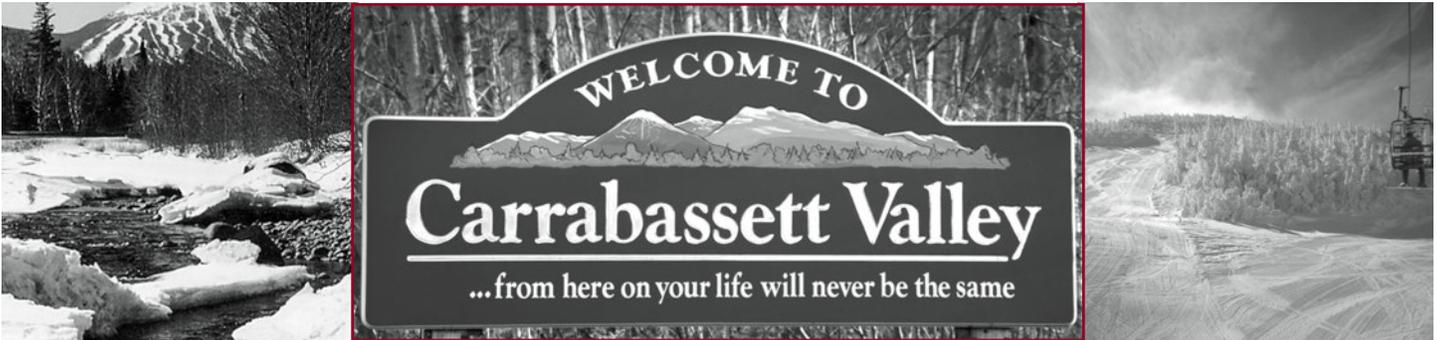


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'Adaptive Outdoor Education Center' set to open in Carrabassett Valley

Carrabassett Valley residents Bruce and Anne Marie Albiston, Co-Founders of the non-profit Albiston Foundation have had many years of experience in volunteering in Adaptive Outdoor Recreation. Their new 'Adaptive Outdoor Education Center', a lodge style facility, is nearly completed and is expected to be open in December of this year. This new facility is located just off the access road to the Sugarloaf Outdoor Center on land provided by a long-term lease from the Town. They plan to partner with many organizations to provide services to people that are visually impaired; have Aphasia, Parkinson's, Autism and developmental and other



disabilities. The Board of Selectmen have expressed strong support for this endeavor and we wish them the very best.

For more information contact Bruce at bruce.albiston@gmail.com or 207-576-6621.

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We've had another busy year with lots of projects and initiatives. The Town continues to grow and prosper thanks in large part to the relationships we have with our many community partners.

The obvious "big ticket" project this year was the completion of the new Town pool. Long time Sugarloafer Lani Tapley and his company, Aquatic Development by Tapley, did an outstanding job in constructing the new pool. Many thanks are also in order for the many volunteers who helped in the construction of the pool house building and to the donors who helped fund the project. We now have a wonderful pool facility for all to enjoy for years to come (see enclosed related article). Other projects we have been involved with this year are the continuation of the aggressive mountain bike trail development program, providing a lease on Town-owned property for a new cell phone tower, attempting to move forward with a project to install a fuel pump facility at the airport, providing a lease on Town-owned land for the Albiston Foundation to build and operate their 'Adaptive Outdoor Education Center', implementing the Town's Economic Development Program Grant to assist the 'Sugarbowl' in developing their new bowling and restaurant facility, replacing the roof and making energy efficiency improvements at the Anti-Gravity Center and a number of smaller projects.

We are about to conclude the fifth year of our mountain bike trail development program and, thanks to our continued partnerships with the Carrabassett Region Chapter of the New England Mountain Bike Association (CRNEMBA) and Maine Huts and Trails and to our dedicated trail crew our trail system has truly become among the best in New England (see enclosed Carrabassett Region Mountain Bike Club

related article). With Town voter approval our Board of Selectmen have signed a long-term lease with Bay Communications II, LLC to allow this company to construct a new cell phone tower on Town owned land at the Transfer Station. Construction has begun and should be completed in 2015 which ought to be a significant improvement for AT&T customers. The Town voted to place the annual lease fee for the leased tower site into the Town's Recreational Endowment Trust Fund. Town Voters also approved moving forward with a "fuel farm" project at the airport that, if installed, will provide fuel for aircraft. We are currently making our way through some environmental regulatory issues that may or may not allow that project to move ahead. If successful, we will apply for and receive Federal (F.A.A.) and State funding (95% of the project). Airport Improvement Grant Projects are always complicated but hopefully we will be successful with a project scheduled for 2016. Town voters approved and the Board of Selectmen signed a long term lease for the owners of the new 'Adaptive Outdoor Education Center' which is now built on the Outdoor Center Road. Best wishes to Bruce and Annemarie Albiston in this ambitious and generous endeavor (see enclosed related article).

The Town has completed its involvement in providing a State Community Development Block Grant 'Economic Development Program Grant' to assist the owners of the new 'Sugar Bowl Family Entertainment and Sports Pub' in purchasing their bowling equipment. I would like to thank the folks at the State Dept. of Economic and Community Development whom we worked with in assisting the Town in providing the grant funding. This was not an easy endeavor but in the end it appears this new facility is a wonderful addition to our

community. Best wishes to the Audet family as they settle into their new business.

In addition to new mountain bike trail development at the Outdoor Center we will again be engaged in timber harvesting this year on the 2100 acre Town public lot as part of the Town's Forest Management Plan. What's different this year is that there's going to be a winter harvest operation which will necessitate closure of the so-called 'Redington Loop' Nordic Ski Trail from approximately Mid December to early February dependent upon frozen ground conditions (see enclosed Outdoor Center Article).

We are under contract with an area roofing contractor to install a new roof to include additional insulation at the Anti-Gravity Center which should be completed no later than December 15th. The Town and CVA who are joint owners of this facility are mutually funding the debt amortization for this much needed project. The new roof will be installed over the existing roof which should eliminate the need to close the facility. Some lighting efficiency projects are also anticipated as part of this overall project.

In closing, we hope this annual newsletter provides you with information about your Town government and the many clubs and organizations in and around our community. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have regarding Town business. Let's hope for a great winter!

Notes from the Town Office

Wendy Russell, *Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Registrar of Voters, School Secretary* • Lori Hocking, *Town Treasurer*

TOWN OFFICE HOURS: Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm. We are closed on all State Holidays. Check the Town's website for updates on Office hours, and meeting schedules. www.carrabassetvalley.org

The Town Office has had another busy year providing Motor Vehicle, Hunting & Fishing Licenses, ATV, Snowmobile, Boat Registrations and Dog Licenses to our residents!

New this year, you can now re-register your vehicle on line (BMV only at this time) with Rapid Renewal for free if you use a check!

If you use your debit or credit card, there is an approximate 3% fee added. The website address is: <https://www1.maine.gov/online/bmv/rapid-renewal/>. New vehicle registrations or new residents will still need to come into the Town Office during regular business hours to register all vehicles. If you own a dog and are a resident of Town please bring your current rabies certificate and spayed or neutered certificate in to register your dog. Dog licenses expire annually January first each year and dog licenses are now available.

Real estate taxes were due September 30, 2015. If you are paying your taxes after

October 1st it's important for you to call for a correct amount due as interest charges have been added and need to be paid to clear the account balance. Also, if you are a Carrabasset Valley property taxpayer, please contact us with any mailing address change you may have as soon as possible. All tax accounts that remain unpaid by noon on December 31st will be listed in the 2015 Town Report.

The Town accepts Credit & Debit cards (MasterCard, Visa & Discover). There is a convenience fee charged to you by the credit card service we use. The fee is 2.45% of your total \$ transaction, or a \$3.00 minimum.

Tuesday, November 3, 2015 there is a State of Maine General Election & Referendum Election. Details of this election are available on the Secretary State's webpage. <http://www.state.me.us/os/ccec/elec/index.html>

Locally, our Town Meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 9, 2016. Election of Town Officers

will take place from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm. at the Town Office. All remaining Warrant Articles will be presented to the voters after reconvening at the Outdoor Center at 7:30 pm. Nomination papers will be available for Selectmen, School Committee and Sanitary District offices on December 17, 2015 and are due back by January 25, 2016 by 4:00 pm. Absentee ballots will be available February 8, 2016 for the election of officers only.

If you are interested in serving on a Town Committee or volunteering as an Election Clerk, please let us know, we need your help! Applications are available on the Town's website address below. There are several Committees that have vacancies at this time, please check it out at <http://www.carrabassetvalley.org/committees>

Don't forget to "Like" our Facebook for up to date information! Contact the Town Clerk at 207-235-2645, or at townofcv@roadrunner.com

News from the Tax Assessor / Code Enforcement Officer

Bill Gilmore

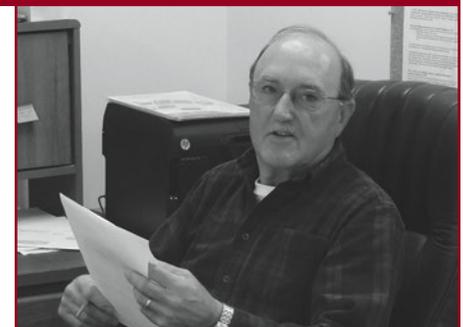
As we enter the Month of October, we are experiencing some of the best weather that we've seen in the Valley, all year. Let's hope that we all pay for it by having Snow Making Temps in early November, with an abundance of white stuff well before Christmas.

We've had a very nice active summer in terms of Construction, with 14 New Homes in varied forms of completion, throughout the community as well as 13 condo units on the mountain, and a new the 2600 sq ft Adaptive Outdoor Education Center. Additionally, there's been an abundance of upgrades to existing building/homes, which add to our annual

growth pattern. All, good things for the Community, going forward.

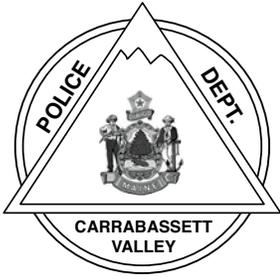
We now have the Sugar bowl Facility completed, after a long cold winter construction season, and to date, it seems to be doing well. Having said that, our longest standing commercial building in the Valley has left us this month with the removal of the Judson's building. This structure was originally constructed in 1957, By Ervin & Edna Judson and has served this community very well up until the past few years.

Real-Estate sales continue to be positive, so along with the construction activity, we hope to



continue with a reasonable Tax Rate for the years ahead.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have, regarding our Community.



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Information and Services Concerning...

Carrabassett Valley Police Department, Carrabassett Valley Communications Center, Sugarloaf Mountain Security

As we approach another ski season I would like to take time to thank my Department and staff for all the hard work and professionalism in serving the Town of Carrabassett and our guests. I would also like to welcome back the skiers for another Sugarloaf ski season. The town just isn't the same without you.

I would like to remind all our guests of some of the services provided by Carrabassett Valley Police Department. In addition to being a full time Police Agency we also perform a multitude of security functions. We handle a majority of the lost and found items at Sugarloaf. We also

have a fulltime alarm monitoring and dispatch center. We can provide you with low temperature, intrusion, water and fire alarms. We provide key service. We will hold condo and home keys so in the event you lose or forget a key you can get your spare from our dispatch center. We will jump start dead batteries as well as assist you if you have locked your keys in your car.

Officer Troy Reed graduated the police academy in May and Officer Jesse Clement is currently in the academy. Officer Clement will graduate in December. The Police Department

will now be using body cameras technology to help with the documentation of investigations.

In closing I would invite you to please stop by and say Hi to the staff and ask questions as to how we can better serve you.



News from the Carrabassett Valley School Department

George Joseph, Superintendent of Schools

Greetings from the School Department! The following is a summary of the Carrabassett Valley student enrollment as of October 1, 2015: Kingfield Elementary School 18, Stratton Elementary School 15, Mt. Abram High School 6, Carrabassett Valley Academy 8, and Kents Hill School 4, for a total of 51 students K-12. This is a decrease of 15 students from last year's fall enrollments of 66 students K-12.

I am pleased to report that we have had no staff changes this year. Karen Campbell is our bus driver, Brian Foster is our special education consultant, and Wendy Russell is the schools departments' administrative assistant. If for

any reason you need to speak with any of us, we all can be contacted by calling Wendy Russell at the Town Office at 235-2645.

Also worth noting is that there have been some major changes in the administrations of the local school systems that our students are attending. Michelle Tranten replaces Marco Aliberti as the new Principal at Mt. Abram High School and Susan Pratt replaces Erica Brouillet as the new Superintendent of Schools at SAD #58. North of the Valley, Barry London has been appointed as the new Principal at the Stratton elementary school replacing Vicky Collins. We want to wish all of them the best in their new positions. As the new leadership

within these schools takes place, we continue to have an excellent working relationship with both school systems. I am pleased to report that both transitions have gone smoothly for our students and Carrabassett Valley students are doing well in their schools of choice. I continue to be pleased with the quality and the level of services available to our students in both school systems.

The School Committee meetings are usually held the third Thursday of each month at the town office. Please check the Town web site for the monthly agenda and date. All are welcome to attend.

Notes from the Fire Department

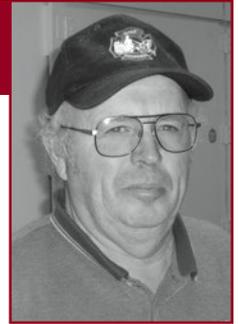
Courtney Knapp, Chief

Fire Prevention is a very important part of a community's strategic plan. During the 1980s several National Groups such as the National Fire Protection Association and the US Forest Service gathered to establish a program to deal with the devastating wildfires in the Western part of our country. The recommendations developed by these groups resulted in a program called Fire Wise. Fire Wise encourages communities to identify their fire risk as it pertains to structures built in the forests. Once the risk has been established, namely the Wildland Urban Interface Risk Assessment, the community can implement measures to minimize the fire risk. Several years ago we started a conversation with Kent Nelson of the Maine Forest Service to seek help to become a Fire Wise Community. The first step in the process was to have a town wide fire risk analysis completed. The Maine Forest Service provided two technicians to collect data. They spent several days in town and then provided a written report on their findings at no charge to the community. It is apparent to me that we

do have a substantial risk with all the high value real estate built in the woods. With all the devastation out west this summer and fall I am glad we have already started the mitigation. The Maine Forest Service offers communities a commercial size chipper and truck to help neighborhoods reduce the brush and dead wood that create a fire hazard. Kent Nelson from the Maine Forest Service met with the Fire Department and several village representatives to explain how the chipping program works. One area or village is picked for chipping annually. Homeowners have to place brush and wood debris in piles at the roadway and on a given day the chipper comes to town and chips the piles. The community must provide some volunteers to help. There is no cost for the chipper. A direct result of these activities is the defensible space created between the forest and structures. Carrabassett Village was the first to take advantage of the Chipping Program. Tom Andrie organized a village cleanup day this past August. Many camp owners showed up to gather brush from

their property in of the chipping day at a later date.

On the day of the chipping several folks came to help. This neighborhood clean up was very successful in reducing their fire risk. Many thanks to Tom Andrie for his persistence and leadership in getting his village motivated. If any group or village is interested in this program please contact the Fire Department.



NorthStar EMS – Regionally Strong, Locally Active

Submitted by Mike Senecal, NorthStar Director



I always like to start the newsletter by reminding everyone who and what NorthStar is about. **NorthStar** is a regional Emergency Medical Service and one of the largest ambulance services in Maine. NorthStar operates five strategically located bases, including Carrabassett Valley (located adjacent to the Town Office and Fire Department). With this great regional strength, we respond not only to local emergencies and medical calls but also provide support and backup to the entire 2,800 square-mile coverage area. This assures

that no matter where one ambulance is, there will always be another available for the next call.

NorthStar provides a one-paramedic ambulance 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. During the ski season NorthStar provides an additional ambulance from 9am to 5pm during weekends and vacation weeks. These two ambulances respond to over 500 requests for service during the year. We also increase our staffing during special events in our area to help maintain appropriate ambulance coverage. We also have several EMS providers who monitor the radio waves and respond from home as needed.

Two years ago NorthStar committed to using future ambulances to promote public awareness of key health issues to the citizens

in our coverage area. In 2014 the first health issue we focused on was domestic violence. In 2015 NorthStar with a generous donation from the Franklin Memorial Hospital Auxiliary we focused on breast health awareness and the Martha B Webber Breast Care Center. It is expected they will travel approximately 30,000 miles over the next year. The ambulances also make special appearances at community parades, festivals and parades. The response from the communities have been positive and are excited to unveil the next ambulance in 2016.

Thank you for making us a part of your community. We'd love to hear from you (other than through 911, of course!). If you have any questions please call my office at 779-2400 as always, NorthStar is proud to be your ambulance service.

Business Landscape Changes in “The Valley”

Two old venerable buildings have been razed in the Valley on Rt. 27. Many will remember the history and good times had in the “Chateau De Teague” (later called the “Yacht Club” and more recently operated as the Carrabassett Inn). This building has now been replaced by the new ‘Sugarbowl Family Entertainment Center and Sports Pub’ (pictured here). The Judson’s Motel and Restaurant has also been torn down and the land owner, Adam Platz, is looking to develop the property. Best wishes to both property owners.



News from the Greater Franklin Development Corporation The Economic Development Landscape in Franklin County

Submitted by: Arika Galkowski

As autumn begins to spread its beautiful colors across the mountains of Western Maine, we at the Greater Franklin Development Corporation reflect on what a wonderful year it has been for our area. Several businesses have invested millions of dollars into Franklin County this year and more employers continue to show interest in relocating their business operations to our area. 2015 has brought much progress in several new and ongoing projects, and it's no wonder! Considering the excellent quality of life Franklin County offers prospective employers and employees.

GFDC has dedicated much time and effort over the past several months to the revitalization of the EB5 regional center. The EB5 program was created by Congress in 1990 to benefit the U.S. economy by attracting investments from qualified foreign investors. Franklin County has been an EB5 regional center since 2010. After committing several months working with a strong team, we believe that the program will be operational in the near future, attracting investors from all over the world.

Polycor NE is a subsidiary of Polycor, Inc. based in Quebec, Canada operates over twenty-five quarries and five fabrication plants in North America. They have begun development of the North Jay Quarry and will break ground this fall for a curb manufacturing facility. The quarry acquisition and curb manufacturing facility represent the company's first investment in Maine and the project is expected to create 20 direct jobs in our region.

Also in the Jay area, a local scrap metal dealer, Clarks Scrap metal, purchased the historic Otis Falls Mill. John Clark III of Farmingdale purchased the 600,000-square-foot-mill and thinks the property has development potential after some of the buildings are taken down, Clark chose the property due to its close proximity to the rail road tracks and intends to preserve some of its historic value.

Barclaycard, the credit card business of Barclays in the United States, is expanding its customer contact facility in Wilton to support its growing U.S. operations. This expansion will increase jobs from 380 – 500 and came with

a 5 million dollar investment to the call center in Wilton. Upgrades were made in the technology and training equipment used, as well as heating and cooling systems, building security and aesthetics.

It is well known that regions are strengthened when entrepreneurs connect with one another. On October 15th GFDC is co-sponsoring an event to do just that! Entrepreneurs Connect is an opportunity for local entrepreneurs to get inspired, think big, be bold and take risks. Keynote entrepreneur is to be Tom Hildreth of Carrabassett Coffee sharing his entrepreneurial journey roasting specialty coffee blends in Kingfield.

With so much happening on the economic development scene, it is an exciting time to be living and working in Franklin County. If you would like more information on what Greater Franklin Development Corporation does or how we can help your business, visit our website at www.greaterfranklin.com, or give us a call at 207-778-5887

What a perfect summer for camp activities! We jam packed the six weeks of programming with all the usual happenings: field games, river exploration, weather observation, hiking, biking, art projects, community service, nutrition and exercise information, music, sustainability lessons, overnight trips, fishing, mentoring, tennis, rock climbing, healthy competition, science, and more... all the while singing crazy camp songs! Not to be left out, but highlighted...SWIMMING in the new Samantha Wright Memorial Pool! What an amazing addition to our facilities, and a monumental way to keep memories of our dear friend close.



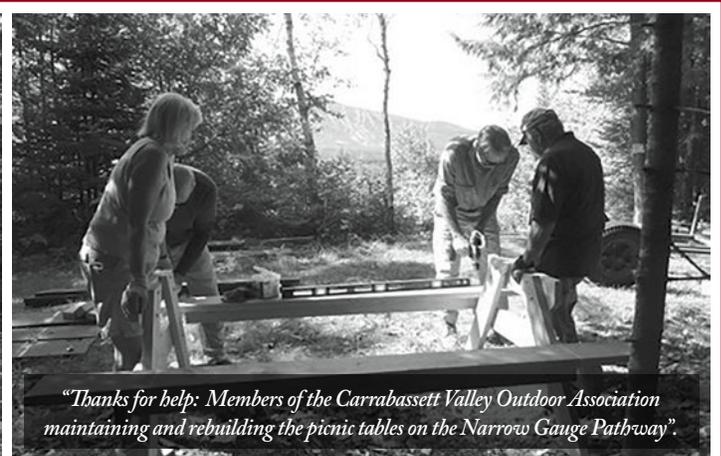
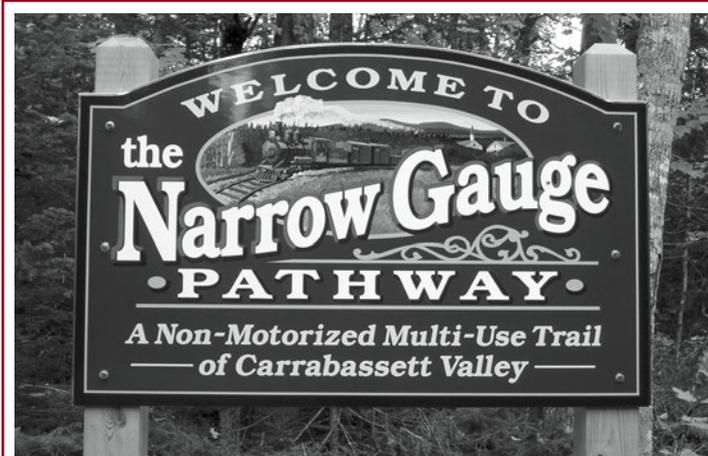
Our Counselor staff was "top shelf" quality, our Specialty Instructors always on their game, and the CV school bus with the shuttle busses leased from Sugarloaf, got us where we wanted to be in safe, efficient style. Overnights were to

Round Barn, King and Bartlett, Bullwinkle's, the AGC, the Outdoor Center (after a rainout in Oquossoc), and included two exciting nights spent on Kineo in Moosehead Lake. We took in the views from the summits of Sugarloaf, Cranberry Peak, Burnt, Bald, Kineo, and South Crocker with Peak Baggers. We got to hike with one of our own, Elliot Gore, as he came through the valley on his thru-hike of the Appalachian Trail.

Many thanks to the Town of CV and the AGC employees, Kingfield Recreation Board, Sugarloaf Mountain Corporation, the Healthy

Community Coalition, and especially the parents and grandparents who enroll their children! We are appreciative of all the energy and enthusiasm that our campers bring with them and hope they take as much home in happy memories. This is such a refreshing and rewarding job!

We're already looking forward to being back next summer, and reciting our morning pledge: "I accept the challenge to stretch my mind and body in new directions, to build friendships, to respect and improve the environment, and to live in the outside safely and happily ever after!"

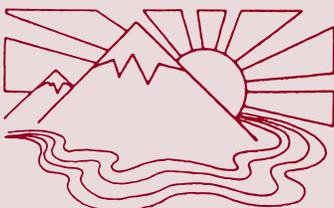


"Thanks for help: Members of the Carrabassett Valley Outdoor Association maintaining and rebuilding the picnic tables on the Narrow Gauge Pathway"

Program highlights from the Summer of 2015

The Recreation Department Staff and Recreation Committee were busy with the following activities...

- 6 weeks of Outdoor Adventure Camp under the direction of Camp Director Marcia White & Staff
- Aquatics Programs inclusive of Swim Lessons, Lap Swim, Adult Water Aerobics and Day Camp Swim Lessons with Pool Director Emily Luce and Staff
- Youth Tennis Lessons at the Town Park Courts with instructors Chris Daley and Jay Chouinard
- Grades 5-12 Mountain Bike Camp at the Outdoor Center with instructors Kerry Ouellette, Ian Hubbard, Nate McKenzie and Travis Chandler
- An eight week youth canoe program at Flagstaff Lake with Maine Guide Matt Tinker with Rec. Staff Karen Campbell, Finn McKay, and Henry Kearing
- The Alden MacDonald Junior Golf Program at the Sugarloaf Golf Course with instructor Corey May and course staff
- A variety of Town Park special events, family re-unions
- A full day of Fourth of July activities at the Town Park
- Summerfest Events at the Town Airport and at KC's Creativity Center



United States Tennis Association Grant Award (USTA)

We are pleased to share with you that The Town of Carrabassett Valley Recreation Department was awarded grant funding from The USTA to purchase equipment. The USTA recognizes non-profit organizations who are committed to promoting the game of tennis within their community. We are proud to advocate tennis as a life-long health style. We are very fortunate to have a nice facility to play at.



Pickle balls anyone?

What do you get if you combine the game of tennis with ping pong and badminton? The answer would be that of Pickle ball. For those of you who are not familiar with the game of Pickle ball, it turns 50 years old this year. It is one of the fastest growing games going...

Pickle ball and tennis are played on a court with a low net — the top of the net being 34 inches off the ground in the middle for Pickle ball and 36 inches for tennis. Like badminton, Pick ball is played on the same-size court with an underhand serve and only the serving team can score points. It is played with an oversized ping pong paddle. We have just completed installing new Pickle ball lines the outdoor tennis courts which is located at the Town Park.

Antigravity Complex Hours of Operation (November 2015 – April 2016)

- Monday – Thursday: 6:00am – 10:00am & 3:00pm – 9:00pm
- Friday: 6:00am – 10:00am & 5:30pm – 9:00pm
- Saturday: 6:00am – 1:00pm & 4:00pm – 9:00p
- Sunday: 7:00am – 9:00pm

VACATION WEEKS WE HAVE EXTENDED HOURS OF OPERATION

Memberships

Memberships do not include trampoline, climbing wall, or other special classes.

Taxpayer Individual Membership	\$90
SAD58 Membership	\$90
Non-Taxpayer Membership	\$140
Taxpayer Family Membership	\$225
Non-Taxpayer Family Membership	\$300

AGC Fitness Programs /Certified Instructors

- Spinning, Spin & Weights, Step with Sarah Plummer
- Personal training, Circuit Training, Gluts Core and More with ...Shafer Archard
- Yoga and Pilates withStacey Keene

The Opening and Dedication of the Samantha Wright Memorial Town Pool

Submitted by Deb Bowker

Our sincerest gratitude is expressed to the Carrabassett Valley taxpayers, donors, volunteers, administration, businesses and recreation/ pool committee members who worked tirelessly for more than six years to bring the project to completion. Our multiple fundraising events, hundreds of hours of grant writing, planning meetings and public hearings brought the project to the forefront in terms of recreation facility planning.

The demolition of the old bathhouse and pool began in August, 2014, followed by six months of concentrated effort excluding the winter months. We officially opened the pool gates to excited swimmers on Saturday, June 27, 2015.

The 3,132-square-foot pool is named for former Pool Director Samantha Wright, who was tragically taken away from us on January 6, 2014. At the time of her death, we were in the process of finalizing the pool complex's design, and a few days prior had just gotten word that our \$100,000 grant application was successful. Grieving over Sam's unexpected death, we dug deep to re-design the pool to fulfill more of the bullets on Sam's new-facility checklist.

We believe that the finished facility exceeds everyone's expectations and that Sam would be thrilled with it. Past Pool Director Liz Stefany, with the guidance of Lani Tapley of Aquatic Development, worked hand-in-hand with the pool committee to design an L-shaped pool for the ease of our users. Current Pool Director Emily Luce and staff worked tirelessly to help prepare the facility for its opening day. We are extremely proud of this multi-use facility comprising a 1,344 square foot bathhouse, four 75-foot lap lanes, a transitional teaching area, a pneumatic handicap lift, large-scale deck and seating area, computerized pump room and a



gorgeous, outside tiled shower. At the same time that the pool was being constructed, Town Fire Chief Courtney Knapp, Electrician Rob Healey, and crew leaders Greg Roux and Tim Richards supervised 75 volunteers to construct a new bathhouse.

The official dedication ceremony attended by one-hundred people was held on July 24, a day with a sky full of dark clouds and rain, until of course five minutes before four p.m. the cloud bank gave way and the sun shone down to warm the many individuals that had gathered to attend the commemoration. Children for our Outdoor Adventure Camp Program joined in for the chorus of their "Town Pool Song" set to the tune of Bob Marley's "Three Little Birds".

We can now offer extended public swim hours, water-exercise classes, and swim lessons for Outdoor Adventure Camp, private and public swim lessons starting at 6 months of age, lap swimming at any time, and diving! This past summer we all gained a great deal of knowledge in terms of our vast array of users, and we are making great plans for the next season. It was wonderful that the special events that had been planned in the park paralleled the public pool schedule.

Thank you to all who supported and helped achieve this labor of love that will serve our community for years to come.



News from the Lagoons



ssssshhhh... Things have been quiet around the lagoons as of late; more so over the past few weeks. Not from a lack of things to do and tasks necessary to maintain and operate the facility, rest assured work is being done, but in a low keyed and sedate manner with a focused effort to not disturb the Northern Long-Eared Bat. Please bare with me as I relay this article to you with a low breath.

As luck would have it, our neck of the great Maine woods is prime habitat for our leather winged and furry bat friends. You may have guessed and as the name suggests these bats are distinguished by their long pointed ears; in contrast to other bats of the same genus, *Myotis*.

It seems that during the summer, reproductive females of the species, roost singly or in colonies underneath bark or in crevices of living and dead trees. As early fall approaches, breeding begins when the males swarm near the hibernacula. After copulation, the female stores the sper...m... maybe I should skip ahead to the issue at hand. The northern long-eared bat is federally listed as a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act. Therefore, federal law prohibits certain construction activities including the removal of trees in areas that might contain a seasonal roost for reproducing females. Wood harvest is exempt from the prohibition.

This, my friends is one of the reasons why the cell phone tower proposed to be built at the top of Bigelow Hill on the Town's property adjacent to the Firefighter Training Area is still on paper rather than on the ground. As I understand it, construction can begin after October 15. Presumably at that time, pregnant females migrate to a warmer climate where they roost in small maternity colonies eventually giving birth to a single pup.



The other day I was inspecting an abandoned log yard on the Sanitary District's property just a few feet from the proposed cell tower site; when it occurred to me., "huh, there are no trees on the District's side of the property line. That tower might have been up and running by now if..." Just sayin.

It's been a successful year for the District. During the past 12 months, district staff responded to two loss-of-service calls; one requiring excavation in order to repair 20 feet of damaged pipe within the roadbed on Kennebec Circle. The other on Deer Mountain Road, is a reoccurring problem due to shallow sewer drain pipe being affected by frost. Efforts to insulate the pipe have been marginally successful. The district's staff has completed a utility and ground survey of the area and will be making a presentation to district trustees in the spring of 2016 with a proposal to relocate the sewer main and lateral connections to a depth below frost.

Operationally, the district's wastewater treatment facility is in excellent working order; as is the district's sewage pumping station. The district completed a successful snowmaking season with no breakdowns and missed no opportunity to make snow during appropriate weather conditions. Additionally the district is having a very successful spray irrigation season, missing no opportunities spray irrigate the treated wastewater.

Capital improvements in 2015 included the total replacement of the district's computerized control system (PLC) and the SCADA systems. These systems allow district staff to operate the treatment facility and pump station locally using desktop computers and remotely using computers and android devices. This state-of-the-art PLC and SCADA system replaces obsolete equipment that was installed nearly 18 years ago.

And finally, growth is on the upturn with 19 new residential connections to the public sewer. The District is working with SMC and contractors to locate the best possible point of connection for the new Competition Center and in Spruce Knoll, work has resumed on Phases 3 with the installation of the remaining sewer infrastructure.

So, back to our northern long-eared bat friends; why is it that the federal government has listed these little fellas as a threatened species? As I understand it, the population is seeing a dramatic decline. Studies have shown that "activity," in some cases even "hyperactivity," is occurring during times of what should be restful hibernation. Arousal during hibernation causes the bats to use up their fat stores too fast and they eventually starve. The cause of this hyperactivity seems to be linked to what experts are calling the White-nose Syndrome [1]. Surveillance of the hibernacula being conducted since 2007, has documented cases in which the disruptive hyper active bats appear to have a white substance smeared on and around their noses.... Similar observations have been made on people attending New York City Night Clubs and numerous ski resorts since the 1980s... Just sayin.

[1] White Nose Syndrome: An invasive fungus from Europe that kills more than a million bats each year. It thrives in caves and mines and grows on bats forcing them to wake up too frequently while they hibernate in the winter. The bats then burn through their fat stores too quickly and eventually starve.



CARRABASSETT VALLEY ACADEMY

UPDATE & INITIATIVES

By Kate Webber Punderson
CVA Head of School

It was with great pleasure and excitement that I welcomed our community back to campus during our fall term registration day on August 30th. It is always one of my favorite days of the year and this year was no exception. The campus was instantly filled with the energy and possibility that a new school year brings.

It is at this time of year that I like to share with the Carrabassett community a snapshot of our student body plus give an update on new initiatives and inform you about recent good news that came to fruition with the collaboration of our partners.

2015-16 Student Body Snapshot (As of 9/30/15)

- 100 student-athletes
- 62 males/38 females
- 65 boarding students/35 day students
- 35 students from Maine
- 37 students from New England states other than Maine
- 9 international students
- 12 students in 7th/8th grade; 76 in 9-12th grade, 12 for a PG year



It is a focused group of teens who strive each day to live our core values of civility, kindness and respect – they guide each of us to be positive contributors to the CVA and larger Carrabassett community where high expectations of ourselves and each other exist in a kind, respectful and supportive atmosphere.

A new initiative

As excited as I am to work with our staff and students this year, I am equally enthusiastic and proud to announce that we are working with our local partners on a vital new initiative: **A new Competition Center**. CVA has been collaborating with Sugarloaf, the Sugarloaf Ski Club, the Town of Carrabassett Valley and friends to break ground on a new competition center. The new center will be a vibrant community gathering space we hope many groups, teams, families and individuals will enjoy year-round. Fundraising for the center will begin shortly.

Recent good news

Collaborating closely with the Sugarloaf Ski Club during the 2014-15 season, CVA engaged in the Club Certification program with the United States Ski and Snowboard Association. Upon receiving the Gold Certification in May, Ski Club Director Bruce Miles said, "Since 1950, the Sugarloaf Mountain Ski Club has been committed to supporting competitive skiing and snowboarding. Earning USSA's highest accreditation validates all of our hard work and the strong partnership CVA, the Ski Club, and Sugarloaf Mountain have fostered over the years."



Solidifying CVA's Gold Certification was the recent announcement of 2015-16 National Team member nominations. In total, seven CVA athletes were nominated to their respective national teams including alumni Seth Wescott (U.S. boardercross), Alex Tuttle (U.S. boardercross), Bode Miller (U.S. ski racing), Sam Morse (U.S. ski racing), Jeremy Cota (U.S. moguls), Nessa Dziemian (U.S. moguls), and Liam Moffatt (Canadian boardercross). Both our USSA Gold Certification and our National Team representation are great motivators to continue and improve upon our best practice programming. I am proud of our organization, employees, Sugarloaf Ski Club, volunteers, athletes, alumni and Sugarloaf Mountain for their uncompromising pursuit of success, and love of our winter sports.

In May 2015 **CVA was awarded a \$1,000,000 challenge from the Harold Alfond Foundation** to support the Academy's King Cummings Campus initiatives. Fundraising is now underway to meet part I of the challenge – raise \$536,000 to eliminate the remaining debt incurred to finance construction of the academic center. Upon completion the center will be named in honor of Peter and Martha Webber.



"The decision to support CVA was based on our belief in CVA's mission at the nexus of outstanding athletics and education, and the importance of CVA as an economic driver in western Maine. What was once a small school is now a world-class ski and snowboard academy with a 30-year track record of success." -**Greg Powell Chairman, Harold Alfond Foundation**

Thank you to the Town and Carrabassett Valley, its residents and visitors for your support of CVA. You play a big part in providing life changing opportunities and experiences for our student-athletes.

OPEN HOURS

WINTER: Tue-Sat: 10-5; Sun: 1-3

FALL & SPRING: Tue, Thu & Fri: 10-5; Wed: 1-5, Sat: 10-1

SUMMER: Wed & Fri: 1-5; Thu: 10-5 & Sat: 10-1

The Carrabassett Valley Public Library offers a wide variety of services for residents and guests. Our cozy environment is stocked with current books, public computers, DVDs, magazines, newspapers and a variety of children's materials. Any time the building is open, you are welcome to use the lobby with access to the Internet...even if the library is closed. Search the website for more information at www.carrabassettvalley.org.

The CV Library had record-breaking attendance in 2014 reaching over 5,600 visitors, with an additional 1,600 using the Begin Family Community Room facilities. Total attendance to date is estimated at over 30,000 visitors! The library has also registered over 3,200 patrons. All registered library patrons can download free audio books and eBooks through the Maine State Library; search <http://download.mainein-fonet.org>. Stop by for your library membership number to access this free service. Additionally, we have two Nooks, a Kindle Fire and a Kindle Paperwhite for lending, and an iPad for in-house patron use. In 2014, our Maggie Trafton Fund brought children's author/illustrator Kevin Hawkes to the Stratton Elementary School where he mesmerized dozens of children sharing an amazing drawing exercise and reading from his books. The lobby provides a very nice venue for local artists to display their work in a gallery setting. Fourteen local artists shared their art this summer at the library filling the gallery walls for summer viewing, and a reception was held to celebrate them. Please contact us if you are interested in receiving an application to display your art. Artists exhibiting last year were Carol Tanner, Marguerite Robichaux, Betsy Bass and Patty Ritzo. Upcoming

artists for the 2015-16 season include: Nancy Norris, Lucia Swallow, John Ritzo and Patty & Greg Thomas.

The **Begin Family Community Room** is regularly used for dozens of town and selectmen's meetings, association and committee meetings, clubs, free tax assistance, CPR and First Aid classes, parties, special groups & organizations. Wine & cheese receptions are hosted for each exhibiting artist and free movies are also shown occasionally on the big screen. Other community room uses include programs and events for the public. Thirty children signed up for the **Summer Reading Program** (theme: Every Hero has a Story!) The library co-hosted a MAD SCIENCE program enjoyed by over 80 children along with Outdoor Adventure Camp. This year's special events included: Carroll Chapman~Magician, Chewonki's Owls of Maine; music by The Grateful Dads, Johnny G & Little Malcolm, and The Stratton School Steel Drums; Maine authors: John Ford & Mike Nickerson, Tim Sample, Gerry Boyle & Tess Gerritsen!

NEW this summer: Additional lighting was installed this summer for the Narrow Gauge Railroad Model In the fall of 2013, Warren and Brammie Cook donated a model of the Narrow Gauge Railroad to the town of Carrabassett Valley. Stop by to get a good look at this amazing gift to our town. The Children's Area will be named "Maggie Trafton Children's Corner" and dedicated later this year.

The library continues to be a wonderful place to gather. Attendance has grown steadily, the fireplace beckons on cold winter mornings and

families gather in the children's area, the self-employed have a place to work, and readers lounge while others enjoy Wi-Fi, coffee and the newspaper on the new patio. There really is something for everyone in our library.

Please contact Library Director, Andrea DeBiase, at **237-3535** or email: adebiase@carrabassett.lib.me.us for information about accessing our online public catalog, volunteering, donating to the library (we are a 501(c)3 non-profit organization) or purchasing a Forever Stone for the patio. Check out the Carrabassett Valley Public Library **Facebook** page.



"Community Garden" adjacent to the Library: the food was distributed to a local food pantry thanks to the volunteers to help make this happen!

Nordic Ski Season: With winter soon upon us the Outdoor Center is scheduled to open for Nordic Skiing in early December. Carrabassett Valley property taxpayers are reminded they are entitled to discounted rates for Nordic Ski and the Skating Rink season passes. Check out the Sugarloaf Outdoor Center through the Sugarloaf website for upcoming events and other information. Trail grooming and amenities at the Outdoor Center are among the best anywhere. Come ski with us this winter.

Please note that the Redington Loop Nordic Ski Trail will be closed from about mid-December through early February to allow access for winter timber harvesting activity to take place on the southwestern portion of the Town's 2100 acre public lot.



The timing of this closure will depend on frozen ground conditions. The Highland Road extension from Rt. 27 to "high bridge" will be plowed and logging trucks and equipment will be using this road/trail. Sugarloaf will attempt to provide limited grooming access from the Outdoor Center warming hut to Redington (subdivision) based on safety considerations during this time period. Call the Outdoor Center (207-237-6830) or check their website for more information during the ski season.



Forestry: As noted above the Town will be conducting timber harvesting on the Town Public Lot this winter. This will be the third year of implementation of the Town's Forest Management Plan for the Town's 2133 acre public lot that was developed after a public process. The plan was completed in conformance with the State of Maine Department of Conservation 'Woods Wise' guidelines. There are many objectives in this Forestry Plan but the primary focus has been to improve timber stands and maintain sustainable timber harvesting while protecting the character and integrity of the trail systems. The Town's Forestry Consultant, American Forest Management Co., is working closely with the Town's Outdoor Center Forestry Committee in the implementation of the Plan. Revenues from past and future wood harvesting have been and will continue to be used for long-term trail maintenance. Contact Town Manager Dave Cota (Town Office: 235-2645) for more information or for any questions you may have regarding the Town's Forestry Plan.

Trail Development on the Public Lot: As most of you know, the Town has spent consid-

erable resources and is collaborating with the local mountain bike club (CRNEMBA) and Maine Huts & Trails and Sugarloaf in building an extensive mountain trail system. A significant portion of the new trails have been built on the Town's Public Lot. Over the past five years approximately \$400,000 has been expended on the entire trail network with funding coming from each of the partners along with volunteer trail construction efforts. The Carrabassett Region mountain bike trail system is now considered among the very best in New England. Many thanks are due to all the partners, volunteers and the trail crew (please see enclosed article from the CRNEMBA mountain bike club for more detail on the trail development that has taken place in 2015). We will be holding a public meeting during Christmas vacation week to provide more information on the mountain bike trail development program and to seek public input. The announcement of the time and place for this meeting will be made in the near future. Check the Town's (www.carrabassettvalley.org) or the mountain bike club's (www.carrabassett.nemba.org) website for related information. Come ride the trails in 2016.



Off-season projects underway at Sugarloaf

New terminal on King Pine lift, part of \$1.3 million in chairlift upgrades at Sugarloaf

With preparations underway for the 65th season, skiers and riders will be greeted by a new, state-of-the-art terminal at the bottom of the King Pine chairlift, when they return to Sugarloaf's slopes this winter. The new terminal is part of more than \$1.3 million in upgrades to the resort's lift infrastructure. In addition, the resort has invested over \$500,000 in lift infrastructure upgrades resort-wide, including new braking systems and electronics on Timberline, Skidway, Sawduster, Snubber, West Mountain, and Double Runner.

The new King Pine terminal is a Doppelmayr TRISTAR (the same style used on Sugarloaf's Skyline Quad), and features a redesigned gear box, as well as the latest tensioning system, braking systems, anti-rollback systems, and electronic technology. The existing King Pine towers, chairs, and top terminal have remained in place. The new terminal was designed and manufactured by Doppelmayr at a cost of roughly \$800,000.

"The new King Pine terminal will dramatically improve the lift experience for our guests, and is part of our ongoing commitment to ensuring our lift infrastructure is reliable and safe," Sugarloaf General Manager Karl Strand said. "The towers and chairs will remain the same, but King Pine will, in essence, be a completely new lift." Construction on the new King Pine terminal is currently underway, and the lift is expected to open in December of 2015.

Work on the resort's other lifts include upgrading all braking and anti-rollback systems to newer technologies. While all of Sugarloaf's lifts meet manufacturer specifications and are certified by lift engineers and inspectors each year, many feature older designs that will be updated to modern, automated systems. "We have always worked hard to ensure that all of our lifts meet manufacturer specified standards," Strand said. "But for the safety and peace of mind of our guests, we feel it is imperative that we invest what is necessary to exceed those standards at every opportunity."

West Mountain, Skidway, Sawduster, and Snubber have received new automated braking and anti-rollback systems, as well as electrical upgrades. The Timberline lift also received updated braking and anti-rollback systems, as well as a rebuilt gear box.

Along with the new self-imposed lift standards, resort officials had a tough decision to make regarding the future of Bucksaw—Sugarloaf's oldest lift. After lengthy inspections and much deliberation, it was determined that the amount of work that would be required to bring this lift up to the new standards would not be feasible without essentially replacing the entire lift. And, as Bucksaw is also Sugarloaf's least utilized chairlift, it was simply cost prohibitive. As a result, the resort made the decision to take the Bucksaw lift out of service, and began dismantling it earlier this fall. However, with the lift towers, chairs, and haul rope removed, Sugarloaf plans to upgrade the snowmaking system on Windrow; this will allow for more snow production, and earlier trail openings in the future.

Sugarloaf also launched a new website this summer, devoted exclusively to the topics of chairlift safety and maintenance. The site features detailed information on all of Sugarloaf's lifts, updates on maintenance projects, articles on rider safety, and an email "hotline" where guests can submit questions or report any lift-safety concerns. "We're strongly committed to lift safety, and part of that is being open and thorough with our communication about that topic," Strand said. "Our hope is that this website will be a conduit for that information, and provide a direct line of communication for our guests."

Elsewhere on the mountain, the resort continues to invest in its snowmaking system, with upgraded hydrants and snowmaking pipe in various locations around the mountain. Sugarloaf also continues with general resort and village enhancements, including building upgrades and

a new Burton Signature Store, located in the former home of the Base Lair Arcade. The store will be designed by Burton, and will feature the latest in Burton hard goods and apparel, and is scheduled to open on Homecoming Weekend.

The offseason projects are a continuation of the ongoing Sugarloaf 2020 Ten-Year Road Map, which outlines the resort's ten-year vision for development. In the five years since the plan was introduced, the resort has seen numerous upgrades and improvements, including expansion onto more than 600 acres of new terrain, a new quad chairlift, massive upgrades to its snowmaking system, a new irrigation system for the Sugarloaf Golf Club, a custom 30-person outdoor hot tub at the Sugarloaf Mountain Hotel, new restaurants and food options, and upgraded facilities throughout the resort.

For more information on Sugarloaf, please visit www.sugarloaf.com. For all of the latest news from Sugarloaf throughout the year, visit www.sugarloaf.com/media-room.



Maine's High Peaks®

The Flagstaff Area Business Association is a Non-Profit State of Maine Corporation marketing itself as Maine's High Peaks®. We promote the economic welfare and goals of its surrounding area by providing a forum for networking, cooperative advertising, community sponsorship, and the exchange of ideas in order to create and maintain the High Peaks Region as a thriving four season tourist destination.



We invite you to stop at the Information Center. Joni Blanchard, Richard Fotter, along with Lucy, will be happy to welcome you and explain how Maine's High Peaks® is supporting the entire region.

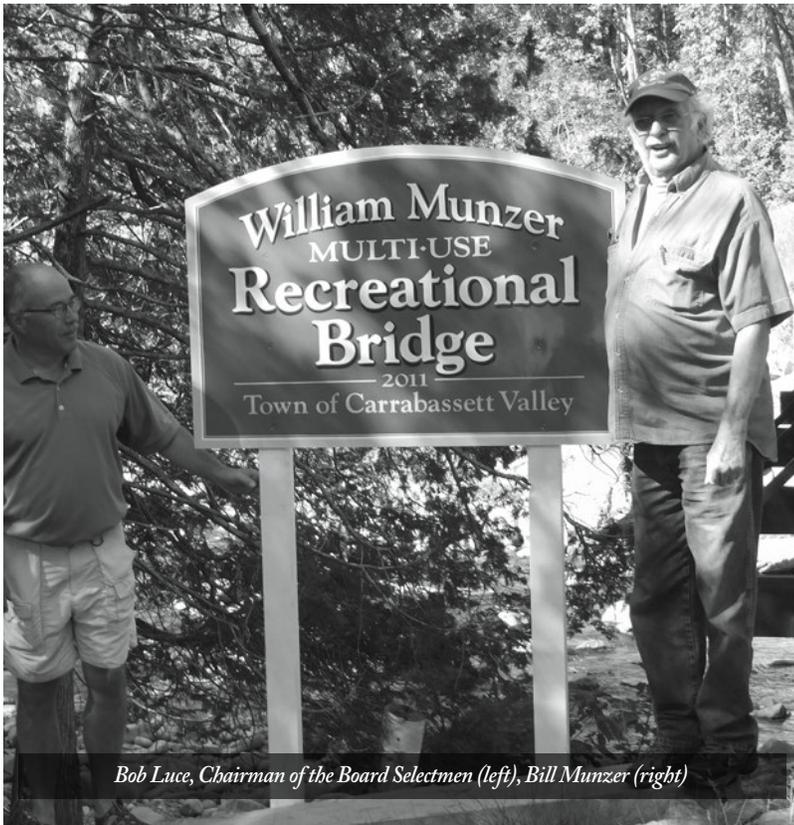
“Beautiful Area! Great Staff, very friendly & helpful. Thank You!
Stacy & Joe, Ontario

Below is the new sign that welcomes you to the Information Center.

Thank You, the Carrabassett Valley taxpayer and your Board of Selectmen for investing \$6000 and the use of and upgrades at the Carrabassett Valley Regional Information Center. During the last 12 months, we have had almost 1500 visitors and over 700 have contacted MHP by phone and email to request our First Official Maine's High Peaks® Guide Book. We have given out over 14,000 Guide Books in the last 9 months at many locations.

Thank You Carrabassett Valley for your continued support as FABA dba Maine's High Peaks® continues to grow. We have grown to over 160 members in the last twelve months.

FABA/Maine's High Peaks has been a member based organization for 20 years. Please call 207-235-6008 or email info@maineshighpeaks.com



Bob Luce, Chairman of the Board Selectmen (left), Bill Munzer (right)

Town Multi-Use Bridge dedicated to William “Bill” Munzer

The Board of Selectmen of the Town of Carrabassett Valley formally dedicated the Multi-Use Recreational Bridge over the Carrabassett River located east of the Trailhead in back of the “Sugarbowl” to William “Bill” Munzer on August 1st. Bill was President of the J.V. Wing Snowmobile Club from its inception in 1987 until 2014. Through his many years of hard work and dedication the club membership rose to approximately 100 members and they developed 55 miles of trails for all to enjoy. For many years he and club members struggled to maintain a makeshift bridge over the Carrabassett River every winter to support snowmobile travel. Bill was instrumental in the development of the wonderful multi-use recreational bridge that was constructed by the Town in 2011. The Board of Selectmen felt it was only fitting that this bridge which is now used by many be named for him for his many years of service to the club and the area.

News from JV Wing Snowmobile Club

Submitted by Brenda Robbins, Club Secretary

The J.V. Wing Snowmobile Club was formed in 1987 and has been going strong since. The club has over 55+ miles of well-groomed maintained trails as well as they are part of the "Black Fly Loop" a vast network of more than 134 miles of trails. The club is accepting new memberships as well as it's time to renew for the 2015/2016 Season. We offer storage space for snowmobiles & trailers and are currently building ten more sled storage units to keep up with the growing demand. To learn more about the club, either stop on your way

through The Valley (the club house is located next to the Sugarbowl) or write to: J.V. Wing Snowmobile Club, Valley Crossing #11, Carrabassett Valley, ME 04947. The club house has a supply of membership cards, new trail maps and most likely you'll meet one of the loyal JV Wing club members working on equipment or the new storage sheds! The JV Wing Club thanks the Town of Carrabassett Valley, the area residents, and club members for all their generous support!



News from the Carrabassett Valley ATV Club

Submitted by John McCatherin

C.V. ATV Club tames 'the beast' of its trail system

When a section of an ATV trail network becomes known as "the beast", it's clearly time to tame it. That's exactly what the Carrabassett Valley ATV Club has been doing this summer – taking the teeth out of a two-mile trail segment along the power line that borders the north boundary of the town.

Volunteers and contractors are finishing up weeks of work on the trail abutting the Bigelow Preserve, fixing what has long been one of the most notorious trail sections in northern Franklin County. Over half of the two miles has now been relocated off the power line, including about 7/10s of a mile on brand new trail built adjacent to and just south of the power line. Work continues on another area that includes utilizing a piece of the power line but bypasses most of it. The areas of the power line we've bypassed included all the worst sections of our ATV trail system. Our club has been toiling on the power line route since the club was established in 2010. Each year we've taken on some kind of a project there, bridging bog areas, installing culverts, digging drainage ditches, even bypassing two-tenths of a mile using an abandoned road found next to the power line.



The power line part of our local ATV Club's 25-mile trail system is particularly important because its western end connects on Rt. 27 at the Wyman Town Line with the Flagstaff Area ATV Club's system, providing hundreds of miles of trails to the north.

What made the big difference this year was our ability to obtain significant grant funding to finish the job. Major grants came from the Town of Carrabassett Valley, the Franklin County

Tax Increment Financing Fund and the State of Maine's Annual Trail Improvement Grant for off-road vehicle trails. We also owe a huge debt of gratitude to the Carrabassett Valley Sanitary District and its staff who helped us locate routes along their property and provided immense assistance as we built new roads there.

What we've got now is a trail that is highly useable, compared to its predecessor. There are still a few rough spots with rocks to negotiate – it is after all, still an ATV trail – but the worst of the old route and its huge mud holes are gone now.

These improvements will make late summer and fall riding a lot more enjoyable than it's ever been. It's still imperative that riders stay on marked trails and avoid traveling closer than 25 feet to the transmission line poles or guy wires while traveling along those areas where the trail still follows the power line. For more information about the Carrabassett Valley ATV Club please contact John McCatherin at johnmccatherin@tds.net or 207-235-2121.

The purpose of CRNEMBA is to:

- Building and maintaining a sustainable mountain bike trail network in the Carrabassett Region,
- Promoting its use by local and regional riders of all ability levels, and
- Cultivating a vibrant and inclusive mountain bike community in our area.

2015 has seen significant growth in membership, ridership, events and new trail construction. Anyone who has been in the Valley this summer has seen a significant increase in the number of vehicles with bikes, riders on the trails and people in area businesses. We attribute this growth to creation of world class mountain bike trails and the word of mouth networks that have spread the quality of the riding in the Carrabassett area along with intentional efforts by CRNEMBA to offer events for all levels of interest.

Chapter Membership/Trail Ridership

The Carrabassett Trail Network offers trails for riders of all levels of skill and interest. CRNEMBA membership is open to all who are interested. Membership supports the voice of CRNEMBA in the development of the mountain bike trail system, is a vehicle for soliciting financial support for continued trail construction, and provides the means for creating events that help build the mountain bike community in our area. If you are not already a member, we invite and encourage you to join us. Please visit www.carrabassett.nemba.org and click on the 'Connect' link to join.

Events

During the year, CRNEMBA sponsors, or co-sponsors a number of events that support the MTB community. These include the following:

- Kingfield POPS Ride: The Sunday of the Kingfield POPS music festival weekend held in late June, CRNEMBA offers guided rides available to all who want to learn more about MTB and our trail network.

- Carrabassett Backcountry Cycle Challenge (CBCC): in mid-July, the CBCC offers a competitive MTB race with 100K, 50K, and 15K as well as a kid's fun race. In 2015, the event attracted over 200 competitors, the largest registration in its history.
- Baxter Duathlon: In early August, Baxter Outdoors offered a 10K trail run and 15K MTB race that attracted over 40 competitors in its first year.
- NEMBA Trail Fest: In late August, CRNEMBA sponsored a weekend long trail construction work weekend. Over 40 volunteers from all over New England participated in this event.
- Kona Adventure Series: In late September, CRNEMBA offered a weekend of riding and celebration. Over 70 people participated in self-guided and guided trail rides as well as an evening cookout with family and friends.
- Volunteer work days: During 2015, CRNEMBA held 8 trail work days for volunteers. Trail 'work' days do involve some work and lots of fun. You do not need to have extraordinary strength or ability. Trail building experts will show you what to do and how to do it-safely. Help build the trails you ride and enjoy!

Trail Construction and Funding

For 2015, the construction of the incredible trail network we all enjoy is largely possible due to funding from the Town of Carrabassett Valley and CRNEMBA.

Sugarloaf Outdoor Center

Trail building is moving forward on the new trail routes at the Outdoor Center in the area known as Hurricane Knoll. The new downhill section is now complete and it is a hoot! Work is progressing on the upper loops and the hope is to have this section completed before the snow accumulates!

Campbell Field

Work has been completed on Spike, FORD and now Jerusalem Town adding some sweet single track fun to the Narrow Gauge Pathway riding

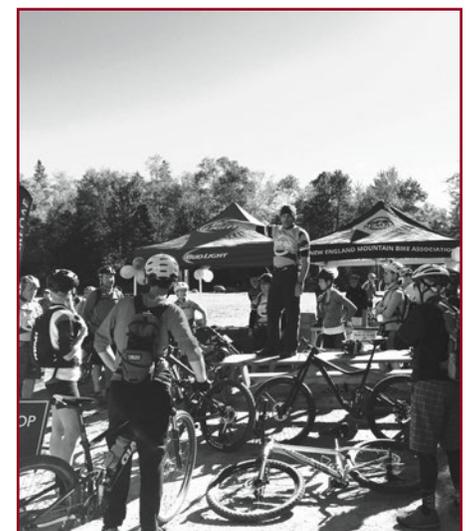
experience. In addition a second green single track loop has been added in the Grassy Loop trail area. The Grassy Loop trails are located at the northern end of the Narrow Gauge Pathway, near the Maine Huts & Trails parking area for Stratton Brook Hut.

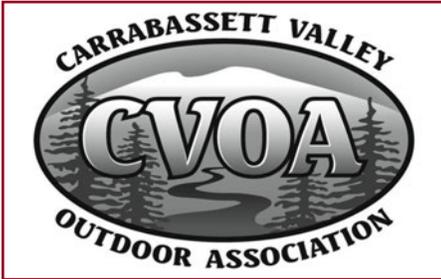
Oak Knoll received some attention this spring. Repairs and upgrades were made to alleviate wet spots and allow Oak Knoll to be rideable earlier in the Spring.

CRNEMBA, the Town of Carrabassett, and Maine Huts & Trails have jointly completed construction of the ski trail portion of the Newton's Revenge Trail and will be in service for this winter. The mountain bike trail, currently identified as the Newton's Revenge Re-Route, is intended to provide easier access to the Stratton Brook Hut. Trail corridors have been identified and design is virtually complete; this trail is slated for completion in 2016.

Further Public Input

As this goes to press, the Town, CRNEMBA, Maine Huts & Trails, and Sugarloaf plan to hold a public meeting sometime during the Christmas vacation week to solicit public input on future development of the MTB trail network. I invite everyone who has an interest to attend this meeting, or provide your input on the future of MTB riding in Carrabassett Valley.





The Carrabassett Valley Outdoor Association (CVOA) is a vibrant and growing club with diverse interests springing from a single core: our love of the outdoors.

For the past 15 years, our mission has been simple and straight-forward: To preserve and protect our natural resources and promote the recreational opportunities in our area.

Our members ... now more than 800 strong ... are out there skiing, snowshoeing, hiking, biking, canoeing, camping, fishing and hunting in every corner of Maine. We've been branded the "active outdoor club" and we prove it every year.

Our annual "Adventure Calendar" is jam-packed every year, featuring dozens of outings. This year's highlights included a ski trip to Big

Sky, Montana; a bike trip in Quebec City, Canada; and a weekend hiking in the 100-Mile Wilderness. There were waterfall tours, fishing trips, socials, dances, pot luck dinners, canoe trips, full moon kayak and snowshoe treks. We wear ourselves out. Next year promises to be equally exciting.

We already have plans in the works for a ski trip to Whistler, a biking trip in Montreal, a kayaking/hiking trip with Maine Huts & Trails, a full moon ski on the golf course, a bowling and pizza night and a cross country ski trek in the 100-Mile Wilderness.

Our commitment to the unspoiled beauty of our own neighborhood is unflagging. CVOA assists in road and trail cleanups; trail building and maintenance; and community projects that need some helping hands. This year, we rebuilt or repaired the original picnic tables we sited along the popular Narrow Gauge Pathway a decade ago, and we hauled a brand new table up to the scenic Crommett Overlook.

We built and maintain a top-notch shooting range in a first-rate setting. We conduct an annual Hunter Safety Course and trap shooting

lessons. This year we added a brand new storage building with a flush toilet at our range. We stock a trout pond for catch and release fishing and provide fly-casting lessons. Our members learn to explore safely with our courses on using GPS and a compass. We sponsor a local Boy Scout troop. We've published a cookbook and a local hiking guide that has sold over 700 copies.

When we can, we donate money to local groups that need our help. This year, for example, we donated money to the Stratton Summer Recreation Program so local kids could attend summer camp, and we donated money to the NEMBA biking group to build trails.

What does all that fun cost? Not much!
Because we operate without paid staff, CVOA has managed to keep our annual dues at \$10 for individuals and \$15 for families. Membership to the range is just an additional \$20 per range member.

So, what are you waiting for?
JOIN THE ADDVENTURE.
Check us out at: www.cvoutdoors.com



Dear Carrabassett Valley Friends,

Owning property in Carrabassett Valley just keeps getting better! With miles of trails for Nordic skiing, hiking, and biking, access to some of the best paddling in New England, and four beautiful eco-lodges, Maine Huts & Trails has added a whole new dimension to the Sugarloaf experience.

A nonprofit based in Kingfield, we work to assure public access to remote and special places like the lakes, streams and hills surrounding Sugarloaf and Bigelow. We employ local people, feature food from local farms and businesses and provide learning opportunities for local schools. Our goal is to stimulate a vibrant year-round local economy as a nature-based tourism destination that promotes healthy outdoor recreation and environmental stewardship.

Membership primarily supports the trails that connect to the Narrow Gauge Pathway and the Outdoor Center. To continue this work we need your support and involvement it takes significant resources maintaining, grooming, and improving these trails and we charge no fee to use them. We rely on memberships to make this possible.

Becoming a member is a great value, and easy to do

- The annual cost for membership is \$50 for an individual and \$75 for a family.
- Your membership not only supports our trails, it provides you with many benefits like:
 - 10% off on any goods or services you purchase from Maine Huts & Trails:
Lunches, overnights, gear shuttles, hats, t-shirts and equipment.
 - When you visit us in the summer and fall you get free use of canoes, kayaks and stand-up paddleboards on nearby Flagstaff Lake and the Dead River.
- There are three ways to join:
 - 1) Go to www.mainehuts.org, click on Get Involved and scroll down to Membership;
 - 2) Stop by our office in Kingfield (or at any of the huts) anytime; or
 - 3) Call 207-265-2400 and speak with our crew.

Tuesdays are half price for residents of Franklin or Somerset County!

That's an overnight and three great meals for under \$50 during the full-service winter season. You can also save money by staying at the huts during self-service season from November through mid-December.

I look forward to seeing you on the trails!



Charlie Woodworth, Executive Director



1. Since opening Poplar Hut, Maine Huts & Trails has developed 80 miles of multi-use trail, and four award winning eco-lodges.
2. Drop-in lunch is served Friday through Sunday 11:30 – 1:30 during winter and summer full service. It's the perfect activity for wind-holds or a change of pace.
3. You can ski from the Outdoor Center (and in many cases, the door of your house or condo) 50 miles to West Forks on groomed trails through some magnificent back-country.
4. Maine Huts & Trails has partnered with the Town of Carrabassett Valley and the bike club, the Carrabassett Region Chapter of the New England Mountain Bike Association, to create some of the best mountain biking in New England. Yankee Magazine recently named Carrabassett Valley as an Editors Choice: Best Mountain Biking Network.
5. If you stay in one of the huts, summer or winter, we can shuttle your gear into the hut so that you and your family can hike, bike, ski or snowshoe unencumbered.
6. Maine Huts & Trails now offers guided outings year-round to simplify and enrich your adventures. We recommend the West Forks to Carrabassett Valley ski-through trip being offered once each month through the winter, or the family-friendly Dead River to Grand Falls canoe trip in the summer.
7. Maine Huts & Trails provides plenty of options for alpine skiers during season pass black-out periods.
8. Only six years in operation, Maine Huts & Trails has been named one of the world's top hut treks by Backpacker Magazine.



Show your pride in a local nonprofit enterprise. Become a Maine Huts & Trails member today at www.mainehuts.org.

Sugarloaf Golf Course News

The condition of the Sugarloaf Golf Course in the 2015 season was considered by many to have been in the best playing condition in golf courses thirty year history! Speaking of history... please see below a copy of a Sept. 11th, 1985 announcement of the First Annual Sugarloaf Fall Classic Golf Tournament. It's interesting to note the political and sports dignities that were present at this very first Sugarloaf Golf Tournament! Opening in 1985, a thirty-year celebration was held in August this year. A number of old time Sugarloafers were on hand for this event (see picture below).

A prestigious American Junior Golf Association (AJGA) Championship event was held at the golf course again this year in August. Many of the very best boy and girl junior golfers from the U.S. and other countries participated. Fourteen year old Tucker Allen from Granbury, Texas won the junior boys event shooting a 68 on one day of the event (the course record is 67). Keep an eye on this young man in future! This AJGA Championship event will again be played at Sugarloaf in 2016.

Through funding from the Town's Aldan MacDonald Junior Golf Fund interested area junior golfers from ages five to eighteen are able to have to participate in the Junior Golf Program operated by golf course staff. Contact the golf course in the spring if you know someone who has interest in this program.

Congratulations to this year's Club Champions: Jay Lashar, Adam Orsher, Tom Taber and Linda Blakeman.

"1985 Sugarloaf Golf Course Press Release



"Long time Sugarloaf "dignitaries" at this year's 30th golf course anniversary": with Sugarloaf Golf Course Professional Steve Nieszgoda (center) from left: Clem Begin, Dutch Demshar, Peter Webber and Larry Warren"



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FIRST ANNUAL SUGARLOAF FALL CLASSIC

Carrabassett Valley, Maine...The first tournament to be played at the new Sugarloaf Golf Club will see sports and political personalities raising money for the Carrabassett Valley Academy. On September 20-22 Senators Ed Muskie and William Cohen and Representative Jock McKernan will join Artis Gilmore, NBA great; Mike Eruzione, Captain of the 1980 Olympic Gold Medal Hockey team; Larry Eisenhower, former New England Patriot; Mark Plummer and Ray Lebel in the First Annual Sugarloaf Fall Classic.

The field is open to men and women for a \$500 donation to the Carrabassett Valley Academy. The entry fee includes a two-day four-ball low gross and net tournament, a practice round on Friday, reception Friday evening, an exhibition by Peter Kostis (Golf Digest's Director of Instruction) Saturday evening (6:30 p.m.), lunch on Saturday and Sunday and the Banquet on Saturday evening.

The Sugarloaf Golf Club opened on September 11, 1985 after 3 years of construction and a cost of \$2.5 million. It has been referred to as the most spectacular wilderness golf course in the country.

For information, please contact Tim How (207)237-2000 at Sugarloaf/USA or Peter Webber (207)237-2701 at the Sugarloaf Inn Resort.

Tennis enthusiasts can also join the fundraising efforts. Lenny Brown has organized two tournaments for women and men. Roscoe Tanner, former World Pro Tennis great will be on hand for an exhibition on Saturday.

Sugarloaf Water Association

Serving Sugarloafers Since 1955

Water Bottle Filling Station UPDATE:

Two seasons ago the Water Association installed a Drinking Fountain / Bottle Filling station in the Kingpine Room of the Base Lodge to show our support for reducing single serve drinking water bottles and the associated negative effects on our environment. In the first year alone, the water bottle filling station installed at the base lodge eliminated the waste associated with over 20,000 single serve water bottles.

The Water Association received so much positive feedback from both staff and our guest that last season that the Water Association installed two more Drinking Fountain / Bottle Filling stations; one at the Sugarloaf Sports and Fitness Club and one at Bullwinkle’s Restaurant. We hope our water resource protection efforts are contagious.

Check out “The Story of Bottled Water” for an introduction to the story of manufactured demand—how you get Americans to buy more than half a billion bottles of water every week when it already flows from the tap. Over seven minutes, the film explores the bottled water industry’s attacks on tap water and its use of seductive, environmental-themed advertising to cover up the mountains of plastic waste it produces. The film concludes with a call to ‘take back the tap,’ not only by making a personal commitment to avoid bottled water, but by supporting investments in clean, available tap water for all.

“Take Back the Tap” and “Ban the Bottle” are just two campaigns making real progress in reducing the supply and demand of bottled water, while encouraging investing in public water infrastructure.



Find links to these campaigns, “The Story of Bottled Water” and many more tap water resources at SugarloafWater.NET, in our resources section. We hope you will leave us feedback regarding this controversial topic.

Our Team would like to thank our customers for entrusting the Sugarloaf Water Association to serve the Sugarloaf Community in such a profound way.

Please Recycle...It’s Easy!!

The Town of Carrabassett Valley is now “Single Sort”. Many of the Condominiums now have both a trash dumpster and a recycling dumpster in their complexes. In addition, the Town no longer allows trash compactor trucks to dump at the Transfer Station (most municipalities do not allow this). This combination along with the ease of “Single Sort” recycling (you do not have to sort your recyclables) has already led to increased recycling volumes and more cost effective waste and recycling handling.

Recycling Materials:

- All Mail
- Aseptic Juice Boxes
- Aluminum foil
- Newspapers
- Paper Egg Cartons
- Magazines
- Catalogs
- Phone Books
- Paper and Plastic Juice Containers
- Aluminum Beverage Cans
- Office Paper/Envelopes
- All #1 though #7 Plastic Containers
- Clear, Green And Brown Glass
- Paperboard
- Metal Cans
- Cereal Boxes
- Paper Towel Tubes
- Paper Bags
- Corrugated Cardboard

TRANSFER STATION HOURS:

Thursday thru Monday: 8:00 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.
Tuesdays and Wednesdays: CLOSED

Welcome to Carrabassett Valley, home to skiers, hikers, bikers, snowmobilers and outdoors enthusiasts who are forever young. Did you know that according to the 2010 U.S. Census, 50% of our town's residents were 50+ years old? Of that number, 15% were 65+ years old, and that was five years ago! As we age, maintaining independence while remaining at home in this beautiful alpine environment, often requires outside services or a helping hand from family, friends and neighbors.

without assistance or home modifications? How much will it cost for assisted living or full-time care, and what are the options available here and away? Click onto the above website and drill into the connecting data to find some answers. Click onto the "Elderly Home Safety Checklist" article and discover for yourself if/when the time may be approaching or has arrived, for a change in housing needs and personal care.

donated by area residents, for re-use, free of charge to anyone needing such devices temporarily or long term. Currently available for use are crutches, walkers, gripper sticks, long shoe horns, commode, shower chair, hospital bed and thermal cuffs for icing knees and elbows after surgery. We currently do not have any wheelchairs in stock, but associates in Farmington have five which are in constant short-term demand but available to us upon request. If you or someone you know is in need of these items, would like to donate lightly used and fully serviceable medical aid devices to our inventory, or volunteer to help participate in this outreach, please contact the Ministry Office at 207-237-2304 and a volunteer will follow up.



Over the past three years, the Sugarloaf Christian Ministry in partnership with the Carrabassett Valley Public Library and with town support and encouragement, established a website known as www.cvalleynetwork.org which provides individuals, caregivers, family and friends an easy connection to a variety of resources and services that may be available locally or regionally to seniors aging in place, in the areas of health, fraud protection, community and social services, transportation and volunteer opportunities. Ever wonder how anyone really knows if/when it may no longer be safe and prudent to remain home alone

In addition to the informational website, our Valley Network volunteers make daily telephone calls to seniors living alone, and to others who may be homebound temporarily due to illness or recovering from injury or surgery. Calling our neighbors to check-in, helps to assure their well-being, establishes companionship, and helps seniors connect with other volunteers who provide helping hands around the house and transportation for medical appointments.

Since 2013 the Valley Network has been accepting lightly used medical aid equipment

Sugarloaf Christian Ministry is the only year-round church in the Valley, but it does not exist solely for its own sake. The Ministry continually seeks to provide support and encouragement to all ages. We seek to reach out to the Sugarloaf community with ongoing programs and services and volunteer opportunities. This August, with donations received from our Summer Appeal, the Ministry supported the United Methodist Economic Ministry in Salem who supplied 200 backpacks filled with back-to-school supplies for area children.

Sunday Worship services are held at the Bell Chapel at 9:00 A.M. all year-round and on the slopes during the ski season at 11:00 A.M. for Downhill Worship. More information is available online at www.sugarloafministry.com or on our Facebook page. The Reverends Pamela and Earle Morse, and our entire congregation, warmly welcome Sugarloafers and visitors to our mountain community.



Winter 2015-16 is our **30th Anniversary** for **Snowfields Productions**, owners/operators of WSKI-TV 17.

A big **Thank You** to our crew of Tech Director Andy Gillespie, Host Greg Powers and First Tracks Reporter Kip Files.

From our beginnings as a part of the Sugarloaf Marketing Department in 1979 as a Closed-Circuit TV Station on the Mountain only, WSKI's existence has depended on our credibility as a source of information and inspiration for our viewers to have a better time while in our region so they stay longer and return.

After the filing of Chapter 11 by Sugarloaf Mountain Corporation in the spring of 1986, we were amongst the Mountain employees laid off, causing the end of WSKI-TV's transmission at that time. We soon offered to continue the service as Snowfields Productions, independent owners leasing the equipment from the Mountain and gradually up-grading as we could till all equipment had been replaced.

Our on-going survival is because we deliver results for our sponsors year after year who invest their marketing dollars with us to increase the number of visitors entering their doors. We are super effective at what we do because visitors watch WSKI to "Know Before You Go!"

A special thank you to Carrabassett Valley voters who chose in March to apportion 25% of the Franchise Fees from Cable Subscribers to help fund all we do for the Town, from advertising, to videos, to live show appearances during the winter to promote various Town interests.

Our non-local programming from Outside Television is similar to other network affiliations such as CBS, NBC, and ABC where local stations play national shows at designated times. While Outside Television is now available nation-wide in various markets, the roots of the former Resort Sports Network came from Rory Strunk's internship at WSKI.

Be sure to check out these OT stations when visiting these resorts:

ASPEN	LAKE TAHOE	SMUGGLERS' NOTCH	SUNDAY RIVER
BROMLEY-STRATTON	LOON	STEAMBOAT	TELLURIDE
COPPER MOUNTAIN	MAMMOTH	STOWE	THE HAMPTONS
CRESTED BUTTE	NORTH CONWAY	SUGARBUSH	VAIL
KILLINGTON	PARK CITY	SUMMIT COUNTY	WINTER PARK

We are pleased to continue our purpose of "Turning Guests into Locals" on the web at wskitv.com, in addition to on Channel 17 with Time Warner Cable.

Recent additions for the new Pool, Bike Trails, Hikes, Paddle Adventures and more in CV and all around us present potential and current visitors with four-season videos to see places to go and things to do, **"Every one, another reason to Stay Another Day!"**

Thanks for supporting what we do;
cheers to another 30 Years!
Nadene McLeod



Celebrate all Season with WSKI!

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from the town of Carrabassett Valley

Sugarloaf Explorer Transportation System - www.sugarloafexplorer.com

The Sugarloaf Explorer Transportation System looks forward to serving you once again this ski season. This system is a collaboration between five principle partners: Sugarloaf, the Town, Western Maine Transportation, Inc., the State of Maine (MDOT) and property owners in the immediate area of "the mountain". Approximately 150,000 customers are served each year including scheduled stops in the mountain area to more limited scheduled "on call" service throughout the remainder of Carrabassett Valley. The more important highlights and changes of this season will consist of:

- Full Service Thanksgiving Holiday (Nov. 26th through 29th)
- Weekend only (Fri. night, Sat. & Sun.) service after Nov. 29th until Dec. 12th and full service (including weekdays) Dec. 12th through Reggae Weekend (April 12th). Service ends on April
- Additional Runs to the Valley as per noted on the Sugarloaf Explorer Brochure.

Schedule route and service information is available on the Sugarloaf Explorer Brochure (available on all Explorer vehicles, Condo Check-in,



the Base Lodge and some of the local businesses) also, on sugarloafexplorer.com or links on the Sugarloaf or Town websites.

For additional or on call service information please call 237-6853 during operating days and hours.