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Grumpy's on Cold River Road

Dave Roberts who has had 20 different businesses over the years, now has a new one. He has recently opened a snack bar at the former "Michigan Man's" location on Cold River Road in Rutland, Vermont. Roberts said, "I just call it Grumpy's on Cold River Road." In the past Roberts has owned half a dozen hotels, motels, bars and restaurants. He had a pizza place in California that served 100 students in 15 minutes, so he has some experience with "fast food".

Grumpy's seems to be building a repeat clientele after just a week or so at the Cold River Road location. Roberts said business started slow but steady and people really seem to be happy with the product and the service. He offers a lunch special of two hot dogs, a bag of chips and can of soft drink for \$5.00 tax included. He explained he doesn't steam anything. His hot dogs include chili dogs and footlongs. The hot dogs are all grilled the old fashioned way. He makes his chili from scratch with no beans. It's the hamburger type, but with a kick to it.

Grumpy's offers a sausage, peppers and onions on a toasted, not steamed, bun, for \$4.50. There's also a BBQ pork sandwich for \$3.75. Roberts doesn't serve French fries or burgers. He claims he is doing a limited menu, but, "Once you taste the product, you will forgive me for not having everything."

Grumpy's opens from 11:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m., seven days a week, rain or

Relay for Life Receives Tents



Members of the Rutland Relay for Life were pleasantly surprised by the donation of ten tents from Walmart and Price Chopper. The donation saved the organization the annual cost of tent rental for the relay. Ingrid Gallo, Pat Serrani, Terry Shappy-Cherry, Wal-Mart manager, Tina Krempfle; Price Chopper Manager, Kevin Moore, Joe Barbagallo, Shauna Chamberlain were all on hand for the presentation at the Walmart Garden Center. The group received eight of the tents with two sets of sides and the others have been back ordered and should be in time for the Relay on June 21st. Sam's Good News Photo.

Blue Bulls' Hold'em Tournament for Charity

Brendan Collins of Rutland is the president and the founder of the Blue Bulls, an organization that raises money and provides voluntary service to improve health education and eliminate poverty in the United States.

Brendan attended Rutland High School and the Holderness School and is now a student at Connecticut College. Brendan was inspired to become involved in charity work when his hockey playing cousin Travis Roy, a student at Boston College, became paralyzed. As a high school junior at Holderness, Brendan formed a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, The Blue Bulls Corporation. The corporation

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Anniversaries...

Happy First Anniversary to **Mike & Nikki Ryan** who celebrate their Memorable Day this week.

Birthdays...

Happy Belated Birthday to the Young sisters of Rutland. **Paige** who turned 3 on June 3rd, and **Hailey** who turned 5 on June 9th! We love you so much, Mommy, Daddy, and Cooper.

Belated Happy Birthday to **Jared Rau** who celebrated his 14th year on June 16th.

Also Belated Birthday Wishes to **Dottie Smith** whose big day was



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shine and Roberts plans to stay open in the fall until he has to plow the parking lot. In the cooler weather, he hopes to offer nice hot buckets of beef stew or chili for \$5.

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was granted tax exempt status last year.

Brendan explained that the Blue Bulls mission is to provide funds and voluntary services for individuals as well as other non-profit organizations with the goals of improving education and the quality of health for people and to decrease the amount of poverty in the world. Staff and board members of Blue Bulls work without compensation. Blue Bulls relies on sponsorships, fund raising events and donations for funds. In the organization's first year, 2007, it raised for \$10,000 for charity.

The Blue Bulls hosts and participates in several charity events to raise money, but the goal is not just income, but also the quality of service and camaraderie of the events that encompass the whole family. Wiffleball tournaments and Texas Hold'em tournaments, mud volleyball and miniature golf are the types of events the group uses to raise funds.

Brendan said the group has received a lot of assistance in its efforts from Tom DiPalma who helps organize events such as the upcoming Texas Hold'em tournament to be held at the Rutland Elks Club on Pleasant Street on June 27th. Registration for the tournament starts at 5:00 p.m. and the tournament will run from 6:30 p.m. until there is a winner.

Proceeds from Blue Bulls events benefit groups such as the Kids on the Move to help kids with learning disabilities, the Travis Roy Foundation, Boys and Girls Club of America, Team Hoit Foundation and Make-a-Wish Foundation. The group is also looking into scholars

For more information on the Blue Bulls or to register for the Texan Hold'em tournament visit bluebulls.org.

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June 17th.

Happy Birthday to **Riley Cahill** who will be nine years old on June 25th.
Love MacKenzie

Happy Birthday to **Christine Gregorio** who will celebrate another year on June 22.

David Giancola will be a year older on June 24. Happy Birthday David.

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