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# **High Mowing Seeds Hosts Last Wolcott Open House**

by Michael Bielawski

WOLCOTT — High Mowing Organic Seeds held its annual open
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a farmers' murket, workshops,
tours, and live music. Everyone
involved agreed that the large
The annual event is part the
Kingdom Farm and Food Days
which take place at the end of Auwhich take place at the end of Auhighlight farms and businesses in
the Northeast Kingdom. The eighth
year officially ended Monday
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at a time. He last year they will use these fields, which are owned by High Mowing sales representative Barbara Conn. Next year, they will use High Mowing's fields in Hyde Park.

"I'm going to miss have High Mowing use these fields," Conn said.

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She said that while High Mowing uses other fields in Wolcott, the main operations would move to Hyde Park.

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past, the Northeast Kingdom Cu-

inary Institute (NECI) would beld in the second of the sec



photo by Vanessa Fournier mers of The Den, from left, Stephany and Bobby Searles and ad Johanna Thibault, held a grand opening for their Caba-urday in Cabot.

# Cabaret's Opening an Eye-opener

by Will Walters

(ABOT—The crowd hopped as the hops flowed Saturally effections and the series of the control o

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you ever think you would see this in Cabot?, "asked Johanna Thibault, one of the partiners in the hardware can be a seen as a

Piper's Puppy Piper Hall cuddles her as-yet-unnamed puppy. It is just three weeks old. Piper sold homemade dog biscuits at the farmers' market to raise money to pay for the dog.



#### Ain't No Sunshine When She's Gone

Doug Williamson, of Middlebury, takes a photo of the partial solar eclipse from a projecting screen on his three-inch telescope. A large crowd gathered on Main Street on August 21 to watch the eclipse at a tent provided by the deudevine Memorial Library.

# Farms, Food, First **Eclipses, Dog Biscuits**

HARDWICK — the rain ended thick and the sty is leaden. Despite the gloomy weather, a good-lated errowd is out to check out the Hardwick Farmers Market. Hardwick Sermont Center for an Agricultural Economy (CAE) Days event at the Farmers' Market. The event focuses on the indiamentals of farming and the formation of the state of th



John Smolinsky of Earthbound Forestry poses with his draft horse, Jake, at the Hardwick Farmers' Market on Kingdom Farm and Food Day, Friday, August 18.

two-acre farm that they're working themselves with their animals and, because of the scale, they can pay the soil, the drainage ... It's a way the soil, the drainage ... It's a way. He mentions how he worke with the mentions how he worke with the soil of the

Across the lead, Lucian Avery is hammering away at a gouge, a cus-tom chisel he uses to make wooden bowls. Some people, intrigued by the clanging sound of metal on metal, stop to watch as Avery pulls a white-hot tool from the forge and shapes it. He demonstrates how sharp it is

by slicing through solid wood as if it were a sponge cake. The twenty-five-year veteran blackamith teach-es classes on Monday nights at his Mackville Road shop and these on-lookers are interested in learning about the art. The first total solar eclipse to cross the United States in ninety-nine years is on everyone's mind.

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## Solar Eclipse Draws Crowd

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bury, said that he is anticipating the next eclipse, set to take place in 2024. That eclipse's path of to tality is straight over Vermont meaning the sun will be complete

ly obscured.
"With a total eclipse, it will get real dark, the bees will go back (to their hives) and the birds will sing [like a new day is starting]," he

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Lee said.

There are between 2 and 5 solar eclipses per year, and a total solar eclipse happens every 1.2 years. The longest total solar eclipse can base 7.5 minutes.

During a total solar eclipse, temperatures can change dramatily for a brief time. Animals will react to the darkness as if it were the onset of might.

### **Residents Question Proposed Hosmer Pond Draft Rules**

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CRAFTSBURY — The controversy were the use of powerboats on merring for deadeds. New that the Department of Environmental Contention of the Contention of the

lie Waters (UPW) rules, specific to Great Hosmer Pend. The change adds a single paragraph to the UPW rules, which states: "Use of racing shells and row-ing sculls is prohibited on the Pond between the hours of 1:00pm and 4:00pm, and the hours of 7:00 pm and a surrise, from the last Saturday in May through the first Monday in September."

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The process for changing UPW rules was created in 1995 'to establish the framework for a coherent behavior of the standard state of the condition of the standard s

### Hardwick Select **Board: Construction** Updates and Some New Ideas

by Doug McClure

HARDWICK — The select board met to discuss two husiness on the Marton discussion of the Marton discussio

conditional on it staying in public hands for at least twenty years; even if it were sold after that, it could not change function. Jewett suggested that Hardwick take its time to find the best way to use the funding, given there are two years to decide. Jewett said the town is look-

to decide.

Jewett said the town is looking to hire a hydrologist to find a more of the control of the control