

Carrabec High School first quarter honors

SENIORS

Honors: Justin Adams, Michael Cote, Israel Davis, Brook Gardner, Dakota Kemp, Caitlin Levesque, Tiffany Mayo, Caleb McCoy, Sudie Myers, Eli Saville, Spencer Shaw, Sierra Trabue and Chelsea White.

JUNIORS

High honors: Tucker Atwood, Sarah Larlee and Brittany Nile.
Honors: Avery Boucher, Nicholas Bowman, Britnie Coldwell, Danyell Coro, Michaela Forsten, Carroll Handley, Katherine King, Tamika LaCroix, Brandon LeHay, Lindsey Locklear, Glenn Lumbert, Alice Miller, Morgen Pluntke, Arielle Rolfe, Courtney Steward, Maeve Weggler and Hunter Williams.

SOPHOMORES

High honors: Alexis Cancel, Troy Dunphy, John Layman and Jessica Vaillancourt.
Honors: David Demers, Chantal Diamond, Katelyn Forsten, Elliot Gorr, Javier Hallett, Kaitlin LaCroix, MaKayla Leeman, Shannon LeHay, Brooklyne Lewis, Tyler Pinkham, Jacob Ricker, Taylor Shaw and Riley Tennent.

FRESHMEN

High honors: Kobe Cancel, Emma Foss and Adam Poulin.
Honors: Nichole Adams, Logan Aube, Nichole Bowman, William Coldwell, William Crawford, Leaonna Dunphy, Nicholas LeBeau, Kilee Nile, Coleman Paine, Elias Pease, Jerzee Rugh, Ethan Saville, Isaac Vaillancourt and Cheyenne Williams.

Inside the L.C. Bates Museum

On January 27, at 6 p.m., the museum will be holding a special event, a star party. Murray Campbell, former professor of astronomy and physics at Colby College, will be on hand to help us view astronomical objects with a telescope! Visitors are invited to bring binoculars as well.

We hope to offer more programs with experts in the future. If you have an expertise and would be interested in working with the museum let us know.

The museum recently acquired PastPerfect Virtual Exhibit, a software program that allows us to create online exhibits from our collections! Currently there is only one exhibit online, but look for others in the future. The first online exhibit is a short tour of some of the most common and most well known types of minerals found in the quarries of western Maine. To view the exhibit, head over to the museum's web site or see www.gwh.org/Portals/5/VirtualExhibit/index.htm.

On Saturday, January 21, 1 p.m., come for National Squirrel Appreciation Day to celebrate and learn about the lives of squirrels from grey squirrels to flying squirrels. There will be a program and craft.

Happy Ground Hog Day! On Thursday, February 2, come to the museum and have your picture taken with our mounted groundhog, Gertrude. And, check if you can see her shadow.

Interested in making a contribution to the museum? Your donations help make the museum possible. Contact the museum on line or at P.O. Box 159 Hinckley, ME 04944, or call 238-4250.



SOLO & BEYOND

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Good morning dear friends. Don't worry be happy!

The special town meeting was held at the Solon Elementary School on Thursday, January 19, with 94 residents checking in to vote. The meeting was called about the selectmen's issue with the stone wall on Kurt and Laurie Olson's property on Brighton Road. There was a bad mistake in the account of this meeting in the daily paper and I would like to set the record straight. Their account said the Olsons did not attend the meeting, but they most certainly did. Lief and I sat with them.

This meeting was the most confusing town meeting I have ever attended. It was short, lasting only 25 minutes, and most of that time was spent with the moderator trying to explain to the people that if they wanted to vote 'yes' they had to vote 'no,' and a 'no' vote meant 'yes'!

There were only two articles on the warrant after the moderator was chosen, both dealing with the stonewall. Article 2: asked to take \$8,000 from taxation to be used to pay legal fees and any other costs incurred by the town relating to the stonewall, passed with no discussion. Article 3, which would have given the residents options rather than going to court, but it never got to the point of discussion because the hus-

band of one of the selectmen quickly asked to dismiss the article. There was a rapid second and people were totally confused about voting with no meaning yes, etc. Since I was sitting down front and all the voting had been a show of hands, I couldn't tell what the count was. I went to the town office the next day to ask what the official count was and they said they didn't have it.

I know many of you lost hope, and didn't bother to go to town meetings to vote because you said, "Why bother, everything is cut and dried." I have been really pleased to see some of you who felt that way in the past, attending the last two special town meetings and, as always, I beg you not to give up and please keep attending. The right to vote is one of our most valuable and treasured freedoms. And yes, I get discouraged also when things are "cut and dried."

I admit my heart is too soft and it aches when an 'issue' like this beautiful stonewall divides a town, the hatred in the gym last Thursday night was palpable. It is so sad that hatred can rule. I have wished on more than one occasion that I could be like other people when a situation like this arises. But when the "principle of the thing" is involved and this whole thing is so unfair, I shore up my courage and get involved. My thanks to those of you who have helped me with your support. And to those of you who don't speak to me anymore, it hurts, but I can take it for a worthy cause.

The Solon Pine tree 4-H Club met for a meeting on Saturday, January 14.

The members voted to do a food sale to benefit the Solon Food Cupboard and the annual dinner on town meeting day on March 3.

After the meeting the members

enjoyed making modge podge plates using cloth and tissue paper.

The next meeting will be on Saturday, February 11, at 9:30 a.m. at the Solon Fire Station. At this meeting the leaders will give demonstrations and the members will make food trays for the elderly.

The Embden Community Center is hosting a night of country music on Saturday, January 28, from 7 to 9 p.m. The music will be by Adam Cates, Blaine Burhoe and Doug Mathieu.

Percy has become a real chatter box. He sits here right beside me really running his mouth and these are his words of wisdom this week. Today I smiled, and all at once things didn't look so bad. Today I shared with someone else a little bit of hope I had. Today I sang a little song, and felt my heart grow light. I walked a happy little mile with not a cloud in sight. Today I worked with what I had and longed for nothing more, and what had seemed like only weeds were flowers at my door. Today I loved a little more and complained a little less. And in the giving of myself, I forgot my weariness. (Author Unknown).

UBR thanks volunteers

Unity Barn Raisers (UBR) is thrilled to announce that the Community Meals committee has successfully raised over \$5,000 to support UBR and its Veggies For All Project in 2012.

UBR gives many thanks to the committee members: Courtney Alden, Diana Avella, Holli Cedarholm, Kate Coseo, Kate Dustin, Mike Gold, Mary Leaming, Erin McWalters, Rachel Mestas, Laura Pyles and Sara Trunzo; and to the numerous other volunteers who made this possible.

Thanks to all who supported the Community Meals program in 2011. The next meal will be held Saturday, February 4, 5 - 7 p.m., at the Unity Community Center.

Planning is underway for this event and volunteers are needed at the meal. Volunteer musicians are also being sought for entertainment during the meal. Contact Tess at 948-9005 or ubr@uninets.net if you would like to help.

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