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Town Reviews Budget, Hears Request

by Doug McClure

HARDWICK – Residents watching the June 3 select board meeting received a crash course in the mechanics of creating town budgets, courtesy of the board and Interim Town Manager Jon Jewett.

The Recreation Committee went before the board to request that \$5,000 of FY2021 funds be moved to its capital fund. Coordinator Jason Bahner explained that due to COVID-19, the committee had not run most of its intended programs and that much of the FY2021 budget would not be spent by the end of the fiscal year on June 30, including roughly \$5,000 of maintenance. The committee requested \$5,000 from the 2021 budget be carried over for scheduled work that could not be completed during the fiscal year. The FY2022 budget has been fully allocated, Bahner said.

Committee chair Holly Bolio summarized their predicament: “Everything stopped. We were between [recreation] coordinators. Now we’re at the end of the fiscal year and the money [for next fiscal year] is all allocated somewhere.” Chief among the committee’s concerns was work

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Village Plans Discussed, Bridge Workshop July 17

by Doug McClure

HARDWICK – Several pending town projects were discussed at the June 3 Hardwick Select Board Meeting.

Board member Shari Cornish reminded members that on July 17 a community workshop will be led by architect David

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photo by Doug McClure

Hazen Union Tech Ed/Woodshop teacher Jim Raas shows off one of the new student-constructed tables headed to Atkins Field. The Hardwick Recreation Committee is looking to refine a capital budget plan to include long-term equipment such as park benches, maintenance, and repairs to the ice rink.

Albany “Genny” Store Opens

by Doug McClure

ALBANY – After eight long years and \$800,000 of fundraising, Albany again has a general store. A fire shuttered the previous incarnation of the store almost a decade ago, turning the town into a food desert. Until last week, an Albany resident would have to drive all the way to Irasburg or Craftsbury just to get a gallon of milk.

Over the past few years, the nonprofit Albany Community Trust (ACT) has worked to secure financing so the town would once again have a general store. Emily Maclure, Kit Basom, and local baker Jana Smart co-own the “Genny,” as the Albany General Store is known. The three also co-own the Craftsbury General Store.

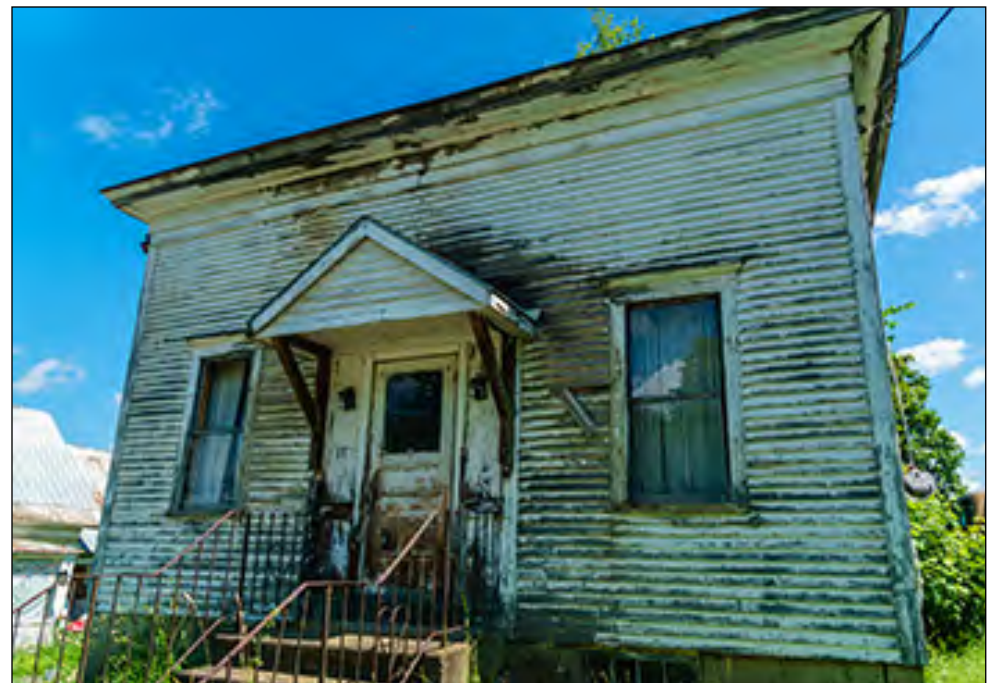
Maclure said that the opening proved an emotional one for some residents. “Some of the first few people who were coming in were almost welling up with tears, and I think some of the people were the folks from Albany Community Trust that got behind this project and have been working tirelessly for three-and-a-half years, doing grant applications, doing all the legwork to put this building back in the community.” The ACT bought the property in 2018, based on a town survey that identified a store as a critical community need. The group partnered with Preservation Trust of Vermont as a fiscal sponsor and secured over \$200,000 in

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photo by Doug McClure

The Albany “Genny” opened last week.



file photo by Doug McClure

The East Hardwick “Little Library” has location issues.

Move Mulled for East Hardwick Library Building

by Doug McClure

EAST HARDWICK – The town’s “Little Library” continues to be a key focus for the East Hardwick Neighborhood Organization (EHNO). Virtually every question has been asked about how the disused building can play a role in the village, as well as how to tackle its significant location issues. Now, with another survey completed in May, the organization is investigating moving the building to a more favorable site and transforming the structure into a new library and community center.

While the building itself is extremely small and years of neglect have taken a toll, the tiny lot it

sits on is even more problematic. EHNO chair Cheryl Michaels said, “the location and size of its current lot continues to present challenges that will restrict the use of the building.” Michaels said those issues “pretty much explain why the building fell into disrepair and was closed in the first place.”

Access to the Little Library is one big challenge. Currently, the only way to get into the building is to climb a steep flight of stairs. Another problem for people with mobility issues is, “there is no place to drop off a person in front of the library without blocking Main Street and the nearest parking is on Cedar Street, with a steep walk

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Raphael of Middlebury-based LandWorks. The purpose of the workshop is to present Raphael's scenarios for the pedestrian bridge project and solicit community feedback. The event will be held in the Daniels Building parking lot.

Cornish sent an email earlier containing some details of the event. She described the workshop as intended "to envision and select a direction for the town to take in designing the new bridge and the 'landings' on either side of the bridge for the future." Assisting Raphael will be Bob Neeld, P.E., a civil and structural engineer who is the principal of Burlington's Engineering Ventures, who is involved in the bridge project.

Cornish said the event will be broken down into multiple 'sessions' and will include a break for food and drinks in the late afternoon.

At the select board meeting, Cornish said the event was intended to get community response to the proposals. "That will be our community engagement," she said. She added she submitted a \$2,675 funding request to the Golub Foundation, the charitable arm of the company that owns Price Chopper.

Another upcoming project is the state's full repaving of Routes 14 and 15 through the village, anticipated for the fall of 2022. Select board chair Eric Remick said that he, Cornish, previous Town Manager Shaun Fielder, interim Town Manager Jon Jewett, and Roads Foreman Tom Fadden attended a "kickoff meeting for planning" with Vtrans.

The board previously heard that the major paving work will involve taking the pavement down to the base, which will afford opportunities to realize some of the board-approved Pedestrian and Traffic Safety Commission's recommendations. Jonathon Weber of Local Motion was at the event and Remick said, "we had a conversation about sidewalks, parking spots, crosswalks, and bike lanes." He said the town's objectives might be simplified as a result of VTrans reworking everything. Compliance-related plans, such as removing parking spots that are dangerously close to the crosswalks and out of compliance might potentially be covered by the state, he said.

The board also approved a slate of downtown commission members in advance of its bid for Downtown Designation. Remick said that the number of applicants exceeded what the commission could accommodate. "I was very

impressed with the enthusiasm, we had ten strong applications," he said.


The maximum size of the commission at this point is seven members, led by Cornish, and she said, "I'm thrilled that people are interested and excited." She said applicants that could not be appointed were still welcome to contribute. The members are Katy Tandy of soon-to-open Birdsong Beer and Wine, Gary Michaels, Tobin Porter-Brown of Front Seat Coffee, Bethany Dunbar of the Center for an Agricultural Economy, Emily Hershberger of the Buffalo Mountain Co-Op, and Galaxy Bookshop co-owner Sandy Scott.

While most of the discussion at the meeting focused on the future, Jewett pointed out some current problems that might warrant an operational change. As deputy health officer, the town manager is required by statute to respond to tenant health and safety issues.

One example Jewett cited has resulted in the intervention of the Vermont Department of Children and Families and fire marshals to make the unit safe. Another rental site has structural and vermin problems.

Another situation that Jewett highlighted was the deterioration of the Robitille house, which is becoming unsafe since the former resident is in prison and the USDA is paying the property taxes and town bills. "It's really bad," he said. Yet another situation is a house in East Hardwick which is getting closer to tipping over backward due to an eroding bank. While the town sometimes can provide fill where it has excess, in this case Jewett said that would do nothing to ameliorate the situation.

Jewett suggested that due to the magnitude of these problems, the town might consider appointing someone to the health officer positions with more time to spend and more expertise.



June 9 - June 15

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POLICE REPORT

Hardwick Police

Media Log Summary

May 31: Directed Patrol, Glenside Ave.; Assist – Public, S. Main St.; Fire Alarm, S. Main St.; Traffic Stop, Vt. Rte. 16; Noise Disturbance, Spruce Dr.; Traffic Stop, S. Main St.; Fire Alarm, Cherry St.; Suspicious Event, School St.

June 1: 911 Hangup, Baker Hill Dr.; VIN Verification, Houston Hill Rd.; Traffic Stop, Bridgman Hill Rd.; Alarm, Log Yard Dr.; Overdose, Evergreen Manor Dr.; Welfare Check, High St.; TRO/FRO Service, High St.; Intoxication, School St.

June 2: TRO/FRO Violation, High St.; Assist – Agency, High St.; Traffic Stop, Vt. Rte. 15; VIN Verification, Vt. Rte. 16; Directed Patrol, Main St.; Traffic Stop, Elm St.; Traffic Stop, Wolcott St.; Traffic Stop, Vt. Rte. 14; Traffic Stop, Wolcott St.; Traffic Stop, S. Main St.; Traffic Stop, S. Main St., Upper Cherry St.; Traffic Stop, Wolcott St.; Drugs, Lower Cherry St.

June 3: Alarm, Log Yard Dr.; Foot Patrol, S. Main St.; Suspicious

Event, Montgomery Rd., E. Hardwick.

June 4: Directed Patrol, S. Main St.; Assist – Other, Wolcott St.; Suspicious Event; Assist – Public, Hopkins Hill Rd.; Fraud, N. Main St.; Suspicious Event, Rte. 15/14 N; Dead Body, Riverside Ter.

June 5: Assist – Agency, Vt. Rte. 16; Vandalism, S. Main St.; Medical, S. Main St.; Traffic Stop, Wolcott St.; Traffic Stop, Wolcott St.; Traffic Stop, Wolcott St.; Juvenile Problem, Spring St.; Traffic Stop, Wolcott St.; Traffic Stop, Wolcott St.; Alarm, Log Yard Dr.

June 6: Alarm, Log Yard Dr.; Directed Patrol, Upper Cherry St.; Medical, S. Main St. #1; Traffic Stop, Vt. Rte. 16; Suspicious event, Lamoille Ave.; Suspicious Event, Wolcott St.; Motor Vehicle Complaint, Vt. Rte. 15/Rte. 16

June 7: VIN Verification; Vandalism, S. Main St.; Traffic Stop, Wolcott St.; Traffic Stop, Wolcott St.; Traffic Stop, Vt. Rte. 14; Traffic Stop, Wolcott St.

State Police Report

Cruelty to a Child, Retail Theft, DUI

On April 14, in Marshfield, the Vermont State Police began assisting Homeland Security Investigations and DCF with an investigation involving the welfare of a child. The child in question was in the care of Jodee Jernigan, of Barre. There were allegations of Jernigan intentionally having the child ingest a controlled substance. The child tested positive for a controlled substance. Jernigan is being charged with the crime of cruelty to a child. She was issued a citation, via her attorney, and is ordered to appear in the Vermont Superior Court, Criminal Division, on July 22.

On June 1, at approximately 12:30 p.m., Troopers made contact with a vehicle and its occupants in Northfield, believed to be associated with a larceny investigation out of East Montpelier. Subsequent investigation found that one of the passengers, Louis Marsh, of Wolcott, had an active arrest warrant out of Morristown for Retail Theft. Marsh

was taken into custody and transported to the Middlesex State Police Barracks for processing before he was brought to Washington County Superior Court Criminal Division to answer to his warrant.

On June 5, at approximately 1:36 a.m., Troopers responded to the area of Vermont Route 14 in Calais for a report of a vehicle that struck a telephone pole and was stuck. An investigation showed Gabriel Riley, of Marshfield, had crashed the vehicle and was intoxicated. Riley was taken into custody and transported to the Middlesex Barracks for processing. He was issued a citation to appear in Washington County Superior Court – Criminal Division on June 24 at 8:30 a.m.

This report is based on information provided by the Vermont State Police but is not a full accounting of police activity. Persons named in this report are presumed to be innocent unless they plead or are found guilty in court.

Hardwick Police

Speeding, No Registration, No Insurance

On June 1, at 4:45 p.m., Dennis L. Newland, of Albany, was stopped on Bridgeman Hill Rd., in Hardwick. Police issued a pair of \$162 tickets for No Registration and No Insurance.

On June 2, at 6:20 p.m., Courtney A. Judkins, of Hardwick, was stopped on S. Main St. in Hardwick. Police issued a \$130 ticket for traveling 35mph in a 25 mph zone.

On June 6, at 5:30 p.m., Brenden J. Beer, of Greensboro, was stopped on Wolcott St. in Hardwick. Police issued a \$162 ticket for No Registration.

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AWARE Report

HARDWICK – AWARE served eight survivors of domestic and sexual violence from May 30 through June 6. AWARE is a nonprofit organization, established in 1984, dedicated to

resolving the causes and effects of domestic violence and sexual assault in the greater Hardwick area.

The 24-hour hotline is 802-472-6463.

Store

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grants and \$140,000 in donations in the first year alone.

The building has been completely refurbished, with the kitchen expanded and slightly extended further back. Completely new is a large open room which is intended to not just to be seating for customers, but also a community space, something that also had been in short supply in Albany. The store has WiFi.

In a twist, the pandemic actually provided the trio with some valuable insight into what consumers are seeking from their general stores now. Maclure said the Craftsby Store adapted to local demand due to COVID. “I feel like it became a real grocery store during COVID times.”

She said people wanted to have a wider range of products at their local store, and that is a lesson the three brought with them as they stocked the shelves of the store. Basom said, “We wanted to make sure the space also felt like it was carrying the essentials, that it was a need we were filling that we appreciated.”

She said, “We knew that here in Albany, we would be the only store in town, so we were really trying to create a product selection that would appeal to the whole community, really feel like there was something for everybody.” Basom said the deli is a big draw.

Smart said one secret ingredient is the store’s breakfast offering. She grew up in Texas and breakfast burritos were popular there. The food at the store borrows from that tradition and also focuses very much on home-style food,

such as gravy and biscuits. The store makes pizzas from scratch in-house also, sold either as whole pies or by the slice.

Maclure said one benefit she had seen already was the store becoming a social space. “Just to get that gallon of milk, the social interaction. The first day here, there was somebody who lived up Pitkin Road and someone else who lived a mile down that road who had never met. And they were in here and started talking, and I’m like, this is how that happens. People get the chance to have those connections. I think that is what I think all of us feel why this project is so important.”

On Sunday, the store was busy with customers jostling to get a late lunch, with slices being ordered in quick succession. One customer thanked Maclure for getting something in that he wanted.

Maclure said that the ACT’s strategy to return a store to the community exemplified a successful way to turn around the trend of Vermont’s decline in general stores. It’s a model similar to one now being followed in East Calais to bring back its store.

Renting the space out to a store owner lowers the cost of entry for prospective businesspeople, she said, “the things that need to be done to operate these old buildings are high-cost and a huge lift for small business owners to try and come up with.” At the same time, while the ACT is renting the space, its primary interest is not in being landlords. “They’re in the business of building community,” Maclure said. “That’s their goal, to have a store here that’s thriving. They want us to thrive, and they want the community to be happy.”

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work on the skating rink and smaller projects, such as park benches and fixing up the little-used park on Cottage Street. Bolio said the \$5,000 could also be used for matching grants. “Not having matching funds limits our options,” she said.

Hardwick Select Board chair Eric Remick said that while he supported the work of the recreation committee and noted the “big surplus” from FY2021, operating budgets can come in over or under budget. “I don’t know where we’re going to land this year,” he said.

Jewett explained that capital funds differ from operating budgets. “Normally capital money is intended to go for longer-term projects, like putting in a playground or buying some equipment that’s going to last a long time,” he said. He added that in the past money was placed in a capital fund when other purposes were outlined for its use.

After some discussion, the board said while the recreation committee may not have worded it correctly, the funding was mostly targeted in ways that fit into capital budgets. The skating rink needs significant repairs. Bahner suggested that the committee might choose to help the school pay to rehabilitate the Hazen Union tennis courts.

Remick asked business manager Casey Rowell about the status of the town-wide budget; Rowell said it was not likely to go over budget but might come close to 100%. The board approved a reworded request from the recreation committee, with vice chair Ceilidh Gallo-way-Kane abstaining due to her involvement in the committee.

Hardwick Police Chief Aaron Cochran said the department had started research on its upcoming cruiser order. Two options existed: a Ford Explorer or a Dodge Charger AWD, and “there’s a big difference in price.” The board gave Chief Cochran approval to get the less expensive Charger. In another cost-related matter, Cochran said the state had started migrating onto the same law enforcement reporting system as the towns which, if the state takes over the cost, might result in some savings for Hardwick Police Department (HPD).

Also discussed was contracting for dispatch services with Lamoille County Sheriff’s Department (LCSD). It was discovered that Greensboro was being billed 35% of the two-town dispatch costs by LCSD and

Hardwick 65%, which was more than Hardwick billed Greensboro for its patrol services. The LCSD assessed costs based on population as well as the Grand List, and the 24% Greensboro had previously paid Hardwick for policing was based solely on population.

LCSD’s bid was substantially less than other options, Jewett said. With an unknown amount of additional funding coming to the LCSD from the American Rescue Plan, Chief Cochran asked that a letter be included with the bid acceptance requesting LCSD to better integrate its radio services with the HPD radios. He said while the current two-system approach is functional, using additional equipment to enable LCSD and HPD radios to communicate would substantially improve communications.

In reviewing the water budget, Casey Rowell told the board that increases were kept “as minimal as possible.” The overall budget increase is 0.98%, or \$3,000. She said increases for the sewer budget will likely be more significant. Remick suggested that, with the current water rate structure in place for the next few years, it might make sense to add one tier below the current bottom rate. He said he knew of cases where an individual living alone was paying about the same as a family with kids.

The board also signed off on the Burn Ordinance modeled after the state’s statute, with fines adjusted to reflect the same amounts. The Forest Fire Warden was named as the primary responder, with HPD serving as secondary.

Chief Cochran said that police officers are not firefighters and not trained to diagnose a situation, and the legalities of when a police officer can enter private property are more stringent than for a firefighter or fire warden. Dispatch will hold lists of sites with burn permits in place, with the ordinance clarifying for first responders whether a burn is legal. The ordinance is now in a statutorily mandated review period for public comments.

In other burning news, Chief Cochran issued a reminder that fireworks can only be legally purchased and used by private citizens with permits, which he said are easy to get from the police or fire departments.

The board also received a review of how the water budget fared for FY2021 and signed off on the construction loan application for the wastewater treatment plant’s Phase III.



photo by Doug McClure

On their tour of the town-owned old schoolhouse, members of the Wolcott Select Board examined the buckling floorboards at the building’s rear.

Wolcott Takes Fresh Look at Old Schoolhouse

by Doug McClure

WOLCOTT – After a pandemic-long hiatus, the June 2 Wolcott Select Board meeting marked the beginning of a return to in-person meetings. The board previously tried to return to in-person meetings last summer, but increasing cases of COVID-19 put an end to the plan.

This time, the board met in the town offices without a public audience as, according to the state, Wolcott is 81-90% vaccinated. It was noted that past attempts to combine in-person and Zoom meetings resulted in technical problems, but the board has since resolved most of the issues, except for the poor quality of internet service in Wolcott.

A cornerstone of this meeting was the town’s formal beginning of an asset management plan. The initial phase involves the board inspecting the town’s assets and assessing their condition. Tonight’s inspection was of the Old Schoolhouse directly adjacent to the town offices. The structure has been the subject of ongoing but abortive discussions. At one point, a committee was formed to come up with a solution.

The long disused building is in a state of disrepair. It was built in approximately 1855 and formerly educated students through sixth grade. Two select board members said they had attended school there as children, while another had children who went there.

The in-person inspection of the building occupied the first twenty minutes of the meeting. While some parts of the building, mostly at the front, seemed relatively solid, the back floor has buckled. The board was told that some of the issues were introduced years ago by the addition of a kitchen that created a moisture problem.

The board designated member Allen Carpenter as its point person. “The foundation looks like it’s solid,” Carpenter said. “The roof looks like it’s falling off, and I’m not sure about the structure. It looks like it has deteriorated [since the last inspection]. We just don’t know how far.”

Another factor under consideration was material from other town building renovations that had ended up at the schoolhouse. Chair Linda Martin said a plan was needed to deal with the “inventory,” as “it’s kind of become a dumping ground.” Vice chair Kurt Klein said a lot of what he saw of that inventory did not seem salvageable.

Klein pointed out that some of the work to assess the building had previously been done, most recently in 2016 by Middlebury architect Keefe & Wesner with a grant from the Preservation Trust of Vermont. A list of inventory stored in the building was also compiled at the time.

The architect said that the cost of demolition and building a new structure exceeded the cost of work to rehabilitate the building.

Klein will work on updating the inventory list to try to sort the materials stored inside into things that can be recycled, things that should be preserved, and things that need to go to All Metals Recycling.

The board and Town Clerk Belinda Clegg handled some financial details with the end of the fiscal year fast approaching. Clegg said she was not ready to present a detailed financial picture at this meeting as the town pays a lot of its bills in the first two weeks of June.

One area of concern was the impact of COVID-19 on property taxes. Clegg said “we’ve been

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photo by Doug McClure

Wolcott select board chair Linda Martin examines the detritus left in the front of the old schoolhouse building, which is mostly from renovations to other town properties. Someone has shot through a window at left.



photo by Doug McClure

Wolcott Select Board vice chair Kurt Klein looks at windows that are now stored in the old schoolhouse, apparently put there after a renovation to the Depot building some years back.

Schoolhouse

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doing really good” with receipts of property taxes, with just \$80,000 outstanding. One reason for that success, she said, was a large number of home sales in which outstanding property taxes were cleared.

A lingering financial question is exactly how much Wolcott would receive from the American Rescue Plan, and when. The constraints for that funding’s use are also unknown, though indications are that anything directly relating to helping town infrastructure combat climate change would get approved. Town Administrator Randall Szott said the most recent number he had was \$249 per resident. Wolcott’s population most recently has hovered around 1,700, which would put the amount of money received at just over \$400,000. Szott said the information so far indicated that half of that would come this month and the other half later in the year.

The town would have several years to spend the money, so Martin said she wanted to be very careful and not spend anything right away.

The board decided to move ahead with opening the transfer station on Sundays, as it had pre-pandemic. Klein said he believed that with the COVID-19 situation much improved, not having the extra hours on Sunday was hurting revenues and that some residents preferred to visit the transfer station on Sundays. Martin said some people she knew incorporated a trip to the transfer station into their Sunday routines, such as church. Clegg said that at this point, with just Saturdays on the schedule, bins were being picked up that were not completely full. “You’re still paying the same price to haul it, even if it isn’t full,” she said.

Another factor is that the Department of Corrections (DOC) now has resumed its offender work program. The transfer station has additional assistance already on Saturdays, and the DOC program can augment staffing on Sundays.



photo by Doug McClure

Select board member Allen Carpenter (left) unlocks the door to the old schoolhouse at last Wednesday’s tour of that town property, followed by chair Linda Martin (right). Carpenter has been designated the point person for assessing the building’s condition.

Library

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up the hill to the building,” Michaels said.

EHNO has worked with East Hardwick architect Patrick Kane, Michaels reported, and “we’ve found ways to overcome many challenges on that lot, such as lack of septic, a crumbling foundation, and a challenging accessibility plan, but the drop-off and parking issues noted above are still a huge drawback.”

The EHNO recently learned of a small parcel adjacent to the First Congregational Church of East Hardwick which was historically the site of the McFeeter’s Feed Store. That store was sited directly on the railroad so it could accept train deliveries and now sits on the soon-to-be-completed Lamoille Valley Rail Trail (LVRT), which is expected to be a major draw for visitors.

The new lot would offer more flexibility and fewer issues, Michaels said. “Our vision for the

library in the new location would be to have about six parking spaces along the driveway facing Steven’s Lane.” She said thought had gone into what possibilities might exist for outdoor seating such as “benches on the lawn, or perhaps a small terrace or porch in front of the building.”

The concept and its proximity to the LVRT go to a core mission of the EHNO, she said, returning the once-thriving village center to its former vibrancy.

“The lot backs up to the rail trail near the location of the old Lamoille Station,” Michaels said. “The EHNO is currently looking at the possibility of developing a small rest stop on that location. It might include a bike rack, picnic table or benches, or a small shelter along with a water spigot and a bulletin board and sign welcoming rail trail users to East Hardwick.”

Michaels said if people want to visit East Hardwick at that point, “they will be in a sort of town center that includes the library, Church, and Grange Hall.” Whether or not

the idea is feasible is up to the East Hardwick Fire District and the Congressional Church.

Michaels said the survey showed “overwhelmingly positive” responses from residents about the possible move and using the building as a combined library/community center. Virtually all survey respondents supported the idea of moving the building.

The enthusiasm for this re-imagining of the village library was unexpected, Michaels said. “A surprise indicator of community commitment was that 12 persons expressed an interest in being volunteer librarians,” she noted. The survey responses to having a community space suggested several uses for the space. “The availability of books and videos was the highest-rated usage, small group meetings, small classes, and wi-fi were next.”

One resident in the survey had particularly strong feelings about the possible move. “Safe parking is essential for everyone,” the resident said. “Outside space is

always important for all ages. The Church Street location would be a wonderful new birth for our library. Please don’t put this memory in a box and let it die. New birth could benefit everyone.” Another resident added, “The move would help bring East Hardwick more alive.”

A handful of residents worried the structure would cut into the already-limited outdoor space in the village or that moving the historic structure could have unforeseen consequences. Most felt that, even if they wished the structure could remain where it is, a move was the best option.

The East Hardwick Fire District met on Tuesday night to discuss the proposal.

“It’s not ‘move or don’t move,’ but ‘move to this particular lot, or not move,’ as there are probably no other locations available,” Michaels said. “Although it is possible, but very unlikely, we would look for a new lot if this doesn’t work out. Will the community come together to make this happen? Not sure yet, it is still up to the church and the fire district.”

CARES Act Funding Brings Affordable Housing to Hardwick

HARDWICK – Nonprofit affordable housing developer Lamoille Housing Partnership (LHP) recently added two new Zero Energy Modular (ZEM) homes to Hardwick’s Evergreen Manor neighborhood.

Using CARES Act funds, the income-eligible, affordable rental homes are part of statewide pandemic recovery efforts to end homelessness among low-income Vermonters through permanent housing infrastructure.

“These homes are vital to reducing housing affordability barriers experienced by Hardwick’s low- and moderate-income earning residents and contribute to accelerating Hardwick’s pandemic economic recovery efforts,” says LHP Executive Director Jim Lovinsky. LHP has owned the Evergreen Manor mobile home park since 1991.

In 2014, the park underwent significant transformation when LHP added 13 ZEM homes to replace traditional, mobile homes in the park, and reestablish homes on the park’s vacant lots. Each of the rental homes are affordable and income eligible, designated for households that are considered low- or moderate-income (LMI) and earn 30% to 80% of area median income.

Over the past seven years, the subsidized housing project has supported 33 adults and children. The newly added ZEM homes are also 100% electric, feature a high-performance building envelope and use quality, durable building materials and insulation, and come equipped with heat pumps for heating and cooling, Energy Star rated appliances, and rooftop solar panels. Monthly rent for each ZEM home is \$775 to \$1,150 including heat and electricity. Comparatively, fair market rental rates for traditional mobile home rentals in the area range from \$876 to \$1,192 per month, excluding heat and electricity and are typically older, significantly less energy efficient, and rely on kerosene and propane, which are more costly forms of energy.

“The coronavirus pandemic has exacerbated Vermont’s ongoing

housing affordability problem and widened the housing gap experienced by LMI individuals and vulnerable populations,” says Lovinsky. “Affordable housing is a proven, replicable solution that measurably ends homelessness, increases financial stability, and improves health outcomes.”

The Lamoille Valley’s housing shortage and disproportionate amount of subsidized housing are contributors to rising rates of housing insecurity and cost burden, homelessness, and displacement, especially among LMI community members. The region’s vacancy rate has steadily held at 2% since 2018, and just 19% of the area’s overall housing stock is subsidized. According to HousingData.org’s most recent community assessment, “37% of all Lamoille County households pay more than 30% of their income for housing ... 18% of Lamoille households pay a severely high 50% or more of their income for housing.”

The Lamoille Area Health and Human Services Response Command Center reported as recently as March 1 that at least 130 adults and children in Lamoille Valley communities are enduring homelessness. Vermont expanded the General Assistance program, commonly known as the motel voucher program, in an emergency effort to protect public health and safety. Currently 2,700 Vermonters are temporarily sheltering in motels statewide through the federally financed program while they seek or wait for permanent housing to transition into. However, Vermont’s network of subsidized housing is outpaced by the number of individuals and families in this program now, and housing providers and advocates have expressed concern about where participants will go once the program is scaled back.

The National Low Income Housing Coalition recently reported that “there are only 49 affordable and available rental homes for every 100 extremely low-income households” in Vermont. This is where the ZEM homes come in. “The new ZEM homes increase local housing



photo by Vanessa Fournier

Work continues on the two recently added Zero Energy Modular homes located in Evergreen Manor in Hardwick. The park is owned by Lamoille Housing Partnership.

stock and provide sustainable solutions to meaningfully address Vermont’s housing shortage, and will provide permanent, safe, affordable homes for individuals and families who are exiting homelessness or precarious housing situations,” explains Lovinsky. “This rapid action affordable housing project immediately provides a lifeline to Vermonters struggling with pandemic caused challenges, breaks the cycle of homelessness, and helps them get back on their feet and on the road to long term housing success.”

“I am proud to have the Evergreen project in my district,” said Joseph “Chip” Troiano, Representative of the Caledonia-2 district.

“Affordable, energy efficient, independent housing is what we need to promote in our communities. I was happy to help to secure funding for the last two homes.”

The project received Federal Covid Relief funds through the State of Vermont administered by Vermont Housing and Conservation Board with technical support from Vermont Energy Investment Corporation. The first ZEM home residents are scheduled to move in this June. A virtual celebration is planned. For more information about the project and the virtual celebration, visit lamoillehousing.org and follow @lamoillehousing on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

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Notice is hereby given in accord with 32 V.S.A. §4111, that the undersigned listers within and for the town/city of Hardwick have this day completed the abstract of individual lists (abstract) of property owners as of the first day of April, 2021.

The listers have this same day lodged the abstract in the office of the clerk for the inspection of taxpayers.

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Pilot Hazen Union Program Impacts Wider Community

by Doug McClure

HARDWICK – As the 2020-2021 school year opened, Hazen Union launched a series of projects to better serve students who did not respond well to traditional rote classroom-based learning. Among the more ambitious of those was Dare to be Me (DTBM) a nature-based program focused on students getting exercise and learning introspection and self-awareness.

World Languages and Martial Arts teacher Anja Pfeffer and Hazen Union Makerspace coordinator Hilary Maynard co-taught the program.

In DTBM’s waning weeks, the two groups of students in that class worked to improve an under-utilized trail on the Hardwick Trails with a StoryWalk, intended as an educational tool for Hardwick’s youngest citizens. The project combined the efforts of the class, members of the Hardwick Trails Committee, Jeudevine Youth Librarian Diane Grenkow, and Hazen Union woodshop teacher Jim Raas.

DTBM has used the Hardwick Trails for all its sessions, with students journaling and discussing their thoughts. Ron Wiesen of the Hardwick Trails Committee said, “Anja’s class was looking for something to do on the trails. [The students] use the trails a lot and they talked to her about that, and [the idea] came to the trails [committee] from Anja.”

At the same time, Grenkow had been mulling over a StoryWalk for the children that would be more permanent than her previous ones. “Pieces just really fell together,” Wiesen said. “It’s an interesting thing about a small community. You only have small organizations or individuals, but when they can put things together, really unique things can happen.”

Raas said he had been in the OSSU and at Hazen Union since 1986. Wiesen and the Trails Committee bought the materials to make the signs for the StoryWalk. “I had some students cut the 4x4s,

the angles as Ron spec’d them. We got some plywood, got it painted, pre-drilled some of the holes.”

The trail hosting the StoryWalk is mainly used only for the annual Pumpkin Walk. Wiesen described it as “our flattest trail.” Student Daniel desGroseilliers said, “It’s not a long walk. It’s going to be good for smaller kids, and that’s kind of the reason we built the trail is to get people outside and walking, enjoying the trails. It’s not a very hard trail to walk on, it’s very flat and fairly even.”

Wiesen described the StoryWalk as “a great idea for the town to be able to bring different groups together.” He said that this project coming to fruition was significant. “When I was on the recreation committee, one of the obvious things was having so many organizations that had something to offer that being able to make connections was the big thing. If you couldn’t make the connections, nothing happened.”

Grenkow said “prior to this, I’ve done StoryWalks on the trails, but they’ve only been up for a day. It wasn’t a permanent situation, so when I heard about this I went to the trails [committee] meeting and asked if we could have something more permanent.” The current story will be up for “a while,” but will eventually be superseded by new stories.

The two groups of students decided to divide the labor into construction of the signs for the StoryWalk and the creation of the art and story. desGroseilliers said that his group, the Tuesday class, did the construction side of the project.

The second group wrote the story which is entitled “Fire Fruit Friends.” Student Megan Cane said half of the class worked on the story, and the other half began working on the accompanying illustrations. Cane said that “I think towards the end, we all started working on the drawings because there was so much to do.” They offered an animated rundown of the storyline.



photo by Doug McClure

The very first post of the StoryWalk on the Hardwick Trails being installed. From the Dare to be Me class (at the back): Jacob Davison, James Montgomery, Daniel desGrosselliers. Kneeling by the post is Ron Wiesen of the Hardwick Trails Committee. At back right is teacher Hilary Maynard and, kneeling at bottom, is student Alder Hardt.

“The story is about a dinosaur wolf-dog named Carlos, who is way too huge and is part of a normal wolf pack. They kick him out because he’s so huge and he’s messing with their hunting and stuff, he’s just so clumsy, so huge. ‘Large and in charge,’ you know?”

“The rest of the story is he’s out in the world now by himself. And because he’s big and dopey, he can’t hunt for himself. So, then he looks up in the tree and sees fruit. He tries to get it himself because he’s huge and he thinks he can do it, but he can’t because it’s way up in the tree. So then comes along a mouse, José. He has a couple of buddies, so he whistles and then comes along a tortoise and a sloth. The sloth’s name is Earl and the turtle’s name is Myrtle. So then with some teamwork, they stack up to get the fruit and they get the fruit and then they have a little picnic, and then it’s the end. And they’re all friends forever.”

The closing sign contains three lessons to take from the story: “You are unique and that is something to celebrate; your differences could actually be your superpowers;

friendship is a true gift, appreciate it.”


Cane said of the project, “I like helping out kids, I like making stories for kids. It’s nice to actually do something worthwhile for the little kids and we’re going to read **See PROGRAM, 7**

Students Discover Themselves in the Outdoors

by Doug McClure

HARDWICK – Sometimes, things don’t go as you thought they would, but end up working out exactly as you’d hoped. That was the essential takeaway of Hazen Union World Languages and Martial Arts teacher Anja Pfeffer about how the first year of the Dare to be Me program has gone. The course was co-taught with the school’s Makerspace coordinator, Hilary Maynard.

Last fall, Pfeffer came up with the pilot educational project dubbed Dare to be Me, **See DISCOVER, 7**



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Me, which was designed around a different learning paradigm than the traditional classroom setting. The class focus was on intentional learning in the outdoors, exercise, and teaching students self-awareness. The Hardwick Trails became the classroom.

To a degree, the students became the teachers, with the common goal of finding out about themselves. Pfeffer and Maynard stepped back from class leadership, except when students needed help. Journaling was a part of the journey, as were, in the students' own words, frank and very intense conversations about themselves.

One student on this journey is Megan Cane. Cane is in the second of two groups of Dare to Be Me students. Cane said that "I'm less shy and quiet. If you'd asked me maybe a year ago if I wanted to do this interview, I'd say 'I don't want to be in the paper.' It kind of brings me out a bit."

Cane helped out with the class project of putting the StoryWalk on the Hardwick Trails, with signs featuring a story for young children to read as they walked. As Cane put it, it is a story about a "dinosaur wolf-dog" that doesn't fit in at home and the journey he takes to find himself and friends that believe in him.

As Pfeffer put it, "It's about being unique. It's about being your own self. It's about facing adversity in life and staying grounded in who you are. It's a 'dare to be me' story." Finding that "kindness creates trust, and friendship brings strength. Not a strength in the number of friends, but within yourself. It's life lessons, along with the overall focus on Uniqueness, Belonging, and Friendship."

Neither Pfeffer nor Maynard had any hand in creating the story: Cane's group imagined, wrote, and illustrated the story on their own. "They wrote this story," said Pfeffer, "and then I read the story and I thought, this is like this course."

Cane said they have become much more comfortable in their own skin over these months and describe themselves as "eccentric." As they put it, "Now I can say these things and people will be like, 'yes,' even if it's the weirdest thing, the most random thing. Now it's easier to communicate just because I have people that understand [that] this whole group is just people here to understand each other, like a family." They said that the closeness and earned trust of their classmates

made it easier to decide "whether I want to bring this [part of me] into rest of the world, even if they don't want it. Even if it's only two or three people in the rest of the world that actually want to hear my philosophy."

Pfeffer said that earnestness is part of the work the class has done. "[About] these conversations that we had out in the woods, I know when you're hearing this [description] there's a lot of goofiness behind it and lightheartedness. But we have existential questions that we discuss when we're out on the rocks in the woods. And so, what seems like this lighthearted friendship is really deep. Megan is a perfect example. [The students] ask incredibly existential questions at a time in their lives when it really couldn't be more important."

Cane said, that "I feel like if I just asked someone, 'why are we here?', they'd be like, 'Uhm, okay.' If you just ask 'were we worms at one point?' that's a little bit of an easier question for people to stomach. We're all people, and it's easier to stomach worm questions instead of questions about where we come from, because we don't know the answer to any of these questions."

Pfeffer said that she is very proud of the progress the students have made. "They have grown as groups, each of them in very different ways." During the fall, she said she believed the two groups were on parallel paths as intended, but instead the groups diverged in approaches while maintaining the ultimate goal of the class.

"[Along the way] my thought was, oh, they're not where I want them to be, because I had this image of what it should have been. And then I realized, we're all on this journey, and that is a beautiful thing, I think. Each of the members in each of the groups is on a different journey, but in a similar direction now that they have had this time together. And who knows where that's going to go?"



photo by Doug McClure

HES third graders were given a tour of the StoryWalk on the Hardwick Trails by Dare To Be Me students Noah Friend (back, left, black mask), and Gavin Bell (back, right) on Tuesday. The HES third graders (left to right) are Noah Lowell, Ethan Hanson, Blair Demers, and Huntley Watson.

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it to them." desGroseilliers said, "I feel good about it, doing something for the community, helping."

Raas said, "I think it's great, the collaboration, the Dare to be Me students getting out there. It gives a nice little walk. [The trails] have always been a great asset, and I think there's a lot of enthu-

siasm throughout the community to try and maintain."

The second and third graders from Hardwick Elementary were the first to tour the new StoryWalk last Friday and this Tuesday. The Friday group was divided into four groups of students. The second group of DTBM students ushered the students through, helping them with unfamiliar words.



photo by Doug McClure

Students from Hazen's Dare to be Me class gave Oscar Rationale, Dominic Mitchell, Ryan Holbrook and Kylie Smith from Megan Amell's second grade Hardwick Elementary School class a tour of the StoryWalk on Friday.



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Caja Madera Food Truck Offers Free Meals to Children

by Doug McClure

HARDWICK – In partnership with Vermont Everyone Eats and the Center for an Agricultural Economy (CAE), the Caja Madera food truck, locally known as the “taco truck,” is offering free meals to children 18 years of age and younger on six dates while supplies last.

The first date is today and goes through Friday, with the same schedule next week from Wednesday through Friday. The food truck is open from 11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. and is on Route 15, in front of the Wildcat Busing and Dona’s parking lot.

There is no income requirement to be eligible and no adult meal purchase is necessary. Children can choose either two chicken tacos or a Cabot cheese quesadilla. The meals come with local black beans, watermelon, and carrot sticks.

CAE Food Access Coordinator Meghan Wayland runs the Hardwick Everyone Eats program. She said that another CAE member, Place-Based Education Coordinator Reeve Basom, is very active in the schools and discovered a gap between the end of the school year and when free summer meals for kids start. Wayland said upon learning of that, she approached the state organizers at Vermont Everyone Eats to see if the program could fill the gap

so kids would not go hungry.

The plan was to allocate 300 meals from Hardwick-area restaurant, she said.

Wayland said, “It’s a little outside of how the program usually runs, but it was an easy yes from the state org, and CAE quickly got the green light to do something creative. I reached out to Bryan [Palilonis] at Caja Madera and he was instantly on board.”

In addition to this creative solution to bridge that gap, Wayland said that “On June 1, CAE also distributed 271 \$50 grocery vouchers to area food pantries as another means of supporting families during the transition to summer.”



photo by Vanessa Fournier
Lakeview students Alizabeth Chernovetz (left), Kinslee Nash (center) and Mercedes Keith (right) use their imagination and sand, rocks, and plastic food in the school’s newly built outdoor kitchen located on the playground. Former Lakeview teacher Lisa Sedore wrote an educator grant to North Country Credit Union and paraeducator Della Hall was instrumental in the completion of the project that was constructed by Michael Lapierre of The Bend Woodworking.



photo by Vanessa Fournier
The Cabot School band played at the Exhibition of Learning for the first band performance since 2020. Front row (from left) Wyatt Searles, Aiden Morse, Silas Robins, Alec Moran. Back row (from left) Jonah Socks, Leo Parlo, Marc Cruz Ducharme, Chase Alden, Declan O’Connor.

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Zhi Howes and Joann LaCasse at the Greensboro Garage offer e-bike rentals.

Local Garage Adds E-bike Rentals

by Hal Gray

GREENSBORO – The Greensboro Garage is now renting pedal-assisted electric bicycles. Joann LaCasse and her bike rental assistant Zhi Howes at the Greensboro Garage now rent out the bikes with a battery and motor that powers the rider at safe speeds and then allows the rider to pedal as well. Pedaling will provide extra power for going up hills.

The bikes and helmets can be rented seven days a week for short local trips or for extended (week-long) reservations.

Suggested local trips include around Caspian Lake on its circular road – gravel roads are no problem; to Greensboro Bend and back; to Craftsbury and

back; to East Hardwick to pick up the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail to Hardwick (ending behind the Health Center) and back on Center Road. The more adventurous could transport an e-Bike to Danville and ride the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail to St. Johnsbury.

Bike reservations may be made in advance at 802-533-7007. The office is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

LaCasse currently has three e-bikes, with more on order. She also rents three sizes of traditional bicycles: small, medium and large.



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June 10,	Hardwick Elementary 6th Grade, 5:30 p.m. at Atkins Field
June 10,	Walden 8th Grade, 6 p.m.
June 10,	Craftsbury 8th Grade, 6 p.m.
June 11,	Craftsbury Academy, 6 p.m.
June 12,	Hazen Union, 10 a.m.
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Zhi Howes explaining an e-bike to potential customers. Note the battery pack and motor.


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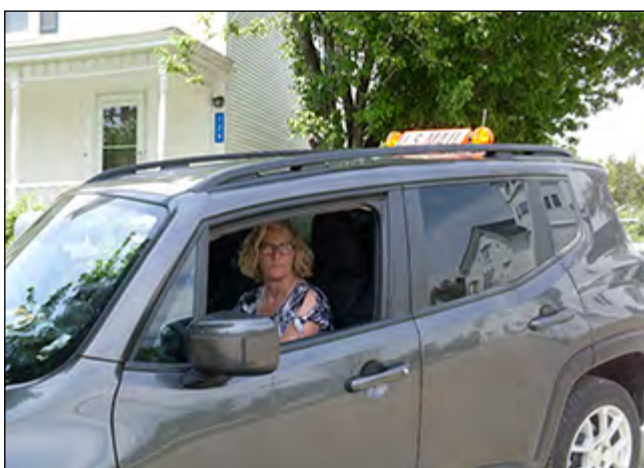
GREENSBORO – Last weekend saw much activity in Greensboro. People are emerging from the pandemic and everything's up to date and also traditional in Greensboro.

Willey's Store has a new gas pump (and it takes credit cards!), but the town's grocer, Robbie Hurst, still walks his dog, Cora, around town. For those less inclined to drive cars, there are now e-bikes to rent from Joann LaCasse's Greensboro Garage, as Craftsbury residents Suzanne Griffiths and Lori Mathez demonstrated (see separate story). Even snail mail delivery has been upgraded, with Robin Tatro's new SUV and its roof-top flashing lights and "U.S. Mail" sign.

Rev. Sunday-Winters had a busy weekend with construction of community garden enclosures on Saturday and conducting a Zoom "Communion and Conversation" gathering Sunday to reflect on what the congregation had learned from the pandemic about its relationship with God and how it is to re-launch in-person



Suzanne Griffiths and Lori Mathez of Craftsbury riding Joann's E-Bikes.



Robin Tatro delivering mail in her new "U.S. Mail" vehicle.



Josh and Jillian Cleveland of Greensboro Bend with Scarlet and Colt.

worship in the coming weeks.

Perhaps the most comforting was Colt and Scarlet Cleveland's lemonade and muffin stand at the Greensboro Garage on Saturday morning. Greensboro Bend residents Josh and Jillian Cleveland supported Colt (entering second grade) and Scarlet (entering kindergarten) as they operated their stand to benefit Lakeview Elementary School. Great traditional community values!

This weekend also saw the farming that has kept Greensboro so charming over the years, as evidenced by the hay bale in front of Perron's red barn.

There's still the question of how this will all end, but the village recycling center had the answer for that with its signs that the center is moving later this summer to the old "Stump Dump" on Cemetery Ridge Road on the other side of Greensboro Village.



Alex Utevsky, Rev. Sunday-Winters, and Josh Sunday-Winters constructing community garden enclosures.



Freshly rolled hay bale at the Perron's red barn.



Grocer Robbie Hurst walking Cora.



New signage at Greensboro's recycling center indicating upcoming re-location of the center.



Colt and Scarlet Cleveland operating their lemonade and muffin stand at the Greensboro Garage.

**Story and Photos
by
Hal Gray**

OUR COMMUNITIES

HCTV Seeks New Video Work

HARDWICK – Hardwick Community Television (HCTV) is extending a call to local video producers for new video work with a local focus (the greater Hardwick/Woodbury Area).

This could be a small or large video project, or a series of short pieces that can be initially broadcast on HCTV within three to nine months of being accepted.

HCTV will be funding multiple projects from an \$11,000 Community Creators Fund (allocated from Covid Relief Funds for Vermont-access stations from the Vermont Legislature in 2020).

In addition to monetary support, HCTV will be able to offer some amount of equipment and technical support, subject to

review and availability. They can only support projects that will have completed

videos for broadcast on HCTV (no partially completed projects, but a pilot or short form is fine).

The deadline for submitting a proposal is July 10. HCTV's board of directors will be reviewing these proposals and will follow-up with individuals before August 1.

The full call for proposals is available at this link: docs.google.com/document/d/1Jb-ZxJDiuwubAJ7hEBpiH-K06LSZriKnoTaJxzsQkZ8bg8/edit?usp=sharing

For more information, contact HCTV Executive Director Leif Goldberg at hardwicktv@comcast.net.

Cabot Creamery Introduces New Farm Trail

CABOT – Cabot Creamery has launched the Cabot Farm Trail, a way for people to visit and meet some of the cooperative's farm families across New England and upstate New York.

People can use the newly launched web page to find farms with creemee shops, farm stands, corn mazes, and other businesses that welcome visitors. The website can be filtered by geography, season, interest, and activity. Families can create their own perfect summer

getaway.

“Cabot is owned by hundreds of dairy farm families in the Northeast and many of them have offerings beyond the high-quality milk that goes into the “World's Best Cheddar,” states Rose Gomez, member marketing integrator. “Many of our farms are open to the public and our farmers are excited to welcome visitors to enjoy a taste of the farm. From farm tours to B&Bs, to local foods, there's much to see and taste on Cabot farms.”



photo by Vanessa Fournier

Vermont Department of Fish & Wildlife Game Warden Dustin Circe shows the fish that Rilynn Barnett caught and released during Woodbury School's Field Day held at Buck Lake on Wednesday. Fishing (at right in the back) is Oly Parker. The field day was coordinated by Woodbury Elementary staff and the Friends of WES, with onsite help from Fish & Wildlife Department staff.

Free Workshops on June 12 and June 26

HARDWICK – Grow Your Own will host two free workshops in June. Meghan Wayland will lead a fishing workshop on Saturday, June 12 from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Registration is required by Wednesday, June 9. Equipment will be provided. To register email LauraLee Sweeney at director@hardwickareafoodpantry.org or call 802-472-5940.

June 26 is the date for a gardening workshop with Helena Carleton at Atkins Field in Hardwick, 1:30 to 3 p.m. Carleton

is the garden manager at the Hardwick Community Gardens and this workshop will be about organic solutions to garden pests. Space is limited, and the deadline to register is June 23.

The mission of Grow Your Own is increased food independence, better health and well-being through shared knowledge and experience. It is a project of the Hardwick Area Food Pantry, Wonder Arts and the Center for an Agricultural Economy.

Wolcott Residents:

Beginning Saturday, June 12, the Wolcott Transfer Station will have new hours of operation. The transfer station will be open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

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OBITUARIES

THE REV. TAIHAKU GRETCHEN PRIEST

WOODBURY – Having lived a life full of exuberance, caring, and miraculous experiences, Rev. Taihaku Gretchen Priest passed away suddenly and peacefully in the early morning hours on Monday, May 24.

As the founding abbot of Shao Shan Temple, a small Soto Zen Temple in Woodbury, her life influenced and inspired many people to find the still center in meditation. Her way of being in the world so beautifully embodied the Buddhist teachings of compassion and caring, that she connected easily with people from all walks of life. Capable of doing anything she chose – she could design and build a Temple, train at a strict Soto Zen monastery in Japan, replace a toilet, grow basketball-sized rutabagas, and create five-star culinary delights – all while having an immense amount of fun.

Born in Marblehead, Mass., her early years were characterized by a love of sailing and art. She often used sailing as a metaphor in her teachings and loved the intimate connection with the wild natural world of wind and water. Her artistic talents continued to manifest as construction projects where she cared for minute details.

Taihaku Gretchen Priest was a loving and playful mother and grandmother, and her life continues through her family,



The Rev. Taihaku Gretchen Priest

in particular, her daughter and family, Leafye Pante, Marcus, Amelia and Sebastian; her son and family, Eben Broadbent, Angelica, Liana and Kai; her sister, Laury Lacy; and her brother, Robert Bradley Priest. Her life and legacy also continue through her dedicated Zen students, and her Dharma Heir, Kenzan.

The family has suggested that in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Shao Shan Temple via shaoshantemple.org/donations.

A loving visionary, Rev. Taihaku Nichiren Daiosho often spoke of the “700 year plan” for Shao Shan Temple’s continuation, a continuation well beyond her life and well beyond yours or mine. May we be inspired by her vision to care for the present in a way that considers generations to come.



Wendell “Red” Johnson

WENDELL “RED” JOHNSON

Wendell “Red” Johnson died on May 28. Red’s services are in the care of LaVigne Funeral Home. His full obituary can be viewed on their website at lavignefuneralhome.com/obituary-listing.

A funeral mass will be held at 10 a.m., on Saturday, June 19, at St. Francis Xavier church, 3 St Peter Street, Winooski, VT. His burial will be at a later date at Woodlawn Cemetery, Rochester, in the Johnson Family plot.



Gary G. Bellavance

GARY G. BELLAVANCE

HARDWICK – Gary G. Bellavance, 58, of Hardwick, passed away on Friday, April 16. Friends and community members wishing to share in prayer to honor Gary’s life are invited to gather for his burial at Fairview Cemetery on Friday, June 11, at 11 a.m. The des Groseilliers Funeral Home is in care of arrangements.

LOIS E. TROMBLEY

WOLCOTT – Lois E. Trombley, age 81, passed away peacefully in the comfort of her home surround by her family on May 29. Lois was born on March 25, 1940, in Wolcott, daughter of Paul and Hazel Allen. She married her longtime friend and love, Leo A. Trombley, on October 1, 1958. Together Lois and Leo raised five children: Steven, Cheryl, Julie, Tracy and Trudy.

Lois’s greatest pleasure was spending time with her husband, children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. She will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

Lois is survived by her loving husband Leo and their five children, Steven and Andrea Trombley, Cheryl Trombley and Jeff Emmons, Julie and Chip Worthen, Tracy and John Harris, Trudy Trombley and Marc Sherman; grandchildren Angela, Denise, Erin, Megan, Jason, Molli, Beth, Philip, David, Evan, and Aren; great-grandchildren Nevaeh, Jack, Leo, Henry, Bryson, Liam, Mason, and Stevie; her brothers Howard, Dale and Arnold; her sisters; Nancy Reed, Eleanor Randall, and Ruth McCuin; and sister-in-law Lisa Audet-Allen.

Lois was predeceased by her parents, two brothers, Kenneth and Keith, and her sister, Edith



Lois E. Trombley

Smith.

She attended the Lamoille Valley Church of the Nazarene in Johnson.

A graveside service for immediate family will be held at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flower, donations in Lois’s memory may be given to Lamoille Home Health and Hospice, or Lacing Up for Cancer. The family would like to thank these valuable agencies for their loving, respectful care of Lois. The des Groseilliers Funeral Home is in care of arrangements. Online condolences may be conveyed at dgfunerals.com.

JOYCE EATON EMERY

HEMET, Calif. – On January 26, Joyce Eaton Emery passed quietly at home, surrounded and loved by her family, at the age of 87 in Hemet, California.

Joyce was born on August 9, 1933, in Hardwick, the only child of Evert Eaton, proprietor of Eaton’s Meat Market on Main Street. She was a member of the Hardwick Academy Class of 1951. After graduating from Hardwick Academy, Joyce was the only Hardwick Academy graduate to study and receive her R.N. degree from the Deaconess Hospital, in Brookline, Mass. She married her high school sweetheart, Kenneth Emery, and they had two sons, a



Joyce Eaton Emery

daughter and many grandchildren. Joyce and Ken divorced, and she made her home in Hemet, Calif., working in local health centers and was an active leader in the First Presbyterian Church of Helmet.

PUBLIC NOTICE: AS AUTHOR AND PUBLISHER, I have published family books on each of the following families of the Hardwick area. The books are reasonably priced and affordable. In the search box of Amazon, enter “Books,” then my name, “Ronald Choquette,” and all my books will show up. They are as follows: **Allen, Bellavance, Bessette, Casavant, Chase, Cook, Dufresne, Fontaine, Fournier, Lussier, Meunier, Mollieur, Patoine, Richard, Sholan, Tanguay.** They all go back to ancient times, with thousands of photos.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Thursday, June 10

GRACE FREE VIRTUAL COMMUNITY WORKSHOP. Free online art class every Thursday, 1 - 3 p.m. Join at <https://meet.jit.si/GRACECommunityWorkshop>. Free materials kit available for pickup or delivery. Information: carol@wonderartsvt.org or 802-472-6857.

EVERYONE EATS program, Thursdays, 4 - 6 p.m. through June 24, East Calais General Store. Sponsored by the East Calais Community Trust. Information: eastcalaiscommunitytrust.org/

MONTHLY PARENT CAFE SERIES, hosted by Healthy Lamoille Valley, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. on Zoom. Designed to highlight a community resource or parenting skill and then encourage conversation with other parents/caregivers. Information and pre-register at healthylamoillevalley.org/parent-cafe-series.

Friday, June 11

BLACK LIVES MATTER/Peace and Justice Vigil, 5 - 6 p.m., Fridays, Peace Park, Hardwick. All welcome.

EVERYONE EATS PROGRAM, free frozen meal, Fridays, 3:30 - 5:30 p.m., Wolcott United Methodist Church, 4023 Vt. Rt. 15. No pre-registration needed. Information: ereid@capstonevt.org.

WRITING THROUGH COVID, hosted by COVID Support Vermont, an hour of journaling prompts and free writes to process and understand how we as individuals and a community are making our way through the Pandemic here in Vermont. Weekly every Friday from 3-4 p.m. until June 11. Information: 802-431-6222, ext. 701, junapr.com.

YO-YO SHOW, with John Higby the Yo-Yo Guy, 6:30 p.m., 2875 Hardwick St., Highland Center for the Arts, Greensboro. Hosted by Maya and Brent McCoy. Cafe and Bar open until 9 p.m. for outdoor socializing. Order a picnic dinner in advance when you purchase your tickets online. Available for pickup starting at 5 p.m. Information: 802-533-2000, highlandartsvt.org.

Saturday, June 12

BLACK LIVES MATTER/Peace and Justice Vigil, 3 - 5 p.m., Saturdays, South Main at Wolcott Street, Hardwick. All welcome.

THE EAST HARDWICK CHILDREN'S PARADE, 11 a.m. Line up at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome to participate. A kid powered Street Fair will follow the parade. Plant Swap and Give-away. Presented by Caledonia Grange #9, East Hardwick Neighborhood Organization, First Congregational Church of East Hardwick and Modern Times Theater.

BALLET VERMONT'S BEES & FRIENDS, 2 and 5 p.m., 2875 Hardwick St., Highland Center for the Arts, Greensboro. Set to Vivaldi's The Four Seasons. Sponsored by Barr Hill Gin and Jasper Hill Farm. Information: highlandartsvt.org, 802-

533-2000.

Monday, June 13

CELEBRATE RECOVERY, Mondays, 6 p.m., Touch of Grace AG Church, 104 Vt. Rt. 16, E. Hardwick. Men's Addiction Group. Information: 802-279-2185.

GRACE presents free, virtual weekly art prompts. Each week GRACE will post a piece of art from their "Outsider Art" collection for people to use as inspiration for their own original creation. These will be available on Mondays at <https://graceart.org/virtual-artcommunity/virtual-art-prompts/> with responses due by Sunday evenings. Email responses to AmeriCorpsVista@WonderArtsVT.org.

SALVATION FARMS' AID - Benefit Concert for Salvation Farms, 11:30 a.m. - 5 p.m., Camp Meade, Middlesex. Local musicians covering national acts. Music starts at 12:30 p.m. Food and silent auction on site. Information: 802-888-4360 or danielle@salvationfarms.org.

Tuesday, June 14

JAQUITH PUBLIC LIBRARY, THE DADS' GROUP, every Tuesday, 8-9 p.m., on Zoom. A great place to connect with other Dads. Information and link to the Zoom meeting: Rob at rcary@LRCVT.org or 802-730-3000.

THE MOMS IN RECOVERY Support Program, tailored to support pregnant and parenting mothers and their families. In person, every Tuesday, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m., North Central Vermont Recovery Center, 275 Brooklyn St., Suite 2, Morrisville. Information: crystal.morrissey@ncvrc.com, 802-635-0084.

Wednesday, June 15

EAST HARDWICK GRANGE SUPPER, a free meal for the community, Wednesdays, 5 - 6 p.m. Caledonia Grange #9, 88 East Church St., East Hardwick. A curbside dinner for the whole family to enjoy. Information or delivery: easthardwickgrange@gmail.com or 472-8987.

COPING WITH COVID: Managing Re-entry Anxiety, 1 - 2 p.m., hosted by COVID Support VT. Information: 802-431-6222, ext. 701, junapr.com.

Exhibits

ISA OEHRY: Animal Barn Windows: Paintings of animals, through July 3, Parker Pie, West Glover.

1111 COPPER NAILS: Bread & Puppet Calendar Prints - A 36-Year Retrospective, a Dual Location Exhibition in Hardwick, through the Summer. The Hardwick Inn, 4 S. Main St., Exhibit on all 3 floors, 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. Mon. - Sat. Front Seat Coffee, 101 S. Main St., B&P Calendars and Art for sale, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Mon. - Fri. Information: VtPieGirlCo@gmail.com, oliveyin1@gmail.com or BreadandPuppet.org.

To get your event listed free in our weekly events calendar, please e-mail: news@hardwickgazette.com.



courtesy photo

Cate Great! Show performs at the Highland Center for the Arts in Greensboro on June 25.

Cate Great! Show Presented on June 25

GREENSBORO – The Cate Great! Show will be presented on Friday, June 25, at 6:30 p.m., as part of the Street Performer Series at Highland Center for the Arts.

Cate blends high-end circus with comedy. Trained at The Quebec Circus School, Cate is a seventeen-year veteran of circus, stage, and street. She has performed in eleven different countries, including Australia, New Zealand, the United Kingdom, and Dubai, as well as most of the

United States and Canada, and can regularly be found balancing on one hand at Harvard Square or juggling dangerous objects at Faneuil Hall Marketplace in Boston.

At 6:30 pm every Friday in June a different world-touring street performer will take to the Highland Center for the Arts' outdoor stage with an all-ages circus and comedy show. Admission is free but advance registration and pre-ordering food are encouraged.



photo by Vanessa Fournier

Maia Mencucci (right) of Four Directions Farm in Walden passes out seeds to John Rohnert (left) of Greensboro Bend to plant during a Grow Your Own Seed Starting Workshop held May 15 at Atkins Field. Grow Your Own is a project of the Hardwick Area Food Pantry, Wonder Arts and the Center for an Agricultural Economy.



photo by Vanessa Fournier
 Brent and Maya McCoy as Secret Agents Honeymoon and Butterfly in "Her Majesty's Secret Circus," performed at the Highland Center for the Arts on June 4. Around 200 people attended the outdoor event. Every Friday in June the McCoys will host a different street performer.

Adam Ezra Group at ArtPort June 11

ST. JOHNSBURY – Catamount Arts will present the Adam Ezra Group at Catamount ArtPort at the Green Mountain Mall on Friday, June 11, at 7 p.m.

Fresh off a 365-day virtual tour that included hundreds of online broadcasts, 50 socially distanced shows, and a single epic 24-hour livestream to raise money for homeless veterans, the band is selling out live summer shows up and down the Eastern seaboard.

Since debuting on the Boston

music scene in the early 2000s, the Adam Ezra Group has built a following and acclaim for their songwriting, live performances, and fusion of folk and rock.

For more information or to buy tickets to see the Adam Ezra Group at Catamount ArtPort in St. Johnsbury on Friday, June 11, visit catamountarts.org or call 748-2600. Tickets are available in seating pods of two, four, or six people. Attendance at ArtPort events requires compliance with a COVID-safety code of conduct.

THANKS

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KITCHEN HELP

Cook: The Craftsbury Outdoor Center is seeking qualified kitchen help. We are looking for a full-time cook with plenty of experience and skill. Shifts are varied and include weekends and holidays. After 60 days you'll qualify for a full health, dental and life insurance benefits. Come be a part of our team and enjoy our beautiful state-of-the-art kitchen!

Prep Cook/Dishwasher: We are looking for a prep cook! You'll have to wash dishes as well, but no experience is needed. This job is ongoing, seven days per week, so flexibility is needed.

The kitchen is a busy place, so you need to be punctual, clean and have a positive attitude. AND.....

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Greensboro Planning Commission hereby provides notice of a public hearing being held pursuant to Title 24, Section 4441 and 4444 of the Vermont Statutes Annotated for the purpose of hearing public comment on the proposed amendments to the Greensboro Zoning Bylaw.

DATE, TIME, & LOCATION OF HEARING

The public hearing has been scheduled for Wednesday, July 21, 2021, at 6 p.m. This will be a virtual meeting. The Zoom link is included below.

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/98730800460?pwd=cC9xbTJxYmd-VWIZEME1HRkxqeHJOZz09>

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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

§ 2.6 B Purpose

The Resource District has been established to protect the unique and important natural resources found in this area, including Long Pond, and to lessen development pressures on these lands and to preserve the natural features and habitats as stated in the Town Plan. The proposal adds an expanded eastern Eligo Pond area to current bylaw §2.6 Resource District, increasing from 10 acre minimum to 25 acres.

§ 2.8 B Purpose

The Extended Village District is established to:

1. Allow for and promote residential expansion adjacent to both Greensboro and Greensboro Bend villages.

2. Provides a more gradual transition in minimum lot sizes from the existing Village Districts (.5 acre) to the Rural District (10 acres).

GEOGRAPHIC AREA AFFECTED

The Extended Village Zone will affect:

- 500' deep along both sides of the Bend Road from the outer limit of the Greensboro Village District to the outer limit of the Greensboro Bend Village District

- 500' deep along both sides of Cemetery Ridge Road from the outer limit of the Greensboro Village District eastward to the junction of Young Road.

- 500' deep along both sides of Rte. 16 from the outer limit of the Greensboro Bend Village District north to the junction of Young Road.

The Proposed Eligo Resource District will affect:

Beginning at the junction of Whetstone Brook Road and Craftsbury town line; thence traveling southerly on Whetstone Brook Road onto town Hwy 23 (Bailey Hazen Road); thence continue traveling southerly on Hwy 23 to intersection with Northshore Road, Lakeshore Road and Lakeview Road (Campbells Corner); thence traveling westerly onto Town Hwy 47 (Lakeview Road) to intersection with Overlook road; thence traveling in a straight line westerly to the South outlet of Lake Eligo and connecting to Eligo Lake Shoreland Protection District; thence traveling north along the Eastern shoreline of Lake Eligo to the Craftsbury Town line; thence traveling northeast along the Craftsbury town line to the point of beginning.

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FULL TEXT OF PROPOSAL

Copies of the proposed changes to the Greensboro Zoning Bylaw are available at the Town of Greensboro's official website (www.greensborovt.org). in the Municipal Building located at 82 Craftsbury Road, in the Greensboro Free Library, located at 53 E. Craftsbury Road; the Greensboro Bend Post Office at 975 Main Street; the Greensboro Village Post Office at 12 Cemetery Ridge, in Greensboro, Vermont. Written comment on the proposed changes should be directed to the Planning Commission, via the Zoning Administrator at:

PO Box 119, Greensboro, VT 05841

802-533-2640

zoning@greensborovt.org

Dated at Greensboro, Vermont this 19th Day of May, 2021.

Greensboro Planning Commission

Carol Fairbank, Chair; MacNeil, Christine Armstrong,
 Kent Hansen, Ellen Celnik, Jerilyn Virden, Linda Romans

NATURE NOTES

Sizing Up A Solar Eclipse

by Tyler Molleur

HARDWICK – Three weeks ago, as I was visiting with family in Hardwick for lunch, I pulled open the utensil drawer to discover several pairs of specially designed light-protective glasses in storage: memorabilia from a solar eclipse on August 21, 2017.

“I thought I would save them for the next big event,” said my mother.

One of the biggest memories that stands out about that day was all the neighbors who took a moment to stand out on their porches to view the spectacular phenomenon of the moon blocking out light from the sun. Standing in amazement as the sun morphed into a narrow orange crescent and the light over the fields and hills south of the village briefly faded, everyone went silent for a few minutes.

Solar eclipses occur with more frequency worldwide than we think. Many ingredients, however, must come together to optimize the viewing of the event. Therefore, solar eclipses that have relevance to our area are often spaced apart by several years.

The next eclipse that is visible to Vermonters occurs Thursday, June 10. The sight will be a tribute to early risers, as the sun rises at 5:04 a.m. and the peak of the eclipse occurs around 5:40 a.m.

In both the upcoming and previous events, Vermont remains outside of the narrow path where the moon covers all but the outer edges of the sun’s disc and creates a shadow Earth’s surface (umbra). Instead, we are treated

to a view of the moon creating a partial shadow (penumbra). This makes the sun appear as a half-eaten cookie in the sky, which is still awe-inspiring, especially with Thursday’s event in proximity to sunrise.

Solar eclipses must happen when the new moon phase occurs and the side of the moon we view faces away from the sun. If this was the only requirement for an eclipse, we would theoretically have 12 eclipses per year. However, one must think of how the sun, the moon, and the earth interact to create these eclipses.

The moon’s orbit relative to the plane of orbit of the earth around the sun averages about five degrees, meaning that the moon does not always pass between Earth and the sun at every new moon phase. In many cases, the moon’s path stays well above or below the sun and out of view during the day.

The alignment of all three spherical bodies only occurs when the moon’s orbit crosses the ascending or descending node in its orbital path, creating the phenomenon of the moon blocking light from the sun. This of course, is also not equally visible from every surface of the earth at the same time. Only select regions will time the viewing to achieve eclipse conditions, and an even narrower geographical area will be treated to totality (full coverage) or annularity (if the moon does not appear large enough to cover the entire disc of the sun).

The final ingredient is the weather: will we see the eclipse through the clouds? For Thursday



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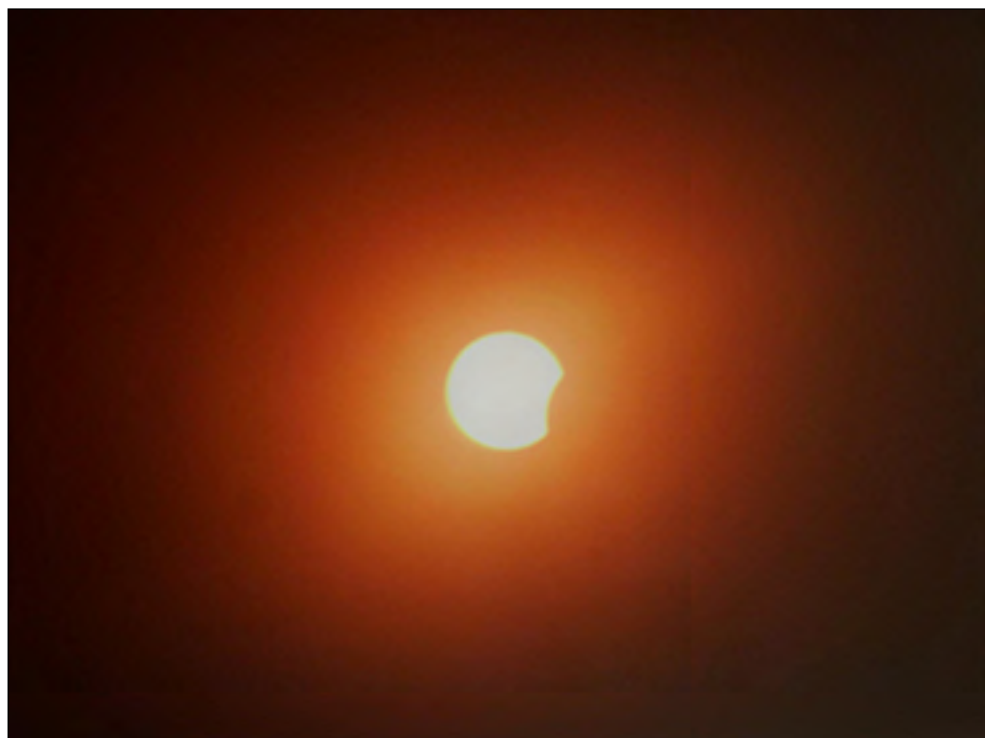
A pair of solar eclipse viewing glasses. Glasses, viewers, or pinhole projectors mitigate the damaging effects of the sun’s rays on sensitive parts of the eye.

morning, expect skies to be mostly clear and more comfortable than the last few days. There should be a welcome break from the recent heat and humidity as a backdoor cold front sweeps through today with some showers, setting the stage for high pressure to move out the clouds and usher in some refreshing air from the north.

Looking ahead to 2024, we are in for a treat as northern Vermont will be in the path of totality for an eclipse on April 8, according to NASA. The view of this eclipse will feature a dramatic darkness, leaving behind light prominences fanning out from totally covered disc of the sun.

Regardless of the type of eclipse you may witness, it is important to practice safety in viewing the event. In general, it is never a good idea to look directly at the sun as the structures of our eyes can be easily damaged from the light.

When planning your viewing party for a solar eclipse, consider methods of viewing that protect your eyes from the sun. One way is to purchase solar viewers that meet ISO standards. Another option is to make a pinhole eclipse viewer using a shoebox or cereal box. Directions for making a pinhole viewer are easily found online. Happy viewing!



Partial eclipse of the sun begins over Hardwick on August 21, 2017.

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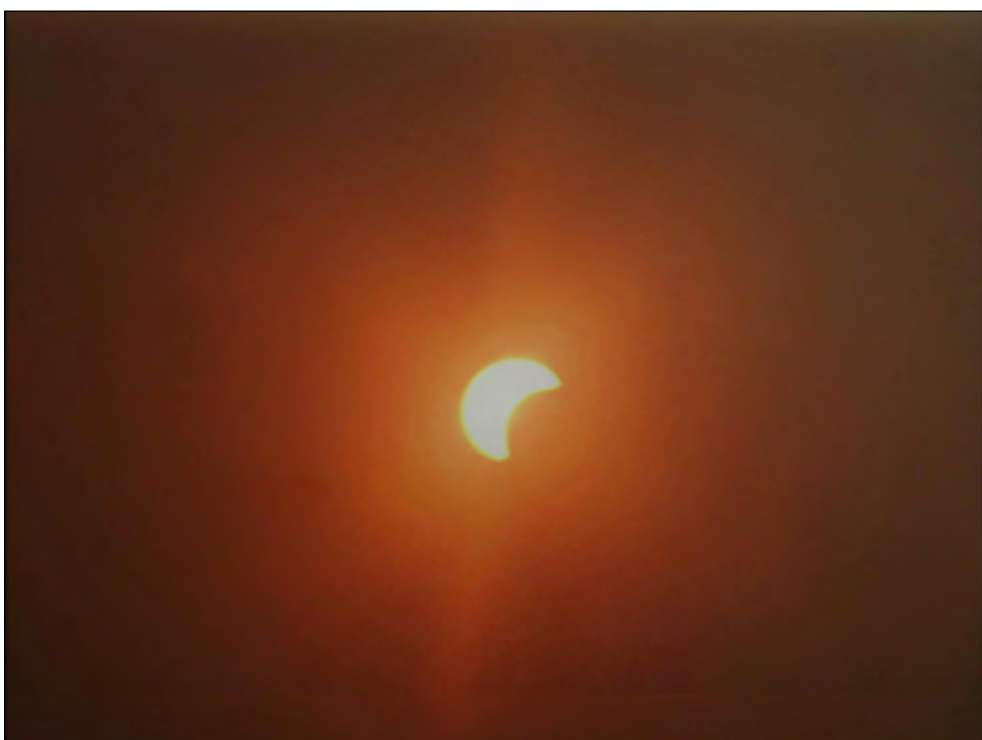


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The eclipse of the sun reaches its maximum point (about 60 percent coverage) on August 21, 2017. Thursday’s eclipse is expected to cover 80 percent of the sun.

YANKEE NOTEBOOK

With Bent Pin, Wrapping Twine, and Balls of White Bread

by Willem Lange

EAST MONTPELIER – Our great-grandmother was our nanny when my sister and I were little, watching over us as we played on the sidewalk outside our building. She was a prodigious walker, as well. Every week she walked us over to the New York State Education Building to wander its wonderful museum – mastodon and whale skeletons, a stuffed elephant, a rose quartz cave, hundreds of birds’ eggs, and dioramas I could stare at for a long time, from a prehistoric swamp to scenes of Iroquois life.

She walked us every week up Lancaster Street, across Lark and Willett, to Washington Park. There were strange trees that we were told had been planted upside-down; old-fashioned multiple-person swings that an enterprising quartet of kids could really get going (though, looking back at the shifting parallelograms involved, threatened imminent amputation); a heroic statue of Moses amid beds of Dutch tulips, striking Mount Horeb for water for the wandering Israelites.

And the lake! Clearly artificial, but beautifully designed, with an Italianate boathouse and an arched bridge. A gravel walk around the perimeter was enlivened by dozens of tiny sunfish, emboldened by handouts, that hovered in as little as three inches of water. I was hooked.

Looking back over eight decades, I can see that my early urge was to dominate, to own; and later, to kill. With a bent pin, wrapping twine, balls of white bread, and a jelly jar, I took home a few of my catch. I watched them fade, turn translucent, and die in the jelly jar.

Soon after, it was still during the war, we moved to Syracuse, where Onondaga Park and the many-acred Hiawatha Lake beckoned. It teemed with warm-water fish. I kept all but the smallest bluegills and perch, and my mother fried them up once I’d cleaned them.

After a while I got sick of scraping dried fish scales off my arms, and began throwing the fish back. There was no virtue or philosophy involved; I just got sick of cleaning small fish. I did bring home one pretty good small-mouth bass and, in springtime, stringers full of white suckers. My mother refused to fry the suckers, so they were mixed into the compost pit that she used to mulch her Victory Garden, and I used as a faithful source of fish worms. This worked well ‘til a couple of the neighborhood dogs discovered the buried treasure. After that, we weren’t too popular with a couple of neighbors.

So it went: a gradual sophistication of methods and equipment



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Nunavut, 1991.

and quarry, but none in any sense of the ethics of my sport. It takes little thought to thread a nightcrawler onto a fishhook, but it began to make me thoughtful when I skewered a live frog onto that hook, and he tried with all four feet to get rid of it. It would have taken a heart of stone to ignore that agony.

Luckily for me (as well as the bait), I shortly graduated to trout-fishing, and from worms to spinners and finally, flies. Fishing was becoming less a trip to the market than an art form. I still cleaned each trout as soon as I caught it and stuffed fresh mint or watercress into the cavity. But another major evolutionary step was occurring: I found I didn’t care much to eat freshwater fish.

In the last twenty years or so, able at last to take canoe trips to the Canadian Arctic, I’ve caught and released lake trout, char, pike, and grayling beyond my youthful dreams. The thrill of the moment of hookup is as great as it ever was, the fight is just as exciting, and the joy of watching a great fish return to the rapids is the icing on the cake.



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Syracuse, circa 1946.

I got into a big school of 30-inch female char one day – we could see each other – and as I released each one, she flipped me a faceful of ice water. I happily wiped my specs on my shirttail and went back to it.

I’m pretty sure that, like the narrator of “A River Runs Through It,” I’m done with fishing the big water. But that doesn’t mean it’s all over. Not yet. In another five weeks, I’ll be drifting down the upper Missouri River with a dear old friend. The browns and rainbows out there are huge and voracious, as I hear they are in Heaven. But just to be on that river, imagining Lewis and Clark’s men toiling up the current over two hundred years ago, watching the Montana sky and the graceful pelicans, and spending long days outdoors with my buddy: I’ve got Heaven right here.

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IN THE GARDEN

The "No Work" Garden

by Henry Homeyer

CORNISH FLAT, N.H. – I saw a friend recently who was bubbly and excited about her garden. "It's full of color and stays that way all summer!" she exclaimed. "And it is no work! All I have to do is water it daily and give it a little fertilizer every few weeks." She invited me to come see it, so of course I went.

What my friend has is a small outdoor courtyard that she has transformed into an outdoor room, complete with a small metal table and chairs sitting on an outdoor carpet. She has purchased lots of annuals and is growing most in pots (hence the need for daily watering), along with a few easy perennials.

The house is ell-shaped and defines two sides of the space, with a low railroad tie retaining wall for the third side; the front is open and once allowed her to park her car right by the side door to the house. No more.

In addition to the annual flowers, she has a few perennials

A vining or trailing plant she likes this year is one I have never seen before. It has bright red trumpet flowers and is a Proven Winner trademarked plant called Lofos Wine Red, a *Lophospermum* hybrid. Keep it in sun with mostly dry planting mix, and it blooms all summer, attracting hummingbirds. In general, trademarked plants like this offer good results with minimum effort.

Right now she has a big pink bleeding heart (*Dicentra spectabilis*) in full bloom, though that will bloom only for a few of weeks. She has a ground cover that I use in shady areas called sweet woodruff (*Galium odoratum*) that serves as a nice filler near it and is blooming right now. It has fragrant white blossoms and delicate lacey foliage that stays green and handsome all summer. Later, an astillbe will blossom nearby.

Hosta is another important plant in her garden. She has many with large, green leaves. And although hostas are generally grown for their foliage, later in the



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Bird houses add color to the garden.

another part of the property. My goal was for her to have blossoms from March until late May from spring bulbs, and the bulbs are still going strong: first snowdrops in March, followed by crocus, then daffodils. I selected daffies for their bloom time: some early, some mid-season, some that are bloom in late May. Like everything at this property, the goal was to have no-labor or low-labor beds, so the beds were well mulched with chipped bark.

What other plants grow at this garden? She had a steep rocky hillside with gravelly, poor soil. Grass grew on it, but it was impossible to mow. Someone suggested a creeping sumac, and she had it installed. It is variously called skunkbush sumac, creeping three-leafed sumac, or *Rhus trilobata*, 'Autumn Amber'.

The Autumn Amber sumac is a trademarked variety, and boasts of "a profusion of small chartreuse-colored flowers that bloom in delicate clusters before new foliage appears." In fall, the leaves transform into "striking hues of ambers, yellows, oranges and/or reds before dropping for the winter". I have only seen it but once before, even though it is hardy

to Zone 4. It is supposed to be very good for tough, hot dry places. It is dense enough that I saw no grass growing through it.

Each year my friend picks a theme for her garden by the kitchen door. This year she focused on birds: metal birds, colorful bird houses, hummingbird feeders. She likes



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A vase nestled in a planting of lacebush or *Stephanandra*.

to find flourishes for the plants at yard sales and thrift stores, trying to keep her purchases to under \$5.

I asked my friend how she would describe herself as a gardener. "I'm a lazy gardener who doesn't like to weed. I love color and whimsy and like to re-purpose everyday objects." Nothing wrong with that – it gives her more time to volunteer and take walks on her woodland trails.



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Annual flowers and found objects have transformed this space to an outdoor room.

growing in the ground and lots of whimsy. She stops whenever she sees a "free" sign by the side of the road. A chair with no seat? Bring it home, paint it bright blue, and put it in the garden. See a sculpture of a head, or an interesting vase at a yard sale? Get it!

The annual flowers she generally buys as hanging baskets, because they have well-established plants with blossoms from day one. Lots of color. Super-tunias, verbenas, and marigolds of various descriptions are some of her favorites. When she gets them home, she takes them out of their horrid plastic pots, and puts them in nice ceramic ones. If she goes away for a few days, she has someone come by to water.

summer they will send up flower stalks with white blossoms.

The side of the space that gets the most afternoon sun is filled with *Stephanandra incisa*, or lace shrub. This is a deciduous woody shrub that spreads by root and roots in wherever the tips of branches touch the ground. It only gets a couple of feet tall but has very dense foliage – dense enough that grasses and weeds do not come through. It blooms in June, with small white star-shaped flowers. The leaves are shaped a bit like maple leaves. Her stepanandra was planted 25 years ago and still looks great. It covers the bed that is over 50 feet long and four feet wide.

More than a dozen years ago, I planted bulbs for my friend in



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Lofos 'Red Wine' attracts hummingbirds.

LETTERS FROM READERS

Celebrate David Perrigo

To the editor:
As you may know, David Perrigo is retiring from his position as principal of Hazen Union this year.

At its meeting last Monday, the Hazen Union school board passed a resolution declaring Tuesday, June 15, as David Perrigo Appreciation Day. Here's why.

Thanks to his leadership, Hazen Union's students now have a wider range of opportunities to engage their natural curiosity and creativity, and they have a hand in shaping their own education as never before. These opportunities are the foundation for students to gain the basic skills needed to graduate from Hazen, which skills the digital age demands.

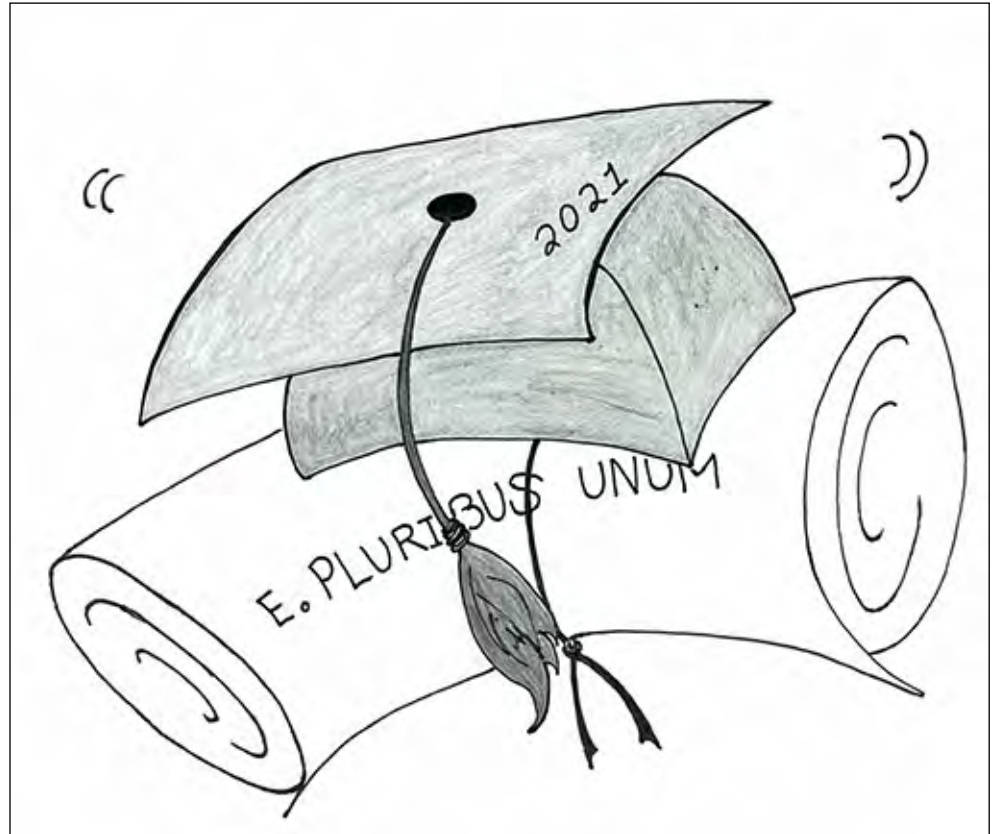
For years to come, this foundation will serve as the basis to extend to students wider opportunities to receive a meaningful and useful education more in line with their own interests, aspirations and

talents. Put another way, despite his retirement, David's contributions stand to benefit Hazen Union students for many, many years to come.

David's preference to avoid praise is quite well known throughout the Hazen Union community. However, many in the community have asked Hazen school board members what they could do to show their appreciation for David's contributions to Hazen Union in the past, present, and those which will come to fruition in the future. It is in response to these requests that the Hazen Union school board declared Tuesday, June 15, David Perrigo Appreciation Day. We hope that on that day, all those who are determined to do so will flood David with their expressions of appreciation. He may be reached at dperrigo@ossu.org.

**Steve Freihofner, Chair
Hazen Union School Board**

Woodsmoke by Julie Atwood



"MORTARBOARDS AND DIPLOMAS AND TASSELS, OH MY! CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES!"

MEETING MEMO

Monday, June 14
•Caledonia Central Supervisory Union Full Board of Directors' Special Meeting, 5:30 p.m. Meeting conducted remotely. Information: ccsvt.net.

Wednesday, June 16
•Cabot School District Board of Directors' Informational Meeting, 6:30 - 8 p.m. Zoom Meeting. Contact the school to get the meeting information.

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WARNING FOR ANNUAL MEETING**

The legal voters of the Cabot School District, Cabot, Vermont, are hereby notified and warned to meet on Tuesday, June 22, 2021, to transact the following business by Australian Ballot. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., at the Willey Building, 3084 Main St, Cabot, VT 05647.


The School Board will hold an informational hearing via electronic conference (Zoom) on Wednesday, June 16, 2021, at 6:30 p.m., to discuss all articles as warned below. A meeting notice with information for accessing this Zoom meeting will be posted separately.

Article 1 Shall the voters of the Cabot School District authorize the Cabot School Board to expend three million three hundred fourteen thousand seven hundred nineteen dollars (\$3,314,719) which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year. It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$19,094.00 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is a 1.98% increase in spending compared to the current year.

Dated at Cabot, Vermont June 3, 2021
Lisa Olson, chair; Rory Thibault, vice chair;
Frank Kampf, Michael Taub, Chris Tormey
Attest: Betty Ritter, town clerk, 6-3-2021



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SPORTS

Baker and Rooney Send Wildcats into Semifinals

by Ken Brown

HARDWICK – Behind the arm of Lyle Rooney and the biggest hit of the season from Jadon Baker, the Hazen Union baseball team edged Oxbow and Bellows Falls last week to advance to the semifinals in the Division III playoffs.

Baker and Ethan Shopland combined for five hits last Tuesday to lead the Wildcats past Oxbow 6-3 at home in the opening round of the tournament. Rooney didn't have his best stuff, but struck out five Olympians over four and a third innings to earn the win. Tyler Rivard struck out three over two-plus innings to shut the door and record his biggest save of the season. It was the first postseason win at home for Hazen Union since 2007. Reece Ilsley led Oxbow with

two hits and Chase Lund drove in one in the loss as their season ended at 3-14.

"Oxbow is always very well coached, so despite their record we expected a battle and our boys did a great job of hanging in there. We have all the faith in the world in all of our guys to go in and get the job done in crucial situations and when we got in a jam late we turned to Tyler. He stepped up big, we played good defense behind him, and we got some key hits when we needed them. It was great to host a play-off game after such a long drought and the guys scratched and clawed out an important win for us," said head coach Spencer Howard.

Rooney found his groove on Friday, striking out 12, and Jadon Baker belted a game-winning two-run double in the top of the seventh to help the Wildcats upset Bellows Falls on the road, 4-2. Down 2-1 in the fourth, James Montgomery's double brought home Rooney to tie the game at 2-2. Jack Crauinho had kept Hazen Union off balance all day but got wild in the seventh with two hit batters and a wild pitch to set up Baker's two-out heroics.

Rooney finished off the Terriers in the bottom of the seventh for the complete game win, sending the Wildcats into the semifinals.

Baker and Tyler Rivard finished the day with two hits apiece. Crauinho struck out eight in the loss and drove in the Terriers' only two runs as they finished the season at 11-7. Howard and the Wildcats have not advanced this far in



photo by Vanessa Fournier

Hazen Wildcats fist bump after their 6-3 victory over Oxbow June 1. Pictured (from left) are Dan desGroseilliers, Jacob Davison, Tyson Davison, James Montgomery, Lyle Rooney, Wyatt Flanders, Coach Spencer Howard, Ethan Shopland.



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Hazen freshman Fenton Meyer sprints to first base during playdown action Tuesday against Oxbow. Hazen topped Oxbow 6-3.

the tournament in 14 years and in only his second year at the helm he has a chance to duplicate what he did at Hazen as a player.

"Making it to the title game as a player was amazing, but I'll take this experience over that. It's an incredible feeling to watch a great group of kids like this work hard and experience success together through that hard work. They're pretty pumped right now and they should be. It takes a lot of grit to go on the road and beat a good team like that, but these guys love pushing hard and applying pressure

and it's fun to watch. We have another big challenge ahead of us this week, but Lyle and the guys will be ready to go and are excited for the challenge. We've had tremendous support in the community, our fans have traveled well, and we'll be looking for them again at Thetford this week," said Howard.

The Wildcats travelled to top-seeded Thetford on Tuesday. If they pull off the upset, they would play for the Division III state championship at Centennial Field over the weekend as they continue to create a baseball buzz in a basketball town.

High School Softball Roundup for CA, Twinfield and HU

by Ken Brown

Lady Chargers Lose Heartbreaker to Northfield

NORTHFIELD – Northfield denied the Craftsbury Academy (CA) softball team their first victory of the season in the first round of the Division IV playoffs last Wednesday in an epic comeback.

Mya Sanders earned the victory in the circle for Northfield and also belted a game-tying three run homer in the sixth inning in a 10-9 win. Jessalynn Gravel had a two-run triple for CA and Sadie Skorstad turned a double play as Hazel Graham took the loss. The Lady Marauders fell to top-seeded Danville on

Friday in the quarterfinals.

"It was tough to be so close to a playoff win and watch them come back, but I walked off the field as a very proud coach of those girls," said head coach Ashley Gravel. "It's incredible how far they've come skill-wise and they all seem very excited to come back next season and continue to build the program. We don't have a single senior on the team, so I'm excited to continue to watch them grow as players," added Gravel.

Poultney Ends Twinfield Union's Season in Quarters

POULTNEY – A forfeit by Mount St. Joseph's Academy in the first round earlier in the week earned the Twinfield Union softball team a matchup with

second-seeded Poultney on Friday. Hannah Welch belted two doubles and Kaitlyn Delbonis added a triple to lead Poultney to a 25-3 home quarterfinal win over Twinfield. Delaney Fowler and Ida Astik combined for a pair of hits and RBIs for the Lady Trojans in the loss. Ginger Klarich struck out three in two innings of relief for Twinfield. Poultney (14-3) squared off against Proctor in the Division IV semifinals on Tuesday.

"They were a very good hitting team, but we knew that going in and the girls went into the challenge with a great attitude. We lose four seniors to graduation and have a young core coming back who are enthusiastic about growing the program. Getting this kind

of playoff experience is invaluable. We are very happy with their effort and growth this season and are excited to keep building next season," said head coach Christin Martin.

Hazen Union Athletes Shine for Peoples Academy in First Round

VERGENNES – Hazen Union's Olivia Davison, Haley Michaud, and Bethany Collier combined for seven hits and four RBIs to lead Peoples Academy (PA) to a 15-9 upset road win over Vergennes last Tuesday in the first round of the Division III playoffs. Their season came to an end against Oxbow on Saturday in the quarterfinals. Hazen Union's Bethany Conway and Edythe McKenzie joined the trio on the PA team this season, helping them to a 6-9 record.

SPORTS



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Central Vermont Men's League players Zeke McGee (left) of Hardwick FC and Dashiell Vermilya (right) of Cabot Soccer Club go for the ball during opening game action on Hudson Field Sunday. The game ended in a 1-1 tie.



photo by Vanessa Fournier

Jacob Baesemann of Hardwick FC saves the ball from going out of bounds during play Sunday on Hudson Field. Following the play is referee Mike Nixon. Baesemann scored the only goal for Hardwick FC against the Cabot Soccer Club.

Hardwick and Cabot Soccer Clubs Play to a Draw

by Harry Besett

HARDWICK – Hardwick FC kicked off its first game of the Central Vermont Soccer League season against Cabot Soccer Club on Sunday at their home field at Hazen Union.

Comprised of people from multiple leagues and pickup games from around the area, players were still learning each other's names as they walked onto the field to get ready for kickoff.

For the first ten minutes Cabot dominated possession and forced Hardwick to get to know each other quickly as they formed a solid

defensive wall in the back. Hardwick slowly clawed into the game and found a few chances going forward, keeping most of the game in the middle third of the pitch.

As Cabot pressed on with pressure going forward, it ended up being Hardwick that broke through first on a counter-attack when forward Walker McAllister was put through and ended up one-on-one with the keeper. He drove a hard shot to the bottom left corner that the Cabot goalie was able to get a hand to and deflect only to find Hardwick attacker Jacob Baesemann, who smashed the ball into the back of the net.

Spurred on by the momentum of going ahead, Hardwick fought hard for the rest of the half. Cabot came out in the second half firing and after five minutes midfielder Miguel Alvarez controlled the ball above the 18-yard line and tucked it into the same bottom corner McAllister had eyed in the first half. Both teams would fight on for the remaining half hour with neither able to find a match-winning goal.

Hardwick FC will look to build on the chemistry they formed in attack when they face Craftsbury United next Sunday at 10 a.m., in Craftsbury.

Corliss Makes Late Charge for Third Memorial Day Classic Win

BARRE – Barre's Jason Corliss began his drive for a third straight "King of the Road" title in the best way possible by winning his third Memorial Day Classic at Thunder Road on Friday, June 4. Corliss took the lead from Milton's Scott Dragon with time winding down in the 125-lap Late Model feature to win his first event of the year.

The Late Model feature was one of two completed before unexpected rain showers arrived in the Barre area. The precipitation persisted, ultimately forcing the postponement of the Triple Crown 100 for the Flying Tigers and the Street Stock feature.

Corliss started 11th in the main event and focused on staying out of trouble through a rash of early cautions. A total of nine yellows flew in the first 54 laps, sidelining early contenders such as polesitter Marcel J. Gravel, Brooks Clark, and Derek O'Donnell.

The rough start culminated when Hinesburg's Bobby Therrien blew a right front tire entering turn one just after taking the lead from Milton's Scott Dragon on a restart. Therrien slammed into the turn one wall with his car catching fire before coming to a halt on

the backstretch. The 2017 "King of the Road" was not injured in the crash.

When the race resumed, Corliss swung around Barre's Cody Blake to assume the third spot behind Dragon and Graniteville's Stephen Donahue. Corliss then swung inside Donahue to take second just before Matthew Smith slowed on the backstretch with a flat tire, bringing out the 10th and final yellow with 34 laps remaining.

Dragon easily cleared Corliss on the restart, but Corliss stuck to his back bumper like superglue. After deking to the inside multiple times entering turn three, Corliss then went to the outside groove on lap 104. The reigning champion put the nose out front the following lap and cleared Dragon three circuits later, pulling away down the stretch for his 21st career Thunder Road Late Model win.

Prior the Memorial Day Classic, Northfield's Josh Vilbrin made a three-wide pass in the closing laps to win the Road Warrior feature.

The make-up dates for the Triple Crown 100 and the Street Stock feature that were postponed from the Memorial Day Classic were announced. One feature each will be run at the next two Thunder Road events, in addition to the regular



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Barre's Jason Corliss was all smiles after his third Memorial Day Classic win at Thunder Road on Friday, June 4.

program. The Triple Crown Series event for the Flying Tigers has been slated for Friday, June 11. The event now has an early 6:30 p.m., post time. Following the Triple Crown feature is a card that includes the Late Models, Flying Tigers, Street Stocks, and New England Antique Racers.

The Street Stocks are doubling up Thursday, June 17. Post time will remain 7 p.m., for that event. The Street Stock make-up feature will be followed by a full card for all four local divisions.

SPORTS

Using the “D” Word for the Foursome

by Patrick Hussey

GREENSBORO – Time to use the D word. They solidified the honor last week. We could call them dominant, but they deserve better. They should now be labeled a Dynasty.

Going where no other foursome has gone before, this powerful group won their record fourth consecutive weekly championship in the Tuesday night golf league at Mountain View Country Club last Tuesday. The weekly challenge played right into their strength: teamwork.

The format of the night was straight up team golf, the foursome with the total lowest score after handicaps wins. That meant that everyone on the team had to be at their best, or close to it, to win. Mission accomplished, because that is the overwhelming strength of this group.

The freight train foursome of Dave Burnham, Bob Blake, Brad Ferland, and Dan Gauthier mowed down the competition with a six-under par performance to take first place. On this night, Bob Blake was at his best to lead the team, posting his lowest score of the year with a 49, which netted him a round of four-under par 31.

Right on his heels were both Gauthier and Ferland. The two partners in crime both shot a net round of two-under par 33. Dave Burnham wasn't far behind, netting a round of two-over 37 as they

managed to capture the weekly crown by a single stroke.

Gauthier wasn't satisfied with just a weekly championship. This sharp shooting veteran also won closest to the pin on two holes. His drive on the 150-yard third hole landed just nine feet five inches from the pin. Then on nine, Gauthier left his approach 11 feet two inches from the pin to win closest in two shots.

The sunny evening drew a total of 34 golfers, with temperatures in the upper 60s.

One stroke back in second place with a five-under par night was the foursome of Dan Miko, Nate Brown, Tim Bellavance, and Rob Lewis. Brown led the way for this group, shooting a gross 41, which netted him a three-under par 32.

The steady Miko also had a good night, shooting a 41 and netting a one-under 34. Lewis was right there with him, netting a one-under 34. Bellavance posted a gross 44 that netted him an even-par 35.

New to the top three this season was the foursome of Jim Bellavance, Wyatt Bellavance, Randy Bellavance, and Ian Drown. They ended up in third place at plus one. Randy Bellavance carried this team to new heights with his 41, which won him the night's low net performance of five-under par 30.

Two teams tied for fourth place at plus four. The group of Andy Hunt, Matt Kiley, John Stone, and Richard Brochu got there on the



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As Matt Kiley (left) and Andy Hunt (center) argue about who is the better golfer and should, therefore, tee off first, John Stone, (right) patiently waits as they are about to head out for a Tuesday night league round. On this particular night, Hunt was the better golfer, shooting the night's low round of 38.

strength of Hunt's performance. He shot the night's low round with a 38, which netted him a four-under par 31. Hunt also won closest to the pin in two shots on eight, landing 11 feet, four inches from the hole.

Tied for fourth was the foursome of John Sperry, Mike Nixon, George Gattone, and Slade Farnham.

Sperry was on fire, shooting a 40 as he put balls on the green on three of the four closest competition holes.

Sperry won closest to the pin on the fifth hole, leaving his drive 20 feet, one inch from the pin. Farnham also had a fine night, shooting a 50, that netted him a round of three-under par 32.

Chargers Set New Standard at States Behind Bolduc

by Ken Brown

ARLINGTON – Craftsbury Academy (CA) and Hazen Union wrapped up the high school track and field season last week at the Division IV state championships at the track at Knapp Field, hosted by Arlington High School.

Camille Bolduc put a bow on an historic season for CA last Friday, winning three individual state titles and leading her team to a school's best third place finish overall. Bolduc took home the hardware in the 800m, 1500m, and 3000m events, as well as finishing third in the 400m in a very busy day for the decorated senior. It was her third straight 800m state title, fifth overall state championship of her career, and completed a season that saw her win an eye-popping 13 individual events for the Chargers.

"Camille is a phenomenal athlete. It was fun to watch her branch out and not only try new events this season, but be very successful at the same time. She had a very high mileage day in hot conditions over the weekend and what she accomplished was very impressive. She is our only senior and helped develop

this team with her leadership and we will miss her," said head coach Jeff Tucker.

Tucker will return a talented young team next season, led by a pair of sophomores in Cormac Leahy and Charlie Krebs who captured their first state titles. Krebs edged Arlington's Dominic Whalen by four tenths of a second in the 1500m and Leahy blitzed the 3000m field by almost eight seconds as the dynamic duo claimed state titles in their first-ever state varsity competition. Leahy also finished second in the 800m and third in the 1500m, while Krebs finished third in the 800m and fourth in the 3000m, respectively.

Matthew Califano, Alexander Califano, Linden Stelma-Leonard, and Leahy also captured the 4X800 Relay state title, dominating runner-up White River Valley by over seventeen seconds. Alan Moody also had an impressive fifth-place finish in the 300m hurdle event in his first state competition. Ida Eames took home runner-up honors in the triple jump event and finished third in the 100m hurdles, and Sadie Skorstad capped off a breakout season with a third-place finish in the triple jump and a fourth-place finish in the 100m.

"This is the largest team we've had and they are

all very talented athletes and approached the weekend with a lot of focus. Jim Flint set the foundation for this program two years ago and I'm so glad I got the opportunity to coach them this year with the help of so many willing volunteers in the community. The kids have a lot of fun competing at a high level and we are excited to see them continue to develop," said Tucker.

Hazen Union's Bruce Fortmann capped off a stellar season with a fourth-place finish in the 400m and a sixth-place finish in the 200m. Cassandra Royer posted a fifth-place finish in the 3000m and personal best times in both the 800m and 1500m events for the Wildcats. Jessica Royer finished sixth in the 300m event.

"We had seven determined athletes this season and it was great to see them get back out there and compete after losing a season to COVID-19. Everyone continued to put up personal bests throughout the season and a lot of our kids got invited to some of the bigger events, which was great preparation for states. We achieved a lot of our goals and continue to work hard and improve and it was a fantastic season with a fantastic team," said head coach Kathy Fortmann.