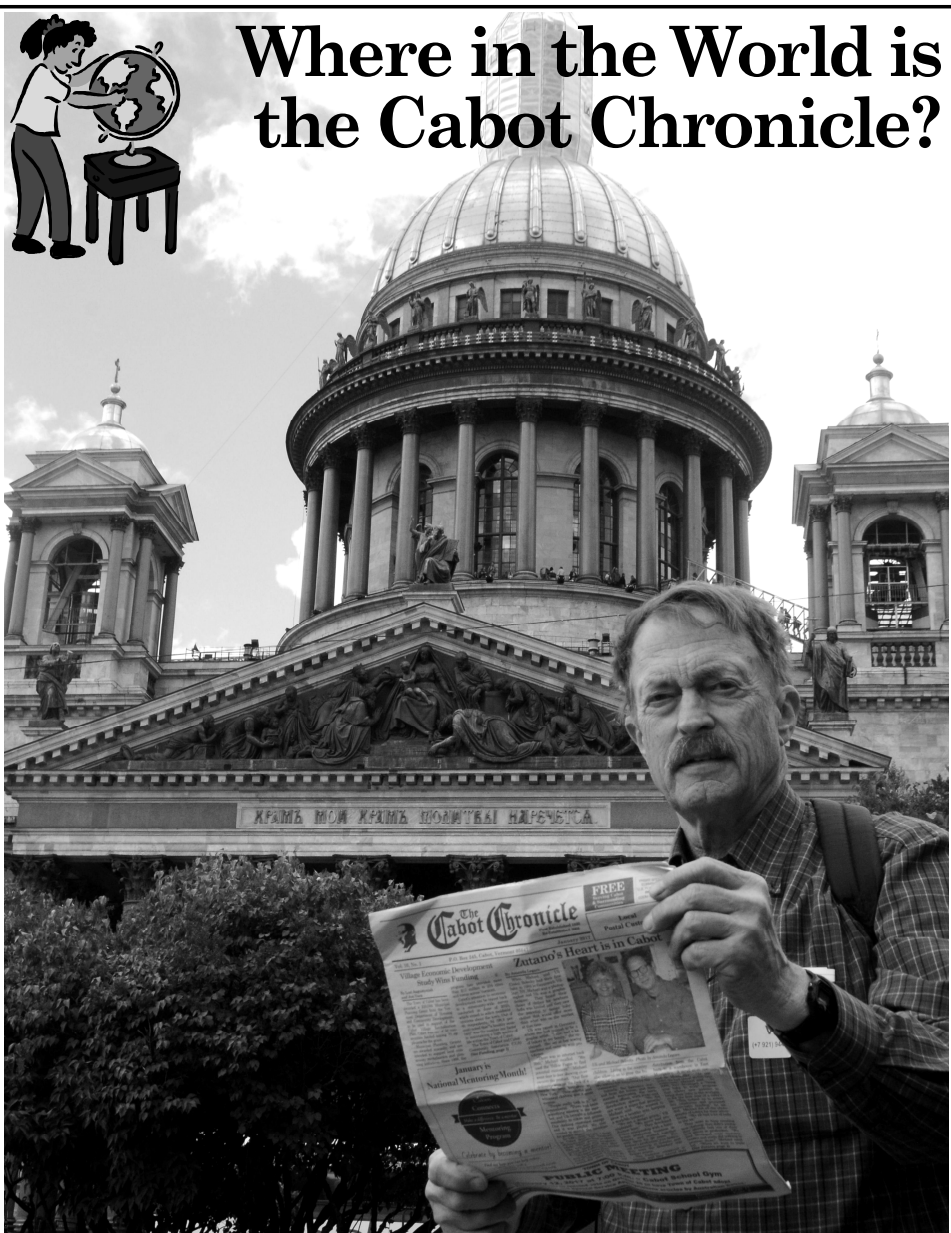
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Contact: [katietrautzmusic@gmail.com](mailto:katietrautzmusic@gmail.com), 802-279-2236



Chip Taylor in St Petersburg, Russia (above) and Richard Degreenia's daughters in Paris, France (below) show their support for the Cabot Chronicle around the world..

