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## OSSU Provides Update for School Opening

by Doug McClure

MONTPELIER – The Orleans Southwest Supervisory Union (OSSU) issued a statement about what the return to school at the end of this month will look like regarding COVID protocols.

The update comes after the CDC now has the entire Northeast Kingdom listed as having “high” or “substantial” transmission, and two residents have reportedly died in Orleans County in the past two weeks. Vermont has regularly been reporting over a hundred new cases a day statewide.

The bulk of cases in Caledonia County are teenagers and children, with vaccination rates for 16-17-year-olds at 62.9% and 12-15 year-olds at 55.7%. In Orleans

County, the vaccination rates for children is still in the mid-forties. Children under twelve cannot be vaccinated and FDA approval for that is not expected until late fall or early winter.

Citing the rise of the Delta variant, the OSSU statement reads, “we will continue health protocols around ventilation, cleaning, and sending individuals home when sick or symptomatic.”

The OSSU statement contin-

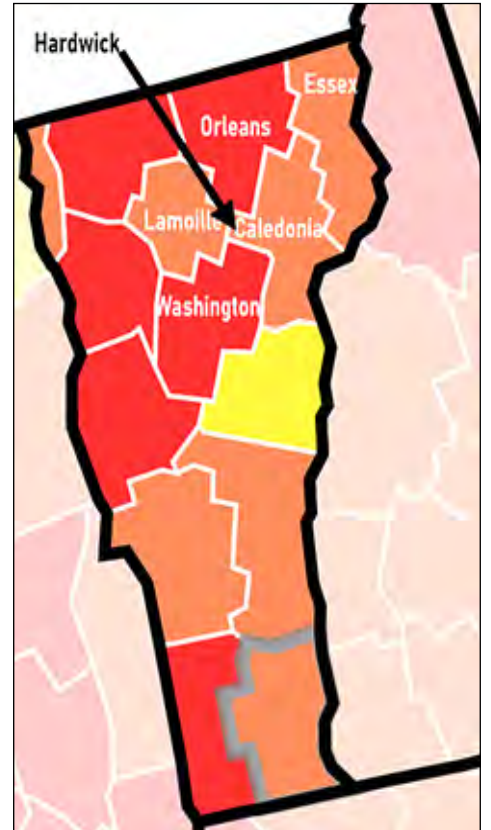
ues, stating that “to protect our unvaccinated youth, as we start the school year all students and adults will be masking when indoors and on school buses, regardless of vaccination status.”

The CDC’s updated guidance reads that, “Given new evidence on the B.1.617.2 (Delta) variant... CDC recommends universal indoor masking for all teachers, staff, students, and visitors to K-12 schools,

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data via CDC

(Chart on right) As of Sunday, only Orange County in Vermont has a “moderate” level of COVID transmission, according to the CDC. Hardwick and Caledonia County and now considered to have “substantial” community transmission, in which the CDC recommends wearing masks indoors. Neighboring Coos County in New Hampshire is also considered to have “high” community transmission. (COVID community transmission levels: red = high, orange = substantial, yellow = moderate)



## Young Resident Serves Lemonade for Food Pantry Fundraising



photo by Pauline Boyce

Maksim Boyce, 6, of Hardwick, oversees his lemonade stand on Evergreen Manor Drive. Between selling lemonade, a homemade bird house, and receiving additional donations from customers, Boyce raised \$135 for the Hardwick Area Food Pantry on August 3.

by Tyler Molleur

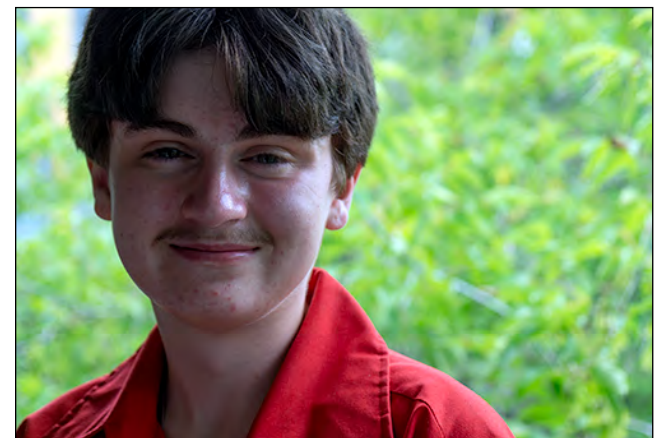
HARDWICK – As the long days of summer begin to wane, most six-year-olds are busy trying to make every second of vacation count before returning to school in a couple of weeks.

Maksim Boyce is one of those. He is days away from being a first grader at the Hardwick Elementary School. Max has spent most of his summer doing his favorite activities: playing football, fishing, swimming, and camping. He aspires to become a football player when he’s older.

For now, however, he considers his biggest accomplishment to be giving back to the community by donating the proceeds of running a lemonade stand to the Hardwick Area Food Pantry. He set up the stand outside his home on Evergreen Manor Drive, where he lives with his parents, Bill and Pauline.

The idea of running a lemonade stand was spontaneous, says Pauline. The idea became a

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Lucas Whitaker

## Hazen Union Grad to Host Mental Health and Youth Suicide Prevention Discussion

by Doug McClure

HARDWICK – Recent Hazen Union graduate Lucas Whitaker will host a community discussion on mental health and youth suicide this Saturday from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Atkins Field. The event is free and will have baked goods and other refreshments available for a donation, with proceeds going to the National Alliance on Mental Illness Vermont chapter.

Whitaker said that Vermont’s suicide rate is higher than the U.S. average, so he organized this event with a group of “students, teachers, and professionals” to continue to keep a focus on youth mental health and suicide prevention.

“I want it to be kind of a discussion so people can share their stories. To just bring awareness to the topic, talk about youth suicide prevention, and then open up the floor for people who just want to talk about it. People can ask questions about what they can do to help further promote awareness and reducing the risk of suicide [among] youth.”

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## First Census Data Shows Small Changes

by Doug McClure

MONTPELIER – The first data from the 2020 U.S. Census have arrived, and the State of Vermont has provided insight into the broadest range of information.

The town-by-town counts show that most of the Gazette towns had small population changes.

Hardwick’s population decreased by 90 residents, a 3% drop from 2010, and Craftsbury gained 137, an 11% increase. Greensboro’s population increased by 49, or 6.4%. Calais also

showed a gain of 54, or 3.4%. At the lower end of the scale, Wolcott showed a loss of 6 residents.

Other Northeast Kingdom towns saw significant and substantial losses of population. Lyndon lost 490 residents and St. Johnsbury 239. On the western side of the state, towns around Burlington and north showed far more substantial population gains.

The wider implication of these numbers is that, under Vermont law, at a certain level the population increase or decrease might affect how the General Assembly is allocated.

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regardless of vaccination status. Children should return to full-time in-person learning in the fall with layered prevention strategies in place.”

The Agency of Education (AOE) recently issued a two-page “COVID-19 Prevention Measures for Fall 2021.” However, as noted in a Gazette article from last week, several area superintendents stated that they found the AOE’s memo lacking in clarity and detail. One example cited by several superintendents was the AOE’s instructions regarding masking. The AOE memo instructed schools to mask for a short period until 80% of students were vaccinated, without telling the schools how to measure the rate of vaccination.

Vaccines, however, continue to be a critical part of this discussion. Speaking as a parent, Andrew Meyer said, “If we want to have in-school learning versus remote then we need to have a shared responsibility around vaccinations. The consequences on our students’ education and physical and mental health are far too great not to have the expectation that all students aged 12 above and adults get vaccinated.”

It is unclear whether the state can mandate COVID vaccinations at the moment. OSSU Superintendent Adam Rosenberg has previously said “To my knowledge, we can’t require anyone to be vaccinated.”

Hazen Union Principal Jason Di Giulio said, “As always, Hazen depends on our close partnership with our communities to help our youth. We want the school to be as open as it can be,

for as long as it can be, and we hope our community members do, as well. While the COVID vaccines do not yet seem to be required by law, they do seem to be necessary to help us return to a more safe, more open, and more interactive way of school. We hope to leave the dangers of COVID and the masks behind, but only our communities can help us do that.”

The state already has the force of law to mandate other vaccinations for students. The AOE’s immunization guidance states:

“According to Vermont law, in order to attend a school or childcare facility, students must have received the required vaccines, provide a current exemption form, or be provisionally admitted. All provisionally admitted students must be fully immunized within six months following enrollment or submit a signed medical or religious exemption form to the school.”

Among the required vaccines to attend a Vermont school is the polio vaccine, and according to the most recent data about COVID’s transmissibility, the Delta variant is more transmissible than polio.

COVID vaccines are being administered at the Hardwick Area Health Center on Mondays, 7:30 a.m., to 11:30 a.m., and on Wednesdays from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m., and walk-ins are welcome. Walgreens also does vaccinations. Testing is at the fire station on Mondays 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., and on Wednesdays 1:30 to 5:30 p.m., with walk-ins also welcome, and appointments can be pre-scheduled online at [healthvermont.gov](http://healthvermont.gov).

**Census**

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state said in its release that it redraws its legislative districts after the census “to ensure that the populations of each district have relatively equal representation in both chambers of the State House.” Vermont uses two different formulas for an ideal distribution, one for the Senate and one for the House.

The state noted that “Generally speaking if a district has a percentage deviation greater than 10% over or under ideal, legal precedent would suggest that the district would likely exceed what is constitutionally acceptable.”

Based on the current numbers, the state calculated that the Essex-Orleans Senate district’s population was 10.2% less than

ideal, and the Caledonia District 8.6% lower. At the opposite end of the spectrum, Chittenden was 16% more populous than was ideal for its level of representation.

The House side reflects a similar pattern. Essex-Caledonia was 14.3% less populated than ideal and Caledonia-4, 6% less. While all but one other Northeast Kingdom district stayed closed to “ideal,” many around and north of Chittenden showed significant population gains, indicating a representation level that the state would consider less than ideal.

If, as many analysts expect, the re-alignment does take place, the end result could be further erosion of the Northeast Kingdom’s influence in the General Assembly as its population continues to decrease.



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# POLICE REPORT

## Hardwick Police

The Gazette did not receive a report from the Hardwick Police Department this week.

## State Police Report

### Motorcyclist Succumbs to Injuries

In an update to the motor vehicle crash on August 9 on Sugarhouse Road in West Burke, the Vermont State Police reported that the operator of the 2007 Kawasaki involved in the crash, Brian Robinson, age 32, of Marshfield, succumbed to his injuries the following morning and was pronounced dead at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center.

## Fundraising

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reality the afternoon of August 3, as Pauline assisted Max in preparing lemonade.

“I asked him, ‘What are you going to do with the money?’”, Pauline said. “He said he wanted to donate it. I thought he would get bored with the lemonade stand after half an hour.”

It’s hard to not appreciate Max’s charitable spirit, as he talked about how his efforts would help people in need. He sold \$47 worth of lemonade, but the effort inspired customers to donate beyond the stand price of 50 cents per cup. Lastly, Max was able to sell a birdhouse he made.

He walked to the Hardwick Area Food Pantry with \$130 in hand. As he presented the pantry’s director, LauraLee Sweeney, with

the money, a person who was visiting the pantry contributed a final \$5 donation.

“It’s wonderful to witness a child growing up with a healthy sense of compassion and a strong charitable spirit. Max demonstrated that everyone can help those around them,” said Sweeney. “The Hardwick Area Food Pantry is extremely grateful for the support from Max and his fundraising efforts.”

The Hardwick Area Food Pantry serves Hardwick and surrounding towns, with two satellite locations in Albany and Craftsbury. During the COVID-19 pandemic, the organization saw the monthly number of households needing emergency food assistance increase by 25%. More information on how the public can help can be found at [nourishhardwick.org/pantry](http://nourishhardwick.org/pantry)

## Discussion

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Whitaker said he spoke with Lieutenant Governor Molly Gray last week to share his concerns, as well as sending emails to state representatives in hopes that some will participate.

Whitaker has been an outspoken advocate for improving students’ mental health from his first days at Hazen Union in 2019. He won second place in Sen. Bernie Sanders’ “State of the Union” Essay Contest in 2020, writing about youth mental health access and suicide. Shortly after arriving at Hazen Union, he, like the entire community, was rocked by the death of Finn Rooney.

The next major hit to kids’ mental health was COVID. Whitaker did not take well to the school’s remote learning programs, and suddenly a whole slate of activities and events he’d been looking forward to was wiped away. A very good friend who was an exchange student had to go back to their country.

“School was horrible. We just were using this new online format, and I didn’t even know Zoom existed until this happened. I didn’t get to see my friends. I didn’t get to speak to people in person. I didn’t get to follow through with any of those events. Everything I was really looking forward to just stopped. I was stuck at home. I couldn’t go to chorus rehearsals, I couldn’t go to theater.”

Even the interview he was supposed to have with Senator Sanders due to the contest was canceled. Another major experience also was postponed, a State Department overseas program, YES Abroad. Whitaker is leaving for Bulgaria shortly under that program, a year late, which is the reason for his urgency in making this event happen. He will have to quarantine for two weeks before leaving.

“It’s my last chance to do something for my community before I go. All of the students leave for college the next week. I have wanted to do something

for Hardwick for mental health awareness and suicide prevention for a long time now. I was talking about doing something last summer at the beginning of 2020. Then we had lock-down, and there was nothing I could do at that point.”

He has a personal experience of finding mental health support in previous schools absent.

Whitaker said, “I have a background really struggling with mental health. I’m in a good place now and I have been for a while, but I am also a suicide attempt survivor myself. And I know how it feels to be really scared and really feel like you’re alone. And I wouldn’t want anyone to feel that way.”

He said in previous schools, “nobody really spoke about mental well-being and how to take care of yourself,” which for Whitaker meant he had nowhere to turn. “People always spoke about physical health, and we had gym class every day. They would do those things, but never ask, ‘how are you feeling?’ Or for people that come from abusive homes, ‘How are things at home?’ I really do believe that if there had been more people that made an effort to check up on other people, then maybe I wouldn’t have been in such a bad place, and other people wouldn’t have either.”

He said that in eighth grade he went to his principal and suggested an assembly for suicide prevention.

“I didn’t feel that I had a voice. I felt like because I was a kid, nobody wanted to hear what I had to say. Nobody thought I had anything to say because I’m not as old as them, and therefore I can’t know nearly as much as they do.”

Whitaker said a concern he has is, now that he’s graduated, is “who’s going to continue pursuing this [subject] when I’m no longer here? So, I really hope that this thing that I’m doing next Saturday kind of inspires some people.”

For more information about the event, email Whitaker at [dalie.viines@gmail.com](mailto:dalie.viines@gmail.com) or call (925) 409-5444.

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Greensboro Land Trust chair Clive Gray (left) celebrates a conservation easement with Steve Lotspeich and Sylvia Lotspeich Greene, who represented the donating family.



photo by Fan Watkinson

Greensboro Land Trust trustees and advisers picnicked with members of the Lotspeich family, who donated a conservation easement to land near Caspian Lake. Those celebrating were: (front) Nancy Hill, (front row) Willie Smith, David Smith and Bob Fairbanks, (standing) Vicky Sutton, Jim Sutton, Alison Gardner, Clive Gray, Steve Lotspeich, Sylvia Lotspeich Greene, Tim Breen, Nat Smith, Cilla Bonney-Smith and Erika Karp.

## Land Trust Celebrates Lotspeich Conservation Easement

by Clive Gray

GREENSBORO – On Sunday, one year late because of COVID-19, the Greensboro Land Trust (GLT) celebrated a conservation easement on 128 acres near Caspian Lake’s northwest corner. The easement was donated in December 2019 by the three Lotspeich siblings. On Sunday two of the siblings, Stephen and Sylvia, picnicked on a meadow along Edsall Road with a group of GLT trustees and advisers, who toasted the family.

GLT chair Clive Gray described the easement as the land trust’s prize project, given the land’s position in the view from much of the eastern shore of Caspian Lake and the lake’s hinterland. In the opposite direction, the land features the best view of Caspian

Lake from the west. The Lotspeich property consists mainly of the former Laird farm, purchased in 1967 by the Lotspeiches’ parents. It contains roughly 55 acres of managed forest and 70 acres of hay fields and meadow.

**PUBLIC NOTICE: AS A GENEALOGIST, AUTHOR AND PUBLISHER,** I (Ronald Choquette) have written and published family books on the following residents of Greensboro, Vt., who have lived there. Some families are from the time of its beginning and they cover the surrounding towns of Greensboro Bend, Stannard, East Hardwick and Hardwick. Each book, of each family, goes back in time for 1,000 years with hundreds of photos of the families in each book. Some may be of interest to you all. They are available on Amazon at a very reasonable price. In the search box of Amazon, enter “books.” When the “books” page comes up, enter my name, “Ronald Choquette.” All my books will show up. They are as follows:

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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:

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| Fradette's Sugar House – Maple Syrup               | Smith's Grocery – Gift Certificates              |
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# 100th Craftsbury Old Home Day Activities



Ava Woodley (left), Sophie Urie (center) and Ad-dyson Woodley (right), ride on their grandparent's Stillmeadow Gardens float.



John Smith pulls little train cars with his ATV on the Common.



Lincoln Robillard, 5, of Craftsbury, slides down the inflatable water slide.



Jace Martin, 4, of Sheldon rides in a little train car with his bat during the 100th anniversary of Crafts-bury's Old Home Day held on August 14.



Gwyneth Harris (left), Sterling College garden man-ager, and student Basil Stein (right), ride in a forecart hitched to roan horses. Behind them is manager Azsa Greiner with a pony as they lead the parade around the Common.



Newport Band members (in front) Chris Maginniss (left) and Linda Aiken (right). In back (from left): Taylor Hughey, Marty McRae and Lena Ouillade.



Craftsbury area veterans (from left): Jim Richards, Brian Young, Sonny Simmons and Saul Trevino, ride in the parade.



Raz Mille, 12, of Craftsbury, takes his turn in the dunk tank.

**Photos  
by  
Vanessa Fournier**



Amelia Fritz (right) and Christine McDonnell (left), pass out books in the parade from the Craftsbury Public Library books on wheels.

# Community Farm and Food Celebration



photo by Vanessa Fournier

Teamster Gabriel Michaud and his oxen Brady and Tom of the Michaud family of Devon's Gate Farm in East Hardwick walk around the field during the Community Farm and Food Celebration held Friday at the Hardwick Farmers Market.



photo by Vanessa Fournier

Lilith Spencer of Jasper Hill prepares grilled cheese sandwiches at the Hardwick Farmers Market Friday as part of the Community Farm and Food Celebration.



photo by Vanessa Fournier

Alison Stubenhaus (left) and Dale Cavanaugh (right) of Coast 2 Coast Duo entertain during the Community Farm and Food Celebration held at the Hardwick Farmers Market on August 13.



photo by Vanessa Fournier

Greensboro Nursing Home board of trustees (from left): Bobbi Nisbet, Bill Rogers, Paula Harmon, Rosann Hickey and Gina Jenkins sell pies during the Drive-By Pie Benefit August 14. The 25 pies made by the board and members of the community were sold in an hour, with the proceeds going to the nursing home.

## “Timothy Hinman, Hero or Rogue?” Presentation at GHS

by Jenny Stoner

GREENSBORO – 50 members and guests of the Greensboro Historical Society (GHS) met on August 9 in Fellowship Hall and heard differing viewpoints about Timothy Hinman, who spearheaded building a road through the wilderness from Greensboro to Derby in 1792. Hinman is the subject of a Vermont State sign erected earlier this summer at the ball field by Tolman Corner in Greensboro.

Peggy Day Gibson, retired director of the Orleans County Historical Society, spoke first of Hinman's many accomplishments. Born in Connecticut in 1761, at age 15 he joined the Revolutionary Army and learned surveying. After the war, he came to Vermont. He built a log cabin in Greensboro and then surveyed a road to Derby over a three-year period. He organized the town of Derby, sold many land holdings and became a leading citizen and even a county judge and state legislator. Landowners financed the road with taxes of one cent per acre. The Hinman Road eventually became the stagecoach road from Boston to Quebec City.

Gibson then presented many more details about the Hinman Road, both historic and present-day.

Gail Sangree, who has done extensive research on Timothy Hinman, then spoke on other aspects of his life. He was an entrepreneur who went to the state legislature to obtain permission to create the town and then became owner of over 6,700 acres in Derby. In addition to many civic responsibilities, he had a tavern and a store. He had trouble keeping straight which funds were his and which the town's.

Sangree explained the use of “daybooks,” a record in which

townspeople kept track of what jobs or items they had bartered and what they owed and were owed by others. She was able to see and study Hinman's daybook from 1798-1809. He got in trouble when he borrowed an enormous sum of \$11,000 dollars from the Vermont State Bank in Burlington and was not able to repay it. The case was taken to court, where he was the chief judge. However, that was changed, and Samuel Crafts replaced him as judge. He went to prison first in Craftsbury, then in Danville and spent several years in prison before returning to Derby. His plans for trade with Britain through Canada were stopped by the embargo President Jefferson established relating to events of the war of 1812. However, he did seem to regain acceptance, although he was never a merchant again. He returned to Derby and was engaged to work on the state constitution in 1832. He died in 1850. His tombstone, inscribed later, called him a “faithful, honest, just and good man.”

It was left to the audience to decide whether he was a rogue or a hero. When they voted, approximately 50% voted for rogue, and 50%, for hero!

In a brief business meeting, new officers of the historical society were elected by unanimous vote: president, Alison Gardner; vice-president, BJ Gray; secretary, Jenny Stoner; and treasurer, Lise Armstrong. New trustees elected for the class of 2024 were BJ Gray and Debbie Kasper, and, for the class of 2022, Amelia Circosta.

Thanks were expressed for the dedication and work of outgoing trustees Janet Long and Erika Karp and for the outstanding leadership of out-going co-presidents Willie Smith and Nancy Hill.



*courtesy photo*  
 Craftsbury Community Care Center canoe raffle winner Jack Travelstead is all smiles with his new Phil Pike canoe.

## Woodbury Man Wins Care Center Canoe

CRAFTSBURY – Jack Travelstead of Woodbury is the winner of the Phil Pike handcrafted canoe raffled Saturday, August 14, by the Craftsbury Community Care Center.

Artisan Phil Pike drew ticket No. 49 at Craftsbury's Old Home Day. Travelstead is a long-time supporter of the care center and says he is ready to take out the cedar canoe.

"This is unbelievable," Trav-

elstead told care center Board President Jane Marlin. "I almost deleted your email, thinking it was spam, when a friend who was at your event emailed me at the same time to say 'I think you won the canoe.'" Travelstead picked up his new canoe on Sunday afternoon.

Craftsbury Community Care Center provides critical residential support to elders of all economic abilities.

## NEK Broadband Receives Funding, Hires Interim Director

NORTHEAST KINGDOM – Planning efforts to create 2,800 miles of fiber optic cable-based internet in the Northeast Kingdom has received \$276,250 to support next steps.

The funding is from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. The pandemic has highlighted the need for every household and business to have access to high-speed internet and this federal funding supports states' efforts to expand networks. Additional grants are being pursued.

While NEK Broadband is primarily a volunteer organization, this funding will partially support the position of a professional administrator and the hiring of a project manager. Other basics, such as insurance, software licenses and utilizing a legal consultant, when necessary, are also part of the funding package.

One other key element of the funding will create an Executable Project Plan. The Executable Project Plan is a detailed, step-by-step plan. This document is critical for efficiently building a broadband network across the entire Northeast Kingdom service area.

Finally, over \$110,000 has been allocated for completing the necessary utility pole inventory in Washington Electric Co-op territory within the Kingdom.

Over 5,200 utility poles must be inspected to be sure they have space for an additional cable. This funding begins the process. Inspection and replacement will be required of all utilities that own poles in the planned service area and must be completed before each construction phase of the new fiber optic internet network can begin.

The organization's former administrator, Christine Hallquist, has been appointed by Governor Scott to the newly created statewide Vermont Community Broadband Board. The legislature created this board to support all of the Communication Union Districts, such as NEK Broadband and CV Fiber.

Christa Shute will serve as interim executive director. Shute is a Northeast Kingdom native and has a solid history of working in telecommunications. She was director of business development and finance for the Vermont Telecommunications Authority from 2009 to 2015. She was a key negotiator for developing 175 miles of the Northeast Kingdom Fiber Network and over 150 miles of the Central Vermont Fiber Network.

"I have lived in rural Vermont most of my life and understand the challenges of good internet access and its affordability. I am dedicated to helping build the public infrastructure needed in the Northeast Kingdom where the vastness of the territory and sparse population make the task particularly challenging," Shute said.

NEK Broadband will conduct a search for and hire a permanent executive director.

## Truck 13 Back Before Select Board

by Doug McClure

WOLCOTT – After a long, peaceful period without the road crew's aptly named Truck No. 13 breaking down after doing so multiple times in a row, the Wolcott select board received an unwelcome update.

While Halloween is still months away, the truck had more ghosts to share, this time with a suspension problem that put it into the shop. Viking Cives advised road foreman Dillan Cafferky that the town should be aware that, due to supply chain issues, a new replacement truck could take as much as a year and a half for delivery at this point. Cafferky is looking into lease options.

The board also received new details on temporary repairs needed for the Town Hill culvert. Vermont Fish and Wildlife had established requirements for fish protection, as well as for other wildlife to cross the culvert's

floor. Wilson Consulting Engineers of Montpelier estimated the construction will cost between \$30,000 and \$50,000, with a total project cost between \$40,000 and \$60,000. Cafferky recommended taking some initial recommended steps that would cost \$3,250, and the board agreed.

Susan Alexander of the Lamoille Regional Solid Waste Management District (LRSWMD) had reviewed the financials of the Wolcott transfer station and had some ideas. One issue the town had previously identified was the amount of cardboard coming in. Alexander said that the LRSWMD had a new machine it was testing that compressed cardboard, and Wolcott might be able to participate. One suggestion re-iterated was to make sure the attendants know what is being brought in to ensure that the correct fees are charged. The town might also consider reducing the compost

bins to one larger bin instead of two small ones to solve the issue of bins only being filled halfway, and is investigating whether an on-site composting setup might be an option.

The town just received nearly \$12,000 for the Wolcott Community Garden through the AARP Challenge 2021 grant. Subsequent to that award, Deb Klein proposed a second opportunity for a \$950 Spark Connecting Community grant. The goal of that grant would be a design for the garden's logo, the free vegetable pantry, and the upcoming park. Residents would vote on the design. The board also approved establishing a separate checking account for the garden.

Fuel bids were again discussed, but the discussion over the options has extended to where the quotes have expired. The town currently uses Bourne's Energy. Additional discussion will take place at tonight's meeting.



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# OUR COMMUNITIES

## Larrabee Poetry Memorial on August 19

ROCHESTER – A poetry memorial for Phyllis Larrabee will be held on August 19, at 4 p.m., in the Gazebo Park in downtown Rochester. The park is adjacent to Route 100.

## Bingo and Burger on August 25

EAST HARDWICK – The Caledonia Grange #9 will hold a Bingo and Burger Night from 5 to 8 p.m., on Wednesday, August 25. Burgers and fries will be served outside, by donation, beginning at 5 p.m. Capacity will be limited inside the hall to accommodate social distancing. Masks are recommended. All proceeds will benefit community programming in East Hardwick. The hall is located at 88 East Church Street. For more info, see easthardwickgrange@gmail.com.

## Community Lunch on Aug. 26

HARDWICK – The United Church of Hardwick on South Main St. will be offering a Community Lunch on Thursday, August 26 from noon to 1 p.m. This will be a take-out meal. Call 472-6353 to reserve a meal.

## Concert Benefit on Sept. 4

MONTPELIER – A concert and fundraiser featuring Atlantic Crossing and The Turning Stile will be held September 4, at 7 to 9 p.m. at the Capital City Grange Hall. The perform will benefit the Montpelier Contra Dance and the Capital City Grange Hall. The event is outdoors at the Hall and will be streamed online. Fundraiser donations can be made online [capitalcitygrange.org/donate/](http://capitalcitygrange.org/donate/) or with cash or check at the event. More information, including an event link, can be found at [capitalcitygrange.org/events/](http://capitalcitygrange.org/events/) and the Montpelier Contra Dance Umbrella Facebook page or contact Tim Swartz at (802) 225-8921, [cdu.tim@gmail.com](mailto:tim@gmail.com).



photo by Kayleigh Boyle  
Mavis Hall sells produce at the Riverside Farm stand at a previous youth Hardwick Farmers' Market. This year's youth market will be held on August 20.

## Hardwick Farmers' Market Hosts Youth Vendors on Aug. 20

HARDWICK -- The Hardwick Farmers Market is looking for youth vendors to sell their homemade wares on Friday, Aug. 20. The market is for a young person who likes to bake, whittle, or knit, or make anything homemade. The youth market will be held along with the regular market vendors Atkins Field, 100 Granite Street, from 3 to 6 p.m. All music will be performed by local youth musicians, with performances by the Green Mountain Skillet Lickers! For those who are interested in joining the market, email Kayleigh Boyle, at [hardwickfarmersmarket@gmail.com](mailto:hardwickfarmersmarket@gmail.com).

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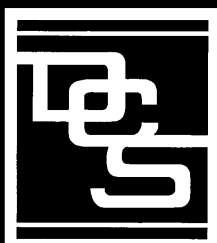
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# OBITUARIES

## SHANE R. MCNAULTY



Shane R. McNaulty

CLAREMONT, N.H. – Shane Raymond McNaulty, age 33, died on July 25, 2021, in Claremont. He was born September 8, 1987, in Berlin, Vt.

He is survived by his mother and stepfather, Tami and Lou Furry, his sister, Kelli and his brother, Lee. He also leaves behind two sons, Abel and Noah, and their mom, Kacie Baslow, from Claremont. The boys adored their father. He has numerous relatives and friends who love him and already miss him dearly.

Remembrance was held at the American Legion at 15 North Main Street in Hardwick on August 7. Online condolences are welcomed at [northernvermontfuneralservice.com](http://northernvermontfuneralservice.com).

EAST HARDWICK – Louise Angeline Howard, 100, of East Hardwick, who recently made her home with her daughter and son-in-law, Beverly and George Young, in Greensboro, died Tuesday, August 10, at Copley Hospital in Morrisville. She was a strong, vibrant lady who was privileged to live independently for so many years.

She was born December 4, 1920, in East Barnet, the daughter of the late Edward J. Chabot Sr. and Jenie (Mason) Chabot. She graduated from Hardwick Academy in the class of 1938.

On January 29, 1941, she married Robert H “Bob” Howard Sr. They lived all of their married years in Hardwick and East Hardwick.

Louise first worked for the Hardwick Department Store. She later was a seamstress, inspector, and in the packaging department

## LOUISE A. HOWARD



Louise A. Howard

remember many of her family stories from long ago and she enjoyed sharing them.

Survivors include: two children, Beverly (George) Young of Greensboro and George Howard of Hardwick; several grandchildren; great-grandchildren; great-great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her husband, Robert “Bob” Howard Sr. in 1985; a son, Robert H. Howard Jr. in 2018; and all of her siblings: Edward Chabot Jr., Louis Chabot, Catherine Cook and Mary Matthews.

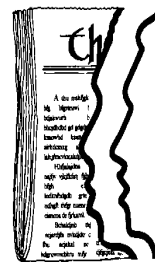
A graveside service will be held at 1 pm., on Saturday, August 28, in the Sanborn Cemetery in East Hardwick.

Dian R. Holcomb of Northern Vermont Funeral Service is assisting family with arrangements. Online condolences are welcomed at [northernvermontfuneralservice.com](http://northernvermontfuneralservice.com).

at the Hardwick Knitwear, where she worked until she retired. She enjoyed traveling, long rides through the Vermont countryside, caring for her lawn, shopping and reading.

Her grandchildren will

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## THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

### Thursday, August 19

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

**UNITED CHURCH OF HARDWICK AUCTION,** 6 p.m., at the Parsonage, 113 W. Church St. Goods and services donated by local businesses, attic treasures, box lots and much more. Pie and Dessert Sale, Silent Auction. Hot dogs, soda, coffee. Rain or Shine under the tent.

### Friday, August 20

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

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #1568 AUCTION,** 7 p.m., Dona's Car Store, 154 Rte. 15 W, Hardwick. Pre-owned and new items, gifts and services from local businesses. Information: 586-2899, 472-5501 or 472-8282.

**THE VERMONT COMEDY DIVAS,** 6:30 p.m., Highland Center for the Arts, 2875 Hardwick St., Greensboro. Order a picnic dinner in advance when you purchase your tickets online at [highlandartsvt.org](http://highlandartsvt.org). Picnics available for pickup starting at 5 p.m. For more information: 802-533-2000.

### Saturday, August 21

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

**MUSIC BY DWIGHT & NICOLE,** 6:30 p.m., Highland Center for the Arts, 2875 Hardwick St., Greensboro. Order a picnic dinner in advance when you purchase your tickets online at [highlandartsvt.org](http://highlandartsvt.org). Picnics available for pickup starting at 5 p.m. For more information: 802-533-2000.

### Sunday, August 22

**22ND ANNUAL FOLK CONCERT,** 4 p.m., The Old West Church, Calais. Featuring singer, composer and song collector Moira Smiley. Limited seating, Masks are required

for unvaccinated attendees. Reservations required by purchasing tickets at <https://sevendaystickets.com/events/91622>.

### Monday, August 23

**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:** "American Journeys," Highland Center for the Arts, 2875 Hardwick St., Greensboro. Bar and lawn open 5 p.m. Concert begins 6 p.m. Includes works by Bernhard Crusell, Bohuslav Martinu and Antonin Dvorak. Information: [highlandartsvt.org](http://highlandartsvt.org), 802-533-2000.

### Tuesday, August 24

**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 25

**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.

**BINGO AND BURGER NIGHT,** 5 - 8 p.m., Caledonia Grange #9, 88 East Church St., East Hardwick. By donation for food, 2 cards for \$1 Bingo. Information: [easthardwickgrange@gmail.com](mailto:easthardwickgrange@gmail.com)

### 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](http://BreadandPuppet.org).



*courtesy photo*

*Pipe and Slippers will be the opening act in a benefit concert for the Peacham Library on September 3.*



*courtesy photo*

*Bob and Sarah Amos perform on September 3 in a concert to benefit the Peacham Library.*

## Bob and Sarah Amos in Benefit Concert Sept. 3

PEACHAM – The father-daughter duo Bob and Sarah Amos headline a concert in support of the Peacham Library on Friday, September 3, at 7 p.m., at the Peacham Congregational Church and Meeting House

The opening act, Pipe and Slippers, will feature the Peacham-based duo Andrea Otto and Nathan Colpitts, who will perform traditional and original tunes.

The performance will be preceded by an ice cream social outside the church starting at 6 p.m., featuring Artesano Ice Cream sundaes.

Bob and Sarah Amos will present a wide variety of songs. Bob Amos is an award-winning songwriter who has written and recorded over 100 songs on 12 albums over the past 30 years. His songs reflect many influences and styles including folk, bluegrass,

blues, Celtic, pop and rock-a-billy. Vocalist Sarah Amos has been singing professionally for over 15 years, and currently performs with her father in their duo act, as well as in a bluegrass band.

Pipe and Slippers are an acoustic folk duo newly located in Peacham, made up of Nathan Colpitts and Andrea Otto. They have performed in a variety of small venues across the Northeast Kingdom for the past six years and are popular at local farm markets where Nathan also peddles his wares under the name "The Singing Blacksmith." The two perform both traditional and original tunes with Nathan on guitar, mandolin and vocals, and Andrea joining him.

The venue is located at 56 Church Street. Visit [peachamlibrary.org](http://peachamlibrary.org) or call (802) 535-3682 for more information.



photo by Vanessa Fournier  
 Errol Grant (front), Nell Urie (left) and Lila MacKenzie (right) in a scene from "A Midsummer Night's Dream" performance held August 13 under the tent at the Highland Center for the Arts. The Get Thee to the Funnery Shakespeare day camp ran from August 2-13. This is the 24th summer session of the camp, led by Peter Gould.



photo by Vanessa Fournier  
 Jonah Socks (left), Aaron Nichols (second from left), Kayla Mullen (center) and Maya Remick in "A Midsummer Night's Dream" fight scene. The Get Thee to the Funnery Shakespeare day camp ran from August 2 – 13 at the Highland Center for the Arts, with a public performance held on Friday.



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 Get Thee to the Funnery actors Olie Grant (left) and Abe Leveillee (right) perform during a scene from "A Midsummer Night's Dream" held at the Highland Center for the Arts on Friday.



courtesy photo  
 Banjo Dan Lindner, Carrie Cook and Willy Lindner will present the final concert in the summer series at the Plainfield recreation field on Sunday, August 29.

## Summer Series Wraps Up with Sky Blue Boys and Cookie

PLAINFIELD – The final concert in the summer concert series will be held on Sunday, August 29, at 5 p.m., and will feature the Sky Blue Boys and Cookie.

Banjo Dan and Willy Lindner, known throughout the Northeast as The Sky Blue Boys, teamed up with musician Carrie Cook, who adds a new instrument (the upright bass), new styles (the blues, some funky jug band music, a hint of jazz), and even a new gender to "the Boys" performances. The Lindners have built up a large repertoire of old ballads, parlor songs, heart songs, and sacred numbers. Both of them songwriters, the Sky Blue Boys also deliver their own material, and expand on the traditional instrumentation to incorporate an

array of acoustic sounds.

The series is sponsored by Plainfield Friends of the Opera House, Plainfield Rec Committee, Caledonia Spirits, Black Bear Bio, Plainfield Coop, East Hill Tree Farm, Positive Pie, Onion River Campground and Anonymous Donors and a grant from The Stages in the Sun initiative - a partnership between the Vermont Recreation & Parks Association, the Vermont Arts Council, and the Vermont Department of Tourism & Marketing.

The event will be held at the Plainfield recreation field. Admission is by donation, attendees should bring chairs and blankets. For more information go to plainfieldoperahousevt.org, email plainfieldtownhall@gmail.com, or phone or text (802) 498-3173.



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# Kotoko Brass Plays Levitt AMP St. Jay, August 22

ST. JOHNSBURY – Kotoko Brass will play as part of the Levitt AMP St. Johnsbury Music Series on Sunday, August 22nd, at Dog Mountain.

Inspired by the traditional drum rhythms of Ghana, Kotoko Brass has created a style of West African dance music described by the Boston Globe as “propulsive, infectious party music.” Kotoko Brass will take the Levitt AMP stage at Dog Mountain at 5 p.m.

Kotoko Brass features musicians from Ghana, Antigua, Japan, and the United States playing together. Drums provide the heart of Kotoko Brass, merging syncopated African polyrhythms with dance grooves. Horns blend traditional sounds of New Orleans with the West African brass band sound heard from Ghana to Nigeria, and the guitar, keys, and bass evoke

African and Caribbean styles of highlife, Afrobeat, and reggae.

The Levitt AMP St. Johnsbury Music Series brings free, family-friendly live music to Dog Mountain every Sunday through August 28th and Saturday, September 4th. 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 absolutely no outside alcohol is permitted. Patrons are encouraged to comply with evolving CDC COVID-safety guidelines.

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



*courtesy photo*

Rob Mullen, aboard the “Artful Otter,” painting a scene from Lake Champlain. Rob is one of the nationally recognized wildlife artists participating in the Vermont Wildlife Coalitions Lake Champlain Art Expedition.

## Wildlife Coalition Offers \$2,500 to Student Artists

by David Kelley

GREENSBORO – This October, the Highland Center for the Arts in Greensboro will be exhibiting artwork by more than a half dozen of North America’s most renowned wildlife artists. In conjunction with that exhibit, the Vermont Wildlife Coalition Education Fund is offering \$2,500 in prizes to students in grades 7 to 12 who submit their own works of art depicting Vermont Wildlife.

First prize is \$1,000; second prize is \$750; third prize is \$500; and fourth prize is \$250. Student winners will have their work displayed along with the work of the nationally recognized artists.

Participating nationally recognized artists who will be exhibiting their work include Jean Louis Courteau ([jeanlouisourteau.blogspot.com/](http://jeanlouisourteau.blogspot.com/)), Cole Johnson ([colejohnsonart.com/](http://colejohnsonart.com/)), Rob Mullin ([robertpaulgalleries.com/artists/rob-mullen/](http://robertpaulgalleries.com/artists/rob-mullen/)), Patricia Pepin ([patriciapepin.com/gallery.html](http://patriciapepin.com/gallery.html)), John Pitcher, Sue Westin ([westinpitcherart.com/johns-archived-works/](http://westinpitcherart.com/johns-archived-works/)), John Potter ([johnpotter-studio.com/](http://johnpotter-studio.com/)) and Bonnie Rowell ([bonniesbotanicalsvt.com/contact](http://bonniesbotanicalsvt.com/contact)).

Many of the works by these renowned artists that will be on display in October at the Highland Center will be “plein air” paintings. Plein air painting is about leaving the studio and getting outdoors to experience the wildlife and landscapes being painted. In this case, the artists are all engaged in an expedition to sail the length of Lake Champlain and to paint scenes of

wildlife and wildlife habitat on and around Lake Champlain. The lake is one of Vermont’s most precious natural resources. The artists hope to support and to bring greater public attention to the importance of this priceless resource and the wildlife it supports. The art produced on the expedition will be sold to help support the work of the Vermont Wildlife Coalition’s Education Fund.

The Vermont Wildlife Coalition’s Education Fund is intended to encourage young Vermonters to get outside and to enjoy and appreciate the beauty of Vermont’s landscapes, lakes, rivers and streams and, in particular, Vermont’s wildlife and wildlife habitat. The hope is that by encouraging students to recreate those scenes in works of art others will likewise be able to share and appreciate Vermont’s natural resources.

To help celebrate Vermont wildlife and these works of art, these artists will be joined at the Highland Center for the Arts on October 17 in a concert by musicians including Tish Hinojosa from Austin, Texas; Dave Mallett, one of New England’s native sons and a nationally renowned singer/songwriter; as well as Dave’s sons, Luke and Will Mallett, who have become one of our country’s most popular new indie folk/country bands.

More information about the student art competition can be found at [vtwildlifecoalition.org/artcontest](http://vtwildlifecoalition.org/artcontest). More information about the October 17 concert can be found at [vtwildlifecoalition.org/concert](http://vtwildlifecoalition.org/concert).



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This snake hanging out on a weed over the South Main Street sidewalk in Hardwick gave walkers pause as they walked toward the Mill Street intersection.

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# IN THE GARDEN

## On Becoming a Plant Collector

by Henry Homeyer

CORNISH FLAT, N.H. – I’ve always been a gardener, or at least as far back as I can remember. More recently, say the last 20 years or so, I’ve been a plant collector. What does that mean? If I fall in love with a plant, I want to grow other plants related to it.

One of the most obsessive collectors I ever met was the late Bill Countryman of Northfield, Vt. When I interviewed him in the late 1990s, he told me that his sister sent him a peony, and although he was in his seventies at the time and not a gardener, he planted it. It bloomed magnificently and Bill fell in love with peonies. He decided to grow every type there is.

Bill Countryman bought a chain saw so he could clear his land to plant peonies. He bought a bulldozer to remove the stumps

diverse group in the scientific group or genus, “*Sanguisorba*.” First, I got the one native to New England, “*Sanguisorba canadensis*.” It loves wetlands, so I planted it in a weedy, marshy place in part sun/part shade. It thrived, sending flower spikes with bottle-brush flowers six-feet tall or more. It blooms in late summer or fall and can still be pretty in late October.

My absolute favorite of these flowers is one called *Sanguisorba hakusenensis*, “Lilac Squirrel.” I saw it online and asked all my local garden centers to no avail, so I finally ordered it from Digging Dog Nursery in California. I planted five small plants last year. They wintered over and are blooming now. The flowers are like pink squirrel tails hanging down from 18-inch flower stems. They make me smile, especially with a name like that.

The littlest of the burnets



courtesy photo

I have dozens of daylilies, but don’t consider myself a real collector of them.

gardenworthy, I have two: probably *S. obtusa* and *S. tenuifolia*. The literature, even online, is sketchy about identifying these plants and I lost the plant tags long ago. The first, which has reddish-pink tidy small catkin-like flowers needs to be tied up early in July. If not tied up, the flower stems, which get to be over 4-feet long and have 20 or so blossoms per stem, flop over. The other is standing tall and proud right now, but the flowers have not yet opened – and I haven’t staked them.

Why do I collect burnets? I just like them. They can be picked for flower arrangements, but I rarely do. I like seeing them in the garden.

Willows, of course, are more of a problem to collect because of their size, but I do grow at least half a dozen. My favorite is the *Salix integra*, “Hakuro nishiki.” It has variegated foliage early in the summer, green and white, and then with pink mixed in for a few weeks. It is colorful and fast growing. Like all willows, it appreciates moist soils but will grow in ordinary garden soil.

“Hakuro nishiki” is not a large willow. It seems to top out at about 20 feet in 10 years. I

planted three some 20 years ago, ten feet apart, and they created a dense grove. I was able to prune out branches growing into the center, creating a small room where I placed Adirondack chairs. It makes a cool space near my brook to eat lunch on a hot day.

The rosemary willow, *Salix eleagnos*, is another favorite of mine. It is a small willow, only getting to be about 10 feet tall and wide in 10 years. I love that its leaves look somewhat like leaves of the herb rosemary: narrow and pointy leaves. They are dark green on the top side, gray or silvery on the bottom side. I’ve almost been able to fool people visiting my garden into believing it was really a rosemary plant on steroids, but for the lack of smell. Neither the rosemary nor “Hakuro nishiki” produce any noticeable flowers.

So, I encourage you to look for and collect plants related to the ones you love. Not every variety will tickle your fancy, but if you discover a few that do, they will make you happy for years to come.



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Lilac Squirrel blossoms are delightful to touch and see.

and went to work. When I met him, he had already planted some 300 kinds of peonies. He continued on, getting more varieties, perhaps as many as 600. He sold them, but mostly he just enjoyed them. He was quite the collector.

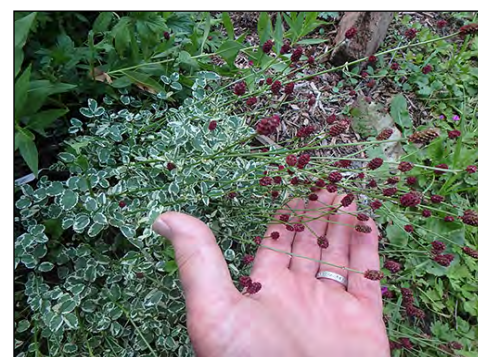
I’m not nearly so obsessive. What do I collect? Well, peonies, I suppose. But Cindy and I have only 44 peonies. Primroses. Burnets. Persicarias. Wildflowers. Willows. I have dozens of colors of daylilies, but don’t consider myself a collector of them: they are just nice, reliable plants, but I don’t need one of every kind. Thank goodness for that as there are many hundred.

The burnets are quite a

I grow is one called *S. officinalis*, “Little Angel.” It makes a tidy clump of diminutive green leaves edged in white. Each leaf is just half an inch long. The deep red catkin-like flowers are on six-inch stems that lean or fall over. Now, five years since I bought it, the clump is about a foot across and just three inches tall.

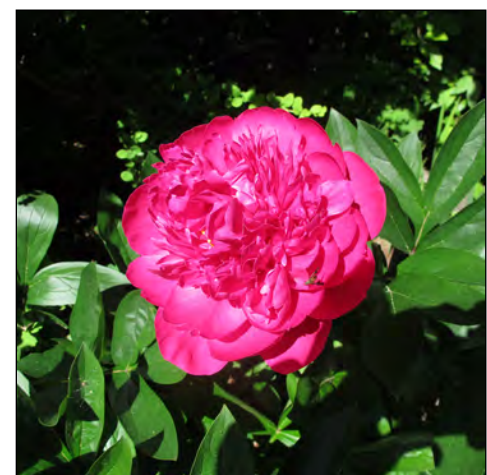
“Little Angel’s” bigger cousin in the same genus is one called “Tanna.” This is called a miniature, but that is only relative to some of the bigger ones that get four-to six-feet tall. It has very tidy 18-inch leaf stems, each with 13 to 17 leaflets in dark green. It makes a tidy mound and has the same dark-red smallish flowers.

Of the large ones that are



courtesy photo

Little Angel is dwarfed by its larger relatives.



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Collector Bill Countryman started out with one peony and eventually collected about 600 different varieties.

# YANKEE NOTEBOOK

## Life Saving Station Amid Restoration

by Willem Lange

EAST MONTPELIER – On a cool August morning, with a slowly lifting fog, light offshore breeze, more bearable than it'd been for several days, the crew and I showed up at the town landing in Kittery Point. The harbor, both a working and recreational anchorage, was studded with a mix of fishing boats, yachts, and day-sailors. The crew carried our kayaks down an algae-slick ramp, and we met our hosts for the day: Dianne Fallon, adventuress, hiker and paddler, and writing teacher who blogs as “The Maniacal Traveler,” and with whom we've filmed before in other episodes. Then we met Sam Reid.

If it weren't for Sam, we wouldn't have been here at all. A cheerful, energetic combination of Harold Hill and Teddy Roosevelt, with a background in historic preservation, he's the president of the Wood Island Life Saving Station Association. During the past ten years, he's wheedled, inspired, coaxed, recruited, and negotiated millions of dollars in donations, grants, and volunteer labor to resuscitate a crumbling eyesore on tiny Wood Island about a mile out in the bay.

It's easy for a casual visitor to ignore, amid the crush and bustle of summer tourists, the strategic importance of the mouth of the Piscataqua River. It's been vital to the military since before the Revolution. The USS Raleigh, which appears on the New Hampshire state flag, was built here in 1776. The Portsmouth Naval Shipyard lies just a bit farther in, partly protected in antiquity by forts and batteries in the outer harbor and a sinuous, easily defended channel. A mile out and almost invisible from the docks on Kittery Point, a string of dark, rectangular shapes runs from Wood Island toward the east shore of the bay. They look just like the boulder-filled cribs the old-timers once built in New England rivers to anchor log booms. The structures here also anchored booms, anti-U-boat nets, during the Second World War, when the menace lurked just offshore.

The Wood Island Life Saving Station, built in 1908, preceded the Coast Guard. It was staffed by hardy oarsmen in bulky, cork-filled life preservers when in action. During good weather they were kept busy painting, cleaning, and gardening. During the worst conditions – storms, darkness, cold – they were ever alert for vessels in distress anywhere within their ken. They trundled their sturdy surfboat down the marine railway to the sea and were off. Then, no doubt, as now in the modern Coast Guard, the informal motto was, “We've to go out. But we don't have to return.”

The Coast Guard, created by President Wilson by combining the Revenue Service with the Life Saving Service, operated the Wood Island station through World War II, when the Navy took over. Eventually it was given to the Town of Kittery, which, likely for lack of ideas and funds, let it languish, until it was a collapsing wreck and an outer harbor eyesore, ready to be demolished.



*courtesy photo*  
The restored Wood Island Life Saving Station off Kittery Point in New Hampshire, has a long history of defense and maritime help.



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Dianne Fallon and Willem Lang kayak out to inspect the renovations to the Wood Island Life Saving Station.

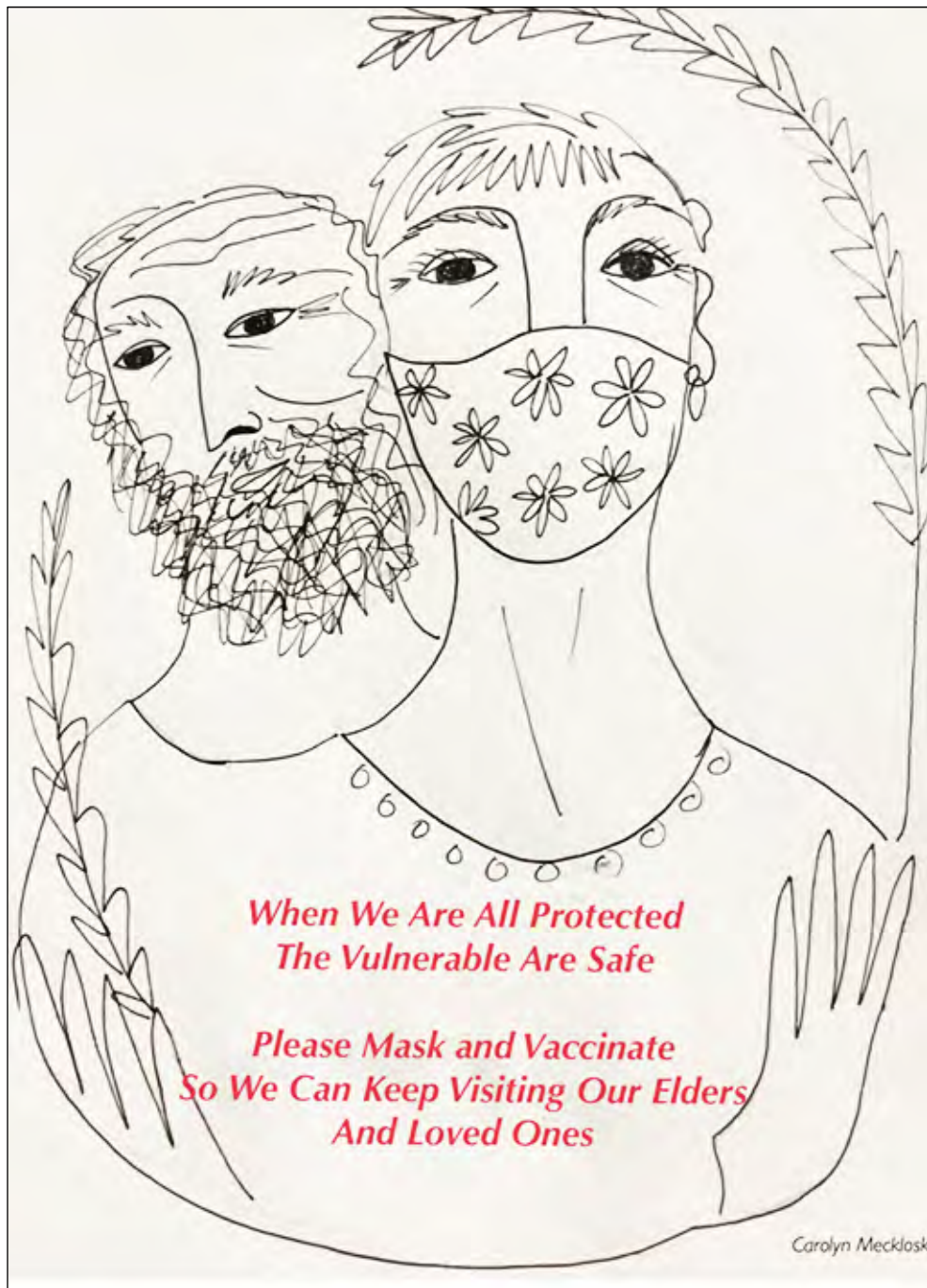


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Kiki suffers separation anxiety in the work boat as her master, Willem Lang, paddles out to Wood Island in a kayak.

Enter another lifesaving service, composed this time of local defenders of historic places. Right off the bat they ran into a snarl of red tape, regulations, and diverse agencies, each of which, in its own way, had to be persuaded to accede to the restoration of the old station.

Hearing Sam Reid describe the years of negotiations, legal tangles, and slow progress, not to mention his amazing ability to marshal diverse resources – Coast Guard, National Guard, US Navy, volunteer engineers and carpenters, and the all-important cash donations and government grants – I mentally added Omar Bradley to his list of exemplars. He could have organized D-Day.

Dianne and I paddled leisurely out to the island, thankful for the calm sea, while Kiki, riding the accompanying work boat, suffered separation anxiety. We landed on the pebbled beach, which has welcomed multiple barges from the mainland, including eight carrying loaded cement trucks. The National Guard, on their summer deployment, replaced the ruined seawall, pouring a massive base topped with precast concrete blocks. The rotten rafters and roof been replaced. The interior is freshly wired – there are a generator and solar panels out here now – and the original interior trim pieces are numbered for accurate replacement. There's still a long way to go before the island opens as a museum to the lifesaving service; but already, thanks to an electric storage device, Sam can stand a mile away on the mainland and with his cell phone turn the night lights on and off, illuminating this lovely monument to those old-time saviors of storm-tossed seamen.



*photo by Vanessa Fournier*  
Wolf Bandit, 10, makes a bookmark as his sister Juniper Bandit, 5, works on a crown during the Rural Arts Collaborative Grassroots Art & Community Effort (GRACE) WonderArts & Sparks annual summer benefit and celebration. The event was held at the Highland Center for the Arts August 7.

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# LETTERS FROM READERS

## Keeping Caspian Lake Waters Safe

To the editor:

Greensboro has been invited by the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation to improve the safeguards to the water quality of Caspian Lake. The Stewards of the Caspian Watershed, a citizen group born out of the 2018 Greensboro Community Forum, would like to accept this invitation and we urge all of our community to join in.

Historically, Caspian's water quality has been good. We now have the chance to reclassify our lake to the more appropriate label of our actual higher standard, A(1). What does this really mean?

Reclassification is a sort of stitch-in-time theory. It means an earlier opportunity to take advantage of technical assistance and funding to protect the waters. It means our commitment to do three things: Not put raw, untreated sewage into the lake; not build a septic system that exceeds 1,000 gallons per day in the Caspian watershed; and not build any wastewater treatment plants in the watershed.

It makes sense to improve the standards for water quality

protection before it's too late to keep the lake waters clean for boating, swimming, fishing, aquatic life, and drinking water.

While the water quality has been good, it is now deteriorating. If the phosphorus levels keep rising, the purity and clarity of the water clouds, and the chlorophyll levels exceed the A(1) threshold, then it triggers an earlier opportunity for restoration actions to occur. Again, it's the stitch-in-time theory. These requirements are embedded in the Vermont Water Quality Standards Environmental Protection Rule Chapter 29A, Effective January 15, 2017.

We've heard it described as saving the best of what's left. The stewards heartily endorse the opportunity to reclassify Caspian Lake.

If you agree, please email your support to the Greensboro Town Clerk Kim Greaves at townclerk@greensborovt.org in advance of the September select board meeting where they will discuss it.

**JoAnn Hanowski, Chair  
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photo by Eve Pomerance

Elizabeth Fitzgerald is featured in the title role of "The Diary of Anne Frank" presented on August 20 through 22 at the Hardwick Town House and directed by Sabra Jones.



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2,618 feet up Stannard Mountain, some leaves are already starting to change, signaling autumn's approach.

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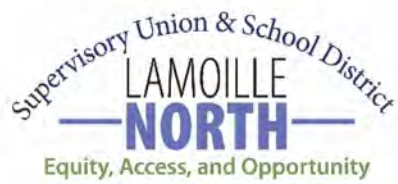
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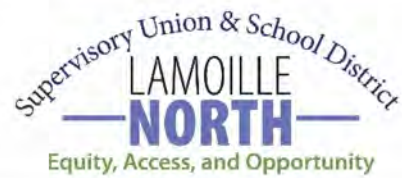
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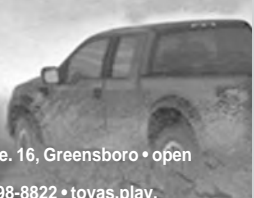


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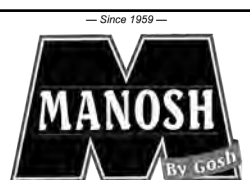
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# SPORTS



photo by Matt Krebs

Charlie Krebs of Craftsbury climbs a ladder on the Forehead of Mt. Mansfield on August 5. He and his brother Joe, sister Ruth, and dad Matt Krebs worked together to safely carry their packs up the challenging section of the Long Trail.



photo by Matt Krebs

Charlie, Ruth, and Joe Krebs find their way among the scattered boulders of Devil's Gulch. The Long Trail runs through the narrow divide between the peaks of Laraway and Belvidere Mountains.

## A Storybook Ending for Craftsbury Adventurers

by Jim Flint

JOURNEY'S END, THE LONG TRAIL – Joe Krebs' ankle did not take long to heal. After a day and a half of rest in Craftsbury, the eight-year-old backpacker wanted nothing more than to return to the Long Trail. Leaving behind the comforts of home, he was determined to reunite with his fellow adventurers.

Joe's brother Charlie, sister Ruth, and dad Matt Krebs waved goodbye to Joe and mom Alyssa Krebs on August 1, at the Appalachian Gap. The trio hiked north through steady rain to the Cowles Cove Shelter. The weather improved on August 2. Reaching the rocky summit of Camel's Hump, they had the beautiful 360-degree view all to themselves.

On August 3, Alyssa drove Joe to the Long Trail crossing at Route 2. Charlie, Ruth, and Matt also woke up early that morning at their camp near the Bamforth Ridge Shelter. The trio was eager to make the steep descent to the Winooski River and meet Joe and Alyssa. A fresh batch of supplies would also be waiting for them.

The four Krebs began their Long Trail adventure at the Massachusetts border on July 16. They backpacked 13 days before taking a rest day at home in Craftsbury on July 30. The first part of the journey was familiar to Matt

but new for Charlie, Ruth, and Joe. Matt and Alyssa hiked the entire Long Trail together in 2003.

When Matt and Alyssa married, they knew that they wanted to have children. They envisioned hiking the Appalachian Trail with their kids, with the caveat that it would be a willing adventure for all. Their hope was to make the long-distance trek as a family when Ruth turned eight and Charlie was ten. Two years before that point, Alyssa became pregnant with Joe.

"The Appalachian Trail dream went out the window," said Matt. "There was no way that we were going to carry Joe, so we started doing section hikes on the Long Trail with Charlie and Ruth, and then later with Joe as he got older. We bided our time, without pushing too hard," reflected Matt.

When the pandemic hit, Matt started thinking about whether through-hiking the Long Trail could happen in 2021. He knew that the time window was narrowing when the three kids would logistically be able to do the 273-mile end-to-end trek together.

"Charlie might say No in order to focus on athletics," Matt pondered. "Ruth and Joe were the driving factors. Alyssa was scheduled to take a summer graduate course and could not do the trek, so what if I did it with the kids?"

During the first week of February, Matt began planning logistics with the kids. Ruth and Charlie cleared their summer schedules. Matt's employer, the Green Mountain Club, was supportive of him taking a full month off for the adventure.

"Planning was a full-time side job," said Matt. "We had all our backpacking gear. Figuring out the food, logistics, and where we would stay was more challenging."

With Joe too young to be vaccinated, COVID-19 was a concern. The Krebs would need to camp together in a four-person tarp tent, rather than using the Long Trail shelters. Matt ensured that the kids had a solid regiment of nutrition, so as not to lose significant weight that could affect their development.

Prior to their Long Trail trek, Matt had never done a backpacking trip where everything was bought in advance and planned out. His goal was to not carry food that people wouldn't eat.

"The kids didn't care much for a few things that we sampled," said Matt. "But in the woods, those same foods tasted good!"

Joe was re-energized after rejoining his dad and siblings at Route 2. They set off together for the Buchanan Shelter, a hike of six miles that day for Joe. The next section over Bolton

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# SPORTS

## Adventurers

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Mountain and on to Mount Mansfield is one of the toughest parts of the Long Trail.

“We got right back into the groove on the steady climb up from the Winooski River,” said Matt. “Everyone was on a different switchback, saying Hi to each other and having a blast. Joe jumped in and bonded even though he was stung by a yellow jacket, which hurt for an hour.”

Ladders are built into the rocky ledges of the Long Trail to assist hikers as they ascend or descend the Forehead of Mount Mansfield. At one point, the ledge is pitched back as you go around a rock. People often take their packs off and help each other through this section.

Ruth took the lead on the challenging climb. Charlie was in front of Joe. Matt was stationed behind. The Long Trail on the north side of Mount Mansfield is steep and exposed. The descent was more difficult for Matt than for Joe. Charlie and Ruth anchored the group.

“The brother-sister dynamic was interesting,” said Matt. “The kids rotated around, switching off, and sometimes hiking alone. Like musical chairs, they supported each other and pulled together when someone needed a lift.”

The Krebs resupplied on August 6 at Route 15 near Johnson. A little more than 50 miles remained in their journey. For the first time on the trek, water availability became a concern.

“We hiked from a flood in southern Vermont to a drought in northern Vermont,” said Matt. After Johnson, we got to the Round Top Shelter and found that the water source was low.”

The Long Trail was unusually dry north of Eden. The Krebs filtered extra water before traveling through Devil’s Gulch, a dark and spooky labyrinth of rocks, trees, and boulders between the peaks of Laraway and Belvidere mountains.



photo by Alyssa Krebs

Ruth, Matt, Joe, and Charlie Krebs reached the Journey’s End monument at the Canadian border on August 11. The Krebs started their end-to-end backpack of the Long Trail on July 16 at the Massachusetts border.

Upon arrival at Hazen’s Notch, they found the normally reliable brook to be dry. Fortunately, their resupply person at the Route 58 crossing thought to bring water, just in case.

As the Krebs neared Journey’s End, the weather turned warmer. Mosquitos became more active. They hiked a little faster, reaching the Canadian border a day early, on August 11. Over the course of 27 days, they backpacked the 273-mile trail, plus side trails.

Amy Potter is the manager of the Green Mountain Club Visitor’s Center in Waterbury Center. Potter indicated that more than 6,500 people have registered their completion of the Long Trail with the Club, either as through-hikers or as section hikers. The GMC’s electronic database of through-hikers includes three eight-year-olds, a seven-year-old, a six-year-old, and a four-year-old.

On August 11, Charlie and Ruth Krebs joined their parents as Long Trail through-hikers. After Joe completes the 20-mile section from the Appalachian Gap to Route 2, he will become part of a “one-in-a-thousand” group of through-hikers, age eight or younger.

“This is all about life experience,” reflected Matt. “What I noticed about the kids is that their perception of how they go through the world is different. They can take chances and not be forced into a box and explore new avenues that they didn’t think they could.”

“Taking the risk of walking through the state frees you to do the things you love to do, to have the confidence to venture into the unknown,” he continued. “It could rain or be muddy. You could bang your knee or run out of water. Like Bilbo Baggins in *The Hobbit*, you never know where life will take you when you step out your front door.”



photo by Matt Krebs  
Backpacking along the Chin of Mt. Mansfield under clear skies, Joe, Charlie, and Ruth Krebs head to the summit of Vermont’s tallest peak.

# SPORTS



courtesy photo

Team Norway took the lead in the FIFA playoffs last Tuesday after scoring goals in 30 of 40 chances. The foursome included (left to right) Damon Renaud, John Sperry, Dan Mencucci and Mike Nixon.



courtesy photo

Team USA was in high spirits and advanced to the FIFA finals last Tuesday night. The team included (left to right) Mike Clark, Gary Brochu, Bob Blake and Dave Burnham.

## Stars Were Aligned for Golfers Last Tuesday

by Patrick Hussey

GREENSBORO – There have been some fun nights throughout the Tuesday night golf season at Mountain View Country this summer, but last week may well have been the pinnacle.

The stars were aligned perfectly as 36 golfers came out on a hot and humid evening to compete in matches filled with fun and remembrance. The league kicked off its Legacy Series, in which it will salute league members who have passed on in the coming weeks. It was Robbie McKay night on Tuesday and he had the gods treating the golfers to first-class weather.

McKay was one of the four founding fathers of the Tuesday night league. He got together with Scott Calderwood, Tom Berd and Richie Ohlrogge back in the mid-'80s to start something that has endured for the last 36 years. The league trophy is dedicated to both McKay and Terry Magoon, another Tuesday night stalwart.

McKay passed in 2011 after a battle with cancer. Upon his wishes, McKay's ashes were spread in a variety of places across Greensboro, including out along the third tee box at MVCC, one of the most scenic places on the course. Calderwood was thrilled to return to

MVCC so he could help salute McKay's memory. He and Richard Brochu spoke of McKay after the round, and during the cookout the league tipped a cup in memory of McKay.

The Legacy Series will continue throughout the coming weeks. Next week, the league will salute Terry Magoon and in the following weeks it will remember Ryan Freid, Roger Brochu and Dona Bessette.

It was a festive evening last week with two matches being played simultaneously. The popular FIFA series began with each foursome representing a World Cup soccer country. A total of 10 countries were competing for the World Cup crown. A miniature soccer goal was placed on each green, along with the practice green, and the golfers had a designated spot to putt from.

The top four goal-scoring teams would advance to next week's finals. Team Norway led all foursomes by scoring goals 30 times in the 40 chances, getting the top average of 7.5 per player. The Norwegians, led by John Sperry, Dan Mencucci, Mike Nixon and Damon Renaud, who came up from Dallas, Texas for the event, were sharp throughout.

Right behind them was Team Canawhichda, who nearly won it a year ago and are looking to make amends for a tough finals performance last year. The foursome of Dan Gauthier, Brad

Ferland, Ivan Menard and Rob Montgomery are back in the hunt after scoring 29 times.

Joining them in next week's finals are the happy-go-lucky group from Jamaica. They were a fivesome that included Calderwood and Richard Brochu, along with Kip Doyon, Rowdy Doyon and Pat Hussey. They scored 36 goals for an average of 7.2 per man.

Lastly, the red, white and blue from the USA are dancing into the finals after scoring 26 goals. USA made the finals with a roster that included Mike Clark, Dave Burnham, Bob Blake and Gary Brochu. They just got by the Netherlands, led by Jim Bellavance, Randy Bellavance, Tyson Davison and Ian Drown with 25 goals.

In addition to FIFA, a medal play flight tournament was also held with four divisions. Bill Richardson won the A Flight after shooting a 52. Blake and Tyson Davison tied for second with a 53. Karl Ferland destroyed everyone in the AA Flight with his 43, winning by seven strokes over Dave Burnham and Slade Farnham. Ferland shot the night's low net round with an impressive 26.

Dan Gauthier made par on the final hole and that secured first place in the AAA Flight over a hard charging Kip Doyon. Gauthier shot a 43 as Doyon had a tough final two holes to slip back to a 44.



courtesy photos

Team Canada (far left) was just one goal off the pace to advance to the finals of the FIFA tournament held at Mountain View Country Club last Tuesday. They are (left to right) Ivan Menard, Rob Montgomery, Dan Gauthier and Brad Ferland. Team Jamaica (left) advanced to the finals. Pictured (left to right) are Pat Hussey, Rowdy Doyon, Scott Calderwood, Richard Brochu and Kip Doyon.

# SPORTS



photo by Alan Ward  
Barre's Jamie York (with flag) emerges from his car after winning the Road Warrior Challenge.



photo by Alan Ward  
Hinesburg's Cooper Bouchard had a big upset by winning the Late Model feature.



photo by Alan Ward  
Another rookie, Thetford's Brandon Gray, took home top honors in the Flying Tigers.

## York Gets First Road Warrior Win in NCFCU Challenge

BARRE – Barre's Jamie York picked the best time to get his first career Thunder Road victory in the annual Road Warrior Challenge on Sunday, August 15. York dominated the 50-lap special for the Road Warriors as part of a special Sunday twilight show.

York started third in the season's biggest event for the Thunder Road entry level division. After Neal "Tetanus" Foster led the first three circuits, York went to the high side and rolled past Foster for the lead. Graniteville's "Flyin'" Fred Fleury followed him around, with the two of them walking away until the halfway break at lap 25. That allowed Sean "Chubby Rambo" McCarthy, Dan Garrett Jr., Josh Vilbrin, and others to close on the leaders while also getting a quick intermission to catch their breath.

Calamity struck on the restart with Jason Kirby and Rodney Campbell taking a hard hit in turn two. Once the field got back underway, York continued to assert his dominance. McCarthy got around Fleury but was unable to run down the leader. Vilbrin then came alive, slinging past Fleury and McCarthy for second with laps winding down.

The big dogs got one more chance at York when Foster and Cole Badger tangled right in front of the leader with five laps to go. York took evasive action, then held serve again on the restart before blowing a gasket in his engine while celebrating the victory.

Northfield's Vilbrin took second while Williamstown's McCarthy held off a late bid by Garrett for third. Nate "Tater" Brien, Fleury, Chris Couture, Foster, Zach Audet, and Matt Ballard completed the top 10.

Hinesburg's Cooper Bouchard pulled one of the year's biggest upsets by winning the Late Model feature. The rookie started outside Chris Roberts on the front row and was able clear him for the lead seven laps into the 50-lap feature. Berlin's Phil Scott was right on his bumper, and after the two put some distance on the field, Scott went to work on the high side.

They spent the next 10 laps side-by-side before Scott, the winningest driver in Late Model history, appeared to put the lead away at the halfway mark. Bouchard wasn't done, though, and as Scott's car started to tighten up, Bouchard stepped through the open door on the inside. All the while, the battle had allowed Chip Grenier and Scott Dragon to

make it a four-car shootout.

Bouchard got the lead back with 16 laps to go as Grenier tried to get below Scott. Back-to-back cautions on laps 44 and 45, for Stephen Donahue and then Brendan Moodie looping it off turn two, gave the pack a break from the torrid pace. Both times, Bouchard got away from Scott, and it was the rookie, who had only one top-10 finish all season to start the night, bringing home the win.

Grenier floated underneath Scott at the finish line for second. Dragon, Marcel J. Gravel, Jason Corliss, Kyle Pembroke, Tyler Cahoon, Christopher Pelkey, and Trampas Demers rounded out the top 10. Unofficially, Pelkey's point lead over Corliss shrunk to 10 points with four weekly events remaining.

Thetford's Brandon Gray made it three first-time winners on the night by capturing the 40-lap Flying Tiger feature. Gray ran down pole-sitter Michael MacAskill and Colin Cornell with 12 laps down. After putting a crossover move on Cornell for second just before halfway, Gray went to the outside line and grabbed the lead as he completed lap 24.

Gray then ran away from the herd as Jason Pelkey, Justin Prescott, Sam Caron, and Michael Martin joined the battle for second. After a little wiggling and bumping, which included Cornell making a miraculous sliding save through the turn-four grass, Pelkey secured the second spot. The Barre racer was starting to gain on Gray as the laps wound down, but he didn't have enough time catch the winner in a caution-free feature.

Milton's Caron charged from 11th to finish third while point leader Mike Martin came from 16th to take fourth. Prescott beat



photo by Alan Ward  
Williamstown's Kyle MacAskill beat Josh Lovely in a green-white-checkered finish for his second career Street Stock victory.

MacAskill by a whisker for fifth. Tanner Woodard, Stephen Martin, Logan Powers, and Cornell chased them to the checkered flag.

Williamstown's Kyle MacAskill picked up his second career Street Stock victory in an eventful 25-lap feature. MacAskill was up to the number two position when the second yellow flew on lap 12 after Taylor Hoar, Luke Peters, and point leader Tommy "Thunder" Smith were part of a multi-car melee in turn three.

The restart brought a double dose of drama. First, Jared Rouleau lost it in turn four and clipped the right rear of Todd Raymo, sending Raymo driver's side first into the front stretch wall. A red flag came out for Raymo, who was able to climb out of his vehicle. Then when the field went under yellow, polesitter Haidyn Pearce was forced to pit out of the lead after developing vapor lock in his fuel cell.

That handed the lead to MacAskill with Tommy Campbell, Patrick Tibbetts, Jamie Davis, and Josh Lovely breathing down his neck. Williamstown's Lovely made his way to second and got a chance at MacAskill with a green-white-checkered finish after Trevor Jaques broke a right-rear hub. MacAskill had enough on the inside and beat Lovely by half a car length for the victory.

Barre's Tibbetts completed the podium in third. Davis, Campbell, Dragon, Jeffrey Martin, Chris Davis, Scott Weston, and Dean Switser Jr. finished fourth through 10th.

Thunder Road is back in action this Thursday, August 19, at 7 p.m., with Vermont Tire & Service Night. The Street Stocks have their annual Street Stock Special. There are also double-purse features for the Late Models, Flying Tigers, and Road Warriors. The pits open at 3:30 p.m., and the grandstands open at 5:15 p.m.

### UNOFFICIAL RESULTS

Pos., Driver, Car #, Hometown  
(local competitors)

#### LATE MODELS

5. Marcel J. Gravel (86VT) Wolcott  
18. Brendan Moodie (94VT) Wolcott

#### FLYING TIGERS

4. Michael Martin (01VT) Craftsbury Common  
8. Stephen Martin (9VT) Craftsbury Common  
15. Jaden Perry (92VT) Hardwick  
22. Joel Hodgdon (36VT) Craftsbury Common

#### STREET STOCKS

20. Patrick Lacasse (9) Wolcott

# SPORTS

## Hardwick FC Falls to Chelsea in Semifinals

by Harry Besett

HARDWICK – Hardwick FC traveled to Chelsea this past Sunday to play their semifinal game against Chelsea FC.

On a breezy and sunny morning, both teams kicked off to a strong start but, after confusion in the box, Hardwick scored a very early and unfortunate own goal. Hardwick battled their way back into the game over the next half an hour, proving to be the more dominant team but, even after creating several very strong chances, luck wouldn't favor the visitors and their shots were ending up just outside the post or in the Chelsea goalie's hands.

The second half started out positively for Hardwick, as good passing and possession in their offensive third would earn them a penalty kick after a late challenge inside the box in the first five minutes and an opportunity to level the game. Fortune would continue to favor the hosts, though, as the keeper guessed the right direction with his dive and saved the shot.

Hardwick fought hard and tried to press on with wave after wave of attack, but it would only lead to leaving themselves vulnerable at the back for Chelsea to find a decisive counterattack down the right side.

Hardwick was able to recover and isolate the striker on the end line, but it was to no avail as even though he fired in a low shot with no angle the ball still managed to find



photo by Vanessa Fournier

The Hardwick FC Team: Front row (left to right): Justin Howard, Joey Howard, Gerrick Smith, Jasiah Lisboa, Walker McAllister, Luke Smith. Middle row (left to right): Zeke McGee, Jacob Clark, Walden Gann, Skylar McNally, Gabriel Drown, Tim Smith, Nate Phelps. Back row (left to right): Angus McAndrew, Harry Besett, Jeremy Small, John Kimball, Brett Roy, Brandon Berry, Kevin Doyon, Si Keglör, Sam Jay.

enough of the far post to knock in over the line.

After the restart, Hardwick conceded a foul around the halfway line. Chelsea's ambitious midfielder put the ball high and into the box for what, on any other day, would have been a comfortable grab out of the air for Hardwick's superb keeper, but today turned into more dismay as the first half breeze turned into a second half wind that carried the ball unexpectedly over his hands to bounce behind him and into the net.

With five minutes left Hardwick tried to get something out of the game and after throwing everything

forward and another couple shots were saved, Chelsea would steal one more counterattack that led to a 1 on 1 with the Hardwick keeper and a final score of Hardwick FC 0, Chelsea FC 4.

Despite the 0 – 4 final score, Hardwick had a much-improved performance over their last loss to Chelsea in the regular season and on a different day may have found a way to prevail. The strong Chelsea side certainly earned its spot in the final and will face Cabot FC next Sunday in Chelsea.

Hardwick finished its season with a strong record of 6-1-3. Many

of the Hardwick players will look forward to returning next summer and having another chance at overcoming their Chelsea and semifinal woes. Some of the players will also get together this winter to play in a local indoor league.

Hardwick FC players Brett, Gerick and Luke will be playing for Northern Vermont University's soccer team in Lyndon this fall and start their preseason next week. Harry Besett will be coaching the girls' varsity team at Hazen Union this fall and Sam Jay will be coaching the boys' varsity team at Craftsbury Academy.

## Soccer Camp Ends 40-Year Run

HARDWICK – Bruce and Deb Aschenbach and Mike Clark started a small soccer camp at the Craftsbury Outdoor Center, drawing six campers forty years ago, but the pandemic prevented Year 41 from ever happening.

Big Hosmer Soccer Camp's final session was held during the summer of 2019 with 215 campers and 20 coaches in attendance. The camp moved to Craftsbury Common, Dustan Field and Sterling College Field for its final 15 years.

"Over 6,000 campers participated over those 40 years and whether at the Center or on the common, the Craftsbury community has embraced our camp, welcomed us for a week of soccer fun and been [an] amazing host" said Camp Director Mike Clark.

This past week, several of the coaching staff gathered one final

time on the Common to play some soccer and reminisce.

Clark added that "Many of our coaches have been with the camp for 20 to 30 years and memories included individual players who earned All-State honors, former coaches and their successful careers, colorful guest speakers such as Russell Spring, Luis Guzman, Bill Lee, Circus Smirkus, numerous Olympic athletes, and the camp's ever-popular end of the day popsicle celebration.

"It was also noted that the week would not be complete until Hardwick Gazette's award-winning photographer Vanessa Fournier spent the day capturing camper soccer highlights. We were all so thankful to be part of this rich, soccer summer tradition and to the many community members, campers and families that supported us."



photo by Vanessa Fournier

Former Big Hosmer soccer coaches and the number of years they coached there. Front row: Madison Costello (left), 2, Thom Costello, (right), 30. Middle row (left to right): Jacob Clark, 14, Mike Clark, 40, and Caleb Clark, 15. Back row (left to right): Thorin Morrow, 15, Miles Etter, 30, and Harry Besett, 2.