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## Initial Grants Secured for Pedestrian Bridge

by Doug McClure

HARDWICK – At its August 18 meeting, the select board heard positive funding news about the pedestrian bridge project and took steps toward getting things underway. The board also re-allocated funds for the Downtown Commission to continue the necessary preparations for Hardwick to apply for a Downtown Designation. With

another officer leaving Hardwick Police Department, Town Manager Jon Jewett asked the board for permission to start investigating contracting a part-time officer from another department.

Detective Kevin Lehoe will be departing, Jewett said, which was “shortening an already short staff.” Covering the overnight shift is now putting significant strain on its remaining officers. Jewett

warned that “we could lose more officers, which I expect there’s a likelihood [of].” He said he spoke with the state’s attorneys’ office, and Hardwick was not unique in this position.

Jewett wanted to investigate which other departments could assist and how much it would cost. Chief Aaron Cochran previously said he did not think it would be less expensive than hiring more

officers.

Small police departments are struggling to hire officers from a shrinking pool of potential applicants. Jewett said the most likely first contact would be the Lamoille County Sheriff’s Department. The board authorized him to do the research.

Jewett also had announcements about grants for the pedestrian

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photo by Vanessa Fournier  
Friends Poppy VanBuskirk (left) and Edgar Kipp (right), both of Barre, catch bubbles from the Vermont PBS tent that offered different activities for children before the Mister Chris and Friends in Concert show held August 15 at the Highland Center for the Arts.

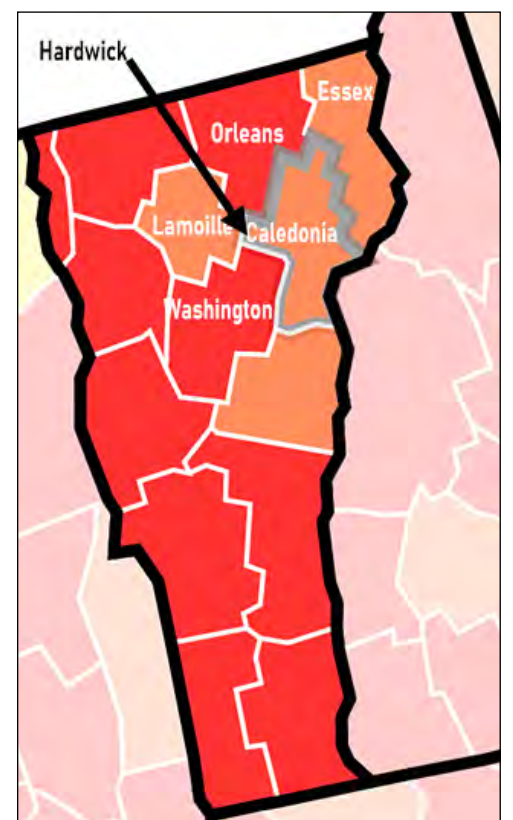
## Delta Variant Widely Reported, HCA Cancels Two Shows

by Doug McClure

GREENSBORO-HARDWICK – With the opening of area schools around the corner, the COVID situation in Vermont is deteriorating. Meanwhile, the FDA has fully approved the Pfizer vaccine for those 16 and up, with approval for ages 12 and up expected soon. Children under 12 do not have the option to get vaccinated yet.

Vermont is dealing with a spike in COVID cases, but as of Monday, had made few changes to its recommendations. The state had discontinued reporting new cases on weekends but resumed due to the increases. The Delta variant is driving the surge, with the state now reporting “At this

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All of Vermont except for four counties, including Lamoille and Caledonia, are now considered to have “high” community transmission. Caledonia and Lamoille Counties have “substantial” transmission. COVID Community Transmission levels: Red = high, Orange = substantial, Yellow = moderate.

## Board Talks Town Forest, Community Event

by Doug McClure

WOLCOTT – At last Wednesday’s select board meeting, the Wolcott board received a “very positive” update on the Wolcott Town Forest by Senior Project Manager Kate Wanner from the Trust for Public Land.

The board also looked toward a September 10 community event designed to engage the public on opportunities the board identified for the town.

A big piece of the Wolcott Town Forest’s viability is funding. Wanner has been working with town

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### Early Deadline

The advertising and news deadline for the September 8 edition of the Hardwick Gazette will be 5 p.m., Friday, Sept. 3.



## Magoon Memory Salute

After playing last Tuesday night at the Mountain View Country Club in Greensboro, in memory of Terry Magoon, a former league participant who was being honored in the league’s Legacy Series, the league tipped a cup and saluted his memory in a night of remembrance.

courtesy photo

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**Delta**

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time, all the genetically sequenced specimens are the Delta variant.”

The Delta variant still poses many questions. A variant of the variant, “Delta plus” has begun showing up in other areas. Two of the questions are how frequently the virus gets past vaccines, and what that means in terms of outcomes and long-term impacts.

While Vermont’s vaccination rate currently stands at 85%, Delta variant cases have been showing up among vaccinated people. While data is unclear about vaccines’ effectiveness against Delta, there is no question among experts that the outcomes for the unvaccinated are far worse.

The CDC reported that “In two different studies [on unvaccinated people] from Canada and Scotland, patients infected with the Delta variant were more likely to be hospitalized than patients infected with Alpha or the original virus strains.”

The vaccine was not designed to prevent catching COVID; its goal is to prevent the worst outcomes. Former Vermont Governor Dr. Howard Dean tweeted over the weekend that “Being vaccinated matters a lot, but this Delta strain is far more dangerous than I realized.”

The vaccination picture in this area is nearly the worst in the state. After Essex County, Orleans and Caledonia County make up the second- and third-least vaccinated counties. Combining Caledonia and Orleans County, where the majority of Hazen Union students live, the overall vaccination rate is 13 points below the state’s, at 72%, according to the state’s statistics. For school-age children in the two counties who are eligible for a vaccine, Vermont reports slightly over half are vaccinated — 23% less than the statewide percentage.

Orleans County, like all but four in Vermont, is considered by the CDC to have a “high” level of community transmission. The four counties with “substantial” spread include Caledonia and Lamoille. Both levels meet CDC recommendations for masking indoors, even for the vaccinated people. The state has thus far not followed suit with the same recommendation for vaccinated people.

Combined with the emergence of the Delta variant, the lower vaccination rate in Caledonia and

Orleans Counties is making things graver. Orleans County now has the second-highest rate of COVID infections in the state per 10,000 residents, and Craftsbury is among the towns in the second-most-severe category in terms of recent new cases per 10,000.

Last week, the meaning of those numbers hit much closer to home. The Highland Center for the Arts posted a very brief notice about a “potential COVID exposure” last Wednesday:

“Due to potential Covid exposure among staff and out of an abundance of caution, we have decided to postpone the performances of the Vermont Comedy Divas, and Dwight & Nicole this weekend. If you have tickets to these shows, we will be in touch about refunds or rescheduling.”

The venue said it expects to resume its schedule “shortly.”

One year ago this week, no Gazette-covered town had any reported cases. Greensboro was first, with seven cases reported the second week of September 2020, and now has reported 37 cases. Hardwick did not report more than five cases until mid-November 2020 and now has reported 117. Craftsbury did not report over five cases until the first week of December 2020 and now has 61.

Vaccinations are free and widely available for those 12 and up.

Northern Counties Health Care is offering free vaccination clinics with walk-ins welcome. The Hardwick Area Health Center is offering its clinics Mondays from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., and Wednesdays 1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Clinics are also at the Northern Express Care in St. Johnsbury on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital is conducting clinics Mondays from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

The Vermont Department of Health’s Morrisville Local Health Office at 63 Professional Drive is hosting clinics on Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The vaccine is also available at pharmacies. The Hardwick Walgreens pharmacy is temporarily closed on weekends.

School clinics are also being held by Hazen Union for children. Parent or guardian permission is required to vaccinate those under 18.



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# POLICE REPORT

## Media Log Summary

### Hardwick Police

August 16: Motor Vehicle Complaint, N. Main St.; Wanted Person, Wolcott St.; Juvenile Problem, Vt. Rte. 15 E; 911 Hangup, Junction Rd.; Information, Center Rd.; Theft, Vt. Rte. 16; Lost Property, S. Main St.; Citizen Dispute, Mackville Rd.; Motor Vehicle Complaint, Center Rd.

August 17: TRO/FRO Service, Granite St.; Directed Patrol, Church St.; Directed Patrol, Glenside Ave.

August 18: VIN Verification, High St.; VIN Verification, High St.

August 19: Accident – Property Damage Only, Bunker Hill Rd.; Accident – Property Damage Only, Rte. 16; Assist – Agency, School St.; Directed Patrol, Glenside Ave.; Welfare Check, Dale St.; Noise Disturbance, Riverside Ter.

August 20: Assist – Motorist,

Harrington Rd.; Animal Problem, Rte. 15; Suspicious Event, Hazen Union Dr.; 911 Hangup, Vt. Rte. 15 E; Theft – Automobile, Benway Dr.; Motor Vehicle Complaint, Vt. Rte. 15 E; Directed Patrol, Riverside Ter.

August 21: Traffic Stop, Wolcott St.; Directed Patrol, Glenside Ave.; Directed Patrol, Upper Cherry St.

August 22: Suspicious Event, Spruce Dr.; Suspicious Event, Molleur Dr.; Custodial Dispute, Hillside St.; Threats/Harassment, Swallow Hill Dr.; Fraud, Hardwick; Directed Patrol, Riverside Ter.; Noise Disturbance, Ward Hill Rd.

August 23: Motor Vehicle Complaint, Rte. 15 W; Citizen Dispute, Mini Mart Drive; Directed Patrol, N. Main St.; Transport, High St.; Citizen Dispute, Swallow Hill Dr.; Medical, Highland Ave.

### Hardwick Police

#### Assault

On August 23, at 5:38 p.m., on Mini Mart Drive, Robert Chaplin was cited for Assault.

This report is based on information provided by the Hardwick

Police Department but is not a full accounting of police activity. Persons named in this report are presumed to be innocent unless they plead or are found guilty in court.

### State Police Report

#### Violation of Conditions of Release, Assault

On August 17, at approximately 7:26 p.m., the Vermont State Police received a report that Cheyanne Thompson, of Craftsbury, violated an active set of court ordered conditions of release. Through further investigation, probable cause was developed to believe Thompson contacted Nicholas Hill, of Craftsbury, violating her court ordered conditions of release. Thompson was located and subsequently placed under arrest and transported back to the Vermont State Police – Derby Barracks for processing and later released with a citation to appear in the Orleans County Court on August 24. The incident remains under investigation.

On August 20, at approximately 11:28 a.m., Troopers from the Middlesex Barracks responded to a report of an assault at a residence located on Main Street in Cabot. Investigation revealed Mandy Chan, of Cabot, assaulted Vicki Borland, of Montpelier. Chan was issued a citation to appear at

the Washington County Superior Court – Criminal Division on October 7 at 8:30 a.m.

On August 23, the Vermont State Police responded to a report of a single motor vehicle crash in Cabot on S. Walden Road. Investigation at the scene indicated the vehicle was traveling south on S. Walden Road when it traveled off the edge of the roadway and crashed into a tree. Due to injuries sustained in the crash, both the operator, Shelley Corliss, and the passenger, Matthew Thompson, both of Cabot, were transported. Thompson was airlifted to the University of Vermont Medical Center and Corliss was transported by ambulance to Central Vermont Medical Center. At this time both occupants are in stable condition. The Vermont State Police Crash Reconstruction Team also responded to conduct further investigation at the scene. Currently, alcohol and/or drugs do not appear to be a factor in the crash; however, the investigation is ongoing.

### AWARE Report

HARDWICK – AWARE served nine survivors of domestic and sexual violence from August 8 through August 22. 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.

## Forest

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administrator Randall Szott to keep expenditures as low as possible. She previously described Vermont's Water Infrastructure Sponsorship Program (WISPr) as a way to limit costs. WISPr funding involves a process where larger towns making upgrades to their wastewater infrastructure agree to sponsor small projects in other towns in exchange for better terms from the Vermont Clean Water State Revolving Fund.

Burlington is one such town, and Wanner said "they are very positive about sponsoring the project." The timeline is tight, as Burlington's Water Resources Division must meet its deadlines by the end of the year. If it were to happen, Wanner said, "then they would be able to spin off up to \$1.2m for natural resources infrastructure projects" such as the town forest. Burlington wants to fund the \$350,000 Winooski Valley Park District Project, which means up to \$940,000 could become available.

The funds can be used for land purchases and associated costs such as surveying, title work, appraisal, and environmental funds. The timeline means a "definitive" answer probably won't come until mid-November.

If the sponsorship does not work out, Wanner said other options are on the table for a "Plan B" to fund the town forest, including applying for funds from the federal government, the Vermont Housing Conservation Board, or the Vermont Outdoor Recreation Economic Collaborative (VOREC). It is possible that a small portion of Wolcott's American Rescue Plan Act funding could be used, but Wanner said, "we are trying to limit the cost to Wolcott [so] it will be minimal."

Wanner said that the VOREC grants, which do not have a town match, are for creating recreational infrastructure and range from \$50,000 to \$200,000. Wanner said that her target is to spend only \$25,000 of town money, even if the project's full-scale version, with a million-dollar budget, is chosen.

The family selling a 100-acre parcel considered in the town forest's plans would like to sell the entire 330

acres. The property extends to the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail (LVRT). Wanner said while the section near the LVRT is steep, it has a logging road. The town might have an opportunity for timber harvesting, sugaring, or additional recreational opportunities.

An organization is considering placing back-country huts along the proposed Velomont Trail to connect northern and southern Vermont. That organization would be responsible for the upkeep, reservations, and cleaning.

Vice chair Kurt Klein wondered what impact it might have on the Grand List if the town acquired the entire 637 acres, which is more than double what was previously proposed. "A lot of it" is presently under Current Use, it was explained, meaning it would not impact the grand list.

A second question would be maintaining the property itself. Wanner said it depended on what was envisioned. County foresters work with towns to create management plans, she said, but sometimes towns create other committees depending on what the use is. A major trail network might be best maintained by its own committee, and she said she is speaking with experts in trail creation in the area.

The board agreed to have the planning commission sign a letter of intent for the VOREC grants, as its deadline was imminent, but wanted to investigate the larger parcel before making any decisions.

Details are now set for the September 10 community event that will take place from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. The Wolcott Volunteer Fire Department will man the grills for hamburgers and hot dogs, and the Girl Scouts will have children's games in the green space behind the library. The town will set up booths with details on the array of topics that the select board has been discussing over the previous months. Those would include the town forest, the community garden/green space plan, ARPA funding, broadband, the old schoolhouse and sewer solutions. The school board might also be at the event to host an ice cream social. Another idea in the works is a photo contest whose winner might see their photo on the Wolcott Town Report.

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# Board Agrees to Borrow \$100,000 for New Loader

WALDEN – The Walden Select Board met on Monday, August 16. Present were Brenda Huntoon, Randolph Wilson and Bob Hatch

The board passed a motion to borrow \$100,000 at 1.5% interest from Union Bank for the new loader, to be paid back in five years. The board is also looking for contractor to do roof work on the firehouse. The board has contacted the Northeast Correctional Complex Work Camp in St. Johnsbury with the specifications necessary to paint and stain

the firehouse and town clerk's office.

The Internal Financial Controls checklist for municipalities from Vermont Cities and Towns and the contract for the upcoming reappraisal and bills were signed.

The board determined that the late fee will stay in place for unregistered dogs and the curb cut recommendations were again tabled until the next meeting.

The next meeting will be August 30, at 6:30 pm at the firehouse and via Zoom.

## Bridge

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bridge. He said the town's application for \$200,000 from the USDA for its Rural Business Development Grant was successful, which came on the heels of a \$175,000 Community Facilities Grant, also through the USDA. The town has a match on the grants, and with these grants secured now has a solid start for what the funding picture looks like, chair Eric Remick said. Remick said that he was also looking at a VTrans Transportation Alternatives grant, which is focused on alternative transportation for Vermont towns.

The board approved funds to begin surveying and other preparatory work for the bridge site. Engineering Ventures of Burlington and LandWorks, LLC will begin working on a scope of services for architectural and engineering work. Stowe-based Little River Survey, LLC, will produce a survey of the site. The town's regular surveying company does not do topographical surveying. Aside from obtaining topographical information, the survey will also help establish flood parameters. The total cost for the work to be done by the three firms is around \$22,000, which the board approved.

The Downtown Commission is working to meet state requirements for Hardwick to receive a Downtown Designation, one of which is forming a non-profit corporation. Select board and commission member Shari Cornish is working on that step, but total legal costs are still unclear. Cornish estimated \$5,000, but said it could be less. Vice chair Ceilidh

Galloway-Kane said she wished the amount could be more specific. The board decided that with Community Development Coordinator Geoff Sewake working very few hours at present, allocating \$2,500 from his funding would be a good course of action. Remick said he wanted to make sure the funds were not drained in case further grant-writing was needed.

Another potential grant opportunity Remick and others are working on is through the Vermont Outdoor Recreation Economic Collaborative (VOREC). VOREC grants are designed to promote the recreation economy. Remick said several opportunities existed in anticipation of the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail's (LVRT) opening next year. He cited a rest stop in East Hardwick, a connection to the Hardwick Trails from the LVRT, and a potential connection to Hazen Union's planned bike repair program.

The board appointed Bill Chidsey as its town energy coordinator. The town has done little to establish more than structural pieces for the role thus far, with Remick noting "we don't have a slate of things for the energy coordinator to do."

Chidsey described himself as "a practical person," and a "hands-on leader that likes to be right in there and get things done."

While stating he is "not against fossil fuels," Chidsey said "I just don't like to waste money, or energy, or precious resources. I knew there are energy committees where there is more of a climate change political direction, and I support that. But I tend to be more on the practical side."



photo by Vanessa Fournier  
Harmony Peets (left) and her dad, Josh Peets (right), make a smoothie during a Grow Your Own Workshop they led August 21 under the Pavilion at Atkins Field in Hardwick. All eight attendees received a free blender to bring home. The Workshop was sponsored by the Center for an Agricultural Economy, the Hardwick Area Food Pantry, and WonderArts.



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Projectionist Anne Miller sets up equipment for the Jaquith Public Library outdoor movie showing August 21. A different movie will be shown every Saturday at 8:15 p.m. through September 11. Check the library website at [jaquithpubliclibrary.org](http://jaquithpubliclibrary.org) for more details.

## Latest Historcial Society Journal Offers Look into the Past

by Erica Baker

HARDWICK – The Hardwick Historical Society (HHS) Journal, a quarterly publication dedicated to the history of the people of Hardwick, has now completed its tenth volume and has a good start on its eleventh. Members of the HHS receive their copy of the 30-page publication through the mail, and nonmembers can buy copies at the Hardwick Depot.

Historical Society President Elizabeth Dow edits the Journal. She became interested in Hardwick's history while she wrote her history thesis on its granite industry. As editor, she takes the attitude that nobody will likely write about the Journal's topics ever again, so the articles must be accurate.

A wide variety of contributors write for the Journal. Industrial historian Paul Wood frequently writes articles about how things worked, including firefighting in Hardwick village and East Hardwick.

Janet Houston Slayton, Hardwick Academy Class of '59, looks at the ordinary details she remembers about the Hardwick she grew up in, including the ice cream factory on Riverside Terrace, mom-and-pop stores around the area (coming in the spring issue), and where the Hardwick dump was located. In the current issue, Slayton and her husband locate swimming holes they remember.

Allen Davis, Hardwick Academy '49, frequently writes about

topics that touch on his childhood, as well. The next issue will include his memories of the various basketball courts he played on in high school.

Other Hardwickians, many who are no longer residents, send in contributions ranging from the fun of being the son of the railroad station master hanging around and helping out at the depot all day to growing up gay in Hardwick in the 1950s.

Dow also contributes. The most recent issue contains articles about how Hardwick took care of poor people before 1817, and about the dissolution of School District #4 (Cobb School) in 1892.

The most recent issue also includes an article in which Rick Norcross remembers how his East Hardwick neighbor, Harold Patch, helped him learn to play the guitar. It contains an article, originally published in the Hardwick Gazette, in which Harold Patch muses on Rick's professional success with his guitar, as well as the fun he and Rick had when they were neighbors.

Initially funded by a donation from Dona Bessette, the Journal continues to receive the support of local organizations and businesses through their advertisements.

Anyone interested in learning more about the Journal, how to contribute to the Journal, or about the Historical Society in general should contact Elizabeth Dow at [edow1@protonmail.com](mailto:edow1@protonmail.com). The Journal is also supported by advertisers. If interested, contact Erica Baker at [bytheponddesign@gmail.com](mailto:bytheponddesign@gmail.com).

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# Youth Vendors at the Hardwick Farmers' Market



Oly Parker, 7, of Hardwick, is selling homemade root beer floats and garlic heads.



Zelda Scrivenner, 6, of Cabot, has flowers for sale at the market Friday.



Samuel Rationale, 10, of Hardwick, sells their baked goods, cinnamon pancake mix, and eggs.



Vendor Louella Andrus, 8, of Hardwick, has Secret Garden steppingstones for sale.

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The United Church of Hardwick Reverend Evelyn Lavelli cooks hot dogs alongside the baked goods tent set up at the church auction Thursday.



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Auctioneer Bruce Burnor (center), of Eden, takes a bid as Kathy Burnor (left), watches for other bidders. Sarah Collier (right) holds up an item at the United Church of Hardwick Auction held August 19 at the Parsonage on West Church Street.

## OUR COMMUNITIES

### Wolcott Celebration on Friday

WOLCOTT – Wolcott residents are invited to celebrate on Friday, September 10, from 5 to 7 p.m. by the town office.

Residents may visit the library in its new location in the depot building or wander through the community garden that was planted this spring. There will be information about the park that will be created in the green space

behind the library with the AARP grant funds the town was awarded this summer. Free hamburgers and hot dogs will be served and there will be more information about the proposed Wolcott Town Forest, status of the old schoolhouse, ARPA funds, and more. This is a family-friendly event. The Girl Scouts will set up games for children in the green space.

### Harvest Festival Postponed for One Year

MARSHFIELD – The Jaquith Library Board of Trustees has canceled the 2021 Harvest Festival and Community Celebration. With the Delta variant hitting the area, the trustees felt it was unsafe to encourage large

crowds. The trustees want to keep the momentum going for next year by continuing to plan for the event when the COVID threat is over. Those who wish to volunteer to help should email or call the library.

### Free Herb Workshop Sept. 4

HARDWICK – Registration is open for a free herb workshop on Sept. 4 with Hardwick community gardener Miranda Resnick, who will lead this hands-on workshop about growing herbs in pots.

Attendees will taste-test herbs and herbal teas and see the new spiral herb garden at

the community gardens at Atkins Field. The workshop, part of the Grow Your Own series, will be from 1:30 to 3 p.m., outdoors in the pavilion and gardens.

Space is limited. To register email [director@hardwickare-afoodpantry.org](mailto:director@hardwickare-afoodpantry.org) or call (802) 472-5940.



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Auctioneer Frank Jarvis (left) is assisted by Knights of Columbus (K of C) member Dennis Pudvah (right) at the K of C Auction held on August 20 at Dona's Car Store in Hardwick.



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Pastor Kim Larose (right), of the United Church of Craftsbury, held a dedication ceremony after the church service Sunday for two new memorial benches. The middle bench was dedicated in memory of Reverend Arnold Brown and the bench on the right in memory of the 19 members of the church who passed away in 2020-21. They join the memorial bench on the left which was dedicated to Reverend Alan Parker in 2017.



# OBITUARIES

## ANNA GREAVES

MORRISVILLE – Anna Greaves, 97, of Cabot, passed away peacefully on August 14, at The Manor in Morrisville, surrounded by her loving children.

Anna was born on November 3, 1923, to Emma Dorothea Holmgren and P. Rudolph Pike in Cabot.

Anna graduated from Cabot High School and Fanny Allen Memorial School of Nursing. She enjoyed a long and fulfilling career in nursing, retiring from Greensboro Nursing Home well into her 70s.

Anna is survived by her five children, Marvin C. Greaves Jr. and his wife Hazel, Rebecca J. Pinette and her husband Frank, Cherry L. Gochey and her husband Larry, J. Timothy Greaves and his wife Gail, and Connie G. Gould and her partner Peter Lanoue.

Anna was a loving grandmother to her 10 grandchildren: four granddaughters, Heather Pinette Bellavance, Sarah Gould, Carrie Gould-Kabler and Meredith Gould, and six grandsons, Matthew and Paul Greaves, Gregory Pinette, Timothy Gochey and Seth and Brett Greaves.



Anna Greaves

Anna also leaves behind sixteen great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren, as well as many nieces and nephews.

Anna was predeceased by her parents, Emma and Rudolph Pike, her sister and best friend, Dorothy Lawson and her husband Malcolm, her brother Philip Pike and his wife Jean, her children's father Marvin C. Greaves Sr. and her son-in-law Edwin R. Gould.

A private burial will take place in the fall. Online memories and condolences may be conveyed at [dgfunerals.com](http://dgfunerals.com).

## ROGER P. ALLEN

GREENSBORO – Roger Phillip Allen, 69, died, Thursday, August 19, at UVM Medical Center in Burlington, with family at his bedside.

He was born May 9, 1952, in Hardwick, the son of the late John N. Allen and Vivian (Field) Allen. He attended Greensboro public schools and graduated from Hazen Union in the class of 1971. He was first employed on his parent's dairy farm in Greensboro for several years. Roger later worked for Ethan Allen Furniture Co. in Orleans, McFeeter's General Store in East Hardwick, Willey's Store in Greensboro, Stowe Hoff Inn and was an inspector for Tubbs Snowshoes, both in Stowe. He retired in 2004.

He was a member of the First Congregational Church in East Hardwick. He loved mowing lawns as a pass time. Roger also enjoyed making wooden toys, his stamp collection and snowshoeing.

Survivors include six siblings: Janice Carr of St. Albans, Frances Mayhew of Dunham, Quebec, Bernice McCarty of Lyndonville, Lucille Rainville of Franklin, Barbara Choquette of Lakeland, Fla., and David Allen of Greensboro; one aunt, many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

In addition to his parents, he



Roger P. Allen

was predeceased by a brother, Fred Allen, in 2007.

A private memorial service will be held at the convenience of his family.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to the First Congregational Church of East Hardwick, P.O. Box 142, East Hardwick, VT 05836.

Dian R. Holcomb of Northern Vermont Funeral Service, 60 Elm Street, Hardwick, is assisting family with arrangements.

## EDUCATION

### Moffatt Named to Dean's List

WORCESTER, Mass. – Aidan James Moffatt, of Craftsbury, was named to first honors on the Clark University Dean's List. This selection marks outstanding academic achievement during the Spring 2021 semester.

Students must have a GPA of 3.8 or above for first honors or a GPA between 3.50 and 3.79 for second honors.

### CARD OF THANKS

The United Church of Hardwick would like to thank all those who made our Annual Auction a huge success. Thank you to everyone who donated items for the auction and silent auction, donated food and baked for the dessert table, auctioneer Bruce Burnor, and everyone who came and worked to make things run smoothly. Thank you to everyone who came and supported the event.



Ruth Marie Silver

## RUTH MARIE SILVER

GREENSBORO – Ruth Marie Silver, 77, passed away peacefully Saturday, August 21, at the Greensboro Nursing Home. There will be a graveside service Thursday, August 26, at 1 p.m., in Fairview Cemetery, Hardwick. A meal will follow at Lori's house. Memories and condolences may be conveyed to Ruth's family at [dgfunerals.com](http://dgfunerals.com).

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# THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

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**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).

**COMMUNITY LUNCH,** offered by the United Church of Hardwick, S. Main St., noon - 1 p.m. This is a take-out meal. Call 472-6353 to reserve a meal.

## Friday, August 27

**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).

## Saturday, August 28

**VERMONT SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL,** Shakespeare: Completely Unbound!, 5:30 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) and dinner will be waiting when you arrive. Picnics available for pickup starting at 5 p.m. Information: 802-533-2000.

## Monday, August 30

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

**GRACE** presents free, virtual weekly art prompts. Each week GRACE

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

## Tuesday, August 31

**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, September 1

**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), [oliveylin1@gmail.com](mailto:oliveylin1@gmail.com) or [BreadandPuppet.org](http://BreadandPuppet.org). **PARKER PIE GALLERY,** Vermont Green: paintings by Elizabeth Nelson, through Sept. 28. County Road, West Glover.

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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"Mister Chris" Dorman entertains and teaches to a large crowd of children and their families at his outdoor concert held at the Highland Center for the Arts August 15.

## "The Perils of Mr. Punch" Comes to HCA on Sept. 26

GREENSBORO – Modern Times Theater will present "The Perils of Mr. Punch, Episode #58: That's the Story of My Life" at Highland Center for the Arts on Sunday, Sept. 26, at 3 p.m.

This is Punch and Judy, presented live, and updated for the 21st century. The hand puppets are created from up-cycled designer trash and performed in an eccentric itinerant puppet stage. The show is hosted per tradition by a "bottler", 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. It's a low-tech, old-time spectacle, entertaining to people of all ages: from one to one hundred. Modern Times Theater has been adapting and updating Punch and Judy puppet shows for over a decade. Co-founders Rose Friedman and Justin Lander are a husband-and-wife duo, producers for Vermont Vaudeville and alumni of the Bread and Puppet Theater. Parents themselves, they strive to present quality entertainment that the whole family can enjoy.

To reserve free tickets, go to [highlandartsvt.org](http://highlandartsvt.org).

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## Pete's Posse to Perform on Sept. 9

GREENSBORO – Pete Sutherland and Oliver Scanlon, who comprise the Pete's Posse duo, will perform at the Highland Center for the Arts on Sunday, Sept. 9, at 6 p.m.

Pete Sutherland and his protege Oliver Scanlon met up when Scanlon a fourth grader and they bonded over fiddle music. Several years later, they began to play out, later joining forces with guitarist Tristan Henderson

to form Pete's Posse. The Posse spent the first eight months of the pandemic recording a double album of new music before Henderson left to be with his family in Quebec.

With the trio in hibernation, Sutherland and Scanlon and Oliver have revived their duo act, featuring a wide variety of instrumental combinations and all the musical styles while adding new repertoire to the mix.

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"Mister Chris" Dorman (center) and Friends in Concert, Tyler Bolles (left) on an upright bass and Caleb Bronz (right) on drums, during an outdoor concert held August 15 at the Highland Center for the Arts.

## Oshima Brothers Perform at Dog Mountain

ST. JOHNSBURY – Catamount Arts will host the Oshima Brothers as part of the Levitt AMP St. Johnsbury Music Series at Dog Mountain on Sunday, August 29, at 5 p.m.

Maine-based indie duo the Oshima Brothers have been creating music together since childhood, crafting a sound that belies the absence of a full band. On stage, Sean and Jamie combine lush vocals, live looping, foot percussion, electric and acoustic guitars, vintage keyboard and bass, often all at once.

Sara Willis of Maine Public Radio describes their songs as "beautiful. Those brother harmonies can't be beat. They are uplifting and, let's face it, we need uplifting these days." When the brothers are not recording or touring, they film and produce

their own music videos.

Dogs are of course welcome, and 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.

Following the Oshima Brothers' performance, there will be one more show in this year's Levitt AMP St. Johnsbury concert series on Saturday, September 4. For more information about Catamount summer programming, including the full Levitt AMP St. Johnsbury line-up, visit [catamountarts.org](http://catamountarts.org).



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Above: Justin Lander plays the bicycle pump as Rose Friedman plays the ukulele for the song "I'm Forever Blowing Bubbles" during their Modern Times Theater show held at the Greensboro Free Library August 3. Forty-five children and 37 adults attended the performance sponsored by the Vermont Department of Libraries with support from the Greensboro Association and the Greensboro Free Library.

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Left: Dana and Sue Robinson will present a free concert on the Cabot Village Common on Thursday, Sept. 2.



# IN THE GARDEN

## Bedrock Gardens in Lee, New Hampshire is Well Worth a Visit

by Henry Homeyer

CORNISH FLAT, N.H. – I recently visited Bedrock Gardens in Lee, N.H., and came away feeling refreshed and enlightened. This 37-acre public garden was created on the premises of a 1700s farm that was purchased in 1980 by artist and garden designer Jill Nooney and her husband, Bob Munger.

Jill Nooney is a talented designer, who has won many awards at the Boston Flower Show. She is a welder who uses her skills to create metal sculptures, from small to mammoth, as well as working with other media. Bob is a natural builder and fix-it guy who has enabled Jill to install her art in the landscape, along with water features, walls, paths, and much more. They are a couple who really bring out the best in each other.

When I toured the gardens, I was lucky to have had Jill as one of my guides. Also touring the gardens with me was John Forti, executive director and horticulturist of the non-profit that manages the gardens. We spent nearly three hours together looking at the gardens and I learned about many plants I had never seen before.

Bedrock Garden is full of surprises that delight, enlighten and inspire visitors. I came away wishing I had a bigger garden space for my own efforts, and an appreciation for how much Jill and Bob have packed into their gardens.

For years Bedrock Garden was open a few weekends each summer, but five years ago Jill and Bob decided that since they were approaching what some call “retirement age”, that they needed to look seriously at the future of the



*courtesy photo*

This gnome house near the parking area alerts children that they are welcome.

gardens. They created a non-profit, hired John Forti as the director, and figured out how to separate the public and private spaces.

During the pandemic they created a parking lot and visitors’ center that are accessed away from their home, the old farm house they have lived in for over 40 years.

They have created a space that is family-friendly that delights children as much as their parents.

Near the parking lot is a gnome house kids can enter made from a huge hollow sycamore log that Jill capped with a steel roof reminiscent of mushroom cap. She saw the wonderful hollow log alongside the road and hit her brakes immediately to ask for it. Luckily, she was the first to ask, and got it. (Five others stopped and asked for it that day, she told me, but she was the first).

I consider myself well exposed to the palette of plants available to gardeners in New Hampshire. Bedrock Garden is in Zone 5b, meaning that most years it does not get colder than minus 25 degrees Fahrenheit. But Jill has installed and grown many plants that I have never seen before, including many woody plants normally found in Japan or China.

Jill Nooney has used plants in ways that surprised me. For example, she used “Bulls Blood” heritage beets in a flower bed for their deep purple leaves. An annual effort, but very striking. When a hollow tree was cut down, she had Bob cut it in two-foot sections and stack the sections between two trees so viewers walking by could see through it like binoc-



*courtesy photo*

Decorative Miscanthus grass makes a statement in full sun.

ulars. One can see where branches had been swallowed by its growth. They call it “Log Jam.”

Jill has used decorative grasses well throughout the garden. Fountain grass (*Miscanthus* spp.) is a genus of grass that gets to be more than six feet tall and very bushy in full sun, where she grows it in an “allee” arrangement that is gorgeous. But she also uses it in shade. “It’s wispy in the shade”, she said, “I like that.”

Metal sculpture is a key element throughout the garden. Early in our tour, I admired a space made by forming three-quarter-inch steel rebar into a series of 11 arches, 13-foot tall and spaced seven feet apart. “I’m using the sky,” she said. She consciously mimicked the lines of a Gothic



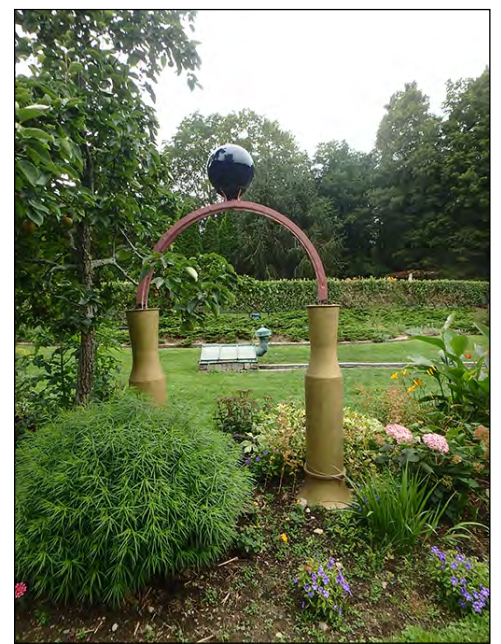
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A steel chivara, or stylized antelope mask, in the garden.

cathedral, bending each steel frame to a gracefully pointed Gothic arch. And she is growing European fastigate beeches to clothe the metal frame as part of the installation: one on each side of the archways and tied to the steel. They will eventually reach the sky – the apex of the arch.

Also in the garden are two iron “Chivaras” modeled after antelope masks made by the Bambara people of Mali. Many years ago, I had told Jill the legend of the antelope in Mali, where I had worked with the Peace Corps. The Bambara people credit the antelope for teaching them to plant millet, their primary grain. The antelope pawed the ground and dropped a little manure into the soil containing seeds. So they honored the antelope with their stylized masks, which Jill captured beautifully.

So, plan a visit to Bedrock Garden if you can. There is a guided tour each day, and two on weekend days. Or just wander around and study the design elements – see how Jill has used plants that awe and inspire, and how she has added whimsy and art that delights and amuses. This is a garden worth visiting even if you don’t have a big space or the energy to develop it the way Jill and Bob have. Bring a lunch and plan on spending the day. You’ll be glad you did. And if



*courtesy photo*

Gardens and sculpture go well together.

you have children in your life, think about attending the Fairy Hobbit House Festival October 9 to 11. Learn more at [bedrockgardens.org](http://bedrockgardens.org).



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The Log Jam is something anyone could do.

# YANKEE NOTEBOOK

## That Was the Week That Was

by Willem Lange

EAST MONTPELIER – Well, hasn't this been a week! As if all our poor earth's travails – environmental, geological, and political – weren't enough, now we're watching video footage that, except for its scope and suddenness, reprises the United States' humiliating withdrawal from South Vietnam in 1975.

And just as quickly, we're discovering that we are a nation of outspoken experts on every phase of this failure of our twenty-year, multibillion-dollar attempt to create a stable democracy, governed honestly by a properly elected central authority, in a cultural milieu utterly unsuited for it. Rather like trying to braid the tail of a galloping horse.

*Afghanistan was pitched as a "hunt for the architect of 9/11," but the mission crept a bit from there. All of us are complicit in this one. We've known for years that the millions we poured into propping up the Afghan government were transshipped elsewhere.*

Yet still the experts pop up – logistical, military, aeronautical, political, cultural; you name it. There are two main themes to their comments: Who's to blame, and I could have done it better myself. I'm not complaining; I'm an expert, too. But I've been around longer and been reading news and opinions for quite a while – I broke in on Westbrook Pegler and Drew Pearson in the early 1940s – and I've seen this drama before.

Just as always, everyone expressing his opinion (there's a scatological description of opinions not appropriate here) is dead sure he or she is right. Disagreement leads quickly to flying spittle, waving fists, and name-calling. I wish we could listen to the wisdom of Utah Republican Governor Spencer Cox. It was offered in response to a question about Covid-19 restrictions, but it'll serve:

I – what I hate about all of this discussion is how sure everyone is of themselves. And I think that's a mistake that's happening across the board... Every special educator...every kindergarten and first-grade teacher that I've talked to have talked about real issues, cognitive delays... those types of things. Now, the question is, do the health outcomes outweigh that? And then I hear people

on my side of the aisle saying that the virus is absolutely meaningless when it comes to young people, that there are no impacts at all. And that's not true, either. And so I wish there was just a little more humility, that there was a little more room for nuance. And I don't know that anybody's completely right on this one.

Consider World War I. With the victorious Allies' knee on its neck, Germany accepted punishing penalties and demands for reparations that led naturally to resentment and the rise of a demagogue who fed its beleaguered citizens constant doses of nativism and various fears until it blossomed into Nazism. But the end of World War II saw, instead of retribution, the Marshall Plan, which, unsurprisingly, led to a different sort of peace. It was a perfect example of what I call "stopping the hurt." Then the Cold War revived our superannuated generals' authoritarianism (remember "Doctor Strangelove?" We all do, but instead of laughing, we might have been listening).

Saddam Hussein was our ally against our perennial enemy, Iran. But then, even though his megalomania kept Al-Qaida and the Taliban at bay, our weak president, clearly influenced by advisers with defense contractor connections, pitched us a fearful vision of mass destruction and a campaign of "shock and awe" that led to – what? Only a cockeyed optimist could have failed to see the mess at the sloppy end of that campaign. Watching it develop, I felt like a chip in a millrace, as we beat our chests and prepared to blast Baghdad into the Stone Age.

Afghanistan was pitched as a "hunt for the architect of 9/11," but the mission crept a bit from there. All of us are complicit in this one. We've known for years that the millions we poured into propping up the Afghan government were transshipped elsewhere. We've subsisted on agreeable fictions, like the "body counts" of Viet Cong shamelessly fed us by General Westmoreland. Even our geniuses were caught flat-footed by the melting of the Afghan army under the Taliban sun.

As I mentioned, I've seen this drama before. The Taliban ("students, seekers") are already broke, fractured, and separating into factions. We made an egregious mistake in propping up a corrupt government and its Potemkin military. Now it's time to let the Afghans, already rallying against an unthinkable return to medieval Sharia law, run their country as only they know best.

## MEETING MEMO

### Monday, August 30

•Walden Select Board, every other Monday.

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Craftsbury: townofcraftsbury.com

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# SPORTS

## Action-packed Golf Evening Dedicated to Magoon



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The USA team, led by (left to right) Dave Burnham, Gary Brochu, Bob Blake and Mike Clark, won Tuesday's FIFA 2021 World Cup title with 18 goals in the final round. The night was played in honor of Terry Magoon, a former league participant who passed in 2017. He is pictured on the table alongside the league trophy that is dedicated to him and Robbie McKay.

by Patrick Hussey

GREENSBORO – It was an action-packed evening last week at Mountain View Country Club as two championships were being pursued on a momentous night that was dedicated to the memory of Terry Magoon.

It was the second week of the league's Legacy Series, in which they are honoring former league participants who have passed. Magoon, who died in 2017, was a golf diehard and absolutely loved the game and the league. He fit in perfectly with the league, playing more for the love of the game and its social interactions than any competitiveness.

He and Richard Brochu had a special bond on the links. They played a lot together and were always teaming up to enjoy a social round of golf. Brochu spoke highly of Magoon's legacy, as did several other league players, after the night's round. The league's championship trophy is dedicated to Magoon and Robbie McKay.

On Terry Magoon night, with 38 participants on a cloudy and muggy evening, there were two prizes up for grabs. The first was the FIFA World Cup title. Four teams, representing the USA, Norway, Jamaica and Canada, had advanced to Tuesday's finals. A series of six goals were set up on the practice green. Each foursome had to putt at them before going out to play.

The two middle goals were wider and were placed over a cup. Any ball that ended up in the



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Team Canada, led by (left to right) Ivan Menard, Brad Ferland, Dan Gauthier and Rob Montgomery, ended up in third place in FIFA after scoring 13 goals.

cup was worth two points. All other putts going through the goals were one point each. The top two goal scoring teams in the first round would advance to the finals.

The USA team, which included Mike Clark, Dave Burnham, Bob Blake and Gary Brochu, set the pace with 15 goals in round one. Norway, who looked to be a force with John Sperry, John Robb, Dan Hudson and Mike Nixon, went next and scored 14 goals.

The last two teams in the semifinals were Canada, led by Dan Gauthier, Ivan Menard, Rob Montgomery and Brad Ferland, and Jamaica, featuring Kip Doyon, Rowdy Doyon, Richard Brochu and Pat Hussey. Both teams would be eliminated as they each got stuck on 13 goals. Canada unfortunately had two shots that rang off the post.

So, upon their round's completion, USA discovered they had made the finals and took advantage. They scored three times in each of their first three rounds. They only made one goal on four, but on five, they made a championship move. Clark, Burnham and Blake all hit two-pointers for six quick points. They got two more on six and ended with 18 goals.

Norway arrived back after their round and knew the USA did well, but were not told how many goals they needed to win. Norway was also hot early and after their fourth hole they sat tied with the USA with 10 goals each. But Norway couldn't match USA's dominance on the fifth hole and ended up losing to them, 18-13, making USA the 2021 FIFA champions.

Jamaica lost in the FIFA semifinals, but they would end up winning the night's second championship. It was a battle of handicap points last week as Rowdy Doyon and Richard Brochu came up big for the winners. The two tied for the low net round with a 28, Brochu shooting a 45 and Doyon a 44. Their group included Kip Doyon and Pat Hussey.

On each hole, it was a point for a net bogey, two points for a net par, four for a net birdie, eight for an eagle and 16 points for a double eagle. Doyon and Brochu combined for two eagles on the second hole and 16 points. Doyon got



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Team Norway, represented by (left to right) John Robb, Mike Nixon, John Sperry and Dan Hudson, made the FIFA 2021 finals, where they lost to the USA.

the team another eagle on six as they scored 12 points there and Brochu secured their title with an outright birdie and double eagle on one and nine. They ended in first place with 78 points after scoring 20 on the final hole.

Second place went to a hot USA team, which scored 48 points on its last three holes. Gary Brochu set in motion a surge that carried USA to second place with 75 points. He birdied the seventh hole for a net double eagle two and 16 points. USA got 20 points on seven after Blake birdied. They only had amassed 27 points going into the hole.

Then Burnham eagled eight and Brochu birdied for another 12 points and everyone on the team parred nine for two more eagles and 16 points. Gary Brochu was the night's top points producer with 35 as Richard Brochu had 34 and Rowdy Doyon 33.

Third place went to Jim, Randy and Wyatt Bellavance, Tyson Davison, Dale Hall and Ian Drown with 66 points. Davison struck for an eagle on one and Jim Bellavance also birdied nine for a double eagle one. They scored 18 points on the final hole.

Neal Mulligan had the night's low round with a 35 as his father, Joe, posted a 36. Closest to the pin was won on five by Dan Hudson, who was 14 feet, three inches from the pin. On eight, Andy Hunt hit his approach to 12 feet and on nine it was Richard Brochu landing four feet, three inches from the pin to win closest in two there.



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Team Jamaica, led by (left to right) Kip Doyon, Rowdy Doyon, Richard Brochu and Pat Hussey, would lose in the FIFA semifinals, but won the night's points competition with 78.

# SPORTS

## JIM FLINT'S RUNNERS' ROUNDUP

### Owens Clinches Tuesday Trails Title

CRAFTSBURY – Adrian Owens beat the heat and humidity this summer. The Craftsbury Masters runner and orienteering champion has competed for several years in the Tuesday Night Trail races held at the Craftsbury Outdoor Center. On August 17, Owens clinched the title of 2021 King of the Trails.

Scoring for the 13-week series is based on an athlete's top ten races. With just the August 24 race left to run, Owens, 53, amassed an insurmountable lead with 892 points. Robert Linck, from Craftsbury, occupied the runner-up position for the men with 835 points. Like Owens, Linck competed in ten of twelve races.

The Queen of the Trails title will likely go down to the last race on August 24. As of August 17, Cydney Terrone of Craftsbury and Caroline Lawlor of West Glover occupied first place and second place in the series standings. Both competed in ten 5k races. Their respective point totals were 773 and 724.

Anna Schulz of Craftsbury was in third place on August 17, having scored 702 points in eight races. Schulz could overtake Lawlor and Terrone with a strong performance in the August 24 finale.

The August 17 Tuesday Trails Race was a sizzling affair. Sam Brunnette of Newport Center ran the fastest 5k trail race of the year to notch his fourth Tuesday Trails victory. His time of 21:02 outdistanced Adrian Owens, who finished second in 24:53.

Brunnette is a 2019 Plymouth State College graduate. He won NCAA Division III All-American honors in cross country and indoor track and field.

Kaitlynn Miller of Craftsbury won the women's division in 25:49. She placed third overall. Emma Podolin of Stannard finished second in the women's division and fourth overall. Podolin held off Eric Remick of Hardwick in a sprint to the finish line. Their respective times were 26:06.0 and 26:06.4.

Matt Moody of Craftsbury (27:16) placed fourth for the men. Cydney Terrone (29:50) and Jessica Bolduc (30:22) were the third and fourth women to finish. Both runners are from Craftsbury.

### Bolduc and Brunnette Win on August 10

CRAFTSBURY – Athletes spanning a 70-year age range turned out in temperatures near 80 degrees Fahrenheit for the August 10 edition of the Tuesday Night Trail Races. The 5k trail race attracted 20 runners, while six young runners completed a 3k trail race. Three mountain bikers raced a 10k loop.

2021 Craftsbury Academy graduate Camille Bolduc competed in her first 5k trail race of the season. After starting conservatively, Bolduc pulled away from Emma Podolin of Stannard. Bolduc crossed the finish line in 26:57 to win the women's division. Podolin was the second woman finisher, in 27:49. Despite the heat, Podolin ran four seconds faster than her

previous finish time on the same course.

Podolin has been a regular Tuesday Night Trail racer together with her partner, Josh Gould, and their daughters Scarlett Podolin (age 7) and Ruthie Podolin (age 5). The girls run in the 3k trail race accompanied by one of their parents. At the August 10 race, Podolin's dad ran the 3k race with Scarlett and Ruthie so that Podolin and Gould could run the 5k race together.

"Scarlett is old enough to navigate the trails and signs herself, but Ruthie is not quite there yet," said Emma Podolin. "Scarlett says her favorite part of the races is noticing that each week gets easier for her; she likes the possibility for improvement and can feel the change for herself. Ruthie hasn't commented but I think her favorite part is full-out letting it loose on the downhills and the post-race swim session in Hosmer. I imagine they both also love the camaraderie, cheering, and attention they get for running."

Emma Kennedy and Gibson Kennedy were the top girl and boy finishers at the 3k trail race on August 10. Their respective times were 17:20 and 20:45. Ada Allen of Craftsbury and Scarlett Podolin finished a close third and fourth, with respective times of 22:53 and 22:54. Ruthie Podolin placed fifth in 26:51. The youngest runner in the race, Willa Nunnery of Craftsbury, finished sixth in 30:05.

Sam Brunnette, from Newport Center, topped the men's 5k field for the third time this summer. His finish time of 22:41 outpaced the men's runner-up, Alec Jacobson, who finished in 24:10. Jacobson competed in cross country for Amherst College. He resides in Greensboro.

Adrian Owens of Craftsbury was the top male Masters (age 40+) finisher, in 26:14. Cydney Terrone of Craftsbury was the top female Masters finisher, in 30:52. Aemilia Terrone (36:10) and James Reynolds (36:10), both from Craftsbury, were the fastest female and male finishers under age 16.

With a kilometer left in the 5k race, Owens caught Ethan Dreissigacker as the runners climbed the Bentley Ski Trail. Dreissigacker, from Craftsbury, held on to finish in 26:06.

"I shadowed Ethan on the flats and made a comment about a bridge repair," said Owens. "I think he realized then I was close and picked up his pace to make sure he was ahead at the finish."

Gina Campoli (F60-69 age group) and John Broadhead (M70-79) were the oldest 5k trail runners. The Craftsbury couple finished in 48:16 and 52:22. Dunbar Oehlig (M60-69) won the 10k mountain bike race. His time of 35:23 outpaced runner-up Chris Jolly (M40-49), who finished in 37:26.

### Helling Sets Age-Group Course Record at Berlin Pond

BERLIN – Forty-eight runners faced the challenge of high heat and humidity levels at the Berlin Pond Five Miler on August 12. A few clouds, a light breeze, and shady dirt roads provided a measure of welcome relief during the early evening race around Berlin Pond. Twenty-one runners were age 50 or above. Six runners hailed



photo by Jim Flint

Adrian Owens (#202) won the men's 5k run title for the 2021 Tuesday Night Trails Series held at the Craftsbury Outdoor Center. Robert Linck (#215) is the men's division runner-up. The two men are from Craftsbury. Jessica Bolduc (#212), Audrey Magnan (#211), Paula Davidson (#204), Stig Linck (#206), and Ashley Nunnery (#216), all from Craftsbury, also ran regularly in the 13-week race series, which began on June 1 and ended on August 24.

from towns covered by the Hardwick Gazette.

Adamant Ace Dot Helling shattered the women's 70-79 age group record. Helling, 71, finished 35th overall. Her time of 46:54 broke the old F70-79 course record of 49:45 set by Celine Blais in 2017. To her credit, Blais 74, also ran in this year's race. She finished in 56:25.

"I started too fast, after too late a too big lunch, and had to crank it back to hold my stomach together," said Helling. "After that, I caught up to some folks who had blasted by me on those first two hills. I love the heat and humidity. Lubes my joints."

Ricky McLain, 35, of Cabot, placed tenth overall and fourth in the M30-39 age group. His finish time was 34:20. Mack Gardner-Morse, 60, from Calais, was third in the M60-69 age group and 17th overall. He paced at 7:28 per mile and crossed the finish line in 37:19.

"I started a little slower than usual, but I still tried to push myself up the hills on the backside of Berlin Pond," said Gardner-Morse.

Ella Bradley, 17, ran the course with her dad, Kari Bradley, 53. The Bradleys, from Calais, finished the course in 41:32. Ella placed second in her age group; Kari placed third in his age group.

Chris Andresen, 65, of Adamant, rounded out the finishers from towns covered by the Gazette. Andresen returned to racing after an injury sidelined him in 2020. He completed the race in 40:57 to place fourth in the M60-69 age group.

### Vermont Senior Games 5k State Championship

NORTHFIELD – Registration is open for the 42nd Annual Northfield Savings Bank 5k Flying Pig Race. The event on Saturday, September 4 is also the Vermont Senior Games 5K State Championship Road Race. The 5K begins at 9:30 a.m. in downtown Northfield. A one-mile children's run follows at 10:30 a.m.

The race has an uphill start. The rest of the course is flat and fast, with paved streets and a dirt road out-and-back section. The \$25 entry fee includes an NSB commemorative race t-shirt. A link to the registration form is available at [cvrners.org](http://cvrners.org).

# SPORTS

## Elkin Chosen to Lead Athletic Program at Twinfield-Cabot

by Ken Brown

PLAINFIELD – Carley Elkin was named the new athletic director at Twinfield-Cabot this past summer, replacing Stacey Fox after two and a half years.

Elkin grew up in Guilford, Conn., earned her undergraduate degree at Springfield College in Massachusetts in 2015, and her master's degree at the same school in 2018. She played lacrosse at a high level in college and has been the girls' varsity lacrosse coach at St. Johnsbury Academy the last two seasons while teaching at Lin-Wood Public School in Lincoln, N.H.

"I've been an athlete my whole life and when I was named the athletic director (A.D.) at Twinfield-Cabot, I was both humbled and thrilled for the opportunity and the challenge. I've always been interested in traditional and non-traditional athletics and how important they are in the education of student athletes. I'm still new to the area and the school, but I've already met so many students, teachers, coaches, and people from the community who are of such high quality. I look forward to blending my passion for athletics and teaching into the program," said Elkin.

Elkin becomes the fifth A.D. in six years for a Twinfield-Cabot

program that has struggled with participation numbers and results the last several years outside of boys' basketball and soccer. With high schools struggling statewide to keep their long-tenured athletic programs afloat, Elkin acknowledges the challenges ahead, but believes there are some great opportunities for improvement at Twinfield-Cabot.

"I want our kids to be competitive and extend their learning outside of the school building and engage in physical and cognitive challenges. Our goal as an athletic program is to educate student athletes from Twinfield-Cabot in teamwork, resiliency, account-

ability, and sportsmanship, but that doesn't happen without relationships. As a public school we are in the relationship business and as faculty, coaches, and students, it is our duty to reach out to our community more, connect with them, and be involved. We have a great group of coaches and young athletes here at Twinfield-Cabot and I look forward to getting to know them even better in the upcoming fall sports season," said Elkin.

Peter Stratman and Seth Wilmott will return this fall to coach the varsity boys' and girls' soccer teams, which will open the season in the first week of September.

## ACT Tour Returns with Back-to-Back Showdowns

BARRE – The American-Canadian Tour (ACT) is back with a bang beginning Saturday, August 28, at Maine's Oxford Plains Speedway. After a break to catch its breath following a Midsummer Classic 250 that lived up to its name, the ACT Late Model Tour has major showdowns on consecutive weekends at two historic tracks.

The Oxford Plains 125 begins the back-to-back with ACT's second visit of the year to the 3/8-mile oval. It's part of the "Night Before the Oxford 250", which ACT has helped anchor for the last four seasons. Oxford Plains Speedway events almost always draw big car counts, with regional racers and part-time competitors joining the likes of D.J. Shaw, Tom Carey III, Ben Rowe, Derek Gluchacki, and Stephen Donahue.

Eight days later, the Tour ships off to Barre's Thunder Road for the \$5,000-to-win Labor Day Classic. The 200-lap event begins a stretch of four straight ACT-sanctioned Late Model events that pay at least \$5,000 to the winner. This "Show Me the Money" stretch includes the Bacon Bowl 200 at Quebec's Autodrome Chaudiere on September 11, the Fall Foliage 200 at New Hampshire's White Mountain Motorsports Park on September 26, and the Vermont Milk Bowl at Thunder Road on October 3.

Just five point-counting events remain in the 2021 season. This means there's a lot more on the line these next two weekends than the prize money, trophy, and glory. It also makes them two pivotal stops in the chase for the 30th ACT Late Model Tour title. The champion receives \$10,000 in cash, plus nearly \$2,000 worth of guaranteed contingency awards — and the honor of being known as ACT's best.

The battle for the title is one of the closest in recent memory. Center Conway, N.H.'s D.J. Shaw leads the standings by just one point over New Salem, Mass.'s Tom Carey III. Turner, Maine's Ben Rowe is a mere 13 points behind Shaw. Defending ACT Rookie of the Year Derek Gluchacki of North Dartmouth, Mass., sits 51

points out of first, putting him one good weekend away from being a player. Since large fields are expected at both Oxford and Thunder Road, that means large point swings could occur.

All four of the top point drivers have enjoyed success at Oxford Plains Speedway. Shaw and Rowe own numerous Pro All Stars Series (PASS) Super Late Model victories at the track. Rowe also has two ACT victories on the legendary oval, including one at the 2020 season finale. Carey finished runner-up to Rowe in that event, while Gluchacki scored his first ACT podium finish at Oxford in July.

Thunder Road figures to be more of a wild card. Rowe and Shaw each have several top-10 finishes at the quarter-mile bullring. They took fifth and sixth in May's Community Bank N.A. 150, making them the two highest-finishing ACT Tour regulars. However, they have been shut out of the track's hallowed Victory Lane. The closest either came was when Rowe finished second in the 2007 Vermont Milk Bowl.

Carey and Gluchacki have limited experience at Thunder Road, with a handful of starts each between ACT Tour, weekly, and special shows. Both are still looking for their first top 10 on the high banks. They finished 17th and 13th, respectively, in the Tour's first Thunder Road stop of 2021. The pressure is on both to find some speed for Quarry Hill — or to run well enough at Oxford that they can build up a cushion to survive a less-than-stellar Thunder Road outing.

The presence of invaders is another factor in each show. A strong field of 29 cars were at Oxford Plains Speedway for the July 11 event with Hermon, Maine's Mike Hopkins going flag-to-flag for the victory. Hopkins has filed an entry for the Oxford Plains 125 and will go for the season sweep.

Part-time ACT racers like Dylan Payea, Trenton Goodrow, and Jimmy Renfrew Jr. are strong at Oxford. Several local tracks that run ACT-type Late Models take Oxford 250 weekend off, leaving their drivers free to grow the ACT field.

The Labor Day Classic at Thunder Road is expected to be one of the year's biggest ACT events. Many weekly Thunder Road Late Model competitors also compete in Tour events at the track. They're usually the ones to beat, too. Nine of the last 10 Thunder Road ACT events were won by drivers who consider the venue their home turf. Of the top seven in current ACT points, fifth-place Stephen Donahue is the only one who can claim that distinction.

The generous purse, with \$5,000 to win and \$500 to start, will also draw cars. A provisional starting spot has been posted for Canadian teams as long they are able to cross the border. Canadian participation is eagerly awaited on all sides as these drivers are itching to join the New England racing action.

To top it all off, ACT has an incredible streak on the line. The first seven point-counting events of 2021 have seen seven different winners. This is tied for the second-longest run in ACT Late Model Tour history. An eighth different winner at Oxford would match the record for most consecutive races without a repeat victor. In both 2007 and 2014, there were different winners in the first eight point-counting show before the streak was snapped.

Gluchacki, Donahue, Payea, and Goodrow are among the leading candidates to become winner number eight. So are brothers Shawn Swallow and Jamie Swallow, Jr. For any of these six, it would be their first career ACT Tour win. Even more potential contenders could roll through the gates at Oxford. This adds to a compelling two weekends of competition of ACT teams and fans.

The ACT Late Model Tour travels to Maine's Oxford Plains Speedway on Saturday, August 28, at 4 p.m., for the Oxford Plains 125. The event is part of the "Night Before the Oxford 250" program that includes the Modified Racing Series, PASS Modifieds, Street Stock Triple Crown, Northeast Classic Lites, and Wicked Good Vintage Racing Association.

# SPORTS



photo by Alan Ward

Shelburne's Kaiden Fisher was all smiles after winning his second straight Street Stock Special.



photo by Alan Ward

Hardwick's Jaden Perry visited Victory Lane for the second time this year in the Flying Tigers.



photo by Alan Ward

Williamstown's Nate "Tater" Brien earned his third Road Warrior victory of the season.

## Fisher Storms to Victory at Thunder Road

BARRE — Shelburne's Kaiden "Tropical Storm" Fisher lived up to his nickname at a hot and humid night on Friday, August 20. The 13-year-old phenom charged to the lead just before halfway in the 50-lap Street Stock Special to win the event for the second straight year. Fisher also unofficially took over the point lead in the Street Stock division.

The youngster started 16th in the 27-car field, as Berlin's Haidyn Pearce set a torrid pace early. Showing shades of his track champion father, Fisher flew up the high side and climbed to sixth by lap 14.

Campbell had run down Pearce in the meantime and went to his outside just as Thomas Peck spun to bring out the caution. Pearce would have remained the leader, but his car shut down during the yellow and would not refire. That handed the top spot to Campbell, with Fisher now fifth.

Fisher continued to make mincemeat of the field, charging up to third two laps later when Michael "Biffer" Gay got turned around in turn four to trigger a multi-car logjam. Blakey was to Campbell's outside on the restart, but began to backslide after several circuits. Once the outside opened, Fisher went right to it, flying around Campbell with 24 complete. Father-son duo Chris and Kyler Davis of Berlin moved into second and third when Campbell spun off turn four a few laps later.

A pair of cautions on laps 32 and 35 — the first when Blakely cut a right front tire while dueling with Williamstown's Josh Lovely for fourth, and the second when Campbell and Jesse Laquerre looped it in turn three — set up a 15-lap dash for cash. Lovely moved to second on the restart as Kyler Davis slipped back to fifth on the outside.

Williamstown's Tommy "Thunder" Smith climbed to fourth in the shuffle, then tried a crossover move on Chris Davis off turn two with seven laps to go. Davis held his ground and they made contact in turn three with Smith — who entered the night as the point leader — spinning to the infield. All the while, Fisher was on rails, cruising to his fifth career win.

Lovely grabbed second while Chris Davis, driving in a substitute role for Todd Ramyo, took third. Davis's teammates Kyler Davis and Jeffrey Martin chased him to the finish. Dean Switzer Jr., James Dopp, Taylor Hoar, Tyler Whittemore, and J.T. Blanchard completed the

top 10.

Westford's Darrell Morin picked up a first career win that was a long time coming in the Late Models. Morin started on the pole for the 50-lap event, and after Graniteville's Stephen Donahue led the opening circuit, Morin took back over. Donahue was able to stay on Morin's tail for the first half of the caution-free event. However, the pack of Phil Scott, Matthew Smith, and rookie Brandon Lanphear soon ran down Donahue, with Scott putting the pressure on the second-place car. Barre's Jason Corliss joined the battle, as well, in the closing stages after coming from 11th. Morin was loving every minute of it as he pulled away from the hornet's nest to get his first Late Model victory after seven years of trying.

"Little Irish" Donahue took the runner-up trophy. Corliss caught Scott at the white flag for third. Smith, Lanphear, Christopher Pelkey, Chip Grenier, Scott Dragon, and Kyle Pembroke completed the top 10. Unofficially, Pelkey now leads Corliss by just one point in the "King of the Road" fight with three weekly events remaining.

Hardwick's Jaden Perry snagged his second win of the season in the Flying Tigers. Perry started eighth in the 40-lap feature and managed to break out of the pack following the lone caution on lap six for Colin Cornell's flat tire.

After taking brothers Ryan Boutin and Kevin Boutin Jr. on the outside for second, Perry quickly swallowed up the gap to leader Michael MacAskill. As MacAskill's car pushed high in the corners, Perry took advantage of the open door and drove underneath him to the lead on lap 24. Perry then drove off into the night for his fourth career Flying Tiger victory.

Hinesburg's Derrick Calkins and Craftsbury Common's Stephen Martin both chased down MacAskill as well to complete the podium. MacAskill ended up fourth, followed by Ryan Boutin, Tanner Woodard, Joel Hodgdon (subbing for Justin Prescott), Kevin Boutin, Sam Caron, and Brandon Gray. Point leader Michael Martin was 11th, allowing son Stephen to unofficially close within eight points.

Williamstown's Nate "Tater" Brien earned his third win of the year in the Road Warriors. Brien flew from 13th to win the first of two 15-lap segments. He then came from the back again, getting into a four-way duel for second

in the segment with Josh Vilbrin, Nick Copping, and Matt Ballard.

Copping got crossed up while taking the white flag, which helped trigger a multi-car front-stretch pile-up. Brien expertly raced back to the line, finishing third in the segment behind Jamie York and Vilbrin. That give Brien the victory with an overall score of four points.

Northfield's Vilbrin came in second overall with six total points. Williamstown's Ballard was awarded the third spot following a scoring recheck. Taylor Sayers, York, Frank Putney, Nicholas Copping, Ryan Foster, Paige Whittemore, and Mark Beaulieu also earned top-10 finishes.

Thunder Road returns to action next Thursday, August 26, at 7 p.m. The final Thursday event of the year features the annual "Run What U Brung" spectator races, plus a full card for the Late Models, Flying Tigers, Street Stocks, and Road Warriors.

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

#### STREET STOCKS

11. Jamie Davis (43) Wolcott

#### LATE MODELS

11. Brendan Moodie (94VT) Wolcott

14. Marcel J. Gravel (86VT) Wolcott

#### FLYING TIGERS

1. Jaden Perry (92VT) Hardwick

3. Stephen Martin (9VT) Craftsbury Common

7. Joel Hodgdon (44VT) Craftsbury Common

11. Michael Martin (01VT) Craftsbury Common



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Williamstown's Nate "Tater" Brien earned his third Road Warrior victory of the season.