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On Top of the World

The Krebs of Craftsbury reached the summit of Mount Abraham on Saturday, July 31. From left to right are Charlie, Matt, Joe, and Ruth Krebs. The Krebs are on schedule in their quest to complete The 273-mile Long Trail by mid-August. See story on page 18

photo by Hal Moore

AT&T Seeks Tower Expansion on Hopkins Hill Road

by Doug McClure

HARDWICK – After abandoning its plans for a telecommunications tower on Buffalo Mountain, AT&T has now submitted a request for a Certificate of Public Good to extend a tower at a different location.

AT&T wants to increase the height of the tower it is leasing from Cloud Alliance east of

Hardwick on Hopkins Hill Road. AT&T specifically described the expansion as an effort to do what it could not do on Buffalo Mountain, writing in its Advance Notice, “AT&T has worked closely with Cloud Alliance to confirm that the Tower can be strengthened and extended to accommodate collocation, in lieu of the previous facility proposed for Buffalo Mountain.”

The company said that goal of the tower

is both to improve service for customers and to improve access for FirstNet subscribers. AT&T wrote that coverage would be improved “along VT Route 15 in Hardwick and Walden, as well as portions of VT Route 14 in Hardwick and Woodbury.”

FirstNet is a federal agency charged with creating an interoperable broadband network

See **TOWER, 2**



photo by Doug McClure

At a July 17 workshop and in surveys responses, area residents cited the Hardwick pedestrian bridge’s “star-like” design as an aesthetic element that some would like to see in the replacement bridge.

Bridge Survey Results Compiled

by Doug McClure

HARDWICK – LandWorks, landscape architects and planners, has provided the Town of Hardwick a summary of the feedback received at the pedestrian bridge workshop on July 17, plus additional mailed survey responses. As many as fifty residents attended the workshop. The report says that over 100 total responses were received to the survey.

LandWorks described six main takeaways from the workshop and surveys. The top two reported what people want the new bridge to look like. Some residents referenced the “star-

like pattern” in the current bridge’s design as a distinctive feature that the replacement might pay homage to.

During the workshop, residents were given a double-sided 11”x17” flyer with multiple photos of various bridges and asked to pick the one that they felt best represented the design

See **SURVEY, 2**

Delta Variant Reaches Caledonia, Orleans Counties

by Doug McClure

MONTPELIER – According to the Vermont Department of Health, as of July 20 all but four Vermont counties now have cases of the Delta variant of COVID-19. The previous week’s report had only a handful of cases in two counties.

The state cautions “only a small percentage of samples are sequenced,” so the figures may be under-reported. Caledonia County sam-

pling turned up two cases, Orleans County five, and Washington County eight.

On Monday, the CDC updated its county-by-county map showing the level of community spread. Chittenden and Essex counties are now characterized as having “substantial” community spread, and Caledonia and Lamoille are the only counties characterized as having “low” community spread. All other Vermont counties are characterized as moderate. According

See **VARIANT, 4**



photo by Vanessa Fournier

Sally Cabell of Woodhenge Quilts of Craftsbury is surrounded by her crafts as Greensboro summer resident Susan Cammer (left) and Robin Wright (right), of Eden, look them over during the 5th Vermont Blueberry Festival held July 31 at the Craftsbury Farmers Market.

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Tower

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for first responders across the country. AT&T serves as its private partner in deploying service, stating in the notice FirstNet has the goal of using updated technology to solve the problem of first responders using "10,000 separate networks which often times do not interoperate with one another."

The expansion proposed by AT&T would extend the tower's height by ten feet, adding six new antennas, "each approximately 96" x 21, all to be installed at a centerline height of 176' AGL [Above Ground Level]." AT&T also proposed an emergency generator, another equipment shed, and a fence to enclose the tower.

The company did not detail what frequencies the antennas will operate on and makes no mention of 5G. AT&T does not currently offer 5G coverage in Vermont.

In its narrative, AT&T said

the proposed extension would comply with all regulations for such a tower. It further said that the existing tower can already be seen from certain parts of Route 15 and the extension would not be visible from more areas. AT&T wrote that "the additional visibility from the extension amounts to 8.7 acres, and is mostly concentrated on the property itself ... the facility will not appear substantially different from the existing PUC-approved [Public Utilities Commission] Cloud Alliance facility."

The AT&T request states that the facility does not need additional lighting, will not have noise impact except for weekly tests of the generator during daylight weekdays hours, and that "no necessary wildlife habitat is located on the Property." All utilities to the site will be buried.

The PUC case number is 21-1078-AN.

Survey

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the town should be aiming for. While everyone present said that they preferred a suspension bridge in general, the majority selected a photo that also had an arch as its feature.

The rendering that residents "by far" liked most was in a concept sketch of the Auro Bridge in Greenville, S.C.'s, Unity Park. That design, however, is not what Greenville ended up using. The City of Greenville's capital projects manager, Jeff Waters, said the rendering Hardwick residents selected was the bridge's first design and was both "100% custom," and wooden. The problem the city ran into was cost.

Waters said, "I think it was pushing five million, and we just didn't want to bite off that much. The new design we went with is about two million." The bridge was one of three and just a small part of a \$70 million, 60-acre town project.

The replacement for Hardwick's North Main Street bridge in 1994 had also run into major complications, in part due to costs. According to the Land-Works summary, respondents to the pedestrian bridge survey and at the workshop did not want to shortchange the pedestrian bridge's replacement.

"Residents responded positively to question 2B from the workshop handout that they were 'willing to accept a higher cost and reasonable taxpayer/town investment in addition to grants for a unique or suitable bridge

... that reflects the community consensus."

Residents responding to the survey also expressed a desire for the bridge to be bike-friendly, as well as accessible to wheelchairs. There was a divide as to whether the new bridge should swing. Residents liked the idea of having the new bridge feature lighting, and some suggested artwork.

Another theme cited by Land-Works was improving access to the Lamoille River. Currently, getting down to the river requires a certain degree of agility, and, in some cases, a machete.

"Most people queried supported the idea of creating a park-like space on some of the town-owned land located on part of the existing Daniels parking lot and still retaining some parking. Access to the river was well supported, along with other aesthetic and recreational improvements [such as] overlooks, public art, steps down to the river and picnic space for outdoor eating/dining."

The town will review the feedback and, with a clearer picture about the direction residents want to go, start to work on a plan.



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POLICE REPORT

Hardwick Police

Media Log Summary

July 26: Found Property, S. Main St. Incident, School St.
 July 27: Suspicious Event, Stevens Ln.; Suspicious Event, High St.; Traffic Stop, Hudson Ave.; Suspicious Event, Mill St. July 30: Accident – Property Damage Only, S. Main St.; Custodial Dispute, Dutton Rd.; Traffic Hazard, Vt. Rte. 15 E.
 July 28: Welfare Check, Maple St.; Directed Patrol, Upper Cherry St.; Assist – Agency, The Bend Rd., Greensboro; Welfare Check, School St. July 31: Motor Vehicle Complaint, Vt. Rte. 16
 Aug. 1: Theft, Spruce Dr.; Suspicious Event, Renaud Rd.; Suspicious Event, Evergreen Manor Dr.; Directed Patrol, Upper Cherry St.

Hardwick Police

Disorderly Conduct, Assault, No License

On July 14, at 9:37 p.m., at 106 Church St., Apt. #3, James Norwood was arrested for Disorderly Conduct and Simple Assault. 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.

On July 30, at 12:20 p.m., Devlin G. Daniels, of Morrisville, was stopped on S. Main St. in Hardwick. Police issued two \$162 tickets, one for No License and one for No Insurance.

State Police Report

Bias Incident, Car Crash Altercation

On July 23, at approximately 3:37 p.m., the Vermont State Police Middlesex barracks initiated an investigation into a vandalism of a homemade numerical address and “Black Lives Matter” sign which occurred on East Hill Road in Woodbury. On July 31, the responsible party was identified as a 16-year-old juvenile. The State Police has informed the Attorney General’s Office of this incident under the Bias Incident Reporting System. Woodbury, and Bruce Melendy, of Sheffield, being issued criminal citations to appear in Washington County Superior Court Criminal Division and released.

On July 25, at 5:09 p.m., Troopers from the Middlesex Barracks were notified of a crash in Woodbury. Additional 911 calls revealed that after the crash, an altercation between the two operators took place. Troopers responded to the scene and interviewed numerous witnesses and the defendants. Subsequent investigation led to both parties, Ronald D. Wells, of Woodbury, and Bruce Melendy, of Sheffield, being issued criminal citations to appear in Washington County Superior Court Criminal Division and released.

On July 30, at approximately 3:12 p.m., the Vermont State Police Middlesex Barracks received a complaint regarding a possible violation of a Relief from Abuse Order. Investigation revealed that in the afternoon of July 30 Scott Cookson, of Cabot, violated a condition of an RFA order where he was the defendant. Cookson was issued a citation and released to appear in Washington County Court on August 2 at 12:30 p.m.

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

EDUCATION

Holden Graduates from SUNY Delhi

DELHI, N.Y. – Charlotte Holden, of Marshfield, graduated from SUNY Delhi in May 2021 with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree. Commencement was held virtually on May 15, where certificates, associate, bachelor’s, and master’s degrees were conferred upon the classes of Fall 2020 and Spring 2021.

Over 500 students graduated

Local Students Graduate as LPNs

RANDOLPH CENTER – Katherine Lavin of Craftsbury Common, Mercede Allen of Woodbury, Leigh Holliday of Plainfield, Meghan Forant of Hardwick, Kaitlin Deuso of Plainfield, and Jennifer Lucier of Hardwick. These students have recently graduated from the practical nursing program in the Spring 2021 semester from Vermont Technical College: Kara Grant of Hardwick,

BIRTHS

Alexander Robert Cote

A son, Alexander Robert Cote, was born to Sandra and Paul Cote, of Albany, on July 1 at Copley Hospital.

Kai Robert Witham

A son, Kai Robert Witham, was born to Robert Witham and Jenna Gilblair, of Hardwick, at Copley Hospital on June 24.



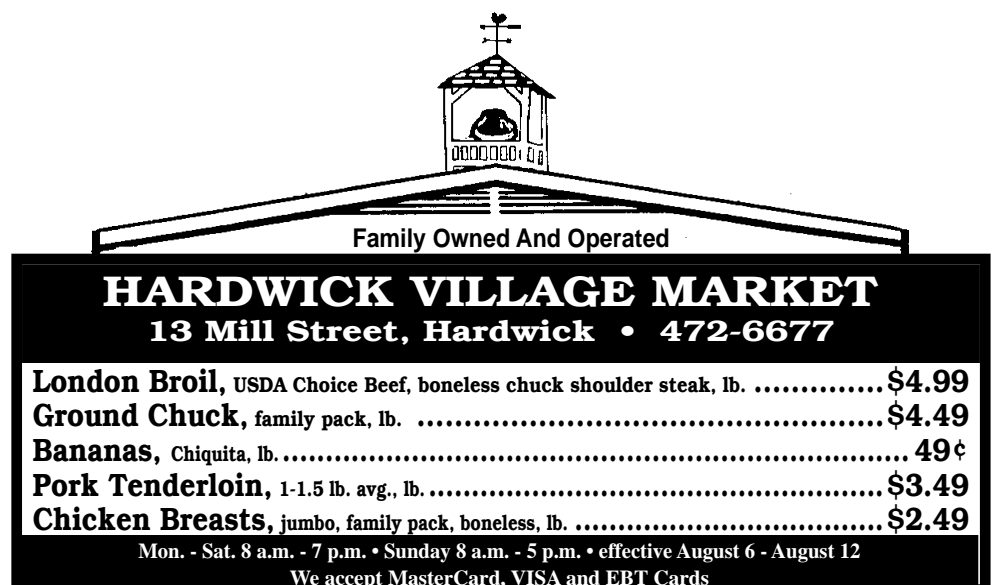
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Variant

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to state data, just two new cases have been reported in the past two weeks in Caledonia County, while Orleans County has had twenty-three and Washington County thirty-five.

The Washington Post reported on leaked internal CDC documents last Thursday, which described the Delta variant as being as contagious as chickenpox, and “more transmissible” than the “common cold, seasonal flu and 1918 (‘Spanish’) flu, and smallpox.” The presentation said it is time for public health officials to “acknowledge the war has changed.”

That report also said that the Delta variant can be shed, or transmitted, by vaccinated individuals, which was a factor in the CDC last week reversing course and recommending vaccinated people wear masks indoors in areas where COVID risk is high. The report goes further, recommending universal masking across the board, describing “more breakthrough and more community spread despite vaccination.”

The CDC also released a study in Massachusetts of 469 cases. That study noted that the vaccination rate at the time was 69%, almost the same as Caledonia County is now, according to state data, and of those 469 cases, “Approximately three quarters occurred in fully vaccinated persons. Genomic sequencing of specimens from 133 patients identified the B.1.617.2 (Delta) variant of SARS-CoV-2 in 119 (89%).” Until last week, public officials had characterized COVID infections among the vaccinated, known as “breakthroughs,” as being rare.

The CDC described the Delta variant as being potentially having more serious disease and worse outcomes for the unvaccinated. The difference for the vaccinated, even if the Massachusetts study proves representative, is that COVID’s progression and severity is drastically reduced. Just four people

are in the hospital for COVID in Vermont, and none in the ICU, as of Monday, according to state data. The CDC stressed that the “risk of severe disease or death [is] reduced 10-fold or greater in [the] vaccinated” and the “risk of infection [is] reduced 3-fold in [the] vaccinated.”

A month ago, Vermont officials expressed confidence that Vermont’s status as the most-vaccinated state would keep the Delta variant in check. But on Friday, Vermont reported fifty-five new cases, by far the highest since May.

Hardwick, Calais, Craftsbury, Greensboro, Marshfield, and Wolcott have overall vaccination rates above 90% as of last Thursday’s state data. But, Stannard and Walden are listed as under 10% vaccinated, and Woodbury at 21-30%.

Caledonia and Orleans counties are both around 70% vaccinated, significantly under the state average. Statewide, the majority of cases are happening in younger populations. The youngest eligible groups in Caledonia County, those under 18, have a vaccination rate of 56.9%, which is closer to the overall rate in Virginia. That age group also represents the highest number of COVID cases in the county. In Orleans County, the vaccination rate for that age group is lower than Kentucky, at just under 45%. Both of those percentages are far below neighboring Lamoille and Washington counties, where the rate is closer to the state average.

The vaccine is widely available in many locations, including Walgreens, Hannaford, and Price Chopper. The state is also conducting walk-in clinics for those 18 and older at the Highland Center this Friday from 6 to 8:30 p.m., offering the single-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine for those 18 and over. Those aged 12-17 currently can only get the two-dose Pfizer vaccine, and in some cases, that requires a parent or guardian to give consent. To find locations, visit healthvermont.gov/covid-19/vaccine/getting-covid-19-vaccine.



photo by Vanessa Fournier
Maddison LaPoint (left), 6, is assisted by her sister Lucie LaPoint (right), 4, of Hardwick at the 2nd Annual Maddison’s Kitchen Bake Sale held Saturday in front of their home. Their mom, Angela LaPoint, was in charge of the baking.



photo by Vanessa Fournier
Nashoba Nasser, 4, and his sisters Yasmine, 9, and Violet, 6, of Berkeley, California, set up their mobile lemonade stand three times July 17, divided their total proceeds of \$75.00 equally and donated them to the Hardwick Town House, Jeudevine Library, and the Village Pedestrian Bridge Fund. They are the grandchildren of Kathleen and Steven Sampson of Hardwick.

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The Wolcott Community Garden received almost \$12,000 in grant money from the AARP.

Wolcott to Receive \$11,795 from AARP Grant

by Doug McClure

WOLCOTT – The American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) officially announced the winners of its 2021 Community Challenge Grant last week. For 2021, the AARP gave grants to 244 communities. Wolcott is one of a half-dozen Vermont towns and cities that received grants this year.

The AARP describes the program as one that provides “quick-action grants” for “ready-to-go types of projects” that focus on three major categories: “Permanent physical improvements in the community, Temporary demonstrations that lead to long-term change, and New, innovative programming or services.”

For its grant application, Wolcott focused on its new community garden. The \$11,795 figure is what the town estimated its “deliverables” would cost. Lister Deborah Klein is active in the community garden project, and said the AARP expects Wolcott to acquire the following “deliverables:” “solar motion lights; metal fire ring; metal in-ground game table; 8-foot in-ground, ADA compliant, bench with back, arms on ends, and middle; outdoor propane heater; children’s ice rink.”

Klein said another requirement of the AARP was that the town purchase eight raised cedar beds for the garden. She said “The beds were prepurchased so we could take advantage of Vermont’s short growing season! The garden is doing great! It has already produced a lot of summer squash, zucchini, and cucumbers. We have several varieties of tomatoes that will ripen soon. Cabbage, eggplant, and pumpkins are coming!”

One further stipulation of the grant is that a volunteer organization be involved. For Wolcott, that group is the Women of Wolcott (WOW) which, Klein said, “has as one of its focal points keeping the garden viable.”

The town owns the garden.

Wolcott’s town librarian for decades, Sally Gardner, and lister Deb Klein had the idea for developing a community garden. They got the community and town got involved. The Wolcott Community Garden officially got started this past spring with an injection of \$500 from a Healthy Lamoille Valley mini-grant and donation of compost from the Lamoille Regional Solid Waste Management District (LRSWMD). The organization donated its maximum (one yard). WOW was working on the garden from the very beginning, with over two dozen women from the Wolcott area involved, headed by Linda Brady, a Wolcott resident for over four decades. Brady said back in April “We will help with the community garden, and now that the [Lamoille Valley] Rail Trail is coming in, we could just go on from there.” The group includes Klein and select board chair Linda Martin.

Tonight’s select board meeting will be the first opportunity for the board to discuss details since the grant’s official announcement on July 28. Back in April, Martin said “[Wolcott] is rich in people with diverse interests and experiences. But I sense in them a longing for a community which has been lacking. They are eager for events to bring us together. Bringing our town library down to our new village center was the first step. It was the vision of Deb Klein and Sally Gardner to begin creating this public space for all of us to enjoy. This community project has brought together many community members eager to make this a success by their volunteerism. It’s just the beginning. New ideas are being developed to further this community space in the surrounding area into a social environment for all of us to enjoy.”

The Wolcott Select Board meets tonight at 6 p.m., in-person or via Zoom. For details, go to wolcottvt.org.



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AWARE, Inc. board member Alex Utevsky (left) presents Mariel Hess (right), of Glover, with an Old Town Vapor 10 Kayak, the grand prize of the 9th Annual Kayak Fundraiser for AWARE. The raffle raised \$1,377.

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 Ray Shatney (right) co-owner of Shat Acres Highland Cattle Farm shows his grandchildren Jackson Davis (left) and Scotty Davis (center), how the cattle like to be combed. The Highland Cattle, originally from Scotland, are part of the oldest registered fold of Highland Cattle in the United States. In front is Shat Acres Brandy Breonna, 9 months old and in back is one-year-old Shat Acres Victor of Glen Rock. Ray Shatney and Janet Steward have a Highland Cattle farm in Greensboro Bend and Plainfield. This year the Greensboro Historical Society exhibit is Highland Cattle: Proud Heritage.

Woodsmoke by Julie Atwood



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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Lang-Godin Appointed Executive Director

MORRISVILLE – Carol Lang-Godin has been appointed executive director of the Lamoille Family Center (LFC) by the center’s board of directors.

Lang-Godin came to LFC in 2006 as an early interventionist in the Children’s Integrated Services (CIS) Program. In 2014, she stepped up to manage LFC’s early childhood programs, which includes CIS. Last year, Carol was honored by the LFC Board with the Scott Johnson Leadership Award for her outstanding leadership of both her programs and in the Lamoille Valley non-profit and education communities.

Marilyn May, chair of the LFC Board, said, “Our choice of Carol Lang-Godin validates our effort to grow leadership from within. We believe Carol sets an example for staff and for our state and local partners of someone who is serious about her work while at the same time maintaining good humor that is infectious to those around her. We look forward to her transition into the Executive Director position over the next several months.” Lang-Godin will assume her new responsibilities when a replacement for her is chosen and in place.

Lang-Godin succeeds Floyd Nease, who has served as executive



courtesy photo
 Carol Lang-Godin, the new executive director of Lamoille Family Center, has more than 20 years of experience in early childhood services.

director for the past three and a half years. Nease said, “I have always considered myself a transitional leader here at the Family Center. My job was to stabilize funding, implement a competitive salary scale and help the Parent Child Center Network establish itself as a credible and reliable force for good across the state for Vermont’s young families. Carol has the confidence of LFC’s staff along with the vision and skill to lead the Family Center into the future.”

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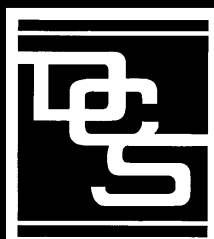
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CCV faculty member Phillip Robertson works with a student during his summer 2019 Landscape in Art class.

Robertson Takes His Arts Class Online

by Katie Keszey

HARDWICK – Phillip Robertson, a Hardwick resident and artist, is a Community College of Vermont (CCV) faculty member who is offering flexible learning options in the arts online.

“I get to do what I’ve wanted to do since I was a kid: be a teacher and be full-time involved with the arts as a practicing artist,” says Robertson. “I’m really able to be fully engaged with students about the arts.”

Robertson has been teaching Drawing 1 online at CCV since the summer of 2011. He says the online format allows for greater accessibility.

“Because CCV is so spread out, and our students are even further spread out, a lot of them can’t get to a class. The students who take this class get three credits without having to be in person.”

He’s also found over the years that students who take the course online are more actively engaged in class discussions. Where some students are reluctant to speak up in a classroom setting, “when we go to the online environment and make the drawings at home and then post them online, we have these amazing conversations, because it’s all text-based.”

In addition to the art classes he teaches for CCV, Robertson

teaches at Northern Vermont University, and was teaching an in-person printmaking class there last spring. “Once COVID hit, I had to figure out how to teach NVU printmaking online,” he said. After working out all of the details, he’s finally ready to offer CCV’s first online printmaking class in fall 2021. “I’m really excited about Printmaking 1,” he says. “It’s something I’ve always wanted to do.”

The class will kick off with a Zoom meeting in the first week. From there, students will have access to video tutorials created by Robertson that explain the processes for several different printmaking techniques. Though there are more materials involved with printmaking than drawing, Robertson has come up with creative money-saving tips. He includes a resource for students with ideas for using simple household objects in place of fancy art supplies. “This is a 20-page document about how to do all of these techniques at home with the stuff you have,” he says.

A practicing printmaker, Robertson also loves his work as a teacher. “I just love talking about art. Especially when the art is up on the wall, we’re all standing there together, I can just talk. But what I’ve also learned to do is get the students to talk, and that’s what I’m really doing here online.”



photo by Vanessa Fournier

Artist John Steven Gurney (left), of Brattleboro, draws a caricature of Raz Mille (left), 12, Andrew Royan (center), 12, and his brother Max Royan (right), 9, all of Craftsbury, as Thor, Captain America and Spiderman during the 5th Vermont Blueberry Festival held July 31 at the Craftsbury Farmers Market.

CABOT SCHOOL DISTRICT
WARNING FOR SPECIAL MEETING of the DISTRICT

The legal voters of the Cabot School District, Cabot, Vermont, are hereby notified and warned to meet on Tuesday, August 10, 2021 at 6:00 PM to transact the following business by floor vote.

The meeting will be held at the Cabot School Gymnasium, 25 Common Rd, Cabot, VT 05647.

Article 1: Shall the voters of the Town School District authorize the Cabot School Board to borrow an amount not to exceed two-hundred eighty-five thousand dollars (\$285,000) for a period not to exceed three (3) years, for the purpose of retiring the accumulated deficit of the general fund? The initial payment on this loan was included in the FY '22 budget approved by the voters on June 22, 2021.

Dated at Cabot, Vermont July 7, 2021
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OUR COMMUNITIES

Greensboro Free Library Presents Two Author Talks

GREENSBORO – Two new authors will present their recently published books this week and next at the Greensboro Free Library.

Anthony Acheson is a Greensboro resident who served as pastor of the Greensboro United Church of Christ for 17 years and has focused on writing in his retirement. He will talk about his book, “Beyond Denial: Essays on Consciousness, Spiritual Practice and Social Repair,” on Thursday, August 5, at 7 p.m.

Celia Ryker, a horse trainer, horticulturist, and hiker, will present

on Tuesday, August 10, at 7 p.m. Her new book, “Walking Home: Trail Stories,” describes her experiences hiking Vermont’s Long Trail, and the memories of loved ones that gave her the inspiration and strength she needed to keep going.

Both author talks will be held outside under a backyard tent if weather permits, or in the library’s upstairs meeting room. The authors’ books are now on display at the library and will be offered for sale at the program. For more information, contact the library at 802-533-2531.

Blender Giveaway Offered by Grow Your Own

HARDWICK – Free family-friendly workshops in making ice cream, yogurt and smoothies, with a blender giveaway, are being offered by Grow Your Own in August.

Space in the workshops is limited. Ice cream making with Harmony and Josh Peets will be held on August 7. Yogurt making, smoothies and the blender giveaway will be on August 21 with Harmony Peets and Carol Fairbank.

Workshops are outdoors at Atkins Field pavilion in Hardwick

from 1:30 to 3 p.m. on Saturdays. Registration is required by the Thursday before the workshop so there are enough supplies for each participant. To register, email director@hardwickareafoodpantry.org or call (802) 472-5940.

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

Hinman Presentation on August 9

GREENSBORO – The Greensboro Historical Society will host speakers on Timothy Hinman and Hinman Settler Road on August 9, at 7 p.m., at UCC Fellowship Hall.

Two experts, Gail Sangree,

researcher, and Reggy Day Gibson, former Director of the Old Stone House Museum, will discuss whether Timothy Hinman was a rogue or hero and the history of the Hinman Settler Road.

Abenaki Storytelling on August 10

GREENSBORO – Abenaki Storytelling with Miss Lucy Neel will be held outside in the backyard at the Greensboro Free Library on Tuesday, August 10, at 10 a.m.

Miss Lucy Neel has years of experience teaching children about Abenaki history and culture and uses many formats for sharing this knowledge, including storytelling, singing, dancing, instruments, and crafts.

Lucy Neel is the Nulhegan Education Coordinator for the

Nulhegan Band of the Abenaki Tribe and a board member of the AHA, Inc. (Abenaki Helping Abenaki). She travels to several parts of Vermont teaching about Abenaki heritage in schools and coordinating with after-school programs.

To learn more about Miss Lucy and the Abenaki Tribe go to Abenakitribe.com.

This is a free, all-ages event. Contact the library at 533.2531 or greensborokids@gmail.com for more information.



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Colleen and George Peak, Danielle Foster, and her daughter Madeleine Foster-Pudvah stand behind the many different desserts offered at the grand opening of D’s Bake House on July 17. Top of the Mountain Vegetable Farm has partnered with Danielle Foster of Hardwick and her culinary skills for baking breads, cookies, pies, muffins, scones and more. The bakery will be operated at and through Top of the Mountain Vegetable Farm at 3324 Coles Pond Road in Walden. A free lunch and dessert was offered to all who attended the celebration from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Knights of Columbus Auction on August 20

HARDWICK – The Knights of Columbus auction will be held on Friday, August 20, at 7 p.m. at Dona’s Car Store, 154 Rte. 15 West. The auction will feature

pre-owned and new items and gifts and services from local businesses.

For items needing pickup, call 586-2899, 472-5501 or 472-8282.

Family Camping Weekend on Sept. 10

GROTON – Families who register for the annual Outdoor Family Weekend, Sept. 10 to 12, can look forward to three days of camping, outdoor recreation, and nature-based learning opportunities.

The event will take place at Stillwater State Park in Groton and offers both veteran campers and those new to the outdoors a chance to experience nature through hands-on workshops, community storytelling, self-guided canoe trips, hikes and other activities.

The fee is \$175 for the campsite (up to eight individuals), three workshops per camper, an ice cream social, nightly campfires, entertainment and free canoe rentals. Families may stay Sunday night for no extra charge, although will need to make arrangements at the park office upon arrival.

More than 30 different workshops will be offered on a wide range of topics including outdoor first aid, bushwhacking, birding, fish processing and cooking, painting in the outdoors, firecraft and arboriculture, among others. Campers also can try mountain biking, fishing and shooting sports or learn about turkey calling and hunting safety or upland game and

bird dogs. A just-added workshop, appropriate for all ages, will provide an in-depth look at a year in the life of white-tailed deer, including habitats, behaviors, breeding, rearing of young, what they eat and other aspects.

To register, go to uvm.edu/extension/outdoorfamily. To request a disability-related accommodation, contact Virginia Jaquish at (802) 751-8307 or (800) 545-8920, ext. 351, by Aug. 20. Families of current military personnel are eligible for a discount and should contact Jaquish for a code before registering.

Returning families who get a new family to register for the weekend will be entered in the Refer-a-Family drawing. The winner will receive a free weekend stay at any Vermont state park, courtesy of the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation.

The weekend is sponsored by University of Vermont Extension and the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources’ Departments of Fish and Wildlife and Forests, Parks and Recreation. To learn more, contact Allison Smith at allison.smith.2@uvm.edu or visit facebook.com/OutdoorFamilyWeekendVT.

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OBITUARIES

RALPH ARNOLD DEVENGER

EL PASO, Texas – Ralph Arnold Devenger passed away from natural causes at his home in El Paso on July 17, at the age of 71. Ralph was born on November 21, 1949, in New London, Conn., the fourth of nine children.

As a child Ralph grew up in Portsmouth, R.I., where his father was stationed in the Navy. The family moved back to Hardwick, Vt., when Ralph was a junior in high school. He attended and graduated from Hardwick Academy. Following graduation in 1968, Ralph joined the United States Army and over the next twenty years he was stationed throughout the United States, Korea, and Germany until he retired from military service in 1988. His many years in Germany always held a special place in his heart and provided a backdrop for a multitude of stories which he enjoyed recounting.

In October 1981, Ralph married the love of his life, Bonnie Gokey. They made their home together in El Paso. After retirement, Ralph continued his passion for learning, earning a bachelor's degree in education from the University of Texas El Paso. Ralph truly was a life-long learner, passionate about constantly pursuing knowledge. He was always available to answer trivia questions via phone calls when a family member was in need. The family would often joke that they would want him on their team of Trivial Pursuit. Like his father, he was an avid reader, enjoying books of all genres.

He could easily get lost in a good book for hours unless there was a Yankees baseball game on television. Ralph loved the New York Yankees; he loved to watch them play, celebrated all their wins, and suffered through all their losses. He was always ready to defend his beloved Yankees and particularly enjoyed discussing their triumphs during family reunions and bantering with family who were rival Red Sox fans.

His love of baseball started at a young age and he collected, traded, and amassed an impressive baseball card collection over his lifetime, in which he took great pride. Besides watching the game, Ralph also loved to play baseball and softball. He and his wife also



Ralph Arnold Devenger

spent their time together bowling and fishing. To his dismay, his love, Bonnie, passed away in 2004. He sought comfort in fishing at one of several of his sacred fishing holes in New Mexico where he would often escape to enjoy the outdoors. These pastimes and his passions were not lost as he introduced and passed them along to many of his children, grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

Ralph was predeceased by his mother, Helene (Pelletier) Devenger (1972), his brother Larry Devenger of Vermont in 1997, his wife Bonnie in 2004, his father Ralph Devenger of Vermont in 2016, his sister Beth Smith of Maryland in 2017, and his great grandson, Aiden Zander Goff. Ralph is survived by his daughters Tammie Brummett of Ohio, Colleen Powers of Nevada, and Jodi Rossik and Kimberly Ramirez, both of El Paso. He is also survived by his stepmother Jane (Benway) Devenger of Vermont; brothers Louis Taylor of Colorado, Lance Devenger of Texas, and JC Devenger of Maryland; sisters Louise Grimes of Colorado, and Dixie Mercier and Corinne Brochu, both of Vermont, along with numerous beloved grandchildren, nieces, and nephews, who he kept in touch with, despite the distance, over social media.

In lieu of a formal funeral, the family will honor Ralph's wishes by joining together this fall to celebrate his life and spread his ashes in a special place which held many of his best memories. In lieu of flowers, Ralph's daughters request instead that you honor him by donating to the El Paso Humane Society, a nonprofit that was near and dear to his heart. Their address is 4991 Fred Wilson Avenue, El Paso, Texas 79906.

JACQUELINE HUNT LOVETT

MILAN, Italy – Jacqueline Hunt Lovett of Greensboro, Vt. and Bonita Springs, Fla., died suddenly and peacefully Tuesday, July 13, in Milan, Italy.

Daughter of Ray and Ruth Hunt, Jackie was born April 10, 1948, in Chicago, Ill. She was a graduate of Proviso West High School and Western Illinois University. Professionally she worked as a systems engineer at United Airlines and IBM and, after the birth of her daughter in 1989, an IBM consultant. She reminisced fondly of her travel adventures with her mother and friends using United Air passes.

Jackie is survived by her husband of 34 years, Rick Lovett, daughter Beth Lovett and her husband Davide Nesa of Milan, Italy, brother Ron Hunt and his wife Betsy Hunt of Wheaton, Ill., sister Joan Hunt of Worcester, Mass., and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Jackie and Rick were residents of Upper Arlington, Ohio, for 30 years before retiring to Florida in 2013. In Columbus she particularly enjoyed her women's bowling league and was active as a board member and volunteer with the Columbus Museum of Art, Children's Hospital, Unverferth House and Covenant Presbyterian Church.

After Rick's early retirement from banking, they restored and remodeled many century-old homes in the Upper Arlington neighborhood of Columbus. Jackie had a natural talent for developing the floor plans and loved designing the kitchens and bathrooms.

Jackie cherished her time in Greensboro each year and



Jacqueline Hunt Lovett

despite not visiting until she met Rick, her love for Greensboro was genuine and deep. In Greensboro, she was a member of Mountain View Country Club, Greensboro United Church of Christ and the Greensboro Walking Ladies and an active volunteer with Greensboro Summer Music and the Greensboro Free Library.

Jackie loved entertaining and was the happiest when her house was full of family and friends. She was a compassionate, loving, caring person and was rarely seen without an enormous smile on her face. Her greatest joy was her family and she proudly celebrated her daughter's wedding the weekend before her death.

All are welcome to attend a graveside memorial service on August 12, at 3 p.m., at the Lincoln Noyes Cemetery, Greensboro, with a reception to follow at Mountain View Country Club.

Contributions in her memory may be made to the Greensboro United Church of Christ or to the Greensboro Free Library.

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ANNE SANGREE PARKE

GREENSBORO – Anne Sangree Parke, 92, died on July 29 at her home on Caspian Lake. She had been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer ten days earlier and spent that time saying goodbye to treasured friends and family.

Born in 1928 in Barre, Anne grew up in Wellsville, N.Y., and spent summers with her extended family on Spahr Road in Greensboro. She graduated from Smith College in 1950, then received a master's degree in sociology at Brown University, where she had a teaching fellowship teaching returning vet undergrads who were older than she was.

She "married an old friend" as she liked to say, Robert Parke Jr., in 1952 and moved to New Brunswick, N.J., where she taught sociology at New Jersey College for Women (now Douglas College). In 1959, she and Bob moved to Washington, D.C., where Anne joined the board of directors for the D.C. League of Women Voters. As a delegate to the national convention in Minneapolis the summer of 1962, she urged the convention to support D.C. voting rights and Congressional representation.

Anne and Bob bought a house in Virginia in the fall of 1962, and Anne was soon involved in cooperative preschools as carpool driver, mother's helper, admissions chairman, scheduler, newsletter editor and president. She found keeping 50 families and three teachers happy was good practice for her later job as a corporate paralegal, working for five attorneys. When her children graduated from preschool, Anne became active in the PTA and represented them on the Fairfax County Child Care Advisory Council. She worked avidly to encourage the county to offer training and support to private day care centers and homes. She also served on the Commission for Children, which led to the establishment of many after-school programs for elementary schools.

When her youngest child entered fourth grade, Anne went back to work part-time, first as a bookkeeper and then as a legal assistant on a patent infringement case. This prompted her to go back to school to earn a paralegal certificate and work at a large D.C. law firm, Crowell and Moring, for 14 years.

Anne and Bob enjoyed traveling in their retirement. When Bob died in 1998, Anne continued to travel with friends from Little River Congregational Church in Annandale, Va. When she traveled alone, she enjoyed Elderhostels,



Anne Sangree Parke

particularly in New Zealand.

In 2018, Anne moved to Copley Woodlands in Stowe. She continued to spend each summer in Greensboro and was a dedicated associate member of the Greensboro United Church of Christ.

Anne was a supporter of libraries, and an enthusiastic reader all of her life, enjoying the work of Isabel Wilkerson and Mary Oliver in recent years. She participated in a number of book groups and poetry groups, with friends old and new.

Anne cultivated sustaining relationships throughout her life and maintained a yearly gathering with her Smith friends until recently. She valued her friendships, and especially reveled in the loving relationships of family -- her siblings, children, grandchildren, and her beloved nieces and nephews. Anne was a source of love and support to the younger generations of her family, for whom she enjoyed hosting many holiday dinners over the years.

Survivors include Anne's siblings and their spouses, Hu and Gail Sangree of Watertown, Conn., and Jenny and David Stoner of Craftsbury Common. She was predeceased by her brother Charlie and his wife Betty of Maplewood, N.J. Anne is also survived by three children, Jenny of Baltimore, Md.; Robert of North Wilkesboro, N.C.; and Mary Meyer of Hardwick, as well as Mary's husband Andrew, and children Lila and Fenton.

A graveside service will be held for Anne on Saturday, August 7, at 1 p.m., at the Lincoln-Noyes Cemetery in Greensboro. In lieu of flowers, please consider a gift to the Jeudevine Memorial Library building fund, in Hardwick, or to the Greensboro UCC. Condolences and memories may be conveyed to Anne's family at dgfunerals.com.

AMY C. DUFRANE

JOHNSON – Amy Clara Dufrane, 91, of Johnson, formerly of Hardwick, passed away on Tuesday, July 27, in the comfort of her home with family at her side.

She was born August 1, 1929, in Hardwick, the daughter of the late Fredrick and Hazel (Besaw) Devenger. Amy attended Hardwick Academy.

She married to Gordon Bean, with whom she raised four active sons. She later married George Dufrane on January 5, 1979, in Hardwick.

In her earlier years, Amy was employed at the Hardwick Wear Knitters, Concord Manufacturing in Morrisville, and Benny's Restaurant in Hardwick. Following her marriage to George, they operated Benny's Restaurant until they retired. They made their home in Hardwick during the summer months and for more than 35 years they wintered in Florida. When her health began to fail and George had died, she returned to Vermont and made her home with her children. She was a member of the American Legion Post #7 Auxiliary in Hardwick for more than 53 years. She enjoyed visiting with everyone, Senior Activities at Out & About in Morrisville, puzzles, wintering in Florida. She especially loved her fur baby, Rambo.

Survivors include: two sons, David Bean and his wife, Charmaine, of Johnson; and Michael Bean and his wife, Leeann, of Waterville; many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was predeceased by her husband, George; two sons,



Amy C. Dufrane

Clarence Judkins Jr. and Gordon Bean; and two brothers, Ralph Devenger and Fred Devenger.

Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m., on Saturday, August 21, at the Fairview Cemetery in Hardwick with Rev. Dr. Evelyn Lavelli officiating.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory may be made to the American Heart Association, New Hampshire office, 2 Wall Street, Manchester, NH. 03101, or to the Alzheimer's Association, Vermont Chapter, P.O. Box 275, Winooski, VT. 05404.

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

RICHARD D. LECOIRS

HARDWICK – A Memorial Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m., on Saturday, August 14, at St. Norbert's Catholic Church in Hardwick for Richard D. LeCours, who died June 23, 2020.

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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.

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, August 6

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.

KIDS' FRIDAY, 11 a.m., with Lunchbox at 11:30 a.m. Hands-on learning each week, through August 25. Free lunch by the Green Mountain Farm to School Lunchbox, Old Stone House Museum, Brownington. Information: 802-754-2022, OldStoneHouseMuseum.org.

MYRA FLYNN, indie/soul singer, 6:30 p.m., Highland Center for the Arts, 2875 Hardwick St., Greensboro. Order your picnic dinner in advance when you purchase your tickets online and the dinner will be waiting for you when you arrive for the show. Pickup starting at 5 p.m. Information: highlandartsvt.org.

Sunday, August 8

BACK ROAD READINGS presents State Poet Mary Ruefle and author Julia Alvarez, 3 p.m., outside in a tent at the Highland Center for the Arts, Greensboro, 2875 Hardwick St. Reception and book signing follows. Information: backroadsreadings.org, highlandartsvt.org.

OLD STONE HOUSE DAY and Annual Meeting, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Meeting starts at 4 p.m. Old Stone House Museum & Historic Village, Brownington. Information: OldStoneHouseMuseum.org, 802-754-2022.

Monday, August 9

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.

GREENSBORO HISTORICAL SOCIETY hosts Gail Sangree and Reggy Day Gibson, speaking on Timothy Hinman and Hinman Settler Road, 7 p.m., Fellowship Hall, United Church of Christ, Greensboro.

Tuesday, August 10

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, August 11

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

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, oliveylin1@gmail.com or BreadandPuppet.org.

DONNA UNDERWOOD OWENS: The Animal Whisperer. Photographs of wild and domestic animals. Parker Pie Gallery, West Glover, through August 18.

CHARLIE EMERS, new art show, Third Floor Gallery in the Hardwick Inn called "Wheelbarrow Art."

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Ned Houston (left), president of the Craftsbury Public Library Board of Trustees; Liz Hoffman and her husband Ben Kubic (center), son of Leesa Fine, of Virginia; and Susan O'Connell, (right) Library Director; stand in the recently-completed addition built onto the library in memory of Leesa Fine. An opening celebration was held July 25.

"Juice" Quenches Thirst for R&B on August 1

ST. JOHNSBURY - Dog Mountain will be hot this weekend with a free live performance by the Boston boy band, Juice. Hosted by Catamount Arts, the Levitt AMP St. Johnsbury Music Series will present Juice on Sunday, August 1, at 5 p.m.

Funded in part by the Mortimer and Mimi Levitt Foundation of Los Angeles, Levitt AMP St. Johnsbury brings people together through the power of free live music every Sunday night through September 4.

Juice blends rock, pop, R&B, and hip-hop. The band features Ben Stevens (vocals), Christian Rose (violin, vocals), Kamau Burton

(vocals, acoustic guitar), Daniel Moss (guitar), Michael Ricciardulli (guitar), Rami El-Abidin (bass), and Miles Clyatt (drums), who have been playing together since they met in college in 2014. After graduating, the band recorded and released its first professional EP, 2018's "Workin' on Lovin'." With new music and two old minivans, the band hit the road almost non-stop for a year and a half of national touring.

For more information about Catamount summer programming, including the full Levitt AMP St. Johnsbury line-up, visit catamount-tarts.org.

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Composers Highlighted at August 23 Concert

GREENSBORO – Caspian Monday Music will present its second concert of the summer with “American Journeys” on Monday, August 23, at Highland Center for the Arts.

This concert will showcase music by U.S. composers, such as the New York-based Jessie Montgomery, as well as music by composers that were influenced and inspired by American culture. The program includes works by Bernhard Crusell, Bohuslav Martinu, and Antonin Dvorák.

The quartet by Crusell spotlights Igor Leschyshyn, the

principal oboist of the Kennedy Center. The cast includes violist Jessica Thompson from Daedalus Quartet; violist Melissa Reardon, artistic director of the Portland Chamber Music Festival, who will be coming to Vermont directly from finishing up the Festival in Maine with her husband, cellist Raman Ramakrishnan, and their son, Linus; violinist, violist, and conductor Sean Wang; and founding member of the Chiara Quartet, Gregory Beaver.

The bar and lawn open at 5 p.m., and the concert begins at 6 p.m.



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The staff of the “Get Thee to the Funnery” camp being held at the Highland Center for the Arts in Greensboro include Mariana Considine, Dory Hamm, Charlotte Thornley, Jonny Flood, Peter Gould, Brook Gentry and Eliza Kline.

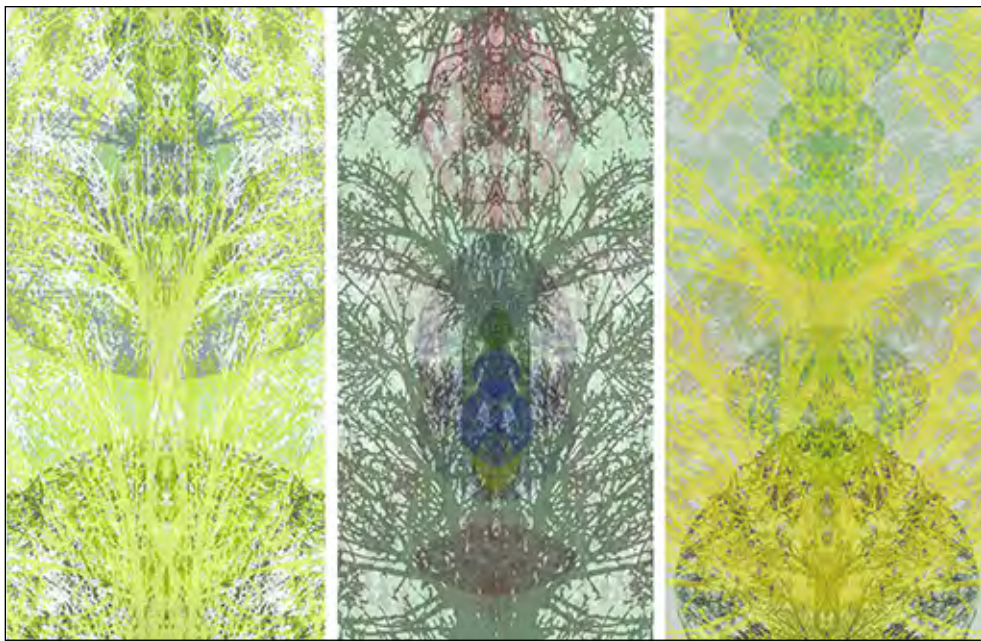
Funnery Camp Begins Again

GREENSBORO – Peter Gould’s “Get Thee to the Funnery” camp has begun its 24th summer session in the Northeast Kingdom. The Funnery’s new, and hopefully permanent, home is at the Highland Center for the Arts (HCA).

A group of new and old campers and staff are in residence, learning Funnery style, studying “A Midsummer Night’s Dream,” and taking on the issues of global warming and climate justice. The fairy queen Titania’s famous climate speech in Act 2 is often referred to as “Shakespeare’s letter to the Earth.”

“The Funnery” (gettheetothefunnery.com) is supported by Concept 2, the Vermont Arts Council, Vermont Humanities, the Green Mountain Fund, the Craftsbury Community Fund, and the Northeast Kingdom Fund. It is a youth leadership program stressing individual growth in the heart, the mind, the body, and the voice.

Final performances will be on Friday August 13, at HCA, and Saturday August 14, at the hundredth anniversary of Craftsbury Home Days on the Common.



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Patty Hudak’s “Botanical Ornaments” is one of the works on exhibit at the T.W. Good Gallery through August 28.

Botanical Ornaments by Patty Hudak at Nuquist Gallery

MONTPELIER – Patty Hudak will be exhibiting her large-scale installation, Botanical Ornament, at the T.W. Woods Nuquist Gallery from August 6 through October 30. The artwalk reception will be held August 6, from 4 to 8 p.m.

Hudak’s work is inspired by the woodlands of rural Vermont, which she transforms into her work, whether through drawing, painting, installation, or large-scale prints.

Botanical Ornaments, a fabric installation incorporating video and shadow projection, explores humanity’s role as a part of nature. The installation features two large painted fabric stages, which can

be entered from behind, giving the feeling of immersion within the painted surface. Projected shadows will give a further sense of dimensionality, and a blurring of boundaries. The installation is accompanied by three large scale prints.

Also on view in T.W. Wood Gallery’s Contemporary Hall is the Members Exhibition through August 27.

The Wood Gallery is open to the public Thursdays through Saturdays, noon to 4 p.m. Call (802) 262-6035 or email mcoleman@twwoodgallery.org for more information. Visit twwoodgallery.org for updates on visiting hours.

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The Romantics Present Concert on August 16

GREENSBORO – Caspian Monday Music will presents the first of its summer concert series with a program that includes Brahms' String Sextet 1 Op.18 and Schoenberg's Verklärte Nacht (Transfigured Night) Op.4 for string sextet (1899), performed by The Romantics, on Monday, August 16, at Highland Center for the Arts.

members of the Philadelphia Orchestra Juliette Kang, Priscilla Lee, and Burchard Tang. Thomas Kraines, cellist of the Daedalus Quartet, and Marcus Thompson, founding member of the Boston Chamber Music Society, join them, marking their first appearance at the Caspian Monday Music Festival.

Bar and lawn open at 5 p.m., The Romantics includes and the concert begins at 6 p.m.

First Night North Seeking Artists, Food Vendors

ST. JOHNSBURY – Preparations are already underway for First Night North 2022, beginning with the annual call to artists. St. Johnsbury's First Night North committee is accepting online applications now for family-friendly acts who'd like to perform Friday, December 31, as part of Vermont's favorite New Year's Eve performing arts festival.

First Night North began in 1993 and was modeled after Burlington's First Night festival. Attendance declined sharply in 2017 due to record-breaking cold temperatures, and the entire festival went online in 2020 due to COVID. Nevertheless, First Night North is busily planning its 29th festival, lining up musicians, dancers, comedians, puppeteers, storytellers, magicians, and more.

While First Night North relies year after year on a few eagerly anticipated tried-and-true acts, organizers always make room for new performances and have a history of adapting on the fly to unforeseen circumstances

First-time and former First

Night North artist candidates are welcome now to apply for a spot in this year's line-up. Applicants are asked to familiarize themselves with the following guidelines before filling out the online application in its entirety. Act content must be suitable for all ages. Artists may apply to perform one or two 45-minute sets. Artists are not required to perform two sets, but artists interested in doing so must indicate whether both sets will be identical or substantially different.

The deadline to apply is August 31. The First Night North Committee will make decisions based on act variety, venue availability and overall budget, and plan to notify applicants of their decision by September 15. To apply for one or two 45-minute performance slots at First Night North in St. Johnsbury on Friday, December 31, or to apply as a First Night North 2022 food vendor, use the following link to fill out the online form by August 31st: [//forms.gle/TsK1k91LT3op53eg9](https://forms.gle/TsK1k91LT3op53eg9). The link can also be find by visiting catamountarts.org.



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A public arts project to integrate the "honking tunnel" and the riverfront in St. Johnsbury is looking for proposals from Vermont artists.

Call to Artists: Public Art Project Aims to Animate St. Jay Honking Tunnel

ST. JOHNSBURY – Catamount Arts has issued a call to Vermont-affiliated artists for a public arts project designed to engage community and animate downtown St. Johnsbury. Three finalists will be selected to receive \$500 grants to create preliminary proposals. From the group of finalists, one artist will receive a \$10,000 grant to create and implement a final project proposal.

Vermont-affiliated artists should submit images and descriptions of past projects, bios/resumes and other support material in order to be considered for the project. The project involves the creation of a vibrant light- and art-filled passage to connect downtown St. Johnsbury and its riverfront, specifically from Railroad Street and Depot Square through the "honking tunnel" to the trailhead of the Three Rivers Bike Path on Bay Street, which leads to the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail.

The committee will consider proposals for traditional public arts projects such as outdoor murals and sculpture, but also for less traditional projects such as creative interpretive signs, art benches, bike racks, light and/or sound installations. Jurors will be interested in projects inspired by the history, culture, and scenic beauty of the area, which artists can learn about at discoverstj.com. Although artists working in all media are invited to apply, proposals for light installations to illuminate the "honking tunnel" are especially encouraged.

To apply, visit catamountarts.slideroom.com to upload images, videos, and audio submissions, as well as artist statements, bios, resumes and other support material to complete the application process. Please include any experience with public presentation and/or community engagement activities. Catamount Arts accepts online submissions only and does not have the capacity to accept submissions by any other method. A submission fee of \$25 includes a six-month membership to Catamount Arts. Submissions will be accepted through August 16, 2021, at midnight. No late submissions will be accepted.

Once the submission period closes at midnight on August 16, a review committee comprised of area curators, artists, and community activists will select three finalists to create preliminary proposals. Finalists will be notified via email by August 18. Each finalist will be awarded a \$500 grant and be invited to St. Johnsbury to participate in a community engagement event. Finalists may submit their preliminary proposals, including images and other related materials, anytime between August 18, 2021, at noon, and October 18, 2021, at midnight. Of the three finalists, one will be selected by January 15, 2022, to create and implement a final proposal. The selected finalist will be awarded a \$10,000 grant and work with project coordinators to design and fabricate their proposal for installation by early fall of 2022.



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A performer in the production of *Branche* lies on a branch as the audience walks through the woods at the Highland Center for the Arts. The Montreal production performed two shows on July 31.



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Acrobats make a three-person high pyramid topped with a guitar player during the performance of *Branche* held at the Highland Center for the Arts Saturday.



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Performing artists make a human pyramid during *Branche*, an outdoor show held at the Highland Center for the Arts July 31. The show is a collaboration between *Cirque Barcode* and *Acting for Climate*.

Mike Mains and the Branches Perform August 8

ST. JOHNSBURY – Alt-rock band Mike Mains and the Branches will play the Levitt AMP St. Johnsbury Music Series at Dog Mountain, Sunday, August 8, at 5 p.m.

This weekend, the series headliner is Mike Mains and The Branches, a pop-rock band based in Michigan. Since 2012, the group has earned a reputation for instrumentation and live performances. Mains began writing songs early in his career between shifts at a casino.

Band chemistry took off when founding members Mike and Shannon fell in love, got married, and minted the focal experience of the band’s music and lyrics. After releasing an EP and two full-length albums, they chose to partner with Tooth and Nail Records on their latest release, “When We Were in Love.”

The Levitt AMP St. Johnsbury Music Series brings free, family-friendly live music to Dog Mountain every Sunday through August 28, and Saturday, September 4. Concerts begin at 5 p.m., rain or

shine, and dogs are welcome. Parking is available on-site, including handicapped spaces, and carpooling is encouraged. Bar service will be provided by Kingdom Taproom and food served by Calex and Genuine Jamaican. Picnicking is welcome, but no outside alcohol is permitted. Patrons are encouraged to comply with evolving CDC COVID-safety guidelines.

The Levitt AMP St. Johnsbury Music Series is supported in part by the Mortimer & Mimi Levitt Foundation, a private foundation that partners with towns and cities across America to activate underused public spaces, creating thriving destinations where people of all ages and backgrounds come together through the power of free, live music. In 2021, free Levitt concerts will bring a broad array of musical experiences and high-caliber artists to communities nationwide. Learn more at levitt.org.

For more information about Catamount summer programming, including the full Levitt AMP St. Johnsbury line-up, visit catamountarts.org.

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YANKEE NOTEBOOK

“It’s Too Crowded!”

by Willem Lange

EAST MONTPELIER – “Nobody goes there anymore. It’s too crowded.” This gag is usually attributed to Yogi Berra, and he did confirm that he’d said it. But it was popular even before Yogi was born. It doesn’t matter; content is almost always more important than source; and this expresses perfectly the way I feel about Cape Cod and Martha’s Vineyard during holiday season. As the beleaguered doctor mutters to himself in Act V of “Macbeth,” “Were I away from Dunsinane and clear, profit again should hardly draw me here.” There are seaside mansions elsewhere on the island; but Vineyard Haven, where the ferries land, resembles a red ant hill that somebody has carelessly kicked open.

The producer, who has the unenviable job of coordinating all the moving parts – crew members, reservations, scripts, questions, meeting places, even AA batteries for the microphones – discovered that motel rooms on Martha’s Vineyard are going for about \$1,000 a night. So, we spent the night before in East Sandwich, at the Sandy Neck Motel.

The crew and I are here to film an episode with a program named FUEL – Foundation for Underway Experiential Learning, – a rather tortured acronym, but an interesting program. It uses the 154-foot, 170-ton schooner “Shenandoah” as its primary classroom. At the moment, there are thirty sixth-graders aboard, with their bedrolls, towels, toothbrushes – and even a few stuffed toys – ready to cruise the coast for a week, learning about the sea, ships, and life aboard. I envy them what they’re about to experience; but they radiate energy like little space heaters, and there’s probably nothing that could induce me to spend a whole week aboard with them.

Oftentimes, for shoots like these, I travel from central Vermont to rendezvous with the crew at the scene. But over the years of our operation, I’ve grown a bit foxy, and decidedly chary, of descending into the maelstrom of high-speed lunacy that begins just north of the Massachusetts border and intensifies at it funnels down toward the Sagamore Bridge and ferry landings. So, if I can, I

leave my car at the television station in Durham and hitch a ride with a crew member. Thus, I no longer have control over my fate, but I didn’t, anyway. So far, it’s worked. Much less stress.

The producer, who has the unenviable job of coordinating all the moving parts – crew members, reservations, scripts, questions, meeting places, even AA batteries for the microphones – discovered that motel rooms on Martha’s Vineyard are going for about \$1,000 a night. So, we spent the night before in East Sandwich, at the Sandy Neck Motel. The early ferry for the Vineyard leaves at 6:15, and we were told to be at the dock a half-hour early. So up at 4:15, ready to go at five; drop off two cars at a Park & Ride, and (whew!) the producer had the ticket ready. We’d gotten the last available slot. The vehicle deck resembled the inside of a sardine can.

After breakfast – two over easy, hash browns, and a cup of coffee (\$22) that I wouldn’t serve to a prisoner – we motored out to the “Shenandoah” in the harbor launch, climbed the boarding ladder, and took a look around. Beautiful ship! After years as a tourist vessel, she’s been turned over to FUEL for service as an educational venue. The kids came aboard, found their gear, and were assigned bunks below. Back on deck, with no wind in the offing and a hot, humid, smoky day ahead, they were introduced to a few commands and heaving in unison on a heavy line as they raised an old sail in a tent shape to shade the deck. Yachting types call it a bimini.

Then came lunch, served mess-style below (we took ours picnic-style on the deck). After lunch, just what I remember from my days as a camper at their age: quiet time. Then an around-the-circle introduction session – all the kids were from the island – followed by the long-awaited announcement, “The Captain has opened the pool. Go get your bathing suits on.”

I couldn’t believe how fearlessly those kids could swim. Over the side, maybe an eight-foot drop, swim to the boarding ladder, up over the bulwarks, and back up onto the rail for another go. Afterward, each got one dishpan of fresh water from a pump amidships to rinse with. We chatted with a few on camera. The ones who’d been here before said their favorite thing about the whole experience had been – the food! Ah, well. At least they were back, and happy to be there,

At length it was time for us to go if we were to catch our ferry. We got ashore about seven, and back to Durham a little after ten. I’d managed to score a veggie wrap on the boat. With another three hours to get home – it’d already been an 18-hour day – these old bones were ready for a motel room. I was clear of Dunsinane and would drive home in the morning with the sun behind me.

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IN THE GARDEN

Invasives and What to Do About Them

by Henry Homeyer

CORNISH FLAT, N.H. – Since ancient times, explorers have brought back seeds and plants from exotic lands. Some, like the apple, have been a boon to the citizens of their adoptive home. Others, like the notorious Japanese knotweed (a.k.a. bamboo), have been more headache than boon.

New England is blessed with a natural defense against some invasives: our winters. But many others have settled in and are taking over or trying to. It is up to us, the gardeners, to be responsible: we need to learn what the problem plants are, and we need to get rid of any we have growing on our property.

Invasive plants are those that reproduce rapidly and take over wild habitats, outcompeting the plants that Mother Nature provided, stealing light, water and nutrients from less aggressive plants. By definition, they are alien species, plants that have come here from other countries. These plants are often very good-

looking plants, but thugs.

Most invasives produce large numbers of seeds that are distributed by birds, by the wind, or by water. In most cases, invasives are also difficult to remove or eradicate once established and have extensive root systems that preclude simply pulling them up.

Back home, in their country of origin, most invasives have predators, insects or diseases that keep their numbers in check. They may have come inadvertently or been brought by well-intentioned people who thought they were pretty or had some use for them. Some, like burning bush, barberry, and Norway maple, have been introduced and sold because they are essentially



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Japanese Knotweed is an invasive that is almost impossible to dig out.

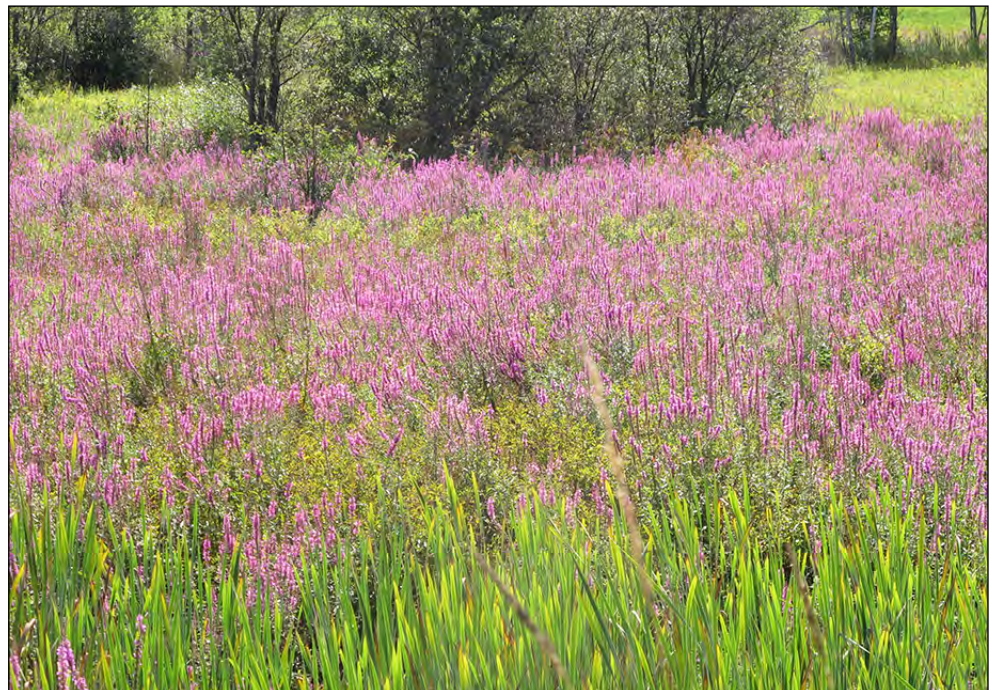
indestructible and pretty.

For starters, you can learn to identify the prohibited species in your state and eliminate them on your own land. Check with your local university extension service to obtain a list for your state.

Getting rid of invasives, however, may not be easy for two reasons: you may like the invasive species, and may have planted it before you knew better. Secondly, it may not be easy to eliminate, even with the use of herbicides (which you probably don't want to use anyhow).

The Norway maple, for example, is a lovely-looking tree that grows fast and survives well even in urban areas. It will grow in sun or partial shade and is not bothered by road salt. If you have one that is shading your house, I can understand why you might be unwilling to cut it down.

If you are a city dweller, you may assume that since there are no forests nearby, it shouldn't matter if you keep your Norway maple (or other invasive species). But it's not just wind or birds that distribute seeds. Runoff can carry seeds to an outlet in a natural environment. Seed from your tree can end up in streams, rivers, ponds. Thus, even city dwellers can make a difference, helping to control the propagation of this invasive tree by



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Purple loosestrife is beautiful but can take over a wetland. It will also grow in dry places, if given a chance.

cutting down theirs.

To see if maple trees growing wild near you are Norway maples, do this simple test: snap off a leaf at its attachment point, and look at the stem. If it oozes a milky sap, it's a Norway maple. The leaves also tend to be broader and larger

the expertise to do it.

If your woods are full of small seedlings of invasive trees or shrubs, you may wish to get a tool for pulling saplings called a weed wrench. This tool has a gripping mouth-like part, and a long handle to provide the leverage. A weed



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'Crimson King' Norway maple looks great, but out-competes our native maples in the forest.

than sugar or red maple leaves.

For organic gardeners, getting rid of invasives is not easy. For herbaceous weeds, think lawnmower. Once you have the stalks (and as much of the root mass as possible removed), plant grass seed. Mow it every week and the roots will not be get recharged. Stems will continue to grow for years, but if you mow it, you can win.

Digging the stump of an invasive shrub like barberry, bush honeysuckle or burning bush is a pain in the neck, but you probably can do it. Digging the stump of a large Norway maple is not practical. But there are folks with backhoes and stump grinders, and

wrench of the proper size allows a 150-pound office worker to pull out shrubs and small trees that otherwise would not be possible to yank.

Why bother digging out invasives? You may decide to do it for the sake of your grandchildren, or for the environment. Even in states with good laws prohibiting the sale of invasive plants, no one can force you to cut down or pull out your invasive plants. But being a little selfish is okay, too. Think of all the great plants you can buy and plant if you get rid of those invasives. And think how wonderful it would be if wildflowers and native plants started flourishing in your woods.



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There are several brands of weed wrenches that can help to pull small trees and shrubs.

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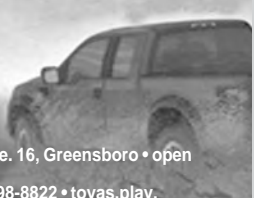
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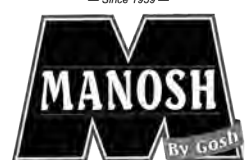
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SPORTS

Craftsbury Adventurers Journey On

by Jim Flint

APPALACHIAN GAP, THE LONG TRAIL – Joe Krebs did not want to say goodbye on Sunday to his brother, sister, and dad. But the eight-year-old from Craftsbury understood that leaving the hike was the right thing to do. He also knew in his heart that he would be back to complete the 273-mile Long Trail.

On August 1, Matt Krebs noticed that his enthusiastic young son was starting to limp. After a sunny day on Saturday, raindrops had begun to fall. Temperatures were in the fifties. The mountain weather was cause for immediate concern. After backpacking 162.9 miles in 16 days, Joe's ankle needed a rest.

Joe began his Long Trail backpacking odyssey on July 16 at the Massachusetts-Vermont border. He is hiking with his brother Charlie, 16, his sister Ruth, 14, and his father Matt, 48. The Krebs average ten miles of hiking a day. Their goal is to reach Journey's End, at the Canadian border, on August 12.

Alyssa Krebs arrived at Lincoln Gap on Thursday evening, July 29, to meet her husband Matt and the children. The 14.2-mile trek that day spurred appetites. After tacos and ice cream in Waitsfield, the family returned home to their own beds in Craftsbury. Friday, July 30, was scheduled as a rest day from hiking.

On Friday evening, the Krebs drove back to the Mad River Valley.

They stayed together at the Swanson Inn, a lodging that caters to hikers and backpackers. Saturday morning's breakfast of French toast, strawberries, bacon, and challah bread provided plenty of fuel for the day's expedition.

Alyssa's dad, Hal Moore, left Hopkinton, Mass., at 5:15 a.m. on Saturday. He was waiting for his grandchildren and Matt when they arrived at Lincoln Gap at 9 a.m. The cool and sunny day was ideal for climbing Mount Abraham, elevation 4,016 feet. Equipment challenges, however, would require some creative problem-solving.

When Ruth unloaded her backpack from the car, she noticed that the pack was wet. Her water reservoir bag had a small puncture. Matt temporarily repaired the leak with duct tape. Alyssa replaced the water reservoir the next day. Later Saturday, one of the special plastic bags used for water filtration also broke. A family that the Krebs met on the trail had an extra bag that they gave to the Krebs.

"This is the kind of generosity that often happens among backpackers," said Alyssa. "It brings the emotion of gratitude close to the surface."

The Krebs camped with the other family at Stark's Nest, located at the top of one of the Mad River Glen chair lifts. Joe enjoyed playing with the family's 11-year son. This was a rare time of socializing on the trail with someone closer to his age. When darkness fell, the Krebs climbed into their



photo by Matt Krebs

From left to right, Ruth, Joe, and Charlie Krebs take in a chilly sunrise at the summit of the ski lift at Mad River Glen on Sunday, August 1. The Krebs siblings and their dad Matt use the hiking poles in the foreground to maintain balance while backpacking on the Long Trail.

tarp tent. The tent has a unique one-piece design to keep water and splatter away from the edges.

"The three kids have formed a very visible bond on the hike," said Alyssa. "Matt is a contingency planner by nature, with a careful eye to the details. He has set the kids up for success."

On Sunday morning, Matt called Alyssa to share that Joe's ankle was bothering him. Matt arranged for the owners of the Swanson Inn to pick him and the young hikers up at the Appalachian Gap. By the time the Krebs hiked out to Route 17, steady rain was again coming down.

Alyssa made the trip from Craftsbury back to the Mad River Valley to meet Matt and the children. She and Joe drove Matt, Charlie, and Ruth back to the Appalachian Gap to continue on. Charlie and Ruth waved to Joe as they disappeared back into the woods.

"Joe sobbed until Montpelier," said Alyssa. "He missed them and wanted to stay, but he talked himself through it. By the time we reached Woodbury, he was fast asleep."

"I like being out in the woods, enjoying the wilderness and the forest," said Joe on Monday. "My ankle is better now. I plan to get back on the trail tomorrow (Tuesday) at Route 2 in Waterbury. I want to go back after we finish and do the section that I missed."

During their Long Trail journey, the Krebs are enjoying *The Hobbit*, by J.R.R. Tolkien. Charlie is reading the children's classic aloud to Ruth and Joe.

When Joe left the trail on Sunday, the Krebs had just finished Chapter Six, "Out of the Frying Pan – Into the Fire." This is the part in the story where Bilbo Baggins and the dwarves journey through the Misty Mountains. The adventurers have nothing to eat and are hungry. They slide down a stony slope in the darkness. The timeless story of resilience holds parallels to the Krebs' journey on the Long Trail.

"The eagles carried Bilbo Baggins to safety," Joe shared. "He met up with Gandalf again. They escaped the wolves and the goblins."



photo by Matt Krebs

Ruth Krebs of Craftsbury carries dry foods in her backpack. Foods are carefully chosen to average 100 calories per ounce. Each backpacker consumes 1-1/2 to two pounds of dry food per day when hiking the Long Trail. Food is resupplied every three to four days at road crossings.

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JIM FLINT'S RUNNERS' ROUNDUP



Left, Mack Gardner-Morse, of Calais, won the men's 60-69 age group at the Barre Heritage Trail Race on July 31. Gardner-Morse crossed the finish line in 25:15 to place fifth of 40 finishers.

Right, Tim Hogeboom of Walden celebrates after winning the men's 70-79 age group at Saturday's Barre Heritage Trail Race. Hogeboom won a bag of coffee for his efforts. He completed the 5k course in 30:04.

photos by Jim Flint



Purrier St. Pierre Advances at Olympic Games

TOKYO – Vermonter Elle Purrier St. Pierre qualified on August 1 for the women's 1500m semi-finals in the Olympic track and field competition. An enthusiastic crowd gathered in Purrier St. Pierre's hometown of Montgomery for a watch party Sunday evening. They cheered on the 2013 Richford High School graduate and former University of New Hampshire All American.

Purrier St. Pierre competed in the second of three first-round heats. Her goal was to finish among the top six runners in her heat. The top six runners from each heat, plus the eight fastest runners not finishing in the top six of their heat, advance to the 1500m semi-finals on August 4.

Purrier St. Pierre ran a solid and consistent race. She expended just enough energy to place third of 15 athletes in her heat. Her 1500m time was 4:05.34. The top six finishers in Purrier St. Pierre's heat were separated by just a third of a second.

The favorite in the heat, Hassan Sifad, of the Netherlands, faced a near calamity just before the bell sounded on the last lap of the race. Sifad was coasting comfortably in 11th place when the runner in front of her tripped and fell.

Sifad was thrown to the track by her momentum, as she tried to leap over the fallen athlete. She quickly got up and regained her stride but found herself 20 meters behind the next closest runner, and further back still from the leaders.

Sifad turned on her speed and outran 11 runners, including Purrier St. Pierre, to win the heat.

Twenty-six of the 45 competitors advanced to the semi-final round on August 4. In addition to Purrier St. Pierre, her USA teammates Cory McGee and Heather Maclean also qualified for the semifinals. The first five finishers in each semifinal heat, plus the next two fastest runners will qualify for the women's 1500m finals on August 6.

Tuesday Trail Races Heat Up

CRAFTSBURY – The Tuesday Night Trail Race Series at the Outdoor Center has not missed a week this summer. Runners have a choice of 3k or 5k distances, while mountain bikers can choose to compete in 5k or 10k races. The 5k running races have seen the largest turnouts. Here are the highlights for Week Five through Week Nine:

Ollie Burruss outsprinted Ethan Dreissigacker to the finish line at the June 29 5k trail run. Their respective times were 24:34 and 24:35. In the women's division, Kaitlyn Miller edged out Anna Schulz, 27:21 to 27:30. Adrian Owens (26:32) and Rose Modry (31:16) were the top Masters (age 40+) finishers.

Ethan Dreissigacker held off Adrian Owens, 24:57 to 25:10, to win the July 6 trail race. Anna Schulz (25:29) and Emma Podolin (26:18) placed third and fourth. Rose Modry finished in 31:16.

Ollie Burruss won the July 13 trail race in a time of 22:39. Sam Brunnette placed second in 23:20. Brunnette was the first runner in

Plymouth State College history to earn NCAA Division III All American honors in cross country. He graduated in 2019.

Winter Olympian Ida Sargent topped the women's field at the July 13 trail race. She finished in 26:34. Adrian Owens (25:54) and Cydney Terrone (30:34) were the top male and female Masters runners.

Sam Brunnette won the July 20 trail race in 21:38. Alec Jacobson was the runner-up in 23:26. Kaitlyn Miller (25:00) and Anna Schulz (26:01) placed first and second in the women's division. Adrian Owens (24:50) and Sarah Robertson (28:18) were the top male and female Masters runners.

Ethan Dreissigacker challenged Sam Brunnette at the July 27 contest. Brunnette outlasted Dreissigacker, 25:36 to 26:05 for the win. Kaitlyn Miller (26:22) and Anna Schulz (27:01) repeated as the top two women racers. Cydney Terrone was the top female Masters finisher. Her time was 31:35.

The 13-week Tuesday Trail Series began on June 1 and will end on August 24. Mountain bikers start at 5:45 p.m. Runners start at 6 p.m. Registration information is available at craftsbury.com.

Local Runners Hit the Quarry Trails

BARRE – Mack Gardner-Morse, of Calais, led the way among local runners at the Barre Heritage Festival Trail Race, on July 31. The 5k event was held on the historic Millstone Trails, in Websterville. The mostly single-track course looped through the abandoned granite quarries of the Barre Town Forest.

Gardner-Morse, 60, placed fifth out of 40 finishers. His time was 25:15. Mack's brother, Shawn Gardner, 58, from Dallas, Texas, garnered family bragging rights. He placed third in 24:14. Seth Jackson, 31, from Montpelier won the race, in 21:36.

Anna Kaigle, 18, from Milton, was the speediest female runner. She placed seventh overall in 26:23. Allyson Mill, 19, of Plainfield was the top woman finisher from towns covered by the Hardwick Gazette. She placed 22nd, in 31:14.

Mark Howard, 59, of Marshfield placed 14th overall. He crossed the line in 29:15. Howard coordinates the Groton Forest Trail Run, which took a year off during the pandemic. The iconic event is back on for September 11, 2021, with a choice of 26.5-mile, 15-mile, and 10k distances. The registration link is available at cvrunters.org.

Tim Hogeboom, 70, from Walden, joined Mack Gardner-Morse and Shawn Gardner in winning their respective age groups. Hogeboom placed 18th overall, in 31:04. "I huffed and puffed a little on the hills," said Hogeboom.

Hogeboom and his wife, Elizabeth McCarthy, are training to run in the Colorado Marathon. The downhill 26.2-mile race is scheduled for October 24, in Fort Collins, Colo. The race is a Boston qualifier.

Richard Wiswall, 64, of Plainfield, and Michelle Gullage, 41, of Adamant, rounded out the finishers from towns covered by the Hardwick Gazette. Their respective times were 30:57 and 35:59.

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One-Two Punch Leads to July Championship

by Patrick Hussey

GREENSBORO – It was a battle of points in the July Championship last week at Mountain View Country Club and, in the end, one team stood above the rest.

It was a one-two punch that led the foursome of Dennis Pudvah, Karl Ferland, Dave Campbell and Richard Coolbeth to the winners' podium in the monthly championship. The first blow came from Ferland, who shot a 48 and came on strong down the stretch to finish plus five in points.

Ferland was only at a plus one going into the final three holes, but he put the pedal to the metal, parring both seven and nine to quickly add another four points to his total. Meanwhile, his partner, Dave Campbell, was doing all his damage early on.

Three consecutive bogies on the first three holes had Campbell firing out of the gates. That put him at plus one early on and he didn't let up. He parred the fifth hole and got a bogey on seven to complete one of his best rounds of the summer. Campbell finished at plus four with his 52, a round that was seven strokes better than his average.

With Pudvah making his points and Coolbeth coming up just two shy of his, the winning team ended plus seven to win by a whopping six points over the three teams that tied for second place. Golfers must meet a quota of points based on their handicap, and it's



courtesy photo

After a wet round of golf last week, a special presentation was given to Mike Nixon (holding envelope), who won the 2021 Masters Tournament pool. Nixon was given the rotating trophy and had his green jacket placed on him by last year's winner, Bob Blake, right. Joining in on the ceremonies are (left to right) John Sperry, Dave Burnham and Mike Clark.

three points for a birdie, two for par and one point for a bogey.

A total of 26 golfers came out to compete in the July Championship despite dealing with a steady rain throughout the round.

After posting his 48, Ferland added to his accomplishments by also winning the low net title, finishing with a net 31. He was three strokes better than Campbell to win that title. He also won first place with the best plus

points round of the evening, just outpacing Campbell and Richard Brochu for that title.

Three teams settled for a second-place tie at plus one. The foursome of Dan Mencucci, Brad Ferland, John Sperry and Dan Gauthier got there, as did the group including Tyson Davison, Ian Drown, Jim Bellavance and Randy Bellavance. The final group at plus one was the threesome of Richard Brochu,

Mike Clark and Pat Hussey.

Joe Mulligan posted the low round of the evening, shooting a 39. Not one player posted a closest to the pin on any of the four holes. The threesome of Danny Rogers, David Rogers and Doug Allen ended up even points. Rob Montgomery, Mulligan, Nate Brown and Ivan Menard finished at minus one, as did Bill Richardson, Pete DesChamps, Marcus Brown and Jefferson Tolman.

Golfers Develop Strategies for Latest Challenge

by Patrick Hussey

GREENSBORO – It was another test of every golfer's short game on July 21, at Mountain View Country Club.

One of the 10 keys to scoring in golf for the average golfer is to get the ball in the hole in no more than three strokes once you get inside 100 yards. So that was the challenge last week: least amount of strokes inside of 100 yards.

Joe Mulligan used a strategy of sacrificing length off the tee box for putting the ball just outside 100 yards with his drive. It worked for him even though he admitted he didn't have his best round. He still shot the low round of the evening with a 39, however.

He also won the stroke competition, needing just 22 strokes over nine holes once he was inside 100 yards. He narrowly beat out Bill Jenkins for the crown as Jenkins ended with 23 strokes in a round of 42.

Of the 24 golfers on this humid afternoon, 11 reached the goal of 27 strokes or less. Once all the totals were gathered up, it was decided to run a random draw to form teams. All the people with low strokes were put in one hat, and the higher numbers went into a second hat. Two names were drawn out of each hat to form foursomes.

The winning group randomly drawn was the foursome of Richard Brochu and John Stone, who had 27 and 25 strokes, respectively, and Brad Ferland (28) and Pete DesChamps. As a team, they averaged 27.5 strokes. The night was declared the Midseason Championship, so they take that title home with them.

Behind them in second was the foursome of Kip Doyon (28) and Mike Clark (26), paired with Karl Ferland (30) and George Gattone (30). They averaged 28.5 strokes. They barely beat out the threesome of Dan Hudson (26), Pat Hussey (25), and Dennis Pudvah (31), who

ended up averaging 28.59 because they took an average high score to make up their fourth person.

Back in fourth were Dan Miko (26), Carl Edwards (25), Richard Coolbeth (34) and Dan Gauthier (31), averaging 29. They just got by John Sperry (25), Mulligan (22), Dave Campbell (37) and Bill Richardson (33) at 29.25.

Rowdy Doyon ended up posting the low net round, shooting a 45 and netting a 30. He just beat out DesChamps for the title, who also shot 45 and netted a 31.

It was tough getting on the greens for closest last week. No one got on the third green or the eighth green in two. But Dan Miko took closest on both five and nine. He landed his drive eight feet, two inches from the pin on five to beat out DesChamps there.

Then on nine, he landed his approach 15 feet, seven inches from the pin to nose out Kip Doyon for the award by three inches.

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Hardwick FC Edges Top-Ranked Williamstown

by Harry Besett

HARDWICK – Hardwick FC travelled to Williamstown to face number-one-ranked Salt Hill Pub this past Sunday. The drizzly weather created a slick playing surface that both teams used to their advantage to possess the ball in the middle of the field.

Undefeated Salt Hill proved to be a worthy adversary for Hardwick as neither team had any clear cut chances in the first half, which ended in a scoreless tie.

Both teams came out aggressively to start the second half, pushing to win the game. As the rain increased and the pressure

started to build, the momentum started to swing Salt Hill's way. The best opportunity for the game for either team came for Salt Hill, as good passing in the final third found an open player at the top of the 18-yard box who found a low hard shot that glanced off the outside of the post. With 15 minutes left Hardwick regrouped and tried to fight back, but it was Salt Hill who would find another great chance when they drove down the side of the pitch and crossed the ball in the air to find the head of their striker who was unmarked in the center of the six-yard box. Fortune favored Hardwick though as, despite being three feet from goal, the striker's header somehow carried five feet over the crossbar. As pressure on both teams continued to rise, Hardwick was able to create a chance of their own when Walker McAllister got the ball inside his own half and

dribbled down the right flank all the way to the end line. He found a cross diagonally back up across the box to Jake Clark who tipped the ball to the left side of the box for John Kimball who took the chance and smashed it into the bottom right corner off the post and into the back of the net to put Hardwick ahead 1-0.

Hardwick managed the last six minutes of the game well and kept the play in the middle of the field to seal the win and extend their record to 5-2-1.

The win will be a huge boost to Hardwick's confidence as they prepare to enter the playoffs on Sunday. Hardwick FC finish the regular season tied for second in the league with Chelsea FC, but end up ranked third on goal differential. Hardwick earned a home playoff game and will face the sixth-ranked team on Sunday at 10 a.m.

20 Runners Self-Time at Caspian Challenge Lake Run

GREENSBORO – The tenth annual Caspian Challenge lake run 5K was off to a muddy start last Sunday, July 25, but the walkers and runners were in high spirits as they took off. Due to the pandemic, participants started when they wished and self-timed.

Approximately 20 people, young and no-so-young, locals and visitors, braved the rainy morning, completed the routes, and left with a drawing bag containing randomly drawn prizes.

Sponsors this year included Essential Oils by Becky Arnold, Greensboro Garage, Highland Lodge, Hill Farmstead Brewery, Hillcrest Nursery, Jasper Hill Farm, Miller's Thumb, Mountain View Country Club, Skida Headwear and Accessories, and Willey's Store. Registration revenue will be benefit Greensboro's walkability-bikability project.

The event will be back to normal next July 31, 2022, with official timing and bibs, and prizes for winners in various categories.

Thunder Road Enduro Postponed to Sunday, August 8

BARRE – Mother Nature pulled a clean sweep of the Thunder Road racing weekend by forcing the postponement of Sunday's Enduro 200 and Street Stock Special. The event has been rescheduled for Sunday, August 8, at 6 p.m.

Forecasters expect rain showers to start in the Central Vermont area by mid-afternoon. The rain's severity is expected to increase throughout the evening with a significant chance for thunderstorms. Thunder Road officials determined that this combination would create a potentially unsafe environment for drivers and fans. As such, the decision was made to push the program back one week.

All advance tickets purchased for the Enduro will be honored on the make-up date. Anyone with advance tickets who cannot attend the make-up date must contact the Thunder Road office by Friday, August 6, to receive a refund. These people can call (802) 244-6963 ext. 4 or email tb@thunderroadvt.com

Thunder Road Races Postponed to September 10

BARRE – Thunder Road officials have postponed the races that were scheduled for Thursday, July 29 due to a rainy forecast. The event is now slated for Friday, September 10, at 7 p.m.

The card of events will remain the same, with all four divisions plus the Port-A-Potty Grand Prix. The contestants in the Port-A-Potty Grand Prix will remain the same despite the date moving.



photo by Vanessa Fournier
Trevor Smith, 10, of Hardwick, dribbles toward the basket guarded by Maleiaha Ainsworth (right), 10, of Waterbury, as coach Aaron Hill watches during the 20th Annual Hazen Hoop Camp held last week. Thirty-three attended from grades 3-9.

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