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School Board Update

By Chris Tormey,
Cabot School Board Chair

Since the rejection of the Cabot/Danville/Twinfield merger proposal in June, our board has been looking into a number of options by which Cabot School can meet the goals of Act 46 and improve the education of our students. Act 46 requires that school districts either merge with other districts into a new unified district, or demonstrate how they can meet the goals of Act 46 without merging.

On August 9, our board held a community forum at the CSPAC building to provide an update on the options available to Cabot under Act 46, as well as to review the results of a July survey conducted by the board and completed by 198 community members.

During the first part of the August 9 forum, Ken Templeton from the Great Schools Partnership facilitated a discussion of the survey results. He asked forum attendees to look over the survey, and to share one finding within it that seemed significant. Among the survey findings identified by community members present were: 82% of survey respondents agreed or strongly agreed that "maintaining a strong preK-8 program at Cabot School is an essential goal"; 59% of respondents agreed or strongly

agreed that "Cabot students need more options than the current high school can provide"; 35% of respondents answered that they would be willing to pay higher property taxes for "expanding community uses of renovated facilities (playground, gymnasium, kitchen, etc.)"; and 58% found "exploring an arrangement that shares gym renovations with the town, developing it into a community center" an acceptable method to address renovation needs. Complete survey results are available on the Cabot School website (cabotschool.org).

The balance of the forum was devoted to explaining several options for Cabot School to meet the requirements of Act 46 and answering questions about those options. Those options fall within two broad categories: those that maintain a high school program in Cabot and those that do not.

The options that eliminate the high school in Cabot would potentially have the benefit of increasing the number of course offerings available to our high school students. They would also reduce the amount of classroom space needed in Cabot, as several of the elementary grades currently housed in the "satellite buildings" would be moved into the high school building. On the other hand, changing to a preK-8 campus in

Cabot would make it more challenging to maintain quality staff in subject areas like art and music that are now shared between the high school and preK-8. In addition, Cabot would lose the control it now has over the cost and kind of high school program offered, and there could be significant financial and social impacts for Cabot if the high school is closed.

One option in this path would be to merge into a four-way, preK-8 unified district with Walden, Waterford, and Barnet. In this option Cabot would likely have two members on an eight-member unified district board, and Cabot high school students would be tuitioned to the high school of their choice. Members of our Cabot School Board have met once with the 706 (merger) committee of Walden, Waterford, and Barnet, and we hope to continue those conversations to see if this four-way merger would be viable for Cabot and the other communities. If this merger were approved by residents of all four towns before November 30 of this year, then Cabot and the other three towns would be eligible for "incentives" provided by the State of Vermont for districts forming a "preferred" structure under the terms of Act 46. These incentives include reductions in the property tax rate for

Viewing the Eclipse



On August 21, 2017, North America was treated to a solar eclipse. In order to view it, precautions were needed, and this is how Paul Wade viewed the phenomenon—the image from a telescope is pro-

the first four years of the new district's operation, as well as continuation of the "Small Schools Grant" as a Merger Support Grant for the unified district (Cabot's Small Schools Grant for the 2016-17 school year was \$147,000).

A second option that would eliminate the high school in Cabot would be for Cabot to merge its preK-12 district with Danville's preK-12 district. In this option, Cabot's high school students would attend classes in Danville, and Cabot would

likely have two members (and Danville three members) on the new unified-district board. Merging together in this way would also allow Danville and Cabot to qualify for the state incentives described above, if voters in both towns approved the proposal before November 30.

A third, "no high school in Cabot" option would be to join the Washington Central Supervisory Union (Calais, East Montpelier, etc.) and designate (see "School Board", page 3)

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2017 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE CABOT ♦ DANVILLE ♦ PEACHHAM

By Representative Catherine (Kitty) Toll

State Budget and Transportation Rescission Plans

Like many other states across the nation, revenues to support state budgets are growing, but not as fast as forecasted. Vermont has seen one of its longest periods of growth; however the growth has been lackluster. When the Legislature is not in session, the Joint Fiscal Committee meets to review the fiscal operations of the State, including revenues, budgeting, and expenditures, and to take needed action. The committee membership includes five members from both the House and Senate. Members include Representatives Ancel, Donovan, Fagan, Lippert, and Toll and Senators Ayer, Cummings, Kitchel, Sears and Westman. The committee met in July to accept an adjusted forecast reflecting updated revenue expectations, and again in August to make the needed adjustments to keep Vermont's budget in balance.

Vermont's revenues are growing, but not at the rate originally forecasted. State statute outlines action that is to be taken by the Administration and the Joint Fiscal Committee in the event that the official state revenue forecast is reduced. The statute permits spending reductions to maintain a balanced budget. Vermont has a strong history of taking the necessary steps to prevent deficit spending by realigning appropriations to accommodate revenue reductions.

In July, the General Fund forecast was downgraded by \$28.8 million. A significant part of the General Fund forecast change, \$16.3 million, was anticipated due to a timing issue with corporate refunds that were expected to occur in the 2017 fiscal year budget, but will actually occur in the 2018 fiscal year budget. In July, a plan was developed to fully address the State's obligation regarding corporate refunds through the use of reserves, carry forward of Medicaid funds, savings from an office supply contract and the transfer of targeted Special Funds.

On August 17, the Joint Fiscal Committee met to review a plan presented by the Administration, addressing the re-

maining General Fund shortfall of \$12.5 million following the resolution to corporate refunds. Both additional revenue and spending reductions were identified in the plan. The plan did not include programmatic changes, modifications to policy, or reductions in force. Changes include less spending in Medicaid due in part to lower utilization, reductions in operating costs in Agencies and Departments, an EB-5 contract reduction, use of carry forward funds and fund balances, and an increase in projected revenue in the Department of Financial Regulation and in the Office of the Secretary of State.

Additionally, the Transportation Fund experienced a \$3.5 million downgrade for fiscal year 2018. Transportation Fund reductions include reducing Central Garage equipment purchases, reducing statewide facilities improvements, savings from lower diesel fuel prices and lower salt costs. To review the rescission process for both the General Fund and the Transportation Fund in full, visit the Joint Fiscal Office website at: www.leg.state.vt.us/jfo.

For additional information on any bill or action taken by the House or Senate or standing committee, please visit: www.leg.state.vt.us. These are live pages and are updated regularly. 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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Planning Notes

By Karen Deasy
Zoning Administrator and Planner

Transition to Development Review Board

The Town of Cabot Planning Commission has recommended that the town transition from a Zoning Board of Adjustment to a Development Review Board (DRB). This transition will streamline the application process for residents who are applying for permits. All site plan review, subdivision review, conditional use applications and variances will be held by a single board instead of the current process, which requires review by both the Planning Commission and the Zoning Board of Adjustment. A Development Review Board focuses on interpretation of regulations and if projects meet the requirements of zoning, and the Planning Commission will continue to develop regulations and work on other Town regulations. The Cabot Selectboard will hold a public Hearing September 5, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. for public input and to discuss the transition.

Water Line Repairs

We have recently repaired yet another leak on the Town's water main on Dan-

ville Hill Road. The Town is in the process of planning for replacement of the water main which runs up Danville Hill. This main, installed in 1968, has been plagued by leaks, impacting the quality of our service and expenses to the system. Additional fire hydrants will be installed, as well. The Town's project is third on the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund priority list for construction and within the range for funding. We anticipate bringing this priority project to the town for a vote this fall with anticipated construction next spring.

Stormwater Permitting

Update on the new state stormwater permit for municipal roads. The Town of Cabot has 464 connected segments of road and 27.2 miles of the Town's maintained roads are connected to the waterways of the state. 43% of the Town's total roadways are segments that must meet the new stormwater standards. As part of these standards, the Town will be revising its culvert policy for town drive-ways to meet the new required stormwater standards. A draft copy of the policy is posted on the town's web site.

School Board

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that all of our Cabot students would attend high school at U-32. We are now in the process of determining if the Washington Central board is interested in discussing this option with us; if so this would not be a "preferred structure" and therefore would not qualify for state incentives.

In order for Cabot to retain its high school, it would have to submit an "Alternative Governance Structure" (AGS) proposal to the VT Agency of Education prior to December 26, 2017, describing how Cabot would be able to meet the goals of Act 46 as an independent, preK-12 school district. Craftsbury, Hazen Union, and the other schools in the Orleans Southwest Supervisory Union are currently in the process of developing an AGS. If state officials approve an AGS the schools involved will not be forced to merge as part of a state plan, but the school or schools within an AGS are not eligible for the state incentives (described above) that merged districts are.

Earlier this summer, we met with the Executive Council of the Orleans Southwest Supervisory Union in Hardwick, and discussed the possibility of Cabot joining the OSSU. Despite a good deal of interest expressed by the Executive Council at that time in continuing that discussion, the council decided in July that there was already too much work ahead in getting their AGS proposal ready to consider adding Cabot to their SU at this time. The Executive Council did indicate a continuing interest in discussions of collaborations among the three schools that would lead to increased opportunities for students at Cabot, Hazen, and Craftsbury, and we hope to begin those discussions after the school year starts.

The stated goal of Act 46 is to "encourage and support local decisions and actions that: provide substantial

equity in the quality and variety of educational opportunities; lead students to meet or exceed State Education Quality Standards; maximize operational efficiencies through greater flexibility to manage, share, and transfer resources, with a goal of increasing district-level student-to-staff ratios; promote transparency and accountability; are delivered at a cost that parents, voters, and taxpayers value."

Given that goal, our preK-12 Cabot School District would have to begin some major improvements in order for an Alternative Governance Structure proposal for Cabot to remain an independent district to have a reasonable shot at being approved by the State.

Among the improvements discussed at the forum that would likely be needed are: an investment in staffing to improve the current Cabot high school program, building connections with neighboring schools to increase the opportunities available for our high school students, development of a reasonable plan to make needed facility renovations over time, and researching initiatives and partners to enhance school programs and attract students. Our board is currently researching how these improvements could best be accomplished, with the valued assistance of a working group of community members.

One potential way to maintain a high school in Cabot that drew a good deal of interest at the forum is the proposal to develop a "Vermont Academy" including Cabot and several other small high schools that would potentially improve the quality and sustainability of these schools by drawing in tuition-paying students from out of state. This plan was developed by two community members (Mike Rushman and Fran Voigt) who are interested in the continued viability of Cabot and other small schools in Vermont, and proposed that out-of-state students drawn to these schools would

Cabot Arcana

Stories From The Cabot Historical Society

A Childhood of Freedom and Adventure

By Jane Coyle McKay

I grew up in Cabot many years ago, after my father lost his Springfield, MA business in the Great Depression of the 1930's. We moved from Springfield back to Cabot into my grandmother's Victorian house on Main Street. I entered the fourth grade in Cabot, which was in the annex to the Methodist Church in those days. Our teacher was Barbara Slack from Barton, VT. I especially remember she wore a black satin dress with a large mother-of-pearl buckle. I liked looking



Jane and her mom, Marjorie Coyle.

at this dress. I also liked to take my lunch to school so I could eat with classmates on rocks in the brook behind the church. After lunch she would read us stories.

Skiing on the hill behind our house was popular in our household, where the elementary school buildings are today. We also had a large toboggan that we used on this hill, with desperate efforts to stop before hitting the stone walls at the bottom. I also often skied after school on a hill across the river behind the Post Office. We put up slalom poles to ski around. But our biggest thrill was the sliding parties when we would ride on a traverse down Bond Hill from where Burt's farm is now. Ten or

pay an annual amount to improve school programs in addition to their school tuition and boarding fees. The idea is if a school like Cabot were to gradually incorporate 4-6 new students envisioned by this program into each of its high school grades, the school and community would greatly benefit.

Given the interest in and potential value of a program like The Vermont Academy for Cabot, our WNESU Superintendent Mark Tucker has reached out to staff at the Vermont Agency of Education to determine the legality of this combined "public-private" school concept. Thus far, there appear to be some obstacles to implementing the proposal as it's currently drafted, but we are, as a board, continuing to look at how the general idea might be used successfully in Cabot. As a member of the Vermont State Board of Education present at the forum discussion on the proposal commented, this is an ideal time for a school district to explore creative ideas like this proposal to see how they might contribute



Going to breakfast.

twelve people would go like the wind, down and down as far as the Cabot church. A person was elected to watch for traffic where the South Walden road intersects Rt. 215 at the north end of town, stopping traffic when we whizzed by.

In the summer we went swimming in a pool made by damming up the Winooksi River near where the Rec Field is today. It was deep enough to swim a distance. The water was cold and clean.

Summers, I enjoyed singing in the church choir. Summer services were held in the Methodist Church across the common, where I especially liked the fine organ. When the Methodist Church was sold, the organ was moved to the Congregational Church, where services were held in the winter at that time. The organ is still there now.

Today I am amazed at the freedom we had in those days. My mother never seemed to worry where my sister and I and our friends were when we went all over town hiking, skiing, sliding down hills, and swimming. We didn't have play dates we went to by car. I really enjoyed all that freedom. I have many happy memories of growing up in Cabot in the 1930's.



Traverse sled

positively in the future.

Looking ahead into September, we plan to continue to gather information (and communicate with neighboring school districts) to determine which of the options that now are "potential" can actually be realized for our school. When we get to the point of having two or three solid options to choose from, we will get the word out on them and schedule another forum. Following that, we will mail out a survey to each household in Cabot to try to get a sense of the town's take on the choices available.

In the meantime, we continue to meet regularly on the first and third Mondays of each month at 6:00 p.m. (although this summer it's been more often). Please come to a meeting to hear for yourself what is going on, or call a school board member to ask. The slides from the August 9 forum will be up on the Cabot School web site as well, for more background on the options out there at that point.



OBITUARIES & MEMORIALS

David F. Day

David F. Day, 78, of Worcester, Cabot and most recently, Starksboro, died Tuesday, July 25, 2017, at UVMC in Burlington, from complications of diabetes.

David was born in Montpelier on April 14, 1939, to Dean and Esther (Pierce) Day.

He attended school in Worcester, then Montpelier High School, where he also played football. Later, he served a term in the U.S. Army, stationed at Fort Bragg in North Carolina and Korea.

In 1959, David married Elizabeth Ann Knapp. They made their home and raised four children in Worcester.

David enjoyed many hobbies, such as fishing, hunting, trapping and fly-tying, painting, reading and camping.

David worked for 30 years for the state of Vermont Transportation Department. He formed many lasting friendships with his co-workers. After retiring, Dave and Liz moved to Cabot and continued the outdoor lifestyle, holding membership for many years with the Vermont Trappers Association.

Liz died of cancer in 1998. David was

diagnosed with diabetes in 2007. He suffered many adverse physical effects from the disease, but always kept his positive and upbeat attitude.

David was predeceased by his parents; his wife, Liz; a son, John; and a grandson, Rodney Leach III.

He is survived by his sister, Laurel Shepard, of Venice, Florida; by his children, Jo Ann "Jody" Miller and her husband, Ed, of Danville, Virginia, Frank Day, of Worcester, Julie Barratt and her husband, Gary, of Starksboro; also, by ten grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren, two sisters-in-law, one brother-in-law, several nieces and nephews.

The family would like to thank the doctors and nurses at the UVMC and the staff at Burlington Health and Rehab.

Also, a special thank-you to Julie and Gary for being there and caring for our Dad through the past few years.

At David's request, there will be no funeral. A memorial gathering will be planned for a later date.

Cremation was handled by Stephen C. Gregory and Son Cremation Service, 427 Meadowland Drive, Suite 7, South Burlington, Vermont.

grandparents, Annette and Francis Putney; and his beloved dog, Oogie. There were also two friends that passed away from CF, Tiffany and Christopher Chagnon.

Anyone who would like to make a donation on James's behalf, please donate to The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, 4550 Montgomery Ave. Suite 1100, North Bethesda, MD 20814.

James Francis Newton

James Francis "Bud" Newton, 25, of Barre, Vermont, passed away from cystic fibrosis on August 11, 2017, with his family by his bedside. James was born September 6, 1991, to Annette Parry of Barre, and Brian Carr of Cabot. James loved spending time with his son, Bentley, and playing video games. One of his passions was working on cars, from American muscle to fast and furious.

His cousin, Peter Perkins, of Worcester, Vermont, would challenge James to just about everything. They enjoyed playing video games, fishing and crusin' around. He had an interest for the game of magic, collecting knives, drawing, Legos and building models.

He had love for his son, they enjoyed watching movies and cuddling on the couch. He also enjoyed reading to his son. He had a special communication with his meme. He also had a special relationship with his deceased grandfather, Robert, working on cars.

Survivors include his son, Bentley F. Newton, of Orange, Vermont; his mother, Annette Parry of Barre, Vermont; his father, Brian Carr of Cabot, Vermont; his maternal grandmother, Mary Newton of Graniteville, Vermont; his siblings, Donna-Jo Newton of Barre, Vermont, Crystal and Vincent Davy, of Middlesex, Vermont, Amanda Putney and Ronny Therrien, of Fairfax, Vermont, Rose Lalumiere and Wayne Mahoney of Whiting, Vermont, Michael Spencer-Lalumiere of Vergennes, Vermont, Nathan Haines, of Graniteville, Vermont, and Alan Wild of Barre, Vermont; aunts and uncles, Sandy Newton and Rick Collins of Barre, Vermont, John and BJ Newton of Graniteville, Vermont, Robert Putney of Berlin, Vermont; and his Daddy Sue of Graniteville, Vermont. He is also survived by six cousins, two nephews and five nieces.

James was predeceased by his maternal grandfather, Robert Newton; great-

Richard Walbridge Spaulding



Spaulding, Richard Walbridge of Cabot, VT, Aspen, CO and Lexington, MA, age 82, passed away on August 2, 2017. Husband of Eleanor Mary Thompson. Father of Susan Gilbert and her husband, Paul of Newton and grandfather to their children Amy and Lucy. Father of Sharon Spaulding of Belmont. Brother to Jean Rand and her husband, David of Columbia, CT and brother to the late Charles H. Spaulding and his wife Ann of Kennebunk Beach, Maine. He is also survived by many nieces, grand nieces and nephews and grand nephews.

Graduate of Pinkerton Academy in Derry, NH and UNH in Engineering, P.E. in Civil Engineering, Navy Seabees, stationed in Aleutian Islands and U. S. Naval Academy. Outstanding career at AT & T and Spaulding & Slye before starting Spaulding & Co. Inc. in 1975. Longtime trustee of Concord Museum, past trustee of Carleton Willard Village, Concord Business Partnership and Director and Past President of Numbega Council, Boy Scouts of America. Enjoyed singing with the Sounds of Concord. Dick was a past Vice president of the Greater Boston Real Estate Board and President of Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA) in 1976. He was a member of the American Society of Real Estate Counselors. Extensively involved in restoration and community projects in Cabot, VT, from the A. M. Foster Bridge, Walbridge Schoolhouse, and the Senior Center, to the Sugar House and many more.

Visiting hours were held Wednesday August 9, 2017, at the Douglass Funeral Home in Lexington, MA, and interment Friday August 11 at Cabot Plains Cemetery, Cabot, VT. Donations in his memory may be made to Cabot Historical Society, P. O. Box 275, Cabot, VT 05647.

Mr. Spaulding's real estate management firm in Lexington and Concord, Mass. was proud of several projects of historic significance. Here's an excerpt from their web page, "We are featuring the old schoolhouse at 1656 Mass Ave. in this blog. Our company bought the site in 1996 and did extensive repairs and renovations that took most of the year. At Spaulding Management LLC, history is an integral part of our development. Researching the old schoolhouse fit right in with our philosophy and our attention to detail." The seeds Mr. Spaulding sowed will help us preserve memories of Cabot small family farms, one-room schoolhouses, and town-meeting democracy.

Memo from Cabot Historical Society:

Richard Spaulding was a Life member of C.H.S. He was extremely good to the historical society. He sponsored the work to bring electricity to the Main Street Museum, and several years ago donated the cost of painting the entire building. He has been very generous.

Several donations in his memory have been received by C.H.S. The Historical Society recognizes the loss of a great patron, and is making plans to memorialize his contributions to the preservation of Cabot History. He will be sorely missed.

The seeds Mr. Spaulding sowed will help us preserve memories of Cabot small family farms, one-room schoolhouses, and town-meeting democracy.



COMMUNITY COMMENTARY

Dear Editor,

"I don't know how long I'll be able to afford to live here." Have you heard comments like this? I know I have. That's why I tried to get the concept of "affordable living" included in the revision of the Cabot Town Plan. Unfortunately, the town is not interested in this idea. In fact, their every act has been increasing costs, instead.

Can't pay the fine? Can't afford the increasing utility costs? Don't have \$100 to get your dog out of the pound? Well, Cabot has ordinances for this! There are penalties for these crimes. I don't know the merits of every case, but what I see all these current cases before the select board have in common: they are all crimes of poverty. Any one of us could find ourselves in a situation like these, and those odds are increasing every day. Unfortunately, our town officials are focusing on making these matters worse for us. Ordinances with increased regulations and penalties are being passed at a rapid pace. Now the town is looking into hiring a "Code Compliance Officer." There's a lot of money to be made fining people for living a normal life.

Were we asked to vote on these ordinance changes? No, we weren't, even though the select board received a petition in 2014 so that this right would be returned to us. In the board's re-wording of the petition's ballot question, they left out, the word "ordinance." However, the

ordinances being passed are of the very nature that the petitioners wanted to vote on, such as renting, public assembly, animal ownership, and trash. These are among the many issues the town is working hard to regulate and penalize us for through ordinances, without public approval. These are issues of average, every-day life, and could be considered "zoning" issues, thereby requiring approval from the voters.

When, and if, we find ourselves in need, wouldn't it be AWESOME if our community asked "How can we help?" If the increasing cost of water in Cabot village gets too expensive for some, why don't we offer a relief fund? WWJD? Our town needs to understand that \$100 can be too much for some of us - for a growing number of us. Especially when we are being hit with \$100 increases across the board already. Once they understand this, we need to see more compassion in response: careful spending and relief - not punishment- when we need help.

The Town Plan is the blueprint for all the town's actions, and it was up for renewal this year. At the Planning Commission's public hearing on the new draft, I proposed including the concept of affordable living, since that seems to be a priority concern for residents, and yet the concept is entirely missing from the blueprint provided by the regional planners. If we can get affordable living included in the plan, it should shift the direction we

are headed in.

The town planning commission did change the document slightly in response to my request. This is how the word "affordable" was included in the mission statement: *In this future, Cabot residents will meet their needs for food, material, shelter, and transportation using resources managed in an affordable and sustainable manner.*

What does this mean? This doesn't sound like affordable living. In fact, this sentence could have some scary implications. Unfortunately, the select board was not interested in addressing this mistake, and the plan was approved as written.

Can we do better than this?

If you'd like to hear recordings of the meetings when the above issues were discussed (4/18, 5/16, and 7/18), MP3 recordings are available at the Cabot Town Clerk's Office.

Sincerely,
Amy Hornblas

PUBLIC HEARING

September 5, 2017 at 7:00 pm The Cabot Selectboard will hold a public hearing to receive input on transitioning from a Planning Commission - Zoning Board of Adjustment to a Planning Commission - Development Review Board.



Local Business Matters

The Den at Harry's Hardware

By Ellen Cairns

This month I pulled up a tractor seat stool at the polished granite bar at The Den and chatted with Bobby and Stephany Searles and Rory and Johanna Thibault about their new venture.

How did you decide to start a bar in the hardware store?

Bobby: We wanted to revitalize the store, to keep the downtown business district going. Stephany and I knew we needed to make a change; we were thinking of different ideas- and then Rory and Johanna moved to town. They were in here all the time, picking up paint and other things - and we started a conversation with them about it.

Rory: As new arrivals in town, we realized how important it was to have the hardware store here. Talking to Bobby, connecting with people in the community - it was about a lot more than just a place to buy hardware. We were in here three or four times a week, and it led to a bunch of kitchen-table discussions... what could we do that would expand that sense of community?

Bobby: The discussion centered around what don't we have in Cabot?

Johanna: We recognized that a hardware store or a bar couldn't make it on their own, so we came up with an idea to add a bar to the hardware store.

Bobby: We really want it to be a meeting place where people can hang out. Not just grab a beer and run.

Johanna: That's what's so fun about it. One night last week, all of the stools were full with people who went to high school together. A couple of them hadn't seen each other in years. It was great to see them have a local place to hang out. It was just what we envisioned.

Have any of you done something like this before?

Rory: Johanna has the most experience. I was in the army for eight years, and from that I learned how to find a mission and get it done.

Johanna: After college I locked myself in an office, and now I work from home as a law professor and counsel for a virtual law firm.

I know from your Facebook page that Friday evenings have turned into a family sing-along time. Is The Den always family-friendly?

Rory: It comes back to it being a meeting place. If that means you can't afford a baby sitter and want to come in for a drink, it's fine to bring kids. Both our families have school-age children. We know in some respects, living in Cabot, going out can be tough. Having this here means you can come down, meet up with friends, have a drink, and - for some people - be able to walk home.

Do you all work shifts here?

Bobby: I work here a few days a week, Johanna does a couple of days, and Rory is here on Sundays. Stephany does the accounting and behind-the-scenes work.

How do you choose the beers?

Johanna: Rory is the beer aficionado. We were in Germany for three years, so

that's where he learned about beer. We change around what's on tap regularly. There are so many great craft beers and it's become a significant part of the modern Vermont economy.

What have been some of the highlights so far?

Bobby: Just how happy people are and excited about it. People say it's the coolest thing they've seen. They like being part of the first hardware store to serve beer in the state - probably on the East Coast.

Rory: Or even east of the Mississippi.

Bobby: Everything else we talked about doing got a 50% good reception. This has gotten a 99% great reception. And also the benefit of having partners to share in the planning and the workload.

Rory: We really learned a lot about running a business from Bobby and Stephany. They've been here doing this for so long and bring such immense value to the town. We were looking for a community to plant some pretty deep roots, and finding a way to be part of it was important to us. We want to help Cabot continue to be a vibrant community.

Stephany, I saw that you'll be stocking yarn. Tell me about that.

Stephany: It's from Mosaic Moon. It's hand-dyed, beautiful yarn. We'll be expanding on the yarn and carrying more crafty and gift items. We're slowly bringing more artists and crafts in. Right now, we have the Orange Owl products, which is a line of body butters and scrubs made here in Vermont.

Will everything be from Vermont?

Bobby: We're only carrying craft beers made here. The wines are from all over so we can keep them more affordable.

Stephany: The crafts will mainly be from here. We want to be as Cabot and local-centric as we can.

Rory: Vermont is the epicenter of good cider, and we have that on tap, as well as the beers. We really take pride in supporting other Vermonters.

Bobby: Our logo was designed by Caitlin Ackermann, so that's keeping the work local, and we also have local musicians coming in to play. And the bar itself was made by my brother-in-law from Barre granite.

What are your goals for the future of The Den?

Bobby: We are discussing plans for other things, like an annual summer community festival. And we're planning to have maple syrup available on tap to be able to sell at a bulk rate.

Rory: The goal is about having a sustainable model of nuts and bolts and beer- three things that are in demand for a small community like ours. Having this is a natural extension - a place to come meet with others in the community.



The new Den at Harry's Hardware

Messages From Your 2017 Selectboard

Hello Residents of Cabot, and welcome the end summer, as back to school has arrived. The Cabot Selectboard has been working on the following items:

Cabot Ambulance Service:

For many years, the Cabot Ambulance Service, staffed by a dedicated group of volunteers from Cabot and Marshfield, has been responding to medical and other emergencies in our community. Irrespective of the time of day, or night, or month, or weather, when called upon to respond, they have always done so quickly and willingly.

Regrettably, an absence of trained volunteers is placing an incredible strain on the volunteers who continue to respond to the call, and consequently, the Selectboard is in the process of exploring other options for providing emergency services to Cabot.

The Selectboard has scheduled a Special Meeting on Tuesday, September 12, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. in the Willey Building to discuss the future of the Cabot Ambulance Service. Hopefully, Cabot citizens will attend this very important meeting as we explore the future of the Cabot Ambulance Service.

Just as importantly, Sheila Brown, President of the Cabot Ambulance Service, is seeking volunteers to participate in a training program for new volunteers which begins in September. Please immediately contact Sheilab313@aol.com if interested in participating in this critically important service.

Town Ordinances and Policies

An update for the policies and ordinances currently being reviewed:

- The Personnel and Code of Conduct Policies have been returned from the

Vermont League of Cities and Towns with comments for the Town to review. The Code of Conduct policy will need to be approved by voters by Australian ballot at a future Town meeting.

- The dog ordinance is being revised to accommodate changes suggested by the public.
- The Selectboard is creating a Housing Ordinance which will include all rental units in Cabot. This ordinance is on its second revision and the Town of St. Johnsbury, City of Montpelier and Town of Barre models are being looked at.

The Public Gathering Ordinance is nearing completion to present to the voters at a public hearing.

All approved documents are available on the Town of Cabot's web site.

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.

As always, thank you for your participation and support.

The Cabot Selectboard

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

~ SEPTEMBER ~

Friday, 9/1

Lobster Bake on Willoughby Deck 6:00 p.m. East Burke. \$45.00 person. Burke Mountain Hotel. 2559 Mountain Road.

Saturday, 9/2

Northfield Labor Day Festival 2nd-4th Check local newspapers for more information. Theme is Superheroes.

Lake Elmore Fireworks 2:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Elmore. The Annual Elmore Foreworks and Block Party will start at 2:00 p.m. with music and food and fireworks on the lake starting at dusk. DON'T MISS IT!! The fireworks are awesome!! This is a great family event.

"Our Town" 2:00 p.m. Calais. Plainfield Little Theatre presents a staged reading of Thornton Wilder's play. Directed by Tom Blachly. Suggested donation \$10.00. Calais Town Hall, 1662 Kent Hill Road. 229-5290 for more information.

Harry J. Wilkins Annual Motorcycle Show 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. South Barre.

Mellow Yellow 8:00 p.m. Stowe. 50th Anniversary Tour-songs that embody the cultural revolution of 1967. \$20.00-\$38.00. Spruce Peak Performing Arts Center, 122 Hourglass Drive. 802-760-4634.

Sunday, 9/3

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New World Festival. noon-midnight. Randolph. Celebrate lovers of Celtic and French Canadian heritage with music and dance. Includes work by local artisans and delicious local food and drink. Chandler Music Hall and Gallery, in all-weather tents on both sides of Main Street and historic Bethany Church. \$35.00 in advance, \$12.00 for students. Children 12 and under, free. Reserve your tickets by calling 802-728-6464.

Matuto 4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. St. Johnsbury. Brazilian Folk/Bluegrass with Opening Act Buzzkill Abby. Catamount Arts Levitt AMP St. Johnsbury Music Series at Dog Mountain, 143 Parks Road. Free Concert. Dog and family friendly. Beer tent and food trucks. Rain or Shine. Contact Molly Stone 802-748-2600 ext 106 or mstone@KCPprepresents.org for what you can and cannot bring, shuttle schedule, parking instructions, dog specific rules.

Monday, 9/4

Labor Day Workshop with Si Khan 4:00 p.m. Barre. The theme of using your voice for social change sponsored by the Barre Historical Society at the Old Labor Hall. Si Khan will lead a participatory workshop about organizing for action in your community. The workshop is free and open to the public. No reservation is required.

Singalong with Si Kahn 7:00 p.m. Barre. Si Khan has been writing songs about workers and their families since the 1960's including the widely-recorded

"Aragon Mill". Local favorites Anything Goes, Mark Greenberg and Ben Koenig, will open the evening. Tickets \$15.00, under 12 free. \$12.00 for union members, seniors, students at the door. Barre Old Labor Hall, Granite Street.

Tuesday, 9/5

Yoga and Stretching 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. Cabot. Classes taught by Alicia Fel-tus. All levels and ages welcome. Wear comfortable clothing. Contact Alicia 563-3220 for more information. Upstairs of Willey Building. Public Hearing:

Public hearing 7:00 p.m. - The Cabot Selectboard will hold a public hearing to receive input on transitioning from a Planning Commission -Zoning Board of Adjustment to a Planning Commission - Development Review Board.

Wednesday, 9/6

Meditation Group 6:00 p.m. -7:00 p.m. Cabot. Daria Babbitt will introduce meditation techniques designed to reduce stress. Workshop is open to all and donations are gratefully accepted. Upstairs of Willey building.

Community Conversation and Book Reading with Elizabeth Minnich 7:00 p.m. Montpelier. Dr. Minnich's recent book, *The Evil of Banality: The Life and Death Importance of Thinking*, will discuss these concepts and read from her book at the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. Event co-sponsored by the library and the Barre Historical Society.

Friday, 9/8

Gene McDonough Scholarship Golf Tournament 9:30 a.m. St. Johnsbury Club. 4351 Memorial Drive. Contact club for more information.

Saturday, 9/9

VAST's Golden Anniversary Annual Meeting, Hyde Park. Lamoille Union High School. All day event hosted by the snowmobile clubs of Lamoille County. You must buy tickets to the lunch. \$12.00 per person. BBQ of grilled chicken, and ribs, potato salad, coleslaw, green salad, rolls and butter. Other highlights silent auction, vintage sleds, groomers, commemorative pins, vintage photo booth.

Lamoille County Flea Market 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Hyde Park. Hosted by Second Congregational Church. There will be food, great shopping and fun!!

2017 Vermont State Fall RV Show Essex Junction 9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. Adult \$5.00, Children under 16 free with adult. Parking is free. Champlain Valley Expo.

Cabot Old Time Contra and Square Dance 7:30 p.m. Cabot. Music provided by David Carpenter and friends. Caller is Karen Mueller-Harder. All are invited. Dances taught and easy to follow. Upstairs of Willey Building.

Sunday, 9/10

The Lao Tizer Trio 4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. St. Johnsbury. Explosive mix of jazz, rock, classical, jam band. Opening Act by Ira Friedman. Levitt Amp St. Johnsbury Music Series on Dog Mountain, 143 Parks Road. Free Concert. Contact Molly Stone 802-748-2600 ext 106 or mstone@KCPprepresents.org for what you

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Thursday, 9/14

Harvest Supper 5:30 p.m. Cabot. Supper and Veggie Auction. Cabot United Church. Menu. Red flannel hash, baked beans, ham, coleslaw, rolls, pies and beverages. Adults 10.00, Kids 12 and under \$5.00.

Friday, 9/15

Tunbridge World's Fair 7:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. Tunbridge. A great family event. Schedule <http://www.tunbridgeworldsfair.com>

Saturday, 9/16

Grand Point North. Burlington. Higher Ground and Grace Potter presents many bands at Waterfront Park. Tickets www.highergroundmusic.com or 877-987-6487.

Colors of the Kingdom 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. St. Johnsbury.

Sunday, 9/17

Color-A-Thon 1:00 p.m. Barre Town. Registration 12 noon. Event starts 1:00 p.m. get tickets go to register shop.schoolathon.org Washington County Mental Health Services is hosting this event. Registration \$30.00 includes t-shirt 1 mile option, 5X route, DJ and color blasts. Barre Town Recreation Complex event is being held to help support Mental Health.

The High and Mighty Brass Band 4:00 p.m. -7:00 p.m. St. Johnsbury. Opening Act The NEKTONES. Admission is FREE and dog venue friendly. Levitt AMP St. J MusicSeries at Dog Mountain, beer tent and food trucks. Rain or Shine. Concert takes place at Dog Mountain, 143 Parks Road. Contact Molly Stone 802-748-2600 ext 106 or mstone@KCPprepresents.org for what you can and cannot bring, shuttle schedule, parking instructions, dog specific rules.

Friday, 9/22 -9/24

Siptemberfest 2017 Fayston. Music, art, crafters, food trucks. Mad River Glen, Route 17.

Saturday, 9/23

Willa Mamet and Paul Miller 7:30 p.m. Craftsbury. The music is "two voices and guitar like we are at the kitchen table with you!" Willa's sultry voice and

Paul's magic on guitar, you will be right there with them. Takes place at the Music Box, 147 Creek Road. Donation at the door. For more information about the artists www.themusicboxvt.org or phone 802-586-7533.

Friday, 9/29

Blood Drive 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Cabot. Cabot Town Clerk's office and Cabot School will be holding a joint blood drive. The Red Cross Bus will be in the parking lot of the Willey building. Schedule by calling 563-2279 or by contacting the RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass.

Saturday, 9/30

Barron Bulpin and Nathan McEuen 7:00 p.m. Cabot. Returning to Cabot for an evening of blues, roots and country tunes at the Cabot Town Hall upstairs of Willey Building, Main Street. Admission donation at the door.

East Burke Fall Festival 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. East Burke.

~ UPCOMING EVENTS ~

Sunday, 10/1

15th Annual Autumn on the Green 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Danville Town Green. Route 2. 200 vendors of Artisans, crafters, antiques, live music, great food. Free Admission.

Vermont Northeast Kingdom Fall Foliage Festival.

Monday, 10/2 Walden

9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, 10/3 Cabot

9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, 10/4 Plainfield

9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

Thursday, 10/5 Peacham

9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

Friday, 10/6 Barnet

8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

Saturday, 10/7 Groton

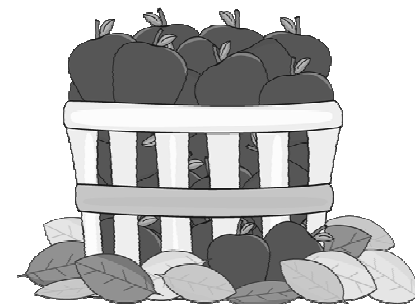
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Sunday, 10/8 Marshfield

11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 14

Cabot Apple Pie Festival 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

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Cabot's 57th Annual Fall Foliage Festival

Celebrate the splendor of autumn in Cabot with food, crafts, entertainment, local tours and friends from here and away.

Tuesday, October 3rd, 2017

The day starts at 9 am with coffee and donuts at the Willey Building

Tours will highlight local artisans, nature, history and the working landscape.

Corn chowder & chili lunch
at the Cabot Church
Seatings at
11:30 am, 12:30 and 1:15 pm.
(\$6 adults, \$2.50 children)

Turkey supper
with all the trimmings
at the Cabot Church
Seatings at 5 pm and 6:15 pm.
(\$15 adults, \$5 children)

For meal reservations call Rose Bothfeld, 802-563-2715.

Music & entertainment throughout the day, concluding with a Contra Dance at 7 pm.

For full event schedule, visit cabotvermont.org/annual-events/
For more information call the Cabot Community Association, 563-3338.

CABOT RIDE THE RIDGES

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2017

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All proceeds benefit the Cabot Connects Mentoring Program
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STURDY 30 KM	10:00 AM	10 KM	\$20.00
RUGGED 60 KM	9:00 AM	30 KM	\$30.00
WARPED 100 KM	8:00 AM	60 KM	\$35.00
		100 KM	\$40.00
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MISSING



Last seen Saturday 8/12 on Rte 215 in Cabot. Lefty is an indoor cat with special needs. He walks funny and has limited vision. He is friendly. If found please call 563-2799 or 472-8400

REWARD

Cabot Historical Society's



Apple Pie Festival

Saturday, October 14, 2017
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Cabot School Gym - Main St., Rte. 215, Cabot, Vt.
FREE Parking on the Common FREE admission - Fun, family friendly event, lunch & plenty of apple pies for sale.

*****To donate pies for the Historical Society to sell*****
Contact Betty Ritter e-mail tcocabot@fairpoint.net

Apple Pie Baking Contests! Cash, Ribbons, Prizes

Pies MUST be entered by 10:30 a.m. Judging begins at 11 a.m.
Entry fee - \$5, Adults - \$2.50, Youth OR donate a 2nd pie for the Historical Society to sell. (All pies are sold or auctioned after judging.)

Contact Michelle LeClerc - e-mail tcocabot@fairpoint.net

Craft Fair: Widely publicized event, draws a large crowd. Table space is \$30 (\$35 with elec.)
Call (802) 563-2766 to reserve space or
e-mail: Marcy Martin mmarcy563@gmail.com

Other info, e-mail: BonnieSD@Together.Net or call (802) 563-3396 or www.cabothistory.com

Cabot Ambulance Volunteers Sign Up by September 1 for Free Training

By Sheila Brown

Cabot Ambulance has an ongoing need for people to volunteer for our service. We are currently sponsoring an Emergency Medical Responder course beginning September 14 and completing in February. Class times are 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Thursdays and 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on occasional Saturdays. Course cost is \$250 plus the cost of the book. For anyone joining Cabot Ambulance, your course will be paid in exchange for one full year of volunteer service after successful licensure. Cabot Ambulance applicants must be able to pass background and driving record checks to be eligible for membership.

There is also an Emergency Medical Technician course beginning September 13 and completing in March. Class times are 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. on Wednesdays and 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon every other Saturday. Course cost is \$160 plus cost of the book. Must be 18 years old by the end of the class in order to test for licensure.

For more information about either course or to fill out an application for Cabot Ambulance, contact Sheila Brown at 802-426-2064 or email Sheilab313@aol.com. Application to take a course must be submitted by September 1, 2017.

CABOT ARTS SHOW AND TELL Sunday, September 24, 3:00-5:00 p.m. At The Willey Building

Cabot Arts Show and Tell invites visual artists (folks that make things we can see) of all kinds to join us once a month on a Sunday afternoon from 3:00 to 5:00 in the Willey Building for discussion of works presented and happenings in the area.

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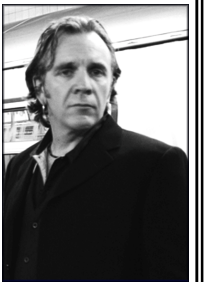
cabot arts presents: BARRON & BULPIN and NATHAN McEUEEN

String wizards **Rik Barron** and **Randy Bulpin** return to Cabot for an evening of blues, roots and country – joined by the sensational **Nathan McEuen** on **Saturday, September 30 at 7 PM** in the **Willey Building (Town Hall), 3084 Main Street** in Cabot Village. Admission will be by donation at the door.



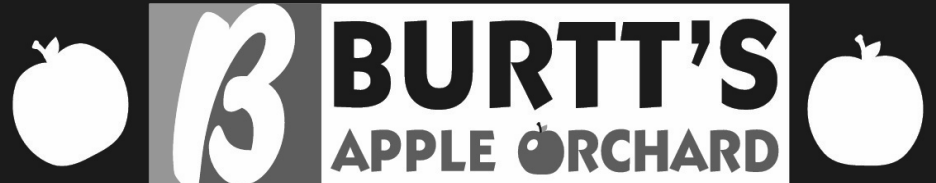
Rik Barron, actor, musician, raconteur and ex-Mountie, has a thirty-year career playing guitar, banjo and mandolin to audiences of all ages around the world. He's a founding member of The Fousty Tountons, Newfoundland's most famous folkabilly band and has worked closely with bass and guitar virtuoso Chili Taylor, a collaboration that has resulted in three Canadian Folk Music Award, two Indie Award nominations and two East Coast Music Award wins. Rik has recorded and performed with banjoists Dan Levinson and Mark Johnson taught at the Maryland and Smoky Mountain Banjo Academies. Through his long relationship with banjo icon and innovator Tony Ellis, Rik has forged a unique instrumental style combining the elements of Celtic, Maritime and American music. For information about Rik's many CDs, go to www.rikbarron.com.

Randy Bulpin, born in England, raised in Australia, plays both acoustic and electric guitars, specializes in slide and dobro, and has extensive experience as a professional touring and recording musician, while also achieving success as a songwriter and producer. Randy has shared the stage and studio with many international stars including, Kris Kristofferson and Rita Coolidge, John Prine, Ricky Nelson, Joe Cocker, Bo Diddley and Stefan Grappelli. He performs with blues rockers Mono Malo and to collaborate with violinist and vocalist Leslie Campos as Laslo Cameo; the duo issued their first CD, "Second Avenue Highway" in 2007.



Since 2005, **Nathan McEuen** (son of Nitty Gritty Dirt Band member John McEuen) has written hundreds of songs and produced six albums, most recently *Side by Side* with brother Jonathon. Nathan has played 2,500 shows across the U.S.A., Canada & Europe, including The Grand Ole Opry, American Idol (with Steve Martin), the Tonight Show, and Music City Roots. He has opened for or worked with such luminaries as Bon Jovi, Leon Russell, Willie Nelson and Carrie Underwood, and last year he composed and performed an original music score for the University of Southern California's production of *Romeo & Juliet*. Find him at www.nathanmceuen.com or on YouTube.

For further information, call (802) 563-2486 or visit Cabot Arts Presents on Facebook.



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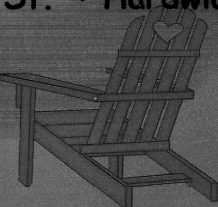
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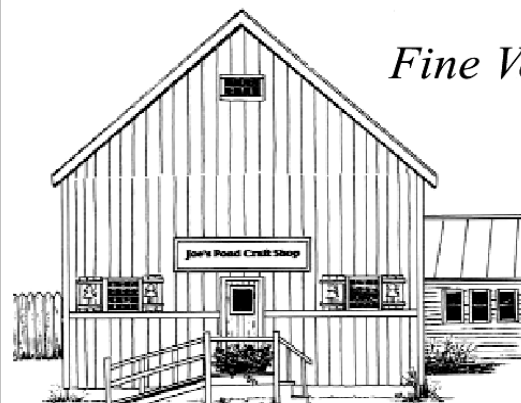
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Girl Scout Scouts

By Cecilia Gulka

Cabot Girl Scout troops are gearing up for the 2017- 2018 GS year, which begins October 1. Registration can be done online at any time at <http://www.girlscoutsgwm.org>. If you were registered last year, go to **MY GS** then to **Member Profile**, which takes you to the log in page. You will need your login (your e-mail address) and password from last year. If you are new to Girl Scouting, you will need to set up an account by going to the homepage and clicking the button: **JOIN NOW**. In both cases (new and returning girls), be sure to register for the 2017-18 year and not the current year. Remember "Cookie Dough" can be used for registration.

A registration night at the Cabot

School library will be held in mid September, if you prefer to register by paper, or need assistance with the online registration process. Date to be determined.

We expect to have a Daisy troop for girls in grades K & 1, and a combined Brownie and Junior troop for girls in grades 2 – 5. The Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains Council will have an information table at the Cabot School Open House on September 13, where you can ask questions and get more information about the Girl Scout Program and what events the council is offering this year.

If you have any questions or need more information, please call or e-mail Cecilia Gulka (563-2284, cgulka@fairpoint.net).

Cabot Community Theater

By Karen Mueller-Harder

Thanks to everyone who weighed in on selecting next year's production!

Cabot Community Theater is excited to announce our spring 2018 show: Mary Poppins! This charming musical is the story of Jane and Michael Banks and their parents, and what happens when the extraordinary nanny, Mary Poppins, comes to look after them all. The songs include many wonderful favorites, though the stage show differs quite a bit from the film, bringing in a number of wonderful characters from the book by P.L. Travers. The production will be directed by Caleb Pitkin, and Cameron Mueller-Harder will be music directing, with choreography by Daria Babbitt.

We hope to have performers of all ages involved in the show, and plan (as always) to have flexibility in our casting in terms of age and gender, to offer performing opportunities to as many participants as possible. In addition to large and small singing roles, and fun chorus parts for children and adults, there are a number of parts for non-singers as well!

Auditions will be held later this fall, with rehearsals through the winter, and performances in early spring. Audition and performance dates will be announced in upcoming issues of the Chronicle and on Front Porch Forum.

We also welcome people to help with sets, props, costumes, and other production areas--we will need creative folks to help us mount this fantastical adventure! Contact the producer, Karen Mueller-Harder, at karen@praxisworks.org or 793-5617 and let us know if you'd like to be involved with this supercalifragilisticexpialidocious show!

p.s. A few CCT folks will be performing in a staged reading of Thornton Wilder's 'OUR TOWN' Labor Day weekend: Saturday 9/2 & Sunday 9/3, at 2pm, at the Calais Town Hall, 1662 Kent Hill Road, in Calais, VT. This production is a fund-raiser to help restore the town hall. Tickets are by donation, \$10 suggested.

George Gibbs – Adam Blachly
Rebecca Gibbs – Lorelai Bastress
Wally Webb – Declan O'Connor

Cabot Recycling

By Ben Davis,
Cabot NEKWMD Representative

The Cabot Recycling Center continues its smooth operation, with few problems reported. Please note that all materials dropped off must be rinsed to remove food residues. Soiled or wet cardboard cannot be recycled. Check with the Recycling Center attendant for a complete list, or visit <http://www.nekwmd.org/services/Cabot.pdf> for a printout of what is now being collected.

For those of you who missed your chance to recycle household hazardous wastes (HHW) there is one more free collection event scheduled for this year in Lyndonville: Sept 23, 8 to 3 P. No appointment is necessary. Please note that until October 7, you can drop off HHW at no charge with an appointment at the NEKWMD facility in Lyndonville. Please call the District at 734-4602 to schedule a drop-off.

A complete list of household hazardous products can be found on the NEKWMD website at: <http://www.nekwmd.org/pdf/2017%20HHW%20flyer.pdf>

Electronics are now collected at no charge at the Cabot Recycling Center. These include:

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- Computer peripherals (external drives, scanners, etc.)
- Computer Monitors
- Printers
- CRTs (Cathode Ray Tubes)
- Televisions
- PDAs (Personal Digital Assistants), MP3 Players, Smart Phones (iPhone, Android, Blackberry, etc.)
- Electronic Game Consoles (Xbox, PlayStation, etc.)
- Fax Machines
- Wireless Phones
- Telephones
- Answering Machines
- VCRs
- DVD Players
- Digital Converter Boxes
- Stereo Equipment
- Power Cords & Chargers

The Recycling Center is located on Sawmill Road in Lower Cabot. Hours of operation are from 8:00 a.m. until noon only every Saturday. Trash is collected for a fee.

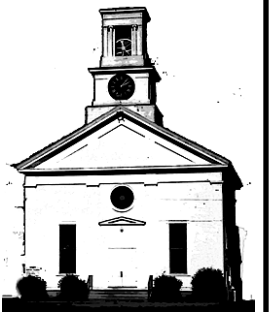
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CABOT UNITED CHURCH Annual Harvest Supper & Veggie Auction Thursday, September 14 5:30 p.m.

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Supper will be followed by the annual auction of garden produce and baked goods



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ADVICE FROM THE TREE WARDEN HELPER

By Roland (Slim) Payne

Mid-August, and the leaves are beginning to change. I can see maples from my house that have orange and/or yellow leaves. In two months, they will all be changed.

By the time you read this, it will be time to remove Bush Honeysuckle if you do the stump method. Cut the stump 3" to 6" above the ground and put full strength concentrated Roundup on the stump. I put red food coloring in it so I can see which ones I have done. Do this within one hour of cutting, so it doesn't dry out, and it will be absorbed well. It doesn't take much, just a few drops will do it.

My garden is not very good. I think it is due to not much sun at the beginning of the season and too wet. Tomatoes in the hot house are coming good now, but a bit late.

Hope everyone had a good and joyful summer. It is back to school time soon. Good time to take a hike – Nickel's

Ledges is a good one, not too hard. Another is Owls Head off Route 232 in Peacham. They are both good, and great to view fall foliage.

Humor from the HELPER

A young boy showed up at the sporting camp and explained that his ATV had overturned back on the trail. The manager offered to help, but said, "First, why don't you come on in and get some lunch. Forget your troubles for now, we'll go get the ATV after you get something to eat." "That is mighty nice of you," the boy said, "but I don't think my Dad would want me to." However, the manager insisted, so the boy went in for a big lunch. After the meal, the boy said, "Well, I do feel better now, but I bet my father will still be upset." "I'll explain everything to him," said the manager. "By the way, where is he?" "His foot is stuck under the ATV," replied the boy.



TWIN VALLEY SENIOR CENTER



September is National Senior Center Month. Twin Valley Senior Center will be focused this month on your local Senior Center with special programs throughout the month. In America, statistics show one in six older adults struggle with hunger, and Senior Centers do make a difference, and yours is no exception. This month, we will be inviting our local elected officials and communities to take part at the center to educate and help them understand the importance of the senior center, our Meals on Wheels program and all that is done through the center to help our senior citizens remain in their own homes and to combat isolation. With the 2018 budget cuts being proposed, it will hurt our center, and it is critical that we all join together to ensure that we can survive whatever the outcome will be. I am also asking senior citizens to write letters in support of the senior center. If you or a family member can write regarding the Meals on Wheels program, exercise classes, socialization or etc., this would be very helpful. These letters will be given to our state representatives attending the center.

Schedule of Special Senior Center Month Events:

September 1 Death Café 11:45 am to 1:00 pm

September 4 Closed for Labor Day

September 6 Foot Clinic -Call for an appointment

September 9 Old Home Days -Look for TVSC

September 10 GRANDPARENTS DAY—Bring your GRANDPARENTS, FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS out to Breakfast. Breakfast Buffet 8:00 -10:00 am – Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Home Fries & More! All for \$8.00 –Age 10 & Under \$5.00

September 11 Public welcome to join us at 11:45 am for a presentation by Ellie Hayes from CVCOA on Advanced Directives & 3 Squares Vt. (Food Stamps) . There will be someone available to help you fill out paperwork to apply to 3 Squares VT. This is for senior citizens or someone who helps a senior such as a family member, friend or neighbor with limited income. Ellie will be available after lunch @ 12:15 pm to speak personally with you if you wish.

September 13 David Gold will do a presentation on SCAMMING. David is from Edward Jones and will present important information on this topic. As you may be aware every day there are scammers trying different ways to get your life savings. This will be a very important and informative presentation for every-

one.

September 15 this is National Advocacy Day. If you would like to know more about how your Senior Center is funded please stop by for a visit and I will explain the financial support we receive from our towns, federal and state. I am sure you will be very surprise how the center operates with the funding we have.

September 18 Attorney Michael Caccavo will do a presentation at 11:45 am about Estate Planning and Wills. This will be the perfect time to come and learn. Michael will also be available if you have questions you would like to ask him.

September 20 will be the day that some of your elected officials will be present at the center. Some officials may join our delivery volunteers and go on Meals on Wheels deliveries. This is your time to come to meet them, have lunch and help us ask for their support not to cut The Older American Act which will greatly affect your Senior Center financially. This is the day I would like your letters I asked people to write about how the budget cuts would hurt our Senior Center and others plus the Meals on Wheels program.

September 20 at 1:00 pm the center's Sing-A Long with Pat Mayhew.

September 20 Come by to have your Blood Pressure checked free of charge by Boo Smith, RN.

September 22 Falls Free Day - The Program will start at 10:00 am with informative information on Fall Prevention. There will be three trained therapists at the center to check your balance. This is a free service and open to the public. Plan on lunch at the center @ 12:15 pm. Age 60+ asking donation of \$5.00 and all other \$6.00. This is a very important program for preventing falls and keeping you safe in your own home.

September 25 Pat Harrison, RD – dietitian from CVCOA will do a presentation @11:45 am to 12:15 pm Are you the “Chief Cook & Bottle Washer” for one? Or maybe two? Wonder what to serve that is nutritious (and good tasting) but easy to prepare and without consuming lots of time and pots and pans? Need some ideas then come to learn more-simple meal planning, tips on grocery shopping and a mini demo of some easy to prepare foods. Pat will also have handouts available. Public is more than welcome to stay for lunch @ 12:15 pm.

September 30 We will be closing out National Senior Center Month with an Early Bird Artisans Fair and Flea Market from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. If you would like to rent a six-foot table for the Flea Market or for the Artisan Fair please email Emily @ esrapold@myfairpoint.net. Or twinvalleyseniors@myfairpoint.net or call the center @ 223-3222 to speak with Rita. Hamburgers, cheeseburgers, hotdogs, etc., will be available.



FROM THE CABOT PUBLIC LIBRARY

Congratulations and thanks to all who participated in the Summer Reading Program – Build a Better World. There were 48 youth who participated and 22 challenged themselves further by joining the Thousand Page Club. Altogether, it is estimated Cabot youth have read 2,124 books throughout the summer!! Please come in and pick up your t-shirts and prizes. Top readers this summer were Emmett Steinert (10,000 pages) and James Mangan (4,000 pages) – wow!

Many thanks to Billie O'Connor for a doing a great job operating the library's Bookmobile, bringing new books and story times to Cabot area daycare centers and Camp Laughing Turtle. Billie provided over 20 story times, reaching over 170 children!

Thanks, also, to all who came out and joined in the summer programming. The library offered 12 special programs with a total of 89 adults and 70 children participating. Big hits were the live raptors from the Southern Vermont Natural History Museum, making clay dragons with local artist Mazie O'Connor and storytelling with Stasha Ginsburg.

We are the grateful recipients of an anonymous donation of \$15,000 to purchase outdoor play equipment, which will be set up on the grounds near the side entrance of the Willey Building. As part of the requirements of the grant, an additional \$5,000 was needed, which was gratefully obtained from the Cabot Community Investment Fund and the Library Computer and Grant Account. Many thanks to the Library Trustees, Karen Deasy and the select board, and the Willey Building Committee for their assistance with this project. We don't have an exact time frame yet for when this will all come together, but will know more soon.

Ongoing Programs

Story Hour – Tuesdays – NEW TIME – 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Preschool story hour – stories, songs and crafts – all are welcome!

Yoga and Stretching with Alicia Feltus– Tuesdays, September 5 – 26th - 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Class will be a blend of yoga, active isolated stretching & strengthening, relaxation & breathing techniques. Learn simple exercises to practice anywhere. Naturally free your body from stress & tension and breathe more deeply. All levels & ages welcome. Wear comfortable clothes & bring a mat if you have one. Contact Alicia for more info 802-563

-3220 or aliciafeltus@gmail.com. Donations welcome.

Meditation Group – Wednesday, September 6 – 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

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.

Cabot Old Time Contra and Square Dance – Saturday, September 9 – 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 friends**. This month's caller will be Karen Mueller-Harder. The dances are taught and are easily learned by young and old. The contra and square dances are traditional Vermont and New England social dances that have been danced for many generations in the town halls, barns, and kitchens around Vermont. The music is provided by piano and an assortment of fiddles, mandolins, guitars, and the occasional surprise instrument. Musicians are always invited to sit in and join with the fun of playing traditional dance tunes. There is a small suggested donation to help cover the cost of the caller. For more info, please call David Carpenter at 802-426-3225 or email samlyman@sover.net.

Thank you!

Special thanks to Mat Parker for the generous donations of paper – you have replenished our stocks! Thanks so much to all who have helped over the summer – Lorelai Bastress, Mary Lou DeLacy, Stasha Ginsburg, Billie O'Connor and Beth Wade. Thanks also to the Library Trustees who have put in extra time this summer on the playground structure. And thanks to Jeannie Johnson and Todd Jones for their never ending hard work putting out an outstanding newspaper.



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

See you at the Library!

Kathleen Hoyne

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Cabot Welcomes Two Exchange Students through CIEE

This August, two international high school exchange students have arrived in Cabot on the CIEE High School Exchange program. Tanyatorn (Num) from Thailand will be staying with the Kampf family and is most excited to improve her English and try new things, like camping in the woods and participating in events like Halloween and Thanksgiving. The Kampf family has hosted once before with CIEE, and they are eager to have a new family member join their household this summer.

Cabot will also welcome Rodrigo from Mexico, who will be staying with first-time host family, the Lehoe's.

Both students will attend the Cabot School and will stay for a full academic year.

Each year, international high school students representing more than 70 nationalities come to the U.S. to experience American culture as part of CIEE's High School Exchange program. Students attend local high schools, live with American host families, and participate in extracurricular activities and athletics. During their stay, students also give back to their host communities by participating in volunteer projects and community service activities. Through the High School Exchange program, CIEE provides life-changing cultural exchange opportunities that help students, families, and schools gain new perspectives and develop lifelong relationships that cross borders and cultures.

Interested in hosting an international exchange student next academic year? Contact Susan Kuegel, CIEE Local Coordinator, at susankuegel10@gmail.com, 279-2158, or visit ciee.org/highschool to learn more.

Cabot School Alumni 2017 Reunion



Mary Bothfeld, seated center, traveled from Maine to note this would be the 75th reunion of her Cabot School class graduation. Photo by Amanda Legare.



AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

As you know the Red Cross is in need of blood. To help with this need, the Cabot Town Clerk's Office and the Cabot School will be holding a joint blood drive on Monday, September 29. It will be in the Red Cross bus, which will be parked at the Willey Building. The hours for this blood drive are from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. You can schedule by calling the Town Clerk's Office at 563-2279 or by contacting the RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass, or calling them at 1 800 73302767. Please come to help with this need. Someday you may be on the receiving side of this. Thank you.

Jim Abbott Honored with 2017 Cabot Community Service Award

This article is reprinted from the August 2017 edition of the Cabot Chronicle. In the original printing, the bottom of the article was cut off underneath the bottom banner. With apologies to the Abbott family, the School Board and the Selectboard, it is reprinted here.

On behalf of the Cabot School Board and Select Board, Jackie Folsom read the following statement announcing the award at Cabot School Graduation:

"It is with great pleasure that Jim Abbott is the winner of the 2017 Cabot Community Service Award in recognition of his valuable contributions and tireless efforts on behalf of the Cabot School and Cabot Community.

With two children of his own, Jim has a passion for helping all children find their path, learn what matters most to themselves and others and achieve life goals. He has long exemplified a level of commitment to his community and serves as a model to others to stay connected to the community that helped shape their life's path.

Jim's contributions of time, talent and energy over the past thirty years have had a significant positive impact on the Cabot School and the larger Cabot community. The following is just a sample of his commitment:

As a member of Donate Life, Jim speaks to both driver's education students and teachers about the decision to become an organ donor through the state of Vermont and New York;

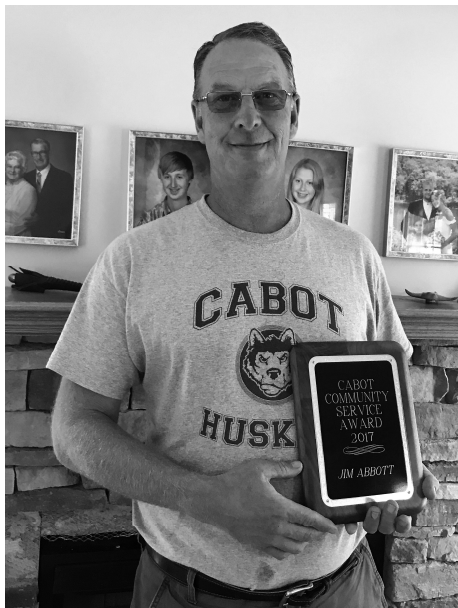
He has assisted in the clean-up efforts after Hurricane Irene – donating his time and heavy equipment to assist in the clean-up of Main Street;

He has served as a volunteer Cabot fire fighter and Cabot first responder;

He volunteers at the Cabot Maple Fest – the first individual to wrestle with the newly acquired bouncy house!;

He volunteered and donated supplies to the Cabot Gym revitalization effort and on the Cabot Recreation Committee – from working the concession stand at the basketball games, building a pitcher mound for the softball team, to laying sod on the soccer field, Jim is always willing to lend a hand no matter what the task;

He volunteered years as a little league baseball coach and umpire – always willing to slow down the game and teach the



individual players about the fundamentals of the game;

He organizes and manages the Cabot High School AAU Teams, where every athlete, regardless of their skill, is given the opportunity to play and grow as a team member;

He is the Cabot School Pep Rally Organizer extraordinaire – engaging every student in the school in a sense of pride for their school and community;

And he is the organizer and driving force on countless Cabot Fund Raising efforts – even those that did not involve his own children – ensuring that all children and community members are able to participate in Cabot Community events.

Many people may remember the gangly young boy who lived on the farm up the hill, and his love for community is undoubtedly an extension of the love he had for his parents and their beloved prize winning Jerseys, and the strong work ethic he learned there.

Because of these and many other efforts, Jim has earned the respect and gratitude of those for whom and with whom he serves in his community.

Anyone who watched his unrivaled support of the Girls Basketball team during their run for the championship this year, will recognize this:

And now! Let's give it up for JIM ABBOTT!!"

To All Cabot Taxpayers Re: New Fiscal Year Information and Tax Collections for 2018

From: Cabot Selectboard

At the 2017 March Town Meeting, the following Articles were adopted by Australian Ballot:

ARTICLE 14. Shall the Town vote to adopt a July 1 through June 30 fiscal year, effective for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018 as provided by 24 V.S.A. 1683, with a six-month transition year extending for the period January 1, 2018 through June 30, 2018 [Australian Ballot]

How do we get from the current calendar year to a fiscal year?

SEPT/OCT 2017 – SELECTBOARD WILL DEVELOP 6 MONTH TRANSITION BUDGET

--- JANUARY 1, 2018 through to JUNE 30, 2018

Informational Meeting 1 week prior to the Transition Budget vote

NOV/DEC 2017 – VOTERS WILL VOTE ON SIX MONTH BUDGET [Australian Ballot]

DEC 2017/JAN 2018 – SELECTBOARD WILL DEVELOP 12 MONTH BUDGET

--- JULY 1, 2018 through to JUNE 30, 2019

Information Meeting 1 week prior to the Town Meeting Vote

• MARCH 6, 2018 (TOWN MEETING) VOTERS VOTE ON 12 MONTH BUDGET BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT

Art. 15. Shall the voters of the Town of Cabot authorize the

Town Treasurer to collect real and personal property taxes two times per year commencing in 2018 with the first collection for Town taxes occurring in August and the second collection for school taxes occurring in November? [Australian Ballot]

- The advantages to the town and to the taxpayer of installment payments are that cash flow is smoother and tax money is payable in smaller amounts at intervals rather than in one lump sum.
- The town may not have to get a tax anticipation loan to cover taxes due and pay the resultant interest which is an additional expense to the town.
- Taxes may be prepaid "at any time after the municipality has so voted" and one or more installments may be paid in advance. 32 V.S.A. §§ 4774, 4872.
- Taxes become delinquent when a taxpayer fails to pay the taxes on the final due date specified on the bill (which must be at least 30 days after the bill has been sent out). Note that with installment payments, an installment may be overdue, but the taxes are not delinquent until the final installment date has passed.

For example, taxes are due August 15 and November 15. Those due on August 15 are subject to interest as of August 16. However, taxes are not delinquent – with fees and penalty added – until November 16.

Join Us On Sunday, September 10 for the 5th Annual Ride the Ridges!

By Jennifer D'Agostino

There are many ways to support the youth in the Cabot community. There are many ways to take some time on a Sunday morning to get some exercise. And, there are many ways to take in the beauty that can be found right here in our own special part of Vermont. But, there's just one way to do all three at the same time...join us for Ride the Ridges! Sunday, September 10th marks Cabot Connects' 5th year of hosting this amazing fundraising event. Sign up to participate in a 10K, 30k, 60k or 100k ride. If you're not a rider, you can walk or run the 10K Houston Hill and Churchill Road Loop. All rides take place on mostly dirt, back roads and will be well marked to ensure we get you to where you're going!

Ride the Ridges is one of Cabot Connects' major fundraisers. Last year over 100 riders from all over New England participated in the event allowing us to break previous records for the total amount raised. All profits go directly back into the program allowing us to support our mentor pairs. This year we hope to make it bigger and better and we'd love to see you there participating right alongside us!

For more information or to register online, visit www.bikereg.com/cabot-ride-the-ridges. Registration fees are reduced until September 3rd. You can also register the day of the race. 100K starts at 8:00am; 60K starts at 9:00am; 30K starts at 10:00am and the 10K starts at 11:00am. Kids 12 and under ride for free. See you there!

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