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- ⇒ Assistant Judge
- ⇒ State's Attorney
- ⇒ Sheriff
- ⇒ High Bailiff

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Mark your calendar for
General Election voting
Tuesday, November 3,
7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

**THANKS FOR CELEBRATING
4th of JULY IN CABOT, VT**

We apologize for the delay, but are pleased to
announce the

2026 Parade Prize Winners

First Prize
George Washington Crossing the Delaware
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Second Prize
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Third Prize
Kidding Around - Goats!
Marshfield Monarchs 4-H Club
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**It takes a town to
make a great parade!**

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LEGISLATIVE REPORT:

by Representative Gregory Burt, Caledonia-Washington District



With the closing of four dairy processing facilities across the state this year, it's time that our legislature and the relevant state agencies take action to support our farms, our businesses, and rural Vermont.

Last month, when Dairy Farmers of America announced the idling of the Saint Albans plant, a meeting was arranged to hear from members of the board. Myself and about ten other legislators were there. Lieutenant Governor Rodgers, Secretary Tebbetts of the Agency of Agriculture, the Deputy Secretary of the Agency of Natural Resources, and roughly 100 farmers were in attendance.

Two of the farmers spoke as members of the DFA board and explained the reasoning for halting operations at the plant. The scoop in a nutshell is that the plant is struggling to be profitable. Two hours were spent telling a similar story- Vermont farms and businesses are walking a knife edge to stay viable. Many businesses are moving out of state and while farms close their doors here, farms further west are expanding.

Vermont can and must do better.

Along with several others, I spoke about a path forward: The legislature, the Governor's office, and state agencies, can leverage every angle possible to move the needle for our farms and businesses. We need to take a good look at what regulations are causing undue burden and amend or remove them.

Our agencies, including ANR, need to shift focus toward a customer facing policy. Even with the current rules and statute in place, ANR can make sure it helps businesses and farms see their projects through successfully. I've heard too many cases of permitting costing millions of dollars with timelines running into years of waiting for small businesses. This is not sustainable.

Sustainable solutions need to encompass environmental stewardship while also addressing financial stewardship. Families count on these businesses for jobs. In the meantime, agencies such as the ANR require a tremendous amount of taxes. Over regulation then has a double impact on the working class.

We can shift to a system that enables innovation and entrepreneurialism, works to support the working lands, small businesses, and the people who work them, and minimizes the tax burden on our state. We are at a crucial point and we need to act quickly.

I'm glad to see Governor Scott's Executive Order this week. It tasks the Executive agencies with finding all reasonable avenues to reduce health care costs. Decreased healthcare costs are a necessity for everyone - for employees and employers, for retirees and folks entering the workforce, and (more generally) for taxpayers. We need good financial stewardship in every portion of state government in order to move in the direction that folks have been waiting too long for.

So, even though the legislative session has wrapped up, my job hasn't. I'm going to keep working as your state rep so long as you'll have me.

Cabot Trails Kiosk is Installed and Stocked

by Jeanne Johnson



The Cabot Trails Committee has completed installation of the Trails Kiosk and stocked it with maps of the individual trails. You can stop by whenever you find yourself at the Willey Building; it's right next to the Lister door.

Cabot Community Theater The Worst Fairy Tale Ever

by Karen Mueller-Harder

Hope to see you at the show!

On Friday, August 14, at 4:00 p.m., the actors in Cabot Community Theater's summer theater camp will perform a hilarious family-friendly short play in the Cabot School Performing Arts Center (25 Common Road in Cabot, behind the main school building).

"The Worst Fairy Tale Ever" is a rollicking tale of a theater group attempting to stage a world premiere of a new play called "The Greatest Fairy Tale Ever," but things...just don't go well!

Admission is free, and the building is cool and wheelchair accessible. The play is about 20 minutes long, and will be enjoyed by audience members of all ages, so bring your family and friends!



Cabot Ambulance Report

by Ruth Goodrich, President

Our total calls for this year to date are 75. They are a mix of medical, trauma & motor vehicle accidents. Our crew has performed wonderfully well under some challenging circumstances.

We are always looking for individuals who are willing to go above and beyond in the service to our community. Many of our members over the years have gone on to make a full-time career in EMS. Training is available and with a two-year commitment, Cabot Ambulance will pay for that training. If you are interested, call 800.639.1854 and

ask for Ruth OR mail a letter of interest to: Cabot Emergency Ambulance Service at PO Box 32, Cabot, Vt 05647.



NOTICE NEW TOWN CLERK OFFICE HOURS

Due to unforeseen circumstances that are out of my hands, the Town Clerk office hours will now be

Monday-Thursday

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

We hope to remedy this next July, as we know there are some that rely on that 5:00 p.m. closing hour.

Thank you, Brittany Butler, Town Clerk

CABOT ARTS SHOW AND TELL

Cabot Visual Arts' Show and Tell folks will gather in the Willey Building on

August 16, 2026 , 2 p.m.-4 p.m.

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Love is Born

Love is born in one heart

It is neither validated by reciprocation nor invalidated by its absence;

love that requires reciprocation plants the seeds of its own disappointment and dissolution.

Love is born from itself

To encounter it, even as a witness, is to be changed forever.

We hold it within, fearful that it will tear us asunder;

We refuse it, uncertain that once given it will be returned to us

As if it arrived because of the presence of another, and will depart without their approval, leaving us forever shattered.

If only we understood that love is not something that arises between people but only something can be shared between those who have already dared it.

We mistake desire for love which it is not, but rather the yearning for it which indicates its absence.

Love cannot be found simply in the joining of two lives or two bodies, it is not directed by will but rather by willingness

it arises, in the unrelenting determination to deny our fears, to examine ourselves and remove the lies from our hearts

allowing us to embrace the beauty, power, and endless tenderness of our own spirits

Leaving us living our lives in its endless deepening and touched by gratitude at the revelation of our own beauty.

*Blessings,
Alexander Anlyan*

CABOT MENTORING



by Mark Christensen,
Cabot Mentoring Coordinator



which raises money to fund the youth mentoring program.

Mentors and mentees walked in the Cabot 4th of July parade to promote the Cabot Mentoring program and the Cabot Ride the Ridges event. The 13th annual Ride the Ridges fundraiser event will be held September 13, 2026. Each year cyclists flock to Cabot from around the country (and from Canada) to participate in this exciting bicycle gravel ride. Funds raised are also used for post high school educational scholarships for Cabot youth, a bicycle

loan program and holiday food boxes donated to families of Cabot youth.

If you would like to be involved with this effort to support local youth, Cabot Mentoring and Cabot Ride the Ridges welcomes volunteers. The RTR needs help with their fundraiser event and the mentoring program seeks adults to work with youth. So there are multiple ways to help out!

Please contact us if you would like to learn more:

Cabot Mentoring:

Phone: 802-595-1130,

Mark Christensen,

Cabot Mentoring Coordinator

Email: cabotmentoring@gmail.com

Website: cabotmentoring.org

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OBITUARIES

Pauline M. Bolduc



Pauline M. Bolduc, 98, passed away on Monday, July 13, 2026, at St. Francis Rehabilitation and Nursing Center in Laconia.

Pauline was born November 11, 1927, in Cabot. The daughter of Edmond James Dunn and Eva Elizabeth (Racine) Dunn.

She moved to Canaan in 1938 and to Laconia in 1942.

She was married 58 years to the love of her life, Omer Bolduc, who passed away in February 2012. She is survived by her son Glen Richard Bolduc and his wife, Marie, of Laconia; seven grandchil-

dren, Rebecca Grant (Gregg), Benjamin Altmiller, Nathaniel Altmiller, Kara Martinez (Carlos), Brian Bolduc (Marti), Lindsey Holman (David) and Alyssa Connell (Nick); 12 great-grandchildren; daughter-in-law Nancy Bolduc; and nieces and nephews. In addition to her husband and her parents; she is also predeceased by her son Allan John Bolduc and her nine siblings, Lorenzo, Francis, Margurite, Arnold, Clarence, Rudolph, Madeline, Calvin and Roland.

Calling hours will not be held. A Graveside Service will be Monday, August 17, 2026 at 11:00 am at Sacred Heart Cemetery. For those who wish, the family suggests memorial contributions in Pauline's name be made to the Activities Fund at St. Francis Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, 406 Court Street, Laconia, NH 03246.

Arnold L. Martin

Arnold Lee Martin, 90, passed away at Central Vermont Medical Center on Saturday, July 18, 2026. Born during a snowstorm in Cabot on February 19, 1936, to Glenn Martin and Alice Goodell, Arnold was the youngest of six children, and the last surviving sibling.

He spent his childhood living on family farms across Washington County. Arnold graduated from Northfield High School in 1953. After high school, he went into the Air Force, from 1954 to 1958. When he returned home, he enrolled in Champlain College. As a student, he met his future wife of 47 years – Mary Jane Martin (Bussiere) – while working as a “soda jerk” at Mary Fletcher Hospital. They married in 1961 and had two children, Chris and Robin.

Arnold started working at Rock of Ages as a draftsman laying out monu-

ments. An avid artist, he later started his own business in the late 1970s – ALM Designs – where he designed monuments.

He is predeceased by his parents Glenn Martin and Alice Goodell, his wife Mary Jane (Bussiere) Martin, siblings Eri Martin, Everett Martin, Gordon Martin, Clarence Martin and Olive Martin Patrick and his great grand son Kolbi Masi-Musgrave. He is survived by his daughter Robin Parry (Jason Parry), his son Chris Martin (Donna Moran), his grandchildren Autumn Parry (Griffin Moores), Christian Parry (Gabi Eberle) and Rhiannen Masi and great grandchild Bailey Masi-Wood.

Arrangements are by Hooker Whitcomb Funeral Home. For a complete obituary and memorial guestbook please visit www.hookerwhitcomb.com.

Scott R. Mears

With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of Scott R. Mears, 66, who passed away on July 17, 2026, surrounded by his five children and loved ones. Scott was a beloved father, grandfather, brother, partner, uncle, and friend whose larger-than-life personality, entrepreneurial spirit, and unwavering love for his family left an unforgettable mark on everyone who knew him.

Born and raised in Vermont, Scott was the son of Richard and Barbara (Dudley) Mears. He attended Barre Town School and graduated from Spaulding High School with the Class of 1978.

He was fortunate to have many life-long friendships that meant the world to him, including Nelson Lyford, Tommy Stacy, Damian Renzillo, and Harold Putney. His loyalty to his friends was matched only by theirs to him.

Scott was predeceased by his parents Richard and Barbara Mears, his brother Gary Mears, his grandparents, several beloved aunts and uncles, his longtime friend Albert St. Cyr, and other loved ones who welcomed him home.

He is survived by his loving children, Ashley, Brittany, Dillon, Connor, and Carmen, his cherished grandchildren, Calvin, Sebastian, Gus, Valon, Simona, Roman, Royce, Onyx, Juniper and be-

loved great granddaughter Mataya; his longtime companion of four years, Kris; his sisters, Susan and Shelly; along with many nieces, nephews, extended family members, and countless friends whose lives were enriched by his generosity, humor, guidance, and unforgettable presence.

He will be deeply missed and forever remembered by all who had the privilege of knowing and loving him.

A service to honor and celebrate Scott's life was held on Wednesday, July 29, 2026, followed by a celebration of life. A more detailed obituary is available at <https://www.whitcombfuneralhome.com/>.

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Cabot Historical Society

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A steady stream of visitors came through the historical society building July 4. Ruth and Brittany had set up a cooling station with free water hand-outs. We sold several items from our book and gift table and received some generous donations, thanks to our energetic member, David Young. We also signed up a new member.

This photo is of David in front of our building. The sign advertising our Saturdays 1-3 opening was his idea. Thanks David, we DO have cool stuff.

Seventeen members attended a meeting July 14 to discuss the draft of the new by-laws. Amendments were made and the by-laws and the amendments all passed. The new by-laws are attached.

Jane Brown, Seth O'Brien, Neil Bainton and Amanda Legare are working on a new web site for the Cabot Historical Society.

Tim Putnam who lives in Arizona, owns property that includes Nichol's Ledge. He has a family line that goes back to the Osgoods in Cabot and he donated an 1873 Beers Atlas of Washington County, which he said has been in his family for generations. It is currently located in the library.

The Osgoods, William and Hepzibah and their 14 children settled in Cabot in 1791. William served in the Revolutionary War in 1777 as a Private for NH. He donated one acre of land for the Center cemetery.

William died in 1801 and his was the first grave in that cemetery. His son, Thomas, was town clerk of Cabot from 1795 - 1832 (excepting 1822). He was town treasurer for 42 years. His son, Thomas Jr., held the same positions, 26 years as town clerk and 15 years as treasurer.

There is a fine collection of the 'Osgood papers' that you can look at in the Main Street CHS building.

BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT, from Dawn Andrews

The Cabot Historical Society has begun a major effort to do much needed structural work on the Brimblecombe building that houses the society's museum in the Village.

Last year we received a small grant from the Preservation Trust of Vermont to have an assessment of the building by an engineering firm that specializes in historic buildings. The engineer's rough estimate was over \$200,000 which is daunting, but we have a plan. We hope that with volunteers and local contractors the project can be done for

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Cabot Receives Community Resilience Award

by Cabot Chronicle Staff Writer

The Cabot Community Association (CCA) is pleased to announce the launch of the Cabot Resilience Initiative - a network of local organizations and individuals working together to prepare for and respond to emergencies.

This initiative will be funded by a \$45,640 Community Resilience Award from the Land Access and Opportunity Board and its designee, Vermont Housing and Conservation Board. The funding is slated for part-time staffing and activities associated with building resilience - a community's ability to survive, respond, and recover from disasters and become stronger afterward.

“We saw how our community responded and rallied during flooding in 2011, 2023 & 2024, and during the pandemic. Volunteers reached out to assist neighbors in so many important ways, but there was no manual for deployment. Next time we have a disruptive event in Cabot, we want to be prepared and not just hope those miraculous things that happened before happen again. This new initiative will help us learn from the past disruptive events and prepare for future events,” said CCA Executive Director, Lori Augustyniak. “Cabot’s Resilience Initiative invests in connecting what already exists. It strengthens food security, emergency preparedness, physical infrastructure, access to information, and community connections and care before, during, and after disruptions.”

Proposed activities in the grant application include:

- Review prior flooding events, pandemic response and lessons learned;
- Identify priorities and required resources to support and rebuild Cabot's physical infrastructure;
- Create a town plan of action for when

disruptive events occur;

- Expand resilience network and recruit volunteers;
- Create a database of community skills, knowledge & resources;
- Host regular gatherings - community meals, skill-shares, & storytelling/art events to foster community connections;
- Launch Neighbor-to-Neighbor (N2N) networks, organized by road or housing cluster, to use existing social ties to share information and care needs;
- Identify and outfit locations for information-sharing, emergency sheltering, and skill-building;
- Strengthen food security through pantry rotation, community meals, gardening, and food related skill-shares; and
- Create directories, phone trees, and simple everyday practices to make it easier to give help, ask for help, and know where to go for help.

"In remembering the pandemic, we made it through, but a lot of folks weren't prepared. Imagine if we had been a little bit more connected and organized, even with just our neighbors, how we could have shared resources like toilet paper, or cleaning supplies, or trips to the grocery store or pharmacy, that would have made those early days easier and less frightening," Augustyniak said.

In the coming weeks, planning meetings will be scheduled and recruitment of new part-time staff will begin.

The CCA will share next steps and project progress in future issues of *The Cabot Chronicle* and online at CabotVermont.org. For more information or to get involved with the Cabot Resilience Initiative, contact Lori@CabotVermont.org or 802-424-2633.

For more information about the Community Resilience, please visit <https://www.resiliencetoolkit.org>.



Fleckings in the trees

Cabot Historical Society

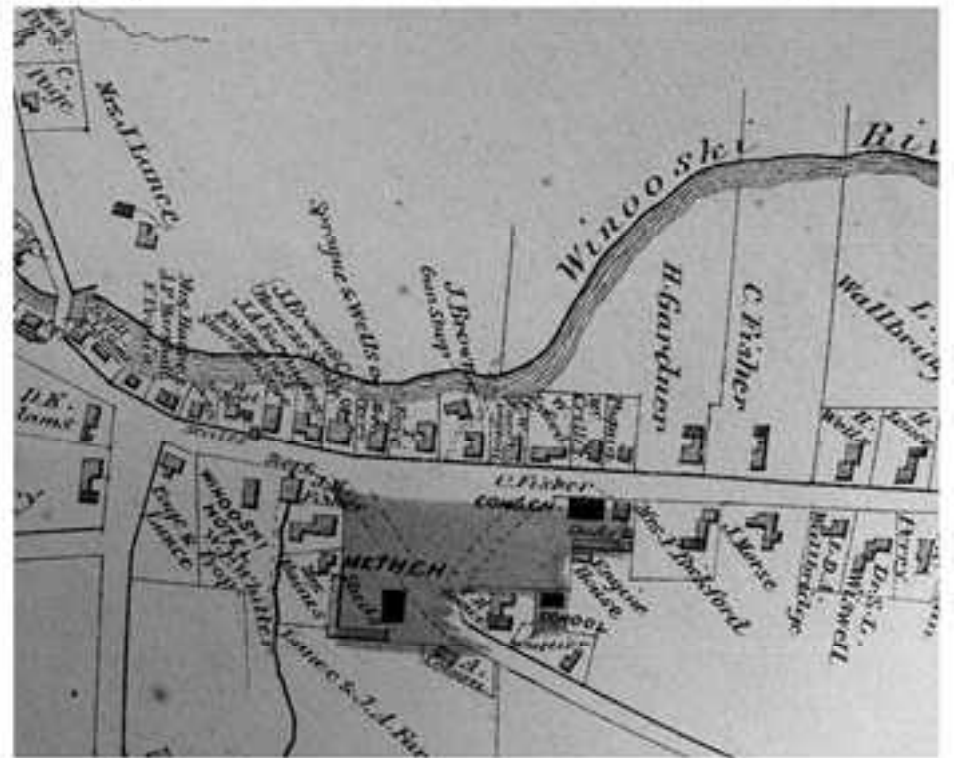
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less. And, although the bulk of the work (foundation and some structural) will have to be done in one effort, some work can be done in a later phase.

To pay for it, we plan to apply for a significant grant from the Preservation Trust of Vermont that would pay for at least half of the project. We will also try for some smaller grants. Even with a large grant, we will need to raise additional funds from the community.

Please drop by the building on Saturday. It will be open from 1 - 3 pm and there's so much to see. If you would like to volunteer to hold down the fort for those two hours, contact Amanda at palmandan@fairpoint.net.

The 1873 map of Main Street in Cabot, below, comes from the Beers Atlas donated by Tim Putnam



Membership Committee: Jane Brown (janebrowncabot@gmail.com)
Amanda Legare (palmandan@fairpoint.net) 7/23/2026



ADVICE FROM THE TREE WARDEN

**by Roland Payne, Jr.
Cabot Tree Warden**

In July, I surveyed roadside ash trees around town to identify the next group for removal. Several ash trees in the roadside right-of-way—especially near Molly's Pond and Molly's Falls Pond south of Route 2—are dead and may have been killed by Emerald Ash Borer (EAB). I have also seen declining ash trees in other areas, with woodpecker flecking high in the crowns, which is often a strong sign of EAB. Unfortunately, these signs suggest EAB has spread throughout town, and infestation levels are likely to increase as the insect population grows. I am preparing this year's ash tree removal list, but more trees need to be removed than the fiscal year 2027 budget can cover. I will therefore prioritize the largest ash trees, trees along the busiest roads, and trees that are already dead or dying. As these trees weaken, summer storms with high winds and heavy rain are likely to bring many of them down.

If you own land with an EAB-affected tree on the roadside right-of-way, you will not be contacted before removal. When possible, infested trees will be fully chipped to help slow the spread. EAB typically spreads one to two miles per year on its own, but strong storms

can move it much farther. One early sign of infestation is woodpecker flocking high in the tree, which may require binoculars to see.

This fall, I will ask some landowners for permission to inspect their properties for EAB, especially where many dead ash trees are visible from the road. I will also try to speak with landowners about firewood. If I cannot reach a landowner, the firewood will be left on the property because it belongs to them; unwanted firewood can be removed later. In a few cases, healthy-looking ash trees may contain valuable saw logs in the main stem. If landowners can safely remove these trees before EAB infestation, I encourage them to do so. Tree service contractors hired by the town for this work will focus on public safety and efficient removal. As before, I will mark ash trees selected for removal with an orange dot.

During my survey, I also noticed several ash trees with blue markings, which appear to be utility crew marks on trees missed by earlier utility removal crews. These trees are in the utility right-of-way, so the utility may need to be contacted for tree removal.

Stay rooted,
Roland Payne
Cabot Tree Warden

Through The Cabot Chronicle, the CCA promotes their mission to enhance the quality of community life for those residing, doing business, and visiting Cabot, VT. One aspect of that mission is to empower Cabot residents to participate in the governance and management of our town.

The Chronicle is dedicating a staff writer to cover selectboard and other meetings, for the purpose of keeping community members informed about issues discussed at meetings they might not be able to attend. Most meetings are available via Zoom for those who would like to listen in person. Instructions for joining meetings virtually through Zoom are posted regularly on Front Porch Forum, or you can call the Town Clerk's office for details at 563-2279. Digital Recordings of selectboard meetings are available on the Town website, CabotVT.US by clicking on "Selectboard Meetings."



SELECTBOARD UPDATES

Cabot Selectboard July Advances in Road, Utility and Public Safety Projects

by Jeanne Johnson, in the temporary
absence of Frank Kampf, Staff Writer

The Cabot Selectboard approved a series of infrastructure, public safety and administrative actions during its July 7 meeting, while also setting the stage for decisions made at a special meeting on July 14 regarding tax rates and fire department radio financing.

Highway Foreman Sid Griggs reported that work on Lovely Road is due to start the week of August 3, while traffic counters were installed on Main Street, Danville Hill Road and West Hill Pond Road to collect traffic data. Board members also discussed traffic-calming measures, including reducing the village speed limit to 25 mph throughout the village and exploring electronic speed signs similar to those used in neighboring communities.

The board unanimously agreed to participate in a Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission program that could fund replacement of stream-crossing culverts to reduce phosphorus entering the Winooski River watershed. The grant program requires no local cost share, and town officials will identify eligible culverts for future projects.

Following a review of this year's Fourth of July celebration, board members described the event as a success while acknowledging opportunities for improvement. Organizers will review final financial results and consider recommendations for future celebrations, including greater Selectboard participation in planning meetings. Volunteers Doug Cooke and Shane Smith were recognized for assisting with traffic control.

The board accepted a bid from Perreault Building Company for \$113,189 to complete Municipal Energy Resilience Program improvements at the Willey Building and wastewater treatment plant after receiving favorable references for the company. Members also formally adopted the town's written grant policy after previously approving it in concept.

Discussion continued on plans for a new fire station. Selectboard Chair Jenn Miner reported that the project remains in the federal historic preservation review process, delaying final approvals. Residents questioned the project's status and whether additional voter approval would be required. Officials said no additional town vote would be necessary unless local bonding or other upfront town funding becomes necessary.

Volunteer Fire Department Chief Dean Deasy also updated the board on changes under Act 162, which transferred forest fire warden responsibilities to the fire chief. The chief is developing a new burn permit system, and the Selectboard

discussed whether permit fees should be established to offset administrative costs while ensuring paper applications remain available for residents without internet access.

The board approved spending \$2,800 for annual storm drain cleaning and adopted a new five-year contract with H2O Innovation for wastewater operations. During that discussion, officials reviewed significant future infrastructure needs, including eventual replacement of the wastewater plant's ultraviolet disinfection and aeration systems.

Fire department radio replacement generated lengthy discussion. Members learned that a previously approved March bond vote could not move forward because required legal steps had not been completed. Rather than take immediate action, the board discussed several financing options, including bonding, loans and equipment leasing, and scheduled further consideration, including leasing rather than purchasing. The board did award a low bid for a dry hydrant project, contingent upon an itemized breakdown from the winning bidder.

Following executive session, the board approved a new three-year employment contract for Town Treasurer Amy Monahan, increased the assistant town clerk's hourly wage to \$23 effective July 1, and recommended adjusting Town Clerk office hours to 32 hours per week.

At a special meeting on July 14, the Selectboard changed course on financing fire department radios. Rather than pursuing a bond, members voted to seek bank financing for Kenwood radios, directing the treasurer to obtain interest rate proposals from three banks. Board members concluded that the purchase could be completed without voter approval under the proposed financing structure.

The board also adopted the 2026 municipal tax rate at \$.6211 per \$100 of assessed value. The state education rate is \$1.2327 for homestead taxpayers and \$1.3016 for nonhomestead, for a total tax rate of \$1.8538 for the Cabot homestead rate and \$1.9227 for the non-homestead rate. Members acknowledged receipt of the town's reappraisal letter from the state, authorized a legal review of the property housing the temporary fire station, and revisited staffing matters in executive session before adjourning. The board approved another three-year term for the Zoning Administrator.

At a special meeting July 23, the board approved the cost for unbudgeted additional repairs required for Sid's truck refurbishment, up to \$15,000, initially discussed at the July 21 meeting, but not on the agenda for action.

Central Vermont Land Use Map

by Lorraine Banbury,
CVRPC Planner

The Selectboard received a briefing on July 21 from Lorraine Banbury, Planner at Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission. She has summarized her presentation here:

The Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission is updating the Regional Plan and Regional Land Use Map. Together, the Map and Plan help set priorities and guide across the 23-town Central Vermont region. CVRPC is looking for public input.

The Regional Plan Use Map uses standardized, statewide categories with consistent criteria for each property. The Regional Land Use Map does not override local planning priorities in the Town

Plan or the Town's own Future Land Use Map. It does not create new state permitting requirements.

The Rural Conservation category on the Map is different from Tier 3 or the Road Rule parts of Act 181. Both of these have been repealed. Rural conservation applies to properties with an existing conservation easement; state-owned lands; wetlands; some bodies of water; special flood hazard areas; or river corridors.

Paper copies of both documents are available at the Town Clerk's Office and the Cabot Library. To see and comment on an interactive version of the Draft Regional Land Use Map, go to <https://bit.ly/CVRPCFLUMAP>. To learn more and see a draft of the Regional Plan, go to <https://bit.ly/CVRPC2026PLAN>.

CABOT VERMONT ANNUAL EVENTS 2026

Tuesday, August 11, 2026
STATE PRIMARY ELECTION

Saturday, September 12, 2026
**CABOT UNITED CHURCH
HARVEST SUPPER**

Sunday, September 13, 2026
RIDE THE RIDGES

Saturday, September 19, 2026
CABOT BULK DISPOSAL DAY

Saturday, September 26, 2026
**CABOT FALL FOLIAGE, CHEESE &
CULTURE FESTIVAL & TURKEY DINNER**

Tuesday, November 3, 2026
STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION (mid terms)

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
CABOT VETERANS DAY LUNCH

Sunday, December 6, 2026
CABOT COMMUNITY MEMORIAL TREE

**Friday, Saturday & Monday
December 11, 12 & 14, 2026**
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How Do You Know What or Who to Believe?

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by **Jeanne Johnson**,
Cabot Chronicle Editor

It's hard to know what to believe when politicians on the national stage speak. I have found a website that investigates claims made by officials: PolitiFact.com. PolitiFact was awarded a Pulitzer Prize in 2009 for reporting on the 2008 presidential campaign. American Press Institute found PolitiFact was statistically more likely to be critical of Republicans, while Carnegie Mellon and University of Washington were not able to detect any systematic differences in the treatment of Democrats and Republicans in articles published by PolitiFact.

PolitiFact.com is a nonprofit project operated by the Poynter Institute (a well-respected professional media development organization), with offices in Washington, D.C. and St. Petersburg, Florida, funded by the Tampa Bay Times, ad sales and donations. The site monitors truth of political statements and progress on campaign promises. It's usually interesting reading.

Access is free, although the first thing you will see on the website is a Donate button. But it's easy to ignore, and you can sign up for free emails delivering the latest statement analyses daily or weekly at: <https://politifact.com/signup/>. I recommend it.



Where in the World is the Cabot Chronicle?



Cameron, Karen, Erik, and Tuesday Mueller-Harder traveled to Berlin in May for the wedding of Laura Stuemke, their exchange student from 2013-14.



WEDDINGS



The Mueller-Harders with Laura (Stuemke) and Anton Hable.



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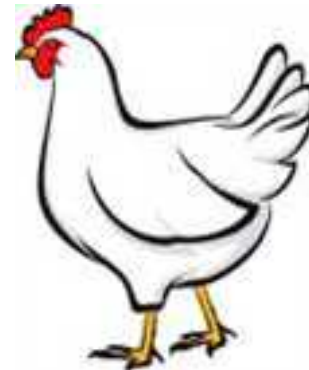
United Church of Cabot

Saturday, August 8

5:00 -6:30 p.m.

Dine in or take out

By donation





CCA Are you on the list?

Cabot Community Association

The

Cabot Business Directory

Local Roots

is up and running!

This is a free resource for Cabot businesses and businesses owned by Cabot residents.

To register, visit

<https://cabotvermont.org/businessdirectory/>

If you have questions, please email info@cabotvermont.org.

We're gearing up for the August 11 Primary Election!

by Sarah Copeland Hanzas,
Secretary of State

Are you planning to vote by mail in the primary? Ballots are available now! Unlike the General Election in November, you won't be mailed a ballot automatically. You need to request one from your clerk! You can do this in a couple clicks on the Vermont Voter Portal: <https://vote.vermont.gov>. (*Or call the Cabot Town Clerk's office at 802-563-2279).

Due to postal service constraints, we recommend requesting a mailed absentee ballot as soon as possible, and ideally before July 31 to be safe. You can always pick one up in person at the town clerk's office! (*The office in Cabot at the Willey Building is open Monday-Thursday, 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.)

*The statements within parentheses are added local information by the Cabot Chronicle editor.



Cabot Primary Election Voting August 11
Willey Building 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Cabot Sample Ballots

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CAUTION: Vote in One Party Only Or Your Ballot Will Be Void
PROGRESSIVE PARTY
OFFICIAL VERMONT PRIMARY ELECTION BALLOT
AUGUST 11, 2026

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- Use BLACK Pen to fill in the oval. DO NOT USE PENCIL.
- To vote for a person whose name is printed on the ballot, fill in the oval to the right of the name of that person.
- To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the person's name in the blank space provided and fill in the oval to the right of the write-in line. Please use BLOCK letters and stay within the box provided for write-ins.
- Do not vote for more candidates than the "VOTE for NOT MORE THAN IF" for an office.
- If you make a mistake, tear, or deface the ballot, return it to an election official and obtain another ballot. DO NOT ERASE.

FOR REPRESENTATIVE TO CONGRESS Vote for not more than ONE Write in	FOR AUDITOR OF ACCOUNTS Vote for not more than ONE Write in	FOR PROBATE JUDGE Vote for not more than ONE Write in
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FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR Vote for not more than ONE Write in	FOR STATE SENATOR Vote for not more than THREE Write in	FOR STATE'S ATTORNEY Vote for not more than ONE Write in
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PHIL SCOTT Write in	H. BROOKE PAGE Write in	FOR STATE'S ATTORNEY Vote for not more than ONE Write in
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FOR STATE TREASURER Vote for not more than ONE Write in	CHRISTOPHER A. NEDDO Write in	
H. BROOKE PAGE Write in	PETER SCHMEECKLE Write in	
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for State Senate

At a time when Vermonters are worried about property taxes, electric bills and rising costs, Governor Scott has vetoed three practical, tri-partisan environmental bills that would have reduced expenses for taxpayers and ratepayers alike.

The Data Center bill (H.727) would have been the nation's strongest data center regulation, designed to ensure that facilities built here don't send electric bills skyrocketing or increase PFAS pollution. It was supported by both Democratic and Republican senators and passed the Senate 26-3. The administration opposed the bill's impact fees that would have helped Vermonters transition from fossil fuels, but, at the same time, the governor favors allowing data centers to build nuclear generation to meet their power needs.

S.218, the Salt Waste Reduction bill, would have saved taxpayers and property owners money by reducing winter salt spreading. The governor claimed that the bill would have increased the likelihood of slip-and-fall lawsuits, but we're currently salting far too much, as everyone can see from the salt piles beside our roads. This tri-partisan bill would have given salt spreaders the option to participate in best-practices programs and received certification that would have provided some liability protection.

H.710, the "Single Plant" bill, would have amended the definition of "plant" for renewable energy facilities so that solar or wind installations built on contiguous parcels and using the same technology could be treated as a "single site," with shared infrastructure (such as access roads and power poles), rather than requiring separate infrastructure for each parcel. This bill would have brought lower-cost electricity to Vermonters, and its language had been agreed upon by the Public Utility Commission, the Public Service Department, environmental groups and industry representatives — in a true consensus! The governor based his veto on opposition to new wind farms, which came out of left field! There is already a process for the approval of new wind farms which the bill would not have changed; wind farm construction is under a moratorium at the moment, with no new projects on the table. And the administration never raised such objections in committee. If it had, we could have made adjustments to exclude wind specifically. His veto makes clear the governor's lack of participation in the legislative process.

These bills were not ideological wish lists but practical measures that won support from Democrats, Republicans and Progressives. Whether the issue was road salt, renewable energy development, or data-center impacts, each bill sought to reduce waste and lower expenses. By vetoing them, Governor Scott rejected opportunities to make Vermont more affordable.

Keeping the Late Summer Garden Going

by Susan Socks of Garden Goddess Consulting and Gardening

In August, it can start to feel like the gardens are winding down. Pots of annual plants that had so much color in June may be looking drab and tired. Perennial flowers that bloomed in spring might have yellowed or dried-out foliage. The tomatoes and cucumbers are going strong, but other areas are bare, or overgrown with weedy plants. But never fear, you can rejuvenate the gardens, and have beautiful, productive plants right through to the end of summer!

Annuals

Annual plants such as petunia, zinnia, marigold, impatiens, and begonia are grown for their continuous blooming of showy flowers. When you buy annuals at a nursery, they have been given fertilizer, and a steady level of watering. Depending on the type of annual, they may also have been deadheaded (the removal of old spent flowers, to encourage new blooms). Once you take them home, all this care falls to you. If your plants are looking poorly in August, they are missing out on something. Check for soil moisture with the high tech device known as fingers; stick one in the soil an inch or so, and make sure the watering you are doing is actually soaking into the root zone of the plants. Make sure to either use potting soil enriched with slow-release fertilizer, or apply soluble fertilizer weekly. If your annuals have large blossoms (think marigold, petunia, zinnia), pinch off spent flowers. Some plants

with smaller flowers (alyssum, calibrachoa, and verbena for example) don't need this deadheading.

Perennials

By August, perennials that bloomed in the spring may have yellowed or brown foliage. For iris, allium, daffodil, bleeding heart, oriental poppy, and many others, this is a normal part of their life cycle. However, it may not look good in your garden space. Once these plants start to let their foliage go, it's fine to cut it to the ground.

Vegetables

While some veggies need a full season to develop (tomatoes, sweet corn, winter squash), others have a much shorter maturity time. Lettuce, spinach, mustard greens, radish, and snow and snap peas can be planted multiple times in a single season. When plants are two-to-four weeks old, start the next batch, and you'll have a continuous supply of these veggies all season. If you have weedy areas that you aren't using, consider covering them in cardboard or plastic to prevent weedy plants from flowering and dropping seeds in the garden. Keeping up with late summer weeding will reduce the weed seed load for next season, and also improves airflow around your veggie plants.

This garden article is brought to you by Susan Socks, aka the Garden Goddess. Stay tuned for upcoming articles on green lawn care, pruning, garden tools, edible landscapes, and more. For gardening help, email gardengoddess802@gmail.com, or visit www.SocksFamilyFarm.weebly.com

A Historic Return: Covenant Hills Land Restoration to the Nulhegan Abenaki



A service was held at Covenant Hills' lakeside chapel, June 27.

Information Collected by Jeanne Johnson

The buildings and 270.5 acres of land of Covenant Hills Christian Camp in Cabot and Peacham were officially deeded to Abenaki Helping Abenaki (AHA) on Friday, June 26. Those who gathered on Saturday, June 27, came to celebrate the restitution of the camp property to the descendants of the original inhabitants of the land, the Nulhegan Band of the Coosuk Abenaki Nation.

It was the culmination of a process that began in the spring of 2023 when the New England Conference formally put the consideration of land restitution into the process whenever the dispersal of UMC property is considered. This is the first land restitution the conference has undertaken.

In his remarks, Bishop Bickerton talked about the importance of land: "May this transfer stand as a sign of the church's ongoing work of reconciliation and as a testament to our belief that faithful discipleship should always lead us down the road of justice, humility and peace."

"While we celebrate with the Abenaki in joy of their experience of returning home, our work here as a ministry is now done," Schuyler said. "While I sincerely rejoice in the fact of transferring the land back, I also clearly recognize the grief that comes to those who now leave this place." Those he described as "having carried their love for this land as a blessing from God."

"We give thanks for all who have loved this place. We give thanks for the individuals, families, local congregations, neighbors, community groups and mission teams that have given so much volunteer service and support to make this place what it is."

"I hope you can rejoice in this day and wipe away any sadness you may feel, because this is not an ending, it's a transition," said Chief Don Stevens, who leads the Nulhegan Band of Abenaki and serves as executive director of AHA. Covenant Hills will continue to be a place

of transformation and love, he said.

"In our culture we honor everything that shares the space – the animals, the trees, the people – this has been a beautiful place of spirituality, and it will continue to be that way. It will be a healing place where people can come and feel welcome and reconnect with the land and all of those things that we hold dear," the chief said.



Chief Don Stevens and Bishop Thomas J. Bickerton

Specifically, AHA plans to host cultural education programs for children and adults to learn the Abenaki language and traditions such as drum making. They also hope to move their food distribution operation to the site. AHA currently feeds about 700 people a month, Chief Stevens said, and someday they want to see it return to being a camp for children.

"Your hearts and generosity have opened the door to future generations of Abenaki children to occupy this special place," Chief Stevens said. "A place for our children to laugh and play while learning their culture. A place to carry on the traditions of those who came before us. A place of teaching and sanctuary from their troubles — at least for a little while."

Chief Stevens presented the bishop

with a tribal nation flag and a Nulhegan-made tobacco pouch decorated with porcupine quills – a form of decoration that preceded beading. The flower design represents, in part, spring, rebirth and renewal.

The partnership with The United Methodist Church is one of longstanding, the chief said, and one he hopes will continue. He read from a May 17, 2006, letter written by First UMC in Burlington that affirmed and celebrated the state of Vermont's recognition of the Abenaki community as a Native American tribe earlier that month. The Nulhegan Band is extending its hand in partnership, the chief said, and we hope you will take it.

Some History

In 1987, the former Troy Conference of The UMC purchased 139 acres in Cabot to develop Covenant Hills Christian Camp. The camp opened with a dedication in August 1989. The camp was as a joint ministry of The UMC and the UCC.

In 2015, the Covenant Hills camping ministry was discontinued. The property was used for private rentals, retreats, and special events. During this time, the property was managed by the New England Conference Board of Trustees and a volunteer Board of Managers.

In the aftermath of widespread flooding in 2023 and 2024, the camp provided housing for mission teams of volunteers and NOMADS (Nomads On a Mission Active in Divine Service) helping with recovery efforts – particularly in the Northeast Kingdom. Covenant Hills became the central hub for the NEK

(Northeast Kingdom) Vermont Recovery Ministry supported by a grant from the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR).

An act of repentance, restitution, and love

In 2023, a Visioning Team made up of clergy and laity and including representation from the UCC and the Covenant Hills Board of Managers undertook a year-long visioning process to discern the property's future.

In its report, the Visioning Team wrote that members "felt God strongly calling all of the New England Annual Conference to a vision of 'restored and reimagined healthy relationships between spirit, earth, and people.'"

"We believe in the spiritual and moral imperative to engage in repentance, reconciliation, and returning sacred land that never belonged to us," the report said.

The resolution to return the Covenant Hills land to the Nulhegan Band of the Abenaki people was approved by the 2024 Annual Conference.

After it was approved, the New England Conference Trustees partnered with the Conference Committee on Native American Ministries to facilitate the return of land to the Tribe. The Trustees exercised the authority necessary to complete the transaction, while CONAM helped guide the process through ongoing engagement with tribal leadership, advocacy, and coordination throughout the transfer.

From Abenaki Helping Abenaki website (abenakihelpingabenaki.com/news) A 230-Year-Old Covenant Fulfilled

The return of Covenant Hills carries a profound historical resonance for the Nulhegan Coosuk Abenaki, directly echoing a 230-year-old promise rooted in the immediate landscape. On June 30, 1796, Coosuk Chief Philip signed a historic deed to Thomas Eames, John Bradley, Jonathan Eastman, and Nathan Holt. Though the deed sparked decades of political fury alongside competing colonial claims, the human bonds it forged endured right on the land.

By the early 1800s, Jonathan's nephew, Thomas Eastman, was sent to Peacham to secure his family's stake in the hotly contested land. Alongside him was fellow early town settler Abial Blanchard, whose military ties ran deep — having served during the Revolutionary War under Col. Timothy Bedel, the very commander Chief Philip fought beside. During that same era, Chief Philip's grandson, Chief Peter Phillips, came to reside in Dewey's Gore — a section of Peacham.

Though Chief Peter's Family Band held no legal deed and was living in their traditional territory, the town founders — bound by memory, wartime alliances, and an intimate knowledge of the original transaction — consciously welcomed his presence. Rather than enforcing strict colonial boundaries, Eastman, Blanchard, and the community allowed Peter's Family Band to take up quiet, unchallenged residence on the land. For roughly fifty years, these families lived as neighbors, a living embodiment of mutual recognition. Both Thomas Eastman and Peter Phillips lived out their days and were laid to rest in the soil of Peacham.

Today, that lineage remains unbroken: Chief Don Stevens is a direct descendant of Chief Philip through Chief Peter Phillips, bringing their ancestral vision full circle two centuries later.

Prepare for the Next Emergency: Register Now

Emergencies can take many forms. Ice storms, floods, fires, major traffic accidents and similar events can cause power outages, isolate individuals or prompt the need for evacuation. For elders or people with certain disabilities, such events, if prolonged, can become life-threatening if no one is available to help.

The Citizens Assistance Registry for Emergencies program was created to help. CARE helps emergency responders identify Vermonters who might need special assistance in case of a wide-scale event.

NOTE: Registration in CARE does not guarantee a person's safety. It is the registrant's responsibility to call 911 if they have an emergency and need medical, police or fire responders. CARE is a tool designed to assist responders to potentially provide special assistance in the event of a wide-scale emergency.

For information on how to register online, visit e911.vermont.gov/care or call the town clerk's office (802-563-2279) for a form to fill out.



CABOT PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

LIBRARY HOURS: Monday noon - 6 pm, Tuesday 10 am - 6 pm, Wednesday 11 am - 6 pm, Thursday noon - 6 pm, and Saturday 9 am - noon. Curbside library service is still available during regular library hours. **All programs are free and all are welcome!** For added programs and updates, check cabotlibrary.com & FPF. If you have a program suggestion, question or would like to volunteer, please email amandaotto.cabotlibrary@gmail.com

Thanks so much to everyone who came out to the annual July 4 Library Book Sale put on by the Friends of the Cabot Library - together \$1,661 was raised! Thanks especially to Sandy Atkins, Maria Acchione-Goodrich, Janet Westervelt, Amanda Legare, Jess Maple, Christy Aucoin, Shane Smith, Dana Glazier, Leah Sare, John Grosvenor, and Kurt and Emmett Steinert.

Vermont State Parks and other centers are open for your summer enjoyment! Call or email to borrow these passes: **Vermont State Park Pass** - Free entry up to eight people in one vehicle to a Vermont State Park day area; **Fairbanks Museum & Planetarium** - Free Family Admission; **Historic Sites pass** - Free entry up to eight people in one vehicle for Vermont State Historic Sites; **The Old Stone House Museum and Historic Village** - Free access to campus, buildings and museum tours; **ECHO Lake Aquarium and Science Center** - \$7 admission per person valid up to four guests; **Vermont History Museum/Vermont Heritage Galleries** - Free museum admission for one family; **Craftsbury Chamber Players** - Free tickets for Summer Concert Series.

There's still time to sign up for the Summer Reading Program! **Summer Reading Program** (ages birth - 18) - **June 18 - August 13** - Visit the library to choose a reading challenge for a chance to earn prizes - it's easy!

Unearth a Story Reading Challenge

- Pick up your reading chart and stickers. Read or be read to for 15 minutes a day for 15 days. Earn a T-shirt, book and an additional prize.

1000 Page Club - Pick up your reading chart. Read 1000 pages to earn a book and an ice-cream voucher for the Cabot Village Store.

Circus Smirkus Road Show - **Wednesday, August 5 - 10:30 am - noon - Cabot Rec Field Pavilion** - Join us to watch the Circus Smirkus' Road Show performers bring the joy of youth circus out into the community through a series of free performances for audiences of all ages. This high-energy, interactive, and family-friendly performance is written by teens in the troupe, who work as an ensemble to highlight the incredible acrobatics, clowning, juggling, and contortion skills of their peers. It's a fun, silly, and spectacular hour of seeing what "kids these days" are truly capable of!

Gracie Jiu-Jitsu for Young Kids (ages 5+) - **Wednesday, August 12, 19 and 26**

- **10:30 am - 1 pm - Willey Building 3rd FL** - Join Yeshua Boyer for a fun, beginner-friendly introduction to Gracie Jiu-Jitsu for young kids. Classes will focus on the "Gracie Games" and are inspired by the Gracie Bullyproof program for kids. Jiu-jitsu is the "gentle art", and Gracie Jiu-Jitsu focuses on empowering smaller individuals to use leverage to restrain larger, faster, stronger opponents. We will provide a safe, supportive environment for students to practice specific drills and games focused on body safety, listening to instructions, staying calm, and showing respect for each other. You are welcome to join any one of the classes, or all of them. No special gear or clothing is required, though we recommend comfortable, athletic or fitness wear. A \$5-10/class donation is not required, but is appreciated to help us cover the costs of insurance and the mats. All are welcome! Classes will be taught by Yeshua Boyer, who has studied and taught kids and adults Gracie Jiu-Jitsu over the last 13 years. Parents and caregivers are welcome to join and learn how to play these games with their kids. See <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NCvZpU4JvvM> for more info about the Gracie kids' program.

Bike Clinic - Tuesday, August 25 - 10 am - In preparation for Ride the Ridges on Sunday, September 13, stop by the library to get hands-on assistance checking your tire-pressure, testing and adjusting your brakes, and properly cleaning or lubricating your chain. If you have a bike pump or chain lubricant you can bring them to the workshop. No sign-up is necessary.

Cabot Book Group - August 27 - 2 - 3 pm - For August's gathering, please bring a book that you have enjoyed recently (any genre/published from any year) that you want to share with the group. We will continue with our regular format in September. Email cabotlibrary@yahoo.com for more info and to be added to the book group email list.

StoryWalk (all ages) - **July - August** - Bring the kids and head to the Cabot Rec Field Pavilion to enjoy a stroll and a story. Begin at the woods edge near the sandbox and follow around the perimeter of the field. Please pack it in, pack it out.

Thanks so much to our library subs Marianne Robotham, Grace Hoffman, Vicki Palmer, and Billie O'Connor and to our program volunteers and collaborators Losada Stoddard, Kerri & Ben Moll, Cabot Community Theater, VINS, Hard-Pressed Community Print Shop, Cabot Trails Committee, Emma Podolin, Four Winds Nature Institute, Center for an Agricultural Economy, and to our teen employees Tom Brink, Freya Van Duesen and Amyra Simmons. We are so grateful to our Library Trustees who provide support and direction: Angela Ogle, Leah Sare, Kurt Steinert, Erin Ruddell, and Taeryn Robbins.

See you at the library!
Kathleen Hoyne - Library Co-Director
Amanda Otto - Library Co-Director
Christina Sacalis - Assistant Librarian

CVFiber Equity Connect Reduces Internet Cost

Communications, CVFiber, Central Vermont



Do you know someone who can't afford or is struggling to pay current monthly internet charges? CV Fiber's Equity Connect Program offers a \$30 per month discount to our qualified customers.

HOW TO APPLY

Northeast Kingdom Community Action (NEKCA) is our partner. Their staff works with applicants, guiding them step-by-step to confirm whether they qualify for the discount.

Whether you have already registered with CVFiber, will be signing up as a new customer or are already one, start the application process for Equity Connect by going to <http://cvfiber.net/equity-connect/> or contact Northeast Kingdom Community Action (NEKCA) at 802-323-8999.

Find out if our service is available to you at <http://get.cvfiber.net> If you haven't registered on that website yet, now is the time! Registration is not a commitment to take service.

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Know Before You Go Out



Information Collected by Jeanne Johnson, Cabot Chronicle Editor

With wildfires raging in Canada and the US northwest, dangerous air quality has reached New York state and could

become a problem in Vermont and New Hampshire. You can monitor air quality in Cabot at AirNow.gov and seek guidance for steps to protect your health at <https://www.healthvermont.gov/environment/climate-health/air-quality-alerts-wildfires-your-health>.

Cabot Appointments by the Governor

Governor Phil Scott's office in July announced a range of appointments made in the second quarter of 2026.

Boards and commissions serve an important role in state government, giving Vermonters numerous opportunities to serve their state and communities. The Governor's office is currently soliciting applications to fill vacancies and upcoming term expirations. All those interested in serving on a board or commission should visit the Governor's web-

site at <https://governor.vermont.gov/boards-commissions> to apply.

Appointments of Cabot residents announced in the second quarter of 2026 are:

Fire Service Training Council
Walter Bothfeld, Jr. (Skip), representing Vermont Chiefs Association

Vermont Commission on Native American Affairs
Linda Savoca



CABOT COMMUNITY FUND

Funds Available for Community Organizations

The Cabot Community Fund (CCF) allows the CCA to support community-based projects and events that further the mission of the CCA. The CCF is funded by the generous support of the Cabot Creamery and other donors.

Funds are awarded to non-governmental organizations. Examples of previous awards include expenses of Cabot Arts-sponsored community performances, Cabot Night at Mountaineers games and Little League uniforms.

Guidelines and application form is available at:

<https://cabotvermont.org/community-grant-fund/>

Upcoming Events at the Jaquith Public Library

All events are free and held at the library (unless noted otherwise)

For more info: 802-426-3581 or email: jaquithpubliclibrary@gmail.com or www.jaquithpubliclibrary.org

Summer Reading Challenge

Win prizes and a book

Starting on June 15

Here's how:

1. Come to the library and sign up to read! We will give you a reading log and stickers so you can keep track of your own progress.
2. For every 15 minutes you read, or are read to, put a sticker on your reading log.

Earn 50 stickers—win a voucher for a free creemee, a prize, a hat or t-shirt and a book of your choice.

Summer Concert Series on Thursdays from 6:30 to 8:30 PM

Come on down and hear some music, visit with neighbors, dance, try your luck at a 50/50 raffle, buy some baked goods and books and join the fun. If you don't have time to pack a picnic, you can buy your dinner from a local vendor.

August 6 - Michael Arnowitt Jazz Band: Pianist Michael Arnowitt's ImproVisions Jazz Quartet brings together outstanding creative musicians to perform acoustic jazz full of improvisational interplay and musical conversation.

August 13 - A2VT: Representing Somalia, Congo, Tanzania and Burundi and currently living in Burlington, Vermont, A2VT synthesizes their native African musical and dance roots with Western pop and Hip-Hop sensibilities.

Art Show: ANIMALS

Through October 3, 2026

The current show in the gallery is **ANIMALS**, with small sculptures, drawings, and paintings of our fellow creatures on planet earth. This exhibit is not to be missed!

Artists: Linda Mirabile, Emilia Olson, Anne Taylor Davis, Delia Robinson, Georgia Landau, Susan Bull Riley, Helen Rabin, Janet Van Fleet, Cynthia Ross, David Klein, and Juliana Fechter, Maggie Neale.

All Hands Together! Community Crafting Group

NEW TIME: Tuesdays from 6 to 7:30 PM

Bring your knitting, crocheting or whatever craft you are working on or start a new project. All ages are welcome if they are old enough to sit and work on a craft. Knitting and spinning maven Donna Hison from Marshfield, is the host of the group.

The Marshfield Resilience Hub Farmers Market

Saturdays from 10 AM to 1 PM

Join us every Saturday at the Old Schoolhouse Common for local food and craft vendors, live music, and free community led Skill Shares. Vending space is free, so let us know if you are interested in applying as a vendor, leading a class (we provide a small stipend), or playing music on the gazebo stage. To reach out send us an email: marshfieldrh@gmail.com or call the library at: 802-426-3581.

We have a Tool Lending Library!

The Marshfield Resilience Hub, Cooperation Vermont and the Jaquith Public Library have established a Tool Lending Library. We are accepting donations of good condition tools, kitchen equipment and gardening tools. In addition to tools, we loan computers, DVD players, maker-space kits, games, puzzles, wood moisture meter, air tester, all are available for checkout!

The Marshfield Community Garden Needs You!!

The Marshfield Community Garden is seeking committed volunteers to help weed and harvest the garden. If you are interested, please contact the Jaquith Public Library at 802-426-3581 and we will add you to our garden email list.

Did you know you can visit a museum, go for a swim or hike at the Vermont State Parks, and visit a historical site all for free?

The Jaquith has free Vermont State Park and museum passes for one- and three-day loans. You can use the Vermont State Park Day Pass in any of the state parks. The museums you can visit include: ECHO (\$7 charge per person up to 4 people), Vermont Historical Museum, Shelburne Farms Museum, Fairbanks Museum, Birds of Vermont Museum, Vermont Granite Museum, and the Vermont State Historic Sites. We also have \$1 discount coupons for the Montshire Museum. The Montshire Museum has a "Warm Welcome" program with \$3 admission for VT and NH residents with an EBT card, adult Medicaid card, or a free/reduced price school meals letter with a limit of six visitors. You can call ahead to reserve any of our museum and state park passes.

Just Food Hub Fundraiser

The Jaquith Library is raising money by collaborating with Just Food Hub, a profit-free, volunteer-run Coop in Marshfield that helps raise funds for organizations and groups. To order items such as coffees, teas, chocolate, hot sauces, Palestinian olive oil, nuts and dates etc. go to: justfoodhub.us/jaquith-library. You can ask Just Food Hub to put together a gift basket for you or you can make your own. You can find the Just Food Hub folks selling their goods at the Farmers Markets and Summer Concert Series.

VOLUNTEER WITH
THE MARSHFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Will you join us?

2026 Volunteer Opportunities Include:

- Assist with MHS public programs and events
- Join hands-on archive workshops to help identify, inventory, and catalog each item in the MHS collection
- Participate in monthly MHS meetings and organizational leadership
- Contribute to MHS's (MHS) planning

No membership dues!

Contact The Marshfield Historical Society at marshfieldhst@gmail.com

Free Wellness Workshops

Division of Health Promotion and Disease Prevention, Department of Health, State of Vermont

My Healthy Vermont offers free, statewide programs to people across Vermont looking to build skills to manage their health and feel better day-to-day. Programs are available for people managing ongoing health conditions like diabetes, chronic pain, or high blood pressure, and those looking to be more active, reduce stress, eat well, prevent diabetes and heart disease, or quit using tobacco. Workshops are held in-person or online using zoom and led by trained coaches. They are designed to be friendly, supportive, and judgment-free. You'll learn practical strategies, connect with others, and get encouragement every step of the way. Let's focus on health together! If you know someone who might benefit, please share.

Upcoming workshops:

High Blood Pressure Management
Starting 8/4/26 and 9/3/2026



Diabetes Self-Management
Starting 9/24/2026

Diabetes Prevention
Starting 8/19/2026

Quit Smoking
Starting 8/1/2026, 8/11/2026 and 9/18/2026

To learn more or register:
Visit: https://www.myhealthvvt.org/workshop_dates/
Call: (802) 859-5913

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Traffic Description: Incident - Now
TRAFFIC ALERT: A spring roadblock will be employed between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on I-91 southbound westbound between exits 6 & 5. Motorists should expect minor delays.

Traffic Alert Start Time: Nov 10 2023, 10:00 AM

Anticipated End Time: Nov 10 2023, 2:00 PM

Note: Anticipated End Time will not always be known. Click here for all State of Vermont road closures

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Food Share

August 12th and 26th
12 pm to 2 pm

Events

BLOOD DRIVE

August 28th come out and save a life!

Senior Adventures

August 4th and 18th
10:30 am - 1 pm

BINGO

August 6, 13, 20, 27
Open at 5 pm, starts at 6 pm

Community Dinner -
Spaghetti/Meatball
August 15th
4:30 to 6:30





Thrive & Connect Resource Fair

- Housing & Food Assistance Information
- Mental Health & Wellness Services
- Free Blood Pressure Screenings
- Legal Information
- Educational Opportunities
- Food & Fun
- **Free 10 minute massages**

AUGUST 18, 2026
11:00 AM TO 2:00 PM

Twin Valley Senior Center
4583 U.S. Route 2, East Montpelier, VT 05651

**Open to all Older
Vermonters,
caregivers and
family members!**

**FREE LUNCH WILL
BE PROVIDED**

Cabot's Annual Fall Foliage Festival

**Saturday,
September 26, 2026**

**Businesses, artists & performers
are invited to be part of this annual
celebration.**

Hold an open house at your business,
be a vendor at the farmer's market,
display your artwork or lead a presentation
on a topic of interest to you!

Email Info@CabotVermont.org or call
802-424-2633 for more information on
participating in this year's event.



**Free Day-Use Entry to Vermont State Parks
for Eligible Vermonters Again in 2026!**

Available May to October

Eligibility

Eligible Vermonters include
those enrolled in:

- 3SquaresVT
- Essential Person Program
- Fuel Assistance
- General Assistance
- Reach Up
- Summer EBT
- WIC

Using the Benefit

If you have an EBT or WIC card with active
benefits: Bring this card to a state park and you
and your household will get in free for the day.

Camping and equipment rentals not included.

Enrolled but don't have an EBT card?

Visit your local Economic Services District Office
to receive an ESD card that can be used for state
park entrance this year or call 1-800-479-6151 to
request one be mailed to you.



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