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Hazen Union's Fiftieth Class Graduates

by Doug McClure

HARDWICK – Hazen Union's graduated its fiftieth class on Saturday. If 2020's graduation speeches, forged in the furnace of a pandemic, social unrest, and the death of a classmate, were the beginning, 2021's were the final, finished, polished product of a class ready to move beyond the pandemic.

The blaring car horns of 2020's graduation were replaced with a single tolling bell that had not rung in a graduating class since 1963, rung by the brother of the student who passed. As Principal Perrigo pointed out in his own speech, the last fifteen months were defining events — but not necessarily events that defined the class.

Perrigo said, "I have become increasingly uncomfortable with this popular narrative that somehow the last 15 months have been a disaster for our civilization. For those of us who have been lucky enough to survive this, we have grown in ways that we can't even begin to realize. Surely we have become more resilient. In a conversation with one of you graduates just last week, you told me about the incredible year that you have enjoyed in an internship working outside of the school in the field and something that you have always dreamed about doing. And it was this time that allowed that to happen.

"We can't persevere on all the things we think we've lost, that somehow this life is the life we didn't get to live, that we should have been living some other life. Living life like that is just not healthy. For
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photo by Doug McClure

Hazen Union student Lyle Rooney rings the newly acquired Hazen Union bell for the first time at Saturday's graduation. The bell, which has not rung since 1963, formerly served Greensboro High School. It was donated to Hazen Union by the Town of Greensboro. Next to Rooney are Carter Hill and Coach Aaron Hill.



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The Craftsbury Academy Class of 2021 throw their mortarboards into the air after their graduation on June 11.

Vermont Hits 80% Vaccinated, Ends COVID Restrictions

by Doug McClure

MONTPELIER – Vermont has officially hit the 80% mark of vaccinations and thus all state COVID restrictions have been lifted.

On Monday, Vermont reported just one new COVID case and two people in the hospital. The state continues to push to get the last unvaccinated people shots as it heads into a summer without masks.

Governor Phil Scott credited Vermonters for putting their best efforts into making this the most

COVID-safe state in the country, a position that Vermont has occupied for almost the entire time since the pandemic struck last March. For the first time since March 13, 2020, Vermont is no longer under a State of Emergency — 458 days.

For towns with most people vaccinated, much has already started to return to normal. Signs have come down about mask requirements and been replaced with fresh signs allowing the vaccinated to try and return to
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Hardwick Trails Receives \$10,000 Grant

by Doug McClure

HARDWICK – The Hardwick Trails has received a \$10,000 Northern Forest Development Initiative Grant. The grant was announced at a recent select board meeting by Recreation Coordinator Jason Bahner.

The Hardwick Trails is under the umbrella of the Hardwick Recreation Committee. Secretary David Mitchell of the Hardwick Trails Committee and Bahner spoke with the Gazette about the new grant in a Zoom meeting. Community Development Coordinator Geoffrey Sewake provided the application details as submitted and awarded.

The total cost in the project documents is listed at \$37,200, with \$10,000 appropriated from the grant. Bahner said the remaining \$27,200 was in-kind contribution, though that amount has not been finalized. The grant funds are for improvements to existing trails and infrastructure, not for

additions, and with the trails sited on property owned by a combination of town entities, the school, and private property, coordinating work on the trails is an involved process.

Bahner said the new work will require a "purposeful" and "intentional" evaluation. Some necessary
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A view of a section of the Hardwick Trails. The Trails are located just above Hazen Union school in Hardwick, with a kiosk sign at the trailhead.

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 Hardwick Elementary 6th graders Carli Abbott (left) and Katelyn Langmaid (right) use stones and other natural materials during art class to create a story picture inspired by the book "Stepping Stones: A Refugee Family's Journey" by Margriet Ruurs and stone illustrations by artist Nizar Ali Badr.



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fixes include culverts and ditching to improve runoff and reduce groundwater infiltration. The work is expected to take "approximately 100 hours" or 12.5 days, according to the documents. Mitchell and Bahner that the entire budget must be in hand before an RFP goes out.

Bahner noted that "we haven't really assessed what to do yet because we were told not to do anything until we actually get the money. I think [there are] general ideas, but to go out there right now and plan ahead would be unreasonable without actually assessing what needs to be cleaned up." Mitchell added that "people should temper expectations, because this only for existing trails, and it's not a ton of money."

The hope is that work will be finished by the end of summer or early fall. According to the document, the project would also result in expanded access to the Hardwick Trails in the winter and have a direct connection to the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail (LVRT), which is anticipated to be largely complete in this area by year-end. At present, a path connects the two trails, but is in need of cleaning up. Mitchell said, "There's really not a whole lot to be done, [just] making it more visible."

The LVRT has been touted as a potential major boon to the Hardwick economy based on its impact to other towns. A connection between the Hardwick Trails and the LVRT is expected to enhance the use and impact of both. The Hardwick Trails are divided into roughly six miles of wide "double-track" trails for general uses, such as walking and snowshoeing, and

seven narrower "single-track" trails that are for mountain biking or more challenging hiking. While most towns in Vermont have a town forest, not many have developed as significant a trail system as the Hardwick Trails. One project suggestion calls for improved signage to highlight the connecting trail between the LVRT and Hardwick Trails.

Bahner explained that he sees these improvements to the trails as the town working to maintain its existing recreational infrastructure while considering future projects that enhance opportunities for outdoor recreation.

He said, "I believe that getting outside is important, and being together as a community is important." He said that offering additional recreational opportunities could result in wider benefits to the community. He added that the committee was coordinating with Hazen Union as an ally, and that while plenty of ideas were on the table, "Hardwick is slim pickings. You've got to shop around for property to put things on. So, [we are] trying to use the school as an ally for community things. It's been really nice having [OSSU Facility Director/Hazen Union Facilities Manager] Tod [DeLaricheliere] as a good ally for that. He's all about community, and I think that's really helpful for us."

Bahner said he hopes that the completed improvements will raise public awareness of the trails. "It gives locals a better idea. It's here you go, here's some cleaned-up trails, enjoy.' They become invested in it and say, 'another update to the trails, I want to get out there now,' or they come and volunteer or become part of the Trails Committee."

POLICE REPORT

Hardwick Police Media Log Summary

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.; Mental Health Incident, Cemetery Rdg., Greensboro; Suspicious Event, S. Main St.; VIN Verification, High St.; Assist – Agency, Highland Ave.; Motor Vehicle Complaint, Vt. Rte. 16; Juvenile Problem, Vt. Rte. 15E.

June 8: Foot Patrol, Main St.; Assist – Agency, S. Main St.; Traffic Stop, S. Main St.; Traffic Stop, S. Main St.; Traffic Stop, Granite St.

June 9: Suspicious Event, Main St.; Suspicious Event, Hunt Ave., Greensboro; Suspicious Event; Suspicious Event, Main St., East Hardwick; Alarm, Log Yard Dr.; TRO/FRO Violation, High St.; Medical, Upper Cherry St.

June 10: Alarm, Log Yard Dr.; CO Alarm, W. Church St.; Motor Vehicle Complaint, Vt. Rte. 15; Traffic Stop, Lower Cherry St.; Assist – Agency, S. Main St.; TRO/FRO Service, High St.; Welfare Check, Spruce Dr.

June 11: Alarm, Vt. Rte. 14S,

Traffic Stop, S. Main St.; Threats/Harassment, High St.; Alarm, Depot St.; Welfare Check, Craftsbury Rd.; Accident – Property Damage Only, Mill St.; Suspicious Event, High St.; Accident – Property Damage Only, S. Main St.; Wanted Person, Vt. Rte. 16; Accident – Property Damage Only, Vt. Rte. 15E; Traffic Stop, Richardson Rd.; VIN Verification, Hopkins Hill Rd.; Noise Disturbance, Evergreen Manor Dr.; Accident – Injury to Person(s), E. Main St., Greensboro.

June 12: Assist – Agency, School Cir.; Foot Patrol, Hazen Union Dr.; Welfare Check, Glenside Ave.; Directed Patrol, Upper Cherry St.; Alarm, Log Yard Dr.; Traffic Stop, Wolcott St.

June 13: Suspicious Event, Vt. Rte. 15E; Dead Body, Vt. Rte. 15E; Traffic Stop, Cabot Rd.; Citizen Dispute, Spruce Dr.; Welfare Check, Wolcott St.; VIN Verification, High St.; Noise Disturbance, Breezy Ave., Greensboro.

June 14: Suspicious Event, Vt. Rte. 176; Alarm, Log yard Dr.; Accident – Property Damage Only, Belfry Rd.

State Police Report Burglary, Domestic Assault, Vehicle Rollover

On May 12, at 5:51 p.m., State Police received a call of a tent that was burglarized in Marshfield. The tent was on private property located adjacent to the Railroad Bed trail. The victim, Douglass Metcalf, of Marshfield, reported several items missing from his tent and tent site. During the investigation, Michael Eynon, of St. Johnsbury was found to be possession of some of the missing property. On June 11, Eynon was issued a citation for Burglary and is scheduled to appear in Washington County Superior Court – Criminal Division on July 29.

On May 24, at 11:44 p.m., the Vermont State Police received a report from the victim advising of a physical altercation with Daniel Abbott, of Cabot. Investigation revealed Abbott had struck the victim, causing pain. Abbott was not taken into custody at the time of the incident. Upon completion of the investigation, it was determined Abbott had committed the crime of domestic assault. Abbott is currently incarcerated and will be charged upon his next court appearance.

On June 11, at approximately 02:03 a.m., the Vermont State Police received a report of a family fight in Marshfield. Troopers arrived on scene and spoke with the involved

parties. Subsequent investigation revealed that Matthew D. Mitchell was involved in a physical altercation with household members, causing pain and fear. Mitchell was taken into custody without incident and transported to the Middlesex State Police Barracks for processing. Mitchell was later issued a criminal citation to appear in Washington County Superior Court, Criminal Division.

On June 11, at approximately 10:36 a.m., Troopers with the Vermont State Middlesex barracks responded to a report of a single vehicle rollover near the intersection of Adamant Rd. and Lightning Ridge Rd., in the town of Adamant. The operator, Joy Stowell, of East Calais, was reported to be unable to extricate herself from the vehicle. Stowell was transported to Central Vermont Medical center for evaluation of suspected minor injuries. Stowell stated she saw a dashboard light come on immediately before the crash but could not recall anything else.

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.

AWARE Report

HARDWICK – AWARE served nine survivors of domestic and sexual violence from June 6 through June 13. 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.

Hardwick Police Violation of Stalking Order, Stolen Inspection Sticker, Criminal Mischief

On June 2, a report was made that Donald Stetson Jr., of Hardwick, was violating a temporary stalking order that was put in place by Caledonia County Court. After a review of the order, it was determined Stetson was in violation on June 10. Stetson was served a citation to appear in Caledonia County Court on August 2 at 10:00 a.m.

On June 2, a traffic stop was conducted on a 2016 Toyota 4 Runner for the lack of an inspection sticker. The operator was identified as David Draper, of Hardwick. During the traffic stop the officer learned Draper was in possession of a stolen inspection sticker. Draper was cited to appear in Caledonia Court on July 12 at 10:00 a.m.

On June 4, at 10:30 p.m., Zane Davison, of Hardwick, was cited to appear in Caledonia Court on August 16 on the charge of Petit Larceny.

On June 7, at 11:30 a.m., James Emerson, of Williamstown, was stopped on Rt. 14. Police issued a \$162 ticket for a Cell Phone violation.

On June 7, Zane Davison, of Hardwick, was cited to appear in Caledonia Court on August 16 to answer to the charge of Criminal

Mischief.

On June 8, at 5:44 p.m., Bud Ewen, of Wolcott, was arrested on Granite St. in Hardwick and cited to appear in Caledonia Court on August 16 to answer to the charge of Criminal DLS (driver's license suspended). Police issued three \$162 tickets, one each for No Registration, Plates not assigned to vehicle, and No Insurance.

On June 8, Eric Foster, of Hardwick, was stopped on S. Main St. in Hardwick. Police issued a \$162 ticket for No Registration.

On June 10, at 2:30 p.m., a traffic stop was conducted on a green Chevy Silverado for not using a blinker when turning right from S. Main St. onto Wolcott St. The operator was identified as Alain Fradette, of Hardwick. A run of Fradette's DMV record revealed Fradette needed an ignition interlock device, which he did not have. Fradette was cited to appear in Caledonia County Court on July 26 at 1000 hours. Police also issued a \$93 ticket for the infraction.

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Farmers' Market Begins Season

The Hardwick Farmers Market opened May 21 and will run through October at Atkins Field. People attending the first market of the season were entertained by Bread and Puppet.

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better or worse, the lives we lived for the last 15 months are our beautiful lives, and they have been perfect lives for this moment.”

He acknowledged the toll the pandemic has taken and said “the mental health impacts will probably take years to sort out.”

Senior Cody Hall spoke first, poking fun at standard graduation speeches. “We finally have an opportunity to make our mark. The world is our oyster. And those of us, well, there’s something we should be very proud of. Today we’ll be entering this fabled real world with all the knowledge gained from school to prepare for it. Like debating polynomials, analyzing eighteenth-century poetry, and identifying mitochondria.” His tone then became more serious, noting that, “each one of us will be facing in our daily lives [something] that’s, well, scary. That’s something we’re all going to need to get used to. My point is that change is always happening. Many of us will be attending colleges this fall, moving away from friends, families, leaving behind familiar faces. For most of us, we will

be on our own for the first time. We’ll have to make our own decisions. like ‘who I want to be, what I stand for.’ You’ll recognize these changes and embrace them. Not because you want, but because it’s required.”

Abigail Demers said in her speech that “I’ve learned so much about mental health and how to function in all of my struggles with anxiety and other challenges I’ve faced. We’ve been through so much together, and grown closer.” She closed with, “Thank you, Hazen, for bringing us all together and letting us experience the highs and lows of high school. I’m not ready to say goodbye, but am ready to move forward to the future. Once a Wildcat, always a Wildcat.”

Deanna Gann, who was the salutatorian, gave the third speech. “For many of us in the graduating class of 2021, Hazen has become our home for the past four years.” After four years of growing into this home, she said the future means “our new home is out there and we have yet to find it. Not knowing where that new place will be can be scary, it can make you want to crawl back to freshman year, where we were still oblivious to the adventures ahead. Yet we can’t.

But here’s the thing: there’s a sense of permanence in the word ‘home.’ And even though we are leaving Hazen, we carry everything our former home gave us, even if it is just in our hearts and minds. Thank you, Hazen Union, for allowing us to find our homes away from home with your many programs and classes.”

Perrigo presented the Principal’s Award and it was posthumous. Perrigo said, “there is no question if Finn Rooney were still amongst us he would be willing and able to accept this award. He has left us an amazing legacy, and that legacy lives on in each of every one of us. One of the things we do for those who are gone is we help them fulfill the dreams they couldn’t complete when they were with us. Finn had a dream, a dream about bringing a living bell back to Hazen, a bell that could ring out across our hills and valleys proclaiming our victories, [but also] sounding out moments of sorrow and sadness, communicating to us and healing us in our moments of need.”

Just a short while later, that bell did indeed ring, struck with a wooden baseball bat wielded by Finn Rooney’s younger brother, Lyle, as well as Carter Hill and Coach Aaron Hill.

Restrictions

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normal life without masks.

But Orleans County is still the second-least vaccinated county in Vermont. According to the state, Greensboro and Hardwick are both over 90% vaccinated. Calais, Craftsbury, and Wolcott are 81-90% vaccinated, and Marshfield 61-70%. Cabot hovers between 41 and 50 percent, and Woodbury comes in at 21-30%.

As acknowledged publicly by the state and most recently by Hazen Union principal David Perrigo, the return to “normal” will not be simple for a lot of people. The economic fallout continues, and, for many, the mental health impacts will not go away quickly.

To date, Vermont has had about as many cases of COVID-19 (over 24,000) as the Hardwick Gazette reported at the peak of the 1918 influenza pandemic. Many people will have known someone

who caught COVID and some known people who died. COVID has touched lives for fifteen months, but schools and towns took action to fight the outbreak. Residents took action from the very start to support each other, individually and through neighbor-to-neighbor organizations, such as Hardwick Area Neighbor to Neighbor.

The federal and state governments worked address the financial fallout as stores and restaurants were shuttered to indoor guests and people were without work.

Interim Town Manager Jon Jewett said, “It’s probably safe to say that very few businesses went out of business, but many were extremely stressed and some are still looking for adequate staffing. Hopefully, the ending of restrictions will speed the recovery of these businesses. Our residents depend on them for services and jobs.”

Asked for comment about the dropping of restrictions, select board chair Eric Remick had just

one word to offer: “Wahoo!!!!”

Jewett agreed with that and added “ I think it’s a great thing that a majority of us have gotten vaccinated and that has allowed Hardwick and Vermont to fully

open. We need a strong economy, people need jobs, and Vermonters’ willingness to get vaccinated will improve the quality of life for everyone and not just Vermonters. Go Vermont!”



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Susan Earle (left) of East Hardwick and Bev Pape of Hardwick work on cleaning an old headstone at the Center Cemetery in Hardwick.

DAR Restores Old Center Cemetery Stones

by Doug McClure

HARDWICK – The St. John de Crevecoeur Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Chapter worked on cleaning up old stones at Center Cemetery on Shephard Farm Lane on Saturday, June 12. The cemetery is Hardwick’s oldest, dating to 1775, with approximately 500 souls interred.

The restoration work is a part of the DAR’s larger project of restoring some of the area’s original cemeteries. Center Cemetery is named because it was at one point the center of Hardwick. Sited down a dirt road just off of Bridgman Hill, the cemetery is the resting place for some of the town’s founders and Revolutionary War soldiers, who are of special interest

to the DAR.

The DAR, along with the Vermont Cemetery Association, has spent several years working to locate the graves of Vermont’s Revolutionary War soldiers and restore the places they are interred. Ten of the 16 known Revolutionary War soldiers from the Hardwick area are interred at Center Cemetery: Rev. Solomon Aiken, Corp. Abel Conant, Jonathan Curtis, John Fox, Samuel French, Deacon Thomas Fuller, Maj. John Goss, Capt. Elias Hall, Joseph Thomas, and Joseph Weeks.



photo by Vanessa Fournier
Hazen Union 8th grade student Rebecca Fulford (right) gets ready to draw the winning ticket from her teacher Megan Mercier (left) on June 4. They are standing in front of a quilt Fulford made in memory of her grandmother, Lorette Palin, who passed away from cancer in 2019. She made the quilt as a fundraiser for the Lamoille Area Cancer Network. Five hundred dollars was collected from the ticket sales and the winner of the quilt is Billie Jo Brooks.

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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

HES Sixth Grade Steps Up to Hazen Union

by Doug McClure

HARDWICK – On Thursday evening, Hardwick Elementary School (HES) graduated 32 students. Three HES students spoke at the ceremony. While each of their speeches featured familiar stories of childhood memories and school experiences, their memories were also colored by COVID-19.

Kelsie Rivard shared that he contracted the virus during the school year and had gone into quarantine. “It was scary not knowing what would happen,” she said. “It was hard not seeing my family for two weeks, forget about having to do schoolwork on top of all that.” She recalled her grade school years, harkening back to challenges her younger self faced: new faces, new friends, a “challenging” third grade she overcame by fourth, with the side note “we made the most delicious bread.”

And then came the pandemic. “I missed field trips, the winter carnival, the sixth-grade trip, activities at school that COVID restrictions would not allow.” Through it all, she said, HES taught her to “always give 100% in everything you do” and “to always do things the best I can.” In closing, Rivard bid an informal farewell to Hazen Elementary: “Peace, out, HES.”

Taylor Thompson also spoke of events missed due to the pandemic, and of the semi-normal Tuesday field day the class recently took. “We got to do water balloons, kickball, and inflatable obstacles,” she said. Thompson said she would miss HES, but looked forward to seventh grade with the life skills imparted to her from her elementary school years. “They taught me a lot,” she said of her teachers and friends at Hazen Elementary. “I met so many great people over the seven years. To my classmates: I hope we have a great year, and I hope we don’t have to wear masks.”

Logan Cane said he had been with HES since preschool. “I’m very happy to finally say that I’m finally graduating. Being here for eight years was definitely an adventure.” He said he had “a lot of memories, some good and some bad, and the whole year of sixth grade [was] more of a challenge with COVID, but we all managed to get through the year.”

The memory Cane chose to highlight? “The one time I tipped over a Cheerios box and me and my friend Hunter laughed about it for so much time,” he said. He acknowledged that next year he “might forget about some of my friends and make new ones,” and thanked friends “that helped me get through elementary school and all my teachers, as well.” In closing, he said “So congratulations to me and everyone else who’s graduating. Oh, and thank you for



photo by Vanessa Fournier

The Hardwick Elementary 6th Grade graduation was held on June 10. First row (left to right): Jeter Demers, Holdan Draper, Karmellah Chaves, Connor Crouse, Errol Grant, Ethan Lapierre. Second row (left to right): Katelyn Langmaid, Landen Lumsden, Logan Cane, Carli Abbott, Sophia Foster, Taylor Thompson, Madison Larrabee, Kelsie Rivard. Third row (left to right) Hunter Martin, Kobe Smith, Eowyn Ludwig, Parker Bailey, Isaiah Piangerelli. Fourth row (left to right): Lincoln Hill, Adriana Leonard, Orianna Bell, Serenity Leach, Jameson Lamarre. Fifth row (left to right) Madden Austin, Immanuel Fliegelman, Chayse Newell, Felix Fortmann, Daniel Pougner. Missing: Gracie Crown, Benjamin Manning, Haley Blair.

listening to my speech.”

HES Principal Patrick Pennock spoke briefly, thanking the students, their families and friends. “It has been a true honor to work with these kids and get to know them this year,” he said. He added people were “pretty happy” that “this COVID school year ... is coming to an end.” He described the graduating class as a “good-spirited group” who “always stepped up when needed.”

Pennock said, “I don’t think I’ve had a sixth-grade class with such an abundance of leadership skills. They’re not afraid to stand up for what they believe is right, and they’ve been learning to work with others who may not share their beliefs — a skill that we can certainly use more of in the world today.”

He said he had spoken with his Hazen Union colleagues to let them know “that they have a great group coming their way and should be ready to harness their abundant energy.” He said he hoped to see the graduating students return to HES in the future as “mentors, coaches, and maybe someday as teachers and staff.”

The ceremony was scaled back compared to 2019’s “Step Up” event. In 2019, ten students

spoke, and outgoing sixth graders were welcomed by a waiting group of Hazen Union seventh graders, principal David Perrigo, and teacher Kelly Robinson. This year, COVID-19 protocols prevented different class groups from comin-

gling. While previous ceremonies were held in the HES gym and were often packed to the rafters with proud parents, Thursday’s proceedings took place outdoors at Atkins Field, with social distancing still in effect.

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Walden Board Reviews and Adjusts Salaries

WALDEN – The Walden Select Board met on Monday, June 7. Present were Brenda Huntoon, Randolph Wilson and Bob Hatch, in person.

Employee salary ranges were reviewed and compared to the VLCT wage compensation report. Based on that, the following was adjusted from last meeting: the clerk-treasurer will receive \$1/hour raise beginning July 1; the road foreman will receive \$1/hour raise instead of the .50/hour previously decided at the last meeting, also to take effect July 1.

In the road report, a warning sign of sharp 90-degree curve will be put on Summerhill Road and the road crew is on schedule for the Better Road project.

Curb cut recommendations included 20-foot flat entry with downhill driveway; 12-foot flat entry with uphill driveway; 90-degree entry to town roads; minimum 16-inch culvert where needed; sight of 100 feet in each direction; ditches, if any, so that there is no damage to the town road.

The town clerk's office will be closed for vacation June 28 through July 4. A website for the town is being developed and will go live soon.

The select board will maintain the Zoom application for the foreseeable future and one overweight permit and bills were signed.

The next meeting will be June 21, at the firehouse and via Zoom.



photo by Doug McClure

Graduating Hazen Union senior Abigail desGroseilliers presents Assistant Principal Jason Di Giulio with a new American flag at the flag-raising ceremony on Saturday morning before graduation. Pictured are (left to right, left side) Dan desGroseilliers, Mark DeLaricheliere, Abigail desGroseilliers, Crosby desGroseilliers, Doug desGroseilliers, Riley desGroseilliers, Assistant Principal Jason Di Giulio (center) (right side, left to right): Hazen Facilities Manager Tod DeLaricheliere, Principal David Perrigo.



photo by Doug McClure

Students devised a system of ropes to drag the 75-foot-long heavy plastic covering over the top of the greenhouse structure at Hazen Union. Dan desGroseilliers (top, ladder) rolls out some rope to check its length as Alder Hardt and Ty Metevier secure it to the metal pole that is part of the roll system. Mason Persons watches (far right). In the background, Cyrus Tanner is measuring the length of the rolled-up plastic.

Greenhouse Gets New Wrap

by Doug McClure

HARDWICK – Last Thursday, a group of Hazen Union students wrapped up a major project for covering the greenhouse at the school with new plastic. The plastic will be part of a new system designed for the greenhouse to make its use easier. When the previous process for removing the plastic was not as orderly as hoped, so the students worked out a new method to pull the

plastic over the greenhouse frame safely without making the process overly complicated.

The greenhouse is used for a class, Recipes for Human Connection, and for growing pumpkins for the Hardwick Trails Pumpkin Walk.

Note: COVID protocols were followed as part of the project and the majority of the students involved said they had been vaccinated.

New Flag Raised on Hazen's Anniversary

by Doug McClure

HARDWICK – With 2021 marking Hazen Union's 50th Anniversary, the school was seeking a new flag. The late John desGroseilliers and Facilities Manager Tod DeLaricheliere met over coffee to discuss the matter. desGroseilliers was Vermont's Chief Ombudsman for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve

and Vermont State Ambassador for the US Army Reserve. John desGroseilliers passed last November and his son, Doug desGroseilliers, took the mantle. Tod DeLaricheliere's father, Mark, is also a Navy veteran (1957-1961) and was at the ceremony on Saturday morning at which Tod DeLaricheliere raised the new American and Vermont flags. Assistant Principal Jason Di Giulio is also an Army veteran.

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Congratulations to All the Graduates!



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Hazen Union held their graduation on June 12. First row (left to right): Abigail Ainsworth, Natalie Geoffroy, Abigail Demers, Riley Brochu, Madison Bartlett, Aliyah Badger, Charlotte Lapierre, Riley Alexander. Second row (left to right): Kayla Fleming, Macy Molleur, Nathan Piangerelli, Leo McMurtrie, Deanna Gann, Katelin Blake, Harley Papineau, Kody Rawson, Lucas Whitaker. Third row (left to right): Edyn Willey, Kai Tidblom, Owen Benway, Alex Aubuchon, Jasmine Leriche, Jillian Hastings, Rylie Harmon, Abigail desGroseilliers, Hannah Mercier, Cody Hall. Fourth row (left to right): Liam Secore, Connor Glass, Isaiah Baker, Jonathan Langmaid, Brighton Marsh, Olie Grant, Ethan Stotesbury, Colby Miller, Juan Pablo Schumann-Sola. Fifth row (left to right): Zaccari Gravel, Alleigh Gabaree, Ethan Shopland, Nathan Moulton, Dylan Hoisington, Zachary Collier, Olivia Davison, Derrek Salls, Carter Bailey. Missing from the class photo: Tucker Baker, Darries Benjamin and Gavin Grant.



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Proud to be a Wildcat: Owen Benway proudly holds up his diploma. In the back is associate principal Dr. Jason Di Giulio (center) and Katelin Blake (right).



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The Lakeview 6th Grade Graduation was held June 4. Pictured (from left) are Olivia Garguilo, Willow Lockamy, and Emily Churchill.

The following businesses and organizations congratulate the 2021 graduates: Buffalo Mountain Powersports, Calderwood Insurance, Choice Real Estate, Greensboro Arts Alliance Residency, Gates Salvage Yard, Lamoille Valley Ford, Hardwick Village Market, Hardwick Historical Society, Hazel M. Greaves Tax and Bookkeeping Services, LLC, Butch's Harvest'ore, Tootsie's Ice Cream, Menard's Family True Value, Paul Davis, Shear Elegance by Ellen, Sperry Lawn Care, The Village Restaurant, Center for an Agricultural Economy, M. Stuart & Associates, Inc., Brochu Citgo Service, Corner Stop-Inn Shop, Country Floors, des Groseilliers Funeral Home, Jeudevine Memorial Library, The Willey's Store, Buffalo Mountain Co-op and Cafe, Green Mountain Mulch, Morse Insurance, Northern Vermont Funeral Service, Pall Spera Company Realtors, LLC, Smith Grocery

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Hazen Union graduates Ethan Shopland (left) and Olie Grant (right) perform in the concert band.



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Bonnie Mercier (right) pins Abigail Ainsworth's cap before graduation Saturday. In the back is Jillian Hastings.



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Hazen's 2021 Commencement was held under a huge tent on Hudson Field. The graduates listen as Principal David Perrigo (left) speaks.

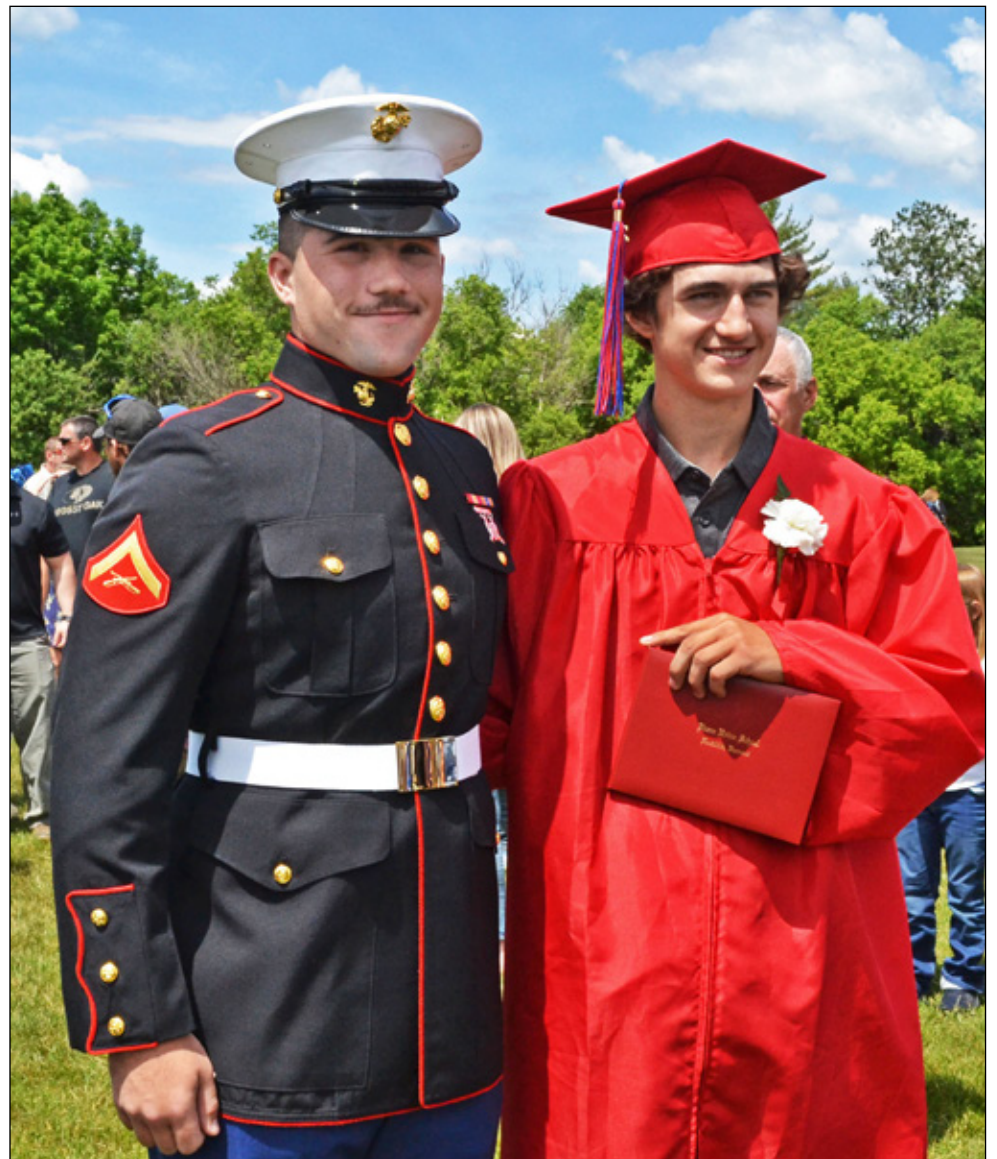


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Marine Lance Corporal Holden Salls presented his brother Derrek Salls with his diploma during graduation Saturday.

Congratulations to All the Graduates!



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Craftsbury Academy held its graduation on June 11. The graduates (front row, left to right): Tyler Friend, Heather Meehan, Phoebe Stoddard, Gemma Wahler, Lilianne Williams, Anna Phelps, Ashley Princ, Camille Bolduc, Bryce Ruohonen. Back row (left to right): Jesse Wright, Aiden Guebara, David Moody, Shakiah McCullough, John Smith III, Logan Lanphere, Erik Smyth, Christopher Alden Casey, Jerami Lavine.



photo by Vanessa Fournier
Logan Lanphere marches into Craftsbury's graduation on the Common Friday.



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Annalee Washer (right), 2, waits to give her flowers to her cousin Heather Meehan (left) after graduation June 11. In the center is Meehan's grandmother, Sandy Watson Jones.



photo by Vanessa Fournier
Craftsbury graduate Erik Smyth receives the Randi Calderwood award from Andrew Calderwood (left) as teacher Sarah Miller (center) applauds during ceremonies held June 11.

Congratulations to All the Graduates!



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The Hazen Union 8th Grade Celebration was held on June 8. First row (left to right): Rebecca Fulford, Natalie Michaud, Lillian Hayden, Baylie Christensen, Emma Rowell, Madeline Kaiser, Jenna Thomas, Mya Adams. Second row (left to right): Ayden Laundry, Launna Dimick, Aster Watkevich, Zoey Burnor, Matthew Langdell, Megan Cane, Justing Lopez, Chase Benway. Third row (left to right): Maximus Potter, Gregory Patoine, Marissa Langmaid, Shelby Thompson, Jasper Regan, Julian Lapre, Elizabeth Bowley. Fourth row (left to right) Haeden Lumsden, Rowan Book, Carrick Wright, Brandon Tardif, Donovan Sicard. Fifth row (left to right) Taylor Cloutier, Colby Mercier. Missing: Logan Arnold, Breonna Cochran, Damon Crawford, Alexandra Demers, Rain Douglass, Kylee Fleming, Aiden Fletcher, Maximus Fortmann, Charles Kehler, Ruby Lapierre, Kiyja McFarland, Nikau Mitchell-Tei, Derek Renaud, Elizabeth Sloan, Preston Williams, Benjamin Witham, David Wright.



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Hazen Union senior speaker Cody Hall.



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Hazen Union senior speaker Deanna Gann.



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The Cabot High School Class of 2021 Commencement was June 9. Pictured are (front row, left to right) Victoria Mayo, McKieh Smith, Danielle Reeves, Alexis Tetreault, Charlotte Foster-Fell, Louis Searles (2020). Back row (left to right): Emmett Steinert, Jonah Socks, Aiden Morse, Leo Parlo, Blue Christensen, Luca Socks (2020).



photo by Vanessa Fournier
Hazen Union senior speaker Abigail Demers.

Congratulations to All the Graduates!



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The Wolcott 6th grade Graduation was held June 9. Front row (left to right) Ryan Princ, Emily Thompson, Taylor Izor, Gretchen Day, Raffi Wein. Middle row (left to right): Averie Demag, Harper Furs, Lorien Hokirk, Alice Demag, Isabella Maldonado. Back row (left to right): Alexa Potter, Ginger Berg, Fern Dobson, Gavin Morwood, Julien Ventrice, Sam Lloyd, Cole Hopkins.



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Liam Secore of Hazen Union marches in.



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The Hazen Union Co-Valedictorians of the Class of 2021 are Abigail desGroseilliers (left) and Juan Pablo Schumann-Sola (center). The Salutatorian is Deanna Gann (right). DesGroseilliers is the daughter of Nicole and Douglas desGroseilliers of Hardwick. She will attend Lewis University and major in Air Traffic Control. Schumann-Sola is the son of Maria Delourdes and stepfather David Thomas of Woodbury. He will major in Engineering at Clarkson University. Gann is the daughter of Suzanne and Erik Gann of Hardwick. She will attend the University of Vermont and major in Education. She is the recipient of the UVM Green & Gold Scholarship.



photo by Vanessa Fournier

The Twinfield Valedictorian is Gavin Fowler (left) of Plainfield. He is the son of Erica and Denis Fowler. He will be attending UVM and majoring in Linguistics. The Salutatorian is Henry LoRe (right). He is the son of Tiffany and Louis LoRe of Plainfield. He will be going to Clark University.



photo by Vanessa Fournier

The Valedictorian of the Craftsbury Class of 2021 is David Moody (left). He is the son of Paula Davidson and Matthew Moody. He will be attending Boston University. Co-Salutatorian Christopher Aiden Casey (center) is the son of Gretchen and Christopher Casey. He will be going to Dartmouth. Co-Salutatorian Camille Bolduc (right) is the daughter of Jessica and Damian Bolduc. She will be attending UVM.

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OUR COMMUNITIES



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Funnery campers warm up in the last in-person session during the summer of 2019.

Still Room for Shakespeare Camp

GREENSBORO – There are still spaces available for this summer's production of Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream" at Get Thee to the Funnery.

This is the Funnery's 24th summer in a row, in a tradition that has involved hundreds of campers. The Funnery is a day camp: six hours a day of instruction to expand your heart, mind, body, and voice. No auditions are held and roles are shared.

Camp will take place outside under the big tent at the Highland Center for the Arts in Greensboro, from Monday, August 2, through Saturday, August 14. Daily sessions are fully accessible, and, says Director Peter Gould, "we'll be following all Vermont protocols about staying safe and healthy. Out

in the fresh air where Vermonters belong, as socially distanced as a camp can be, masks optional, vaccinations suggested. The staff are fully vaxxed already. Anyone from 12 to 18 is welcome."

This award-winning theater camp has been at the center of summer life in the NEK since it began. Last year's production was recognized by the National Endowment for the Humanities for its attention to issues of intolerance and prejudice. "This summer's focus," says Gould, "is upon climate change education – oh, and Shakespeare, too."

For information, call (802) 257 4844, or online at gettheetothefunnery.com, email at petergouldvt@gmail.com. Scholarship assistance is available.

Pollinator Festival on June 18

HARDWICK – The Hardwick Farmers' Market and the Center for an Agricultural Economy will host a Pollinator Festival on Friday, June 18, from 3 to 6 p.m. at Atkins Field, 100 Granite Street in Hardwick.

Beekeeper Mike Heath has added hives at the Atkins Field orchard out behind the big granite shed. He will be on hand to explain about the care of the bees that day.

Highlights of the day will include music by the Honeybee Steelband, a pollinator t-shirt workshop with Jerry Schneider, pollinator song and theater workshops, a performance led by members of the Honeybee Steelband, and a honey recipe contest. The winning recipe will receive a one-pound jar of Vermont honey provided by Barr Hill (Caledonia Spirits). The

Recipe must include honey as an ingredient. Contact Bethany Dunbar at the Center for an Agricultural Economy if entering the recipe contest: bethany@hardwickagriculture.org.

Advance sign-up for the pollinator song and theater workshop is helpful in order to reserve a bee t-shirt and antenna, and arrive at 3 p.m., all ages welcome. Email: emilylanxner@gmail.com.

For Jerry Schneider's pollinator t-shirt workshop, starting at 4 p.m., either bring a blank shirt or purchase one for \$4 on the day of the event. There will also be seedball making for young children with Reeve Basom,

The Honeybee Steelband will perform from 4:30 to 5:30; the recipe contest judging will be held at 5:15 p.m.; and there will be a performance at 5:30 p.m.

Bike Event for Children on July 6

GREENSBORO BEND – A bike event for children 4 through 12 will be held at Greensboro Bend on Tuesday, July 6, from 10 a.m. to noon.

Children and their bikes should meet at the Greensboro Bend playground for a bike themed story time, a bike safety lesson with Local Motion, and a helmet fitting for those who need a helmet that

fits correctly. There will be a group bike ride to David Ducharme's lot (across from Smith's Store) for an obstacle course. All are welcomed to this free event.

There is no preregistration, but those who will need a helmet should contact Emily Purdy, youth services librarian, at greensborokids@gmail.com. In case of rain call 533.2531 for information.

EDUCATION

Shrestha Graduates from Sterling College

CRAFTSBURY COMMON – Prathana Shrestha of Craftsbury has graduated from Sterling College with a Bachelor of Arts in Sustainable Food Systems. Shrestha attended Woodstock School prior to her journey in higher education. Shrestha's senior year research project at Sterling looked at forest management and use.

Chouquette, Maxfield Named to Dean's List

CASTLETON – Emilie Choquette of Wolcott and Jeremy Maxfield of Cabot have been named to the Castleton University Dean's List for the spring semester of the 2020-21 academic year. To qualify for this academic honor, the student must maintain full-time status and a semester grade point average of 3.5.

Gao of Earns President's List Honors

CANTON, N.Y. – SUNY Canton President Zvi Szafran announced that Denny Gao of Hardwick earned President's List honors during the spring 2021 semester. Gao majors in Game Design and Development.

President's List recognizes students who achieve a 3.75 or greater GPA on a 4.0 scale.

McKay Named to Dean's List

MADISON, Wis. – Kate McKay of Calais has been named to the Dean's List for the spring semester at the University of Wisconsin – Madison. McKay is a student in the College of Letters and Science. To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must compete a minimum of 12 graded degree credits in that semester.

Students Named to the University of Vermont Dean's List

BURLINGTON – Local students who were named to the UVM Dean's list include Ethan Aubuchon of Hardwick, Tessa Brimblecombe of Marshfield, Braden DeForge of Plainfield, Esther Demag of Wolcott, Michelle Gao of Hardwick, Ivan Shadis of Marshfield, Wenzdae Wendling of Wolcott, and Eli Wilson of Plainfield. To be named to the dean's list, students must have a grade-point average of 3.0 or better and rank in the top 20 percent of their class in their respective college or school.

Students Earn Degrees from the University of Vermont

BURLINGTON – University of Vermont President Suresh Gari-mella conferred degrees on graduates at multiple, smaller school and college ceremonies. Local students who graduated included Simon Bradley of Calais, Bachelor of Science; Nathan Davidson of Wolcott, Bachelor of Science; Braden DeForge of Plainfield, Bachelor of Arts; Austin Masi of Craftsbury, Bachelor of Science; Erika Pettersen of Plainfield, Bachelor of Science; Grace Willean of Craftsbury, Bachelor of Science; and Eli Wilson of Plainfield, Bachelor of Science.

Sola-Thomas Named to Dean's List.

POTSDAM, N.Y. – Ernesto Sola-Thomas of Hardwick, a freshman majoring in computer engineering, was named to the Dean's List for the spring 2021 semester at Clarkson University.

Dean's List students must achieve a minimum 3.25 grade-point average and also carry at least 14 credit hours.

OBITUARIES

CALVERT NORRIS FOSTER JR.

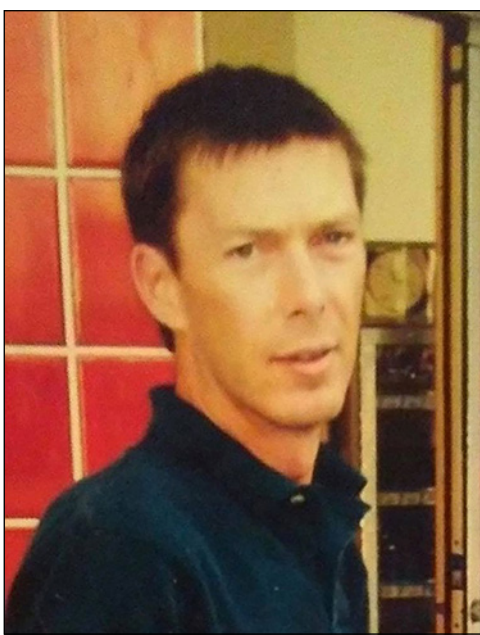
BOYNTON BEACH, Fla. – Calvert Norris Foster Jr., better known as Chip, passed away at his home in Boynton Beach on Friday May 28, at the age of 56.

Chip was born December 10, 1964, in Bristol, Conn., the son of Calvert N. Foster Sr. and Patricia (Cronin) Foster. He grew up in Cabot for a few years then moved to Hardwick and attended the local elementary schools and Hazen Union High School. He then went on to be a Vermont National Guardsman. He worked with his family at Riverside Beverage in Hardwick and Caspian Arms Ltd. in Wolcott.

Chip and his partner of 28 years, Kevin W. Lange, were married in 2010. He and Kevin split their time enjoying the homes they renovated together in Bakersfield, Vt., and Florida.

Chip was like a rare antique find. They just don't make them like that anymore. He was beautiful on the outside, with his constant smile and infectious laugh, and even more beautiful on the inside. It came natural to him to brighten up your mood on your worst days and made your good days even better with his need for adventure and fun. Living each day in the present and each moment to the fullest is what he did.

Chip always enjoyed striking up conversations with complete strangers. Everyone has a story and he was always interested to hear them. Each person in Chip's path was important and significant, doing what he could to lift them up and make them feel worthy. Without a doubt, Chip spread so much positivity and love around to make a lasting impact for many years to come to many people. He will continue to live



Calvert Norris Foster Jr.

with each of us every day.

Chip leaves behind his husband, Kevin; twin daughters Heather Foster (and her fiancé Jordon Maynard) and Patricia Foster (and her boyfriend, Robert Coates); grandchildren Liam, Juliette, and Vanessa; and his daughters' mother, Laurie Fadden. He is also survived by his mother, Patricia Foster; sister Julie and her husband, Walt Ackermann; sister Jayne Fradette; brother Scott and his wife, Ruth Foster; sister Amy and her husband, Woody Smith; many cherished nieces and nephews along with their families; and so many aunts, uncles and cousins.

He is preceded in death by his father, Calvert Norris Foster, Sr., and brother baby Eugene, grandparents Harry W. and Ida (Woods) Foster and Robert F. and Freda (Perkins) Cronin.

Graveside services were held June 8, at the Durant Cemetery in Cabot, Vt., with his family, followed by a luncheon at his mother's home.

Arrangements were in the care of Dian R. Holcomb of Northern Vermont Funeral Service, 60 Elm Street, Hardwick.

ELLEN L. RANGER

EAST HARDWICK – Ellen Lane Ranger, 79, of East Hardwick died peacefully on June 3, at the Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital in St. Johnsbury. Her family is very thankful for the loving hospice care that she received.

She was born March 23, 1942, in Middletown, Conn., the daughter of the late Alfred and Anne (Kopp) Eckersley. Ellen graduated from high school in Cromwell, Conn., in the class of 1960.

On July 1, 1961, she married Richard Joseph Ranger in Cromwell, Conn. In 1998, they moved to East Hardwick, where they made their home for more than 20 years.

She was a drafter in the manufacturing field. Ellen was a multi-talented artist and designer who brought a sense of fun to her creations. She had myriad interests and put her joy in the world to

studying and making things, from pergolas to walking sticks to fabric dolls.

She was an active member of the National Society of Dowsers and proud to be a Ranger the Granger in East Hardwick.

Ellen was upbeat. Until the end, she was funny, fearless, and ferocious.

Survivors include two siblings, Willa Eckersley and Sally Eckersley, both of Cromwell, Conn.

She was predeceased by her husband, Richard on May 4, 2012.

As per her wish, arrangements will be private. Please share her vision of a wonderfully interesting world.

Arrangements are in care of Dian R. Holcomb of Northern Vermont Funeral Service, 60 Elm Street, Hardwick. Online condolences are welcomed at northernvermontfuneralservice.com.



Patricia (Salls) Hislop and Donald W. Hislop

DONALD W. HISLOP and PATRICIA (SALLS) HISLOP

MORRISVILLE/GREENSBORO – Graveside services for Donald W. Hislop, who died December 29, 2020, and his wife, Patricia (Salls) Hislop, who died May 9, 2014, will be held at 1 p.m., on Saturday, June 26, in

the Greensboro Village Cemetery with Pastor Ed Sunday-Winters officiating.

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THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Thursday, June 17

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 18

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.

STREET PERFORMER SERIES, hosted by Maya and Brent McCoy, 6:30 p.m., Highland Center for the Arts, 2875 Hardwick St., Greensboro. Flyin Hawaiian Show, with Sara Kunz. Acrobatic hula hoop performance, contortion and interactive clowning upon a 15' high coconut tree. Cafe and Bar open. Information: highlandartsvt.org, 802-533-2000.

Saturday, June 19

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

Monday, June 21

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.

Tuesday, June 22

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 23

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.

Exhibits

ISA OEHR: 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: VtPie-GirlCo@gmail.com, oliveyin1@gmail.com or BreadandPuppet.org.

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



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Celia Devoe performs as a caterpillar before turning into a dancing butterfly in Ballet Vermont's production of "Bees & Friends Festival" held at the Highland Center for the Arts June 12. The 17 dancers performed six shows in Vermont.

Summer Music Series Begins June 25

PLAINFIELD - The Friends of the Plainfield Opera House, in collaboration with the Plainfield Recreation Committee, will present a summer music series at the Plainfield Rec Field. Admission is by donation; bring chairs or blankets.

There will be five concerts starting in late June and going through late August. Starting off the series will be the Dave Keller Blues Trio on Saturday, June 26, at 4 p.m. Dave Keller, based in Montpelier, has built a national reputation as a soul-blues singer, guitarist and songwriter. He is a two-time Blues Music Award (BMA) nominee. Keller's current trio includes Ira Friedman (keys) and Jay Gleason (drums).

The Craftsbury Chamber Players, on their own portable flatbed truck stage, will present two performances on Saturday, July 17 and Saturday, 31, both at 4 p.m. The Chamber Players' programs are still in the works.

On Saturday, August 14, at 4 p.m., Modern Times Theater will perform "The Perils of Mr. Punch," featuring Punch and Judy, presented live and updated for the 21st Century. The hand

puppets are created from up-cycled designer trash and performed in an itinerant puppet stage. The show is hosted per tradition by Rose Friedman. Justin Lander, portrays all the characters. The program is rounded out with live music played on a variety of instruments.

Wrapping up the series will be the Sky Blue Boys and Cookie, on Sunday, August 29 at 5 p.m. Banjo Dan and Willy Lindner teamed up with musician Carrie Cook. Dan and Willy have built up a large repertoire of old ballads, parlor songs, heart songs, and sacred numbers. Both of them songwriters, the Sky Blue Boys also deliver their own material, and expand on the traditional instrumentation to incorporate an array of acoustic sounds.

The series is sponsored by Plainfield Friends of the Opera House, Plainfield Rec Committee, Caledonia Spirits, Black Bear Bio, Plainfield Coop, East Hill Tree Farm, Positive Pie, Onion River Campground and anonymous donors.

Admission is by donation. For more information go to plainfieldoperahousevt.org/, email plainfieldtownhall@gmail.com, or phone or text (802) 498-3173.

Barre-Tones Now Rehearsing In-Person on Mondays

MONTPELIER - The Barre-Tones women's acapella chorus is back to weekly in-person rehearsals. The rehearsals are supplemented with Zoom availability for those not comfortable singing in person.

Safe re-entry protocols for rehearsals have been developed and are available by emailing

info@barretonesvt.com, or by calling the number posted on the website, barretonesvt.com.

The chorus meets at the Capitol City Grange on Mondays at 6:30 p.m.

The Barre-Tones are an international women's competing chorus. All women are welcome.

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Vermont Symphony Orchestra Brings Musical Garden Party to Greensboro on July 2

GREENSBORO – The Vermont Symphony Orchestra (VSO) is pleased to announce a visit to Greensboro during its 2021 summer season, coming together for a musical garden party at the Highland Center for the Arts on July 2, at 6:30 p.m.

This free performance is part of a series of small-format concerts being held statewide all throughout July, themed by location: breweries, homes and gardens, and town gazebos and bandstands.

Attendees in Greensboro can expect to experience a collection of colors, textures, and sounds by the VSO's Woodwind Quartet. This journey through 120 years of American music will take listeners

from Tin Pan Alley to Carnegie Hall, from a bumpy bike ride with Alyssa Morris's "Motion" to the fairgrounds with Amy Beach's "Carnival."

"We are so excited to return to Greensboro" says VSO Executive Director Elise Brunelle. "The VSO always looks forward to reuniting with our friends in this community, especially this year."

"The Vermont Symphony Orchestra has been a part of my life for almost 45 years. I am delighted they bring beautiful music for kids of all ages home to me now in Greensboro," says resident Trish Alley.

Visit vso.org/events for more information on this performance and other summer concerts.



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Cynthia West, a Salvation Farms' gleaning volunteer, harvests beets at Pete's Greens.

Salvation Farms Needs Volunteer Gleaners

MORRISVILLE – This spring, as farmers were plowing and planting with the harvest in mind, Kayleigh Boyle joined Salvation Farms' team as gleaning coordinator to serve Lamoille Valley farms and eaters.

Salvation Farms has been gleaning the valley for years and, like all seasons, need volunteers to help them harvest, sort, box, and deliver the valley's fresh but unsold produce to our neighbors who rely on the region's food shelves and community meal programs.

Boyle, who recently returned to her home state of Vermont to put down her own farming roots in Craftsbury, says "I am excited to bring my shared values to Salvation Farms, an organization that positively benefits my greater community on many levels. As gleaning coordinator, I have the privilege of being a part of the

network of volunteers and staff people working to help farmers feed more people. I am looking forward to the camaraderie of being out in the field with volunteers harvesting, boxing and weighing produce in all kinds of weather!"

In 2020, Salvation Farms' gleaning program served more than 40 food programs throughout the Lamoille Valley region and a handful of Northeast Kingdom senior meal programs. More than 150,000 servings of fresh produce were collected from local farms and distributed with the help of more than 140 volunteers. Salvation Farms invites you to help our farmers feed our community!

Register as a gleaner and receive invitations to get involved at vermontgleaningcollective.org. For more information, contact Dani Smith, (802) 888-4360 or danielle@salvationfarms.org.



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Brent McCoy performs a routine on his seven-foot-high unicycle as Maya McCoy watches during "Her Majesty's Secret Circus," held at the Highland Center for the Arts on June 4. The Street Performers Series will host different world-touring acts Fridays at 6:30 p.m. in June, hosted by Maya and Brent McCoy.



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Griffin Davey (left) "Feeds the Clown" as Charlie Lander (right) operates the jaw during one of the week's free workshops hosted by Modern Times Theater. Children practiced theater and barking techniques for the carnival games and created items using paper mache for the East Hardwick Village's first annual Kid-Powered street fair in conjunction with the annual children's parade on June 12.

RURAL RAMBLINGS

Buffalo Mountain often Misidentified?

by Mike Lance

HARDWICK – There are two prominences viewable from the Hardwick area that are called Buffalo Mountain by local residents.

One looms over Hardwick village, towering 700 feet higher than the traffic light at the intersection of Vermont Rte, 15 and Vermont Rte. 14 in the village. That peak is three-quarters of a mile from the intersection and tops out at about 1,550 ft.

The mountain can be viewed to the west all along S. Main St. A nice view of it can also be had past the shoulder of Jeudevine Library from the Memorial Park at the corner of West. Church and Main St.

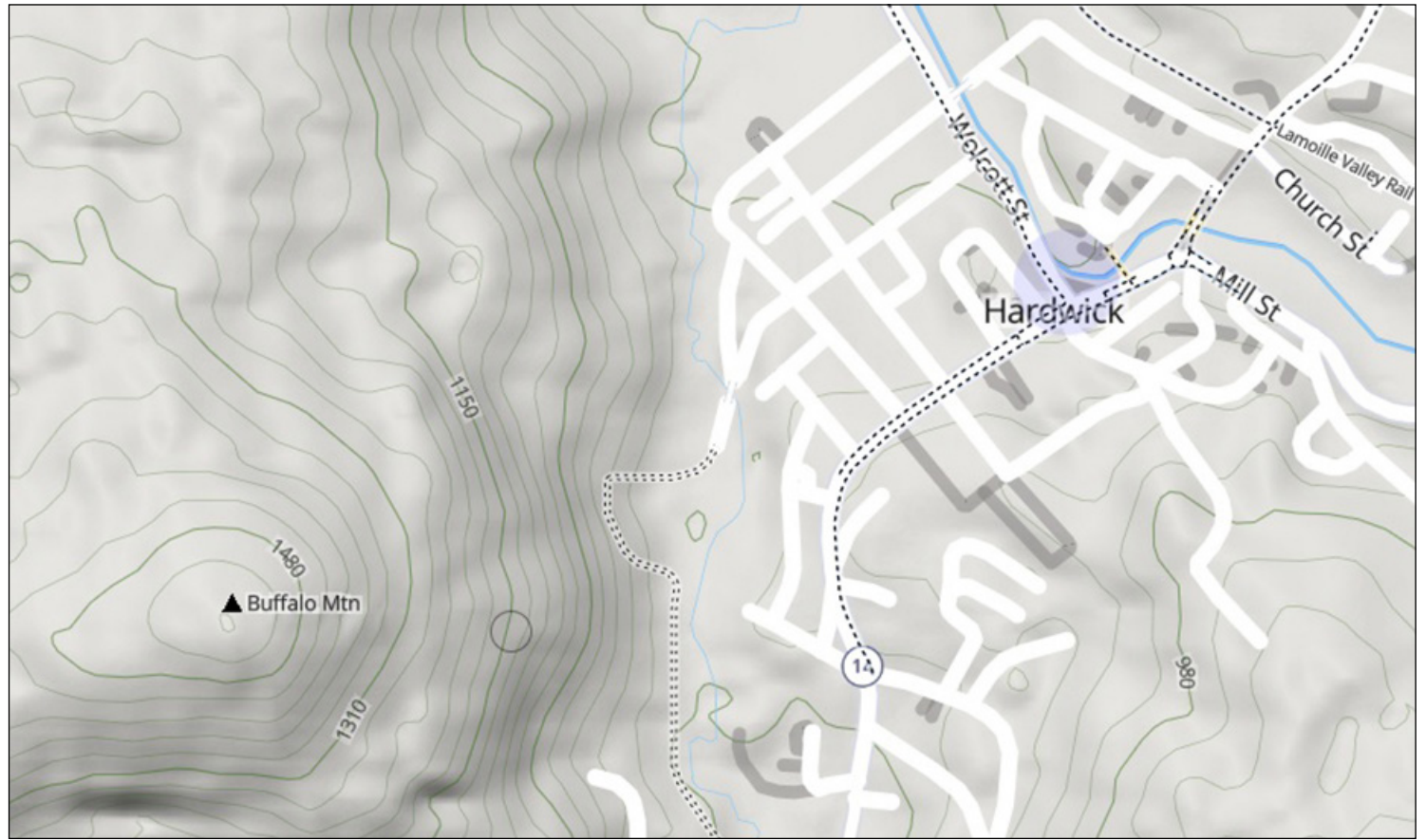
The second peak, viewable from various high points in Hardwick, looks like the outline of a buffalo's back with a distinctive tall shoulder hump, tapering to the tail. This mountain would seem to best fit the name Buffalo Mountain.

However, looks can be deceiving.

The mountain with the notable buffalo outline is not Buffalo Mountain. That peak already has a name: Woodbury Mountain.

Buffalo Mountain is the one that can be viewed from downtown Hardwick.

A 1909 USGS document "The Granites of Vermont" discusses the gray granites obtained from Buffalo Hill Quarry, operated by Hardwick Granite Company, and sites it on the western side of Buffalo Hill, on the southwest side of Hardwick near the Hardwick-Woodbury border. Later, in the "Vermont Report of the State Geologist on the Mineral Industries and Geology of Vermont, 1915-1916", Buffalo Hill was upgraded to Buffalo



Mountain. The quarry was idled in 1917.

Since those days, after the granite business declined and the quarry closed, Buffalo Mountain appears to have lost its identity. It's not mentioned in current Vermont Geology or USGS records.

There is an effort underway to complete a petition to appeal to the State of Vermont Library Board to include Buffalo Mountain in the list of Vermont Geographic names. If successful, it will officially give the mountain the name it has been known by for over a century.

Stop by Buffalo Mountain Co-op, the Whistle Emporium, or The Village Restaurant if you would like to add your name and signature to the petition to make official the name Buffalo Mountain.



photo by Doug McClure
Buffalo Mountain, seen from Hardwick Village looking south on Vermont Route 14.

Greensboro Development Review Board Warning

The Greensboro Development Review Board will conduct a virtual hearing on Thursday, July 1, at 7 p.m., on Zoom. They will consider a variance request by Molly Plaster and Richard Ahern to place a shed on their property at 479 Craftsbury Road. This application will be considered under the following by-laws: 2.7 Shoreland Protection District and 5.5 Variances.

There will be a socially distanced site visit on Saturday, June 26, at 11:00 a.m. Both the virtual hearing and the socially distanced site visit are open to the public. To join the Zoom hearing, sign up for a free Zoom account anytime (zoom.us), then at 7 p.m., on Thursday, July 1, go to Zoom and click on: join a meeting. The meeting number is 853 8166 1359. There is no password. You may phone into the Zoom meeting at: (301)715-8592 (this is not a toll free number). The application is available for review at the Greensboro Town Hall or at the Greensboro Town website, www.greensborovt.org. Participation in the proceeding, either in person or in writing, is a prerequisite to the right to make any subsequent appeal. Interested persons may join the Zoom hearing or send a letter or email (zoning@greensborovt.org) to the Development Review Board at the Greensboro Town Clerk's office to comment on the proposed plan.

Greensboro Development Review Board

Further instructions for joining a Zoom meeting are on the Greensboro Town website www.greensborovt.org under Town Business Committees and Commissions - Development Review Board



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YANKEE NOTEBOOK

Convinced That It May Have None

by Willem Lange

EAST MONTPELIER – “Life, you know, is rather like opening a tin of sardines: We are all of us looking for the key.” – Alan Bennett, *Beyond the Fringe*, 1961.

That used to be my tongue-in-cheek mantra when I was young and convinced that life had a purpose that could be sussed out by diligent reading and rumination. Now that I’m old and pretty much convinced that it may have none, I’m more guided by “I’d rather live with questions that can’t be answered than answers that can’t be questioned.”

The years surrounding the recent past Presidential administration have seemed to evoke – or perhaps reveal – a wide and deep streak of yahooism in the American psyche. Not since I first read it as a kid has W.B. Yeats’ “The Second Coming” seemed more appropriate to our condition, both cultural and political. We may try to understand why so many of our fellow citizens are threatened by the ineluctable changes sweeping over us all, but that doesn’t suggest a way out of our fix.

The major struggle, as I see it, is between principle and pragmatism; in other words, between faith-based and data-based decision-making. In a nation that still largely defines itself as “Christian,” and whose zeitgeist is led, as if by the nose, by millions of experts wielding social media accounts, this has caused, and continues to cause, intractable political logjams.

One of the most comprehensible issues is that of abortion. I know of no one who thinks it a matter of small moment; it’s a last-ditch solution, and not, as its foes claim, a mere convenience. But we have historical data to demonstrate the utter impotence of prohibition. The results of the Eighteenth Amendment were catastrophic; some of them linger to this day. If we’re truly interested in making abortion as rare as possible – it will never be extirpated; instead, made available only to the affluent and deadly to the poor – we should study policies that actually achieve what our moralistic approach has always failed to do. The world’s lowest abortion rate by far is enjoyed by the Netherlands, where the procedure is available through national health insurance, and public education about family planning and contraception are prominent in the

media. Shouting, shooting up clinics, murdering physicians, and passing restrictive laws get us nowhere; facts and data will.

Most likely we all know why the idea of national health care has gained so little ground in our national debate. As a very satisfied recipient of Medicare, I find the objections ludicrous and self-serving. Consider who stands to lose if it were enacted; poll those of us who pay a modest amount to maintain our coverage; compare what you or your employer pays for private insurance to what universal coverage would cost; and compare our medical outcomes to those of all the other nations who, strangely, exhibit no interest in repeal. Data. Not principle, profit, or lobbying.

Our nation is suffering an epidemic that no vaccines will cure. It’s clearly a product of fear-mongering, a decaying culture, and a bizarre interpretation of the Second Amendment (see former Chief Justice Warren Burger’s comments on the subject). Grown men stalk our streets hugging assault-style weapons like Linus van Pelt in “Peanuts” with his security blanket. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg notes, “If more guns made us safer, we’d be the safest country on earth.” The data – not principle – suggest the need for something more than namby-pamby measures like “rigorous background checks.” We’re killing, maiming, and publicly threatening each other.

Like a politician, I’ll stipulate that I’m no economist; but if anybody can demonstrate to me that Ronald Reagan’s “trickle-down economics” benefits anybody but those at the top who hoard wealth, rather than the now-all-but-defunct middle class, who spend it, I’d like to see that data.

Looming over everything, of course, is the acceleration and existential threat of climate change. We don’t need to rehearse the catalog of increasingly destructive weather events to know that worse is afoot than we can control anymore (Texas Representative Louis Gohmert has asked if the Forest Service can combat it by altering the orbit of the moon). Miami Beach is considering a massive seawall, while we folks here in the hills are ordering emergency generators to get us through the next “weather event.” The data in this case is, like the message at King Belshazzar’s banquet, written on the wall, and only fools stand on principle to ignore it.

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Woodbury School volunteer Cacky Peltz helps kindergartner Maddy Grant work on her nature art project during the school’s K-6 field day trip to the Buck Lake Wildlife Management Area on June 2.

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IN THE GARDEN

Everything You Wanted to Know About Peonies, but Were Afraid to Ask

by Henry Homeyer

CORNISH FLAT, N.H. – If you don't have a peony, I'm surprised. If you don't have three, you should. They are blooming now, and this is a great time to buy them. Go to your local garden center or family-run plant nursery and buy some more, no matter how many you have. Buying in bloom means you can see the color of the blossoms and sample the fragrance. Not all are very fragrant, but some are so lovely they might make you swoon.

When my wife, Cindy Heath, moved in with me in 2019, she brought many plants with her, including her Dad's favorite peonies and several others. I walked around recently to count how many peonies we have. We have 44 between us, including my grandmother's favorite, "Festiva Maxima." Grandmother died in 1953, but her peony lives on.

I regularly get questions about



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Tree Peonies are larger than most.

peonies. "Why did my new peony bloom once, but never again?" It is probably planted too deeply in the ground. In the fall, cut back your stems and feel for the "eyes" which are next year's growth. To get blossoms, they should not be covered with more than about an inch of soil. If your peony is too deeply planted, or covered deeply in mulch, don't dig it up, just pull back some soil and mulch to fix it.

Another question I get: "Why are there ants on the blossom buds?" Some write saying their grandparents told them the ants are involved in opening the buds. Is that true? No. The ants are attracted because there are aphids on the buds, and aphid droppings are called honey dew. Honeydew is sweet and attracts ants.

Gardeners are often frustrated by the fact that after a rain, many gorgeous flowers flop over or even break. Peony cages are sold in garden centers, but often these are much too short to prevent the problem. What is the solution? Buy bamboo stakes that are three or four feet tall and place two to

four around each clump of peonies, pushing them deep into the soil. Then encircle the plant with twine, tying the string to each stake with a clove hitch. If you didn't learn how to tie a clove hitch in the Scouts, YouTube will teach you. The encircling twine should be set about two-thirds the height of the plant. Do this when the buds have not yet opened.

Some gardeners write asking if it is okay to move peonies, and when should they do it? Conventional wisdom is that peonies do not like to be moved, but if you must, do it in the fall when they are starting to go dormant. That's good advice, but peonies can be moved anytime. I once moved 50 peonies in June, and they all bloomed the next year.

But I do agree that there can be problems moving peonies. The roots are fleshy, a bit like long, thin sweet potatoes. And they are easily broken unless you take great care. I would only dig them after a long, soaking rain – or if I had watered well a few days before and the water had soaked down deep. Some roots go 18 inches into the soil or more. And remember: be sure not to bury them too deeply. Look for those pointy little nubs and keep them near the soil surface.

Do peonies have diseases to watch out for? Rarely. The only problem I've ever had is with botrytis, a fungal disease that blackens leaves and kills them and the blossoms. And that only happened once. I removed the blackened leaves and sprayed with a solution of a product called Serenade which contains a soil bacterium that kills fungal diseases, including botrytis, but has no ill effects of humans, pets, fish, insects or birds. It stopped the infection, and it has not recurred. Serenade is commonly sold at garden centers and has a shelf life of 3 years if properly stored.

I have peonies that bloom starting in late April some years, others that bloom in May and June. My earliest are woodland peonies, the fernleaf peony, *Paeonia tenuifolia* and the obovate peony, *Paeonia obovata*. The first is bright red, with single blossoms and finely divided leaves. Both have just a single layer of petals. My obovate peonies are cream colored, but produce blue seeds in red seedpods. The seeds are vigorous self-sowers.

Then there are tree peonies. These are small shrubs that produce huge flowers, up to 8 or 10 inches across. The blossoms are



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"Garden Treasure," the Itoh peony in my garden last June.

short lived, but spectacular. I had one for 20 years, but it died after a cold winter. Then a few years ago I bought an Itoh peony. This is hybrid of a tree peony crossed with a regular peony. The Itohs generally have yellow blossoms and produce many, many large blossoms over several weeks at maturity. But they are pricey: expect to pay \$50 or more for a young plant.

Lastly, gardeners ask me, "Can you grow peonies in a shady garden?" Yes and no. Given good rich soil and plenty of moisture, you will get some blossoms with just four hours of sun per day, which is considered a shaded, or partly-shade garden. They really like full sun and do best with six hours of sun or more. Those two

woodland peonies I mentioned will do fine in shade but are nearly impossible to find for sale.

One last bit of advice: Since peonies live so long, be sure to add compost and a little slow-release



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Peony "Festiva maxima" that my grandmother grew.

organic fertilizer at planting time. Then, every few years, top dress the soil around your peonies with some fertilizer and compost to get best results.

If I were to be exiled to a remote island and could only choose just one perennial flower to take with me, I don't know if I would take a "Festiva Maxima" peony. I do know that it certainly would be high on my list.



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Peony Woodland (*P. obovata*) with red buds.

LETTERS FROM READERS

Supporting Social Justice and Democracy

To the editor:

Saturday, June 19 is the 156th anniversary of the date when Union Army Gen. Gordon Granger landed in Galveston, Texas, and pronounced that all enslaved people in Texas were forever free.

Known as Juneteenth, the date has been celebrated and commemorated since by many Black people in the United States. Juneteenth is also now recognized in all but three states and there is an effort to have the date declared a national holiday.

Despite this history, there are still efforts to diminish the ability of many Americans to participate in the country's democracy. Although no one will say the measures are intended to make it harder for or to keep Black people and other people of color from voting, the result will be just that.

Gerrymandering looms around the corner in many states. There were close to 400 bills in 48 state legislatures this year with intent to restrict access to polling places and hours, to increase I.D. requirements, to purge voter rolls, to restrict automatic voter registration, and early, absentee and military voting. The proposals aim at disability accessibility, criminal disenfranchisement, giving rides to the polls and even making it illegal to give water to people waiting in line to vote. As of mid-May, 22 new restrictive

laws were enacted in 14 states.

The Brennan Center for Justice at New York University Law School details these efforts. To learn more, go to brennancenter.org/our-work/research-reports/voting-laws-roundup-may-2021.

As many may know, a small group stands in vigil each Saturday in Hardwick in witness to the importance of Black lives, to the importance of democracy for all. People first gathered in the wake of George Floyd's murder in May 2020. Many still do in other towns, and the Vermont Legislature increased voter access and passed resolutions addressing racism. There are people in the state, however, who do not believe Black Lives Matter. Many people drive by each Saturday and tap their horns or give a thumbs-up in support. There are others each week who yell, "White Lives Matter," "All Lives Matter," "Black Lives Don't Matter" and some raise a middle finger instead of a thumb.

It is important to continue to offer witness that "Black Lives Matter" in Hardwick and everywhere.

Thank you to those who joined us and support this effort. We hope you will stand with us at the intersection of Wolcott and Main streets from 3-5 p.m., on Juneteenth.

**Ross Connelly
Hardwick**

Woodsmoke by Julie Atwood



"SOME MUCH-NEEDED SUMMERTIME R&R!"

MEETING MEMO

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.

Monday, June 21

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LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Advocating for Rural Communities

by Katherine Sims, State Representative, Orleans-Caledonia

MONTPELIER – The legislature adjourned for the 2021 session, and it was certainly one for the record books! We conducted all business remotely and our Green Mountain State received a vast infusion of federal aid due to the pandemic.

What an honor to carry your priorities with me into the statehouse as a strong advocate for rural communities. I worked diligently to ensure that the millions of dollars coming into the state were put to immediate and effective use. I advocated for high-impact, once-in-a-lifetime investments to accelerate recovery in all 14 counties of the state and advance priorities for our future.

We passed legislation that makes historic investments in the health, well-being, and economic security of Vermont's families and small businesses including high-speed, reliable internet; high-quality, affordable childcare; housing infrastructure; climate, clear water and transportation investments; and supports for small businesses.

As a result of this work, Vermont is one step closer to a more prosperous and resilient future for all Vermonters.

Read my full report on the 2021 legislative session and the major bills passed this year at katherinesimsforhouse.com/report. Visit my legislative page on the general assembly's website at [//legislature.vermont.gov](http://legislature.vermont.gov) to see the bills I co-sponsored and how I voted on all the bills

that came to the House floor.

What's next? I'll be using my time this summer to get out, listen, and learn from all of you. While we made important progress on the key challenges we face as a state, there is more work to do to advance priorities for our future and to center racial and social equity in our investments.

In particular, I'm excited about my upcoming work as the clerk of the Rural Economic Development Working Group, where I'm helping arrange educational opportunities over the summer and fall for legislators to learn more about the forest economy. Vermont's forestlands are vital to Vermont's environment, economy, and quality of life. Unfortunately, we continue to lose forestland at a rate of

approximately 11,000 acres per year. While still an important part of our forest-based economy, the wood products industry faces ongoing stress from overseas competition and an aging workforce. Our group is planning site visits across the state to hear directly from folks on the ground and identify policy opportunities to ensure the viability of the forest economy.

It has been a true honor representing the people of Albany, Barton, Craftsbury, Greensboro, Glover, Sheffield, and Wheelock in the Vermont House of Representatives.

Thank you for all your support. If you need assistance or want to discuss your priorities or needs, please reach out anytime. I look forward to connecting with you.



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 Carrying the Greensboro High School bell to a pickup which transported the bell to Hazen Union are (in front) Lyle Rooney (left), Ethan Shopland (right). Back: Hazen facilities manager Tod Delaricheliere (left), Cody Hall (center) and Alleigh Gabaree (right). At far left is a VPR reporter and in far back is Hazen Principal David Perrigo.

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SPORTS



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Fenton Meyer watches Hazen Union's Jadon Baker slide home ahead of the tag by Thetford pitcher Logan Brinkman.



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The Hazen Union baseball team shows camaraderie at the semifinal game against Thetford Academy.

Thetford Outlasts Wildcats to Reach Title Game

by Ken Brown

THETFORD – Hazen Union's baseball magical run came to an end last week as Thetford Academy edged the Wildcats at home in the semifinals, advancing to the Division III championship at Centennial Field.

Ryan Malloy belted three hits for the Panthers, fueling an eight-run second inning that helped them hang on for an 11-10 win last Tuesday. Hazen Union started fast, with three runs in the first inning behind an Ethan Shopland hit, two walks, three stolen bases, and a hit batsmen. After a 1-2-3 inning by ace Lyle Rooney in the home half of the inning, Thetford leaned on the sophomore in the bottom half of the second with a nine-hit, eight-run barrage to take a commanding lead.

"It was a great start on both ends for us in the first inning, but they're a very good hitting team and a perfect combination of hard-hit balls and a couple miscues by us put us in a hole early," said head coach Spencer Howard.

Freshman Andrew Menard and Jadon Baker did a nice job of limiting the damage the rest of the way as the Wildcats clawed back behind Tyler Rivard's bat that drove in three runs with a double and home run on the day. James Montgomery also had a pair of hits and an RBI, and Shopland had a pair of hits to end his impressive high school career.

Down 11-8, Hazen Union scratched out a run in the top half of the sixth and seventh innings to pull within one, but couldn't get the tying run on base to threaten Thetford's lead. Jackson Kingsbury and

Lucas Gilman combined for four RBIs and Mack Briglin and Jacob Gilman did just enough in relief to help the top-seeded Panthers advance.

It was Hazen Union's first Division III semifinal appearance since 2007 and Howard definitely has his young program heading in the right direction with three playoff wins in his first two seasons as skipper.

"The boys were heartbroken, and I know they feel like they let one slip away here, but I am so proud of how they grinded and fought right to the very end. We had unbelievable support from the community, and we can't thank them enough for how they supported this team all season. This is a great group of kids and they'll be hard on themselves, but our coaching staff is so proud of what they accomplished this season

and how they represented their school and the town of Hardwick," said Howard.

Shopland will be the lone senior to graduate for Hazen Union after a stellar season that saw him hit .381 with 16 RBI and 15 stolen bases. Howard will return a trio of sophomores in thumper Tyler Rivard (.481 20 RBIs), Jadon Baker (.339 12 RBIs 20 stolen bases), and Lyle Rooney (8-4, 2.83 ERA, 89 strikeouts) who will be hungry to lead a suddenly experienced team that also includes Menard, who was 3-0 on the mound this season and an athletic Montgomery behind the plate.

"Ethan is not only a great athlete and leader, but just a great person and we'll miss him next year. For most of our boys, this was their first taste of varsity ball with COVID cancelling 2020, so we were extremely encouraged to see how much they developed throughout the season. It was a testament to the amount of hard work they were willing to put into it. They are all very competitive and hungry and look forward to making another run at this thing. I love baseball and we have a group of kids here who love the game, as well. A loss like this one will teach us all life lessons. We'll all come back a little stronger and wiser next year and our goal is to continue to play 'meaningful' games here at Hazen," said Howard.

Peoples Academy upset Thetford 4-1 on Sunday in the Division III championship game behind a 15-strikeout performance from Ben Alekson. Hazen Union handed Alekson his only loss of the season back in May behind a Lyle Rooney one-hitter.



photo by Doug McClure

Tyler Rivard of Hazen Union cleared the fence with a home run at the top of the sixth. Thetford edged Hazen 11-10.

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Hazen vs. Thetford



Ethan Shopland takes a tumble after a brutal tag out from Thetford catcher Ryan Malloy.



Thetford catcher Ryan Malloy races to retrieve the ball as Tyler Rivard slides into home while Andrew Menard (7) and Lyle Rooney (6) look on..



James Montgomery dives into third as Thetford's Mack Briglin leaps for the throw. Thetford pitcher Logan Brinkman looks on.

photos by Doug McClure

Catcher Ryan Malloy of Thetford yells for the ball as Ethan Shopland runs home.



SPORTS

Seniors Stampede at Capital City Race

by Jim Flint

MONTPELIER – At first glance, Saturday's Capital City Stampede might have appeared to be an old-timer's race for aging athletes. But make no mistake, the senior runners were serious competitors, their muscles honed by miles and miles of training.

After a year off from in-person racing, road runners from age 16 to age 83 eagerly toed the starting line at the iconic event, which also doubled as the Vermont Senior Games 10k state championship road race.

Under COVID-19 protocols, the field of 87 runners was divided into three starting waves. The younger crowd might have felt a bit outnumbered, as 54 of those registered were age 50 or older. The veteran cohort included perhaps the fastest group of senior athletes ever to assemble for a road race in central Vermont.

Organized by the Central Vermont Runners club, the out-and-back race started and finished downtown on Langdon Street, in front of the Onion River Outdoors store. Weather conditions were ideal for a June race, with temperatures in the low 60s and light winds. Shading on the Montpelier bike path provided a cooling effect from the brilliant sunshine.

Avery Smart, a Montpelier High School sophomore, blistered the flat course in 35:36 to win his first big road race. Smart is coming into his own as a runner. He placed third in the 3000m race at the Division-II State Track and Field Championship on June 5. Steve Andrews, 39, from Shelburne, was a close second in the Capital City Stampede, finishing in 35:54.

Jennifer Molz, 32, from Hyde Park, was the top female finisher, in 40:37. She placed 15th overall. Andrea Allen, 25, from South Burlington, was runner-up for the women, in 40:52.

The Vermont Senior Games Association awarded gold, silver, and bronze medals to the top three men and top three women, based on five-year age groups.

Francis Burdett, 56, from Worcester, Mass., returned to his hometown of Montpelier for the 10k race. He averaged a sizzling 5:55 per mile pace. Burdett placed third overall, in 36:41, and won the M55-60 gold medal.

Alan Mead, 54, from



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Dot Helling (left), from Adamant, and friend Diane McNamara (right), from Amherst, Mass., competed in the Capital City Stampede. The race doubled as the Vermont Senior Games 10k state championship road race. Helling was the gold medal winner for the F70-74 age group. McNamara won the silver medal in the F65-69 age group.

Hinesburg, was the second-fastest senior runner. He placed sixth overall to claim the M50-54 gold medal. Mead was the bronze medal winner at the 2019 National Senior Games 5k Road Race, held in Albuquerque, N.M.

Anne Treadwell, 53, from Burlington, and Sandra Dickin, 54, from Colchester, were the top two senior women finishers. Treadwell outpaced Dickin, 44:36 to 44:46, to win the F50-54 gold medal. They placed 29th and 30th overall.

Kari Bradley, 53, from Calais, was the top finisher from the towns covered by the Hardwick Gazette. His time of 44:25 was the 27th fastest among 87 finishers. This placed him fifth in the M50-54 age group for the Vermont Senior Games.

"We had ideal weather and what a great course," said Bradley. "Not only does it take you right by the State House front steps twice, but it's as flat as anywhere in Vermont. The competition was impressive. I thought I ran a strong race, passed a bunch of people younger than me, and finished with my fastest mile. Imagine my surprise to see I was tenth in my (50-59) age class!"

Mack Gardner-Morse, 60, is also from Calais. He faced stiff competition in the M60-64 age group, finishing a solid fourth.

Gardener-Morse placed 35th overall, in 46:24.

Elizabeth McCarthy, 68, struck paydirt in the F65-69 age group. McCarthy, from Walden, finished the race in 59:25 to win a Vermont Senior Games gold medal. Her husband, Tim Hogeboom, 70, overcame pre-race stomach distress. His finish time of 51:51 earned him the gold medal for the M70-74 age group.

"Tim and I were a little apprehensive on the ride to Montpelier, not sure we would even run," said McCarthy. "He'd been having back problems, and I'd been having pain in my hip. Fortunately, for both of us, these creaks seemed to work themselves out and went away once the race began. This made me feel even more grateful just to be running, as I enjoyed the shade along the bike path on the way to the finish.

"I tried to appreciate how great it felt to be racing with other people," said Hogeboom. "It all feels like we're headed back toward some semblance of normalcy. It was appropriate that we ran past the capitol building and the governor's office, where our state's leaders have tirelessly promoted vaccinations and are successfully guiding Vermont out of the pandemic. Our little state is leading the nation! So proud."



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Spouses Elizabeth McNamara and Tim Hogeboom, from Walden, earned Vermont Senior Games Association gold medals on Saturday at the Capital City Stampede in Montpelier. McCarthy was the state 10k champion for the F65-69 age group, while Hogeboom topped the M70-74 age group.

Dot Helling, 71, scorched the F70-75 age group to win a Vermont Senior Games gold medal. The veteran Adamant runner paced at 8:55 per mile for the 6.2-mile race. She finished in 55:24, two seconds behind Ann Bushey, 63, of Northfield. Bushey was the F60-54 gold medal winner. Next weekend, Helling and Bushey plan to join Donna Smyers of Adamant to run the Mt. Washington Road Race, individually and as a team.

Phillip Howard, 83, of Burlington, and Peter Mitchell, 81 of Jericho, were the most senior runners to complete the 10k race. The octogenarians averaged under 12 minutes per mile. Howard finished in 1:12:00 to win the M80-84 gold medal. Mitchell completed the course in 1:14:14 to win the silver medal.

Peter Mitchell's son, Biney Mitchell, 52, from Burlington, matched his dad's performance with a silver medal in the M50-54 age group. The younger Mitchell paced at 6:16 per mile to finish eighth overall, in 38:51.

Tim Hogeboom summed up the day's performances by the senior athletes. "This year's Capital City Stampede was a stunning showcase of talent," he said. "I don't use the word awesome very often, but it fits here."

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Wall Scores Tiger Triple Crown Victory

BARRE – East Kingston, N.H.'s Bryan Wall Jr. captured the biggest win of his career and of the Flying Tiger season at Thunder Road on Friday, June 11. Wall inherited the lead with 22 laps remaining in the Triple Crown Series 100 and held off Waterbury Center's Kelsea Woodard down the stretch as part of a double-feature night.

Wall, who entered the night as the point leader, rolled off 15th for the Triple Crown feature that had been postponed a week by rain. The third-generation racer steadily climbed to fifth over the first 73 laps, dodging a half-dozen cautions for various incidents.

In the next five circuits, Wall caught two big breaks to go with his fast car. Milton's Sam Caron had led from the start but, entering turn three, Craftsbury's Mike Martin got into the back of Caron. The contact sent Caron spinning and put both driver to the rear of the field.

Waterbury Center's Jason Woodard, the four-time and defending Flying Tiger champion, wound up with the lead. Wall scooted underneath pole-sitter Kevin Streeter for second on the restart, then had the best view in the house as his teammate Woodard broke a rim with 22 laps remaining to bring out the event's eighth caution. Woodard was able to return for the restart, but the misfortune meant the end of his winning hopes.

Although Wall had found his way to the lead, the fight was far from over. Kelsea Woodard, another teammate, passed Streeter along with Jaden Perry on the restart. Wall and Woodard then broke away with Woodard all over Wall's back bumper. The Flying Tigers' lonesome lady was unable to find a way around Wall, though, giving the 17-year-old his third career victory.

Perry finished second after recovering from multiple pit stops near the halfway point. Streeter, Colin Cornell, Robert Gordon, Joel Hodgdon (subbing for Cameron Ouellette), Caron, Jason Woodard, and Martin rounded out the top 10.

Montpelier's Kyle Pembroke bounced back from a disastrous Memorial Day Classic to earn a



Bryan Wall, Jr., from East Kingston, N.H., won the Triple Crown 100 in the Flying Tigers division.

dominating victory in the 50-lap Late Model Feature. Pembroke started on the pole after not even making it to qualifying the previous week with engine issues and went wire-to-wire at the front.

Two early cautions for Stephen Donahue's hard turn two crash and a spin by Rally-Cross racer Conner Martell helped the field hang with Pembroke. With the final 35 laps going green, Pembroke ran away and hid from the pack for his eighth career Late Model victory.

Wolcott's Gravel kept Pembroke honest during the first half of the feature before holding off a late bid by Northfield's Matt White for second. Christopher Pelkey and Jason Corliss came from deep in the field to finish fourth and fifth. Trampas Demers, Scott Dragon, Matthew Smith, Tyler Cahoon, and Phil Scott rounded out the top 10.

In the 40-lap nightcap for the Flying Tigers, Barre's Jason Pelkey rebounded from overheating problems in the first feature to grab his fourth career victory. Pelkey got the lead from pole-sitter Keegan Lamson on a lap 10 restart after Micheal MacAskill's spin. He then held off Hinesburg's Derrick Calkin on two restarts before J.T. Blanchard blew a tire with 14 laps to go. Sam Caron was the innocent victim as he plowed into the pit wall to bring out the red flag. Caron quickly exited his car and was not hurt.

Calkins was able to put

the bumper out front for lap 27 before he slid back a bit, allowing Jason Woodard to take over second. One more caution flew on lap 38 when a car put fluid down on the racetrack and several cars, including third-place runner Logan Powers, crashed before they could get slowed for the yellow. That set up a green-white-checkered for the winner's trophy, and Pelkey dusted the field in the sprint to the finish.

Woodard slipped backwards in the high side during the final run, allowing Calkins and Cameron Ouellette to get underneath him for second and third. Joel Hodgdon took fifth in his second substitute driver role of the night, assisting Brandon Gray after his engine expired in the first feature. Colin Cornell, Kevin Boutin Jr., rookie Justin Prescott, Kelsea Woodard, and Bryan Wall Jr. finished sixth through 10th.

Williamstown's Tommy "Thunder" Smith extended his all-time Street Stock win record with a last-lap pass in the 25-lap feature. Smith was running third when Tom Campbell and James Dopp crashed hard to bring out the caution with five laps remaining. Dopp required medical assistance at the scene but was not seriously injured.

Leader Josh Lovely got a great restart for the final sprint, but Smith was right behind him, roaring past Dean Switser Jr. for second. As they looked for the white flag, Smith darted to the outside. The veteran wound it

up on the high groove and edged Lovely at the line for his 33rd career Street Stock win. Behind them, Justin Blakely spun out of turn four and collected several other cars coming to the checkered flag.

Switser took third, followed by Luke Peters and rookie Trevor Jaques. Kaiden "Tropical Storm" Fisher, Scott Weston, Kylar Davis, Kyle MacAskill, and Jamie Davis completed the top 10.

The New England Antique Racers (NEAR) also visited Thunder Road for the first time since 2018 for a pair of 15-lap features. A pair of Milton racers took home the wins with Greg Gilbert taking home the Modified win and Norm Cyr earning top honors in the Sportsman class.

Thunder Road begins the Thursday night racing season on June 17 at 7 p.m. The Street Stocks are running double features with their Memorial Day Classic make-up opening the program. There's also a full card of racing for the Late Models, Flying Tigers, and Road Warriors, plus the annual Kids Rides from 4 to 4:45 p.m.

UNOFFICIAL RESULTS

Pos., Start Pos., Driver, Car #, Hometown, Laps
Local competitors

FLYING TIGERS

TRIPLE CROWN 100 MAKE-UP FEATURE

3. (8) Jaden Perry (92VT), Hardwick, 100 Laps
7. (21) Joel Hodgdon (90VT), Craftsbury Common, 100 Laps
10. (9) Michael Martin (01VT), Craftsbury Common, 100 Laps
12. (29) Stephen Martin (9VT), Craftsbury Common, 100 Laps
16. (26) Jamon Perry (62NH), Hardwick, 99 Laps

REGULAR FLYING TIGER FEATURE

5. Joel Hodgdon (00VT) Craftsbury Common
12. Jamon Perry (62NH) Hardwick
13. Michael Martin (01VT) Craftsbury Common
20. Jaden Perry (92VT) Hardwick
21. Stephen Martin (9VT) Craftsbury Common

LATE MODELS

2. Marcel J. Gravel (86VT) Wolcott
11. Brendan Moodie (94VT) Wolcott

STREET STOCKS

10. Jamie Davis (43) Wolcott

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The Golfing Rust is Gone on Tuesday Night

by Patrick Hussey

GREENSBORO – It was luck of the draw last Tuesday at Mountain View Country Club and the field came ready to play.

The league played a two-man best ball, which unfortunately for Dave Burnham, Bob Blake, Brad Ferland and Dan Gauthier, robbed them of the opportunity to extend their win streak to five. But they would have had their hands full on this night.

Almost 20 percent of the field of 32 golfers broke 40 on this sunny evening, with temperatures soaring near 80. And nearly half the golfers scored better than their yearly average. Summer golf is in full swing; the rust is gone.

League participants assembled into twosomes and once all the scores were in, they were divided in half by lower scores and higher scores. The scores were then thrown into two hats and randomly picked out to make foursomes. Low score wins.

Leading the pack with low scores were Nate Brown and Tim Bellavance. They both played well under their averages with Brown shooting a 38 and Bellavance a 39. Combined they shot 35 to lead the pack of low scores.

Right behind them were Joe Mulligan and Dan Miko. They both shot a 37, which was the night's low round. They combined for a 36. Right there with them was the twosome of Andy Hunt and John

Stone, also posting a 36 as Hunt also shot a 39.

Matt Kiley also carded a 39 to help him and his partner Carl Edwards shoot a combined 37. Both Nat Fixx and Dan Hudson played their first league round of the year as they combined to shoot a 37.

The final group under 40 was John Sperry and Dan Mencucci, who ended up at 38 as Sperry posted a 38. The final two twosomes in the low hat were Dan Gauthier and Brad Ferland, as well as Frank Gattone and Jim Charonko, both shooting a 40.

So, on Saturday, after a round a golf, a few league members held the draw to determine a weekly winner. First drawn out of the two hats were Hudson and Fixx, and they got paired with Kip Doyon and Rowdy Doyon which gave them a 80, good enough for third place.

The next two drawn paired Brown and Bellavance with Mike Nixon and Pat Hussey, who had tied for the low score in the high hat at 41. They combined for a 76, which crowned them the weekly champions.

The next draw paired Kiley and Edwards with Slade Farnham and George Gattone and they ended with an 84. After them came Stone and Hunt with Karl Ferland and Scott Smith, and they ended up at 89. Next paired were Miko and Mulligan with Dave Campbell and Dennis Pudvah and they had an 85.



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Getting ready to give it a go on Tuesday is the foursome of (left to right) Slade Farnham, Jim Charonko, Frank Gattone, and George Gattone.

The next paring would end up in second place with a 79. That paired Sperry and Mencucci with Mike Clark and Miles Etter, who also posted a 41. The last two groups chosen paired Charonko and Gattone with Burnham and Blake. They combined for an 85. Finally, Gauthier and Ferland were paired with Richard Brochu and Rob Lewis and posted an 88.

Brad Ferland's 44 gave him the night's low net round of 28, just

beating out Kiley's 29. But Kiley won closest to the pin on three by landing his drive 9 feet, one inch from the pin. Hudson took the honor on five, putting his drive 14 feet, 8 inches from the pin.

Up on eight, Stone edged out Mulligan by leaving his approach just four feet, 11 inches from the pin. Then on nine, Etter nosed out his teammate Clark for closest in two, landing his approach just five feet, one inch from the pin.

Hardwick FC Bests Craftsbury 6-2 on Sunday

by Harry Besett

HARDWICK – Hardwick FC traveled to Craftsbury on Sunday for its second Central Vermont League game of the season.

Looking to continue building on the success and chemistry from their opening game, Hardwick started the game aggressively and optimistically against a Craftsbury side with only one sub. Early pressure and good possession would prove fruitful seven minutes in, when captain Jacob Clark stayed composed in the heart of the midfield and slotted a perfectly-weighted ball through the back line at the top of the 18 for Walker McAllister to run onto the ball and coolly roll it past the keeper.

The next 20 minutes were dominated by Hardwick as they saw several good chances go wide of the net. Wasteful play would hurt the Hardwickians as Craftsbury forward Aaron Vetere found a good pass on a counterattack for midfielder Lance Bergmans to run onto and score.

Hardwick took advantage of its deeper bench and good possession to exhaust Craftsbury in the second half, keeping the majority of the play in its offensive third.

Hardwick would concede a second goal a few minutes later when a lazy back pass in the middle of the field fell to the feet of Vetere, who artfully chipped the gift over the keeper from 22 yards out.

McAllister led the offense as Hardwick tried to claw its way back into the game, crashing into the Craftsbury keeper and a defender while chasing a through ball at the mouth of the goal. The ball bobbed loose and another Craftsbury

defender accidentally knocked it over the goal line to level the score at 2-2 just before the end of the first half.

Hardwick took advantage of its deeper bench and good possession to exhaust Craftsbury in the second half, keeping the majority of the play in its offensive third. Central midfielder Sam Jay scored the first of four goals for Hardwick after smashing a well-earned penalty into the back of the net.

A rare punt from Hardwick keeper Brett Roy floated well past the half line for forward Nate Phelps to collect, beat the defense, and open up a two-goal lead.

As Craftsbury continued to tire, Hardwick kept the pressure on. Jay scored again from inside the box, assisted by Walden Gann. To finish off the day, Jay returned the favor for Gann, who ran through to score from central defense to finish the game with a final score of Hardwick FC 6, Craftsbury 2.

Hardwick will look to continue building its offensive play and good possession next Sunday.