

# The Circle



Rutland Town's Link between School and Community

February 2015

## TOWN NEWS

By Carol Bam

This issue contains much information about municipal and school budgets, candidates and broader issues to inform residents prior to voting at Town Meeting, Tuesday March 3. Please attend the informational meeting Monday March 2 (7pm in the school cafeteria) where town and school officers will outline the proposed budgets and other ballot items and answer questions.

Highway Commissioner Byron Hathaway on page 6 makes the case for building a long deferred Town Garage; Selectman Don Chioffi explains in depth (page 9) how far your taxes go to fund town operations. Select Board member Mary Ashcroft outlines below some of the reasons for the 8.6% increase in the town budgets. She also explains (page 5) the five ballot items which propose uses for the unallocated town funds that recently came to light. Voters will decide on these proposals at the polls March 3.

### LOOKING AT THE INCREASE IN TOWN BUDGETS

Rutland Town voters will be asked to approve town budgets that total 8.6% higher than last year's. Although the proposed Recreation and Highway Budgets have changed little, the General, Police and Fire Budgets have risen significantly.

All budgets include a 3% pay increase and cost increases in health insurance and municipal retirement. The budgets have additional monies earmarked for a new step pay increase system to be developed by the Select Board. The Police Budget

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## FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD ON THE BUDGET

The proposed 2016 budget is: \$7,847,080, representing an increase of \$199,368 or 2.61%.

The School Board and Administrators continue to be extremely sensitive to the financial burden of taxpayers in our community and have made every effort to propose a budget which is affordable while meeting the needs of our students. Your Board had difficult obstacles to overcome this year with few choices. **The single highest item increase is in High School tuition.** Tuition alone is increasing \$246,000 or 3.22% increase. Unlike the majority of schools in Vermont, our enrollment continues to rise (up 13 students). No new initiatives have been included and staffing has been reduced by 3.81 full time positions or \$121,600.

Please keep in mind that the 2015 budget was bare bones (2.52% decrease, or \$197,588). The Board and Administrators continue to hope that no unforeseen expenses arise. All decreases must come from the Pre-K through 8<sup>th</sup> grade portion of the budget. We have no control over high school tuition. As stripped as the 2015 budget was, we have cut an additional \$46,632 from the PreK-8 portion this year.

Property Tax Projection: This year there are increases

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## MY VIEW FROM HOUSE SEAT 101

From Tom Terenzini, State Representative

The legislative session began January 7, 2015. I have returned to the Fish, Wildlife and Water Resources Committee. Our committee has already orchestrated the successful passage of the House Bill H-4, which prohibits micro-beads into the waters of the state. Micro-beads can be found in hand soaps and shampoos. These micro-beads accumulate in the waterways and fish, causing harm.

The major focus for my committee for the rest of the session will be House Bill H-35 which is a comprehensive bill addressing water quality in the state. This bill will affect all waters of Vermont, but more specifically zero in on cleaning up Lake Champlain.

Your Rutland County Delegation is working hard to try and save several state 911 dispatcher positions in Rutland Town. This comes about because over the past several years our state government has spent more money than they have taken in. Unfortunately, the State is currently \$112 million in the red.

Our county delegation is also deeply involved in bringing a "big box store" to Rutland Town. Rutland Town is

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## WE HAVE A WINNER!

The winning ticket for the Star Quilt, generously donated to the RTS library by Mary Ashcroft Billings, was pulled at the Pre-Town meeting and the lucky winner is: **Lynette Gallipo!** She was shocked but very excited and I was pleased to have the winner present when the ticket was drawn!

Raffle proceeds from the quilt will go into the Library renovation fund. A very big thank you to parents and community members who purchased tickets. Your support for the library made it easy to carry out this endeavor!

Mary Ashcroft Billings was instrumental in helping to sell many tickets to Select Board and School Board members, and Rotary South members as well. Carol Bam purchased tickets for all the RSVP volunteers who help with **The Circle** and tickets for herself.

Bart Reczek essentially "donated" \$30 to the cause! My library volunteers generously contributed as well. Teachers and staff members put us just over the goal of our fundraising efforts.

We raised \$550 for improvements to the Middle School "space." It was a worthwhile undertaking!

Thank you!  
Theresa Czachor, Librarian

## 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.

**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).

**The Circle**, c/o Rutland Town School,  
1612 Post Road, Rutland, VT 05701.

## College Scholarship Opportunities for High School Seniors

### RUTLAND TOWN SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship applications will be considered if the \$10,000 funding request is approved by Rutland Town voters at Town Meeting, March 3, 2015.

**Qualifications:** The applicant must have resided in the Town of Rutland for at least two years prior to the date of graduation.

**Scholarship Criteria:** Awards will be made on the basis of scholastic, leadership, and financial need.

**Instructions:** The application is in two parts. Part 1 is to be completed by the applicant; Part 2 is to be completed by the school Guidance Dept.

**Applications are due in the Town Office by April 30.**

### RUTLAND TOWN TEACHERS ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Each year, four awards of \$250 or five awards of \$200 (to be determined by the Scholarship Committee) are presented to college bound seniors from the teachers of the Rutland Town Education Association. Applications are available at all local high schools through the Guidance Office as of March 1.

Applicants must have graduated from Rutland Town School. They must return a completed application (including an essay, course work completed, final grade point average, SAT/ACT scores, class rank, extracurricular activities and community service) to their high school Guidance Office by the deadline of **May 1, 2015**.



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## TECHNOLOGY AT RTS - An Update from Principal Boynton

Today's world is filled with technology that allows instant access to information and ease of communication. The 21st century student is one who is connected to information and to each other. Our goal at Rutland Town School is to seamlessly incorporate technology into the classroom to enhance learning, engage students at a higher level, and to enable learning not only beyond the walls of the school but beyond the normal school day.

At this time, Rutland Town students have 1:1 access to Chromebooks. These are web based laptops that utilize Google as a learning platform. Students utilize all of the features of Google including email, documents, learning applications, and anything the Internet has to offer. Our newest technology initiatives engage students even more in learning. Our physical education department has secured heart rate monitors for students to use that link directly to iPads. Here students can see, monitor, and chart their heart rate and physical activity. Our library has updated its Middle School space to bring a more cyber-friendly atmosphere to visitors, thanks to grant funds for making these changes.

Kelly Wilson, RTS Technology Integrationist, is facilitating a 3D printing club in which students research architectural structures in the Rutland region and recreate them using 3D printing. Kelly also works directly with teachers to increase all areas of integration into the classroom.

A newsworthy statewide initiative this year is the Smarter Balanced Assessment System or (SBAC). This assessment will be required of all schools this spring. What is new and unique about this assessment is that it is completely web based. We are fortunate to be well prepared for this assessment due to the technology we have gradually incorporated over the last four years.

Our proposed FY16 school budget is absent of any new and big technology initiatives. We have budgeted for some Chromebook replacements and teacher laptops. We can say we are in a good place and feel secure about our current technology status to the point of only budgeting for some replacements. I welcome you to come in and observe our technology integration in action! I would personally be happy to give you a 'tech-tour'!

### FOURTH GRADE SCIENCE FAIR

Open to the Public March 3!

By Kathryn Currier, Grade 4 Teacher

The Fourth Grade students have been hard at work preparing for the third annual Rutland Town School Science Fair! We hope that many community supporters will attend the event scheduled for **Tuesday, March 3 (Election Day) from 5-6:00 pm in the school gym**. Our young scientists have investigated many interesting topics this year from static electricity to owl pellets.

We are very pleased to announce our panel of judges that include some new faces, as well as veterans. They include our own Aaron Boynton, Sarah Tetzlaff, Lori Patterson, Wendy Lozyniak, Brian Crane, Mary Ashcroft, Joshua Terenzini, Dr. Debra Taylor, and even an eighth grade student, Rachael Lee! Judges will use a rubric to score students based on their display, as well as their oral presentation. First, second, and third place awards will be given to students in each fourth grade class.

The fourth grade teachers are extremely proud of all the scientific thinking and hard work students have put into their projects. We would like to extend a special thank you to parents for all their support they have provided at home. The Science Fair is a great opportunity to recognize and celebrate the important role science plays in our everyday lives.

We hope to see you at the Science Fair!

### Rutland Conservation District ANNUAL TREE SALE

Trees beautify our surroundings, help save energy and protect waterways. For these reasons and others, the Rutland Natural Resources Conservation District (a non-profit organization) is offering a spring planting program. The Rutland Conservation District has offered this program for over 15 years and has sold thousands of plants.

Some trees available are: balsam fir, fraser fir, blue spruce and white spruce, white cedar, red oak, sugar maple and birch, elderberry, lilac, and dogwood, apple, pear, peach, plum and sweet cherry trees. Strawberry, blueberry, raspberry, asparagus plants, and daylilies are also available.

**All stock is bare root and is offered at a reasonable cost.** It is necessary to plant bare-root trees immediately in order to keep the roots from drying out.

This sale generates funds to support the District's many programs. For further information, or an order form, contact Nanci McGuire at the Rutland District office 802-775-8034 ext. 117 or visit <http://www.vacd.org/rcd>.

**Orders will be taken until April 15, or until supplies last, so order early!**

### Have YOU checked out Front Porch Forum?

Many Vermont communities, including Rutland Town, have Front Porch Forums. Members share on many topics: lost dogs, car break ins, plumber recommendations, school budgets, local events, helping neighbors in need, and much more. Each town's forum is exclusive to that town. Neighborhood forums are private, limited to just the folks who live in each area, plus local public officials.

To join, visit [www.frontporchforum.com](http://www.frontporchforum.com) and sign up today.

## 60 PLUS:

### Keeping Safe During Snow Storms From Heather Baker, SVCOA

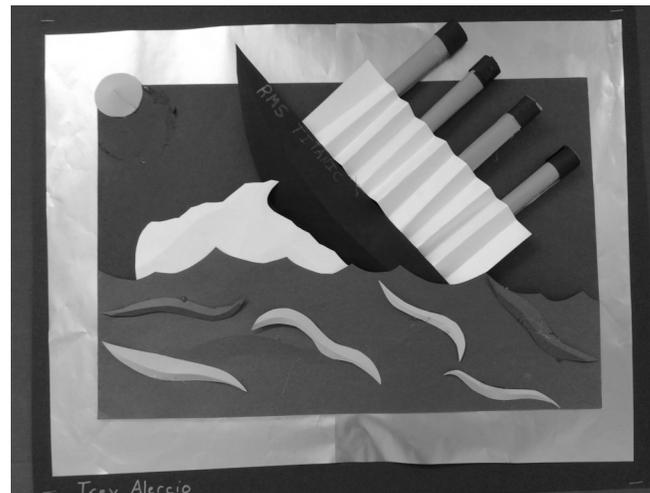
It is important to check on elderly neighbors and family members in winter. According to the Administration for Community Living, nearly half of elders 65 years or older typically have two or more chronic health conditions like heart disease, diabetes, or Alzheimer's, and a third of them live alone. Snowstorms and other emergencies increase elders' vulnerability and stress. Being without adequate food, water, shelter and proper rest can lead to illness or even death.

Caregivers and community members can help elders plan in advance how to remain safe in their homes during a substantial snow storm or other emergency. Here are some tips:

- ◆ Make sure if the elder has durable medical equipment like an oxygen machine that they have generator back up or have portable oxygen tanks available. It is also important that either the medical supply company or someone trained has taught them how to change the oxygen tube from the electric machine to the portable.
- ◆ Create a kit to include extra medications, non-perishable food (Meals on Wheels clients receive Blizzard Bags every November to help with this), water, batteries or chargers, pet supplies, portable radio, a list of emergency contacts, and blankets.
- ◆ Know where the closest emergency shelter is and have a plan on how to get there if necessary
- ◆ Keep the power company's phone number in your kit to call and report your power outage.
- ◆ Have at least one corded phone. If the power fails, this phone may work when a cordless phone won't.

The Older Americans Act requires local agencies like the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging to have an Emergency Preparedness Plan in the event of a natural disaster. CARE (Citizens Assistance Registration for Emergencies) forms are available at SVCOA. This is a one page questionnaire that identifies who may need help in an emergency or evacuation and registers them with Vermont 211.

Call our Senior HelpLine 1-800-642-5119 and our staff will mail you this form, or stop by our office at East Ridge Professional Building, 1085 US Route 4 East, Rutland.



**Paper relief sculpture  
By Trey Alercio, Grade 7**

### Students on the Learning Superhighway

By Linda Mullin, Kindergarten Teacher

As I was driving on I-89 through New Hampshire during a recent snowstorm, I was thinking about my work with children in the public school system. I began to equate the cars on the highway with my students who are traveling on their road of education.

I spoke to my students about this analogy. They began to decide which car they wanted to be and shared their thinking with a classmate. Then I asked which vehicle I would be and one child suggested a Monster Truck. When I asked why I would be a Monster Truck, he answered that I am big and strong. I liked the idea that the child considers the teacher to be strong in a protective sort of way. Another child suggested an ice cream truck. The idea that a teacher is someone who dispenses treats is a wonderful concept. Here is a child who finds learning to be a happy, pleasurable time.

My goal as a teacher is to ensure that my students reach their destination. I attempt to take them on the direct route. However, I must consider time for the scenic route as well, with rest stops and special service along the way. By the time the student graduates from high school, there should be a panorama of opportunities from which to choose. What vehicle am I? Perhaps a Conestoga Wagon that carries all the supplies and guides them with the destination in mind.

**Guidance Counselor Melissa Theis is on Twitter  
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updates from the Counseling Department.**

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## Voters Asked to Allocate Surplus Funds

From Select Board member Mary Ashcroft

Voters will be asked at town meeting to vote on five articles to reserve or use over \$3 million in surplus funds in the town's coffers.

The annual audit by A.M. Peisch released in December confirmed that the town's unrestricted cash stood at \$3,213,374 as of 6-30-14, the end of fiscal year 2013-14. This unrestricted cash is in addition to other funds previously earmarked for specific purposes such as equipment replacement, paving, and reappraisal, as well as the water/sewer improvement fund. The audit also confirms an additional \$206,064 left in the fire station construction bond. Portions of the audit with these figures will be included in the Town Report.

At a special Select Board meeting held January 29, the Board heard from auditor Norman Ladabouche, town attorney Kevin Brown, Town Clerk/Treasurer Donna Zeller and past Town Clerk/Treasurer Marie Hyjek. The \$3.2 in surplus funds have been accumulating for several years. Much of the surplus came from larger than anticipated receipts from the 1% sales tax. Other excess funds were the result of less spending than was budgeted for in the town's several departments, resulting in sometime significant carryovers.

Since towns are precluded under state law from carrying unallocated excess funds, the Select Board is turning to Town voters for their approval to use or earmark the money for future use.

- One article will ask the voters to allow the Town to put \$1.5 million into a reserve fund to be used as an opening cash account for the beginning of each future fiscal year. The Town's fiscal year begins on July 1, but no taxes are collected until the first tax payment on September 10. While the Town has authority to borrow money in anticipation of taxes, such borrowing incurs interest costs. By keeping cash to open in a reserve fund, this interest cost is avoided, saving taxpayers money. This reserve fund will be replenished as tax revenues come in.

- Another article will ask voters to allow the Town to deposit \$700,000 of the surplus funds into a capital construction account for a town highway garage. The Select Board will still need to solicit bids and ask for future voter approval when the cost of the garage is known. But by establishing this capital construction account with \$700,000 in it, the Select Board anticipates that the highway garage project can be built without borrowing money.
- A third article will ask voters to allow the Town to deposit up to \$1 million into a reserve fund to be used to pay the annual payment on the new fire station construction bond. That bond payment is \$90,000 plus interest each year. The bond cannot be paid off early, but by earmarking money to make many of the payments, town taxpayers will be relieved of this burden for many years.
- A fourth article will ask voters to allow the Town to deposit any future budget surpluses into a capital account to fund future construction, maintenance, repair or improvements to any of the town's buildings or infrastructure. While the town presently has equipment replacement funds, it does not have a capital improvements fund. Just this past year, the town had to replace the roof on the Town Office building, and budgeted for this expense in the general budget. In the future, projects such as this can be funded out of the capital account instead of raising taxes.
- A fifth article relates to the unused \$206,064 remaining in the new fire station construction fund. Voters will be asked to allow the Town to use \$50,000 of this money to pay for the removal of underground fuel storage tanks at the McKinley Avenue Fire Station. The tanks are old and need to be taken out before any leaks occur.

The Select Board is grateful to the many town officials, past and present, who have carefully handled our town's finances. This surplus is the result of their work. We are now asking the voters to allow us to earmark these surplus funds for the future purposes outlined above.

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adds funding for a new part time police officer, while the General budget would fund a new part time Assistant Town Administrator and make the Assistant Town Clerk/Treasurer a full position.

The General Fund has a one-time addition of \$15,000 to allow the Town to streamline and update the Town's finances with the NEMRC municipal accounting system. That fund also contains a significant increase (\$26,400) in general liability insurance, while seeing a decrease of \$25,000 in maintenance costs. The Police budget contains a \$12,000 catastrophe contingency fund that will roll over to subsequent years if not used.

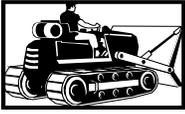
The Select Board feels that these budgets are realistic, and will provide better pay and benefits for our hard-working town employees and officials.

### From Town Clerk, Donna Zeller

For town mailings, we now use the state-mandated voter checklist to generate the mailing list for the Annual Town Report and for *The Circle*. If you or someone you know did not receive *The Circle* or Town Report in the mail, please call the Town Clerk's office to check your voter status or request to be added to the mailing list. Additional copies may be picked up at Town Hall.

**DOG LICENSES ARE DUE APRIL 1.** All dogs need a current rabies certificate signed by veterinarian.

**HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP OFF IS SAT. APRIL 11** at the Transfer Station.



**Road Notes**  
from Byron Hathaway,  
Road Commissioner

**Highway Budget and Town Garage Ballot Item**

This year's proposed highway budget is down slightly from last year. The paving will remain the same with some financial help from a VTrans paving grant. Over the next two years you will see more focus in the paving program directed toward some of our class two roads. Culvert work will continue as before. The box culvert work on Prospect Hill did not get done last year due to a permitting issue that has since been resolved and the permit has been issued. The VTrans structures grant I secured last year is still valid for completing the project this year. The project will be put out to bid in late February.

New equipment purchased this year include a small compactor for construction and hand paving work, a new pickup for every day general use, and a new 7 yard dump truck to replace the Ford 550 truck we are currently using for everything. The 7 yard truck will be used for hauling work, construction and winter maintenance. Having an extra truck equipped with a plow and wing will help to keep up the level of service during the winter when breakdowns occur with hired trucks. The 7 yard dump truck will be paid for from the depreciation fund.

A ballot item this year will ask voters to set aside some excess unrestricted funds for the purpose of building a Highway Department equipment maintenance and storage facility. The Highway Department does not currently have a centralized repair and storage facility. Small hand tools and the loader are stored in the salt shed year round. The town truck is kept outside in the winter and kept in the salt shed during the summer. The truck gets washed in the winter only if there is a warm day and it is taken to the car wash. The loader gets washed in the spring after winter is over. The lunch room/office/repair shop consists of a 10' X 10' room in the corner of the salt shed. There is no running water, hot or cold, for hand washing purposes. An outside porta-potty is used for bathroom facilities year round. Other equipment such as the chipper and trailers are kept in the transfer station. Supplies such as signs, sign posts, road fabric, and some not so frequently used equipment like wheel barrows, lawn roller, barricades, fencing, etc. are stored in the old covered bridge.

Consolidation of these supplies and equipment would make us more efficient as less time would be spent traveling to and from these locations to get the materials and equipment needed for daily tasks. The proposed garage will be located on a previously permitted site in Northwood Park and consists of a dedicated wash bay, service bay, storage bay, office, lunch room, bathroom and utility room. Additional storage will be available over the office, lunch room, bathroom and utility room. It is a good time to build this needed facility using some of the unrestricted excess funds and the timber sale money so that taxpayers will not have to pay interest on borrowed money.

**VOTER INFORMATION**

For March 3, 2015

From Donna G. Zeller, Town Clerk

**Last day to register to vote is Wed., February 25 until 5:00 pm at Town Hall.**

New voters are required by the "Help America Vote Act" to show a driver's license or provide the last four digits of their social security number.

**Voters must be 18 years old** on or before March 3, 2015

**Absentee Ballots are available NOW.** Voters may request an absentee ballot for several elections by filling out an official "REQUEST FOR EARLY ABSENTEE VOTER BALLOT (FOR ONE YEAR ONLY)" form available at the Town Office. Ballots may be picked up in person (by the voter only) or mailed to you. To be counted, completed ballots must be dropped off at the Town Office by the close of the office **Monday, March 2**, or they can be delivered to the poll site on Election Day by 7 pm closing.

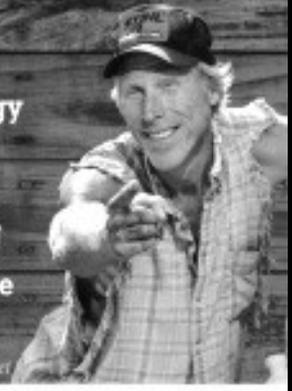
**Vote Tuesday, March 3, 7 am - 7 pm**

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## DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR RACE:

**Christopher Howland** is challenging **Jim Scholtz** for the 3 year term. Scholtz was appointed last April when Dick Lloyd retired.

### **Christopher Howland**

I am Christopher Howland seeking your support for the position of Delinquent Tax Collector Rutland Town for a three year term.

My wife (Cecile) and I have resided in Rutland Town for 26 years. This is where we chose to raise our three children. My volunteering for several organizations consists of The American Red Cross, Boy Scouts, and the Otter Ski Patrol formally Pico's volunteers.

I have served in the position of Justice of the Peace for several terms fulfilling the duties of that office which include sitting on the Board of Civil Authority and ballot clerk.

I am seeking the position of Delinquent Tax Collector to work on keeping the delinquent taxes as low as possible. My intent is to be fair, compassionate but stern. I can promise to maintain a uniform policy which will be consistent to those property owners I will be dealing with.

I hope I can count on your vote March 3rd while you consider the other articles on the ballot.

### **John Paul Faignant Unopposed For Second Constable**

Many people have asked what the difference is between a Constable and a Police Officer. Historically, Constables were people who grew up and lived in the community they served. The position was more about assisting residents then it was enforcement. Over the past few years we have seen the calls for service of our Police Department triple. Today's Constable duties include responding with the Fire Department, and providing traffic control services for the Department's operations. The Constable is also responsible for accompanying the Town Health Officer for inspections; helping residents locate lost pets; and assisting the Police Department in non-enforcement motor vehicle situations. With the combination of legal and law enforcement training, I am available to Police Chief Dumas and Fire Chief Cioffi on a wide spectrum of issues concerning their department's operations.

There are also statutory duties that are specifically assigned to Constables, such as serving process for the Town, and posting official notices. There is no cost to the Town for the Second Constable's vehicle. Thank you for your consideration and as always, I can be reached at (802) 770-2001 if you have any questions.

An interesting side note: The acronym COP comes from early England history, and stands for Constable On Patrol.

### **James W. Scholtz**

I am running for the office of Collector of Delinquent Taxes. I was appointed by the Select Board in April 2014 to complete Dick Lloyd's term. He retired after 38 years in this position.

I have enjoyed working with fellow residents of Rutland Town. I have been able to balance the need for civility, and the requirement to collect the revenue due the town, while treating all taxpayers equally and fairly.

During my 10 months in this position I have collected \$157,224 of the \$205,837 in delinquent taxes (and \$6,759 interest) owed to the town. Of 130 properties with delinquent taxes 28 remain and most of the taxpayers are making payments or have an agreement to pay.

I migrated delinquent taxes to the town's integrated Municipal Software Program (NEMRC) where other related functions (Grand List, Property Tax and Town Treasury) are administered.

What, in addition to my current time in this position, qualifies me to continue?

My 33 year career as an engineer has given me many of the skills needed to perform this job. These include attention to detail, ability to organize and familiarity with computers, software & databases, but, most importantly communicating with people.

An engineer communicating with people? Well, as an engineer, I traveled to many countries where I was responsible for automating mineral processing plants and teaching workers to operate them and maintain the automation systems. This developed my abilities to communicate with people of diverse cultures whose primary language was not English. I had to ensure that what I communicated was completely and correctly understood.

I have lived in the Rutland area for 20 years (14 in the Town) and have found it very gratifying giving back to the community this past year as your Collector of Delinquent Taxes. I will feel privileged if you will let me continue in this position. I would truly appreciate your vote on Town Meeting Day, March 3, 2015.

#### **(Representative Terenzini ~ Continued from Page1)**

currently embroiled with the state and the Agency of Natural Resources regarding the placement of this development. This new development would bring over 100 jobs to the Town. Both Senator Kevin Mullin and myself are doing all we can to bring jobs and development to Rutland County.

Once again, I thank you, the voters of Rutland Town, for returning me to Montpelier.

For God and Country -  
Thomas P. Terenzini  
State Representative for  
Rutland Town

## SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES:

Incumbent **Marni Roussel** is running against **Nicole McPhee** for the 2 year seat.

**Stacey Fiske** is running unopposed for the 3 year seat.

### **Marnie Roussel** **2 Year Term**

My name is Marnie Roussel. I have been on the Rutland Town School Board since 2012 and am running again for the elected two-year position.

My husband Michael and I live in Rutland Town with our two children, grades 7 and 9. In addition to running my own business as a sales and marketing consultant, I have been active as a volunteer within Rutland Town School as well as with various other community-based organizations in the region: RTS Four Winds Nature Studies Program, Pine Hill Partnership, Pico Ski Education Foundation and The Carving Studio and Sculpture Center.

My focus as a School Board member is clear; to improve the quality of education in Rutland Town while providing local children with a safe and nurturing learning environment. I believe that together, with the support of town members and administration, we can accomplish this goal while maintaining fiscal responsibility to our taxpayers.

Let's make Rutland Town School the best school it can be, for our children and our community. Thank you for your support.

### **Donna Zeller** **Unopposed Candidate** **for Town Clerk and Treasurer** **3 Year Term**

Sugarin' time is almost here and that means it's almost time for Town Meeting Day. I am running for election to a 3 year term for both the Town Clerk and Town Treasurer offices. The Select Board appointed me last July to finish Marie Hyjek's term which expires this March.

The past six months in office have been busy yet enjoyable, and so I would like to continue to serve the Town for another 3 years. I would appreciate the support of the Town voters at election time.

### **Stacey Fiske** **3 Year Term**

Greetings. My name is Stacey Fiske, and I am running for a seat on the Rutland Town School Board. With the exception of one year, I have lived in Rutland County all of my life. I graduated from Rutland High School. After attending two years at St. Michael's College in Winooski, I transferred to the College of St. Joseph in Rutland. I graduated with a degree in Elementary Education. I have been a resident of Rutland Town for over ten years.

I was a stay-at-home mom, until my youngest child entered first grade in 2003. I worked at Rutland Town School for several years as a para educator and tutor. I previously served as a member of the Rutland Town School Board. I also volunteered numerous hours to the Rutland Town Friends of Music.

I am currently a teaching assistant in Literacy at Mill River Union High School. I have dedicated my professional career to working with students, parents, and teachers. As a licensed educator, I am an advocate for all students. I have also volunteered as a member of Mill River's Sports Boosters and Friends of Music.

I have two sons, Brad and Patrick. Brad is a sophomore at UVM. He is pursuing a degree in Biological Sciences. Patrick is a senior at Mill River Union High School. He will be pursuing a degree in Electrical Engineering. Patrick has been accepted to UVM and Clarkson University but has yet to decide.

As my children will be pursuing further education, I will be able to dedicate my time to the children of Rutland Town. My sons had the great fortune of receiving a high quality education at Rutland Town School. I will work hard to see that tradition continue in future years. I would appreciate your support at the polls on March 3.

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to taxes in areas of which we have **no control**. Areas increasing the tax rate are: Base Tax Rate (2.04%); Common Level of Appraisal (3.28%). The only area the Board has control of is Educational Spending (2.43%) increase to the tax rate. The only areas decreasing the tax rate are: Equalized Pupils (1.02%) and Base Spending Amount (1.87%). After compiling all components, the end result is an Estimated Tax Rate increase of 4.993%.

We know that without you, the voters, residents, parents and community members who have supported the School district we could not accomplish the tasks necessary to meet our students' needs. Please contact any of your Board members or Superintendent Dr. Debra Taylor if you have questions and/or concerns.

**Lynette Gallipo, Chairman**  
**Rutland Town Board of Education**

**Paul Clifford**  
**Unopposed Select Board Candidate**  
**3 Year Term**

My name is Paul Clifford and I am a candidate for a three year term on the Rutland Town Select Board. I have lived at 44 Hitzel Terrace, with my wife Lisa and my son Jack, for the past 6 years. I have been involved in local politics since 1988 when I served as an Alderman in Rutland City for 7 years. I was a successful business owner from 1990 to 1993 and from 1997 to 2003, I worked as the Street Department Supervisor for the Rutland City Department of Works. Thereafter, I was then appointed Commissioner of the Department of Public Works where I served until 2009. I am currently employed as a sales representative with Vellano Corporation in the marketing of underground water, sewer and drainage materials in Vermont, New Hampshire and western Massachusetts. I call on and do business with town officials in all three states.

I believe that my prior service to the City of Rutland, my business ownership and experience gained during my current employment will help me to serve the people of Rutland Town to maintain the quality of life and economic standards that the town residents are accustomed to. I have many years of experience in working with all levels of local government and elected officials as well as addressing economic concerns and public welfare issues. I have extensive experience working as a team player with other board members and elected officials. I will be committed to the Select Board to ensure stable community living, affordable taxes, economic growth and addressing the concerns of the residents. I would appreciate your vote on March 3.

Stubbins

**A Real Time and Real Money**  
**Explanation of Your Taxes at Work**  
**By Don Chioffi, Select Board Clerk**

Our job as your elected officials is to try and provide for the true needs of a vibrant and economically strong Rutland Town community. Your board, over the past decades, has attempted to do this responsibly while dealing with a total tax load driven by escalating school costs due to act 60/68. More recently there has been some light at the end of that school tax tunnel, but the infrastructure needs of the Town side of the budget have been deferred over and over so as not to add to your tax obligations.

It should serve to shed some light on the actual dollar amounts that we all pay for our entire municipal operations of the town if we look at the breakdown on your tax bills from the last fiscal year. During 2014, 88 3/4% of your property tax dollars went to fund our educational system and 11 1/4% paid for all municipal services. That means, for example, that out of a tax bill of \$3,725 annually, \$420 of that amount went to fund every municipal service that we receive from the town, and \$3304 out of that tax bill paid for the education of all our children and the operation of all facilities to do so.

Everyone likes to tell you, when they want to sell you some benefit, how few "cents" per hundred on your tax bill it will cost, so I thought it would be beneficial to show how many cents it takes to provide all your municipal services. The following amounts, again, are calculated on that \$3725 tax bill and I will list them in descending order. That homeowner paid a total of (\$ .11) \$266.28 for Highway Services, including \$12.17 for depreciation, (\$ .0353) \$85.93 for Fire Services, including \$42.60 for depreciation (fire trucks are expensive!), (\$ .0136) \$33.06 for Police Services, and (\$ .013) \$31.65 for Recreation Services. The one thing that you should notice here is that there is NO amount for General Budget which includes the entire operation of the town office, personnel, supplies, insurance, liability, retirement, etc. The reason for that is that the revenue we receive from the 1% option tax approved by our citizens in 2008 amounted to over \$1,000,000 last year and paid for the entire General Budget with \$385,622 additional left to offset other amounts to be raised by taxes. For instance, that amount would also cover the entire Police Budget, as well, and still leave \$170,898 to cover additional needs, thus reducing the "amount to be raised by property taxes" even further.

So, as you can see, though our budgets are up a bit more this year, there is really no fluff or trivial wants included in them and when one takes a real look at how small our Municipal Budgets are in comparison to the total, and the dramatic effect that an infusion of over a million dollars of option tax revenue has on those budgets, your Board felt that reasonable increases that had been put off for some years now were certainly justified in a very busy municipality that has become much more complicated in 2015 than it was decades ago. It shouldn't be lost on any of our citizens or the general public either, that our Option Tax amounts indicate that there is over \$160 MILLION of just sales taxable economy yearly in our town. That is huge in the state of Vermont, and we are proud that we support that kind of economy for the region.

## No “Gathering Moss” at The Gables

By Joe Moore, Gables Resident

Never let it be said that the Gables at East Mountain is a retirement community for a bunch of “over the hill folks” who in their sedentary lives are gathering moss. With so many activities to participate in, it almost seems we can hardly fit anything else into our busy schedules. But we have!

The past three months have seen some amazing new activities that bring most of the community together for fun and fellowship.

In November and December a couple of the residents opened their apartments for a full blown “open house” which saw 40 to 50 people throughout the hours stream in and out for great food and drink, including a real favorite, hot mulled cider and all kinds of other libations. Two of the events were on the Sundays after Thanksgiving and Christmas and the third was a New Year’s Eve party. It is amazing how many people we can fit into our large, spacious apartments!

And the latest remarkable event was “Gables Has Talent” during which residents told stories, jokes, read poems and sang songs. One resident, Jeff Freeman, in the manner of Marcel Marceau, white face and all, entertained us with mime. Fourteen people shared their talents and gifts, much to the delight, laughter and even tears of the residents. Those who did not have a specific talent to share formed the “choir” during which sentimental favorites were sung in rousing voices—songs like “My Darling Clementine”, “Let Me Call You Sweetheart”, and “Daisy, Daisy.” A panel of three judges chose the top two “acts” and prizes were awarded. And everyone who participated received a small consolation prize. The evening was topped off with hot mulled cider, wine and cookies, homemade candy and cakes.

Anyone who thinks that we seniors are just sitting around “getting old” at the Gables, well, that just ain’t true!



Jeff Freeman prepares for his mime routine in *Gables Has Talent*

## FOUR WINDS BLOWING

By Kirsten Marsh



Brrrrrrr!!!! How appropriate that for the month of January we learned about ‘Staying Warm’ strategies and adaptations that animals in snowy climates use to survive. Without much sun, food supplies are hard to find, yet the colder temps require more energy to stay warm. We learned how animals store food for the winter, and how they grow extra downy feathers, thicker fur, put on extra fat, or even burrow in the snow to stay warm. The students got to do an experiment with all sorts of different materials to see which was the best insulator; they wrapped the materials around a film canister filled with hot water then placed the canister outside. After a period of time we took the temperature of the water and were amazed at some of the results (shredded paper was

one of the best!). Some classes did an experiment with cotton balls, insulating two canisters with dry cotton and wet cotton and compared the results. A great lesson about how being dry really is critical to staying warm in winter.

February finds us chasing our tails... ‘Squirrel Tales’ is full of interesting facts about the different squirrels who might be visiting your bird feeders or running across your lawn. The students get to explore the world of the squirrel by pretending to be a squirrel: hiding food (and trying to remember where it’s stashed) and traveling along squirrel highways to get from nest to water to food to shelter. Did you know we have flying

squirrels in Vermont? And that their glide ratio is 1:2? If they start from 30’ up in a tree they can glide a distance of 60’. These little guys are nocturnal and like to nest in holes in trees. If you’re hiking through the woods and pass a tree with a hole in it, give a good knock on the trunk and if there’s anyone home they just might poke their head out to see who’s calling.

If you find yourself at Rutland Town School make sure you take a minute to check out the fantastic Four Winds bulletin board in the lobby. Every month Melissa Sicard, one of our parent volunteers, creates a fabulous 3-D display showcasing that month’s topic of study. Thanks Melissa!!

Thank you as well to Phototec for donating empty film canisters to use in one of our activities this month. We are so appreciative of community support!

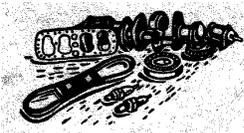
Prospective volunteers are always welcome at our monthly training sessions. To learn more about Four Winds, contact coordinator Kirsten Marsh at [kirsenklett@hotmail.com](mailto:kirsenklett@hotmail.com) or at 773-5381.

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## From the Rutland Town Fire Department By BJ Hathaway



Greetings from the folks at the Rutland Town Fire Department! As we make our way through this long and cold second half of winter, here are a few tips to ensure a safe, warm home during the remainder of winter:

- Keep walkways and all doorways and other means of escape clear of snow and other debris.
- Be sure to check for and keep clear the outside vents for appliances like dryers, hot water heaters, propane heaters, pellet stoves and any other direct vented combustion source that could get blocked with snow and ice.
- If you have a fire hydrant near your home and are capable of doing so, please clear around it as a way to help out the Fire Department.
- It is a good idea to inspect all chimneys servicing a wood stove throughout the wood burning season to ensure they stay free of creosote buildup. It is also strongly recommended that you burn only, dry seasoned hard wood in any wood burning device to minimize the amount of creosote generated.

In closing, the members of the Rutland Town Fire Department would like to acknowledge the passing of **Raymond (Ray) McCarthy**. Ray was the last active charter member of the department, serving 48 years, from its formation in Oct of 1967 until his passing in January. Ray was our "unofficial" department historian, keeping a scrap book of all the fires and events the department attended over the years. He had a keen memory of not only the history of the department, but of Rutland in general and was always at the ready for questions of how things were in the yesteryear! Ray's comradery, positive spirit and the tremendous love of his department and community will never be forgotten.

### First Graders' Dreams By Paula Townsend's First Grade

In January we learned about Martin Luther King, Jr. and his dream for the world. His dream was for all people to live together in peace and to love one another. Here are some first graders' dreams.

**My dream for the world is**  
**Stop bullying**  
**For everyone to live together**  
**To get rid of trash and keep earth healthy**  
**That everyone has someone to live with**  
**For everyone to live together no matter**  
**where they live**  
**To save animals**  
**What is your dream for the world?**

## NEWS FROM THE REC By Director Mike Rowe

This year's Rec budget will stay level funded as we try to keep our cost of operation the same. It is only possible due to the large number of people who volunteer their time to make our programs run, If you have any question please just give me a call. I want to thank you for supporting the Recreation Department over the years.

Basketball is in full swing, I would like to thank our coaches who have made this a positive season. Grade 1 and 2 players are coached by Pat Whalen and Jamie Theriault, grade 3 and 4 boys by Dave DelBianco and Lon Smith with help from Jeff McGinnis and Greg Fuller, grade 3 and 4 girls by Colin Greene and Rob Kerner, grade 5 and 6 girls by Paul Gallo and Becky Regula, and grade 5 and 6 boys by Colin Greene and Butch Goulette. Thanks for your time and energy this season.

Finally, spring is almost here and that means baseball. Sign up forms will be in the RTS weekly email, on the Town's webpage and in an email I will be sending out. Sign up anytime, the sooner the better, as we will be making the schedule during the first week of April and need to know how many teams we will have. **The deadline for grades 3-6 is March 20.** You can send in the form with your child to me or drop it off at Town Hall.

If you are interested in coaching or want to start a program please let me know and we will see what we can do. Thanks ! Enjoy rest of the winter. Think Spring!

### Girls on The Run ~ Register Now

Girls on the Run is a transformational physical activity - based, positive youth development program for girls in grades 3-8. We teach life skills through dynamic interactive lessons and running games. The program culminates with the girls being physically and emotionally prepared to complete a celebratory 5k running event. The goal of the program is to unleash confidence through accomplishment while establishing a lifetime appreciation of health and fitness. The programs will be divided by age: Girls on the Run is for grades 3-5; Girls on Track is for grades 6-8. The programs run for 10 weeks starting March 16 and will meet Mondays and Thursdays from 3-4:30 at school.

Registration began Feb. 11 and runs through March 4. Acceptance is first come first served and in the past places have filled early. Register online at <http://girlsontherunvermont.org/girls-registration/>. The cost of the program is \$80, but PTO will generously donate \$10 for each participant, lowering the cost to \$70 per girl.

Contact Jessica Lighthart at [lighthart@me.com](mailto:lighthart@me.com) for Girls on the Run, or Cara Solimano for Girls on Track at [csolimano@yahoo.com](mailto:csolimano@yahoo.com).

## WRITING FOR UNDERSTANDING

From Tina Ronn, Reading Interventionist  
Fourth Grade Writing

As mentioned in prior issues, teachers at RTS have been implementing a new writing approach called "Writing for Understanding." Below are writing pieces composed by two of Ms Currier's fourth grade students. They researched regions of the United States and formed their opinion concerning which region might be best to visit. Students addressed elements such as economy, history, landforms, climate and the people of the region. You can see that fourth graders gathered plenty of evidence to support their opinion.

### THE SOUTHEAST REGION

By Luke DelBianco

I think people should live in the Southeast for a variety of reasons. The states that are in the Southeast region are Kentucky, Mississippi, Tennessee, South Carolina, Georgia, West, Alabama, Arkansas, Virginia, Louisiana and Virginia. Some argue that some people should live in the Northeast for a variety of reasons. The Northeast has good climate for skiing and making the world's biggest snowman and a lot of history. People should visit the Southeast because of the good Landforms and Major Attractions. I love the Landforms in the Southeast!!

I think people should visit the Southeast because of the good Major Attractions for a variety of reasons. The Southeast has a lot of Major Attractions. One of the Major Attractions is Disney World. Disney World is a good place to go with your family! Another is Miami Beach has a lot of things to do. You can play sports and there are events that you can watch. The best thing in the Southeast is probably the Kentucky Derby. The Kentucky Derby is a famous Derby for horse races. These are the reasons why people should visit the Southeast region.

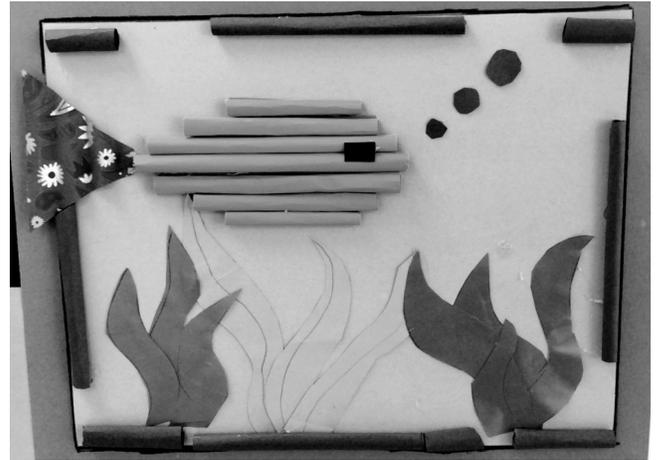
The Southeast has a lot of landforms. The First landform is the Great Smoky Mountains. The Great Smoky Mountains has a lot of open space. The Great Smoky Mountains has a lot of water falls that you can climb and hike. The Southeast has one of the most best oranges in the world. Florida oranges!! You can go pick oranges and eat them!! In the Southeast there are a lot of national parks.

These are the reasons why I think people should visit the Southeast region. The Kentucky Derby is a famous Derby for horse races. Famous horse race people go to race there. I have been to a horse race and my horse won! So I got 10 dollars! You should go to the Kentucky Derby so you can win some money too!!

### NORTHEAST

By Abby Kerner

Did you know that "Philadelphia was the first U.S capital" until the year 1800 (From Northeast book)! Well there's more where that came from! The Northeast is home to many states like Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, New York, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Washington D.C! "The statue of liberty is from France" (from Northeast book). Some might say that people should live in the Northwest because it has good economy and climate. My opinion is you should live in the Northeast



**Paper relief sculpture**  
By Megan Smith, Grade 7

because of the climate and economy.

The Northeast has amazing climate! It has all four seasons. Summer is very HOT in the Northeast its a great time for relaxing by the pool. Spring is humid and it is muddy but a fun time to use the sprinkler and play. It's also a good time for a neighborhood barbecue. Autumn is a good time for taking a camera and catching the beautiful leaves falling on the ground. It also has *chilly* winds. Winter you MUST bring a coat it's really cold. The most popular thing in the Northeast in winter is skiing. People like skiing at Pico and people like Mountain Top Inn for cross country skiing! Those are all the amazing four seasons in the Northeast.

The Northeast has AMAZING economy for these reasons. First they have many doctors that make a lot of medicine. Secondly there farming industry is a BIG part of the Northeast economy. Last but not least they have A LOT of cheese shipped to many different states that brings a lot of money. In conclusion those are all the ways that the Northeast has really good economy.

So in conclusion these are the reasons you should live in the Northeast. First they have good economy. Secondly they have GREAT climate and all four seasons. Is that not enough to prove that you should live in the Northeast well this is something you can't give up on. The Northeast is home to great lakes called Lake Erie and Lake Ontario. Still some people might say that you should live in the Northwest but we both know that you should live in the Northeast.

### Safe Sitter Babysitting Classes

are offered by Rutland Regional Medical Center for boys and girls 11-13 years old. The next 2-day sessions are March 14-15 and April 11-12 from 9-4 pm. Students learn leadership, decision-making and problem-solving, as well as how to deal with infants and small children. Preregistration required, \$60 fee (scholarships available). Please call 802-772-2400.

**Rutland Free Library**  
**Fun Times in March**  
 From Randal Smathers, Assistant Director

**Mini-golf Madness is back! March 28-29**  
 Our first try at hosting mini-golf in the Library was such a fun-raiser we are doing it again! We will have a catered reception with cash bar on Saturday, March 28, and a Family Fun Day on Sunday, March 29, with lots of activities and prizes in addition to mini-golf both days. Watch Facebook, Twitter and our website for details. Putter up!

**Science Pub - *What Lies Beneath* Sun., March 1**  
 4pm at Holiday Inn in Rutland Town. Professor Pat Manley of Middlebury College, a marine geologist and geophysicist, sees things in Lake Champlain the rest of us miss. Science Pubs are a great way to learn about science in a relaxed atmosphere.

**First Wednesday: *India Rising* Wed., March 4**  
 7pm in the Fox Room at the Library. India's Hindu Bharatiya Janata Party is promising to revitalize the economy. Critics warn that the BJP has often used authoritarianism and religious violence to get its way. UVM history professor Abby McGowan will help sort it out. First Wednesday brings world-class speakers to Rutland, October-May.

**Kids' Programs**  
 We host Babies & Toddlers Rock each Monday, Story Time on Thursday, and on Friday the Rutland County Parent-Child Center is in the Fox Room for 90 minutes of structured playgroup.

For information on these or any other programs, see the Calendar at <http://rutlandfree.org>

**Building improvements**  
 We have turned former office space into a new public meeting room. It seats 10 and has full video-conferencing facilities donated by Google. The space is open to the public with designated quiet hours and can be reserved by your business or organization.

We have also redone part of the main floor tile after a flood and are putting in new public seating space along with a more compact help desk. Drop in and see the changes!

**Also check out the monthly book sales**  
 run by Friends of Rutland Free Library, who do a great job! Find Books, DVDs, puzzles, comics, even software, sheet music and some old VHS tapes.

**Reminders from PTO**

**Supermarket Bingo - Thurs. April 2, 6:30**  
 Try your luck at bingo and take a chance on winning a basket full of food. More information on the PTO website. If you can help, email us at [rtsptovt@gmail.com](mailto:rtsptovt@gmail.com).

**Next PTO meeting - Thurs. March 5, 6 pm**  
 in the RTS Library. Hope you can join us!

**2<sup>ND</sup> QUARTER HONOR ROLL**  
**MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS GRADES 6-8**

**HIGH HONORS**

**Grade 6**  
 Joseph Anderson  
 Sarah Chase  
 Abigail Churchill  
 Matthew Goulette  
 Lucienne Horrocks  
 Maxfield Lovko  
 Samuel Macpherson  
 Maya Marcy  
 Emma Notte  
 Gianna Pezzetti  
 Hannah Solimano  
 Mary Sutton

**Grade 7**  
 Ashleah Adams  
 Leah Allen  
 Tommy Baker  
 Amy McGee  
 Sean Olsen  
 Dylan Roussel  
 Ethan Schmitt  
 Alex Stute

**Grade 8**  
 Skyler Bird  
 Paige Bohlig  
 Aubryanna Bush  
 Lily Duboff  
 Jensen Kelley  
 Lilly Krupp  
 Taylor Krupp  
 Rachael Lee  
 Emelia Lovko  
 Alexa McPhee  
 Madeline Thompson

**VTVLC HONORS**

These students earned honors for independent work in online classes offered through Vermont Virtual Learning Cooperative

**HIGH HONORS**  
 Emelia Lovko,  
 Alex Stute

**HONORS**  
 Taqdees Ahmad

**HONORS**

**Grade 6**  
 Alexander Aiken  
 Arianna Billings  
 Mariah Crossman  
 Lucia Gallo  
 Cameron Greene  
 Hunter Hathaway  
 Toby Jakubowski  
 Jaden Kelley  
 Brady Kenosh  
 Justine Peters  
 Shelby Siliski  
 Jenn Sunderland  
 Louise Wu

**Grade 7**  
 Taqdees Ahmad  
 Trey Alercio  
 Miles Allen  
 Jamie Ashcroft-Billings  
 Ethan Coarse  
 Julian Downey  
 Laura Macpherson  
 Luke Ragosta  
 Megan Smith  
 Katie Sunderland

**Grade 8**  
 Zachary Aiken  
 Shanna Alexander  
 Zachary Arsenault  
 Casey Coughlin  
 William Goulette  
 Connor Heaton  
 Lucas Hubbard  
 Tara Kellogg  
 Conner Ladabouche  
 Owen Massie  
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### RUTLAND TOWN COMMUNITY CALENDAR

#### FEBRUARY

- 22-3/10 Baseball sign ups through the Rec. Dept.  
23 School Board meets – 6:30 pm – RTS Library  
24 Select Board meets – 6:30 pm – Town Hall  
25 **Voter Registration Deadline – Town Hall**

#### MARCH

- 2 **Informational Town Meeting**  
7 pm, RTS cafeteria  
3 **Vote ANNUAL ELECTION**  
7am - 7 pm, Town Hall and RTS  
4th Grade Science Fair - 5-6 pm, Gym  
5 PTO meets - 6 pm, RTS  
5&19 Planning Commission meets  
7 pm, Town Hall  
9&23 School Board meets - 6:30 pm, RTS  
10&24 Select Board meets - 6:30 pm, Town Hall  
10 Four Winds Workshop - 8:45-11 am,  
Cheney Hill Community Center  
Friends of Music meets - 4 pm, Band Room  
11&12 Early release day - 11:55 am, Parent/Teacher  
Conferences



- 13 No School – In-Service  
18 Middle School chorus recital - 6:30 pm, RTS  
27 Jazz Bistro - 7-9:30 pm, RTS Gym  
(M Jazz, T Jazz & Alumni)

#### APRIL

- 1 **Dog License registration deadline**  
2 PTO Supermarket Bingo - 6:30 pm  
RTS Gym (doors open 5:45 pm)  
3 **Article deadline for April Circle issue**  
7 Four Winds Workshop - 8:45-11, Shrewsbury  
Friend of Music meets - 4 pm, Band Room  
7&21 Select Board meets - 6:30 pm, Town Hall  
9 PTO meets - 6 pm, RTS Library  
11 **Hazardous Waste Collection - 8-11:30 am**  
Transfer Station  
13&27 School Board meets - 6:30 pm, RTS Library  
13-17 Spring Break – No school

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