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## As School Start Approaches, COVID Delta Begins to Surge

by Doug McClure

HARDWICK – In the past few weeks, the emergence of the Delta variant in Vermont has aided by vaccine hesitancy and low vaccination rates among the youngest populations in both Caledonia and Orleans Counties.

Vermont reported new 89 cases on Monday, matching Friday's 89 cases, but not Sunday's 101 cases. The last time Vermont case numbers hit those levels was

at the end of April and in early May. As of Monday, Orleans County had reported 51 new cases and Caledonia 23 in the last two weeks.

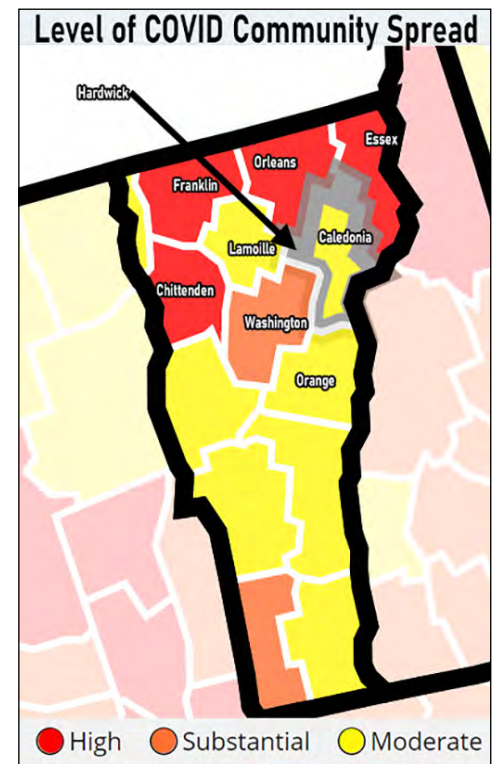
While state officials have continued to remain sanguine that Vermont's overall high vaccination rate will prevent the severity of Delta seen elsewhere, at least one Vermont city has changed its stance.

Burlington Mayor Miro Weinberger issued a statement on Friday in which said he is "re-

commending that Burlingtonians and visitors wear masks in public indoor spaces regardless of their vaccination status until Chittenden County returns to a moderate risk of transmission per the CDC." Weinberger said that part of his decision was due to an increase in hospitalizations in Vermont to 12, a number that as of Monday had nearly doubled to 20, with 8 in the ICU, according to the state.

As of Monday, the CDC classified Orleans County as "high-risk" for COVID spread, and Washington County as "substantial," both within CDC guidelines recommending masking indoors for both vaccinated and unvaccinated.

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Visualization via [CDC.gov/covid-data-tracker](https://www.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker)  
COVID community spread in Vermont counties, updated as of Sunday, August 8.

## CUD Gets More Detailed About Broadband Plans

by Doug McClure

HARDWICK – At the August 5 select board meeting, the board received an update from NEK Community Broadband (NEKCB) Communications Union District (CUD) Vice Chair Kristen Fountain and Hardwick representative to the CUD Paul Fixx. The two sought to provide as many specifics as they publicly could.

The CUD now needs to be more careful about the level of detail it makes public, the two said. It had found itself potentially competing with private sector companies it had previously believed it could rely on for a symbiotic relationship. Fountain called it a "learning experience." Fixx said, "Effectively, commercial interests seem to be looking to leverage our ability to get grants to make them more profitable."

CUDs are the primary strategy Vermont is using to get broadband to the large percentage of residents who do not have broadband meeting the minimum federal standard of 25MBit up/3MBit down (25/3). The structure works as a municipality under Vermont law, meaning it cannot take taxpayer dollars and does not seek to be for-profit.

Fountain said that the big news was that the National Telecommunications

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## Conservation Commission Begins Work on Projects

by Doug McClure

HARDWICK – After being slowed by COVID, the newly-created Hardwick Conservation Commission is starting to get moving on what Norma Wiesen described as important projects.

A main charge for the commission is creating a natural resources inventory for the town. Unlike some other towns, no such tabulation of Hardwick's natural resources exists. The other, more immediate issue is the approaching threat of emerald ash borers.

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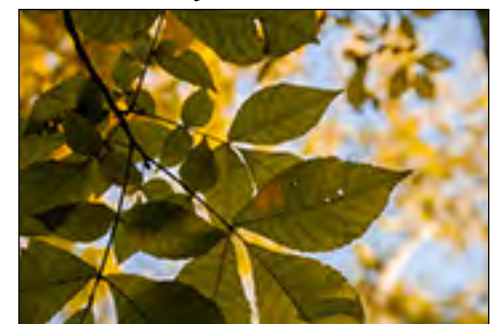


photo by Marta Wave via Pexels  
Local ash trees like this one are under threat. The Hardwick Conservation Commission is developing a response to tree-killing emerald ash borers and is sponsoring a walk to educate people about the trees and the insects this Saturday.



photo by Vanessa Fournier

This building across from Hay's garage in Hardwick was recently purchased by Herb Thayer of Walden. The building is being renovated by his company, Thayer Building & Roofing.

## Chief Cochran Raises Concerns with Sen. Sanders

by Doug McClure

MONTPELIER/HARDWICK – At last week's select board meeting, police Chief Aaron Cochran re-iterated what he said were concerns typical of any small police force in Vermont regarding Hardwick Police Department's (HPD) ability to attract and retain good-quality officers for the job.

Chief Cochran is not alone in sharing those concerns. Last Friday, Acting U.S. Attorney for Vermont Jonathan Ophardt expressed his own concerns in a media brief.

Ophardt said in his statement, "Vermont has a police requirement and retention crisis," attributing that in part to "how our police officers continue to be tasked on a daily basis ... functioning as interventionists and mental health crisis responders." He stated that "We want reasonable and rational police officers dedicated to serving their communities

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Mieke Riddlebarger (left) face-paints a butterfly on Piper Haggis-Haak from Craftsbury during the 5th Vermont Blueberry Festival held at the Craftsbury Farmers Market on July 31.

**Surge**

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Caledonia and Lamoille Counties were still classified as “moderate risk.”

Hardwick Town officials did not respond to a request for comment as to whether the town is evaluating a return to stronger guidelines.

School is slated to start at Hazen Union on August 30. At the close of last year, Hazen Union students spoke of two essential themes regarding their school year: appreciation for the considerable high wire act the school had performed to try to keep the year as normal as possible and, for those students looking forward to another year, the hope of not wearing masks.

Last week, the Vermont Agency of Education (AOE) issued a two-page memo in which it makes limited recommendations about adjustments to school operations. The memo does not mention the Delta variant.

The memo begins by expressing a goal to “maintain full in-person instruction throughout the school year. We will work to continue to transition to a point in time when addressing COVID-19 is more like managing the impacts and disruptions of seasonal influenza.”

It repeats the guidance from previous school years of staying home when sick but does not contain the same degree of masking recommendations.

“To allow school districts time to calculate the percentage of currently eligible students who have received two doses of a two-dose vaccine, schools should require universal masking for all students and staff when indoors for the first 10 instructional days

of the school year. Currently, all Vermonters ages 12 and older are eligible to be vaccinated.”

The memo states that after the initial ten-day period, masks should no longer be required “for all those eligible for vaccination when the vaccination rate... is equal to or greater than 80% of the school’s current eligible population.”

According to state data, the vaccination rates for children in Orleans County is below 50%. Those 12-15 years of age are 45.4% vaccinated, and children 16-17 45.6%. Caledonia County has higher rates, with 12-15-year-olds 54.2% vaccinated, and children 16-17 at 62%. The Orleans Southwest Supervisory Union held a vaccination clinic on Tuesday, August 10.

In cases where children are too young to receive vaccinations (those under twelve), the AOE stated masks “should be required indoors” but “may be removed when needed for instructional operational purposes.” Per federal requirements, children are required to wear masks on buses.

Orleans Southwest Supervisory Union Superintendent Adam Rosenberg said that he will be issuing a statement in the coming days. Lamoille North Supervisory Union (LNSU) Superintendent Catherine Gallagher said in an August 9 letter that LNSU “has more questions than answers” based on the AOE guidance, and “It will be necessary for all students and staff to wear a mask while indoors until further notice.” Lamoille South Supervisory Union Superintendent Ryan Heraty said that many questions remain unanswered, “mainly around the logistics of how some of these measures are implemented. For example, how a school determines the 80% vaccination rate.”



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# POLICE REPORT

## Hardwick Police

### Media Log Summary

August 3: Weapons Offense; Accident, Property Damage Only, Mill St.; Citizen Dispute, Riverside Ter.

August 4: Suspicious Event, Main St.; Assist – Other, Wolcott St.; Directed Patrol, Porter Brook Rd.; Directed Patrol, Riverside Ter.

August 5: Assist – Agency, Vt. Rte. 16; Directed Patrol, Glenside Ave.

August 6: Traffic Stop, Bridgman Hill Rd.; Suspicious Event, W. Church St.

August 7: Suspicious Event, W. Church St.

August 8: Citizen Dispute, Vt. Rte. 14 S; Assist – Agency, High St.

August 9: Directed Patrol, Glenside Ave.; Traffic Stop, Vt. Rte. 16.

## AWARE Report

HARDWICK – AWARE served 12 survivors of domestic and sexual violence from August 1 through August 8. AWARE is a nonprofit organization, established in 1984, dedicated to

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

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

## Concerns

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for the right reasons. But reasonable and rational people are thinking twice about whether to take an oath of service and join the ranks of law enforcement.”

Chief Cochran has previously raised more detailed examples about HPD’s difficulty in attracting new officers, and also previously had made comments similar to Ophardt’s about how police officers are expected to play far more roles than ever before.

Cochran said at the board meeting that he took an opportunity to sit down with Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-VT) for forty minutes to discuss the problems with recruitment and retention that are taking an outsized toll on small departments like HPD.

Chief Cochran said, “I don’t think [that] a lot of areas, even in Washington, realize how small we are, and how things have affected us. Hopefully, the time I took with [Sen. Sanders] will be beneficial to smaller towns and smaller agencies.”

The Chief told the select board that HPD had posted the job for what he has previously described as a critical fourth full-time officer. One issue related to recruitment and retention Chief Cochran spoke to Vermont Senator Sanders about was what salaries towns could offer, which Chief Cochran said were “not good.”

He said of Sanders’ reaction, “I think he almost had a heart attack when I told him what [the pay] was.”

He said that recruitment and retention was not just an issue for police, but also for

other first responders, which in this area are mostly volunteer-driven, such as fire departments and the rescue squad.

Chief Cochran said that “[Sen. Sanders] has always been very responsive.”

In Ophardt’s statement, he said, “A reduction in recruitment and an increase in departures has a broader impact than simply the number of officers available to patrol and respond. Departments will be forced to reduce their numbers of detectives, transforming police departments further from crime solvers to crisis responders and crime documenters. A reduction in capable investigatory capacity will reduce the detection of sophisticated and covert criminal activity. An atrophy of experienced officers will diminish training capacity and deprive departments of capable leaders.”

He said that he was “deeply concerned about a shift to private security and a competition for the services of sheriffs, as it would imply that security in Vermont will only be provided to those citizens and communities who can afford to pay for it.”

As Chief Cochran concluded his select board report, he added that the department had needed to order more of the opiate overdose reversal drug Narcan. He attributed the increase in HPD’s Narcan use partly to a change in the drugs being used.

“We’re seeing a lot more fentanyl than we actually are heroin. Two to three years ago, one dose [of Narcan] would bring somebody out of that drug coma. Now, we’re seeing two or three doses needed. It’s only getting worse, unfortunately.”

## State Police Report

### Assault, Fatal Crash, Motorcycle Crash

On August 3, at approximately 6:36 a.m., the Vermont State Police investigated a report from Nicholas Hill, of Craftsbury. Hill reported that he was assaulted at his home by Cheyanne Thompson, also of Craftsbury, in the early morning hours of August 3. Hill alleged that Thompson entered the residence before pepper spraying and cutting him with a knife. Thompson was located at her residence later in the morning and taken into custody, transported to the State Police Barracks in Derby, and processed. Thompson was later released with conditions with a court date on Tuesday, August 10 at 10:00 a.m.

On August 5, at approximately 9:41 a.m., Vermont State Police, Plainfield Fire Dept., Plainfield FAST Squad, Marshfield Fire Dept., Cabot Fire Dept., and East Montpelier EMS responded to a report of a single vehicle crash. Investigation determined that a 2016 Chevrolet truck, driven by Norman Dix, of Plainfield, was traveling southbound on Lower Depot Rd. The vehicle traveled off the west edge of the roadway and overturned. Dix was pronounced deceased at the scene. His passenger, Judy Dix, of Plainfield, was transported to central Vermont Medical Center with non-life-threatening injuries.

Excessive speed or impairment are not considered factors in the crash at this time. An investigation is active.

On August 9, at 5:17 p.m., Vermont State Police received a report of a truck and motorcycle crash on Sugarhouse Road in West Burke. Initial investigation and witness statements revealed that Brian Robinson, of Marshfield, driving a 2007 Kawasaki Vulcan, was traveling at a high rate of speed on Burke Hollow Road headed north. Mathew Gilman, of Lyndon, driving a Mack Truck was traveling south on Burke Hollow Road and yielded prior to turning onto Sugarhouse Road. Robinson collided with Gilman as they were both turning onto Sugarhouse Road. Robinson was transported to Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center with serious bodily injury. This crash is still under investigation and no further information will be released at this time. Anyone who has any information or witnessed this crash should contact Tpr. Figueroa at 802-743-3111.

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.

## Projects

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While COVID stymied the group’s progress at first, Wiesen said that the commission took advantage of Agency of Natural Resources’ (ANR) webinars during last year’s lockdowns.

“We’ve tried to educate ourselves before we started doing concrete things and spending money,” Wiesen told the select board.

The group also utilized the expertise of local ecologist and botanist Michael Lew-Smith. Wiesen said that the goal was to better understand what a natural resources inventory entailed. She said the ANR “does a bang-up job” of providing educational materials.

A natural resources inventory can mean more than one thing, and she said that group was looking at potentially putting together a public meeting to gauge what residents thought were the most important things to focus on. The town can only inventory its own properties directly without permission.

“The most important reasons for a natural resources Inventory in the town include understanding what we have so we can plan for development and so we can conserve and protect valuable resources.”

One such decision that is around the corner from Hardwick

is the emerald ash borer. While thus far the creature has not been found in Hardwick itself, it has been in towns just miles south. The insects devastate ash trees, and the commission has organized a walk this Saturday at 10 a.m. starting at the Hardwick Area Health Center so that Hardwick can “understand the ins and outs of the little green bug and how we can respond in a responsible way.”

A pollinator-themed walk with naturalist and educator Jerry Schneider is scheduled for September. The commission has done some work already, including having the trees on Wolcott Street and those in the park adjacent to the Hardwick Village Restaurant pruned, mulched, and deep-fertilized. A planned-for tree planting that had been scheduled ended up not happening because the grant funding was canceled due to COVID. But, Wiesen said, the commission is looking to restart that process.

Wiesen said the commission will need to come up with funding for the natural resources inventory but, just as importantly, needs more members. The commission is down three members from its full complement, Wiesen said.

For more information, or to get involved, contact chair Rachel Kane at (802) 472-5512.

**Broadband**

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Cooperative Association - Rural Telecommunications Cooperation (NTCA) had done “a lot of modeling” for the CUD’s business plan to answer the question “Can we do it?” The NTCA said that, operating a non-profitable business model, “yes we can,” said Fountain.

“We’ve hit a major milestone: this is going happen.” she told the board.

NEKCB’s strategy for getting broadband to the fifty NEK towns it represents, which are the most underserved and unserved in the state, is to rely upon stringing fiber along utility poles. Electricity is the utility that reaches the most residents.

Fixx said that does mean that for those people living off-grid, with no pole service, “we’re not going to get there any foreseeable way.” Fountain said that the

recommendation at this point for those people would be to “go get on the wait list with Elon Musk,” referring to the new satellite-based internet service Starlink.

While utilizing electric poles is the most feasible way the CUD determined to provide broadband, multiple utilities serve the NEK. NEKCB has come up with a phased plan for build-out based on utility districts. In some towns, such as Hardwick, more than one utility serves a single town.

The CUD is working with the utilities to get “pole surveys,” which most have in place so it can determine the most efficient way to string fiber. Unlike other providers, Hardwick Electric Department (HED) and Barton Electric, both members of the Vermont Public Power Supply Authority (VPPSA), do not presently have pole surveys. The CUD’s lawyer is coordinating with HED to get that process going.

Select board member Elizabeth Dow noted that in the material supplied by the CUD, Hardwick showed 945 “served points” which met the 25/3 standard and 454 “underserved or unserved points.” She wondered if that meant that as much as 32.5% of the town was unserved. Fountain said that DSL service from Consolidated Communications usually would not meet the federal standard of 25/3. Fixx said to take those numbers with a grain of salt since some of the Hardwick data depended on self-reporting from providers such as Comcast Xfinity and Consolidated Communications. The actual percentage could be higher or lower.

With Fountain re-iterating that the CUD’s focus was on underserved and unserved households, board member Shari Cornish wondered if areas of town, such as the village, which have service that meets the standard might get a second option. Fountain said that

to get to underserved areas would likely mean going through served areas, so it was not impossible to see service in those overlapping areas competing with Comcast as a possible outcome.

The CUD had initially set a hoped-for timeline of five to six years, though Fountain said it may take as long as ten. For Hardwick, Fountain said that most of the town would be in “Phase 2” of its plans. She said, “I’m guessing [that] will be by summer or fall of 2023.” Certain parts of town, such as areas west of Route 14, and areas close to the Glover border, would be in Phase 3. A small subset of Hardwick is covered

by Washington Electric Cooperative (WEC), which would be Phase 4, though the CUD is uncertain if that utility will move forward with its own fiber plans, which could potentially allow service sooner.

Fixx noted the magnitude of the task at hand once the CUD began stringing fiber. He described the need for trained people to string “hundreds of miles a fiber a year,” and wanted those people currently studying in schools to be aware of the opportunity. Otherwise, he said, “the plan could conceivably get bogged down” due to limits on the number of people that could be called upon to work.



photo by Vanessa Fournier

The 2nd annual Greensboro United Church of Christ open air art show theme this year is “Gratitude & Grace.” Installing the 24 canvases done by members of the community, are (from left): Reverend Ed Sunday-Winters, Eleanor Guare, Rosann Hickey and Tom Guare. The art includes paintings, collages, poetry and photographs. The show will run from August 9-15.

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## Walden Board Discusses Roofing Bid

WALDEN – The select board met on Monday, August 2 with Brenda Huntoon, Bob Hatch, Randolph Wilson and Bob Bell present.

The town constable is working on getting dogs registered and the curb cut discussion was tabled until next meeting.

The board discussed a bid for stripping and replacing the roof of

fire station.

Cabot Road has been paved and roadside mowing is done. The International truck is back in service with the bucket loader to be delivered this week or next. The road crew is hauling sand and starting grading.

The next meeting will be August 16, at 6:30 p.m. at the fire house and via Zoom.



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Julie Clements (left), a REACH! enrichment instructor, shows a bear hide to Atticus Metevier (center), 8, and his cousin Beckett Metevier (right), 8, of Hyde Park, during the Jeudevine Memorial Library program "Tale of an Important Tail," by Kurt Valenta of Enosburg Falls. The event was held at Atkins Field July 22.




photo by Vanessa Fournier

Scooping ice cream at the Greensboro Historical Society's annual Ice Cream Social on July 31 are Lucy Mitchell (left), Cornelia DeScheper (center) and Paula Harman (right).



photo by Vanessa Fournier

Joseph Ciecierski (left), 5, and his brother Calven (right), 3, children of Marc and Molly Ciecierski, of Craftsbury, stand beside a 14-foot paper mache ant on the outdoor art trail at the Highland Center for the Arts. About a dozen larger-than-life bugs can be found along the trail. "A Bug's World," the latest outdoor installation, will be up through the month of September.



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Allen, Bk. #1; Allen, Bk. #2; Bellavance, Bessette, Billings, Brown, Boulais, Carr, Bk. #1; Carr, Bk. #2; Casavant, Choquette, Chouinard, Cliché, Condon, Cook, Dodge, Dufresne, Dugar, Field, Fontaine, Foster, Fournier, Gonyaw, Huntington, Lane, Lebaron, Leforte, Lumsden, Lussier, Marsh, Meunier, Molleur, Paquette, Patione, Pelletier, Potter, Richard, Rolland Choquette, Bk. #1; Rolland Choquette, Bk. #2; Ronald Choquette, Salls, Symonds, Tanguay, Tolman, Tousant, Turcott.

Also, I have published books of my time in the U.S. Army as an Elite Special Forces Member, and my two years of service in Vietnam with hundreds of photos of mine and photos collected over a period of 40 years from those of my service buddies who survived as I. The books are as follows:

Beginning of the Vietnam War, I was there Bk. #1 and Beginning of the Vietnam War, I was there walking with the angels Bk. #2.

# OUR COMMUNITIES

## Ash Tree Identification Walk on Aug. 14

**HARDWICK** – On Saturday, August 14, at 10 a.m., there will be a walk, led by Hardwick’s former tree warden Geoff Fehrs to talk about the Emerald Ash Borer and to identify ash trees.

Walkers will learn about how to recognize the signs of the ash borer, which has been discovered in both

Cabot and Woodbury, and will no doubt be in the Hardwick area soon. Sponsored by the Hardwick Conservation Commission, the public will have a chance to discuss ways that we can prepare for the bright green beetle and respond in the most responsible way regarding ash trees. Meet at the Hardwick Health Center.

## Summer Celebration at the Cutler Library Aug. 21

**PLAINFIELD** – The Cutler Memorial Library will celebrate summer on Saturday, August 21, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Activities will include an art exhibition, “Natural Selections,” by Alexandra Reber and music by Dana and Susan Robinson, an Americana, folk, roots duo who combine vivid songwriting and storytelling with fiddle tunes, clawhammer banjo, elegant melodies, and rich

harmony singing from noon to 1:30 p.m.

Food by Jimmy Kennedy, formerly of River Run (now J.D.K. B.B.Q) will be available from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will also be a community Read Aloud; kids creating and exploring our new Sensory Bins, and a big book sale, with children’s books galore.

The library is located at 151 High Street in Plainfield.

## Library Book Discussion on August 31

**HARDWICK** – Jeudevine Library’s August book discussion will be held on Tuesday, August 31, at 5:15 p.m., at the library. The book is “An American Marriage” by Tayari Jones.

This love story is an insightful look into the hearts and minds of

three people who are at once bound and separated by forces beyond their control.

Copies of the book are available to check-out. For more information: call the library at 472-5948 or email [jeudevinelibrary@hardwickvt.org](mailto:jeudevinelibrary@hardwickvt.org).

## Chromebooks Available to Check Out

**HARDWICK** – The Jeudevine Library has five Chromebooks available for patrons to check out for two-week periods. The Chromebooks were made possible by a Vermont Community Foundation Connectivity Grant.

Chromebooks are best suited for online environments, from streaming to writing. The library can also help set up a Google Drive account to continue work offline. Cellphones can also be set up as a

wi-fi hotspot or the Chromebooks may use any public wi-fi connection, like the one at the Jeudevine Library, which is available 24-7.

To check out a Chromebook, a patron needs to be 18 years old, have a library account in good standing and have a state-issued ID, such as a driver’s license or non-driver ID.

For more information call 472-5948, or email [jeudevinelibrary@hardwickvt.org](mailto:jeudevinelibrary@hardwickvt.org).

## Greensboro Development Review Board Warning

The Greensboro Development Review Board will conduct a virtual hearing on Monday, August 30, at 7 p.m., on ZOOM and the Greensboro Town Hall, Collier Room. They will consider a Conditional Use request by Lucinda and Jeffrey McKechnie to reconstruct a cottage and move a shed at 739 Craftsbury Road. This application will be considered under the following by-laws: 2.7 Shoreland Protection District, 5.4 Conditional Uses, and 8.9 Nonconforming Uses and Encroachments Within the Shoreland Buffer Resource Zone.

A site visit will be conducted on Saturday, August 28, at 11 a.m. Both the hearing and the site visit are open to the public.

To join the ZOOM hearing, sign up for a free ZOOM account anytime ([zoom.us](https://zoom.us)), then at 7 p.m., on Monday, August 30, go to ZOOM and click on: join a meeting. The meeting number is 835 3592 4893. There is no password. You may phone into the ZOOM meeting at: 312 626 6799 (this is not a toll free number).

The application is available for review at the Greensboro Town Hall or at the Greensboro Town website, [www.greensborovt.org](http://www.greensborovt.org). Participation in the proceeding, either in person or in writing, is a prerequisite to the right to make any subsequent appeal. Interested persons may join the ZOOM hearing or send a letter or email ([zoning@greensborovt.org](mailto:zoning@greensborovt.org)) to the Development Review Board at the Greensboro Town Clerk’s office to comment on the proposed plan.

Greensboro Development Review Board

Further instructions for joining a ZOOM meeting are on the Greensboro Town website [www.greensborovt.org](http://www.greensborovt.org) under Town Business - Committees and Commissions - Development Review Board.



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Olivia Garguilo (right), reads a story during the 3rd Annual Teddy Bear Picnic held at the Greensboro Free Library July 29. Twenty-one children and 16 adults attended the event.

# BUSINESS BRIEFS

## Copley Woodlands Under New Management

**MORRISTOWN** – Copley Woodlands, an independent living retirement community located in Stowe and managed through a partnership between Copley Health Systems, Inc (CHSI or Copley) and the University of Vermont Medical Center (UVMCC) since 1996, will now be fully managed by Copley beginning July 28. UVMCC and Copley agreed that Copley would accept the sole ownership and operator of the 23-year-old facility.

According to both organizations, the transfer of ownership has been in the works since 2017.

“Initially the conversations revolved around UVMCC and Copley questioning if operating an independent living retirement facility fit within our core missions,” said CHSI Chief Administration Officer Vera Jones. “We were also looking at our own Copley operations and deciding

what our role, if any, should be if we remained involved in the Woodlands on a day-to-day basis. Then COVID came along and put those conversations on hold. By the time we revisited the various plans that were on the table, we became more and more convinced that Copley could manage the facility on our own.”

“We are profoundly grateful,” Margery Adams said, “not only to have worked in partnership with UVMCC over the years, but also for such a smooth transition.” Adams is the immediate past president of the Woodlands Home Owners Association.

Copley Woodlands is a 40-unit Independent Living Retirement Community located in Stowe. Residents have the option of owning or leasing their units and enjoy a dining facilities, organized events and activities, and common areas.

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# OBITUARIES

## ANGELO L. AMBROSINI

BARRE – Angelo Lincoln Ambrosini, 96, of White Street passed away on Wednesday, August 4, at the Central Vermont Medical Center.

Born on June 14, 1925, in Barre, he was the son of Angelo P. and Maria (Gargantini) Ambrosini. Angelo attended local elementary schools and graduated from Spaulding High School in 1943. On July 1, 1943, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy Officer/Pilot Training. He completed the flight program at Pensacola, Fla., which qualified him for carrier landings in Navy planes, including the SB2C dive bomber. He was assigned to the Naval Air Station in Yonabaru, Okinawa, for one year. He was released from active duty on December 31, 1947. After knee surgery in Hawaii, he returned to Barre.

Upon his return to Barre, Angelo attended the Barre School of Memorial Art for one year and then began employment in the granite industry in 1949. He worked for Comolli and Company, Houle-Giudici Company, and Celestial Memorial Company as a granite carver until his retirement in 1990. After retirement, Angelo was the caretaker of the Politi Properties in Roxbury from 1998 to 2003.

On April 30, 1949, he married Marie Alexander. Together he and Marie had four daughters, Cynthia, Lorraine, Louise, and Mary. Marie passed away in October of 1968.

Angelo's favorite pastimes included hunting and fishing, which he was still able to do up until recent years. He also enjoyed mushrooming, spending time in the backyard with his critters, and cheering on his beloved Boston Red Sox and New England Patriots. He was a very skilled Mr. Fix-It and could build or repair just about anything.

His memberships included the Mutuo, Inc., Knights of Columbus, American Legion, Barre Fish and Game Club, charter member of the Checkpoint Hunting Club and St. Monica Catholic Church – where he was a lifetime usher.

Angelo was involved in the restoration of the Old Labor Hall in Barre and in the early stages of the development of the Vermont



Angelo L. Ambrosini

Granite Museum, also in Barre.

Survivors include his daughters Cynthia Ambrosini Corey and her former husband, Richard Corey; Louise Hoermann and her husband, Russ, all of Barre; Sister of Mercy Lorraine Ambrosini of Burlington, and Mary VanVeghten and her husband, Terry of East Calais; his grandchildren Marie Muir and Christina Vagvolgyi and her husband, Matt; his great-grandchildren Wyatt Angelo Farr; Ambrose Alexander and Lincoln Michael Vagvolgyi; numerous nieces and nephews, as well as his dear and close friend Joyce Wilcox.

In addition to his parents, and his stepfather John Girompini Sr., he was predeceased by his wife Marie Ambrosini, his sisters Aurora Atherton and Louisa Fuller; and his brothers Avvenire Ambrosini and John Giropini, Jr.

The Mass of Christian Burial to honor and celebrate his life will be held on Thursday, August 12, at 11 a.m. in the St. Monica Catholic Church, 79 Summer Street, Barre. Following the service, interment will take place in St. Monica Cemetery in Barre. Family and friends may call on Wednesday from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Hooker Whitcomb Funeral Home, 7 Academy Street, Barre.

For a memorial guestbook, please visit [hookerwhitcomb.com](http://hookerwhitcomb.com).

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Old Labor Hall, c/o Barre Historical Society, PO Box 496, Barre, VT 05641.

## ILENE E. PARKER

WILLISTON – Ilene E. Parker, 69, passed away on August 4, after a long battle with kidney disease. Born on April 19, 1952, in Hardwick, Ilene grew up in Walden, with her parents, Myrtle Rogers and Otis McKinstry Sr., and her sister and brothers. Ilene married Denis Robert Parker on May 22, 1971. The couple built their own home on a plot of farmland in Woodbury near Denis' childhood home, where they lived and raised two sons, Jonathan and Douglas, until moving to Williston in 2013.



Ilene E. Parker

Ilene was a stay-at-home mom and in-home seamstress who sewed fine ladies' jackets with Vermont-made custom fabrics. She also served as an EMT on the Hardwick Rescue Squad for a number of years. Ilene coached her sons' baseball teams, was a fixture at elementary school activities, and served with the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Catholic Daughters of America. During their retirement years, Ilene was the navigator riding shotgun over countless miles in the couples' motorhome during the cold Vermont winters as they ventured to warmer and more sunny destinations such as New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, Georgia, and Florida.

Eventually, the couple found a Florida home that they returned to year after year in New Smyrna Beach where Ilene loved to walk the beaches and listen to the ocean waves. Ilene enjoyed sewing quilts and pajamas for her grandchildren when they were younger and cheering them on from the sidelines of their athletic competitions as they grew up, and from afar.

Ilene was an important woman to the many who called her wife, mother, mother-in-law,

grandmother, sister, aunt, cousin, neighbor, and friend. She is survived by her son Jonathan Parker, daughter-in-law Carolyn Kuranz, and grandchildren Nina and Elliot of Ann Arbor, Mich.; her son Douglas Parker, daughter-in-law Julie (Fradette) Parker, and grandsons Nicholas and Jaden of St. George; her sister Lucille and her husband, Richard Jewett of Black Creek, N.C.; her brother Lyle and his wife Janet McKinstry of Montpelier; and brother Otis "Sonny" McKinstry Jr. and his wife Sylvia. Ilene was predeceased by her beloved husband, Denis, and her brother Neil McKinstry. The family would like to thank the caregivers and volunteers at the McClure-Miller Respite House for their compassion and support. A wake was held Sunday, August 8, from 5 to 7 p.m., at des Groseilliers Funeral Home, 97 Church Street, Hardwick. The memorial service was held Tuesday, August 10, at 10 a.m., at the Williston Federated Church, North Williston Road, Williston. Burial at Fairview Cemetery in Calais was Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 p.m.

## RICHARD D. LECOURS

HARDWICK – Due to illness in the greater LeCours family, the Memorial Mass for Richard D. LeCours has been postponed and will be rescheduled at a later date.

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 Artist Paul Gruhler of Craftsbury stands with some of his 53 acrylic paintings in his art show "Harmonics: 60 Years of Life in Art" currently at the Highland Center for the Arts. The exhibit runs through August 29.

## "The Diary of Anne Frank" to be Presented Aug. 20-22

HARDWICK – A cast comprised of citizens from the Northeast Kingdom and professional actors will perform "The Diary of Anne Frank" for three performances on August 20 through 22 at the Hardwick Town House on Depot Street, as announced by Sabra Jones, artistic director of Greensboro Arts Alliance (GAAR) and Mirror Repertory, the show's producers.

Jones, who directs this production and is a longtime summer resident of Greensboro, notes that the drama has a historic connection to Vermont, dating back to the late Vermonter Judith Jones's discovery of Anne Frank's diaries when she was an editor at Doubleday in the 1950s.

This production of "The Diary of Anne Frank" is dedicated to the memory of Judith Jones, who had served as a member of the Mirror Rep Advisory Board.

Later adapted for the stage by Albert Hackett and Frances Goodrich, the play won the Pulitzer Prize for Drama in 1955. A subsequent film version in 1959 received nine Oscar nominations and earned Shelley Winters an Academy Award for her performance. Also of note about this Vermont production, director Jones's late sister-in-law Susan Strasberg was the original Anne Frank when the play debuted on Broadway.

Featured in the cast of GAAR/Mirror Rep's production are Vermont resident Elizabeth Fitzgerald in the title role, Richard Alexander, Alexandra Tebano, Aidan Redmond, Abigail Demers, Will River Mossek ("Son of the

South" with Brian Dennehy), Karen Stanion and Cian Genaro.

"This production is very timely," Sabra Jones said. "We are coming out of a time when people were forced to shelter in place all over the world during the pandemic. But in the Franks' time, the pandemic was Evil. Anti-Semitism and other hate crimes are on the rise again worldwide. And the message is that we must always be on guard against hatred and evil."

Dancer Evangeline Bulick has created a dance "capturing the spirit of the brave people who resisted totalitarianism," according to Jones, and will perform it as a prologue to the play. Original music by award-winning actress, movie star, and composer Tina Chen will accompany the work.

Judith Jones (1924-2017) was an editor for Doubleday when she pulled the manuscript from a slush pile in the 1950s. "I made the book quite important because I was so taken with it, and I felt it would have a real market in America. It's one of those seminal books that will never be forgotten," Judith said in a 2016 interview. The editor also had a long history in Vermont, including serving on the advisory board of GAAR/The Mirror, and enjoying their productions. Jones, a Bennington College graduate, spent her summers growing up in Montpelier and Greensboro, and owned a home in Walden until her death.

Performances on August 20 and 21 are at 7 p.m., and on August 22 at 2 p.m. For more information go to [eventbrite.com/e/the-diary-of-anne-frank-tickets-164065033933](https://eventbrite.com/e/the-diary-of-anne-frank-tickets-164065033933).

## THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

### Thursday, August 12

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

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

### Friday, August 13

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

**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](https://OldStoneHouseMuseum.org).

### Monday, August 16

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

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

**CASPIAN MONDAY MUSIC:** "The Romantics," with music by Brahms and Schoenberg. Highland Center for the Arts, 2875 Hardwick St., Greensboro. Bar and lawn open at 5 p.m. Concert begins at 6 p.m. Infor-

mation: [highlandartsvt.org](https://highlandartsvt.org), 802-533-2000.

### Tuesday, August 17

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

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

### Wednesday, August 18

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

### Exhibits

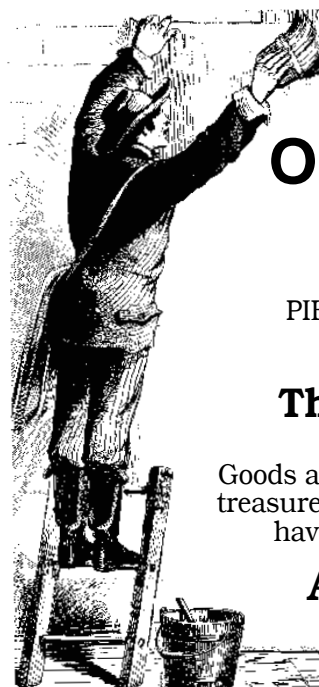
**1111 COPPER NAILS:** Bread & Puppet Calendar Prints - A 36-Year Retrospective, a Dual Location Exhibition in Hardwick, through the Summer. The Hardwick Inn, 4 S. Main St., Exhibit on all 3 floors, 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. Mon. - Sat. Front Seat Coffee, 101 S. Main St., B&P Calendars and Art for sale, 8 a.m.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

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

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The Greensboro Free Library is currently hosting an exhibit of 20 Indonesian puppets from Southeast Asia. These puppets are on temporary loan from David Rodgers. Rodgers first became fascinated with shadow puppetry on a trip to Bali in 1995. He acquired many of them while traveling through Indonesia and Turkey. They will be on display until the end of August.



photo by Vanessa Fournier

The Modern Times Theater Punch & Judy show was held at the Greensboro Free Library August 3. The one-person hand puppetry is done by Justin Lander.



courtesy photo

Justin Lander and Rose Friedman will present "The Perils of Mr. Punch" as the fourth event of the Summer Music Series in Plainfield.

## Summer Music Series Presents Modern Times Theater on Aug. 14

PLAINFIELD – On Saturday, August 14, at 4 p.m., Modern Times Theater will perform "The Perils of Mr. Punch" as the fourth event of the summer music series sponsored by the Friends of the Plainfield Opera House in collaboration with the Plainfield Recreation Committee. The presentation will be at the Plainfield Recreation Field. In the case of rain, the performance will move into the opera house.

The one and only Punch and Judy will be presented live and updated for the 21st century.

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

For more information go to [plainfieldoperahousevt.org](http://plainfieldoperahousevt.org), email [plainfieldtownhall@gmail.com](mailto:plainfieldtownhall@gmail.com), or phone or text (802) 498-3173. Attendees should bring chairs or blankets. Admission is by donation.

## Reverend Sekou & Freedom Fighters at Levitt AMP St. Jay

ST. JOHNSBURY – Catamount Arts will present Reverend Sekou and the Freedom Fighters as part of the Levitt AMP St. Johnsburry Music Series on Sunday, August 15.

Reverend Sekou, an activist, theologian, filmmaker and lecturer, is also a performer who sees little distinction between his work as a musician and as a spiritual leader. "The task of any artist is to create medicine, to heal the wounds of people to fight another day," he told Philadelphia Gay News in 2017. "That is whatever tradition or holy place one's music comes from."

Born in St. Louis, Mo., and raised in the rural Arkansas

Delta, Reverend Sekou blends Delta Blues, Memphis soul, 1970s funk, and gospel. In May 2017, he released "In Times like These" produced by the six-time Grammy nominated North Mississippi Allstars.

The Levitt AMP St. Johnsburry Music Series is funded in part by the Mortimer & Mimi Levitt Foundation of Los Angeles and will host free, family-friendly concerts Sunday nights, rain or shine, at Dog Mountain through September 4.

For more information about Catamount summer programming, including the full Levitt AMP St. Johnsburry line-up, visit [catamountarts.org](http://catamountarts.org).



photo by Vanessa Fournier

Right: Satori Rossi (left) and Aemilia Terrone (right) perform a scene from "The Fairy Godmother's Assistant" held during the Cabot Community Theater Summer Camp August 2-6. The play was directed by Karen Mueller-Harder, Cameron Mueller-Harder and Mary Prather.

# IN THE GARDEN

## Growing Veggies in Self-Watering Containers

by Henry Homeyer

CORNISH FLAT, N.H. – Recently I was at my local food coop and chatted with a friend about her gardens. She told me that she is having fabulous luck growing tomatoes, peppers and more in a bucket system she constructed. Her inspiration was a book by Vermont's Ed Smith, who has written a number of great books, including "The Vegetable Gardener's Container Bible."



*courtesy photo*

Holes in lower bucket allow watering from below and draining in times of heavy rains.

And although I have used the Ed Smith system in the past, it's good to see how another uses it, so I visited her to see what she has done.

Susan Pillsbury has nine or ten self-watering containers, each made

The piece of pipe sits in the lower bucket and supports the upper bucket. She used a two-inch hole saw to put a wide hole in the bottom of the upper bucket, right in the middle.

That short piece of pipe gets filled with soil mix, and because it is sitting in the water reservoir, the soil is constantly wet. Like a wet sponge, it wicks water into the soil in the upper bucket. The wicking action keeps the soil for the plant roots lightly moist. The problem with growing veggies in big pots or buckets is often that they dry out, or get waterlogged.

Her lower buckets all have one-inch holes drilled just below the bottom of the upper bucket. If she gets a flood of rain, water passes through the upper bucket and out the lower bucket through those holes. This also allows her to fill the water reservoir from the bottom with a hose. Susan also drilled lots of quarter-inch holes in the bottom of the upper bucket for added drainage.

I asked Susan what kind of soil she used in the buckets. She bought potting mix and mixed it with her own home-made compost in a 50-50



*courtesy photo*

Tomatoes growing without blight using a self-watering system with buckets.

from two five-gallon buckets. Here is what she did: The bottom bucket is the water reservoir, the top bucket, which nestles inside it, holds soil mix. There is a three- or four-inch piece of PVC plumber's pipe (3-inch diameter) that stands up in the bottom bucket and is full of holes she drilled in it.

mix. Because a five-gallon bucket has plenty of soil for roots, and she uses a rich mixture, she does not add any fertilizer.

What does all this cost? Not much, really. Her biggest expense were the plastic buckets which cost about \$5 each, though they are often available free from building



*courtesy photo*

My Veg Trug grows peppers, herbs, and flowers this year.

contractors. A big bag of potting soil might cost \$10 to \$12 and would be enough for three or four buckets, once mixed with home-made compost. Purchased compost would add to the cost, but most gardeners make their own. Plastic pipe is not expensive.

I noticed that Susan's tomatoes were free of disease. Most tomatoes planted in the ground have at least some blight that blackens and kills lower leaves, eventually leaving a plant bare of leaves by September. The most common form of blight lives in the soil and splashes up onto leaves when it rains. But since her plants are in potting soil and cured compost, she has avoided the disease, at least so far. Not only that, her plants are in a fenced dog pen (to avoid deer) and no tomatoes have been grown in there in the past. Obviously, blight could blow in and infect her plants, but so far, so good.

Next year Susan intends to grow corn in her self-watering containers. She will use six sets of buckets, each with one or more corn plants. Placed in close proximity, this should allow good pollination. From what she has read, she will need corn plants that are relatively small, given the amount of soil each will be planted in. I watched an on-line video of corn planted in 30-gallon totes with up to 11 plants in each tote. The ears were large and each plant produced more than one ear.

I called Ed Smith, author of "The Vegetable Gardener's

Container Bible" (and a friend of mine) to see if he had any updates since writing the book. He and his wife, Sylvia, still grow some vegetables in containers as well as in the ground. Ed turned 80 recently and likes using containers so he doesn't have to bend quite so far.

Ed told me that he doesn't bother with self-watering containers any more. He has several two-foot by three-foot containers he got from Gardener's Supply as self-watering containers but removed the baffle separating the water reservoir from the planting space, giving him deeper containers that he waters as needed from above. He is semi-retired and rarely travels, so that works for him. If you are at work five days a week, a self-watering container is probably a better idea for you.

I've experimented with self-watering containers and ordinary containers. The best type I've used is called a "Veg Trug" that is sold by Gardeners Supply. It is a tall V-shaped wooden bin six-feet by 30-inches and 16-inches deep in the middle. I've grown tomatoes, peppers, herbs and flowers in it with good success, and no bending over. It's made of cedar; mine is in its fifth summer of use and still going strong. I empty it each winter and put it inside, but re-use the potting soil, just adding a little compost and fertilizer each spring.

Even if you're a city dweller with little space you can grow a few things on a deck or between the sidewalk and the street. Give it a try!

# YANKEE NOTEBOOK

## I Wouldn't Spend the Summer Laying Around

by Willem Lange

EAST MONTPELIER – Does anybody remember Betty Hutton, the singer and movie actress? Here's something you haven't known about her till now: She wore three-and-a-half-inch heels in size 3-1/2 AAA.

In June of 1952 I came home from my second year in boarding school. My sainted father, determined that I wouldn't spend the summer lying around and grouching about mowing the lawn, found me a job in a shoe factory in the north end of Syracuse. One of his parishioners who was the maintenance man there took me to work and brought me home every day.

If OSHA had existed then, they would have arrived at the factory, taken one look, run back outside, and with a bullhorn have ordered loudly, "Everybody out!"

*Many thousands have adopted dogs they're unwilling to leave alone for long days and want to be able either to remain at home or bring their dogs to work. It's hard to believe that a culture that was able to plant astronauts on the moon can't figure this one out. The alternative will be a spate of exit interviews.*

At five minutes before seven in the morning, an alarm bell warned us to step back from our machines and get ready. At seven on the dot, it rang again, and the long shafts that ran the length of the building began to turn, powering up all the machines. Mine – I'm not sure I can explain it adequately – was a tack-puller. The cobblers up the line wrapped the leather body of each shoe around a wooden last and glued and tacked it to an insole. After the glue dried, my machine pulled the tacks. A little pair of steel points, like the beak of a finch, shot rapidly in and out, yanked them, and spat them onto the floor. Now and then a tack got stuck in the beak, heated red hot, and got spat instead onto my T-shirt, which after a couple of weeks looked as though it'd been peppered with birdshot.

For this menial labor I received the princely sum of \$.75 an hour. Nobody else in the factory, except the owner and the manager, spoke English. But, apparently, I was a valued employee; the manager invited me back for the following summer. Would

I get a raise? I had a chance at a job at GE's Electronics Park assembling TV sets for \$1.85. Sadly, Mr. Flagler shook his head.

That was a long time ago. The only bright spot in that job was pulling the tacks from Betty Hutton's sparrow-sized white-and-mint green high-heeled pumps. Just the other day I chatted with a new checkout woman at the supermarket. She'd worked for years at McDonald's and had just changed jobs. Why? "My starting pay here is the same as I was getting at McDonald's."

If you, like me, are a habitué of the internet, you frequently encounter fretting by folks who hate "working my ass off while other people are living on my tax money." They have a point. But the government support of pandemic-idled and -displaced workers has had an unexpected benefit. Many workers have taken a long look at their former employment, or employer, and decided to look for something better. After forty years of declining wages, that worm appears to be turning.

Employees who have begun working from home since the onset of COVID-19 have found themselves more productive than at the office, and no longer need to commute. Many thousands have adopted dogs they're unwilling to leave alone for long days and want to be able either to remain at home or bring their dogs to work. It's hard to believe that a culture that was able to plant astronauts on the moon can't figure this one out. The alternative will be a spate of exit interviews.

There's so much on the horizon that's inevitable, but only recently been revealed to be possible and imminent. Iceland, for example, after leading the way with equal pay for men and women, is now experimenting with a four-day work week. Production has remained steady, and employee well-being has improved. What's not to like? The Guaranteed Annual Wage, which will keep money circulating and recipients more nearly secure, is being tweaked here and there as we speak. Medicare for All, an idea fighting a heavy tide of established practice, lobbying, and prejudice, will eventually bring us into line with the rest of the industrialized world, save the nation trillions in costs, and improve outcomes by increasing accessibility. K Street must be muzzled!

If there are lessons to be gleaned from this still-threatening pandemic, one of the most important may be that doing business in traditional ways, because that's the how we've always done them, is surpassingly stupid. For the first time in decades, bosses are having to listen to their employees, and having to believe that they probably have important information to share.

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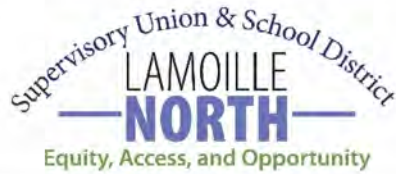
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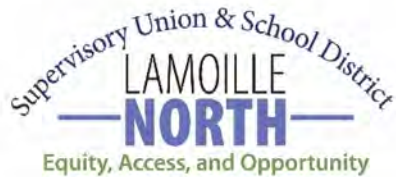
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# SPORTS

## JIM FLINT'S RUNNERS' ROUNDUP

### Top Times at Tenth Tuesday Trail Race

CRAFTSBURY – Ollie Burruss and Sam Brunnette were all set to race against each other for the second time this summer at the Tuesday Night 5k Trail Race on August 3.

Burruss coaches the Craftsbury Outdoor Center's Masters Program. He had a hand in designing several of the running trails at the Center. Brunnette is a 2019 Plymouth State College graduate. He won NCAA Division III All American honors in cross country and indoor track and field.

Burruss outdistanced Brunnette by 41 seconds to win the July 13th trail race. Brunnette notched wins at the July 20th and July 27th trail races, which Burruss did not compete in. The race on August 3 promised to be a close contest between the two talented athletes, who are separated by 11 years in age.

But there was a hitch. As the runners were warming up, Burruss was told that a rider in the mountain bike race had crashed and would likely need a ride out of the woods.

"I hopped in my truck and whipped out to the spot of the crash to help, only to find that the rider had taken off and was nowhere to be found," said Burruss. "I headed back [to the starting line], fully aware that I was going to miss the start of the run.

On the quick drive back, Burruss decided to self-time his race and see how many folks he could catch. He caught nearly everyone, except Brunnette. "I don't know by how much I missed the start, but my self-recorded split was a handful of seconds ahead of what Sam said he got," said Burruss. "Either way, he's a great runner and I look forward to racing him again on August 17."

Burruss, from Craftsbury, finished the course in 21:15. Brunnette, from Newport Center, crossed the finish line in 21:24. Alec Jacobson placed third in 23:09. Adrian Owens, who is in the M50-59 age group, was the top male Masters runner. He finished fourth in 24:50.

Anna Schulz, from Craftsbury, was the fastest female finisher. She placed sixth overall, in 25:19. Schulz and Burruss are married and have a child, Emma, who often comes to the trail races to run



photo by Jim Flint

Anna Schulz is happily greeted by her daughter, Emma, after crossing the finish line at a Tuesday Night Trail Race earlier this summer. Schulz's husband and Emma's dad, Ollie Burruss, looks on. Schulz and Burruss had the fastest female and male finish times at the 5k Tuesday Trail Race held on August 3 at the Outdoor Center.

around and cheer on her parents.

Emma Podolin, from Stannard, was the women's runner-up. She finished eighth overall, in 25:48. Adrienne Remick was the third female to cross the line. The Craftsbury Academy grad placed 11th overall, in 26:48. Cydney Terrone topped the women's Masters field. She finished in 29:09.

Stig Linck of Craftsbury was the first runner in the Under 16 age group. He finished in 26:01 to place ninth overall. Stig finished about 30 seconds ahead of his dad, Robert Linck. Aemilia Terrone of Craftsbury topped the girls Under 16 age group. She came across the line in 33:33.

Jack Young and Callie Young were the fastest male and female cyclists in the 10k mountain bike race. Their respective times were 36:28 and 38:20. Gavin Jolly won the 5k mountain bike event, in 27:10.

Scarlett Podolin and Ruthie Podolin, from Stannard, conquered the 3k trail run. The Stannard sisters' finish times were 27:01 and 29:14, respectively.

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.

### Purrier St. Pierre Makes Vermont Proud at Olympic Games

TOKYO – Elle St. Pierre rounded out her first Olympic Games with consistent performances in the women's 1500m semi-finals and finals. On August 4, Purrier competed in

the first of two semi-final heats. Her goal was to finish in the top five and automatically qualify for the finals. Thirteen runners were in the first heat, including the 2016 Olympic gold medal winner, Faith Kipyegon of Kenya.

Kipyegon set a fast pace to win the heat in 3:56.80. Four other runners broke the four-minute barrier. Purrier St. Pierre led the second pack, finishing in 4:01:00. While not automatically qualifying for the finals, she still had a shot based on time. The two fastest runners not finishing in the top five of their heat would also qualify for the finals.

The second 1500m heat was considerably slower than the first heat. Sifan Hassan of the Netherlands and Laura Muir of Great Britain finished first and second. Their times were 4:00.23 and 4:00.73. Purrier's time in the first heat would have placed her third in the second heat. She had made the finals.

Purrier St. Pierre toed the starting line in the 1500m championship race, just two days later, on August 6. She drew the second lane from the inside. A quick pace of 63 seconds was set in the first 400 meters. Purrier St. Pierre was in fourth place, running on the inside but boxed in. As the leaders paced at 64 seconds for the second 400 meters, Purrier St. Pierre dropped to sixth place.

The race heated up as the pace quickened to 62 seconds for the third 400 meters. Hassan led with Kipyegon tight on her heels. Muir followed a stride behind the leaders. As Kipyegon passed Hassan on the back straightaway, Muir moved into position on Hassan's right shoulder. Hassan fought off Muir's surge,

forcing the Scottish runner to run the outside of the corner. Coming off the corner, Muir pumped her arms, passed Hassan, and sprinted to the finish.

Kipyegon crossed the line in 3:53.11 to repeat as the 1500m champion and set a new Olympic record. Muir won the silver medal in 3:54.50. Hassan earned the bronze medal with a 3:55.86 finish. Purrier St. Pierre's time of 4:01.75 placed tenth of 13 Olympic finalists. Her U.S. Olympic teammate, Cory McGee finished 12th in 4:05.50. McGee was awarded a place in the finals after the judges determined that she was tripped in her semi-final space.

Hassan proved to be the iron-woman of the 2021 Olympic Games. She won gold medals in the grueling 5000m and 10000m Olympic events, along with her bronze medal in the 1500m race.

In a Facebook post on August 7, Purrier St. Pierre put her Olympic experience into perspective. "It's pretty wild that I'm disappointed with being 10th in the world when a few years ago this would have been so far out of reach. At this level it's never good enough, we always want more...and believe me I want more, but I'm trying to enjoy the now. I cannot wait to be home with my husband (and dog) and my family and friends. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for all of your messages and support, I cannot even begin to express how much gratitude I have for you all."

### Round the Pond Race set for August 12

BERLIN – The Berlin Pond Five Miler is set to return on August 12 at 6 p.m. The annual dirt road race around Berlin Pond attracts recreational and competitive runners. Runners can register online at cvrunners.org or on race day between 4:45 and 5:45 p.m. at the Berlin Town Offices. The starting line on Brookfield Road is a half-mile walk or jog from the Town Offices on Shed Road.

The race course has a rolling climb for the first two miles, followed by a long cruising downhill stretch, and a mostly flat final two miles. This year's race will have a wave start based on the projected finish times of runners. The registration fee is \$10.

# SPORTS

## Paradee to Coach Wildcats this Fall in Historic Hire

by Ken Brown

HARDWICK – Allison Paradee will be the new head coach of the Hazen Union boys' soccer team this fall, becoming the first woman in school history to lead a varsity boys' program.

Talan Bryant stepped down as head coach for the second time in three seasons this past summer after a successful tenure that included a Division III state title match appearance in 2014 and winning seasons in six of his seven years at the helm.

Paradee has been a teacher at Hazen Union for several years, played soccer at a high level for Colchester, and graduated from the University of Vermont. She had been interested in the position

in the past, but when Hazen Union athletic director John Sperry still needed to find a coach last week with the season quickly approaching, she jumped at the opportunity and made history in the process.

"Allison played a serious brand of soccer at the high school level and her knowledge of the game makes her a really good fit to take over the program," said Sperry. "We needed a coach with practices starting soon and I'm just glad that she wanted to jump in and take on the challenge on such short notice. I'm super excited to watch her lead this program on the sidelines this fall for Hazen Union."

Although Paradee will be a trail blazer for Hazen Union athletics this fall, Peoples Academy's (PA) Angie Faraci made Vermont

history last November becoming the first female head coach to lead a boys' varsity program to a state championship. Faraci's Wolves defeated Green Mountain to capture the Division III state soccer title, earning her a well-deserved coaching spot on the boys' Vermont Lions Twin State team that defeated New Hampshire last month.

"Angie is an excellent coach and manages that program at PA with no nonsense. Our guys are very familiar with Angie and her teams because she's been kicking our butt the last few years. I'll expect the same respect from our guys towards Allison that Angie gets from her players, and I think they'll find out very quickly that she is more than qualified to run this program," said Sperry.

Paradee will inherit a young but extremely athletic team that will be transitioning from the Mountain League to the highly competitive Capital Division this fall. Hazen Union's new home is littered with Division II teams and Division III powerhouses that include Stowe, PA, Northfield/Williamstown, Thetford, Randolph, Montpelier, Spaulding, U-32, North Country, Lamoille, Harwood, Lyndon Institute, and Lake Region.

Paradee's Wildcats start practice on August 19 and will have their first scrimmage at home against Lyndon Institute a week later. They are scheduled to open the season at Hudson Fields against BFA-Fairfax on September 8.

## Golfers Fight it Out in Bingo, Bango, Bongo

by Patrick Hussey

GREENSBORO – It was all about scoring points last week at Mountain View Country Club as Matt Kiley had the Tuesday night crowd fighting it out in a game of Bingo, Bango, Bongo.

A full slate of 39 golfers came out on this warm evening as bright sunshine and temperatures into the upper 70s made for perfect conditions for the golfers. In this particular game, golfers get one point for a bingo if they have the longest drive in the fairway, a bango point is scored for the person closest to the pin after everyone is on the green and a bongo point is scored for the longest first putt made.

Nate Brown came out of the event as the champion point scorer. He scored a total of 10 points during his nine-hole round. He just beat out Dave Burnham for first place, who settled into second with 9.5 points.

Two players, Karl Ferland and Richard Brochu, tied for third place with nine points.

Awards were also handed out to the leaders in each category. Both John Sperry and Richard Brochu tied for first place in the bingo points, each getting a total of four long drives in the fairway.

Brochu had himself a night in this event, also tying for first place with Kiley in bango points with four. Doug Allen and Tom Carrol shared the bongo title with four each.



*courtesy photo*

*Rachel Sheedy (right) of Truckee, Calif., lines up a birdie putt on the fifth hole recently at Mountain View Country Club. She and her husband Kerry (left) spent the summer in Greensboro. Looking on is Kelly Robb, who just retired from teaching after over 30 years working in the Danville school system.*

The foursome of George Gattone, Slade Farnham, Rowdy Doyon and Richard Brochu took first place in the team category by scoring a total of 26 points. They just edged out the foursome of John Stone, Carl Edwards, Andy Hunt and Bill Jenkins, who ended up in second with 25 points.

Back in third place with 23 points was the foursome of Kerry Sheedy, John Sperry, Dan Gauthier and Pat Hussey. Three teams

were right behind them with 22.5 points. The first included Bob Blake, Rob Lewis, Mike Clark and Burnham.

Also tying for fourth was Dennis Pudvah, Karl Ferland and Dave Campbell as well as Jim Bellavance, Randy Bellavance and Kiley. Back in fifth was the foursome Pete DesChamps, Bill Richardson, Marcus Brown and Jefferson Tolman with 22 points.

Rowdy Doyon ended up

winning closest to the pin on three, leaving his drive 10 feet, 10 inches from the pin. Over on five, the sharpshooting Richard Brochu dropped his drive just 17 feet, 11 inches to win closest there.

Up on eight, it was Bill Jenkins leaving his approach 26 feet from the pin and he held on to win closest in two there. And on nine, Dan Miko placed his approach 27 feet, two inches from the pin to win closest.

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*photo by Vanessa Fournier*  
 Hardwick FC's Walden Gann (left), slide tackles the ball ahead of Henok Palin (right) of Craftsbury. Hardwick won the Central Vermont Men's League quarterfinal game 5-0.



*photo by Vanessa Fournier*  
 Craftsbury's Austin Masi (left) and Brandon Berry (right) fight for possession of the ball during quarterfinal action on Hudson Field Sunday. Hardwick topped Craftsbury 5-0.

## Hardwick FC Wins in Blowout, Moves to Semifinals

by Harry Besett

HARDWICK – No. 3 Hardwick FC faced No. 6 Craftsbury United this past Sunday at Hazen Union for the quarter final game of the Central Vermont Mens League Soccer playoffs.

Despite starting with 10 players on the field, Craftsbury put up a good fight to hold the game at 0-0 for the first 20 minutes. Both teams created chances that went high or wide of the net as tension grew under the hot sun.

Good interplay from Hardwick on the right wing in the central-third of the pitch led to Si Keglör breaking through midfield with the ball to find the feet of striker Angus McAndrew who smashed the ball towards the net. Craftsbury's goalkeeper was able to get his fingertips to the low driven shot only to deflect the ball into the side netting to put Hardwick ahead 1-0.

As frustration grew and fatigue set in for subless Craftsbury, Hardwick was able to take control of the match and dominate possession. Midfielder John Kimball found a through ball into the middle of the 18-yard box to Walker McAllister who shielded off a defender, got control of the ball and blasted it past the 'keeper to extend Hardwick's lead. A foul inside the penalty box put Hardwick 3-0 as Angus McAndrew stepped up to convert the penalty before halftime.

As the second half started, Hardwick came out pressing and scored a quick fourth goal. Hardwick's two leading scorers combined for a good give-and-go above the box, with McAndrew feeding the feet of the ever-hungry McAllister who beat the 'keeper again.

To finish off the morning and the quarterfinal match in convincing style, winger Kevin Doyon fed a cross-field pass in the middle third to a wide open McAndrew, who completed his hat trick by dribbling into the box and then unleashing an unstoppable strike into the top right corner of the goal to make it Hardwick 5-0.

As the final whistle came Hardwick held onto a fourth consecutive shutout. In these four games combined, Hardwick outscored their opponents 19-0. Hardwick will rely on the confidence of the best defensive record in the league (conceding eight goals all season) when they face Chelsea in the semifinals next Sunday.

Chelsea was the last team to beat Hardwick (3-0) and Hardwick will know they've got a tough fight ahead of them if they're going to make it through to the championship match the following Sunday. No. 3 Hardwick (6-1-2) will look to build on the positive chemistry, good passing and strong communication that they've built since the defeat 5 games ago to break down their opponent and earn a place in the final.



*photo by Vanessa Fournier*  
 Gibson Moffatt (left) of Craftsbury and Angus McAndrew (right) of Hardwick FC race for the ball during Central Vermont Men's League quarterfinal action Sunday on Hudson Field. McAndrew scored three goals. Hardwick FC beat Craftsbury 5-0.

# SPORTS

## Hoyt Outruns Competition and Weather to Win Enduro 200 at Thunder Road

BARRE – Braintree's George Hoyt proved that steady and sure wins the race by triumphing in the 37th Enduro 200 at Barre's Thunder Road on Sunday, August 8. Hoyt inherited the lead after previous Enduro winner Richie Turner crashed out with less than 20 laps to go and bested the 118-car field for a \$3,000 winner's purse.

Hoyt had to beat more than just his 117 challengers at "The People's Race". Despite weather forecasters predicting a 10-15% chance of evening rain by late afternoon, the skies opened up shortly after 5 p.m. Hard rain continued on and off for nearly two hours, forcing the postponement of the Street Stock Special that was to open the night.

However, teams and officials forged ahead with the Enduro. Once lightning had cleared the area, the field began lining up. Just before 7 p.m., with the rain starting to clear, the field took the green in front of a huge crowd.

Once the event got underway, it was the usual festival of thrills and spills. Sheffield's Hans Laggis led much of the first half amid a flurry of red flags, including one just minutes into the event for a fire under Keith Benoit's engine. However, Laggis got tagged on the front stretch and ended up piling into some stopped cars entering turn one, ending his night.

That made Hoyt the leader as they reached the 100-lap mark followed by Northfield's Danny Doyle and Barre's Andy Benoit. After some early troubles, though, Turner was closing fast. Shortly after the seventh red flag on lap 138 for Meghan Brown's turn-three flip — the only rollover of the night — Brown finished making up a multiple-lap deficit and overtook Hoyt for the lead. The flip by Brown also was the latest



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Braintree's George Hoyt climbs out of his car after winning the 37th Enduro 200 at Thunder Road on Sunday, August 8.

piece of a multi-lane obstacle course entering turn three that would factor into the outcome.

Turner pulled away after taking the lead, eventually building up a margin of nearly two laps over Hoyt. As Turner let it fly, Hoyt focused on staying out of trouble amidst the many stopped automobiles.

Shortly after the final red flag on lap 180, Hoyt's tactics paid off. The field got bottled up

right in front of Hoyt and Turner as they came to turn three and created a logjam. Hoyt was able to get stopped with his front bumper barely grazing the car in front. Turner couldn't slow up in time, getting bounced around and eventually smacking the turn three wall to end his night.

Hoyt backed up a few feet, rolled around the stopped cars, and kept on chugging. Even with that delay, he was still more than a full circuit ahead of Doyle. Hoyt maintained the gap the rest of the way, making him the only driver to complete the full 200 laps.

Doyle, another former Enduro winner, settled for runner-up this time around. South Hadley, Mass.'s Wesley Johnson took home third place. Despite a pit stop late in the going, Andy Benoit was able to wrangle fourth. Larry Underwood, Trevor Mears, Thomas Bohannon, Dennis Perry II, Levi Jackson, and Kelly Miller Jr. rounded out the top 10.

The Street Stock Special has been rescheduled to Thursday, August 19. The Street Stocks will then run double features on Sunday, September 5, at the Labor Day Classic. This ensures the division still gets to run all features that were scheduled for 2021.

Thunder Road gets back on track this Thursday, August 12 at 7 p.m. The Road Warriors go 50 laps in the Annual Road Warrior Challenge. They're joined by the Late Models, Flying Tigers, and Street Stocks.

### UNOFFICIAL RESULTS

(local competitors)

Pos., Driver, Car #, Hometown, Laps

7. Thomas Bohannon (00) Wolcott, 190 Laps



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The Enduro 200 at Thunder Road brought its usual share of motorized mayhem, which included a rollover by Meghan Brown (#141) with just over 60 laps to go.