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## COVID Aftershocks Continue to Impact Town

by Doug McClure

HARDWICK – As its June 17 meeting, the Hardwick Select Board heard about areas where the aftershocks of COVID continued to impact town operations. The board also tackled a mountain.

Resident Mike Lance wanted a letter of support from the board to gain official recognition for Buffalo Mountain at the state level as a named place. As he phrased it, the mountain is called by a local name that many residents have used for generations but somehow never found its way to the official naming register.

Lance said that it was interesting that some official studies on unrelated topics, such as a 1909 study on the granite industry, cited “Buffalo Mountain” or “Buffalo Hill.” Lance has been working on registering the name formally and a part of that effort is a letter of support from the select board. The other requirements of getting that recognition are things he has taken on himself to complete. Shari Cornish agreed that

the board should offer its support.

The mystery of the current town logo’s provenance continues. Lance suspects that the mountain depicted on it is in fact Buffalo Mountain, but even the year that the logo was created is unknown. Road Foreman Tom Fadden said it began appearing on town trucks “10 or 15 years ago,” but Cornish thought it could be even longer. Its use predates anyone who is currently on the board and possibly anyone still working for the town. Town Manager Jon Jewett suggested that it might have been created in the 1970s because of its appearance. Lance hopes to see if perusing archived select board minutes from those years might unearth the answer to the secret. He has also expressed that anyone wishing to help him go through that mountain of documents contact him.

The damage COVID has inflicted on supply chains has not gotten better. The road crew still does not know when the “reddish-colored” paint for the crosswalks will arrive, Fadden said, and Cornish said that perhaps at this point, with the town already weeks into the busier summer season, it would make sense to just use white paint already on

See **IMPACT, 2**

## ARPA Funding Details Still Unclear

by Doug McClure

WOLCOTT – American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds were once again a topic for discussion at last Wednesday’s Wolcott Select Board meeting.

The amount of ARPA funding is still uncertain and the initial estimate for what the town might receive has been reduced. Town Administrator Randall Szott said that the current estimated total is \$176,000, divided into two payments, one sometime this year and one next. Both the actual funding amount and the distribution mechanism remain unclear.

The federal government continues to insist Vermont has an active county government even though it does not and plans to direct funding to county governments. Reportedly, the federal government has acknowledged some other states like Vermont that do not have active county governments are not having money sent to the county government, such as Massachusetts.

Szott described the status as “really unclear” and said “Basically, it’s my understanding that they’re going to allocate the county government. Who they’re going to allocate it to is an interesting question. The sheriff? The courthouses? The presumption is that whatever entity receives that money will then give the money back to the state, and once it goes back to the state, the legislature decides.

See **FUNDING, 3**



photo by Doug McClure  
Myles Tandy of Birdsong Beer & Wine is putting the finishing touches in advance of the business’ opening next Tuesday. The space, adjacent to Front Seat Coffee, has been completely renovated and stock begins arriving this week. Tandy said he is excited about the opening and said the store will fill a niche for residents to get high-quality craft beers as well as more typical options. Like Front Seat Coffee’s owner, Katie Tandy who co-owns the store, is going to be actively involved in the Downtown Commission.



photo by Vanessa Fournier

The Honeybee Steelband played at the Pollinator Festival held June 18 during the Hardwick Farmers’ Market. Pictured (from left): Jessamine Stone, Emily Lanxner, Keith Gibson, Laura Rappold and Henry Kasulka.

## Outgoing Principal Perrigo Describes his Road to Hazen Union

[Part 1 of a two-part article. The second part will appear next week.]  
by Doug McClure

HARDWICK – Retiring Hazen Union Principal David Perrigo’s life has long been filled with helping students, but now the time has come for him to reflect on the past – and focus on his future.

In some ways, it could be said that Perrigo’s life’s work was in preparation for the biggest challenge educators faced in a century: shepherding more than 300 students through a global pandemic that threw traditional education systems to chaos overnight.

See **PERRIGO, 4**



via Youtube/Archive of Roger Price  
Retiring Hazen Principal David Perrigo played a cowboy, a house dad, and a pirate on the 1983 PBS show “Don’t Look Now!”

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hand and paint over it whenever the hoped-for supplies arrive.

Hardwick Electric Department (HED) is dealing with both supply chain delays and increased materials costs. Commissioner Roger Prevot put it bluntly, saying that for anyone engaged in projects needing HED's involvement previous expectations of how quickly the department can move are out the window. "Lead times no longer apply," he said, adding that "lead times for materials have just gone through the roof." The cost of some materials has more than doubled. Prevot said that lead times for some basic supplies that HED uses have gone from 16 weeks to 24-36 weeks. Beyond delaying customer work, the increases and delays are also impacting HED's own projects.

Beyond supply chain issues, financial reverberations also continue. Jon Jewett said that even with all the assistance that has been provided, he was "surprised" to report that 83 households were still delinquent with their water or wastewater bills. Business Manager Casey Rowell said that one issue is the way some of the assistance is targeted. Recent relief funds have been earmarked for renters but, in many cases, renters are not the ones paying the water bill.

Prevot said that HED had made significant progress in some areas. The H11 project's first solar panels are installed and, if the project stays on schedule, should be energized by mid-August.

HED is also testing a "long-hoped-for" system for automated meter reading since the expense of that system has dropped. Most significantly, he said, the purchase of a major transmission line from Green Mountain Power was completed. HED has been working on clearing that line's rights-of-way and bringing maintenance up-to-date.

Prevot said, "a significant number" of the department's previous outages had been from that line and since it had not been HED property there was nothing HED crews could do to fix problems. "It's now our line," he said.

HED also has acquired a new industrial customer that was previously running entirely off of diesel generators. Beyond the new revenues from a large customer, HED is also getting a credit for the renewable energy that has displaced the diesel fuel burned by the generators.

Jewett said that health-related issues with some properties in town "keep popping up." He said


that there was the hope of a bill passing the legislature that would move the responsibility for solving those situations out of the town's bailiwick to a state agency. He also said the town is getting "dragged into" several tenant-landlord disputes. He asked the board for a letter of support for moving responsibility for resolving health-related issues from the town to a better-equipped state agency.

The board also returned to discussion of the future of the Hardwick Police Department (HPD). Woodbury has expressed interest in some part-time services, Police Chief Aaron Cochran said, but the amount of money that such a contract would bring in is small. Hardwick is the only town in the state that has contracted out services to other towns, Chief Cochran said, and that arrangement also meant that the department could afford to offer 24-hour coverage that even the state police don't offer.

The board decided it needs to decide whether the town should rethink its regional police force model, or simply cover Hardwick. Chair Eric Remick said that while board discussions were one thing, it seemed that what was needed was "professional help" to come up with an answer, which drew laughs.

Remick also questioned the town's planned purchase of a new cruiser from Goss Dodge for \$28,022 when the HPD budget was under stress. Jewett and Chief Cochran explained that it came from the capital budget, not the operating budget that Remick described as "in trouble." Chief Cochran said the vehicle it was replacing has over 100,000 miles on it and its maintenance was beginning to get very expensive and, additionally, the department had just sold its K-9 vehicle for \$30,000, so the impact on the capital funds was offset.

The board designated Town Clerk Alberta Miller as the point person for Hardwick for any future American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds, authorizing her to accept the terms and conditions for spending those moneys.



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# POLICE REPORT

## Hardwick Police Media Log Summary

June 14: Suspicious Event, Rd.; Foot Patrol, S. Main St.; Vt. Rte. 16; Alarm, Log Yard Dr.; Accident – Property Damage Only, Belfry Rd.; Alarm, Log Yard Dr.; Welfare Check, Bunker Hill Rd.; Accident – Property Damage Only, Vt. Rte. 15E.

June 15: Traffic Stop, Wolcott St.; Motor Vehicle Complaint, Vt. Rte. 15; Traffic Stop, S. Main St.; Traffic Stop, S. Main St.; Traffic Stop, S. Main St.; Directed Patrol, Glenside Ave.; Directed Patrol, S. Main St.; Traffic Stop, S. Main St.; VIN Verification, Craftsbury Rd.; Traffic Stop, Wolcott St.; Traffic Stop, S. Main St.; Traffic Stop, W. Church St.; Safety Hazard, Vt. Rte. 15; Suspicious Event, Vt. Rte. 15E; Animal Problem, Vt. Rte. 15W.

June 16: Citizen Dispute, Baker Hill Dr.; Wanted Person, Vt. Rte. 14; Violation of Conditions of Release, Houston Hill

Rd.; Motor Vehicle Complaint, Vt. Rte. 15; Traffic Stop, School St., E. Hardwick; Traffic Hazard, Hardwick St.; Vandalism, Vt. Rte. 16, Greensboro;

June 17: Traffic Stop, Bridgman Hill Rd.; Search Warrant, High St.; Suspicious Event, Glenside Ave.; Suspicious Event, Hutchins Farm Rd.

June 18: Motor Vehicle Complaint, Vt. Rte. 15; Assist – Other, Wolcott St.; Suspicious Event, Gates Trail.

June 19: Suspicious Event, Vt. Rte. 15W; Medical, W. Hill Rd.; Suspicious Event, High St.; Motor Vehicle Complaint, West Church St.; ATV Incident, Hopkins Hill Rd.

June 20: Assist – Public, Vt. Rte. 14S; Accident – LSA, Breezy Ave., Greensboro; Welfare Check, Cottage St.

June 21: Motor Vehicle Complaint, Bridgman Hill Rd.

## State Police Report Failure to Yield

On June 19, at 6:48 p.m., Vermont State Police were contacted regarding a motor vehicle crash on Vt. Route 15 at the intersection of Greaves Road in Walden. Vermont State Troopers concluded during investigation that James R. Montgomery, of Hardwick, failed to yield to William Patrick Huntoon Jr., of Hardwick, before turning his vehicle onto Vt. 215. Both vehicles were towed from the scene

due to disabling damage. Troopers were assisted by Walden Fire and Rescue, and Huntoon was taken to Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital for minor injuries.

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 10 survivors of domestic and sexual violence from June 13 through June 20. 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 Disorderly Conduct, Suspended License, Failure to Appear

May 16, at 7:08 p.m., Dennis Perry, of Hardwick, was cited to appear in Caledonia Court on August 9 in St. Johnsbury on the charge of Disorderly Conduct by Electronic Device.

On June 14, at 8:10 p.m., William Molleur was traveling east on Rte. 15 just past the Moosehorn Cafe, when a small buck ran out from the park-and-ride and was struck by Molleur. No Injuries.

On June 14, at 8:16 a.m., Police were dispatched to a one-car accident, no injuries. Police arrived on scene to find a Pontiac GS in a ditch on Belfry Rd. The operator, Jonathan Langmaid, Jr., of E. Hardwick, stated as he came around the corner he had to swerve to avoid a dump truck and lost control.

No citation issued.

On June 16, at 2:40 p.m., Alain Fradette, of East Hardwick, was arrested for Criminal DLS (Driving with License Suspended) during a traffic stop. Alain was cited to appear on Caledonia County Court on August 9 at 10 a.m.

On June 16, at 10:26 a.m., Nathanael Bagley, of Hardwick, was arrested on a warrant out of Caledonia County for Failure to Appear to Court on June 14.

This report is based on information provided by the Hardwick Police Department 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.

## Funding

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cautiously hopeful the money's coming, and it's possible the [federal] government could change its mind [about active county governments]."

Szott said that while the money does at first glimpse seem to have a lot of strings attached about its use, the way it is structured allows a lot of latitude. Anything that could be construed as related to climate change or climate resilience is allowed, and things that touch on the state's Clean Water Revolving Fund, perhaps including the proposed town forest, would likely be allowed.

Towns could even elect to provide citizens direct cash relief for COVID recovery. One allowed use is to offset lost revenue, with its uses being what Szott described as "convoluted and complicated." The federal government has assumed a 4.1% revenue growth, but is not going to look at this year's balance sheet compared to last year's as a direct way to assess that. So, in an example Szott gave, the ARPA funds could definitely not go toward something like building a new fire station, unless the lost revenue covers that expense. Other expenses that would have been covered under previous COVID-related packages might also be coverable.

The only decision in the board's hands at this point, though, was whom to designate as the town's authorized representative for the ARPA funds. The board opted to make Select Board Chair Linda Martin its representative for whatever comes the town's way.

With no meetings left on the calendar before FY2021 wraps up on the 30, the board recognized it

had erred with a previous motion to reassign monies from Class 2 and 3 budgets for FY2022. The board vacated that and moved to make correct reassignment of \$46,000 from FY2021's paving budget to the FY2022 paving budget, as well as \$6,700 from FY2021's bridge maintenance budget to the FY2022 bridge maintenance budget. The board also agreed to borrow up to \$400,000 from Union Bank for its line of credit for FY2022 at a 0.95% interest rate, similar to how it has in past years. The town also has received \$22,207 from an investment in the Sterling View Mobile Home Park which will be deposited into the capital reserve fund, except for \$1,000 that needs to remain with the bank in a checking account.

The board has signed the agreement with VTrans to lease part of the Rail Trail right-of-way, but that does not provide a site for the public sand pile. Its location continues to be a problem. Vice chair Kurt Klein asked if it were necessary to have this sand pile, which only exists, Martin said, because the insurance company "forced the town" to stop allowing public access to its larger town sand pile. It was noted that the public sand pile is widely used, though it does sometimes freeze solid. The board put the sand pile in the road crew's lap.

At the beginning of the meeting, the board visited the North Wolcott Ball Field. Even before COVID, the ballfield had not been used for a year and is not being used this year, either. The board wants to hear ideas of how to return the property to active use. The town will continue to maintain and mow the property, but will revisit the lack of use later in its larger review of the town's assets.



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## Perrigo

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Perrigo, born into a working-class family in Boston, said he always looked for ways to make a difference in children's lives. His own struggles with school may have planted the seed for what would later become his professional destiny.

"Growing up, I was a kid absolutely in love with learning and I hated school," Perrigo said. "There was some kind of major disconnect." He described his high school experience as "terrible" and a "soul crusher" and said he felt learning institutions "were most interested in me learning to follow the rules. In terms of opening up minds and expanding opportunities for young people, that really wasn't part of their agenda."

He said he observed that struggle in other students, too.

"As I grew older, I had my own adopted family and I saw them wrestling with school and I knew it was true for them," Perrigo said. "My dedication towards education has always been driven by my experiences with it as a kid, and one of my most useful attributes as an educator has been that I've never forgotten what it was like to be a kid."

Throughout his career in education, Perrigo's driving motivation has been "to make schools a different experience" for students, he said.

"Schools are the primary institution that most young people experience the world through," he said. "I've always believed that if schools could be different places, then the world would be a different place. If we bring kids up with a different set of values, we emphasize inquiry and discovery and creativity and community, and those kinds of values that are so at the heart of what it means to grow and develop as a human being. Then I think we'll be paving the way for a better world."

Perrigo's family is multicultural. The surname "Perrigo" is an anglicized version of the original, and he is fluent in Spanish. As a father to adopted children, Perrigo said he "always had a rule in our house because I wanted my kids to maintain their culture and their language. And so, we spoke English three days a week and Spanish four days a week."

He said a summer spent in Brazil between seventh- and eighth grade opened his eyes to poverty on a level he never witnessed before.

"That kind of early international consciousness is one that I've carried with me ever since," he said.

Perrigo went on to attend Emerson College as a philosophy major.

"I was an extremely, highly motivated young person," he said of his college years. "I took all the most advanced classes; I went

beyond the prerequisites. I would seek out the teachers and say, 'here's who I am, here's what's I've done, can I be part of your class?'" He said professors were "usually impressed with my audacity" and welcomed him into the class.

Perrigo said his years at Emerson taught him "it's not necessarily the title of the course, but who's teaching it that's important." After all but exhausting the school's curriculum within two years, Perrigo said he felt the pull of theater and left Emerson for Boston Center for the Arts.

His introduction to theater was "completely by accident," he said. While in high school he had been "cajoled" into auditioning for theater roles when a male actor was needed for a play.

"This friend of mine tricked me into coming down and auditioning," he said. "In my mind, I was not all that interested, but I got cast in the lead role."

After leaving Emerson, Perrigo began working in theater companies and eventually started his own small troupe. There, he "accumulated a blended family" and traveled the country, eventually visiting 37 states. Along the way, he also starred in the 1983 PBS show "Don't Look Now!" (Old episodes of the show can be found on YouTube.)

When he returned, Perrigo settled in the Dorchester neighborhood of Boston. "I was focusing on the international community, but I was a little distanced from my local community," he said. "Six teenage kids were shot to death within a six-block radius of where we lived. And I started doing some thinking, and I decided it was time to connect with people who lived in my community and my neighborhood."

To the amusement of his children, he decided to go back to school to earn a Master's degree in Education.

"My kids got a big kick out of that -- that I was in there studying just the same way as them," he said. "They were always giving me a hard time about it, but I think it actually helped them a little bit and gave them a little bit of inspiration."

His first job was teaching English as a Second Language at a small school in Mission Hills. "Lots of folks from the Puerto Rican and Dominican communities were living in Boston and needed to speak English," he said. "That was a really great connection for me to the Latino community in Boston." Because it was a small school, teachers "weren't boxed in by a great degree of state regulations," he said. "So it was a great place for me to carry on my craft as a sort of innovative thinker in education."

Perrigo said he focused on learning what methods of teaching worked best for students and how to make the system better. He was a founding principal at the New Mission school in Boston, where he strove to find new ways of reaching students.

Perrigo said he saw the need for education in urban communities that were impacted by poverty and disparity. But when he moved to Vermont, he learned the same problems existed outside of urban areas. "The things kids and families deal with here were the same things we were dealing with in the city," he said. "That really opened my eyes quite a bit, I realized that rural America has just as much need as urban America."

Next week: Perrigo moves to Vermont.



photo by Vanessa Fournier

Beekeeper Mike Heath, general manager of Farm Connex at the Center for an Agricultural Economy (CAE), checks his bee hives at the Atkins Field orchard Friday. His discussion on how to care for the bees was part of the Pollinator Festival. The June 18 Festival was hosted by CAE and the Hardwick Farmers'



photo by Vanessa Fournier

The Woodbury Elementary School 6th Grade Graduation was held June 7. Front row: Levi Higgins (left), Owen Kersey (right). Back row (left to right) Juniper Book, Kaylee Ewen, Braydon Stratton.



courtesy photo

Jenna Gilblair stands beside her 2015 Toyota Rav-4 donated through Good News Garage.

## Hardwick Mother Receives Keys to Donated Automobile

HARDWICK – The Burlington-based nonprofit car donation program Good News Garage recently awarded a life-changing vehicle to Jenna Gilblair of Hardwick. Gilblair was handed the keys to a 2015 Toyota Rav-4 on June 11.

Through the Good News Garage program, Gilblair now has reliable transportation so she may buy groceries and maintain steady employment.

Good News Garage’s charitable work is made possible by car donors who want their old or unused cars to have a community impact.

In Vermont, Good News

Garage partners with the Economic Services Division to provide vehicles to participants in the Reach Up program of the Department of Children and Families. Through this partnership, Good News Garage awards vehicles to Vermont families who cannot afford to purchase cars on their own. Car recipients are chosen by Reach Up program administrators. Good News Garage’s Ready To Go program also helps Reach Up participants overcome transportation barriers by providing van shuttle rides to places like work, school, and childcare.

For more information or to donate, visit [GoodNewsGarage.org](http://GoodNewsGarage.org).



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Jerry Schneider (left) helps Sophie Clement (right), 10, of Morrisville design her butterfly t-shirt at a workshop held during the Pollinator Festival June 18 at Atkins Field in Hardwick.



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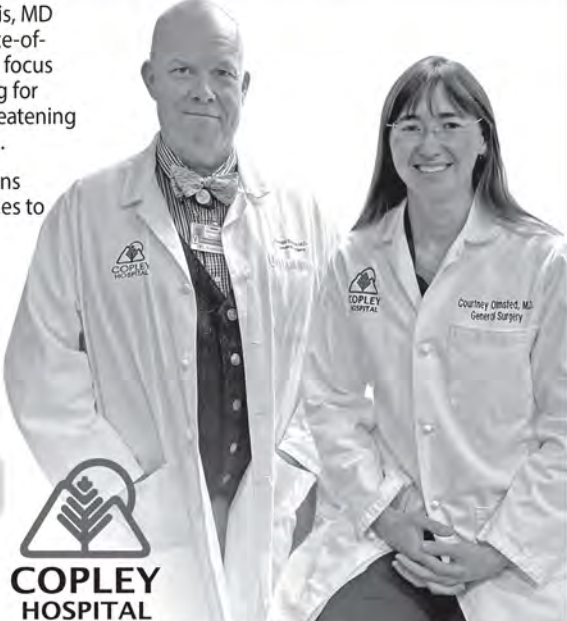
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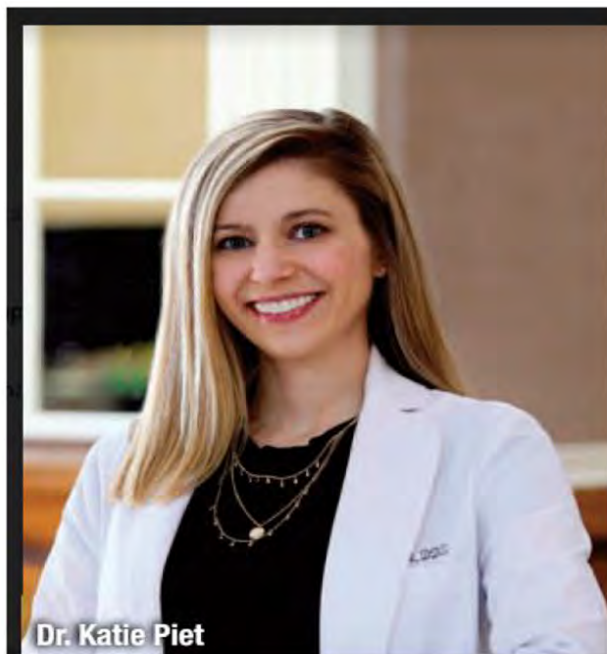
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Hardwick attorney Kristina Michelsen, family trustee Clive Gray, Greensboro Land Trust (GLT) Vice-chair John Cannon; trustee Phil Gray; Gray grandson Zoryan Ivakhiv-Gray, and GLT Advisory Committee member Alison Gardner at the closing agreement for the conservation easement for 79 acres on the top of Baker Hill in Greensboro.

## Gray Brothers Give Easement on Baker Hill

by Clive Gray Jr.

GREENSBORO – On June 16, Greensboro brothers Philip and Clive Gray signed an agreement giving the Greensboro Land Trust (GLT) a conservation easement on 79 acres atop Baker Hill. Signing for GLT was its vice-chair, John Cannon.

The Grays' father, Philip H. Gray Sr., donated Barr Hill to The Nature Conservancy in December 1971, and simultaneously asked his six children to conserve an adjacent property surrounding two residences on top of Baker Hill, known as the Gray "Eyrie" and a guesthouse. The "Eyrie" provides

arguably the best view of Caspian Lake from any spot in town. The easement agreement ensures that the bulk of the property will remain forested in perpetuity. The Gray offspring sought outside advice and debated among themselves. In 2021, 50 years later, the extended family agreed to the easement.

The property hosts two trails used by the public. One, an old horse trail and now a hiking trail, connects Highland Lodge's Porter Brook Trail with the so-called Mossy Trail on the Barr Hill Preserve. The second is a ski-snowshoe trail connecting Barr Hill and Craftsbury Road over Grays' Road.



Strava image by Peter Milliken

Old Horse Trail and current hiking trail from Highland Lodge to southern tip of Barr Hill begins (leftmost starting point) at Highland Lodge and (ending at rightmost point) at the Gray Eyrie's northern field at the southern tip of Barr Hill Natural Area. This is also the beginning of a hiking/snowshoe trail to Barr Hill, currently titled the Mossy Trail, following the near-vertical portion of line at right.

### Greensboro Development Review Board Warning

The Greensboro Development Review Board will conduct a hearing on Thursday, July 8, at 7 p.m., at the Greensboro Town Hall and via Zoom. The board 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 site visit on Saturday, June 26, at 11:00 AM. Both the hearing and 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 8, go to Zoom and click on: join a meeting. The meeting number is 815 7917 6583. 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 attend the 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.

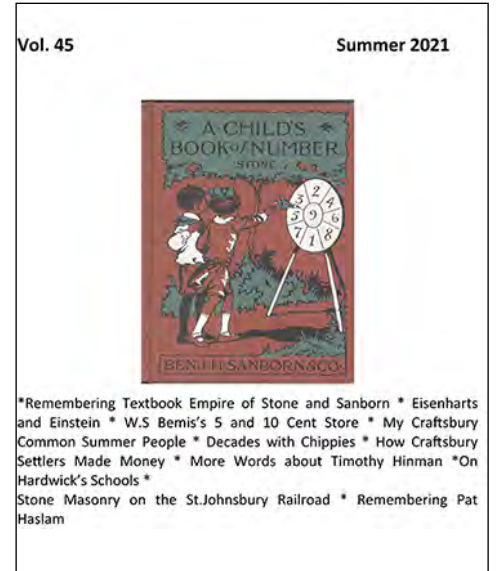
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## 2021 Hazen Road Dispatch Features Hardwick's Early School

GREENSBORO – This year's Hazen Road Dispatch contains articles relating to the four area towns that the Bayley Hazen Road traversed.

From Walden, Paul Wood has an article about the long-lasting masonry structures built to accommodate the St Johnsbury-Lamoille Railroad in the 1870s. From Hardwick, Wiz Dow writes about Hardwick's earliest schools, as well as a reminiscence by Joyce Slayton Mitchell about W.S. Bemis' 5- and 10-cent store.

From Greensboro, there is a well-researched article about textbook publisher B.H. Sanborn and mathematic texts written by summer resident John C. Stone. It includes a list of all the texts written by Stone over a period of forty years. Nancy Hill discovered an article about the Eisenharts, summer people from Princeton who made several contributions to the community at large. Paired with Lewis' article is one by John Compton, grandson of Luther Eisenhart, whom he credited with persuading Albert Einstein to relocate to Princeton from Berlin in the late 30s. Also, Bea Hicock has written about her ninety years of befriending chipmunks at her cottage on Caspian Lake.



2021 Hazen Road Dispatch cover.

Representing Craftsbury is a memoir by Madison Brown; in the '40s and early '50s, he spent the summer with his grandmother, great aunts and uncles, owners of the large houses, now part of Sterling College in Craftsbury Common. As he grew older, he loved to climb nearby mountains and said that his favorite was Jay Peak, prior to its development as a ski resort.

The Dispatch is available at the Willey's Store in Greensboro, as well as the Greensboro Historical Society next door, and at Smith's Store in Greensboro Bend. In Hardwick, it can be purchased at the Galaxy bookstore and in Craftsbury at the Craftsbury General Store.

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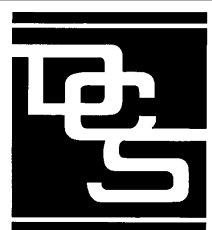
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# Local 4-Hers Among State Day Exhibitors

BURLINGTON – The Northeast Kingdom was well represented at this year’s 4-H State Day, with seven 4-H’ers from East Hardwick and Greensboro among the 37 4-H youths statewide taking part.

Three brothers from East Hardwick, all members of the Kingdom Country 4-H Club, submitted entries in the Maker/Tinker category. Entries in this category are scored on creativity, design and workmanship and typically involve science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics (STEAM) principles, which are an integral part of the 4-H curriculum.

Lincoln Michaud earned a blue ribbon for building a wooden toy barn. Gabriel Michaud did a wood burning of a John Deere flag, and Morgan Michaud built a gun rack. Both were awarded a red ribbon for their projects.

Sophia Camarra, Greensboro Bend, and Warren Hill, Greensboro, were part of a four-member team from the Caspian Critters 4-H Club in Greensboro that presented an action exhibit, “Can You Make a Better Butter?” The team, which also included Ryder Curavoo, Berlin, and Aubrey Maley, Irasburg, received a red ribbon.

In addition, Camarra won red

ribbons for both her poster, “Border Collie vs. Australian Shepherd” and her photo, “Highlands in the Field.”

Other members of this 4-H club teamed up to do a demonstration, “Cheese Please,” to show the steps to making mozzarella cheese at home. They were Natalie Hill and Emma Rowell, both from Greensboro, and received a red ribbon.

University of Vermont Extension 4-H sponsored the annual event, held virtually for the second year in a row due to the pandemic. 4-Hers from throughout Vermont were invited to share what they have learned through 4-H projects and club work by presenting illustrated talks, demonstrations and action exhibits or creating posters and photographs, among other exhibits.

Entries were accepted via video and email in 16 different categories and evaluated on a number of criteria, including presentation, creativity, and workmanship, with feedback provided to the exhibitor. Each entry also received a blue, red, or white ribbon.

To learn more about 4-H in Caledonia County, contact Anthony Willey at [anthony.willey@uvm.edu](mailto:anthony.willey@uvm.edu). For Orleans County, contact Lindy Birch at [melinda.birch@uvm.edu](mailto:melinda.birch@uvm.edu).



*courtesy photo*

*For the recent virtual 4-H State Day, Sophia Camarra from Greensboro Bend submitted a photo of highland cattle in the field.*



*photo by the Michaud family*

*East Hardwick 4-H'er Lincoln Michaud designed and built a wooden toy barn, earning him a blue ribbon at the virtual 4-H State Day this year.*

## ACT 250 NOTICE

### MINOR APPLICATION #7R0223-3

#### 10 V.S.A. §§ 6001 – 6093

On June 9, 2021, Greensboro Hospital Association, Inc. DBA Greensboro Nursing Home, 47 Maggie’s Pond Road, Greensboro, Vt. 05841 filed application number 7R0223-3 for a project generally described as construction of handicapped accessible walking paths. The project is located at 47 Maggie’s Pond Road in Greensboro, Vermont. No hearing will be held and a permit will be issued unless, on or before July 6, 2021, a party notifies the District 7 Commission in writing at the address below of an issue requiring a hearing, or the Commission sets the matter for a hearing on its own motion. Any person as defined in 10 V.S.A. § 6085(c)(1) may request a hearing. Any hearing request must be in writing to the address below, must state the criteria or sub-criteria at issue, why a hearing is required and what additional evidence will be presented at the hearing. Any hearing request by an adjoining property owner or other person eligible for party status under 10 V.S.A. § 6085(c)(1)(E) must include a petition for party status under the Act 250 Rules. Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law may not be prepared unless the Commission holds a public hearing. The application and proposed permit may also be viewed on the Natural Resources Board’s web site (<http://nrb.vermont.gov>) by clicking “Act 250 Database” and entering project number 7R0223-3. If you have a disability for which you need accommodation in order to participate in this process (including participating in a public hearing, if one is held), please notify us as soon as possible, in order to allow us as much time as possible to accommodate your needs. For more information contact Kirsten Sultan at the address or telephone number below.

Dated this 15th day of June, 2021.

Kirsten Sultan, P.E., Coordinator

District #7 Environmental Commission

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# Area Educators Retire



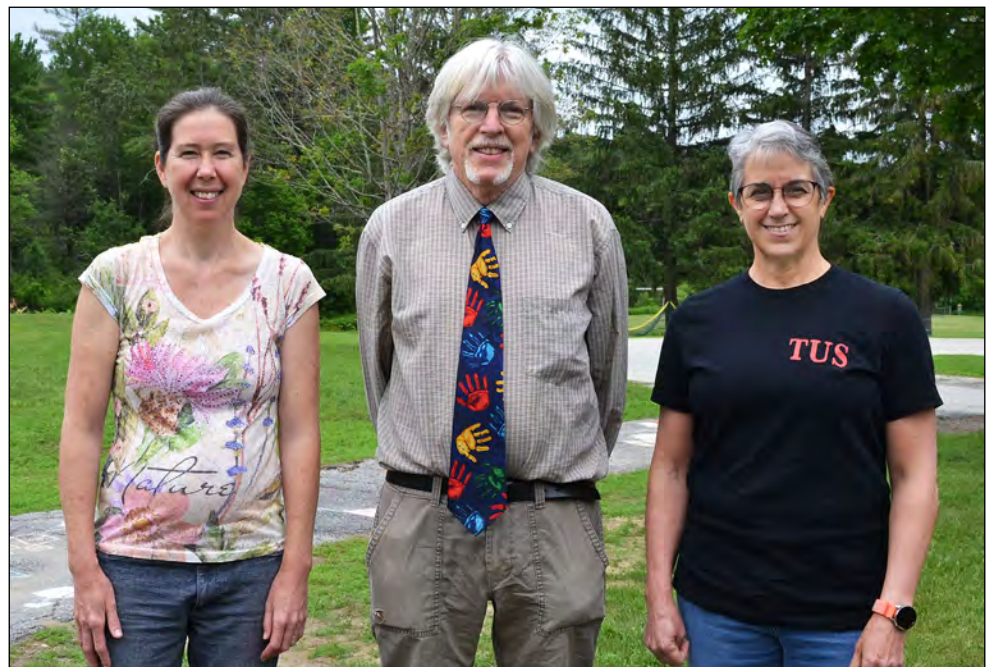
Retiring teachers from Cabot are Donna Ferrario (left), who taught first, second and third grades at Cabot for 36 years. Carolyn Deasy (right) has a total of 39 years in education and for the last 33 years has been the kindergarten teacher at Cabot.



Teachers retiring from Hardwick Elementary School are Monica Cross (left) who has been in education, mostly in the Orleans Southwest Union District, for 30 years. Cindi Burnham has been a reading/literacy teacher and specialist at Hardwick Elementary School for 36 years.



Retiring Hazen Union faculty and staff include Linda Bolio (left), who has worked in food service at Hazen for 31 years, and Dave Mitchell (right) who has taught Science and Technology at Hazen for 35 years. Missing from the photo: Kathy Mitchell, who has been a special educator at Hazen for 37 years.



Twinfield Union teachers (from left) Darcy Buret, who has taught high school math at Twinfield for 20 years, will be moving on to teach at Harwood Union next year. Kevin Carney has taught middle school Science at Twinfield for 20 years and is retiring after a total of 34 years in education. Denise Boucher has been a speech language pathologist at Twinfield for 18 years and is retiring after a total of 31 years in education.

**Photos  
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Vanessa Fournier**

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Town of Greensboro, Vermont is considering making an application to the State of Vermont for a Planning Grant under the Vermont Community Development Program. A public hearing will be held at 6:30 p.m., on July 14 at the Greensboro Town Hall, 81 Lauredon Ave., Greensboro, Vt. 05841, to obtain the views of citizens on community development, to furnish information concerning the amount of funds available and the range of community development activities that may be undertaken under this program, the impact to any historic and archaeological resources that may be affected by the proposed project, and to give affected citizens the opportunity to examine the proposed statement of projected use of these funds. The proposal is to apply for \$60,000 in VCDP Funds which will be used to accomplish the following activities: Planning and pre-development activities, including preliminary design and engineering, for the proposed renovations to the Greensboro Town Hall, 81 Lauredon Ave., Greensboro, Vt. 05841.

Copies of the proposed application are available at Greensboro Town Hall and may be viewed during the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Thursday on June 28 through July 14. The proposed application will also be on the WonderArts website: [www.wonderartsvt.org/annex](http://www.wonderartsvt.org/annex) on June 28 through July 14. Should you require any special accommodations, please contact Kim Greaves, Greensboro town clerk at 533-2911 or [townclerk@greensborovt.org](mailto:townclerk@greensborovt.org) to ensure appropriate accommodations are made. For the hearing impaired please call (TTY) # 1-800-253-0191.

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# EDUCATION

## Hogan Named to President's List

CHARLESTON, S.C. – Ashlyn Hogan of Plainfield was named to the College of Charleston Spring 2021 President's List. Hogan is majoring in Exercise Science.

To qualify for President's List (Highly Distinguished), students must earn a GPA of 3.800 or higher and complete a minimum of 14 semester hours.

## Hudson Receives Diploma from VAST Program

RANDOLPH CENTER – Vermont Tech is pleased to announce that Nolan Hudson of Plainfield in the VAST program is among the 40 students who graduated from the Vermont Academy of Science and Technology at Vermont Tech in the Spring of 2021. They each received a high school diploma and gained credits toward their first year of college.



photo by Vanessa Fournier

Twinfield students stand behind the 4x4 foot murals they painted of the fundamental tenets of democracy that they identified as essential to create a more perfect union. The mural project was the culminating event of a semester-long unit called *A More Perfect Union*. Students explored the founding principles of the United States and were challenged to seek a deeper understanding of how we continue to strive to fulfill the promise of America. Pictured (from left to right): Logan Kimball, Kendall Fowler, Emma Lamery, Victoria Lambert, Jordan Metcalf, Sylvan Gadd, Danielle Hurley, Willa Whitaker-Jackson, Hunter Wheeler, Hazel O'Brien, Kerrick Medose, Olivia Leibold, Ida Astick, Jorja Washburn, Marianna Cleary, Andy Sargeant, Rae Pinsonneault, Harlee Carol, Isabelle Farnham.

# BIRTHS

### Rogen Scott Dyer

A son, Rogen Scott Dyer, was born to James and Christy (Brown) Dyer, of East Hardwick on June 10 at Copley Hospital.

### Felix Lovo Pransky

A son, Felix Lovo Pransky, was born to David Pransky and Cintia Lovo-Arias, of Cabot, on April 27 at Copley Hospital.

### Jeremiah George Rodriguez

A son, Jeremiah George Rodriguez, was born to Samantha Eldred and Juan Rodriguez, of Marshfield, on June 16 at Copley Hospital.

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# OBITUARIES



Brandon David Thompson

## BRANDON DAVID THOMPSON

**HYDE PARK-HARDWICK** – Brandon David Thompson, born August 9, 1990, to Gretchen Jarvis and David Thompson, died on June 13. A celebration of Brandon’s life will be held Friday, June 25, at the Morrisville VFW from 4 to 8 p.m. The des Groseilliers Funeral Home is in care of arrangements. The full obituary is available at dgfunerals.com.

## AARON W. BENJAMIN

**WOODBURY** – Graveside services for Aaron Wade Benjamin, who died unexpectedly on March 15 at UVM Medical Center in Burlington, will be held at 11 a.m., on Monday, July 5, in the family lot at the Main Street Cemetery in Hardwick, with Pastor William “Bill” Richardson officiating.

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

## VTC Names Local Students to Dean’s List

**RANDOLPH CENTER** – Vermont Technical College has named the following students to Dean’s List Honors for the spring semester of 2021. These are degree students carrying 12 or more letter-graded credit hours who achieve a GPA of 3.5 or higher: Matthew Bader of Hardwick, Bachelor of Science; Lauren Bellavance of Cabot, Associate of Science; Nolan Hudson of Plainfield, Bachelor of Science; Leah Jacobs of Plainfield, Associate of Applied Science; Solomon Lew-Raskin of Hardwick, Bachelor of Science; Kylie Martin of Marshfield, Associate of Applied Science; Naphtali Schumacher of Calais, Associate of Science.

## CCV Graduates

**MONTPELIER** – The following local students at the Community College of Vermont (CCV) earned associate degrees in spring 2021: Erika Farnham (Cabot); Wade Martin Benjamin, Laura Lee Dailey, Charlene Marie Tetreault, Felicia K. Weeks (East Calais); Kassity Ann Hale, Kristin Laflin, Lanna M. Lawson (East Hardwick); Ciana Elizabeth Marie Berry, Rebecca Blaisdell, Jenna V. Gilblair, Nicole M. Des Groseilliers (Hardwick); Connor James Loso, Cameron Caldwell Roy (Marshfield); Amy J. Cox (Wolcott).

# EDUCATION

## Carlson Named to Dean’s List

**CANTON, N.Y.** – Sofie Carlson from Wolcott has been named to St. Lawrence University’s Dean’s List for achieving academic excellence during the Spring 2021 semester. Carlson attended Peoples Academy and is a member of St. Lawrence’s Class of 2023.

To be eligible for the Dean’s List, a student must have completed at least four courses and have an academic average of 3.6 based on a 4.0 scale for the semester.

## Hall Named to Dean’s List

**SPRINGFIELD, Mass.** – Springfield College has named Brenda Hall from Hardwick to the dean’s list for academic excellence for the 2021 spring semester. Hall has a primary major of Human Services.

completed a minimum of 12 credit hours of graded coursework for the term, exclusive of “P” grades. The student must not have any incompletes or missing grades in the designated term. The student must have a minimum semester grade average of 3.500 for the term.

For selection to the Dean’s List, the student must have

# OUR COMMUNITIES

## Free Summer Meals for Kids Starting June 21

**HARDWICK** – OSSU will be providing free meals to youths aged 18 and under at sites throughout the district this summer as part of the Summer Food Service Program. The Summer Food Service Program helps maintain food security for area children throughout the summer months when school is out of session. Meals will be available Monday to Friday beginning Monday, June 21 through Friday, August 6. Meals will not be offered July 5 in observance of Independence Day. Feel free to contact Annie Houston, OSSU Grants Manager, at 472-2925 with any questions.

## Library Hosting Summer Program for Children

**CRAFTSBURY** – The Craftsbury Public Library will host an array of weekly summer programs for children and youth through August. There is no pre-registration, all programs are free, and everyone is welcome.

Ninjas on Fridays 3 to 4 p.m. Youth ages 8 to 12 will have STEM Club on Fridays from 4 to 5 p.m., exploring a variety of topics from deconstructing electronics to microscopes, magnifiers and more. Youth ages 10 to 14 can participate in a writer’s group on Tuesdays from 4 to 5 p.m. with local author Natalie Kinsey. Kinsey will guide the group to develop stories, build characters and plot using personal experiences, looking at everyday objects and sharing inspiration.

On Tuesdays and Fridays at 10 a.m., the library will host story time. Families, friends, and children birth to 5 years will sing songs, read picture books, and do finger plays to encourage communication and build early literacy skills. Children ages 4-7 will have many activities to choose from: outdoor adventures on Tuesdays, 3 to 4 p.m., based on the Four Winds Nature programs, and Number

More details and descriptions of these programs can be found at [craftsburypubliclibrary.org/](http://craftsburypubliclibrary.org/) or by calling 586-9683 or email [childrenslibrarian@craftsburypubliclibrary.org](mailto:childrenslibrarian@craftsburypubliclibrary.org).

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# THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

## Thursday, June 24

**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](mailto: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/](http://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](http://healthylamoillevalley.org/parent-cafe-series).

## Friday, June 25

**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](mailto: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. Cate Great! Show, high-end circus with unique comedy. Cafe and Bar open. Information: [highlandartsvt.org](http://highlandartsvt.org), 802-533-2000.

## Saturday, June 26

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

**PAINT AND SIP WORKSHOP,** 5 p.m., Old Stone House Museum, Brownington. Information and registration: [OldStoneHouseMuseum.org](http://OldStoneHouseMuseum.org).

## Monday, June 28

**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](mailto:AmeriCorpsVista@WonderArtsVT.org).

## Tuesday, June 29

**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](mailto: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](mailto:crystal.morrissey@ncvrc.com), 802-635-0084.

## Wednesday, June 30

**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](mailto: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](mailto:VtPie-GirlCo@gmail.com), [oliveyin1@gmail.com](mailto:oliveyin1@gmail.com) or [BreadandPuppet.org](http://BreadandPuppet.org).

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Vermont Vaudeville will present "The New Normal" at the Highland Center for the Arts on July 21-25.

## Vermont Vaudeville's "The New Normal" at HCA

GREENSBORO – Highland Center for the Arts will host Vermont Vaudeville's "The New Normal", at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, July 21 through Sunday, July 25.

For the past 12 years, Vermont Vaudeville has mounted an original production every six months in the Northeast Kingdom, for sold-out crowds. Featuring internationally touring guest acts, as well as the core cast's endlessly inventive take on local humor, this biannual weekend has become a mainstay of the region's cultural life.

In the wake of the pandemic, Vermont Vaudeville brings its fans a summertime live and in-person outdoor spectacular:

"The New Normal." This show features brand new comedy, stunts, and music from Vermont Vaudeville's core cast of entertainers, and never before seen guest acts, including street performer Sharon from Canada, and The Farmer's Daughter, an acrobatic, rope tricking, bottle walking physical comedian. The show is rounded out with a live house band and robotic roustabout.

Advance registration is required. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for students and children and can be purchased at either the Galaxy Bookshop in Hardwick or at [vermontvaudeville.com](http://vermontvaudeville.com).



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The Vermont Suitcase Company will present "Robin Hood" on July 16 at the Highland Center for the Arts in Greensboro.

## Rowdy Rendition of "Robin Hood" to be Presented July 16

GREENSBORO – Vermont Suitcase Company is back at Highland Center for the Arts on Friday, July 16 at 6:30 p.m. Eight actors and seven puppets will be staging a raucous, rowdy, relevant rendition of "Robin Hood."

Attendees may order a picnic dinner to eat at the show, which may be ordered in advance or when purchasing tickets online. Picnics

are available for pickup starting at 5 p.m., and a limited number of meals will be available for on-site purchase.

This event is free, but advance registration and pre-ordering dinner is encouraged.

The Highland Center for the Arts is located at 2875 Hardwick Street in Greensboro. For more information, see [highlandartsvt.org](http://highlandartsvt.org) or call (802) 533-2000.

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Kat Wright (center), guitarist Bob Wagner (left), and bassist Josh Weinstein (right) will perform at the Highland Center for the Arts in Greensboro on July 9.

## Vocalist Kat Wright Performs at HCA

GREENSBORO – On Friday, July 9, at 6:30 p.m., the Highland Center for the Arts presents Glorious Leader, opening for Kat Wright.

Wright possesses a voice both delicate and powerful, with soul. Joined by guitarist Bob Wagner and bassist Josh Weinstein, the trio’s sound showcases their folk and roots selves: “All stripped down...a triangulation of our strengths,” says Kat. “Our bareness, our

imperfect humanness, our voices, our ferocious tenderness, our love of songs and singing and story.”

Members of the audience may enjoy a picnic dinner during the show, ordered in advance when purchasing tickets online. Picnics are available for pickup starting at 5 p.m.

The Highland Center for the Arts is located at 2875 Hardwick St. For more information, see [highlandartsvt.org](http://highlandartsvt.org) or call (802) 533-2000.



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Members of the Dave Keller Trio (left to right) Ira Friedman (keys), Dave Keller (guitar, vocals), and Jay Gleason (drums) perform June 26.

## Dave Keller Blues Trio Performs June 26

PLAINFIELD – The Friends of the Plainfield Opera House will present the Dave Keller Blues Trio on Saturday, June 26, at 4 pm, at the Plainfield Recreation Field on Recreation Road.

Dave Keller is the blues and soul guitarist, singer and songwriter who has garnered national attention with his soulful music and albums. Keller is a local performer based in Montpelier. He is a two-time Blues Music Award (BMA) nominee.

Keller’s current trio includes Ira Friedman (keys) and Jay Gleason (drums). These musicians bring a spontaneity and energy to each performance, expanding upon the recorded versions of Keller’s

songs. “Fans of Dave Keller will find his new album ‘Live At The Killer Guitar Thriller’ a change from his previous seven album releases. His catalog of recordings hasn’t, until this CD, included a live album. With this release we hear a performance as authentic as it gets. ... What you hear on this CD is a great trio, performing several of Keller’s own songs along with other blues and soul standards.” says the Barre-Montpelier Times Argus.

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*photo by Vanessa Fournier*

Sara Kunz & The Flyin’ Hawaiian Show spins five hula hoops 14 feet high in the air as four volunteers from the audience hold the pole steady. The June 18 show, held at the Highland Center for the Arts, was part of the Friday night different street performances hosted by Maya and Brent McCoy.



*photo by Vanessa Fournier*

Part of the Sara Kunz & The Flyin’ Hawaiian Show was showing her skills as a contortionist. The show, held at the Highland Center for the Arts on June 18, was part of the June Street Performers series hosted by Maya & Brent McCoy.

# ANOTHER OPINION

## Legislators Should Uphold the Veto and Rework S-107 in January

by Lisa Loomis

WAITSFIELD – The Vermont legislature will be called back into special session this week to try to overturn three vetoes issued by Governor Phil Scott and also to possibly consider legislation that failed to get needed support before adjournment in May.

There is no need for this special session. Legislators, media members, lobbyists and others who follow the State House have noted each of the three vetoes can be addressed in greater detail when the legislature returns in January.

The cost to taxpayers will be approximately \$50,000 for each day of the veto session. Legislative leaders have indicated that in addition to the bills vetoed by the Governor, they plan to take up S-79, a housing reform bill. It is expected the special veto session could last three or four days, costing taxpayers \$200,000 for issues that can wait until January.

The Vermont Press Association and the Vermont Association of Broadcasters were among the groups and people that urged one of the vetoes. The bill, S-107, is designed to eventually allow young adults up to age 20 to avoid having their initial arrest and criminal conduct released to the public.

In his veto message on S-107, Gov. Scott said that he had

“concerns with the policy to automatically raise the age of accountability for crimes, and afford young adults protections meant for juveniles, without adequate tools or systems in place.”

Vermont, which closed its only juvenile detention center, does not have the proper programs, systems or housing in place for young adult offenders.

There are also concerns for our local communities.

Somebody age 18 or 19 could be involved in child abuse, sexual abuse or elder abuse and have their cases heard confidentially in Family Court. And as one legislator noted, the abuser can then turn around and later get a job working or volunteering with youth or the elderly.

Also, a Vermont store owner or banker looking to hire a clerk or a teller will never know the applicant may have embezzled or stolen funds from a job, or may have stolen checks and forged names because the arrest records will be automatically hidden.

Should parents have the right to know the truth when their child's best friend has been arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated? What about being ticketed for going 100 miles per hour on the Interstate? Is the youthful driver safe for your child to ride with?

In the rush to pass S-107, the

bill never got a complete airing in the legislature and many of these questions were never fully answered.

The House Judiciary Committee never had a single hearing. Neither did the Senate Judiciary Committee. It would seem prudent that legislation which has a serious impact on the Vermont judicial and law enforcement systems would have warranted some testimony in those committees. Perhaps state, county, and local law enforcement officials might have some thoughts about a topic they deal with every day.

There also is the issue that teen-agers can vote, drive, get married and have a baby. But S-107 is saying they are not mature enough to have their misconduct addressed as an adult. If they drive drunk and kill somebody it is okay to have that crime hidden.

This is a clear case where the legislators should step back to allow for proper vetting and to fully address unanswered question when the legislature returns in January for the second year of the biennium.

Gov. Scott said as much in his veto message to the legislature.

“Three years ago, I signed legislation intended to give young adults who had become involved in the criminal justice system certain protections meant for juveniles. At the time, I was assured that, prior to the automatic increases in age prescribed in the bill, plans would be in place to provide access

to the rehabilitation, services, housing and other supports needed to both hold these young adults accountable and help them stay out of the criminal justice system in the future,” the governor wrote.

“This has not yet been the case. In addition to ongoing housing challenges, programs designed and implemented for children under 18 are often not appropriate for those over 18. Disturbingly, there are also reports of some young adults being used – and actively recruited – by older criminals, like drug traffickers, to commit crimes because of reduced risk of incarceration, potentially putting the young people we are trying to protect deeper into the criminal culture and at greater risk,” he said.

“I want to be clear: I'm not blaming the Legislature or the Judiciary for these gaps. All three branches of government need to bring more focus to this issue if we are going to provide the combination of accountability, tools and services needed to ensure justice and give young offenders a second chance,” Scott noted in his veto letter.

We hope legislators can make quick work of this special session.

Uphold the veto. Kill S-107 so more work can be done on the bill and the unaddressed issues. Come back in January with the answers. There is still plenty of time.

[Lisa Loomis, who is president of the Vermont Press Association, is the co-owner and editor of the Valley Reporter in Waitsfield.]

### TOWN HIGHWAY CREW MEMBER

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# YANKEE NOTEBOOK

## Tossing a Rock into Glop

by Willem Lange

EAST MONTPELIER – “There are a sort of men, whose visages do cream and mantle like a standing pond, and do a willful stillness entertain...” Thus, Shakespeare describes men who take themselves too seriously. It’s hard to self-diagnose that condition; but this past year, during which we sequestered ourselves away from the usual joys of human company, was a perfect opportunity for us to become standing ponds, all thick with algae, frogs, duckweed, dragonflies, and dourness. Tossing even a good-sized rock into that stagnant glop hardly makes a decent splash.

As I write this morning, some of my favorite people are tossing rocks into my glop. My older daughter and my son and his wife, from, respectively, the State of Washington and Arkansas, are emptying out my late wife’s office, about twelve feet behind me. Sounds of heavy things being moved, and the question, “Do you have a hand truck?” impinge on the usual serenity of an old man and a quiet dog who’ve together worn their routine into a deep, comfortable groove.

All three of the kids flew into Burlington last night around eleven for the start of a six-day visit. That’s when I got the first hint of irrelevancy: “Mind if I drive home?” Yeah, I did. Though there’s no question that I don’t see at night quite as I did in 1956, I can fudge it by keeping the speed down on the interstate and watching carefully for curbs and berms on the dark downtown corners. We arrived here without incident – I think.

You might call this visit a sort of intervention: confronting a friend or relative with an unaddressed problem in hopes of shocking them into reform. The problem in this case is the cluttered residue of two lives; and though I have very much desired to do something about it, I haven’t been able to muster the moxie “to do” – as Garrison Keillor says – “what needs to be done.”

There are at least three deterrents to even starting the process, the most obvious being, of course, sentiment. Your wife, for example, saved every childish scrawl of her children and grandchildren. Now you’re supposed to consign them

to a recycling center? A couple dozen framed family photographs; costume jewelry; her favorite frying pan that you’ll never use again. I have a friend in Texas who has more than half a two-car garage piled high with boxes of her parents’ letters and reminiscences. I don’t believe she’ll ever get through them in the years left to her. It is truly written, “No one who can read should ever try to clean the attic.”

Second is the physical strength required to move all the stuff: bending, lifting, packing, and carrying. I can cheerfully sort through hundreds of books and pack the discards into boxes. But to carry the boxes out the back door and down the ramp to the car, and then, inevitably, up a flight of stairs to their new home, is often either too much or dangerous, Burt Reynolds has a line about that in the 1974 film “The Longest Yard:” “I can get my [stuff] together. I just can’t pick it up.”

The third deterrent to getting rid of stuff is knowing where to take it. I’m too cheap to think of paying the recycling center’s fees for getting rid of it. And yet something’s got to give if it’s going to go. Hanging always in my subconscious is the 1947 story of the infamous Collyer brothers and their New York City brownstone mansion so full of stuff it eventually killed them. I remember, too, helping clean out a great-aunt’s flat after she went to a nursing home, and promising myself I wouldn’t ever make anybody feel the way I was feeling. ReSource, here we come!

So it was with mixed feelings that I welcomed this big stone being tossed into the stagnant pool of my pandemic-inspired hermitage: a week-long visit from the kids to go through as much stuff as possible, dividing it into keep-sell-trash. They bring such a burst of animal energy that I’m swept away into irrelevancy. They’ve lugged cabinets, a countertop, and whatnot to the foot of the driveway, whence it magically disappears. Sunday morning there’ll be a “garage almost-free sale.” Kiki and I have been tacitly encouraged to stay away. That’s just as well; for seeing familiar objects leave is a bit like having teeth pulled. Still, I remember a story I used to read to the kids when they were little: “Bairns are a blessing.” Thanks, kids, for the stone plopped into my algae. I know, I know; y’all are around sixty now. But to me you’re still the bairns. And you’ll always be a blessing.

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# IN THE GARDEN

## Summer Chores in the Vegetable Garden

by Henry Homeyer

CORNISH FLAT, N.H. – As the song goes, it’s “Summertime, and the livin’ is easy!” Well, not really. Yes, I’ve planted my 53 tomato plants, 200 onions and more, but there is still plenty to do. Let’s look at a few chores you might want to do this weekend.

Your tomatoes need support. If they lay on the ground, or even on a nice bed of straw, they are more prone to diseases. They need air and sunshine to stay healthy and to ripen up sooner.

I like wire tomato cages as supports. I recommend getting the biggest cages possible: 54 inches tall with four support legs instead of three. They are expensive, but last for many years. Right now, your tomatoes are short, and standing up on their own. But if you wait too long, they will be much more difficult to install. Do it now!

If you grow a lot of tomatoes and don’t have the budget to buy

clippings, leaves or hay will help. They also keep the roots more moist in dry times.

If you are growing carrots or beets, this is a good time to thin them. You really should thin them by the Fourth of July. It is tedious work, which is why many seed companies are selling “pelleted” carrot seeds. These are seeds that are coated with a clay covering to make them larger, and easier to plant an inch or so apart. Beet seeds are actually seed clusters: several seeds are in each “seed”. So even if you spaced them carefully, they need to be thinned.

If you planted potatoes, now is the time to look for potato beetles, or their eggs on the underneath side of the leaves. The egg masses are bright orange and easy to spot. Scrape off the eggs into a jar of soapy water. If you see the beetles or their larvae eating the leaves, get them into the water, too. By reducing their population now, you will reduce their exponential



*courtesy photo*

Hand pick Potato beetles and look for orange egg masses on underneath side of leaves.



*courtesy photo*

Parsnips will grow in soil suitable for carrots and are an early spring treat.

nice cages, you can tie them to wood stakes. Get one-inch hardwood “grade stakes”. Five footers are best because you need to push at least a foot into the ground. Tie the plants to the stakes with something soft: strips of old sheets work well, or panty hose. If you use string it may bite through the stems when they are loaded with fruit. You will need to add more ties as the plants get taller.

As your tomatoes get mature, you may notice that lower leaves are turning brown. This is probably early blight, a common soil-borne disease. It is not fatal, but reduces your fruit production. You can minimize by doing two things: cut off affected leaves and mulch the soil to minimize splash-up. Grass

increase in numbers.

This is a good time to plant parsnip seeds because they need warm soil to germinate. Keep in mind that the seeds do not keep well, so do not plant last year’s seeds. Most garden centers probably still have parsnip seeds because they are not a terribly popular crop. But they store well over the winter – just leave them in the soil. I love them as an early spring treat: just boil them up, then serve them with butter and maple syrup. Yum! And don’t get discouraged if they take two full weeks to germinate; they are very slow.

I am eating lettuce from my garden that I planted early in the spring. That means it is time to plant some more seeds. Lettuce

bolts when the summer gets too hot, which means that it elongates (reaching for the sky) and turns bitter before flowering and producing seed.

But there are summer varieties that are heat-resistant. Of the Butterhead lettuces, try Skyphos or Buttercrunch Bibb. Oakleaf lettuces such as Magenta do well, and a Romaine called Jericho does well in heat. Read the packages well or study a catalog.

Plant mid-summer lettuces where they get morning sun and afternoon shade if you can. You can also use shade cloth to protect against strong afternoon rays. Perhaps you can plant seeds in six-packs to get them going, then transplant them in your tomato patch where the big plants provide some shade.

Pesto season is coming up in August, so plant some more basil by seed if you don’t already have enough planted. I like planting seeds in small pots to get them well established before planting them in the garden. But if you want a lot for pesto, dedicate a 6-foot row and

plant plenty of seeds. They will do fine, even if a bit crowded.

Look around your garden now to see what you forgot to plant. For me this year, it was dill. No matter. I shall plant some by seed, and it



*courtesy photo*

These little basil plants I started from seed are ready to go in the ground.

will grow vigorously in the heat of summer.

If you have run out of space in the garden, think about creating a raised bed for those last minute plantings. Most garden centers sell metal corners to help you build your own raised beds, even if you aren’t a carpenter. Not only that, your local lumber yard will cut the boards to your specifications at no extra charge. All you need is a cordless drill and some outdoor screws to put a bed together in no time.

Don’t forget a few annual flowers in your vegetable garden to attract bees and butterflies. Most garden centers still have plenty of flowers that are in bloom and ready to plant. Just remember to tease the roots apart before planting now, as the little cells are often root-bound. So get outside and get busy. It’s summer!



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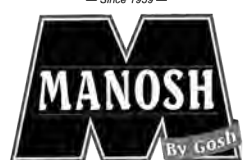
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# SPORTS

## Local Women Master Mount Washington

by Jim Flint

PINKHAM NOTCH, GORHAM, N.H. – A cohort of adventurous women from Northern Vermont braved wild weather Saturday as they ran to the top of New England's highest peak. This year marked the 60th iteration of the Mount Washington Road Race, which was canceled last year due to the pandemic. With a nod to COVID-19 protocols, men and women raced on separate days. Starting times were also staggered to space out the runners.

From the starting line at the base of the mountain, the 7.6-mile auto road ascends 4,650 feet, with an average grade of 12 percent. The effort involved in the race is similar to running a 13.1-mile half marathon. The last stretch to the finish line has a 22 percent grade.

The Craftsbury Outdoor Center's Running Program director, Heidi Caldwell, ran the race for the third time. In 2018, she placed second in the women's division, with a time of 1:14:43. In 2019, she tied for first place in a come-from-behind photo finish. Her 2019 time was 1:16:17, raced on a blustery day with wind gusts up to 50 mph.

On Saturday, the weather was cool and calm, with high humidity, as Caldwell started her race. When she reached the tree line, conditions changed dramatically.

"At the 5.5-mile mark, the mountain

*Dot Helling, 71, from Adamant, and Ann Bushey, 63, from Montpelier, joined Smyers to form a team representing Central Vermont Runners.*

became totally soaked in," said Caldwell. "Maybe visibility of five feet in front of you, with big disorienting gusts of wind. I felt pretty good until mile six, when I entered the pain cave and slowed down. It was also strange without the men (who raced on Sunday). The front women's pack spread out quickly, so I ran in fourth place by myself from mile one onward. I didn't see anyone for the majority of the race!"

Caldwell's time of 1:19:11 placed her fourth in the field of 442 female finishers; she was also the top Vermont woman. Kim Dobson of Eagle, Colo., won the race in 1:11:16.

Donna Smyers, 63, completed the Mount Washington Road Race for the 25th time. The Adamant physical therapist topped the F60-64 age group. Her time of 1:41:15 on Saturday placed 36th in the women's division and was within a minute of her 2019 finish, in 1:40:21.

As a historical comparison, George Foster made the first timed run up Mount Washington, in 1904. Foster was a medical student who purportedly did the run to impress his friends.

He completed the climb in one hour and 42 minutes, just a tad slower than Donna Smyers' time on Saturday.

Dot Helling, 71, from Adamant, and Ann Bushey, 63, from Montpelier, joined Smyers to form a three-person team representing Central Vermont Runners. The CVR women's team placed ninth of 22 teams overall and second in the women's 60+ division. Helling finished the race in 2:06:09 to capture second place in the F70-74 age group. Bushey placed sixth in the F60-64 age group. Her time was 2:00:42.

"The race was brutal," said Helling. "My back issue flared up at mile two. Above the treeline we had strong winds with 40 mph gusts and at times zero visibility. It cleared for the later runners, so we did finally get views from up top. I put all my clothes on, and the winds at times carried me away. The wind jacket kept me warm but was sometimes like wearing a flag. I knew early on I would walk the final ladder. Never expected so many people would pass me, as I usually pass them at the end."

Helling quickly changed clothes after the race and made her way to the Bushey's pickup truck. "I finally warmed up and got rid of my blue lips when Ann Bushey pulled out the brandy," said Helling. "From there it was like being in the movies, cuddled up in a warm truck with our blankies, the White Mountain views, and our imbibements."

## Vermonter Makes U.S. Olympic Track & Field Team

by Jim Flint

EUGENE, Ore. – Elle Purrier St. Pierre, who grew up on a dairy farm in Montgomery, will represent the United States at the Summer Olympic Games in Tokyo. On June 21, the 2013 Richford High School graduate placed first in the women's 1500m finals at the U.S. Olympic Track & Field Trials. The top three finishers in each event made the U.S. Olympic Team.

Purrier St. Pierre, 26, advanced to Monday's 1500m finals by competing in the preliminaries on Friday, and in the semifinals on Saturday. Her goal was to run just fast enough to advance to the 1500m finals. Her time for the preliminary heat (4:11.78) and for the semifinals (4:09.18) accomplished the goal. For the finals, Purrier was seeded in the pole position on the inside lane. Her 3:58.36 finish at the USATF Golden Games in May made Purrier the favorite to win the race.

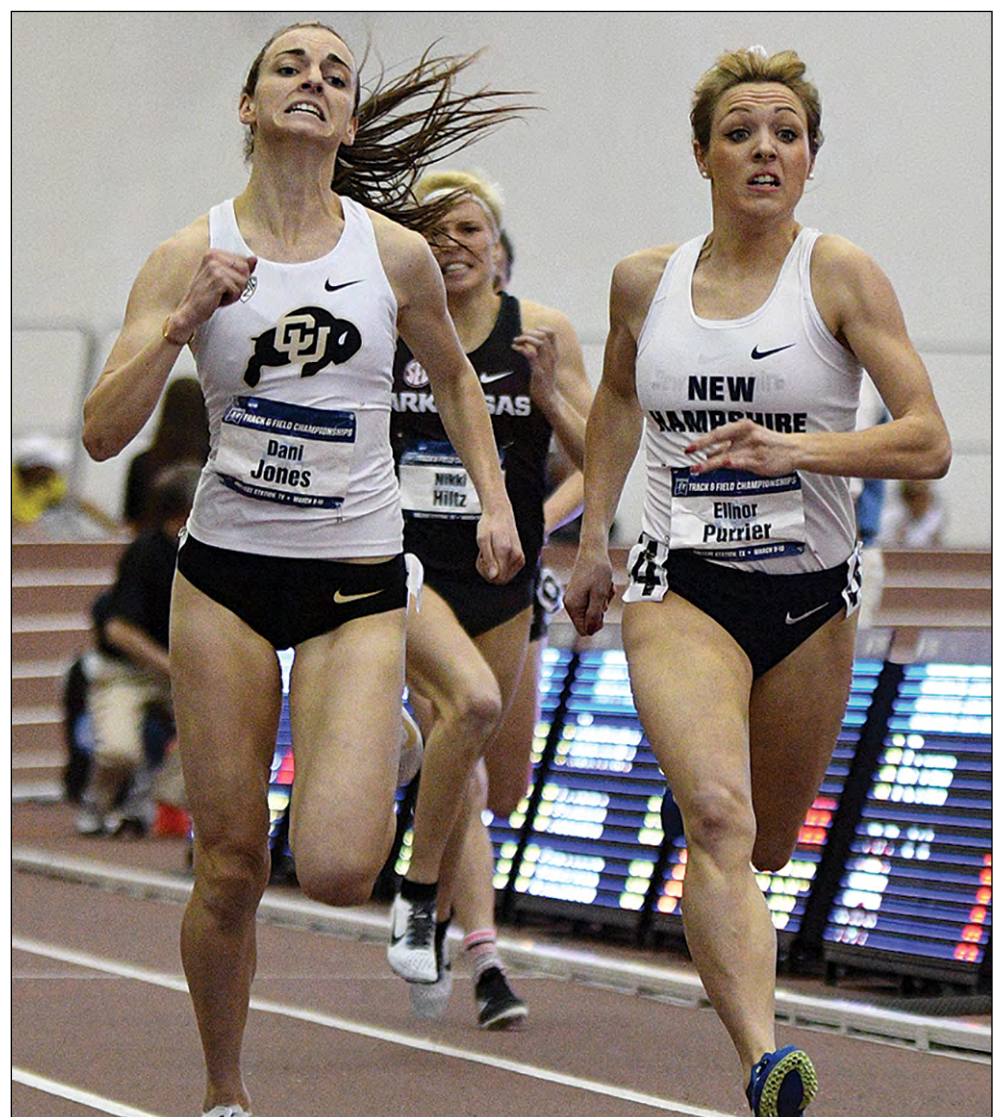
The 13 finalists for the women's 1500m race lined up across the nine-line track at the University of Oregon's historic Hayward Field. The field included Jenny Simpson, 34, a three-time Olympian. Simpson won the 1500m bronze medal at the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio De Janeiro.

At the sound of the gun, runners from the outer lanes tried to cut in toward the inside. The domino effect of elbowing for position knocked Purrier St. Pierre off the track, but only for a moment. Undaunted, Purrier quickly took the lead. Her New Balance teammate, Cory McGee, followed close behind.

Purrier ran the first 400 meters in 64.41 seconds. Her 800m split was 2:09.05. Pushed by McGee, Purrier turned on the gas. Coming off the final turn she widened her lead. She crossed the line in 3:58:03. McGee held on to second place in 4:00.67. Heather Maclean, who also competes on the New Balance team, took third in 4:02.18.

When asked about being pushed off the track after the start, Purrier St. Pierre responded confidently. "It motivated me to get out more," she said. "I didn't want to mess around."

The Olympic Games run from July 23 to August 8. This will be the first Olympic Games for Elle Purrier St. Pierre and her 1500m teammates.



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Elle Purrier (right) has qualified for the U.S. Olympic Track & Field Team. In this file photo, while a University of New Hampshire senior, Purrier (right) out-leans Colorado's Dani Jones to win the women's mile run at the NCAA Division I Championship in College Station, Texas.

# SPORTS

## Playing the Course the Wrong Way with Backwards Results

by Patrick Hussey

GREENSBORO – After roughly 40 years of existence, the Tuesday night league at Mountain View Country Club finally tried something that has never been pulled off before.

Tuesday night, the league played the course the wrong way, in what was dubbed the Summer Solstice Backwards Scramble. In the ultimate shakeup to a normal night of golf, 27 players came out to play a scramble going backwards. Despite the threat of thunderstorms, the weather behaved for the entire round, although cooler weather and heavy winds arrived late in the afternoon.

It got a little hairy at times out on the course with players unfamiliar with the new direction, but the groups managed to get through the round with no one being hit by a ball. Judging by the scores, most foursomes were not fazed a bit by going backwards, especially considering par was increased by two strokes to 37.

The best round was posted by Joe Mulligan, Neal Mulligan, Dan Miko and Tim Bellavance. They shot a five under 32. They birdied their first two holes on eight and seven while also birdying five, two and nine. They parred every other hole.

Two strokes back at three-under 34 was the foursome of Dave Burnham, Dan Gauthier, Mike Clark and John Sperry. They started out heading to the seventh green and struck for a birdie right off. They would also birdie the first hole and their final hole, the eighth.

There was a complete logjam for third place as three foursomes posted a one-under 36. The foursome of Steve Parker, Bill Jenkins, Dan Mencucci and Andy Hunt got there by birdying both six and seven.

The group that included Dan Hudson, Kip Doyon, Rowdy Doyon and Stu Arnold were



*courtesy photo*

*Backwards hat, upside-down sunglasses, wearing the shirt of a team he hates, underwear on the outside, Mike Clark (center) had it going on last Tuesday night at Mountain View Country Club's Summer Solstice backwards Scramble. To his left is chef Dan Mencucci and to the right are Steve Parker, Kip Doyon and Richard Brochu.*

steady throughout, paring every hole but one and also shooting 36. They notched their only birdie on the sixth green. Joining them in the third-place logjam was Rob Montgomery, Ivan Menard, Rob Lewis and John Fixx.

One shot over them was the threesome of Jim Bellavance, Wyatt Bellavance and Ian Drown at even par 37. The final group to play was the foursome of Richard Brochu, league founder and pioneer Scott Calderwood, John

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Robb, and Pat Hussey. They shot a three-over 40.

Because it was a backwards night, last place actually became first place and that group was crowned the weekly champions. Good night to have a bad round.

The league usually has four closest to the pin competitions, but in the spirit of the backwards event, furthest from the pin would win on this night. The only par three hole on the course was going from the fifth hole to the fourth green. Tim Bellavance won furthest there by leaving his drive 27 feet, one inch from the pin.

Closest in two shots happened on the ninth, eighth and seventh greens. On nine, Ivan Menard put his drive 39 feet, one inch from the pin to grab that furthest title. Up on eight, it was Stu Arnold playing in his first Tuesday night contest and he won that hole, leaving his approach 24 feet, seven inches from the pin.

Finally, on seven, it was league veteran Rob Lewis dropping his approach 37 feet, 10 inches, to win furthest there. Keeping with the backwards theme, there was also a shortest drive competition, instead of a longest, on the first hole and course superintendent Steve Parker easily won that honor.



*photo by Vanessa Fournier*

*Seniors on the Twinfield softball team (from left): Kimanh Debona, Lazariyah Elliott, Delaney Fowler and Kayla Green.*

# SPORTS



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Hardwick FC player Walden Gann (left) and Brett Bascomb (right) of Zenbarn FC go for the ball on Hudson Field during Central Vermont League action Sunday. Zenbarn won 1-0.



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Jasai Lisboa (right) of Hardwick FC heads the ball followed by Zenbarn's Joka Montalvan (left) Sunday on Hudson Field. Montalvan scored the only goal of the game and handed Hardwick its first loss, 1-0.

## Waterbury Team Takes Down Hardwick FC

by Harry Besett

HARDWICK – Hardwick FC suffered its first defeat of the season to Zenbarn out of Waterbury this past Sunday at

Hazen Union School.

Both teams started well, with Zenbarn's goalie making several great saves to keep the score level at 0-0. Near the end of the first half, as the hot sun beat down on the players, it was Zenbarn who would find a way to break the deadlock first. A scramble in the box left the ball at the feet of Joka Montalvan, who knocked the ball into the back of the net.

A motivated Hardwick side tried to use its deeper bench to their advantage in the second half, attacking with increased intensity. The positive change for the home side bore many fruitful opportunities as they racked up nearly 20 corners and five free kicks from dangerous areas in the second half alone.

Tactically changing the focus of attack to the wings created several chances, as well, most notably when Hardwick's leading scorer, Walker McAllister, beat several players to make his way to the end line inside the 18 and roll the ball across the box to the top of the six-yard, line only for it to be skied by a teammate over the cross bar of an empty net.

Hardwick fought hard until the final whistle, but was ultimately unable to find

a way past Zenbarn's keeper. The loss brings Hardwick to 1-1-1 for the season, a record they will be hoping to improve next weekend when they face Barre FC in Barre.



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Ethan Shopland was the only senior on the Hazen Union baseball team.



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Olivia Davison was the only senior from Hazen Union who played on the Peoples Academy softball team.

# SPORTS

## Corliss Sails to Victory, Smith and Lovely Take Street Stock Twin Features

BARRE – Barre's Jason Corliss simply could not be stopped en route to victory on Thursday, June 17. Corliss roared from 17th on the Late Model starting grid to take the lead from Wolcott's Brendan Moodie with seven laps remaining in the 50-lap feature and sail away for the win.

It was the 22nd Late Model victory of Corliss's career at Thunder Road, moving him into a tie with Nick Sweet for second all-time. His second win of the season extended his points lead as he pursues a rare three-peat as "King of the Road".

Moodie started on the pole and set the tone for most of the main event. Behind him, the action was fierce, as the 23-car field meant the top point drivers had to hustle to get to the front. Corliss was the first to finally break the gridlock, swinging to the outside groove on lap 24 and rocketing from 10th to fourth in just three laps.

With 20 to go, the first caution flew when the lapped car of Scott Coburn got turned around as a huge pack tried to slither by. Graniteville's Stephen Donahue got a great jump on Moodie on the restart, but a spin in the back of the pack by Connor Martell brought the caution back out and negated Donahue's edge.

On the second restart attempt, Corliss passed Chip Grenier for third and dropped down behind Moodie. Donahue led the next two circuit before Moodie slowly inched back past him. All the while, Corliss waited for the hole to open.

It finally did so with nine laps to go as Corliss cleared Donahue for second. He immediately went back to the high groove and need only two laps to pass Moodie for the lead. One final caution came out with five laps remaining as Brandon Lanphear found trouble in turn two. Once the green flag was displayed, Corliss was off like a phantom in the night for the statement victory.

Milton's Scott Dragon passed Moodie for second on the last restart but was subsequently disqualified in post-race technical inspection for a tread width violation. That gave the runner-up spot back to Moodie with Donahue third. Grenier, Brooks Clark, Marcel J. Gravel, Tyler Cahoon, Christopher Pelkey, Matthew

Smith, and Trampas Demers rounded out the top 10.

Williamstown's Tommy "Thunder" Smith did it again for his 34th career victory in the first of twin Street Stock features. Smith rolled off eighth in the first 25-lap feature, which had been rained out from the Memorial Day Classic two weeks ago.

After the lone caution on lap seven for a multi-car frontstretch tangle, Smith put the hammer down, snatching the lead away from polesitter Kyle MacAskill on lap 11. Williamstown's MacAskill kept pace with Smith the rest of the race but could not mount a counterattack as Smith grabbed his second straight win.

Tunbridge's Gary "The Flying Farmer" Mullen finished third in a comeback season following a 2020 racing hiatus. Berlin's Kyler Davis ended up fourth after Dean Switzer Jr. and Luke Peters crashed in turn two on the final lap, which significantly jumbled the results. Scott Weston, Justin "El Chopo" Blakely, rookie Trevor Jaques, Jamie Davis, Kaiden "Tropical Storm" Fisher, and Peters completed the top-10.

In the second 25-lap feature, Williamstown's Josh Lovely outdueled fellow veteran William Hennequin of Hardwick for his third career Street Stock victory. Hennequin had inherited the lead on lap 13 when rookie Jared Rouleau and Tom Campbell tangled as the trio fought for the top spot.

Lovely moved into the second spot from that incident and was able to drop in line on the restart after warding off MacAskill. The wily second-generation racer then spent lap after lap trying to set up a slingshot move on the leader.

With two laps to go, Lovely finally made it work, darting inside Hennequin so quickly off turn two that Hennequin didn't even have time to try and stop him. Lovely had the race made from there and grabbed the win with Hennequin on his bumper.

Right behind Hennequin, MacAskill and James Dopp spun across the line fighting for third, with MacAskill getting his second podium finish of the night by a bumper cover. Fisher, Blakely, Jamie Davis, Jaques, Peters, and Haidyn Pearce came fifth through 10th.



*courtesy photo*

Barre's Jason Corliss came from 17th to pick up the 22nd Late Model victory of his Thunder Road career on Thursday, June 17.

Grand Isle's Mike Billado took everything Craftsbury Common's Stephen Martin could throw at him and came up smelling like roses with his 11th career Flying Tiger win. Billado spent the first half of the 40-lap feature stalking a fellow #8 from the islands in South Hero's Rich Lowrey. When Jaden Perry crashed to bring out the caution at lap 20, Billado took advantage and caught Lowrey napping on the restart for the lead.

Martin passed Lowrey for second following another yellow three laps later and immediately went to work on Billado. After Justin Prescott spun on lap 27 for the third and final caution, Martin put his nose out front for three circuit. But Billado took the lead back using the short way around on the inside and wasn't fazed by any of Martin's attempts to get underneath him over the final 10 laps.

Martin settled for second with Milton's Robert Gordon third. Sam Caron, Cameron Ouellette, Logan Powers, Lowrey, Jason Pelkey, Tanner Woodard, and Jason Woodard completed the top 10.

Williamstown's Nate "Tater" needed all 20 laps of the Road Warrior feature to earn his third career win. Brien inherited the third spot with four laps remaining when Bert Duffy and Taylor Sayers came to blows over the position. The resulting crash and caution, which also collected Josh Vilbrin, erased a big lead for the front two of "Flyin" Fred

Fleury and Rodney Campbell.

After Jacob Hall-Larson and Jamie York tangled on the restart, Brien moved inside Campbell for second. With just two laps to go, Tater went for broke on the outside, and stole the win from Fleury by a radiator cap.

Frank Putney came in third followed by Campbell, Duffy, Neal Foster, and Jason Kirby. They were the only seven drivers to finish the feature on a night that started with 23 Road Warriors.

Thunder Road continues the summer racing season next Thursday, June 24. The Late Models, Flying Tigers, Street Stocks, and Road Warriors all have a full card of racing. The program also features the Marvin Johnson Memorial First-Time Winner's Race for the Street Stocks.

### UNOFFICIAL RESULTS

Pos., Driver, Car #, Hometown

Local competitors

### LATE MODELS

2. Brendan Moodie (94VT) Wolcott

6. Marcel J. Gravel (86VT) Wolcott

### STREET STOCKS

### MEMORIAL DAY

### MAKE-UP FEATURE

8. Jamie Davis (43) Wolcott

DNR Patrick Lacasse (9) Wolcott

### STREET STOCKS FEATURE

7. Jamie Davis (43) Wolcott

### FLYING TIGERS

2. Stephen Martin (9VT) Craftsbury Common

13. Michael Martin (01VT) Craftsbury Common

16. Jaden Perry (92VT) Hardwick