

The Circle

Rutland Town's Link between School and Community



June 2014

TOWN NEWS

By Carol Bam

On behalf of the Select Board and town residents, Chairman Steve Hawley would like to recognize and thank Town Clerk and Treasurer Marie Hyjek for "almost 20 years of dedicated and diligent service to the Town. That she has handled the requirements of both offices with expertise is without question. In addition Marie manages to make the Town Office a customer friendly place, where residents can ask questions, pay taxes, register to vote and perform any number of other tasks while being made to feel welcome. Her steadfast loyalty to the Town is sincerely appreciated and we all wish her a relaxing retirement."

Marie retires at the end of July. See her letter on Page 5. The Select Board is looking for an interim Town Clerk and Treasurer to complete her term which expires in March, 2015. At that time voters will choose a replacement. Anyone interested in the interim position should send a resume and letter of intent to the Select Board which will hire someone to start training within a few weeks.

The Planning Commission is in the midst of its 5 year review and update of the Town Plan. The process includes incorporating a couple of sections recommended by the Regional Planning Commission, the body whose charge is to set guidelines for land use and development in Rutland County. The Solar Siting Standard which is still under review by the Select Board will go back to the Planning Commission with recommendations and be included in the updated Town Plan.

In a related issue, Hawley said that the Select

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FROM PRINCIPAL AARON BOYNTON

Dear Students of Rutland Town School,

I would like to congratulate you on a great year! There is so much that you have done this year and so much that you have learned. We recognize your accomplishments in reading, math, science, social studies, and writing, but also your artistic ability, physical and musical talents, social and emotional development, self-esteem, leadership, citizenship, friendship, and moral development.

So many wonderful things happened this year, too many to count. What experiences or events do you remember? Working on experiments in the new science lab? Creating a "Cell City," or segmenting worms? Were you a historical wax statue during ABC night? Did you use an iPad to create music or a story? Perhaps you researched poetry on your Chromebook or practiced typing on Typing Web. Did you go to Phantom of the Opera or perhaps the Jazz Fest in Burlington? Did you "up-cycle" something? Maybe you sat in the outdoor classroom on the nature trail and had an interactive science or art lesson. Or maybe you designed and created an Egg Crash car with Mr. Rowe. Did you hatch butterflies or baby chicks? Did you

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THE VIEW FROM HOUSE SEAT 101

By Thomas Terenzini, State Representative, Rutland Town

On the evening of May 10, the 2013-2014 Legislative session concluded. It seems like just yesterday that I was starting my campaign to be elected to the Vermont State Legislature. Believe it or not, that was already two years ago! I am proud to say that I have just completed my first term and feel proud of how I represented the Town of Rutland. I am excited to inform you that I have decided to seek re-election!

I feel that there is much more work to be done in Montpelier. I want to continue to represent our great town and community. Over this past term, I committed myself to vote for NO NEW TAXES! I watched far too many state representatives vote in favor of legislation that ultimately passed and will now cost you and me more in taxes. Over the past four years, the residential property tax rate has increased by 14 percent. The gasoline tax was increased by 5.9 cents. Vermonters also saw a diesel fuel tax increase of 3 cents in July of 2013. And if that wasn't enough, another 1 cent diesel fuel tax increase will take place this July. By the end of the 2014 Legislative session, Vermonters are

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The Importance of SUMMER READING

By Theresa Czachor, RTS Librarian

School summer breaks don't have to mean loss of instruction in reading for students which is otherwise referred to as the "summer slide." Summer can be the most enjoyable time for reading as students can choose books that interest them and by continuing to read, can actually enhance their reading skills over the summer!

A great way to be involved in summer reading is to join a summer reading club. **The Rutland Free Library offers a fun and motivational reading club** with stickers, ice cream and free books as prizes! (See Page 11 for more.) They also offer a story hour for ages two and older as well as the Tales to Tails program in which children can read aloud to a trained dog! Make the public library a regular stop during the summer!

Not sure what to read? For some good recommendations, visit Vermont NEA Summer Reading Lists online and view recommended reading for students in Grades K-12. The Dorothy Canfield Fisher nominees for 2014/15 have already been selected and are available at the RFL. Your 4 - 8th grade student can get a jump on the nominees for this award selected by students in Vermont!

Award winners are a sure bet when it comes to choosing a book that will keep your student reading! Start with the Newbery Award winners, the DCF, the Caldecott Award and Red Clover Award winners. All of these individual awards can be searched online! At the RFL, they are kept together in the Children's Room.

Read every day this summer and you and your new teacher will be happy that you did!



Art Classes Create Schoolwide Mural

From Beth McReynolds, Art Teacher

Students in Kindergarten - Grade 8 art classes worked together to create a mural to celebrate our visiting author, Jason Chin who came at the end of May. (Read more on page 6.) Students were inspired by his book "Coral Reef".

WHAT'S THE CIRCLE ?

The Circle is a publication of Rutland Town and Rutland Town School, informing the community about issues of local interest. **The Circle** is not a public forum. The school administration has the right to exercise editorial control over style and content in keeping with a proper educational environment.

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RUTLAND TOWN COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

The citizens of Rutland Town are proud of our high school graduates and we are committed to their future success. The Town has voted \$10,000 in scholarships to help our students achieve higher education. This year, we honor 17 Rutland Town graduates with scholarships ranging from \$400 to \$1,500.

Winners of the \$400 Scholarships:

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Kelsey Bullock
Brynn Cairns
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Christina Lovette
Randy McKirryher
Isaac Wright

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Courtney Kamyk
Olivia Pockette
Baylee Thompson

Winner of a \$1,000 Scholarship:

William Peterson

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Rachel Kiefaber
Kristen Switzer

Congratulations to all 2014 graduates.

Stubbins

UNDER THE GOLDEN DOME Report from Senator Kevin Mullin

The 2014 session is over and it will be remembered more for what wasn't accomplished than what was. Despite public outrage over rising property taxes and a failure to make any decisions on health care, neither issue was meaningfully addressed. In the end, a 4 cent increase in the statewide property tax was approved. The bad news is the threshold for spending was lowered thus resulting in the equivalent of an almost six cent increase. Next year is also expected to increase by 6-8 percent. Clearly we have an unsustainable education system that needs to be reformed.

The same is true in health care. On June 2, MVP Health Care and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Vermont, the two companies that offer health insurance plans on Vermont Health Connect, requested large health insurance rate increases for 2015. MVP Health Care submitted a request to increase premiums by an average of 15.4 percent, while Blue Cross Blue Shield of Vermont submitted a request to increase premiums by an average of 9.8 percent. Citing the costs of prescription drugs, federal taxes and increased reimbursement rates at the federal level, the cost of plans offered by these two companies could increase out-of-pocket costs for individuals to anywhere between \$20 and \$70 each month.

The Green Mountain Care Board, the regulatory entity responsible for reviewing and approving annual health insurance rate increases, has 90 days to review the rate increase requests and will hold public hearings at the State House on August 11 and 12. I strongly encourage people to attend and let their voices be heard.

Although the session is over, the Rutland senate delegation has been traveling the state for nine public hearings on how we can improve DCF and improve child safety. The death of three Vermont toddlers is devastating and major change needs to occur before it happens again. We will continue to work to formulate a plan to move forward.

I am proud to report that a number of bills I introduced last year have been signed into law. They include a comprehensive economic development bill to create jobs, a predatory lending bill to protect the pensions of our seniors, a bill that will allow our local visiting nurse association to use telemonitoring to improve care and reduce costs, a bill to protect our optometrists from monopolistic industry practices, a bill to regulate powdered alcohol and a bill making Vermont the first state in the nation to create a legacy insurance management system.

I am truly grateful for the opportunity to serve as your senator in Montpelier. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at kjmbjm@aol.com.

WRITING FOR UNDERSTANDING

From Tina Ronn, Reading Interventionist Third Grade Writing

As mentioned in a prior issue of *The Circle*, teachers at Rutland Town School have been implementing a new writing approach called "Writing for Understanding." Throughout this school year, teachers have been taking part in "Writing for Understanding" training sessions with Diana Leddy, a writing consultant from the Vermont Writing Collaborative.

Below you will find writing pieces composed by some of our third grade students. The topic of their research and writing is one of our new Next Generation Science Standards: "Make a claim about the merit of a solution to a problem caused when the environment changes and the types of plants and animals that live there may change." As you read these writing pieces, you will see that third graders did plenty of research to support their topic concerning ecotourism in Costa Rica.

WORKING ON VACATION ~ By Anthony Cavalieri

Have you ever been on a vacation to work? Ecotourists do just that. Ecotourism is when ecotourists go to different places to learn about animals and their environment. I think Costa Rica should have ecotourism because ecotourists can help the environment by supporting the animals and by bringing money into the economy.

Ecotourists can help the environment by taking care of animals. Ecotourists can build parks for the animals to stay in. They may also bring eggs to safe places away from poachers. These are some of the reasons why I think ecotourism is a good thing! Ecotourists also bring money into the economy. They, like all tourists, buy things and

spend money while they travel. Ecotourists can add more than \$1 billion to help the economy. These are some of the ways ecotourists bring money into the economy. Costa Rica needs the money to build parks.

I think there should be ecotourism in Costa Rica. Now, would you like to go on vacation as an ecotourist? I hope that after reading this you will go on an ecotourism vacation in Costa Rica to help the environment.

ECOTOURISM INTEREST ~ By Grace Fothergill

Did you know that ecotourists can deliver diseases? Ecotourism is when tourists go to a part of the world to see new plants and animals. I think Costa Rica should not have ecotourism because ecotourists can disturb many kinds of animals and litter or pollute the environment.

Ecotourists can disturb the animals when they put in more facilities that they need. Ecotourists build facilities such as tramways, bathrooms, hotels, shacks, stairs, ramps and offices. Tourists deliver diseases such as tuberculosis. Tourists may also be driving people away from their homes. Tourists have noisy boats that can drive people away. These are some of the ways ecotourism can harm the environment.

Ecotourists can litter or pollute the environment when they are putting in tramways. Not just animals are being driven away, so are people. Ecotourists are cutting down trees and hurting animals. This is why I feel that ecotourism does more harm than good.

(Rep. Terenzini ~ Continued from Page 1)

faced with over \$5,000,000 in new taxes! Vermonters will also see an increase in the cost of health care as the state continues to invest in a single payer system.

This past session, I was pleased to vote for the clean water act pertaining to waterways of Vermont. Also, the majority of Vermonters wanted to know what was in their food so I supported the GMO bill. I was also petitioned by many of Vermont's farmers to vote in favor of the raw milk bill which I supported. And we were also faced with reorganizing how school districts are structured. After consulting with the Rutland Town School Board, I voted in the negative for the new education bill 883.

In conclusion, there were numerous other bills that I supported that will help local businesses prosper in Vermont. It has been an honor to represent the citizens of Rutland Town. I look forward to your continued support in the months to come.

For God and Country-

State Representative Thomas P. Terenzini

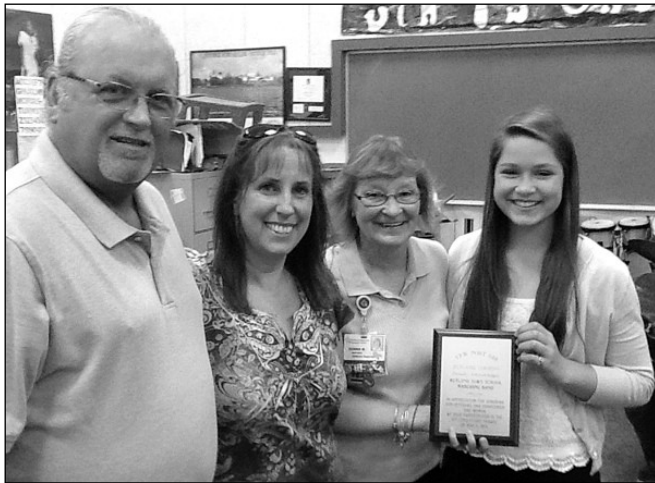


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RTS Marching Band Wins Honors

Organizers of the 2014 Loyalty Day Parade recently visited the RTS Band to present them with a plaque for their participation in the parade. The Band was awarded 2nd place among school marching bands! Congratulations to members of the Marching Band. Well done!

In the photo (L-R) are Sam Garruso, Parade chairperson Ronna Mcphee, Donna Manfredi, and RTS Drum Major Meghan Hamilton.

SENIOR CORNER By Theresa Kulig

I was surprised to hear from Mrs. Ann Glagola that the Tuesday senior group is no longer meeting for lunch. Cheney Hill has been a Meals on Wheels lunch site for 26 years. Back in 1988 there was a group of 32 who participated in not only lunch, but other activities such as Bingo, Show and Tell and history talk of the Town, from which the group was able to add 30 pages to the history booklet for the Bicentennial celebration which the senior group organized.

In our conversation, I found out that Hilda Fish has the Golden Cane, after the passing of Lillian Billings, who died at over 100 years of age. The Golden Cane has been presented to a distinguished senior citizen of the town for over 20 years. The concept of the cane was created by Vera Fish, Charlotte Champine and Sherwin Williams who provided the cane. Since I started writing about the senior group, there have been a few holders of this honorable symbol, and no doubt, there will be many more.

The seniors who have met for lunch each week have grown older and their numbers have decreased. This too is another lost treasure for Rutland Town. Mrs. Glagola said that the group is now physically unable to go pick up the meals, so in the past few years the program has delivered food to Cheney Hill. There used to be more than enough able bodies to go and pick up the food, while the others gathered before the mealtime to set the tables. The twelve or so people that did participate in the lunch were themselves in their 80's and 90's, and now it's much harder for them to get around and medical conditions have limited some of them so they can no longer join in.

The Rutland Town of years past has changed from the heavily farmed, four community areas, with the four primary schools, to the Rutland Town of today with only one school and now only a handful, if that, of working family farms. We have seen open farm lands taken for retail, restaurants and hotels, to help the townspeople with the tax base. There are still native "Townies", but not as many as there once were. This group have seen their children have families who have stayed and many who have left the area for whatever reason. They have watched neighborhoods and new housing developments fill with newcomers. Our seniors have seen the evolution of their town to the Rutland Town of today.

MARIE HYJEK, Town Clerk/ Treasurer Announces Retirement

There soon will be a change in the Town Office. You won't be seeing my familiar face behind the counter at the Town Office. Instead, there will be someone new giving you that same quality service. After 18 years of proudly serving the Town, I have decided to close that door in my life and retire.

Someone once said "Marie, you will know when you are ready". Well that time has arrived and I am ready to do just that. Unfortunately, there is no perfect time to leave these positions. There is always going to be something on that Town calendar needing attention.

Therefore, I must now say "good bye", but remember that it was you... Town residents... who made my job a little easier. Kind words go a long way in this position. I will leave that office on August 1 with so many happy memories. Thank you!

In my heart, I know that I couldn't have gotten through those tough times without you. When I was facing a bad day, one of you Rutland Town residents would "suddenly" appear and put a smile back on my face.

I must not forget a special note to my husband, Bob, who has been by my side the entire time I've worked for the Town. I look forward to enjoying that time we have left together. No more clock telling me it's time to go to bed. Instead, I plan to just start enjoying life, whether it is going to a local basketball game, tending to my flowerbeds, taking a pleasure cruise on the lake, or sitting outside in the evening with a cold glass of wine by the fireplace. A toast for you!

May the new Town Clerk and Treasurer be as fortunate as me, and I thank you for your support throughout the years.

~ Marie

Rutland Town PTO Sponsors Jason Chin Author Visit

PTO generously sponsored a visit from Jason Chin, acclaimed children's author and illustrator of narrative nonfiction, on May 30 at school. All students attended a presentation in which Jason explained how he became a children's book author and illustrator, how he begins the process of creating a book, and the extensive research he completes before he begins drawing and writing. Jason shared photos and told some humorous stories of his trips to the Galapagos Islands, the Belize Barrier Reef, and the Redwood Parks of coastal California. In his conversation with students, Jason emphasized the importance of doing the best work he could possibly do so that he could be proud of the finished product when the book goes to publication. Jaws dropped when Jason told the students that for his book Coral Reefs, he did thirty revisions!

There were some wonderful highlights during the presentations. Jason chose a student to model and created a drawing in front of everyone as students

suggested ideas to include in the picture. The students who acted as models were very excited as they were able to take the drawing home with them.

Students in first grade and fourth grade came to the presentations looking like astronauts or redwood trees representing Jason's books Gravity and Redwoods. Their "outfits" brought a big smile to Jason Chin's face! During the kindergarten through second grade presentation, a kindergartner named Taylor Swett stood up and sang a song about what an author and an illustrator does in a picture book. She received a big round of applause!

It was an enjoyable look at the life and work of Jason Chin and students were enriched by the knowledge he shared with them about his day to day life as an author and illustrator of nonfiction books for children. He is currently working on a book about the Grand Canyon and will travel there this summer. We hope to invite Jason back when his new book is published!

RTS is grateful to the PTO for providing this wonderful literary experience for our students! Thank you PTO! (See the mural students created on Page 2.)

60 PLUS ALLERGIES ... OR NOT?

By Sandy Conrad,
Executive Director, SVCOA

With hay fever season in full swing, we want to share some allergy information specific to seniors. It's important to remember that many health issues and treatments affect older people differently than younger folks.

Nasal symptoms like runny nose, sneezing, and stuffiness are also known as rhinitis. Many of us deal with it by purchasing an over the counter medicine, and don't bother talking it over with a doctor. But as we get older, this casual approach may cause problems.

Researcher R.G. Slavin, of the St. Louis University School of Medicine, warns that decongestants and antihistamines taken by mouth are more likely to cause drug interactions and other negative effects in the elderly. Furthermore, it is important to get correct diagnosis and treatment so that the initial problem does not worsen existing asthma or cause new onset of asthma.

D'Arcy Little, MD points out that not all rhinitis is caused by allergies. The inside of the nose changes with age, as cartilage weakens and the nasal passages narrow. The nasal glands also change, producing thicker mucus. Dryness and crusting tends to increase, and can be worsened by some medications including diuretics and beta-blockers.

Dr. Little emphasizes the importance of ruling out age-related factors when diagnosing rhinitis. If the cause is not allergies, then the problem will likely be treated by increasing moisture in the nose. Saline spray, a humidifier, and an over the counter expectorant can work

together to provide a safe solution.

If examination shows the cause of nasal problems to be allergies, then an advanced allergy medication with less risk of side effects may be necessary. Newer nasal sprays and inhalers are often the best treatment for seniors.

Nasal symptoms are often overlooked in the doctor's office because other pressing health issues take center stage. But a congested nose and irritated throat can be dangerous in a senior who has a cardiovascular problem. It is important to get diagnosed and treated promptly so as to reduce the risk of complications.

Enjoy your summer, be well and see you in the fall...

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Road Notes

from Byron Hathaway,
Road Commissioner

Thank you to the volunteers who picked up trash along our roads this year on Green Up Day. Over 75 bags of trash were collected and about one ton of trash was picked up by the highway crew.

The Post Road sidewalk study has been completed and an alignment selected by the Steering Committee with public input. The next step is to apply for a bike/pedestrian grant for engineering and construction. Should we not get a bike/ped grant, which is 90% Vtrans money and 10% local money, then we would still have time to prepare a grant application for a Transportation Alternatives grant this fall. Alternatives grants are 80% Vtrans money and 20% local money. The whole engineering and construction process could, with either grant, take up to 30 months to complete the entire project.

Summer paving has started and should be completed by August. Cold River Road from the Stratton Road intersection south to Clarendon will be reconstructed this year. Expect traffic delays during construction and paving. Watch for announcements on Front Porch Forum. A Vtrans class 2 paving grant will help with the cost of this project.

Remember, a new law in effect makes it a finable offense for using a cell phone in work zones. Our Town police are checking into how this law may affect small local projects. In the meantime put down that cell phone and stay focused on your driving.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer.

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speak in front of the whole school at our Memorial Day Ceremony? There was so much that took place this year. Whatever the experience, we hope you have built some great memories.

I love Rutland Town School! I am proud to be a part of it and to spend every day with you and your teachers, seeing the progress you make. I know we'll be able to continue to provide you with a high level of experiences, the best researched based programs, expert teachers, a safe building, and the tools and skills to be productive 21st century citizens.

I am proud of you. See you in the fall, ready for a wonderful new year!

Mr. Boynton, Principal



GIRLS ON THE RUN VERMONT AT RTS

From GOTR Coaches: Cara Solimano,
Jessica Lighthart, Amy Allen & Meg Horrocks

This Spring, 30 girls in Grades 3-5 participated in the national program, *Girls on the Run*. It is a "non-profit program that encourages girls...to develop self-respect, confidence and a healthy lifestyle, through a fun, interactive curriculum and fitness training activities." Volunteer coaches led the 12 week program after school two days a week, which culminated with the team participating in the *Girls on the Run* Vermont 5K event held at the Vermont State Fairgrounds on May 31. The team not only joined their supportive friends and family who ran, volunteered, and cheered them on, but they also joined an additional 800+ girls from the Central Vermont region who participated in the program. Statewide, more than 3,000 girls participated in *Girls on the Run Vermont* this year, with 5K events also taking place in Brattleboro and Essex Junction to accommodate all participants.

The GOTR curriculum includes a community service project. This year RTS collected donations for the Rutland County Women's Network and Shelter. The girls received a wish list from the shelter, and worked with their families to collect the items shown in the picture above. As a team we discussed the importance of the shelter, what it means to and provides for its residents, and the impact that any donation would generate.

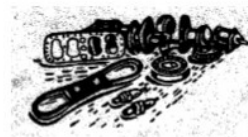
Our fourth year of the *Girls on the Run* at RTS saw the largest number of girls participating to date. Many thanks to the school staff for their support; PTO for scholarship monies; Lorraine Meals, Marcia Barron, and Melissa Theis for being available as substitutes, and of course the parents, guardians and family members who supported the girls.

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News from The Gables

By Randi Cohn, Associate Director

The Gables at East Mountain hosted two special events this spring for the general public.

Downsizing Seminar

In late April, Lauren Hughes, a Seniors Residential Specialist and Principal Broker, hosted a free educational seminar "How Downsizing Your Home Can Rightsize Your Life." The presentation, designed for those 55 and over, covered such topics as deciding on the right time to sell, determining the value of your home, preparing your home for sale, downsizing and decluttering, and housing options available to simplify your life. More than 50 people attended the informative seminar.

"I am often approached by seniors looking for guidance in downsizing their home," said Hughes. "The process can certainly be emotionally and physically overwhelming, and ripe with questions and uncertainty. I want to share how 'rightsizing' your home and life can be done quite easily with the right planning and support."

Feel free to contact Randi Cohn, Associate Director of The Gables, at 770-5275 if you would like information and hand-outs from the seminar.



Reuse Your Rain Water ... Make A Rain Barrel

Here is a great chance to make a rain barrel and learn about local storm-water issues. This workshop is part of Rutland Town's

Water Wise campaign to encourage town residents to get personally involved in reducing storm water pollution in the Moon Brook watershed.

The event is sponsored by Rutland Town and is for residents only. The fee is for rain barrel materials. Space is limited and pre-registration is required. Attendees will get to take home the rain barrels they make!

When: Thursday July 17; 6 - 7:30 pm

Where: Garden Time, Rte 7 North

Cost: \$30

To register please RSVP by sending an email to: Barbara@rutlandrpc.org.

Guest singers perform Broadway songs at The Gables



The History of Broadway Through Performance

Speaking and performing to a packed room, Rip Jackson, Minister of Music at Grace Congregational Church, presented "The History of Broadway Through Performance" at The Gables in May.

Rip, along with guest singers, Taylor Ampatiellos, Olivia Renaud, Tegan Waite and Jamie Willis provided a history of Musical Broadway through the decades. He began with the first true musical *Showboat*, and then moved into the Golden Age (40's and 50's) of the musical theatre including Rodgers and Hammerstein, and Bernstein's *Westside Story*. Rip then delved into an overview of the middle era of the Broadway musical (60's, 70's and 80's) including the great contributions of Andrew Lloyd Webber and Stephen Schwartz.

Finally, there were songs from musicals (90's though present) including *Wicked*, *Rent* and the magnificent Jason Robert Brown. Both Gables' residents and members of the Rutland community alike were treated to this special, high energy, entertaining event.

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Board is reconsidering the Zoning document that previous Boards have partially drafted. "The purpose of the document is to direct responsible development in general rather than to specify or restrict land uses. The document seeks to identify areas that are not suitable for certain types of development, such as not allowing a manufacturer or large solar complex in a neighborhood. "One of the benefits of adopting a zoning plan is that development permitting can be streamlined with more oversight at the local level, with less Act 250 intervention.

"The document is about 75 percent done, and we will send it to the Planning Commission with the objective of putting it on the November ballot." If voters approve the Zoning proposal, the Select Board will include funding for review and administrative functions in the 2015-2016 budget.

As required by the State, the Town must include a public education component among its efforts to mitigate the harm to Moon Brook from excessive pavement runoff. "Water Wise" pamphlets that inform residents about how to prevent pollutants from reaching waterways are available at the Town Office.

A workshop on constructing rain barrels will be held for town residents for a fee. (See article this page.) The event is July 17 at Garden Time and is sponsored by the Town of Rutland.

PTO NEWS

From outgoing President Samantha Racine and Vice President Sandra Billings:

We sincerely thank everyone for all the hard work they have done this past year. We greatly appreciate all the volunteers, committee members and board members. We love our school and the community of parents and teachers involved in making RTS the stand out school that it is. We are stepping down as President and Vice President but will still be around as active members of the PTO. We wish PTO much success going forward and have many great memories.

From current officers Ingrid Gallo and Theresa Czachor:

We would like to thank Samantha Racine and Sandra Billings for their tireless work as officers this past year. We are glad that they will continue to participate in PTO.

This year went by way too fast. PTO was busy with school dances, book fairs, the directory, and other events. We purchased the last camera needed for the buses, purchased materials and supplies for classroom teachers and library programs, and assisted with the author visit of Jason Chin. We will be purchasing the boutonnieres for our graduates of 2014, as well as funding summer reading programs.

At our last meeting in June, we were able to congratulate **Jen McNeil and Paula Townsend as Co-Presidents, with Theresa Czachor staying on as Secretary and Ingrid Gallo staying on as Treasurer.** We will have lots of exciting events planned for next year. Keep your eyes open for the sign-up sheets for PTO events in the coming year. Watch for the Book Fairs, School Directory and other fundraisers for PTO. We would love to hear your ideas for PTO events for the student body. Please email your ideas to rts.pto@aol.com.

PTO is still currently looking for a Vice President. If you are interested in the position please contact a Board member or email rts.pto@aol.com.

The duties are as follows:

"The Vice President receives all donation requests; checks with School Administration to make certain the requests are not covered in the budget and are consistent with the PTO's mission statement. She/he presents the donation requests at the monthly meetings where the PTO members discuss, review and vote on requests. In addition, she/he coordinates the Nominating Committee and fills in when the President is not available to run the meeting. We estimate that it takes about 1-2 hours per month, with more time needed around the nominating committee role."



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From the Rutland Town Fire Department By BJ Hathaway



Hello all! Many things have been happening at the Rutland Town Fire Department over the last couple of months. With longer days and nicer weather members have begun doing more outside training including flushing out our numerous dry hydrants, and practicing with various pieces of equipment.

With regard to the new station in Center Rutland, most work has been to done to wrap up the project. The majority of the outside work has been completed, including the paving and line striping of the parking lot, placing of bollards in front of the underground propane tanks and final seeding and mulching of the lawn area around the station and parking lot. There is also a flower planter planned for the front of the meeting room that will use some of the remaining split face marble left over from the old station. Crews have begun work to repair damaged sheetrock and electrical components as a result of the sprinkler failure in late March. This work should be finished soon. The Fire Department intends to have an open house once the project is finally complete. Please watch for an announcement of an open house date later this summer!

The Fire Department has new members joining its ranks and we are glad to have them! Some have come to us with lots of experience, and others with little experience but lots of enthusiasm! We look forward to working with them and to help them continue to learn and grow their firefighting skills. As always, if you, or someone you know, would like to join the Fire Department please stop by on a Wednesday evening and pick up an application. We would be glad to speak with you!

Finally, we would like to acknowledge the passing of Clifford "Kip" Young. Kip was a 33 year member of the department who passed away earlier this month at the age of 92. He always brought a smile and willing attitude, and was never afraid to pitch in and help no matter the task. He will be forever missed.

**TO REPORT A FIRE CALL 911
FOR NON-EMERGENCIES 775 - 0056**

RTS CHORUS Travels to see "Phantom of the Opera"

The Rutland Town Middle School Chorus and their director, Suzanne Tall, pose with some of the cast members they met backstage on their May 29 trip to see "Phantom of the Opera" performed by the UK National Touring Company and produced by Cameron MacIntosh at Proctors Theatre in Schenectady, NY.



Iris Ferraro Friendship Garden

By Marcia Barron

The Iris Ferraro Friendship Garden in front of Rutland Town School is looking good!! The garden group has met many goals set forth earlier in the year. Kindergarten and first grade students presented their seedlings which are now planted and growing bigger each day. A group of middle school students piled rocks and the new weed block of cardboard, newspaper and landscape cloth has been laid and covered with the rocks. A brick border hopefully will help keep grass or weeds out and the rocks in the walkways. Annuals polka dot the mulched areas.

Many thanks are in order for the generous contribution from the Four Winds grant and funds from the PTO. We gratefully recognize the hard work of Kirsten Marsh, Patti Westburg, Bev Browe and Al Roberge. We are looking for summer watering help from students in the Summer Tapestry program and interested community members. (Contact me at barron55@comcast.net).

The garden is a continual 'work of the heart' of which our community can be proud. Be sure to stop by Rutland Town School at the flagpole and enjoy the beauty.

NEWS FROM THE REC

By Director Mike Rowe

Many thanks to those helping to run the town baseball programs this spring. For our Majors team, our thanks go to Butch Goulette and Mike Kenosh; Minors team, Dave Delbianco; Mighty Mites, Tom Jacques and T-ball, Pat Whalen. To the many others who contribute, thank you for your time.

Information for fall soccer is posted on the town website Registration will start the first week of August.

The Pool will open (weather permitting) on full weekends and every day starting June 18. Please visit the pool after it opens for swim lesson sign ups.

Summer Camp Opportunities

AMERICAN LUNG ASSOCIATION CHAMP CAMP

is a 6-day residential camp program for children, ages 8 to 11, with moderate to severe asthma. The camp is held August 17- 22 at Camp Chingachgook on Lake George, New York. The Lung Association provides full scholarships to all campers. For more information go to www.lungne.org/associations/charters/northeast/programs.

GREEN MOUNTAIN CONSERVATION CAMP

is currently seeking applications for interested campers for the 2014 season. The camp is for girls or boys ages 12-14. Campers will have the opportunity to experience camping, hiking, canoeing, fishing, orienteering and hunter education. A limited number of scholarships are available. For more information or to apply visit: http://www.vtfishwildlife.com/edu_camps.cfm.

RUTLAND TOWN SCHOOL JAZZ CAMP, JUNE 23 - 27

The 9th annual Rutland Town School Friends of Music Summer Jazz Camp, for students entering grades 5-9, will be held June 23-27, 2014. For more information please contact Glendon Ingalls at 775-0566 x 2042 or at glendon.ingalls@rcsu.org.



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Tech savvy readers can read from the downloadable and emedia sources available from the library and through the library website.

FREE SPECIAL SUMMER EVENTS FOR YOUTH

Paws Party on the Lawn!

June 25, Wednesday at 4:00 PM

We're celebrating our wonderful Tales to Tails dog teams. Come add your paw or handprint to our chalk table bench. Stay for a piece of cake or pupcake, too.

Printmaking

July 8, Tuesday at 3:00 PM

Printmaking using pen, styrofoam tray, and paint. All ages.

Exploding T-Shirts

July 17, Thursday at 3:00 PM

Bring a washed and dried white t-shirt which you'll transform into a colorfully designed top. All ages. Young children will need an adult helper.

Tinkering with Electricity - Circuits

July 25, Friday at 2:00 PM

Join staff from the American Precision Museum and learn how electricity works by making your own circuit board. For ages 8+. 90 minutes. Registration required.

Playing with Polymers – Make a Bouncing Ball

August 6, Wednesday at 2:00 PM

You can use chemistry to make your own ball. All ages. Young children will need an adult helper.

Very Cool Chemistry

August 12, Tuesday at 2:00 PM

Hands-on chemistry for kids. Activities may include experimenting with pH indicator, using chromatography to discover the components in ink; making slime; exploding a plastic bag with chemistry; and making a lava lamp in a jar. Suggested for ages 7+.

Tales to Tails Summer

Wednesdays, July 23 at 4:00 PM, & Aug. 27 @ 4:00 PM

Two opportunities this summer when you may meet, greet, and read to our fabulous reading partner dogs. Collectable bookmarks of the dogs, too. All ages.

Rutland Town Community Calendar

JUNE

- 23 Summer Tapestry Program begins
School Board meets – 6:30 pm, RTS Library
- 23 - 27 FOM Jazz Camp

JULY

- 4 **Town Hall Closed**
Fireworks at dusk, Northwood Park
Rain date - Sunday, 7/6
- 7 & 22 Select Board meets – 6:30 pm, Town Hall
- 14 & 28 School Board meets – 6:30 pm, RTS Library
- 17 Rutland Town Rain Barrel Workshop
at Garden Time, 6:00-7:30 (see page 8)

AUGUST

- 5 & 19 Select Board meets - 6:30 pm, Town Hall
- 11 & 25 School Board meets - 6:30 pm, RTS Library
- 25 Mandatory sports meeting - 5:15 pm
RTS Cafeteria
- 26 **Vermont Primary** statewide elections
Town Hall and RTS School 7 am - 7 pm

SEPTEMBER

- 1 **Town Hall Closed**
- 2,16,30 Select Board meets – 6:30 pm – Town Hall
- 8 & 22 School Board meets – 6:30 pm – RTS Library
- 10 **1st Municipal Tax payment due**

2014 NORTHWOOD POOL SCHEDULE

SEASON PASS FEES

Resident Single	\$ 35
Resident Family	\$ 60
Non-resident Single	\$ 65
Non-resident Family	\$120

Two sessions of swim lessons are included
with purchase of the family pass.

POOL HOURS

Mon. - Fri.	9 - 12	Swim Lessons every ½ hour
	6 - 7	Night Lessons
	12 - 1	Adult Swim
	1 - 7	Open Swim
Sat. & Sun.	11 - 7	Open Swim

DAILY FEES

Resident Adult/Child	\$2 / \$1.25
Non-resident Adult/Child	\$4 / \$3
Resident Senior (55+)	Free

SWIM LESSONS

- Session I** June 23 - July 11
- Session II** July 14 - Aug. 1

Northwood Pool Phone 775-7301

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