

# The Circle



**Rutland Town's Link between School and Community**

**April 2016**

## **TOWN NEWS**

**By Carol Bam**

Joshua Terenzini was elected chairman of the new Select Board after the March 1 election. He succeeds Joe Diction who retired with a year left to his term. Terenzini said, "Joe left big shoes to fill, and the Select Board thanks him for his leadership and service to the town." New board members are Joe Denardo who won a three year term, and Chris Kiefer-Cioffi who was elected to finish Diction's term. "They bring a lifetime of invaluable experience to the Board, and all indications are that the five members will work well together," said Terenzini. Committee assignments were made with each's areas of expertise and preferences in mind (check the town website for specifics).

Renovations are underway at Town Hall offices through the beginning of May. The current administrative offices will be reconfigured creating a room for the Police Dept. New bathrooms are also in the works. Smalley Construction with other local subcontractors are undertaking the renovation. During construction, Select Board and other municipal meetings will take place at the Joseph J. Denardo Fire Station. "This gives us the opportunity to showcase the new space which contains a conference room," said Terenzini. The Select Board will likely develop a policy to allow use of the facility by community groups.

Solar developer Ecos Solar is close to filing Act 248 petitions with State of Vermont Public Service Board for two solar installations off Cold River Road

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## **FROM SCHOOL PRINCIPAL AARON BOYNTON**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the community of Rutland Town for showing its support of our school budget. It has been more and more difficult year after year to meet the needs of legislative changes while keeping a traditionally solid educational program. We faced another year of cuts versus adding any new programs or initiatives. I'm confident we'll work with changes the best we can to continue to provide great learning experiences for kids. We thank you again for your support of Rutland Town School.

As we look to the future, we are beginning to look to implement a learner centered, proficiency based grading model in our middle school (grades 6-8). This model allows students to learn at their level, pace, and in a way that builds self motivation. Some classrooms have implemented this design already with great success. Our steps next year will be to continue working towards learner centered opportunities for students and also report out on how students are making progress with the Vermont Proficiencies. These proficiencies are aligned with the Common Core standards.

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## **UNDER THE GOLDEN DOME**

### **Report from Senator Kevin Mullin**

We are in the final stretch at the statehouse and once again taxes and spending are at the top of our agenda. The House recently passed a package that includes \$48 million in new revenue. I am confident that the Senate can pare this down but I doubt the appetite exists to make the necessary decisions that would place Vermont on a sustainable path forward. Both the House package and the proposal from the governor call for \$5.7 billion in total spending. This represents a 2.5% increase in overall spending which is a better proposal than recent years but will still leave the next legislature scrambling to find ways to pass a balanced budget.

Recently the senate passed a bill trying to create better siting standards for renewable energy projects. The initial bill that came out of committee would not have made significant progress. On the Senate floor there were approximately three dozen amendments considered. In the end, your three Rutland county senators voted in favor of the legislation as we hope it will be a step forward in protecting the public and property owners from ill-thought out projects.

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# **RTS KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION** **2016 - 2017 School Year** **May 3 and May 4**

Registration for Kindergarten children for the 2016-2017 school year will take place at Rutland Town School on **Monday May 3 and Tuesday May 4, 2016.**

The registration process will consist of a review of your child's health history, vision and hearing assessments, and a conference with the teachers. This will take approximately 50 minutes. **Children must be accompanied by an adult.**

**As per our School Board policy, all Kindergarteners must have reached their fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) birthday on or before August 31, 2016 .**

The adult accompanying the Kindergartener must bring proof of birth in the form of a Birth Certificate or Baptismal Certificate.

An Immunization Record consisting of Polio, Measles, Rubella, Diptheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis must be brought with you.

Please contact Mrs. Pam Mock at Rutland Town School at **775-0566, ext. 2001** as soon as possible to schedule an appointment .

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**The Circle** staff includes Principal Aaron Boynton as Editor in Chief, Carol Bam, Theresa Kulig, and Marie Pennington. Five issues are published every other month from October through June.

For more information, mailing list changes, to advertise or contribute articles, call the RTS office (775-0566) or email [carolbam@aol.com](mailto:carolbam@aol.com).

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 1612 Post Road, Rutland, VT 05701.**

# **Smart Growth for Center Rutland - West Rutland Corridor** **By Mary Ashcroft, Select Board**

The Business Route 4 corridor between Center Rutland and West Rutland was busy in its day, carrying traffic from Rutland City to the western part of Rutland County. But with the construction of the Route 4 by-pass, this area has stagnated. Now, the extension of water and sewer services from West Rutland presents new opportunities for redevelopment.

West Rutland and Rutland Town citizens teamed with the Rutland Regional Planning Commission and consultants from Broadreach Planning & Design to recommend future uses and growth. The group identified some area needs: 1-2 bedroom housing units for young singles and older couples; garden and outdoor retail services; antique, resale and consignment shops; local restaurants and small retail establishments; and outdoor recreational opportunities. The planners explored limitations—ledges and floodplains for example --as well as opportunities for development which would incorporate those needs. Some exciting ideas evolved.

For Center Rutland, the study suggests creating a public park near Otter Creek and the falls; encouraging redevelopment of Flory Plaza with mixed uses such as housing, small retail and small industrial uses; and promoting the marble and railroad history of the area. The study also recommends creation of a shared use path along the Clarendon River between Center Rutland and West Rutland. Recognizing that this 4-lane corridor is no longer the main route between the two towns, the group also recommends decreasing the size of the road from 4 lanes to 3, reducing the size and number of curb cuts, and adding plantings and marble sculptures along the corridor to move the road from a speedway to a parkway.

The Smart Growth Plan is non-regulatory. Its recommendations were presented to a joint meeting of the West Rutland and Rutland Town Select Boards on April 11<sup>th</sup>. Next steps will be up to the individual town Select Boards and Planning Commissions.

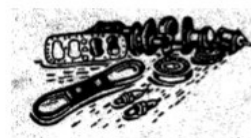
The Smart Growth Plan can be viewed on the Town's website and at Broadreach Planning and Design's website at <http://broadreachpd.com/west-rutland-rutland-town-smart-growth-connections-plan/>

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**Alumni and T Jazz bands performing at RTS Bistro**

(Senator Mullin ~ Continued from Page 1)

It is not as much as we had hoped for but it is a start.

Marijuana continues to be a hot topic at the statehouse. Yesterday the House unveiled a compromise proposal. Unfortunately what any final form would look like is uncertain. I am hopeful that any rushed legislation in the final few days of the session will not occur.

There has been tremendous discussion about toxins in drinking water. PFOA, a harmful chemical, has been found in water supplies in Bennington and Pownal. The state is currently testing other possible sites of contamination. One possible site is just north of us at the Fire Service Training Academy in Pittsford. We should get the results within the next week.

Last week RRMC announced that they will be returning excess revenues to consumers in the form of lower rates. I believe that Tom Huebner and the RRMC made the right decision and I am grateful for their leadership. Unfortunately, others like UVMMC have decided to handle excess revenues differently. I am hopeful that in the remaining time left that the legislature can make changes to make sure that the money can be rightfully returned in the form of lower rates. Senate Finance will take this up next week. I believe that the governor's proposal to increase assessments on private practice doctors, dentists and other medical providers will not survive. This proposal would have made it nearly impossible to attract new professionals to our state and would have incited existing providers to take early retirement or relocate to another state.

2016 will mark the end of the Shumlin era. The Speaker of the House and the Senate President Pro Tem are also not seeking reelection. It is a rare historical event to see such a wholesale change in political power positions in Montpelier.

In the remaining days of the session, I am hopeful that people will come together, put aside differences, and work for the common good. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve Rutland County in the statehouse and encourage anyone with concerns to contact me at [kimbjm@aol.com](mailto:kimbjm@aol.com) or call me at (802) 353-6770.

## RTS MUSIC UPDATE

### From Aaron Audet, Instrumental Music

The annual Jazz Bistro was well attended this year. There was a lot of music performed by many ensembles - M Jazz, T Jazz, Alumni Jazz, and the newest edition, our rock ensemble, "Aqua Skunk". Each ensemble played fantastic! Thanks to all who came out to support us.

**On April 12th** the Middle School Chorus and T Jazz band went to the Loretto Home in Rutland to entertain the seniors. Both groups did a great job and were well received.

**On April 28th we will be having the 5-8 Spring Concert starting at 6:30 pm.** This includes grade 5 music class, and the Grade 5 Band, Middle School Chorus, Middle School Band, M Jazz, and T Jazz ensembles. The students have been working hard preparing some new and challenging music.

**On Sunday May 1st the Middle School Marching Band will be participating in the Loyalty Day Parade** in Rutland at 2pm.

**On Wednesday May 18th**, the T Jazz band will be traveling to Orwell to play for Mr. Audet's grandmother's 60 Plus Club. It's a tradition Mr. Audet did while at Proctor, and would like to continue here at Rutland Town School.

**On Sunday May 22 both our jazz groups will be playing the Sunday brunch at The Foundry in Killington** from 11:30 - 1 pm. Come have brunch and support our music program fundraiser.



**"Forced Perspective" Photography**

**By Zachary Nelson, Grade 6**

**(See page 10 for further description)**

## FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD

### Update on the Process of Act 46

By Lynette Gallipo, Chairman

The School Board and Administration would like to thank you for your approval at the March elections. Your support means a great deal to us. Thank you all!

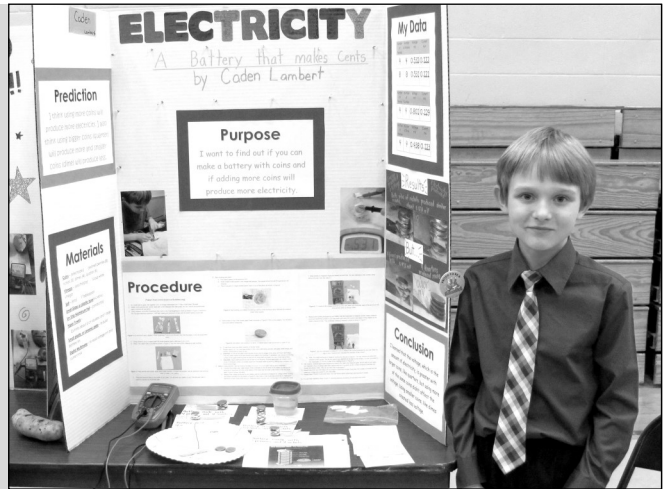
I would like to take this opportunity to try and give a brief synopsis of Act 46. Our Rutland Central Supervisory Union, RCSU, made up of Proctor, Rutland Town and West Rutland, do not meet the interpretation of Act 46 according to the State Board of Education. Proctor and West Rutland 'match' as they have Pre-K to 12 school districts. Rutland Town cannot join with them as we have a Pre-K to 8, with high school choice. We need to try and find a school district 'like' us to join.

We felt our best solution was Barstow, but their Act 46 Study Committee said no to us. They held a vote of their towns (Mendon and Chittenden) and are now Act 46 compliant. RNESU (Rutland North-east) asked if the RT district would consider joining them. Their board chose not to meet with ours and were not interested in exploring any potential benefits of a partnership.

Our S.U. decided to move forward and formed an Act 46 Study Committee who started to meet in October 2015. Our committee has done extensive work in trying to find partners to not only join, but enhance us. We have searched south to Arlington, north to Middlebury and east to Woodstock.

The Bennington Rutland S.U. were not truly interested because of the mileage distance. They are in the middle of their own Act 46 study committee.

Middletown Springs is showing interest, but have a Pre-K to 6 with Choice 7-12 school district.



### Caden Lambert made a battery with coins

#### 4th Grade Science Fair

The Fourth Grade Science Fair was held March 1. All fourth grade students participated, and they all did a phenomenal job! Here are the winners:

#### Mrs. Duguay's Class:

Gold- Anna Gallipo

Silver- Elizabeth Cooley

Bronze- Rylee Serafin

#### Mrs. Blanchard's Class:

Gold- Ben Cerreta

Silver- Emily Sunderland

Bronze- Loretta Cooley

They have 119 kids; we have closer to 500 in RT. They do not 'match' RT and even if they chose to change to Pre-K to 8 with choice – because of the size difference, loss of control is a concern to them.

RCSU has been made up of our three towns for longer than we can remember. Thanks to a conscious effort by our boards, our curriculum and "gear shift" to proficiency-based learning is receiving accolades, not only in Vermont, but in New England. Our Technology Department is, bar none, at a higher level than most districts in the area, big or small. This is thanks to a conscious effort by our boards to create that fast lane for 21st century learning for our students that sets them apart.

In addition to this, our Student Services Department is getting kids through IEPs at a higher rate and working on centralization efforts to better control costs.

At the last Act 46 meeting, Poultney and Middletown attended to discuss possible solutions. Poultney could be the solution Proctor and West Rutland have been looking for to create a new Act 46 compliant Supervisory District. We have been careful to explore every option so far. I hope we can move to a self study that would allow us to be on the Act 46 Committee and explore other Rutland Town options. We may find there are no options equal to what we have (never mind improving what we have). If this is what we conclude, we can do the paperwork to see if we should be a 'Stand Alone' school district. This would allow us to stay in the newly formed S.U. along with West Rutland, Proctor and Poultney with No Penalty, no loss of choice, no state stepping in.



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## **Road Notes**

from Byron Hathaway,  
Road Commissioner

Green Up day this year is Saturday, May 7. As always bags will be available at the Town Clerk's office. The Clerk's office is open from 8:00 – 1:00, and 2:00 - 4:30 pm Monday through Thursday. Friday, the office is open only from 8:00 – 1:00, and is closed the remainder of the day. Bags will also be available at the Transfer Station during operating hours Wednesday from 4:00 – 7:00 pm, and Saturday 8:00 - 1 pm. Filled bags may be brought to the Transfer Station on Saturday May 7 from 8 -12 pm only. For those who cannot make it to the Transfer Station you may leave Green Up bags beside the road but only if you notify the Highway Dept. where the bags are located. Call 773-8128 and leave a message where the bags have been left. The Highway Dept. will pick them up on Monday. Let's all get out and help Green Up our town!

The paving bid this summer has been awarded to Wilk Paving. Streets that will see work this summer include West Proctor Road, East Proctor Road, Simons Ave., Old Falls Rd., East Pittsford Road from Route 7 to the East Creek Bridge, Lynette Drive, and a small portion of Karen Drive from the Conner Drive intersection to Lynette Drive. On days when work is done on West Proctor Road and East Pittsford, I highly recommend motorists seek other routes. I will try my best to put a notice on Front Porch Forum in advance to let you know when construction will start.



The Highway garage project is moving forward slowly. Half the roof is on and three fourths of the siding is on. Interior plumbing, electrical, and concrete work will be started soon now that the weather has warmed up. The site contractor has the septic system installed and tested. The water line comes next. Labor and Industry has yet to give full approval for the sprinkler system. I hope this will happen soon. If anyone knows someone who works in the Labor and Industry office maybe you could put in a good word for us. It certainly would not hurt.

Enjoy spring and consider helping on Green Up Day.

## **Rutland Free Library**

### **Spring Events**

By Randal Smathers,  
Assistant Director

The staff and administration of Rutland Free Library would like to thank the voters of Rutland Town for supporting our budget request again this year, including a small extra request to help replace our aging public computers. All five of our supporting towns voted yes on Town Meeting Day, so we will be buying new computers early in the 2015/16 fiscal year. **Thank you for your continuing support of Rutland Free Library.**

### **New Website**

In late April, Rutland Free Library will have a new website (still at the old address of [www.rutlandfree.org](http://www.rutlandfree.org)). We have been getting by on a temporary site since the server for our old site on was badly hacked; as we were already planning on replacing the old site, it made sense to do both projects at the same time, so you will find a new look.

The most popular pages (the catalog, our hours, contact info, programs) have been up in the interim. The biggest improvements for most users will be less clutter, hopefully more ease of use and new compatibility with various mobile devices. Not surprisingly, mobile users show the largest increase in use of any group using the library, although visits and borrowing were both up last year, bucking a statewide trend.

Feedback on the new site is welcome. We expect to be tweaking it for a while after it goes live. Drop an email to assistant director Randal Smathers at [randal@rutlandfree.org](mailto:randal@rutlandfree.org) and tell us what you think.

### **Tables of Content VI**

Just a reminder that we will be closed Friday, April 29 and reopen at noon on Saturday, April 30. The Library will be setting up for our semi-annual fundraising event, Tables of Content. Held semiannually, the event is the Library's biggest fundraiser. It features 14 noted Vermont authors coming together for a reception, book signing and dinner with 120 patrons in the historic Fox Room. The event is a big effort for us and we apologize for the disruption of regular hours.

The Fox Room will be closed after the playgroup April 25 for the rest of that week, reopening May 2.



## From the Rutland Town Fire Department

By BJ Hathaway



Hello again from the folks at the Rutland Town Fire Department. It would appear the spring has sprung! With the exceptionally mild winter and little to no snow cover on the ground, the risk of grass fires came early this year. The Fire Department would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that **there is no open burning allowed in Rutland Town without obtaining a burning permit**. Permits may be obtained by calling one of the following people:

**Forest Fire Warden: Joe Denardo 773-1542**  
**Assistant Fire Chief: Chris Clark 773-5098**  
**Assistant Fire Chief: Mike Carlson 775-2686**

The Fire Department would like to thank the community for its continued support by passing our budget on Town Meeting Day. We look forward to serving you for another year.

Our truck committee is still working its way through the bidding process on the new replacement fire truck the department will be ordering. An RFP has gone out and the department received four bids in response. The committee is currently reviewing all of the submissions and will make a recommendation to the Select Board for their consideration at the end of April. It will take about a year to get the truck fully constructed once a bid is finally awarded. The department again wishes to offer its thanks to the community for its continued support.

As always the department is continually seeking new members. Applications can be obtained by contacting any current member or stopping by either fire station on Wednesday evenings after 7pm. We hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable summer!

**Remember, to report a fire  
or other emergency Dial 911.**

## Your Deposit Bottles at Work

By Carol Bam

**THANK YOU RUTLAND TOWN RESIDENTS** who faithfully drop off their deposit bottles and cans at the Tony Flory Transfer Station. Proceeds of \$900 were collected in 2015, growing from less than \$500 in 2005! The funds help pay for the award winning Four Winds Nature Program for K-5 students. The kids get 8 lessons a year that relate to a natural sciences theme. Four Winds' main mission is to encourage scientific curiosity in our kids and support their observation and experience of the natural world right in their own (and the school's) back yard.

**Keep the bottles coming AND PLEASE rinse them first!**

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The projects, Otter Creek I and II, would generate a combined 7.2 Megawatts on 34 acres. Chairman Terenzini said the developers have asked for input from the Select Board, Planning Commission and local residents "in the interest of being good neighbors". Locating the solar fields well off the road and behind adequate berms is the prime concern of the nearby residents.

Ecos Solar has offered the Town \$160,000 in compensation for the loss of tax revenue that another type of development might generate. Solar projects are exempt from the education tax component of the local property tax, unlike other projects that must pay the education tax. Solar projects pay the local municipal tax and a fee based on electrical generation, which is determined by the State of Vermont.

The Vermont Supreme Court is presently reviewing the PSB approval of the goSolar filed proposal for the Cold River Road. Neighbors to the proposed project and the Town appealed the PSB permit approval to the Vermont Supreme Court.

To date, 126 Vermont towns have signed Rutland Town's Solar resolution, which seeks greater municipal say in the siting and approval for large solar energy projects. The Legislature is currently drafting legislation to give communities more local control over where proposed solar installations can go.

In other town news, construction of the highway garage at Northwood Park is on schedule and Wilk Paving was the low bidder and has been awarded the contract for summer paving. The next fire truck that the Fire Department will replace is Engine 1 at the McKinley Ave. station. The Select Board and Fire Committee are reviewing bids for the truck which will be paid for out of the Fire Depreciation account which is funded by 0.5 % of property tax receipts.

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## 60 Plus Alzheimer's and Memory Cafés What are they? From Heather Baker, SVCOA

A Memory Café is a place where individuals with memory loss and their caregivers can get together in a safe, supportive, and engaging environment. It is a time and place where people can interact, laugh, cry, find support, share concerns and celebrate without feeling embarrassed or misunderstood.

**Why?** In our culture we segregate our elders; we take them out of circulation in the name of "caring for them." This is even more true for elders living with Alzheimer's, dementia or other types of cognitive memory issues. This sort of separation creates a life of loneliness and isolation for both the person living with the memory problems as well as their caregivers. Often times their only contact with the outside world comes from trips out of necessity, such as doctors appointments and other medical appointments. It was out of this creation of separation and isolation in which the memory café idea was born.

The first Alzheimer's Café was started in 1997 in the Netherlands by Dr. Bere Miesen, a geriatric psychiatrist. The idea was to facilitate open communication between family members and care partners while providing the added benefit of support and encouragement as well as interaction in a fun and entertaining manner. In 2000, the first Alzheimer's Café began in Europe; in 2008 New Mexico became the first state in the U.S. to open a memory café. As of July 2013, we now have more than 85 Alzheimer's and Memory Cafés in the United States.

The Memory Café is a volunteer run program that is always seeking additional volunteers who want to be part of our team and help facilitate at the café once a month. We also need folks who are willing to be on our steering committee in order to help plan and bring new ideas to the table.

The Rutland County Memory Café (RCMC) meets on the second Saturday of each month at the Maples Senior Living beginning April 9. The format is very loosely structured with activities ranging from music, art, games, singing, crafts and poetry. We also have an occasional guest speaker. If interested, please contact Aaron Brush at 802-772-7835 or by email at [abrush@svcoa.net](mailto:abrush@svcoa.net).

## From Donna Zeller Town Clerk and Treasurer

The third and final installment of **Property Tax is due on or before May 10, 2016**. Please mail or drop off your payment at the Town Treasurer's office on or before Tuesday, May 10. Tax payments with a valid U.S. Postal Service postmark of May 10 will be considered on time.

Please do NOT drop your tax payment in the outside mailbox after hours, as doing so is illegal by Federal Law. Thank you! **The mailing address for all Rutland Town Departments:**

**Town of Rutland  
181 Business Route 4  
Center Rutland, VT 05736**

Happy spring to all Town Residents! We look forward to meeting and helping all Town residents whenever you stop in at Town Hall!



Mrs. Pam Hebert spoke to the Kindergarten about how she learned to fly planes. This was in conjunction with a Writing for Understanding project based on *I Am Amelia Earhart* by Brad Meltzer.



## RTS Library Celebrates 20 Years of Red Clover

This year the Rutland Town School Library will be selling a T Shirt to commemorate the 20th year of the Red Clover Award in Vermont. The Red Clover Award is a picture book award selected by students in grades K-4 in Vermont. After hearing ten nominees for the award, students can vote for their favorite! A Red Clover Day parade and award ceremony is held to celebrate the winning book. This year marks the 20th year that Rutland Town School has participated in this award program. Our Red Clover Day parade and ceremony will take place on June 7th. T Shirts can be ordered through the school library. Please contact Mrs. Theresa Czachor at 775-0566 x2030.

## WRITING FOR UNDERSTANDING

By Tina Ronn (Literacy Coach)

Teachers and students at RTS have continued their work this school year using a Common Core aligned writing approach called "Writing for Understanding." Our new focus has been on narrative writing. To create their narratives, students were required to develop either a real or imagined experience or event using effective technique, descriptive details, and clear event sequences.

The student writing pieces below reflect narratives of imagined experiences based on biographies of important people in our history (Amelia Earhart, Wangari Matthai, and Wilma Rudolph). Woven into these narratives is the theme of determination, a trait that we would like to instill in all of our students at RTS.

We hope that you enjoy reading our narratives.

### Amelia Earhart

By Finn Fuller, Kindergarten  
(Edited for Publication)

Once there was a little girl named Amelia Earhart. Amelia lived in a little white house. She wanted to fly an airplane. But, there was a problem. She did not have enough money for lessons. So, she had to get three jobs. She learned how to fly. Some people said, "A girl can not fly." But she did. She flew across the Atlantic Ocean. She flew higher than anyone else. Do not let anybody stop you from your dream. Work hard to get your dream.

### Wangari's Trees of Peace

By Matthew Serafin, Grade 2

Once there was a girl named Wangari. Wangari lived in Kenya. Kenya is in Africa. There was a problem. All the trees were being chopped down! Wangari wanted trees because she takes care of the earth. So, Wangari started planting and got other people to help plant trees. But, the government was still chopping down trees, so Wangari tried to stop them and they arrested her. But the news kept spreading, and when she came back everyone who believed in her had

planted thirty million trees. In Kenya today if you were to stand tall on Mount Kenya you would still see those thirty million trees.

### Wilma Walks Again

By Teegan Duffy, Grade 4

As Wilma sat on the grass in front of the church, her favorite place in the world, she was thinking back to the time when she could not walk and how she was going to show everyone she could walk again.

Wilma was very brave to try and walk, but she also felt a little nervous. She saw the familiar faces of the people who attend the Sunday church service, and because she knew everyone would be there, it would be the perfect place for Wilma to try and walk. Church was where Wilma found hope and courage. She felt the coolness of the cold metal brace as she carefully took it off and placed it on the ground. Then Wilma started to become nervous that she was going to fall down in front of everybody. Wilma started to get cold feet as she started to move one foot in front of the other. Wilma could see people in the church singing and praying. Her knees were trembling as she slowly made her way to the church. When she reached the first step, she started to shake violently. She was shaking like a wet dog. Wilma could feel her heart pounding as she entered the old church building. Wilma had gathered up all of her courage to do this at this very moment. Wilma was unstoppable. She was remembering when she was just around five years old and was more sick than anyone else in her family. She thought about how the doctor came to the house and diagnosed her with polio and scarlet fever. He said that Wilma would never walk again and now she was about to prove him wrong. She was walking! When Wilma entered the church, she felt as free as a bird when she saw all of the astonished faces on the people she had walked past. She thought back to the moment when she was told she would never walk again and was filled with courage and hope. She had proved everyone wrong and shown that she could walk. Wilma had proved to the world that anything is possible.



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Spring is always an exciting time for faculty and students. We look forward to many upcoming events and activities for students, families, and the community including:

- May 12 Supermarket Bingo, PTO (community welcome)
- May 11 Vermont Puppets in Education
- May 17 ABC Night (All the Best Curriculum) (community welcome)
- 8th Grade visit to Washington DC this May
- June 7 Red Clover Day



## RUTLAND TOWN SENIORS

From James B. Hall, Treasurer

The Rutland Town Senior Group would like to hear from those who wish to participate in our lunch program. We meet at noon at Seward's Family Restaurant on the third Tuesday of each month. We resumed our lunches in March after a winter break. The cost is \$7 and a reservation is required.

We have just planned a trip to the Woodstock Senior Center for the May 17 luncheon meeting. If you would like to go (transportation included) please contact Pat Tucker at 776-1066.

## NEWS FROM THE REC

By Director Mike Rowe

Spring is here and so is baseball. Teams will be getting their practice and game schedules soon. We are still open for registration for Mighty Mites (Grades 1-2) and T-ball (PreK-K). The season will start for these groups the first week of May. Check the school's weekly email for dates and times.

T-ball will be held on Sundays here at school from 3 - 4:00 starting the first Sunday in May. Mighty Mites will start May 2nd at Northwood. **WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEER COACHES for the following programs: T-Ball (Pre-K – K) and Mighty Mites (Grades 1-2).** If you are interested, please contact me.

The Pool will have sign ups for passes and swim lessons the first week of June. Keep eyes posted for more info. If you have any programming ideas for the Recreation Dept. or questions, please let me know at 779-2518. Thanks, and have a great spring.

## Spring 2016 at RTS Tapestry

By Lori Mc Neil, Site Coordinator

It has been a very busy winter for the Tapestry Afterschool program with students working on a variety of activities. We even were able to get a little sledding in. We all enjoyed the Tapestry 15th birthday celebration at RIS in January. Students danced, made crafts, and enjoyed delicious cupcakes and snacks. The older students worked on some community service projects. They made holiday cookies to be distributed in the RTS holiday baskets. The younger group spent the month of February at swim lessons at VAC. Both groups traveled to Genesis for an afternoon of caroling for the residents. Everyone had a great time! It was a great winter but I think everyone is ready for some warmer temperatures.

Now with spring around the corner, students are excited to spend more time outside playing kickball, baseball, or just playing tag and running around with their friends. We will be focusing on science this spring. Both groups will be putting on their lab coats and conducting some exciting science experiments. It will be exciting for both groups to share their results with each other.

Calling all "green thumbs!" We will soon begin some early planting for summer, starting flower and vegetable seeds to watch and care for throughout the spring and summer. Spring is such an exciting time of year!

Summer Tapestry plans are already being made. Our theme for this summer will be RT Tapestry presents: "A Blockbuster Summer!" We will be talking about the themes of some of 2015 - 2016 most popular movies. We will learn about dinosaurs as we talk about "Jurassic World", "Star Wars" will lead us into the study of space and many more. All kinds of exciting activities, field trips, and fun days at the pool are being planned. The dates for our summer camp will be Monday, June, 20 through Friday August 5. Enrollment forms have been sent home with students in grades K-6. Sign up soon to reserve your spot for the summer.

There is still time to sign your children up for the Tapestry Afterschool Program. The program runs Monday - Friday from school dismissal until 5:30 each day. If you are interested in sending your child to the Afterschool program or Summer Camp and would like more information please contact Site Coordinator Lori McNeil at 779-6102.



## From the ART Room

By Beth Mc Reynolds, Art Teacher

The Sixth grade classes are working on Forced Perspective photography. Forced perspective is a technique that uses optical illusion to make an object appear farther away, closer, larger or smaller than it actually is. It fools the eye by placing smaller objects closer to the camera and larger objects further back.

**Forced Perspective Photo**  
By Samantha Merrow, Grade 6



### Planning for an Emergency

By Martin Wasserman,  
Rutland Town Emergency Manager

Rutland Town Emergency Management encourages voluntary registration of individuals who may need special help in a town-wide emergency. An important task of Emergency Management is to identify in advance those needing assistance in evacuating their homes to go to a town-designated protective shelter. Our primary shelter is the Rutland Town School; the Center Rutland Fire Station is a secondary shelter.

If you are someone, or know of someone, who would require assistance in an emergency, please register by providing the following basic information. This information will be password protected in the Rutland Town computer and accessible only by town officials in an emergency.

- ⊙ Resident's name
- ⊙ Address
- ⊙ Home and cell phone numbers
- ⊙ Contact information of a relative
- ⊙ Medical conditions; list of medications
- ⊙ Primary physician, (name, address, phone number)

We also suggest compiling in advance the same relevant personal and medical information including the resident's name, date of birth, medical conditions plus a list of medications, and contact information for a relative or other emergency contact. Place this information in a clearly labeled container or zippered plastic baggie and leave in the freezer compartment of the kitchen refrigerator where emergency personnel can find it.

Please consider signing up yourself or a loved one for this service. Submit this information by email to **[emergencymanagement@rutlandtown.com](mailto:emergencymanagement@rutlandtown.com)** or send it by mail to the Town Office address:

Emergency Management Director  
Town of Rutland  
181 Business Route 4  
Center Rutland, VT 05736

If you have questions about emergency evacuation or your situation, please contact Martin Wasserman by email or by calling the town office phone 773-2528.

### Vermont Harvest of the Month

## CARROTS

By Lisa Lones RN BSN

Vermont Harvest of the month is a farm-to-school campaign that promotes the use of local, seasonal Vermont foods. April's harvest of the month feature is Carrots. Carrots are root vegetables that are crisp in texture and vary in color from orange to white, purple or black. They can be eaten raw, steamed, baked, boiled, or cooked in soups and stews. Carrots are rich in vitamin A and can supply over 100% of the recommended daily value in just one serving! They also contain vitamin B6, vitamin K, and modest amounts of other essential nutrients.

To store carrots trim off greens. Carrots store well in the fridge and can last for about 1-3 weeks. To keep them even longer, wrap them in a paper towel to protect them from condensation. Don't store carrots near fruits or vegetables like apples, pears, or potatoes. The ethylene gas that these foods give off will cause carrots to go bad quickly and become bitter.

Carrots can be blanched and frozen for up to one year. There's no need to peel carrots unless they are going bad but be sure to wash them well. If you choose to peel your carrots, save the peels to simmer in stock. Typically the taproot is eaten but the leafy green tops can be eaten too. You can sauté them with olive oil or cook them into a soup or stock.

#### Maple Glazed Carrots with Dill

3 cups sliced carrots	1½ tbsp chopped fresh dill
2 tbsp butter	Salt and pepper to taste
2 tbsp maple syrup	

Place carrots in a skillet and add just enough water to cover, bring to a boil, simmer until carrots are tender. Drain off extra water. Stir in butter, syrup, dill, salt and pepper. Mix until well combined and serve warm. ENJOY!

## PTO WANTS YOU Supermarket Bingo May 12

**Who:** Everyone!  
**What:** Play BINGO and earn a chance to win a basket full of food.  
**When:** Thurs., May 12 – doors open at 5:30. There will be a dinner buffet available from 5:30-6:00 and Bingo will start at 6:00 pm  
**Where:** RTS Gym  
**Why:** Support RTS! Come eat (\$7 buffet) and play (cards \$1 each)

JOIN US for FOOD, FAMILY, & FUN!

### Other PTO News:

Meetings begin at 6:00 pm in the Library on the following dates: **May 5 and June 2.**

Scholastic Buy One Get One BOOK FAIR will be held **April 29 - May 6** on the stage in the gym. Book fair Family Night will be held **May 4 from 6-8:00 pm** on the stage in the gym.

Parent/Child Dance on **May 20 from 6:30 -8:30 pm.** More info to come.

The PTO Board for 2015-2016:

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 Theresa Czachor- Vice Chairperson  
 Ingrid Gallo – Treasurer  
 Abby Peltier - Secretary



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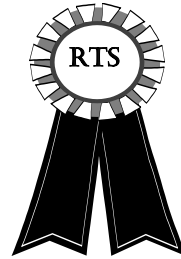
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## 3<sup>RD</sup> QUARTER HONOR ROLL Middle School Grades 6-8

### HIGH HONORS

**Eighth Grade**  
 Ashleah Adams  
 Leah Allen  
 Miles Allen  
 Tommy Baker  
 Amy McGee  
 Dylan Roussel  
 Ethan Schmitt  
 Alexander Stute



John Foley  
 William Hemenway  
 Anna Hubbard  
 Laura Macpherson  
 Sean Olsen  
 Luke Ragosta  
 Tyler Regula  
 Megan Smith  
 Kathleen Sunderland  
 Christopher Wilk

### Seventh Grade

Joseph Anderson  
 Sarah Chase  
 Abigail Churchill  
 Mariah Crossman  
 Matthew Goulette  
 Lucienne Horrocks  
 Jaden Kelley  
 Brady Kenosh  
 Devon Kibbey  
 Maxfield Lovko  
 Samuel Macpherson  
 Olivia Merrill  
 Emma Notte  
 Gianna Pezzetti  
 Hannah Solimano  
 Jenna Sunderland  
 Mary Sutton

### Seventh Grade

Alexander Aiken  
 T.J. Corey  
 Isabelle Decandio  
 Cory Drinwater  
 Lucia Gallo  
 Cameron Greene  
 Toby Jakubowski  
 Taya Lehouillier  
 Maya Marcy  
 Justine Peters  
 Gage Randall  
 Christopher Webster

### Sixth Grade

Molly Abatiell  
 Brady Geisler  
 Colin Joyce  
 Isabelle Ladabouche  
 Samantha Merrow  
 Jonah Neri

### Sixth Grade

Abed Alawi  
 Laurel Baker  
 Regan Bird  
 Maci Celentano  
 Jack Coughlin  
 Deidre Lillie  
 Tessa McLaughlin  
 Zachary Nelson  
 Bryce Preseau  
 Katelynn Regula

### HONORS

#### Eighth Grade

Madison Abatiell  
 Ethan Coarse  
 William Corcoran  
 Taylor Davis  
 Kyle Delbianco  
 Julian Downey

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### RUTLAND TOWN COMMUNITY CALENDAR

#### APRIL

- 27 **Town Clerk/Treasurer's office closed for training. Other offices will be open**  
28 Vocal & Band Concert Grades 5-8, 1:30 pm rehearsal; 6:30 pm performance  
29-5/6 PTO sponsored Scholastic Book Fair school hours, RTS

#### MAY

- 1 Loyalty Day Parade - 2 pm  
Rutland City  
3 Four Winds Workshop - 9-11  
Barstow Elementary School  
3&4 Kindergarten Registration, RTS (see page 2)  
3,17,31 Select Board meets – 6:30 pm, ? \*  
4 Family Night at Book Fair – 6- 8 pm, RTS  
5 PTO meets - 6 pm, RTS  
5&19 Planning Commission meets – 7 pm, ? \*  
7 Green Up Day, (see page 5)  
9 School Board meets – 6:30 pm, RTS  
10 **3<sup>rd</sup> Property Tax payment due** (see page 7)  
Friends of Music meets - 4 pm, Chorus room  
12 PTO Supermarket Bingo. Dinner - 5:30,  
Bingo at 6:00, RTS Gym (see page 11)



- 17 Senior Luncheon trip to Woodstock Senior Ctr. (see page 9 for sign up info)  
20 PTO sponsored Parent/Child Dance 6:30-8:30 pm, RTS  
22 RTS fundraiser Jazz Brunch - 11:30-1:00 at Foundry Rest. in Killington (see page 3)  
27 Early Release Day – 11:55 am.  
30 **Memorial Day – Town Hall closed**  
**No school**

#### JUNE

- 2 PTO meets – 6 pm, RTS  
2&16 Planning Commission meets - 7 pm, ? \*  
6 Article deadline for the June **Circle** issue  
7 Red Clover Day at RTS, Parade at 9:00 am  
13 School Board meets - 6:30 pm, RTS Library  
Tentative last day of school  
14 Friends of Music meets - 4 pm, Chorus room  
14&28 Select Board meets – 6:30 pm, ? \*  
20 Senior lunch - noon, Seward's Restaurant

\* Call Town Office (773 - 2528) for meeting location during Town Hall construction

TOWN AND SCHOOL WEBSITES: [rutlandtown.com](http://rutlandtown.com) and [rutlandtownschool.org](http://rutlandtownschool.org)