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Stannard Brothers Target of Drugs Raid

by Doug McClure

BURLINGTON – According to an affidavit from Special Agent Colin Simons, the Hutchins Farm Road residence in Stannard of brothers Eric and Gage Colson was the subject of a joint investigation by the Vermont Drug Task Force (VTDF) and the FBI that resulted in a September 10 raid by law enforcement. According to the warrant, the agencies had collected enough evidence that “probable cause exists for evidence of violations of 21 U.S.C. § 841 (possession with intent to distribute heroin/fentanyl), and 21 U.S.C. § 846 (conspiracy to distribute heroin/fentanyl)” for the search of the residence, and “probable cause to believe that Eric and Gage Colson have violated 21 U.S.C. § 846.” As of Tuesday morning, Gage Colson was awaiting his detention hearing. Eric Colson was released pending trial to a treatment center with conditions of release, including random drug testing.

The government wanted Eric Colson detained pending trial. Assistant U.S. Attorney Nathanael Burris noted “the nature circum-

stances of the defendant’s offense involve a very large quantity of controlled substances, including fentanyl. This could subject the defendant to a ten-year mandatory minimum sentence.” The government further said that approximately 29 grams of fentanyl was located during the execution of the search warrant, and law enforcement subsequently located a stash house where “approximately 10” firearms and materials for the manufacture of fentanyl was uncovered. Burris pointed out that the firearms found “including an AR-style rifle ... could subject him to an additional five year consecutive mandatory minimum sentence.” Pressed for more details, Burris said the firearms “varied from the previously mentioned AR-style rifle to tactical shotguns to hunting weapons to a number of handguns.”

Burris said that “although he is just 23, he managed a sophisticated distribution operation which employed evasive tactics to avoid detection by law enforcement.” He added that “the government expects to additionally present

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Hardwick Gazette file photo from summer 2020 Residents in Stannard and Greensboro Bend have expressed frustration with open drug dealing at all hours by the underpass, and no police response from either state or local police. In frustration, someone posted this sign, but someone else quickly removed it.

Hardwick Board Hires New Town Manager

by Doug McClure

HARDWICK – At the September 16 meeting, the Hardwick Select Board announced that, after two rounds of interviews, it had decided on a hire for the permanent position of town manager. Without

offering details about his experience, the board announced it was hiring David Upson, Jr., for the job. Upson later said he was currently working for the Vermont Department of Public Safety. [The Gazette will have a profile of the new town manager next week.]

Meanwhile, current interim town manager Jon Jewett informed the board that the sludge problem in the wastewater treatment plant’s lagoon was far more serious than originally thought. He explained that Hardwick, like many small towns, used lagoons for

treatment when it built the plant to reduce construction costs. Jewett said that the original estimate of 120 tons of sludge proved far less than what was now estimated. One lagoon has 678 tons, and another 645 tons. Due to the fact that

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photo by Doug McClure

Buffalo Mountain Co-op Board President Annie Gaillard discussed the proposed purchase of the Village Market with around three dozen people at Atkins Field on Sunday, September 19, at the first of two community meetings.

Co-op Informs Members About Purchase of Village Market

by Doug McClure

HARDWICK – Last Sunday, September 19, the Buffalo Mountain Co-op sought to inform its members about why the Co-op board felt the purchase of the Village Market was good for the Co-op. Two board members, chair Annie Gaillard and vice chair David Ludt, Co-op General Manager Emily Hershberger, and a representative from the Cooperative Development Institute (CDI), Katherine Bessey, spoke. CDI is the firm

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Town Administrator Resigns, Road Crew Unionizes

by Doug McClure

WOLCOTT – The Wolcott Select Board averted a crisis last week. Two weeks ago, Road Foreman Dillon Cafferky resigned, according to Chair Linda Martin, on the grounds of “stress and negativity” from some residents. Over the following days, rumors circulated in town that other

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photo by Doug McClure

Vermont Trust for Public Land Senior Project Manager Kate Wanner speaks with a resident about the proposed Wolcott Town Forest at a recent community event.

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the co-op hired to conduct a feasibility study and community survey about the viability of buying the Village Market and moving to it.

Gaillard spoke first, greeted with applause. She had a few new details about the project than have so far been released publicly. Among those was that the co-op and Village Market had first spoken about the idea of purchasing the Village Market five years ago, but that had been under a non-disclosure agreement until the Village Market publicized its intent to sell recently. She, and others, said that the board could have made the decision to purchase the Village Market without member involvement under their bylaws, but decided ultimately that the decision needed member approval. That particular statement was repeated several times. Gaillard noted that this would be a big change in the co-op's direction, and also would mean assuming debt when it had not had debt for "years." She shared that two board members resigned and several abstained on a vote to "get the process going."

CDI had conducted a survey and Bessey said that of the 700 people surveyed, 300 were not co-op members. Bessey noted that the survey found that the co-op only captured 4% of the Hardwick grocery market, and over 90% of the survey respondents were supportive of the co-op buying the Village Market. She presented CDI's estimation of the financial hurdles the co-op would need to clear for the purchase to work, chief among those being nearly doubling its annual revenues to be fiscally secure, or at least increasing them from \$2.2 million to over \$3 million to be viable. Bessey said it was "ideal and fortunate" that the co-op would be able to find such an opportunity to transform the Village Market. She said the purchase was "doable and reasonable with at least \$200,000 in fundraising."

Ludt said "We have one, two, three food stores in town... everybody that we can think of, and people we can't even think of, go there and get food for their families and go home and cook it. That food, and that love, powers all of the schools and all of the roads that need to get fixed, and all of the power lines and the trees that've got to get cut down during the storms and this building right here [Atkins Field pavilion], and everything that we can possibly imagine. And as I thought about the possibility of doing this move, I kept telling myself, again and again, it's not just an empty building over there. It's a store that's been an independent grocery store for longer than I've been born. The relationships that people form going into

that store, living in this town, living their lives, building this town where the place we live and where we loved to be, are immeasurable in what makes this place great."

He continued, describing a "goal" of the co-op becoming a "hub for our entire community." He said "I want to see the farms and fields and woodlots full of produce and people and wildlife. I want to see the topsoil thick and rich with life. I want Hardwick to be filled with growing healthy families, families who love it here and are invested in this community deeply. I want to see us emphasize local food, soil health, and resilience by serving the entire surrounding community."

He recognized that for a "huge section of our community" in the village, the Village Market was their store.

Hershberger spoke about "blending" the co-op staff with the Village Market staff. She said that the co-op would "do our best" to keep prices low.

A Q+A session followed with very few questions. Some addressed the technical details of the financial modeling. One was concerned about the inbound traffic on Route 15 from East Hardwick, calling it "so hazardous" and asking how the co-op intended to get the police to address that issue.

Another member asked what kind of food the Village Market sold. One said they shopped there, but only if there was something they wanted on special, and then asked "Does that mean we have to keep that [food] inventory on?" The co-op is purchasing what inventory the Village Market has on hand at the time of sale. Ludt answered the question by saying no contractual obligation to maintain the Village Market's product inventory exists, "just the social contract you have with your neighbors to feed them."

Gaillard later elaborated about why the purchase included existing inventory. "[The Village Market owners] would not budge on that at all except for a few things. We told them we did not want to sell cigarettes or lottery tickets. There are a few other things we are planning to ask them to try to sell down and not reorder like super smelly laundry products that affect our chemically sensitive customers. Both sides of this food scene are going to have to compromise some and hopefully we can find that sweet spot and the majority of folks can get their grocery needs met. I think we stand to have a good influence in eating habits of the greater Hardwick community if we play our cards right."

A second community forum is slated for Monday, September 27, at 6 p.m. at Atkins Field.



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POLICE REPORT

Media Log Summary

Hardwick Police

September 6: Directed Patrol, Cherry St.; Assist - Public, S. Main St.

September 7: Directed Patrol, Ward Hill Rd.; Directed Patrol, S. Main St.; Suspicious Event, School St.; Assist - Public, Hazen Union Dr.; Alarm, Dusty Swamp Rd.; Threats/Harassment, Spruce Dr.; Threats/Harassment, N. Main St.; Traffic Stop, Center Rd./Hardwick Farms Rd.; Trespassing, Glenside Ave.; Assist - Motorist, Vt. Rte. 15/Vt. Rte. 14; Directed Patrol, Upper Cherry St.

September 8: Trespassing, S. Main St.; Motor Vehicle Complaint, Spring St.; Directed Patrol, Riverside Terrace.

September 9: Citizen Dispute, Stratton Rd.; Threats/Harassment, Lower Cherry St.; Medical, S. Main St.; Assault, Stratton Rd.; Safety Hazard, Mill St.; Assault, S. Main St.; TRO/FRO Service, Bridgman Hill Rd.; TRO/FRO Service, Bridgman Hill Rd.

September 10: Directed Patrol, S. Main St.; Assist - Agency, Vt. Rte. 16; Juvenile Problem, Evergreen Manor Dr.

September 11: Welfare Check, Dutton Rd.; Accident - Injury to Person(s), S. Main St./Wolcott St.; Motor Vehicle Complaint, Vt. Rte. 15; 911 Hangup, Wakefield St.; Traffic Stop, Church St.; Directed Patrol, Glenside Ave.; Assist - Motorist, Vt. Rte. 15; Vandalism, W. Church St.; Suspicious Event, Glenside Ave.; Animal Problem, Spring St.

September 12: Suspi-

cious Event, Evergreen Manor Dr.; Citizen Dispute, Caspian Ave.; Welfare Check, Vt. Rte. 14; Threats/Harassment, Spruce Dr.; Traffic Hazard, Vt. Rte. 15; Directed Patrol, Glenside Ave.

September 13: Juvenile Problem, Traffic Hazard, Vt. Rte. 15 W; Directed Patrol, Donovan Ln.; Directed Patrol, Glenside Ave.

September 14: Assault, Wolcott St.; Suspicious Event, Hillside St.; Directed Patrol, Glenside Ave.

September 15: Alarm, Log Yard Dr.; Directed Patrol, S. Main St.; Traffic Hazard, Vt. Rte. 15 W; Juvenile Problem, S. Main St.

September 15: Suspicious Event, Evergreen Manor Dr.; Motor Vehicle Complaint, Mackville Rd.; Theft, School St.; Noise Disturbance, Hazen Drive; Welfare Check, W. Church St.; Motor Vehicle Complaint, Mill St.

September 17: Found Property, Winter St.; Assist - Public, Evergreen Manor Dr.; Directed Patrol, Donovan Ln.; Traffic Hazard, W. Church St.

September 18: Animal Problem, Cherry St.; Vandalism, Vt. Rte. 15; Alarm, Log Yard Dr.; Lost Property, Vt. Rte. 16; Assault, Vt. Rte. 14; Assault, Spring St.; Accident - Property Damage Only, S. Main St.; Assault, S. Main St.; Suspicious Event, Cherry St.

September 20: Directed Patrol, Ward Hill Rd.; Directed Patrol, S. Main St.; Suspicious Event, Bunker Hill Rd.

Hardwick Police

Assault, Motorcycle Crash

On September 9, at 6:54 p.m., Nathanael Bagley, of 86 Stratton Rd., was cited to appear on September 10 at 12:30 p.m. on a charge of assault.

On September 11, at approximately 1:15 p.m., Police were dispatched to a single motorcycle accident. The motorcyclist was riding northbound on S. Main St. and went through the red light without stopping, crossed the intersection and hit a tree, knocking the operator off the bike. The motorcycle went down

the bank, hitting a parked car in the Village Diner parking lot. The operator, Tomalyn Johnson, was transported by Hardwick Rescue. The motorcycle was totaled and the parked car suffered minor damage.

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.

AWARE Report

HARDWICK - AWARE served eight survivors of domestic and sexual violence from September 12 through September 19. 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.

State Police Report

Theft from Motor Vehicle

On August 29, at 8:15 a.m., Troopers received a report of a theft from a motor vehicle at a residence on Center Rd. in Middlesex. The offender stole a wallet, as well as several other items. The credit card from the wallet was subsequently used to make purchases at Walmart in Berlin and at Cumberland Farms in Montpelier. On September 17, State Troopers identified Melanie Sargent, of Plainfield, as the primary suspect in this case. Troopers responded to Sargent's residence and subsequent investigation led to Sargent's

arrest. Troopers later executed a search warrant of Sargent's residence and vehicle, finding numerous stolen items related to this case. Sargent was processed and released on a citation to appear in the Washington County Superior Court, Criminal Division.

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Manager

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there are only two locations in the region for sludge disposal, one in Canada and one in Buffalo, N.Y., the cost to get rid of the sludge now would work out to \$2.6 million. That amount exceeds the original overall project budget, so Jewett recommended that the town only attempt to upgrade one lagoon now, which would require re-bidding the contract since the current contract is for upgrading both lagoons. He said that the town might also save some money by trucking the sludge itself, with the closest option being the site in Canada.

Jewett said he also would recommend that the board write a letter to the Agency of Natural Resources about options for adding more frequent sludge removal to lagoon-style facilities. Larger towns have plants with the capability of removing it much more quickly.

Select board chair Eric Remick noted that "we're not really in a position to move forward with the project as laid out."

The board heard from business manager Casey Rowell on the related subject of proposed water and sewer rates. The sewer rates still account for the wastewater facility, since the project is intended to proceed in the current fiscal year. Rowell said that after reviewing the rates with Jewett and the town clerk, and hearing feedback from low-use customers, the new rate structure would lower the threshold of standard residential usage from 10,000 gallons to 8,000 gallons a year, as well as drop the base rate.

The base rate was dropped from \$288 a year to \$252 a year, with an additional reduction in the overage to \$0.008. She said that even for those who did use 10,000 gallons, "you're still going to be paying a lower rate."

The sewer rates will increase by about \$28 a year for a typical residential user, from \$450 to \$478. Overage rates will increase from \$0.011 to \$0.013. These increases factor in the wastewater treatment plant bond.

Jewett had another recommendation for the board. The board has shifted to a hybrid Zoom and in-person meeting model, but Jewett recommended the board go a step further. With Caledonia County reporting its highest ever case count of 33 the day before the meeting and the state posting upwards of 300, also a record, Jewett said some towns were looking at mandating employees get vaccinated or require employees to get weekly testing.

"I think the town should consider doing that," Jewett said.

He pointed out that the union was not opposed to the requirement since a large percentage of its members are vaccinated and those not vaccinated could pose a risk to the vaccinated employees.

The board seemed mostly agreeable to adding the discussion to its next meeting, with the exception of Michael Deering, who said, "If [vaccination] proves an unconstitutional mandate, maybe we should wait at least?" Jewett pointed out that the vaccination itself was not mandated, but rather the vaccination or weekly testing.

Resigns

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members of the road crew were considering following Cafferky out the door.

The select board met in an emergency executive session on September 11 to attempt to ward off a serious problem with winter right around the corner. Cafferky and the other road crew members were offered a “competitive hourly wage.” In addition, the board voted to “move forward with recognizing a union or entering into an employment contract,” whichever the road crew decided.

Vice chair Kurt Klein later detailed the board’s thinking and said that “a competitive wage ... reflects the reality of heavy equipment operators’ compensation in today’s well-funded market. In response to job security, where the road crew may find themselves at the whim of future select boards, the board offered two options. First, the board approved moving forward with an employment contract with the town which would survive future changes in the board’s makeup. Second, the board approved the option of supporting the road crew’s wishes to join a union.”

At the September 15 meeting,

Martin told the road crew, “I just wanted to give my personal thanks for accepting our offer and staying with us. I really appreciate your work, I think you do a good job. Because you are really dedicated to what you are doing and took a lot of pride in your work, the last couple of weeks have been hard.”

The board asked the road crew which option they wanted. The first option was full union representation, the second option an employment contract, and lastly, a middle ground where the board agreed to collective bargaining, but not a union. One concern of the road crew is their employment situation can change drastically with every incoming select board. The road crew opted to unionize, which precludes an employment contract since the union will be handling representation for the crew.

Klein later elaborated, “The Union that will be representing the road crew is Massachusetts & Northern New England Laborers’ District Council on behalf of Laborers’ Local 668 based in Hooksett, N.H. Mr. [Larry] Moquin who attended the select board meeting is the regional organizer, Laborers’ New England Region. The town also received a Petition of Collective Bargaining from the Vermont Labor

Relations Board. The petition calls for the town to respond in one of three ways. First is to accept the representation as petitioned. Second is to agree to a consent election and Third is to schedule a hearing with the Vermont Labor relations Board. Consistent with the motion of September 11, in which the board stated it would support union representation a motion was made last night to accept option one. By doing so the board and the petitioners (road crew) will have accepted ‘exclusive’ representation by the union. As a result the second option of drafting an employment contract with the town will be taken off the table.”

Wolcott’s entire road crew, including Cafferky, is staying on.

One outstanding issue is the lack of water at the town garage. The board authorized contacting Morristown-based N.A. Manosh to try to solve the issue.

While the board averted being short-handed on the road crew during the winter by accepting the union, it had to deal with another resignation. Town Administrator Randall Szott resigned on September 8. He cited negativity in the town and a hostile work environment.

The board discussed feedback from the September 10 community event that was designed to publicize

several town projects the board has been researching.

Klein said he that had heard “nothing but superlative comments. They haven’t seen Wolcott doing anything like this in forever.”

Town Clerk Belinda Clegg said that the board might consider hosting the event annually, especially in light of the limited ability to reach a wider audience through traditional means.

Martin agreed, and said she had heard, “let’s do it next year again.” There was quite a bit of enthusiasm, most I think for the [community] forest.”

Board member Kurt Billings said he had heard some discussion after the event about fiber optics.

Martin said that “people had the opportunity to be a little more informed,” which was her primary objective in planning the event.

The board has been working with local technical expert Dolan Patrick to improve the quality of hybrid meetings. Klein said, “to improve the quality of remote access” the board will purchase equipment, which would “include a large, wall mount screen, better camera and a document reader for public paperwork display and, hopefully, improved sound and a hard-wired internet connection.”

Raid

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evidence related to a motor vehicle stop in early August of this year in Massachusetts ... [that] resulted in the seizure of more than a kilo of cocaine and 21,000 bags of suspected fentanyl.” Burris said “the government acknowledges that the defendant is just 23 and is a lifelong Vermonter. He’s nonetheless unemployed. He has a history of drug use and abuse, and during the early stages of his offense, he was actually on probation” for burglary. He said the government considered a flight risk.

The proposed plan of sending Eric Colson to inpatient treatment was not seen as a safe course of action by Burris.

“The defendant would still have access to both drugs and substantial sums of money... the proposed plan... would involve his living with individuals the government considers to be potential uncharged co-conspirators.” He added that law enforcement “had received information that within the past few days, individuals have left that same residence with controlled substances, and thus we believe that controlled substances may in fact still be in the residence.”

Citing what the government believed was the strength of the evidence, Burris said “we suggest there are no conditions of release that can be imposed to mitigate the danger to the community, and [he] should be detained pending trial.”

U.S. District Court Magistrate Judge Kevin J. Doyle was not swayed to alter the proposed plan of a treatment center and returning Eric Colson home until trial, but did set conditions. He told Eric Colson, “You appear to have the support of your parents at home and I strongly advise you to take full advantage of this opportunity being given to go to Valley Vista [treatment center]. Not everyone receives this opportunity.”

Once released from Valley Vista, Eric Colson will go home until trial. He will be subject to GPS tracking. The government acknowledged “the various electronics involved are very contingent upon if there’s a landline or good cell signal” in his Stannard home.

According to the affidavit, in August 2020, Special Agent Simons separately interviewed two individuals who “each stated they had worked together to steal approximately \$75,000.00 worth of heroin and cocaine base from Eric Colson at the subject premises.” The two said they were “frequent customers” and “would purchase large quantities of prepackaged heroin and cocaine base from him several times a week.” One source said Eric Colson “sells \$10,000-\$20,000 of controlled substances per day,” while the other put that amount as “as much as \$125,000 of controlled substances every few days.” One explained that they had previously counted money for Eric Colson.

The individuals added that Eric Colson put food coloring in the cocaine base “as a means of identi-

fying the product as his.” One of the two described the two as using their own drugs. According to the two individuals, Eric Colson “hid controlled substances in the woods inside a water cooler” and “at night Eric Colson would put his drug supply into a 5-gallon water cooler with a screw-on top, which was painted in a ‘camouflage-type paint’... Eric Colson took these measures because Eric Colson believed that if he was going to ‘get busted’ it would be in the early morning hours when the water cooler was still hidden in the woods.”

One individual said Gage Colson “had his own customer base consisting of the people Eric Colson ‘didn’t want to deal with,’” supplied by Eric Colson. The brothers’ parents reside in the same house, with all drug activity indoors taking place in an apartment above the garage.

A second cooperating individual in December 2020 corroborated the previous accounts, that they had purchased from the brothers, and said the two sell “a lot of drugs” and had “a lot of money.” That person also corroborated Eric Colson coloring his cocaine base as his “signature” and said he was “very careful with his drugs and who he deals with.”

In August, a confidential informant (CI) working with VTDF Detective Chris Quesnel did a controlled buy. That individual told police that they had previously purchased from the brothers “numerous times” and that the Colsons kept “business hours” of 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. to buy drugs from, so

no contact prior would be necessary. Under “constant law enforcement surveillance,” the individual made the buy from Gage Colson. VTDF field-tested the drugs which “yielded a positive result for the presence of fentanyl.”

The CI described where the drugs were hidden in the building and told law enforcement that Eric Colson owned two “AR-15-style rifles,” which footage from a hidden camera corroborated. The CI further told police that “given the volume of customers” and that during every visit to the premises, “the Colsons always had enough drugs to supply these customers” and, as had the earlier two individuals, “money and drugs are buried in the ground on the property.”

Special Agent Simons’ affidavit describes a new “road or driveway” on the property that was not there during prior surveillance, as well as a trailer which was “similar looking” to one previously seen at the Colson’s residence.

Special Agent Simons wrote, “Based on my training, experience, and familiarity with this investigation (including the apparent movement of the trailer, the recency of the new driveway, and the information from CI regarding the COLSONs not allowing persons down the new driveway), I believe it is likely the COLSONs have placed the trailer at the end of the new driveway in order to conceal and secure their proceeds, drug inventory, and other items they wish to hide and protect.”



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Zephyr Townsend of Lakeview picks blueberries at Breitmeyer's Farm in Greensboro. The 1-4 grade students and their teachers picked 40 pints, which Ken and Judy Breitmeyer donated.



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Lakeview students Bryce McAllister (left) and Alden Olds (right) joined 30 other 1-4 grade students to pick blueberries at Breitmeyer's Farm in Greensboro recently.

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Peter and Sandy Gebbie

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Greaves Honored for Service

WALDEN – The Walden Fire Department’s open house served as the backdrop for the surprise presentation of an engraved firefighter’s axe to the First Assistant Chief Marvin “Butch” Greaves, recognizing his 50-plus years of service as a Walden firefighter.

Greaves was one of the founding members of the Walden Fire Department 52 years ago, starting when he was 25 years old, and there wasn’t even a fire truck. Members went door-to-door to get donations for firefighter equipment, money to pay for fuel, and turnout gear, and they held annual auctions and barbecues as fundraisers.

One of our first fire trucks was a surplus army truck with a tank and pump installed. The folks hired to paint it painted it orange instead of red, and it was nicknamed “Big Ugly.” It wasn’t

until 1971 that the Walden Fire Department purchased its first real engine, and Greaves served as fire chief from 1974 through 1985.

Greaves has served the Town of Walden, as well as area towns in the mutual aid group, first as a firefighter, then as an assistant chief and fire chief. He currently serves as assistant chief under Chief Jason Larrabee. Greaves also served regionally as second vice president, vice president and president of the Capitol Fire Mutual Aid System, which continues to this day.

He is the father, and grandfather of Walden firefighters: his son, Paul C. Greaves, is currently second assistant chief, and his grandson, Brenden Greaves, who was formerly a Walden firefighter, is currently a firefighter-EMT with St. Johnsbury Fire Department.



photo by Vanessa Fournier
Walden Fire Chief Jason Larrabee (left) presents Marvin “Butch” Greaves (right) with an engraved firefighter’s axe in recognition of his 50 years of service to the Walden Fire Department.



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Three generations of Greaves family firefighters gathered for a special lifetime achievement presentation given to Marvin “Butch” Greaves during the Walden Emergency Services Open House on September 18. Pictured are Marvin “Butch” Greaves (middle) holding an engraved firefighters axe he was presented for his 50 years as a Walden firefighter. Butch is currently the 1st Assistant Chief, his son Paul C. Greaves (left), the 2nd Assistant Chief and his grandson Brenden Greaves (right), who was in the Walden Fire Department for five years, is now a firefighter with the St. Johnsbury Fire Department.



photo by Vanessa Fournier
Joining Walden 1st Assistant Chief Marvin “Butch” Greaves (left) for his 50 years of service presentation are Cabot Fire chief Walter “Skip” Bothfeld Jr. (30 years), Walden fire Chief Jason Larrabee (2 years) and Hyde Park Town Fire Chief Brad Carriere (1 year).

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[BRAIN INJURY PROGRAM]

Copley Rehabilitation—treating brain injury patients.

When Morrisville resident Gerri Stearns fell in February the extent of her injuries went beyond bruising. Her fall caused a concussion. “I couldn’t remember things and was experiencing dizziness with the slightest movements. I learned of the brain injury program at Copley and started treatment. I cannot say enough about how the program has helped me regain functionality – it’s been a tremendous help. Megan, and the program, have given me back my livelihood.” Today, Gerri describes herself as pretty close to perfect thanks to therapy.

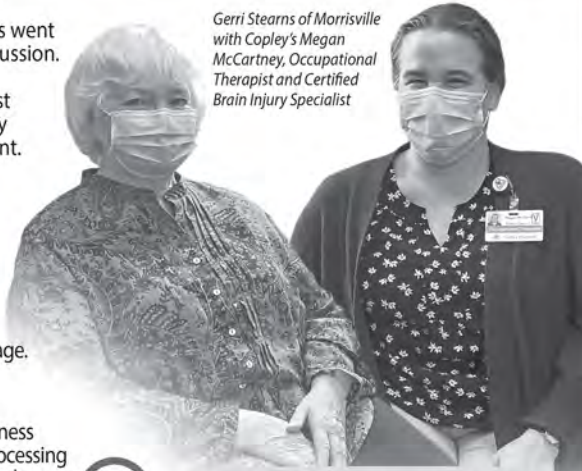
Brain injury can happen to anyone at any age.

Symptoms include:

- fatigue • visual problems • nausea
- brain fog • issues with balance and dizziness

For some people, remembering things, processing information and even finding the right words to communicate can be challenging.

Symptoms can be managed with treatment and can greatly improve your quality of life.



Gerri Stearns of Morrisville with Copley's Megan McCartney, Occupational Therapist and Certified Brain Injury Specialist



To learn more about Copley Hospital’s Brain Injury Program call 802-888-8303 or online at copleyvt.org

528 Washington Highway, Morrisville



photo by Vanessa Fournier
Sparky and Smokey Bear attended the Walden Emergency Services Open House held at the fire station September 18. Behind them is the Vermont Division of Fire and Safety smoke trailer.

Downtown Improvements, Parking Configuration Discussed

by Doug McClure

HARDWICK – At the September 16 meeting, the Hardwick Select Board discussed several upcoming projects. The board also heard from a resident who said Hardwick Electric Department (HED) had taken action that could restrict access to their home, which HED fervently denied through both its lawyer and General Manager Mike Sullivan.

A resident who lives on Hardwick Electric Drive said that HED had told them the bridge which is the only access to their home is in need of repair. Hardwick Electric Drive is not an official town road, so the resident said HED told them they could no longer use the bridge due to it being a liability issue and planned to put up a fence to prevent access. The resident said the family had lived in the home for thirty-six years without incident, and rhetorically asked, “all of a sudden, it’s a liability issue?” They said HED, who uses the bridge itself for its own large trucks, told them their Ford F-150 was damaging the bridge.

HED’s Barre City attorney Brooke Dingleline said she was having difficulty understanding what the resident was saying, and that this was “a matter that involves some legal issues.” Dingleline said the select board meeting was “really not appropriate” as a forum and was willing to sit down and work out a solution in a separate forum “so the town does not place itself in a position of having a road that it’s liable for but not a town road” under state statute.

The resident said Sullivan had told them HED would begin charging them to use the bridge, and Sullivan vehemently denied that claim and objected.

He said, “Neither I nor Hardwick Electric are looking to harm anybody here. There are some legal issues that need to be

addressed, it’s as simple as that. Going into a meeting with you guys screaming and yelling isn’t going to accomplish anything.”

Jewett said while he did not want to be in the middle of it and the topic was the select board’s purview, but he believed that preventing the residents’ access to their home was “bad policy.” Vice chair Ceilidh Galloway-Kane was concerned that negotiations would be taking place while construction of the fence seemed to be in process.

The board took up a more detailed proposal for how to spend a \$10,000 Vermont Community Fund grant for bike racks, signage, and kiosks. Jonathan Weber from Local Motion had been brought on for an opinion as that organization has specific expertise in signage and bike racks.

Weber’s proposal was six hoop-style bike racks situated at the Memorial Building, the Library, both sides of the pedestrian bridge, the townhouse, and the Yellow Barn. The cost for the racks in total would work out to \$4,424. They would be rail-

mounted instead of set in concrete, so they would be movable. It was noted that that would be advantageous since the Yellow Barn is not completed yet. Board member Elizabeth Dow proposed changing the location of the Town House bike rack to closer to the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail.

Signage would add another \$2,295 to the funds expended. More than half of that would be the purchase price of poles. Galloway-Kane said she hoped that attention would be paid to the placement of signage along Upper and Lower Cherry, since in her experience, a lot of elementary students were riding bikes now and coming from those streets.

Business Manager Casey Rowell had been researching kiosks in the “\$3,000 - \$3,500 range,” but had concerns about placement and maintenance. In addition, kiosks would need to be installed after the 2022 major repaving project going through the village. Rowell added that it would be next year in any event before ordering things made sense

due to a seven-week lead time.

The 2022 paving project was a topic of specific focus. The state is coming through in 2022 and grinding down all the state highways in the village for a thorough repaving. One issue is that the current parking configuration in Hardwick is out of compliance with state law. The Hardwick Planning Commission sent the state feedback on some items. One of those is the state’s proposal to remove the two ADA-accessible spaces in front of the United Church of Hardwick. That would increase the parking available on South Main in that area, which would, according to chair Eric Remick, balance out the parking spaces lost by bringing the village parking configuration into compliance.

Dow agreed with the planning commission that the two spaces were necessary to preserve.

She said, “the engineering makes absolutely perfect sense, but it doesn’t take into account the human need for access to the church.”



Wolcott’s select board hosted a town-wide community event on Friday, September 10, to inform citizens about multiple projects the board has researched to benefit the town. *photo by Doug McClure*

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Greensboro Looks to Expand Away from Lake Eligo

by Thorolf Van Walsum

GREENSBORO – On the May 21, the Greensboro Planning Commission published the text for two proposed municipal bylaw amendments.

Of the two proposed amendments, the one drawing the most attention seeks to make the area between Lake Eligo and Town Highway 23 a “Resource District.” This designation would mean that the area is no longer classified as a “Rural Lands” zone, where development is limited to 10-acre minimum pieces, and plots are instead limited to a 25-acre minimum.

The planning commission’s report is explicit that these changes are being proposed with the general interests of Greensboro residents in mind. In a Community Profile Survey, residents were asked their views on “What I never want to change in Greensboro”. The top four answers were “lake water quality,” “Willey’s,” “other establishments,” and “rural character and open space.”

By restricting development to the east of Lake Eligo, a sensitive watershed area is being protected. Baker Hill and Patmos Peak, considered to be the town’s most prominent cliffs, are directly to the east of Lake Eligo. In theory, this area would threaten increased sedimentation and decreased water quality in Lake Eligo if developed. According to the town plan, development, which involves clearing and increases runoff, should be discouraged in areas of steep slopes greater than twenty percent.

Affected landowners had mixed responses. Eric Lapoint, who owns a 68-acre swath of land along the cliffside, objected to the planning commission in a letter,

calling the new zoning proposal unjust, suspecting foul play and insinuating that other parties may encourage the town to “set laws and then sue the town for a loss”.

Harry Miller, who owns 38 acres of land just above Lapoint’s, said he supported the zoning change in an interview with the News & Citizen.

“When I purchased my land, I bought it for the rural nature of the place. I’m an avid deer hunter. I’ve got a deer camp there. It’s wild and steep, gnarly terrain. That was sort of why I bought it in the first place, because it was remote. I wouldn’t have bought it if I knew there was gonna be a five-lot subdivision here. Let’s put it that way.”

In an interview with the Hardwick Gazette, Brett Stanciu, the Greensboro Zoning Administrator, emphasized this point, as well. “By also having the larger tracts of property open, that also preserves that forest corridor.” By minimizing urban interruptions in forested land, the Greensboro Planning Commission hopes to protect local terrestrial ecosystems.

The second amendment seeks to connect Greensboro and Greensboro Bend by creating a new type of zone, the Extended Town Center, which has a two-acre minimum lot size. This was chosen as a good intermediary between the current Town Center zone at 0.5 acres and the Rural Lands zone at 10. Extending 500 feet off of the sides of Route 16 and a section of Cemetery Ridge, this new zone would allow for and promote residential expansion, allowing Greensboro to grow as a community away from the Lake Caspian and Lake Eligo watershed zones.

When asked what sorts of

changes Greensboro residents might realistically expect in the coming years if the Extended Town Center amendment was passed, Stanciu smiled and shook her head, explaining that the land designated was generally too wet for development to ever happen on a large scale. “It’d be nice to have more families in town, but it’s not going to turn

into, like, Burlington.”

[Thor recently moved to Hardwick through the Ameri-corps VISTA Volunteer program. He’ll be helping manage some ongoing projects of the North-eastern Kingdom Collaborative. You can also come say ‘hi’ to him at the Jeudevine Memorial Library, where he volunteers on Wednesdays.]



photo by Vanessa Fournier
An audience of around 50 attended the movie “Luca” during a free outdoor showing held at Atkins Field in Hardwick September 18. The event was hosted by the Hardwick Recreation Committee.

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Book Discussion on Sept. 30

HARDWICK – Jeudevine Times 2019 Notable book. Library will hold a discussion on “The Dutch House” by Ann Patchett on Thursday, Sept. 30, at 5:15 p.m. The book was a New York

Check-out copies of the book at the library. For more information call 472-5948 or email jeudevinelibrary@hardwickvt.org.

Author Acheson to Read at the Hardwick Town House

HARDWICK – The Galaxy Bookshop and Jeudevine Memorial Library will host The Rev. Anthony Acheson for a reading from his book, “Beyond Denial: Essays on Consciousness, Spiritual Practice, and Social Repair.” This event will take place at the Hardwick Town House on Tuesday, September 28, at 7 p.m. Masks are required and social distancing measures will be in place.

“Beyond Denial” is an essay collection that sketches a spirituality for our time. Acheson, an ordained minister, integrates Judeo-Christian insights with the rich resources of the world’s other religions and wisdom-streams.

After growing up near New York City, Anthony Acheson earned a BA from Harvard College

and a Master of Divinity from the Episcopal Divinity School. He was ordained in the United Church of Christ, a liberal Protestant denomination, in 1977, and has led several UCC congregations (and one Unitarian-Universalist church) in the Midwest and New England. He is also a lifelong musician who has recorded a CD of original compositions. Rev. Acheson is active as a speaker, workshop leader, and writer. He and his partner Nancy live in Greensboro and have a daughter and three granddaughters.

This event is free and open to the public. For more information, call 472-5533 or visit galaxy-bookshop.indielite.org for a full schedule of events and for online shopping.

Community Cider Pressing at Atkins Field Oct. 2:

HARDWICK – Grow Your Own will sponsor a community cider pressing at Atkins Field on Granite Street in Hardwick on October 2, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. People are invited to bring a box of apples and a container for cider.

Orchard manager Bob Duggan and Josh Peets of Grow Your Own will be running the cider press behind the big granite shed in the community orchard. This is a community cider press event, so all apples will be combined in a big batch to make cider. Tastings will be available for anyone. This cider will be fresh and unpasteurized.

This is an outdoor event, so masks are not required.

Participants are invited to bring a picnic lunch. The Hardwick Historical Society will have a take-out chicken barbecue starting at noon. Note that most of those meals are purchased ahead, so limited quantities will be available the day of the event.

Grow Your Own is a project of the Hardwick Area Food Pantry, Wonder Arts and the Center for an Agricultural Economy. For more information, contact Josh Peets: josh@hardwickagriculture.org.

Chicken Pie Dinner on Oct. 3

ALBANY – The annual chicken pie dinner at Albany Methodist Church on Route 14 in Albany, will take place on Sunday, October 3, with two seatings, one at noon and one at 1 p.m. On the menu is

chicken pie, garden-grown potatoes and winter squash, coleslaw, cranberry sauce, homemade pie, and a beverage. There is a take-out and gluten-free option. For reservations call 754-2790.

Stanciu Leads Book Discussion on Oct. 3

CRAFTSBURY – Local author Brett Stanciu’s newest book, “Unstitched,” has just been published, and she will be leading a book discussion about it at the Craftsbury Public Library on Sunday, October 3, at 4 p.m. The discussion will take place in the Craftsbury Public Library event tent, so dress according to the weather.

Stanciu’s “Unstitched” moves readers from feelings of help-

lessness and blame to empathy, helping friends, family, and community as members separate the disease of addiction from the person underneath.

Some copies of the book are available at the library. Books are also available at the Galaxy Bookshop in Hardwick and from other bookstores and libraries.

For more information, contact the library at 802-586-9683 or director@craftsburypubliclibrary.org.

OBITUARIES

LINDA SUE (CUNNINGHAM) DUKE

MARSHFIELD – Linda Sue (Cunningham) Duke of Marshfield, passed away peacefully on September 14. Linda was born on October 11, 1949, to Howard and Winifred Cunningham of Scotia, N.Y. Linda was an only child. After graduating from high school, she became a nurse and joined the Army in 1966. She served at both Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. She married Dwight C. Duke on September 26, 1968 and became a housewife. Linda gave birth to their oldest son, Howard, after which she went back into nursing at Albany Medical Center. They moved numerous times because of her husband’s work and re-entry into the Army and ended up in Germany, where they lived for two years. After her husband was badly injured, Linda and their son moved to Maryland while her husband recovered at Walter Reed

Army Medical Center. Linda’s husband retired from the Army in 1979 and they moved to Marshfield. Linda worked as a nurse at what is now CVMC and Head Start.

In 1986 they became foster parents to a child and five years later they adopted their second son, Richard. They owned a farm for several years where they raised many animals and had “cowboy shoots”. Due to health issues, they moved to a one-story home on Pleasant Avenue. Linda spent the last three years of her life at Berlin Health and Rehabilitation Center.

Linda is survived by her husband, Dwight, of 53 years, as well as her two sons Howard and Richard.

A graveside service will be held on Saturday, September 25, at 10 a.m., at Durant Cemetery in Lower Cabot. The des Groseillers Funeral Home is in care of arrangements.

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As we begin this new school year, there are some who may have questions about how COVID-related decisions will be made about our schools, and who will be making them. As you might know, the state is no longer providing anything other than recommendations and has turned decision-making responsibilities over to local district school boards who can either make these decisions themselves, or delegate that responsibility to the Superintendent and their staff.

At our last meeting, the OSSU Board, which is composed of representatives from all individual district boards in the Supervisory Union, took up the issue of who will be making the important COVID-related decisions. After considering all the options and in acknowledgement of the incredible job our Superintendent Adam Rosenberg, the SOAR (Safe Opening and Reentry) team, and all teachers, staff, and students did to keep our schools safe since the pandemic began, we decided to continue to delegate that task to the Superintendent - who will keep each board apprised when significant changes occur and will communicate regularly to the school and general community.

The OSSU school board would like to formally acknowledge and thank Superintendent Adam Rosenberg, the SOAR team, and all teachers, staff, and students for their dedication during the pandemic. While there were numerous cases of COVID-19 in our school community last year, there were no documented cases of in-school spread; we believe this is proof that the mitigation measures that were in place protected our students, staff, their families, and our community.

This is why we decided to continue to delegate authority and planning on all COVID-19 mitigation measures, including required masking, to Superintendent Rosenberg and his staff. We are lucky to have such dedicated professionals working on our behalf and look forward to continued success in keeping our students, staff and community safe in school.

The OSSU Board,
Kasey Allen, Craftsbury Board; Michelle Menard, Craftsbury Board; Steven Freihofner, Hazen Board; Andrew Meyer, Hazen Board; Amy Rosenthal, Hazen Board and OSSU Board Chair; Katharine Ingram, OSUESD Board; Ann Peltz, OSUESD Board; Vince Razionale, OSUESD Board; Johanna Polsenberg, Stannard Board; Julie Swank, Stannard Board; Elliot Waring, Wolcott Board; Gordon Young, Wolcott Board; Laura Kaiser, Wolcott Board.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Thursday, September 23

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

COMMUNITY VISIONING CIRCLE, 5:30 - 7 p.m., Wheelock Mountain Farm. All are welcome. Information: Emily Purdy at wmf@riseup.net or 533-9929 or 533-2296.

HARDWICK HEAD START/EARLY HEAD START Open House, 3:30 - 5:30 p.m., 61 Church St., Hardwick. Information: 802-472-5496.

Friday, September 24

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.

Saturday, September 25

DR. MARK LICHTENSTEIN Memorial Bench Dedication, Hardwick Area Health Center, 10 a.m.

EAST HARDWICK HARVEST FESTIVAL, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., Caledonia Grange #9, 88 E. Church St., E. Hardwick village. Free chili and cornbread lunch, make-your-own doughnuts, community apple cider pressing, music and a carrot contest. Held outside under tents. Information: easthardwickgrange@gmail.com or 472-8987.

Sunday, September 26

ALEXANDER TWILIGHT DAY, 1 p.m., Old Stone House Museum & Historic Village, Brownington. Information: OldStoneHouseMuseum.org, 802-754-2022.

MODERN TIMES THEATER presents "The Perils of Mr. Punch, Episode #58: That's the Story of My Life", 3 p.m., Highland Center for the Arts, 2875 Hardwick St., Greensboro. Information and tickets: highlandartsvt.org, 802-533-2000.

BREAD & PUPPET ANNUAL POLITICAL LEAF PEEPING, 2 p.m., Bread & Puppet Farm, 753 Heights

Rd., Glover. An afternoon of music, puppet shows and potato pancakes. The Museum will be open throughout the afternoon and an exhibit of watercolor landscapes by Scott Luscombe on view in the Woodshed Gallery. Information: breadandpuppet.org.

Monday, September 27

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.

THE DADS' GROUP, every Monday, 5-6 p.m., at the Oxbow in Morrisville. A great place to connect with other Dads. Information: Rob at rcary@LRCVT.org or 802-730-3000.

Tuesday, September 28

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

Exhibits

PARKER PIE GALLERY, Vermont Green: paintings by Elizabeth Nelson, through Sept. 28. County Road, West Glover.

"STILL LIFE, LIFE STILL" art exhibition, through Oct. 15, Highland Center for the Arts, 2875 Hardwick St., Greensboro. Noon - 4 p.m., Wed. - Sun. Outdoor Information: highlandartsvt.org, 802-533-2000.

To get your event listed free in our weekly events calendar, please e-mail: news@hardwickgazette.com.

Bread & Puppet Celebrates Political Leaf Peeping

GLOVER – Bread & Puppet will hold their annual Political Leaf Peeping, celebrating the fall landscape and the completion of another summer season, with an afternoon of music, puppet shows and potato pancakes. The event will take place Sunday, September 26, at the Bread & Puppet farm in Glover.

The event will begin at 2 p.m. in the Pine Forest, with a memorial sing for Elka Schumann, who passed away August 1. The sing will be followed by side-shows performed by friends and neighbors, including Banjo Bob, Merry-Go-Round and Clare Dolan, leading into a short combined circus and pageant in the circus amphitheater.

Later, a parade will proceed up the hill to witness the official landscape opening ceremony, and director Peter Schumann will serve his traditional potato pancakes with fresh applesauce.

The Bread & Puppet Museum,

showcasing one of the largest collections of big puppets in the world, and the museum store, featuring a selection of new and old posters, books, and banners from the Bread & Puppet Press, will be open throughout the afternoon.

An exhibit of watercolor landscapes by Scott Luscombe will be on view in the Woodshed Gallery, which adjoins the museum. The Bad Bedsheet Existability Exhibit, large format paintings on old bedsheets by Peter Schumann, will be featured at Remi's Wall, located on the walkway from the circus parking lot to the Pine Forest. The Bread & Puppet Museum will remain open daily from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Masks are required and available to visit the museum. This event will not be ticketed, but donations are welcome. All events take place at the Bread & Puppet Farm, 753 Heights Road. For more information visit breadandpuppet.org.

Bob Stannard on Oct. 9 at Highland Center

GREENSBORO – The Highland Center for the Arts will present Bob Stannard and Those Dangerous Bluesmen, with special guest John Fusco, on Saturday, Oct. 9, at 7 p.m.

Bob Stannard is an eighth-generation Vermonter who's been playing and singing the blues for audiences around the world and has gained notoriety for quick licks and showmanship.

Stannard has joined BB King on stage at the Montreux Jazz Festival in Montreux, Switzerland. When world famous author Stephen King visited Manchester, N.H., Stannard convinced him to don a Gibson Special Issue guitar and sit in with the band. Stannard has also opened for and/or played with Blues legends John Hammond, Chris Smither, Maria Muldaur, The Fabulous Thunderbirds, Lynard Skynard, Buddy Guy, Susan Tedeschi, and Issac Hayes.

Special guest John Fusco

is best known as the veteran Hollywood screenwriter and filmmaker behind such iconic movies as "Young Guns," "Thunderheart," "Hidalgo," "The Highwaymen," and the Academy Award-nominated "Spirit: Stallion of the Cimarron." With his double album "John the Revelator" breaking into the roots music charts and being nominated for three Blues Music Awards, Fusco is currently bringing his music and filmmaking together.

Patrons are expected to be vaccinated against COVID -19 and will be asked to show proof of vaccination, either with an original vaccination card, xerox of the card, cell phone photograph or verifiable health info PDA app. Alternately, attendees can provide proof of a negative COVID-19 test (PCR) performed within 72 hours of the show. In accordance with CDC recommendations and the Vermont Department of Health regarding indoor spaces, masks are required.



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StJ Art on the Street Debuts Autumn Exhibit

SAINT JOHNSBURY – StJ Art on the Street has a new fall show featuring the work of several Vermont artists in storefront, sidewalk, and indoor galleries along Railroad Street and Eastern Avenue. The new show is free and open to the public.

Art aficionados on foot might begin at the Shatterbox Gallery at 166 Eastern Avenue with the work of muralist Tara Goreau. A lifelong painter, Goreau has been creating large-scale work to inspire and represent communities since completing her first public mural as a senior at St. Johnsbury Academy in 2006. Goreau earned her BFA at Johnson State College in 2011 after studying at the Design and Arts College of New Zealand in Christchurch. She collaborated with local students to create the 16-panel “Mosaic Project” mural, celebrating four seasons and four genres of music, and, most recently, a new public mural located on the retaining wall next to Catamount Arts at 115 Eastern Avenue.

Heading down Eastern Avenue, find Barbara Grey’s work at 142 Eastern. Grey earned her MFA at the University of Georgia in 1975, working primarily in fiber arts. She has shown her large, 3-dimensional fiber installations both regionally and nationally and served as the Director of Quinlan Visual Arts Center in Gainesville, Ga., from 1980-1991, before moving to Vermont. In the early 2000s, Grey studied landscape

showcasing both urban and rural landscape. This technique of photographing is slow and methodical, resulting in capturing moments of natural beauty that may otherwise be undetected.

Catamount Arts is currently showing two exhibits. In the Fried Family Gallery, “Open to Landscape” features work by Elizabeth Nelson, Anni Lorenzini, Keith Chamberlin, and Terry Ekasala, including paintings and photography that explore landscapes in both realism and abstract form.

In the Catamount Arts Fireplace Room, a collection of work created by community members during the pandemic is on view. “Kingdom COVID Chronicles” features handmade sketchbooks by NEK residents of all ages documenting a month of life in lockdown in spring of last year.

Stop at 67 Eastern Avenue to enjoy an exhibit by Kelly Doyle. A Montpelier native, Doyle earned her MFA from Pratt Institute in Brooklyn in 1990. Much of her work involves transforming existing materials into works of art. Recent works include paintings on panels recovered from home demolitions, slipcovers no longer in use, and repurposed work pants. Doyle enjoys recycling with creativity: taking apart old things and making them into something vibrant and new.

At Northern Express Care, on the corner of Eastern and Railroad, Andrea Pearlman’s work will be on display. Originally



“Stage Fright,” oil on canvas, by Andrea Pearlman

Lifelong painter George Pearlman will also exhibit work at Northern Express Care on Eastern and Railroad. Pearlman studied at Parsons School of Design, Pratt Institute, and Brooklyn College and was mentored by Hans Hofmann for over thirty years. He has also worked as an administrator at the Vermont Studio Center in Johnson.

Harlan Mack’s work is on display at Whirligig Brewing at 397 Railroad Street. Mack is a multidisciplinary artist based at the Vermont Studio Center in Johnson, Vermont. He employs blacksmithing, steel fabrication, painting, and oral storytelling to build an expanding, constellated narrative that invites viewers and listeners into an imaginary future. This world is generated and inspired by Harlan’s life experience, exploration and thoughts around identity, labor, perception, contemplation, fiction, community, emergence and afro-futurism.

Across the street at the Central Café at 418 Railroad Street to look out work by photographer Shaun Terhune. Terhune grew up in Vermont photographing rolling green mountains, cows, maple trees, and tin sap buckets. As a teen, he hitched rides into the wilds of the White Mountains to tap into a rugged remoteness he could capture nowhere else.

The Northeast Kingdom Artisans Guild is hosting an exhibit by the Book Arts Guild of Vermont. “Is This a Book?” challenges conventional ideas with books that open like accordions, hang like paintings, or might at first glance be mistaken for sculptures.

Cross Railroad Street again to see the work of Uganda native and Newport resident Mwanga William at Caplan’s on 457 Railroad Street. A graduate of the

Michelangelo College of Creative Arts, William works with oil and acrylic paints, cement, clay, and metal, as well as paper, wood, and fiberglass. His paintings and sculptures reflect African culture and lifestyles, and his work is on permanent display in schools, hotels, and churches throughout Uganda.

StJ Art on the Street debuted during the pandemic when empty storefronts and shop windows were utilized as fine art galleries exhibiting works that could be enjoyed from the street or sidewalk. St. Johnsbury has maintained this walkable gallery while adding some indoor options, including the galleries at Catamount Arts and Cosmic Cup Café on Eastern Avenue, as well as Whirligig Brewing and the Northeast Kingdom Artisans Guild on Railroad Street.



Mwanga William’s “Crested Cranes”

StJ Art on the Street is a public art collaboration among the Window Warriors volunteers of the St. Johnsbury Chamber of Commerce, Northeast Kingdom Artisans Guild, Catamount Arts, Caplan’s, the Town of St. Johnsbury, 142 Eastern, Garrett Property Management, Aine Baker, Rural Edge, and Northern Express Care. For more information about StJ Art on the Street, including the artists featured in the current exhibit, visit catamountarts.org/visual-art/StJ-art-on-the-street.



Mural by Tara Goreau.

painting in Italy. Since then, she has found painting en plein air to be an inspiring way to explore and appreciate the Northeast Kingdom.

The Cosmic Cup Café at 139 Eastern Avenue is showing photography by fine art event photographer Jackie Fox. Fox’s show includes a collection of medium format film photographs

from Hartford, Conn., Pearlman has lived in Vermont since the 1970s after graduating from Pratt Institute in Brooklyn in 1974. Pearlman’s paintings reflect the inherent push and pull of nature and the experience of dynamic movement. She paints primarily in oils but also hooks rugs and uses wool strips when working with fiber.

IN THE GARDEN

Hedges and Fences

by Henry Homeyer

CORNISH FLAT, N.H. – While vacationing recently on the Maine coast, I admired many nice gardens. Many of them had hedges or fences, more than I am used to seeing in rural New Hampshire.

When settlers first arrived in New England, they dug out stones left by the glaciers some 10,000 years before. They piled them up to clear farm fields and began making stone walls to define property borders and to contain animals – or to keep them out. Gradually, dry stone wallers learned how to make them look good and last forever.

Building a stone wall or retaining wall is hard work, and expensive to have someone else build. If you want to build your own, remember three things: First, the soil moves in winter as it freezes and thaws. This can make walls tumble if not properly built. Wallers have learned to add drainage under and around a wall: at least a foot of one-inch crushed stone in a trench beneath the wall works well. Round pebbles will act as ball bearings, allowing stones to move.

Each stone should touch four others, two below it, two above

Boutin, who makes his living making wattle fences in the Kennebunk area of Maine. These fences are simple: he cuts lengths of fresh yellow birch that are one-to two-inches in diameter. Then he makes “pencils” that he drives in the ground with a hammer after he cuts them to length and sharpens them with an ax. Then he weaves pieces of birch eight- to 10-foot long between the vertical pencils that he spaces about 16 inches apart. The tension of the bent stems holds the fence in place. Simple? You bet, and something you could try.

But why do people need fences or hedges? Some are just for the looks, or to create a backdrop for flowers. Others are to keep others from looking into the yard, or to keep animals in (or out). Let’s take a look at a few I saw.

The nicest fences I saw were white picket fences. Maybe I like them because my grandfather had one, and I remember them from my youth. They show off flowers well and allow climbers to climb on them. But generally, you have to pay someone to install them, and, as Tom Sawyer knew, you must paint them from time to time. Now these fences come in a variety of materials including fiberglass or



courtesy photo

This picket fence is supplemented with a living hedge to block the view from the street.

used as hedges on the Maine coast. They will grow in sandy soil and produce copious fragrant flowers and handsome red fruits in the fall. But they look bedraggled over time and aren’t green in winter. Their thorns do keep people and pets from cutting corners through the yard.

Lilacs look great when blooming and have handsome green leaves 8 or 9 months of the year but do little to block the view of your house and yard in winter. They do best in sweet soil, so add limestone every year or three to keep them blooming nicely. Lilacs, too, need trimming or they can get gangly.

The split rail fence is generally made of cedar, which lasts a long time – up to 20 years. It creates a rustic look, but neither keeps animals out nor blocks the nosy neighbor’s view. It will keep cars from parking on your lawn and can support vines like roses or clematis.

Less common fences include

stockade fences – tall wooden fences that block all view of the yard. This is what you need if you like to sunbathe nude in the garden and have a near neighbor. Definitely not a friendly signal to neighbors. Iron rail fences, wire fences and chain link fences all have their uses, but I can’t imagine having one installed.

Lastly, there is the deer fence. Many gardeners use them in order to grow vegetables, or to have tulips in the spring. Nowadays there are woven plastic fences that are inexpensive and come in 8-foot widths that work well to keep out deer. You can install them yourself on posts or stakes you cut in the forest. They work – unless you leave the gate open! Me? I have depended on having dogs to scare away the wildlife for many years. They did the job well, though I am now looking to adopt a dog as my corgi, Daphne, passed away a year ago. And I love dogs, too, which I can’t say for fences.



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Stone walls are difficult to build well but should last forever.

it. Stones should not be stacked one on top of another, much the way bricks are laid. This helps to tie it all together and prevent movement.

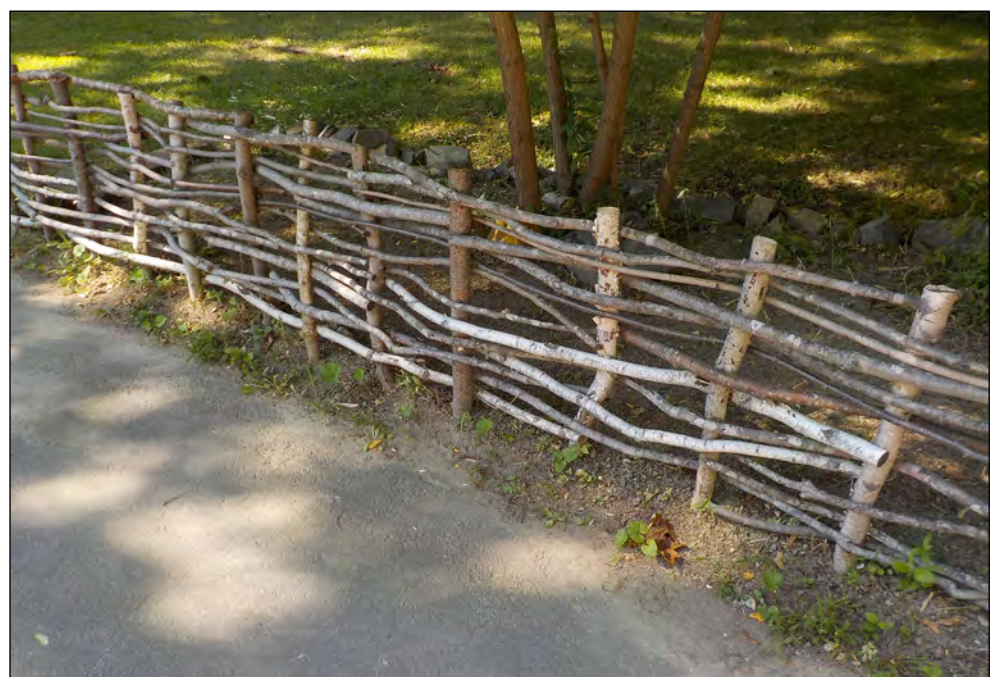
Lastly, use a long string to keep the wall straight and level. Or, if you are creating a curved wall, define it carefully before starting. You can place a garden hose on the soil to help define the curve.

Early settlers also made wattle fences. I talked to Crow

plastic that needs no painting.

Living fences – called hedges – come in a variety of species. Evergreen hedges, like yew or arborvitae, can look good summer and winter, but are often eaten by deer. Hemlock and pine are less likely to be predated by deer, but they will grow to 60 feet tall unless they are trimmed every year – and most somehow escape and do get tall.

Rugosa roses are commonly



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You could build this simple wattle fence.

YANKEE NOTEBOOK

Hearing Aid Died Before the End of the Story

by Willem Lange

EAST MONTPELIER – When we were small boys, during the war, we rarely failed to make it to the Washington Avenue armory in Albany when we heard there was to be a muster of fresh recruits. As the young men marched vigorously down past the state capitol, turned briefly right at Eagle Street, and then on down the long hill of State Street toward the train station, we jogged along beside them in hopes of picking up a commission to run for a pack of gum or cigarettes, or an orange or an apple. It was a lucrative racket; I often came home with a candy bar or a comic book.

At the station, we stood entranced beside the hissing train – all those faces at the windows and the wreaths of steam from the brakes – and watched as the cars slowly began to move south. We wondered, as the doors went past ever faster, when they were finally moving by too fast for us to run and jump on. The last car disappeared down the Hudson leaving us still calculating.

E-mail was easy to learn, and Facebook all too easy. Submitting manuscripts electronically is a dream come true. Even Venmo, now I've used it a few times, is less threatening. But there's so much else! Someone calls me on my cell phone. I answer and discover it's a FaceTime call when he says, "You're holding your phone to your ear, and all I can see is the rim of your glasses." Geez!

Now, almost eighty years later, that experience often comes back to me; for, having managed to live into what are often referred to as "the golden years," I stand again on that steamy platform looking at younger faces in the window, and wondering if I can still manage to run and jump on before the ever more complicated opportunity to participate has passed out of sight.

I have a dear old friend – she and I were sweethearts in the early 1950s, and sort of still are – whose life starkly demonstrates the dilemma. She's given up her computer, doesn't use her old typewriter, and communicates by hand-written letters. In spite of the nostalgia created by the sight of that long-remembered handwriting, I respond in kind – by snail-mail – but with letters in large type churned out by my (usually) trusty printer.

The intimacy of our original letters remains – mine burned in a fire at her ranch house, and hers went into my furnace after I married – but how I wish I could just sit down whenever the spirit moves and bat her off an e-mail with photographs.

Meanwhile, my own struggle goes on. There's so much I don't know that seems to be common knowledge among the kids, I feel like a man whose hearing aid has died before the end of the story.

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Just as in clearing out a lot of the extra stuff in my house was accomplished by my kids (who I'm hoping will return someday to bail out some more), it's the younger generations who point the way to solutions that don't occur to us oldsters. I needed a new blazer. A check of the internet showed not a single tailor or haberdasher in, of all places, my state's capital. I mentioned it in one of the twice-weekly Zoom calls (there's another one!) with my kids in Arkansas. "What size?" my son asked, and four days later a perfectly-fitting blazer arrived by FedEx. Then my daughter-in-law with a quick phone search saved my old comforter from the rag bag. Reminds me of Stringbean, the banjo player on Grand Old Opry: "Lawd, I feel so unnecessary!"

I've managed to take photographs with my cellphone, send them to myself, and stash them away electronically. But my kids are doing videos and drone shots. They ask me what music I'd like to hear on another app named Spotify, and next thing I know, there's Vernon Dalhart or Jimmie Rodgers crooning at me from my car's audio (no longer called a radio).

My little bedside alarm clock has become unpredictable. No problem, say the kids. Use your iPhone. Rrrright! How? So now I know. I changed it from a barking dog, which had Kiki's feet all over my face, to a Gerald McBoing-Boing noise. Much better. If I knew how, it'd be the overture to "La Nozze di Figaro," a guaranteed rouser. I've managed finally to trust Maps, type in the address I want to get to, and confidently follow the lady's directions (somebody's given her an Irish accent). I can make a call from my iPhone, but I've somehow lost my speaking relationship with Siri, so I can't just ask her to do it for me. But I'll get it back. There's no way I'm giving up the fight – yet. This is the first week I've discovered how to light my way to bed with my phone!

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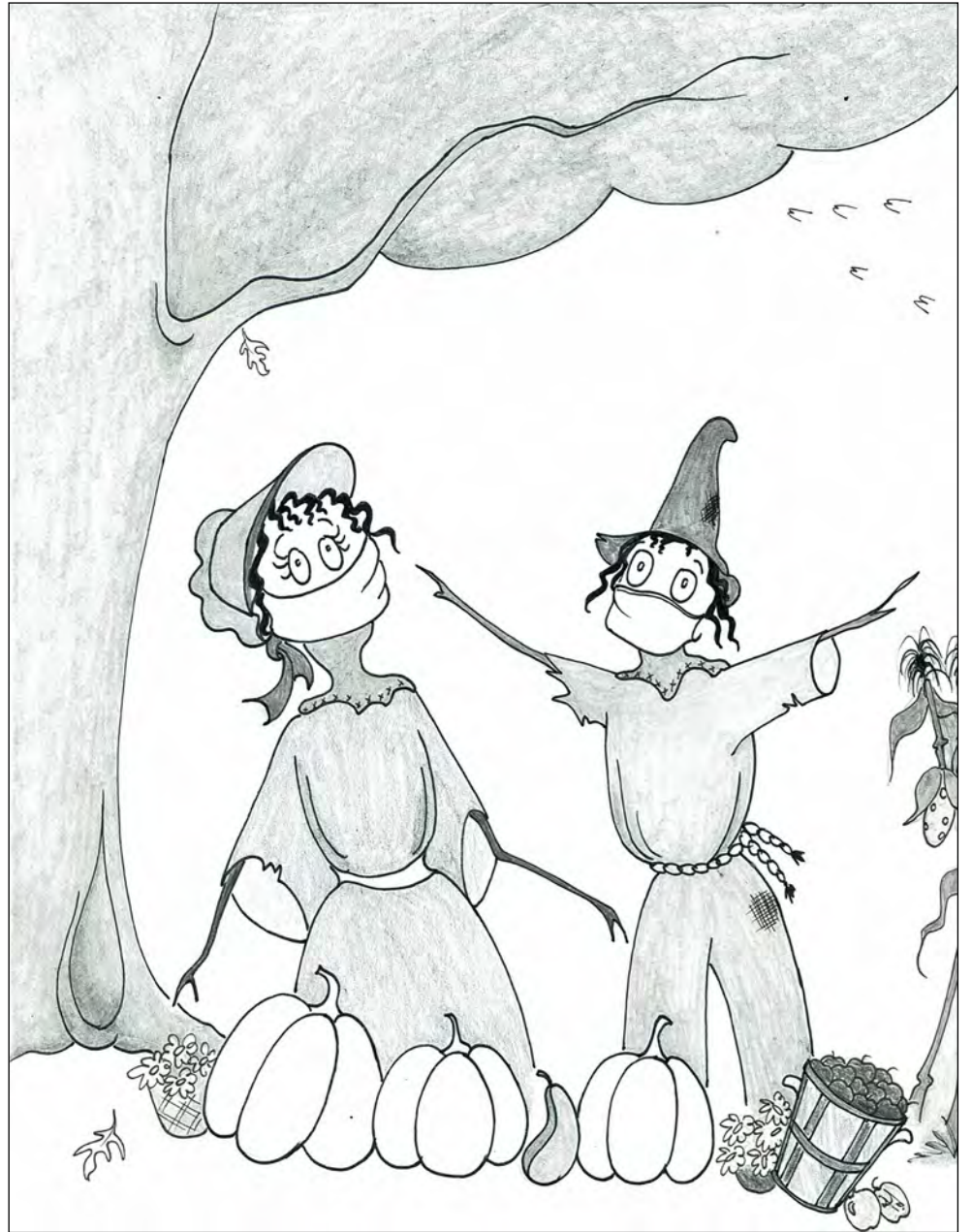
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Greensboro resident Anthony Acheson presenting his book "Beyond Denial" at the Greensboro Free Library in August. He will be making another presentation at the Hardwick Town House this Tuesday, September 28, at 7:00 p.m.

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U-32 Raider Shiloh Weiss is sandwiched between Hazen Union's Ryker Willett (#12) and Lincoln Michaud (#16)



Hazen Union's Tyson Davison and U-32 Raider Dylan Hinchliffe leap for a header in front of the U-32 goal.

Wildcats Play Well in Upper Division Losses

by Ken Brown

HARDWICK – The Hazen Union boys' soccer team showed some fight last week in a pair of narrow home losses to Division II powerhouse U-32 and North Country, falling to 1-3 on the season.

Finn O'Donnell scored a pair of first half goals to lead U-32 to a 3-1 road win over the Wildcats last Tuesday. O'Donnell wasted little time, finding the back of the net one minute in to make it 1-0. He converted a penalty kick twenty-five minutes later to give the Raiders a two-goal cushion heading into the break. Lincoln Michaud blasted a long-range free kick four minutes into the second half to pull Hazen Union within one score, but what was deemed a dangerous play by referees shortly after would earn Hazen Union Jadon Baker a red card and leave the Wildcats shorthanded the rest of the way. Shiloh Weiss gave U-32 some breathing room with ten minutes left in regulation to end the scoring on the day. Tyler Rivard made 10 stops for Hazen and A.J. Moore recorded three saves for the Raiders as they

improved to 4-1 on the season.

"I'm proud of how valiantly the boys fought an amazing team even after being down a player for most of the second half," said head coach Allison Paradee. "While the scoreboard may not show the results the boys want, they fought hard and held their own. They are still learning a new type of soccer with the skills we've been working on in practice, while playing some highly skilled teams in the process. They have shown great growth since we started practice in August and there is no doubt in my mind that they will start earning some wins in the Capital Division soon," added Paradee.

Cooper Bruick scored the only goal on an intended cross three and a half minutes into the match to give North Country a 1-0 road win over Hazen Union last Friday. Bruick applied pressure to the Wildcat defense all day without success but found the back of the net early in the match when his intended cross from the left wing spun off his foot and floated into the upper right corner for the eventual game-winner. Tyler Rivard was rock solid in net the rest of the way for Hazen,

making 15 saves on the day. Cameron Guston earned the shutout for the Falcons with seven stops of his own.

"Both teams were very evenly matched, and it could've been our game at any time, but their defense was incredible. The boys are still working on making deliberate and complete passes to open up the field so we can maintain possession. We learned a lot from the match and playing

strong and disciplined teams like that is only going to make us better soccer players going forward. We are a physical and conditioned team and I know how hard they work and how bad they want it. It will start happening soon," said Paradee.

The Wildcats will hit the road this week with matches against Thetford on Wednesday and Montpelier on Saturday afternoon.



Liam Jurkiewicz of Hazen Union traps and carries the ball up the field past U-32's Sean Butler Tuesday in Hardwick. The Raiders won 3-1.

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photo by Vanessa Fournier

Aster Watkevich (#6) of Hazen Union eyes the ball as Lucy Nigro of Peoples Academy makes a play. Looking on (in back) is Onyx Baird of P.A. The Wolves blanked the Wildcats, 5-0, on September 3 in Hardwick.



photo by Vanessa Fournier

Hazen Union ninth-grader Natalie Michaud (#8) and Lucy Nigro (#25) fight for possession of the ball during action on Hudson Field Monday. At right is Tessa Luther of Hazen Union. Peoples Academy topped Hazen Union 5-0.

Lady Wolves Blank Hazen Girls

by Ken Brown

HARDWICK – The Hazen Union girls' soccer team struggled to get the offense going against Peoples Academy (PA) last week as they fell to 0-4 on the season.

Sadie Baranyay scored a goal in each half to lead the Lady Wolves to a 5-0 road win over Hazen Union last Monday. Lucy Nigro opened the scoring early in the first half with a shot from forty yards out that bounced high and found the back of the net. Baranyay made it 2-0 fifteen

minutes later, burying a feed from Mia Smith with a dominant physical effort.

"After giving up the first two goals I thought we tightened up the defense and were able to get to halftime without conceding another goal. Their physical play gave them control of the middle third of the field. We misjudged the first goal, but the second was a result of them continuing to dominate physically," said head coach Harry Besett.

The Lady Cats continued to put forth a solid defense effort past the

midway point of the second half, but it wasn't sustainable as Weslie Carlson broke free unassisted to make it 3-0 and Baranyay put the match out of reach, burying a feed from Anna Isselhardt. An own goal by Hazen capped the scoring on the day to make it 5-0. Freshman Madeline Kaiser made 13 stops on the day for the Lady Cats. Emma Courtemanche recorded three saves on the day to earn the shutout as PA improved to 1-3.

"The girls did a nice job of fighting back to get into the match with

some tight passing in the midfield, but their backline thwarted us several times. Late in the second half physical and mental fatigue took over and they collapsed our defense for three more goals. We have eight days to figure out how to bounce back against Enosburg," said Besett.

Hazen Union hosted a stout Enosburg team on Tuesday and is scheduled to travel to Oxbow for a nonleague match-up on Friday. The Lady Cats were nipped by Oxbow 3-2 in their season opener earlier in the month.

Bucks Sink Chargers with Second Half Surge

by Ken Brown

CRAFTSBURY – Blue Mountain sank the Craftsbury Academy (CA) boys' soccer team's chance at their first win of the season last week, erasing a halftime deficit with an eight-goal explosion in the second half.

Evan Dennis and Jacob Duby led a balanced attack with two goals apiece as the Bucks ran past the Chargers on the road last Tuesday, 9-2. Cole VanWinkle broke through Blue Mountain's defense twice early in the first half to give CA its first lead of the season at 2-0. Craftsbury had a chance to extend the lead on two occasions when breakaways by VanWinkle and Owen Skorstad hit the post instead of the back of the net. John Dennis closed the gap to 2-1 for

Blue Mountain right before the half when he converted on a free kick.

"The boys scored two great goals and hit the frame twice in the first half. It was the start that we had been working towards and it was a great feeling going up 2-0. Cole really stepped up and showed determination, strength, and composure with two incredible efforts. The boys did a nice job in the first half of keeping the defense tight and giving ourselves an attacking option in the final third to give ourselves some nice scoring chances," said head coach Sam Jay.

The flood gates opened for the Bucks in the second half as Kason Blood, Cameron Roy, Gavin Longmoore, and Kristofer Fennimore joined Dennis and Duby on the scorer's sheet

to break the match open. Jas Zendik and Dylan Washer combined to make 13 saves for the Chargers. Blue Mountain improved to 1-2 on the season with the win.

"This game can definitely put you through a roller coaster of emotions and unfortunately our second half performance showed us how much work there still is to be done for us to compete in this league. We've put some really good halves together and I like how the boys continue to fight. We will continue to work hard and prepare towards putting together a full eighty-minute match," said Jay.

Craftsbury's match against Danville on Saturday was postponed. This week they hosted Oxbow on Tuesday and will travel to Oxbow on Friday to complete the home and home series.

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Alice McLane (right) of Twinfield-Cabot chases the ball ahead of Danville's Elizah Abett (left) on Twinfield's field September 16.



photo by Vanessa Fournier

Twinfield-Cabot's Annie Dunlop (#5) leaps over Danville goalie Zoe Crocker as Crocker saves the ball from going in the net. Twinfield won 5-0.

Lady Trojans Roll Past Danville

by Ken Brown

PLAINFIELD – The Twinfield/Cabot girls' soccer team posted their second straight shutout last week after dominating cross-town rival Danville at home, evening their record at 2-2 on the season.

Eva Hebert and Alice McLane each scored two goals to lead Twinfield/Cabot past Danville at home last Thursday, 5-0. The senior and sophomore captains staked the Lady Trojans to a 4-0 halftime lead, allowing

their defense to do the rest.

"I'm really proud of how the girls have responded since our lopsided loss to Northfield/Williamstown last week," said head coach Seth Wilmott. "Eva and Alice are really coming into their own as soccer players and they have made the most of their scoring opportunities so far this season. This group of girls have really worked hard, and it feels good to see them have some success and everyone is learning and meshing together as a team," added Wilmott.

Aydyn Corbette added a

second half insurance goal for the Lady Trojans as they dropped Danville to 0-4 on the season. Wilmott's club outshot Danville 8-6 on the day and they have outscored their last two opponents 8-0. Ida Astich continued her stellar play in net, making six saves to post her second straight shutout.

"Ida and our defense played fantastic. She's made some great saves at crucial moments in our last two matches. We've been slowly building the program the last few years and we have a very talented team this season and they're

starting to show what they've got. The last two matches have been great, but there are some things we still need to work on. We have a lot of potential and I'm excited to see where we are as a team at the end of the year as we head into the playoffs.

The Lady Trojans moved to the rugged Mountain League this fall and will get another taste of its Division III powerhouses this week. They traveled to Enosburg on Monday and will stay on the road to face an undefeated BFA-Fairfax team on Friday.

Lady Chargers Sweep Season Series with Winooski

by Ken Brown

RICHFORD – Following a narrow loss to Richford earlier in the week, the Craftsbury Academy girls' soccer team blanked Winooski on the road to sweep the season series, improving to 2-3 on the season.

Richford fought off a valiant comeback effort by the Lady Chargers last Wednesday to escape with a 4-2 home win. Down 2-0 at the break, Ida Eames converted on a pass from Sadie Skorstad minutes into the second half to make it 2-1 and then evened the match with an unassisted effort fifteen minutes later. The Lady Falcons would score the game winner with five minutes left in regulation on a floating cross that found the upper corner of the net. Rachel Bailey made 12 stops in the loss as Richford improved to 3-1 on the season.

"We are really struggling to get going in matches as of late, but the girls did a good job of overcoming adversity and fought back to even the match. We created so many chances in the second half, but we were just a little off the mark with our finishes. Our defense played pretty well for the most part and their game winner was one of those fluke things that Rachel couldn't do much about," said head coach Tom Silva.

Sadie Skorstad scored twice and Bailey continued her stellar play in net on Saturday as Craftsbury blanked Winooski 3-0 on the road.

Skorstad opened the scoring ten minutes into the second half with a left-footed shot from the eighteen-yard line that found the upper corner. She made it 2-0 five minutes later with a similar shot with the opposite foot and Ida Eames added an insurance goal minutes later with a great individual effort. Bailey made nine

stops on the day to earn her first career varsity shutout.

"The girls came out and dominated the first half, but Winooski's defense denied everything we threw at them. We've adopted 'Tenacious' as our battle cry and the girls really showed it in the second half. They never give up and keep fighting and that effort paid off with some great goals by Sadie and Ida. They have twelve goals on the season between and they're only going to get better. Rachel has been unbelievable this season and she finally got a well-deserved shutout. We're excited for the challenges ahead and we're going to continue to work and keep fine tuning what we need to do as a team," said Silva.

Craftsbury hosted Oxbow on Tuesday and is scheduled to travel to Burke Mountain Academy for a Saturday afternoon match.

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JIM FLINT'S RUNNERS' ROUNDUP



photo by Lisa Robinson

In Craftsbury Village, Susan Dunklee (far left) sends runners off at the start of the Third Annual Genny Tenny Race on September 19. Dunklee is the new director of the Craftsbury Outdoor Center's Running Program. Evan Haugh (#168), from Burlington, won the ten-mile race to Albany Village. Emma Podolin (far right, third back), from Stannard, was the fastest female finisher. Proceeds from the race support the Albany Community Trust, the nonprofit organization which reopened the Albany General Store earlier this year.

Young and Old Race from Store to Store

CRAFTSBURY-ALBANY – Clear skies and pleasantly cool temperatures greeted 42 runners Sunday morning for the Third Annual Genny Tenny Race. Lining up in front of the Craftsbury General Store, the enthusiastic field ranged in age from 14 to 71.

The rolling ten-mile course hit its high point on a Class Four section of Pitkin Road, in Albany. A mile-long cruise downhill to Water Street followed the arduous climb. After reaching the low point at the Black River bridge, the runners ascended a hundred feet in the final half-mile to the finish line at the Albany General Store.

Evan Haugh, 24, from Burlington, won the race handily in one hour and 57 seconds. Haugh competed in indoor track and field while he was a student at Iowa State University. Alex Howe, 32, of Craftsbury was the male runner-up. He finished in 1:09:22.

Emma Podolin, 30, from Stannard was the fastest female finisher. She conquered the challenging course in 1:16:04. Lucy Hamel, 37, placed second in the women's division. Her time was 1:18:01.

After competing in the Richford Invitational 5k race on Saturday, Craftsbury Academy's cross-country team undertook the Genny

Tenny as a training run. The Chargers' head coach, Mike Levangie, 56, ran with the teens. The ten-mile distance was the longest distance that several members of the team had ever run.

Coach Levangie finished the race in 1:17:56. He was a few seconds behind Charger runners Cormac Leahy, Charlie Kehler, Alan Moody, and Charlie Krebs. The Charger girls, Anika Leahy, Rachel Bjerke, and Ruth Krebs, ran with a skier friend from Montpelier, Sara Saligman-McGill. The quadpod came across the line together in 1:36:55.

Dot Helling, 71, of Adamant, was the oldest female runner in the race. The veteran marathoner completed the course in 1:42:40. Helling finished 38 seconds behind Judy Geer, 68, from Morrisville, who was a three-time Olympian in rowing.

The Craftsbury Outdoor Center's new running program director, Susan Dunklee, was pleased with the turnout.

"I can't imagine better conditions with cool temperature, sunshine, gorgeous hills, lovely views, and even some leaves starting to turn," said Dunklee. "Seeing the Craftsbury Academy cross country team participating was special. Running ten miles is a rite of passage for a high school runner. I remember feeling such a sense of empowerment and accomplishment when I did that for the first time at their age."

Adventurers Flock to Groton Forest Races

MARSHFIELD – Fair weather prevailed for the Third Annual Groton State Forest Trail Marathon on September 11. The event included 26.5-mile, 15-mile, and 10k races. The adventurous entrants traversed technical trails and forest roads, with a few mountain peaks tossed in.

Twenty-three athletes finished the 26.5-mile marathon course. The winner was Joshua Ferenc from Athens, Vermont. He powered through the rugged course in four hours, five minutes, and 57 seconds.

East Hardwick's Ira O'Meara-Costello was the runner-up in 4:11:06. Dylan Broderick, from Montpelier, was the first female finisher. She placed third overall, in 4:26:15. Bridget Ferrin, from Danville, placed second for the women and fourth overall, in 4:26:58. Cabot's Ricky McClain finished fifth, in 4:29:27. McClain lowered his 2019 finish time by more than 20 minutes.

O'Meara-Costello moved from fifth to second place during the race. He ran with Ferrin for the first half of the race, including the challenging trail around Kettle Pond with its damp, round rocks. He moved ahead of Ferrin as they ran through the pleasant hardwood forest en route to Little Deer Mountain. At the 20-mile mark, he made his way through an uphill

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Twinfield-Cabot Trojans Stay Undefeated

by Ken Brown

PLAINFIELD – The Twinfield-Cabot boys' soccer team remained one of the undefeated teams in Division IV last week with a dominant win over Christ Covenant at home.

Alec Moran scored a pair of first-half goals and his brother Brody added two of his own in the second half to power Twinfield-Cabot to a 5-1 home win over Christ Covenant last Friday.

The Saints struck first off the foot of Nathan Mulligan midway through the first half before Alec Moran scored the equalizer four minutes later. Moran gave the Trojans the lead with four minutes left in the half and the defense would stiffen the rest of the way.

"They have an athletic team, we started out a little flat, struggled to maintain possession, and they capitalized on that," said head coach Peter Stratman. "We made some adjustments during the break and the boys relaxed a little more in the second half and did a much better job of dictating tempo and maintaining possession," added Stratman.

Brody Moran took over the scoring load in the second half, making it 3-1 thirteen minutes in and providing a three-goal cushion six minutes later. Meles Gouge found the back of the net four minutes later for his team-leading ninth goal of the season. The Trojan offense has been balanced and electric, outscoring their opponents 23-3 on the season. Brody Moran has scored five times in his last three matches, with Alec Moran returning from injury last week to score three times in his first two matches of the season. Neil Alexander made three stops on the day for Twinfield-Cabot and Amos Banta recorded two saves for the Saints in the loss.

"Every match is a learning opportunity. I'm proud of how we

adjusted today, particularly since we played most of the match without any substitutions. Neil made two impressive saves to deny them any momentum. He's playing with a ton of confidence and it's great to see," said Stratman.

The Trojans will look to keep it rolling this week as they travel to Craftsbury Academy on Wednesday and Danville on Saturday. They are

scheduled to wrap up the season series with Christ Covenant next Tuesday at home in Cabot. Stratman's club has dominated within their division so far this season but will enter the meat of their schedule in the rugged Mountain League next Friday when they travel to Division III power Enosburg. The Hornets stand at 4-1 and have outscored their opponents 23-4 on the season.



photo by Vanessa Fournier
Declan O'Connor (#21) of Twinfield/Cabot traps the ball during play against Christ Covenant Friday.



photo by Vanessa Fournier
TJ Bernatchy (#16) of Twinfield/Cabot crosses the ball ahead of Christ Covenant's Patrick Mulligan (right) during action September 17. Following the play are Rowan Cleary (#17) and Cooper Bernatchy (#14). The Trojans outscored the Saints 5-1.

Runners'

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obstacle course of mossy roots and slippery rocks, then slogged on to the finish.

"I love the course; it's technical and engaging," said O'Meara Costello. "But there are also parts where you can relax and go onto autopilot and recharge. Finishing at such a beautiful beach with such nice clean water is incredible. The race is put on by a super solid, dedicated crew that makes it happen out of a love for trail running. Their efforts are enormous and they create a wonderful event."

Broderick ran alone for much of the race. As she headed up Little Deer Mountain around mile 18, she saw Costello, Ferrin, and McClain coming down. She was alone again for the next four miles heading to and around Osmore Pond, but then saw McClain and Ferrin up ahead.

"I passed Ricky, but Bridget was keeping a consistent lead on me," said Broderick. "When we got to the jeep road with about two miles to go, I felt like I could move a bit quicker, but it still took another half mile or so to catch her. She had a couple of tough falls during the race which slowed her down. Bridget absolutely would have won otherwise!"

"The race was a blast and showcases the different parts of Groton," Broderick reflected.

"It's neat that you hit three summits and then get to look back at them from the beach when you finish."

Fifty-four runners completed the 15-mile trail race option. Alex Gottlieb, from Norwich, and Jackie Jancaitis, from Barre, were the fastest male and female finishers. Their respective times were 2:04:51 and 2:38:51.

Jacob Shore, from East Hardwick, was the top finisher from towns covered by The Gazette. He placed fourth overall, in 2:32:04:23. Shore teaches social studies at Craftsbury Academy.

Marshfield's Manny Sainz, 65, won the men's 60-69 age group. He crossed the line in 3:07:45 to place 25th overall. Tim Hogeboom, 70, of Walden was the oldest runner in the race. He finished 29th in 3:13:00.

"After being out for six months this year, the run felt so good to me," said Sainz. "I never pushed it and maintained my pace. After coming down Big Deer, I was on my own the rest of the race. I passed Tim Hogeboom at about 13 miles. That was gratifying because Tim passed me at about 13 miles two years ago!"

Tyler Conchieri, from Williston, and Tammy Russell, from Plainfield, were the first male and female finishers in the 10k race option. Their respective times were 59:13 and 1:06:40.

Elizabeth McCarthy, 68, won the women's

60-69 age group. She placed 20th of 42 finishers. Her time was 1:26:22.

"I set a low bar for myself," said McCarthy. "After falling a few years ago and breaking ribs, this race seemed like a good one to give it another try."



photo by Jill Sudhoff-Guerin
At Boulder Beach State Park, a field of 54 runners raced on September 11 in the Groton Forest Trail Race 15-mile option. Tim Hogeboom of Walden (closest to the camera) won the M70-79 age group. Manny Sainz of Marshfield (behind Hogeboom) won the M60-69 age group. The event also included trail races of 26.5 miles and 6.2 miles.

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photo by Jim Flint

Donna Smyers of Adamant (left) gets ready to start the 5k time trial at the Vermont Senior Games Cycling Championship.



photo by Jim Flint

Donna Smyers finishes the 5k (3.1 miles) time trial in eight minutes and 58 seconds. Smyers won the gold medal for the women's 60-64 age group.

Senior Cyclist Wins State Championships

by Jim Flint

CASTLETON For the first time since 2018, the Vermont Senior Games Association held state championships this year in bicycling. Men and women age 50 and up vied for medals in a 5k time trial and a 20-mile road race. Twenty senior athletes tested their speed, riding skills, and endurance at Castleton University.

Donna Smyers answered the call to compete. The 64-year-old is a swimmer, runner, and cyclist. In 2012, she started Fixer-Upper Physical Therapy in the scenic village of Adamant. She was inducted into the USA Triathlon Hall of Fame in 2018.

Smyers has won her age group at multiple national and world triathlon events, including the Iron Man world age group championships. While cycling is an integral part of a triathlon, Smyers had never competed in a stand-alone bike race. The Vermont Senior Games 20-mile venue would be her first road competition.

Sunday, Sept. 12, offered near-perfect weather for bike racing. Skies were clear in Castleton with an absence of morning fog. Temperatures were in the low 60s. Low humidity and a slight tailwind from the south made for a cooling effect.

The morning kicked off with a 5k (3.1 miles) time trial. The mostly flat course was out and back, with a turnaround at the halfway

point. A new cyclist started every minute. Volunteers held bicycles upright as cyclists locked into their toe clips. After several riders started, the first racers began finishing.

Smyers used her triathlon bike for the time trial. Triathlon bikes have aero bars, which are handlebar extensions. The aero bars are mounted close to the center of the handlebar. They cantilever out over the front wheel. This allows a rider to lean forward on their elbows and aim correctly into the wind. The rider sticks out from the bike for maximum speed.

Smyers' triathlon bike has 20 speeds, with two sprockets on the front crank and ten gears on the back wheel. Her bike uses an electronic shifter instead of a mechanical cable pulling on the derailleur. This allows for fast and precise shifting. During the time trial, she used just four speeds. Her goal was to finish in nine minutes or less.

Once in motion, Smyers can pedal at 100 revolutions per minute. At the 180-degree turnaround, she timed her braking and shifting to make the corner safely and accelerate quickly. Smyers averaged 21 miles per hour on the 5k time trial. She crossed the finish line in 8:58, which was the fastest time among the four women cyclists.

"The 5k time trial is anaerobic," said Smyers. "It's like running a mile at maximum effort." After cooling down, Smyers warmed up

for the road race on a bike borrowed from her friend, Amanda Tucker. Tucker's road bike has 18 speeds, with two sprockets on the front crank and nine gears on the back wheel. During the 20-mile road race, Smyers used 12 of the 18 gear combinations.

A road racing bike has curved front handlebars rather than aero bars. Since cyclists can draft in a road race and ride in packs, aero bars are not allowed. When racing, a cyclist rides down on the lower handlebars most of the time. Riders switch to the higher handlebars occasionally to give their hands a break. Smyers wore gloves to provide some cushioning.

The 20-mile road race began with a rolling peloton start from the university down Main Street. The route was level to gently rolling for the first two miles, followed by a 7.5-mile climb to the Hubbardton Revolutionary War Battlefield. Smyers began the race conservatively in the third to last position. Her strategy was to let the lead pack go then try to catch up.

"Being my first road race, I was nervous about being in a pack," said Smyers. "An advantage of riding with people is that you can draft and rest when it is level or downhill. But if you overdo it to stay with the group, you drop like a rock."

Dee Barbic was Smyers' main competition at the Vermont Senior Games. Barbic is ten

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photo by Jim Flint

Donna Smyers crosses the starting line on Main Street in Castleton at the beginning of the Vermont Senior Games 20-mile road race.



photo by Jim Flint

Donna Smyers passed Dee Barbic in Hubbardton at the halfway point in the Vermont Senior Games road race. Smyers went on to win the 20-mile contest in one hour, four minutes, and 20 seconds. She and Barbic won gold medals for their age groups.

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Barbic started the Vermont Senior Games road race with a pack of ten male cyclists. She stayed with the group long enough to get a hefty lead on Smyers. On the long climb to the Hubbardton Battlefield, Smyers started to close the gap.

"There was a sense of relief when I reached the top," said Smyers, who had not driven the course ahead of time. "When I hit the ten-mile mark, I knew where I was on the elevation profile, well past the top. Dee went out a little fast. I'm better at climbing."

From the crest at the battlefield, the racers sped down a long cruising hill at 35 to 40 miles per hour. Smyers caught and passed Barbic on a short uphill stretch near the Hubbardtown Town Office. The steepest downhill section lay ahead with a sharp left turn at the bottom.

"As we approached Route 30,

Dee was drafting and tucked in behind me," said Smyers. "After we turned onto Route 30, she asked me if I wanted to work together and draft behind her. When we turned off Route 30 and went up a long hard hill, I went ahead."

Smyers sailed down the final descent to the finish line at Castleton University. Her time was one hour, four minutes, and 20 seconds. Barbic finished second in 1:05:16. Both women won VSGA gold medals for their age groups, Barbic (50-54) and Smyers (60-64). They also qualified for the 2022 National Senior Games scheduled in May in Fort Lauderdale.

Smyers average speed over the 20-mile route was 18.7 miles per hour. Her top speed going downhill, as measured by Strava, was a mind-bending 41.2 miles per hour.

"You want to feel totally safe while you are going that fast and watch for surprises," said Smyers. "If the bike doesn't feel stable, I lighten up the grip on the handlebars and squeeze the top tube with my knees to stabilize the bike. If I brake too suddenly, I could go over the handlebars or into a skid. I brake like crazy down windy hills, but if I can see ahead a ways, I let 'er rip and tuck tight."



photo by Jim Flint

Cyclists in the 20-mile Vermont Senior Games road race climbed a 7.5-mile hill to reach the Hubbardton Battlefield. The Vermont state historic site commemorates the battle on July 7, 1777, between British forces and a rear guard of American soldiers retreating from Fort Ticonderoga. This was the only Revolutionary War battle fought on Vermont soil.

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Craftsbury Cross Country Team

photo by Vanessa Fournier

Front row (left to right): Rachel Bjerke, Ava Purdy, Daisy Roianov, Anika Leahy, Amelia Circosta, Ruth Krebs. Middle row (left to right): Dillon Cox, Leo Circosta, Roz Mille, Alex Califano, Cormac Leahy. Back row (left to right): coach Michael LeVangie, Matthew Califano, Charlie Krebs, Linden Stelma-Leonard, Charlie Kehler, Alan Moody, Noah McKibben.

Craftsbury Harriers Notch Triple Win

by Jim Flint

HIGHGATE CENTER – Craftsbury Academy's boys' and girls' cross-country teams scored their first double victory Saturday at the Choiniere Family Farm Invitational. The four-team meet was hosted by Richford High School. Weather conditions were cool and damp with overcast skies.

Competing in her first cross country meet, Craftsbury eighth-grader Amelia Circosta established herself as one of the premier middle school runners in northern Vermont. Circosta won the girls' 3k race by three minutes and set a new course record. Her time of 11:53 paced at a blazing speed of 6:22 per mile. Circosta finished 14 seconds faster than the top middle school boy in the race.

The Craftsbury girls' varsity team started

their 5k race in a pack. Anika Leahy and Ruth Krebs stuck together to place second and third in the 27-runner field. Their times of 22:18 and 22:21, respectively, were just a few strides behind Ruth Brueckner of Missisquoi Valley UHS, who won the race in 22:06.

Ava Purdy set a new personal best 5k time of 22:51 in her second cross country meet. Her fifth-place finish was 95 seconds faster than her race a week earlier at the Randolph Invitational. Rachel Bjerke (25:41) and Daisy Roianov (28:06) rounded out the Chargers' team effort. Among the two scoring teams at the meet, the Craftsbury girls defeated Bellows Free Academy - Fairfax, 18 to 37.

The Craftsbury boys' varsity runners donned pink running shorts for the meet. Cormac Leahy returned to action after a fall in the apple orchard at the Randolph Invitational.

Leahy led Craftsbury's pack of hounds across the farm fields as they chased the hare, John Viens of Richford High School. Viens won the meet in 17 minutes flat. Leahy was the runner-up in 17:14.

Charlie Krebs (17:47), Leo Circosta (18:11), and Alan Moody (18:34) placed third, fourth, and fifth for the Chargers. Charlie Kehler turned his ankle mid-race, kept on going, and placed seventh for Craftsbury. His time was 20:13. Linden Stelma-Leonard ran to a tenth-place finish, in 20:47. Craftsbury Academy bested BFA Fairfax, 21 to 48, to win the team competition.

The Craftsbury boys continue to be ranked first for D-III teams in Vermont. The steadily improving Craftsbury girls' team is ranked second in D-III. The Charger boys are tied for sixth in the state high school power rankings with Division-I St. Johnsbury Academy.

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photo by Vanessa Fournier
Meles Gouge (left) of Twinfield-Cabot dribbles past Blue Mountain's John Dennis recently at Cabot. Twinfield-Cabot won 3-2.



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Twinfield-Cabot's Shea Winter (#26) and John Dennis (right) of Blue Mountain go for control of the ball recently on Cabot's field. The Trojans won 3-2.

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Hazen Union Golf Team

The Hazen Union golf team (from left to right): coach Jason McArthur, Tyson Davison, Fenton Meyer, Jadon Baker, Eliot Rosendahl, Xavier Hill, Andrew Menard, Evan Riethe, Aasha Gould. Missing from the photo: Tyler Rivard.

photo by Vanessa Fournier

Getting Together to Win for Low Team Putts

by Patrick Hussey

GREENSBORO – When John Sperry and Dan Mencucci got ready to tee off last Tuesday at Mountain View Country Club, they had no teammates.

Not long after they headed out, Joe Mulligan and Dan Miko faced the same dilemma. But they heard Sperry and Mencucci were out ahead of them, so they raced out in hopes of joining them somewhere on the course. Mulligan and Miko finally caught them on the fifth hole and the four of them got together and went on to win the weekly championship in another game of low team putts.

The team completing the nine holes with the fewest number of putts was crowned champion again last week. This foursome was dynamite on the greens as Mulligan, Miko and Mencucci each needed just 13 putts as Sperry was close behind with 15. They totaled 54 putts to take first place as 37 golfers came out on a sunny evening.

Mulligan had himself a night, shooting a two-over 37, which tied Mike Clark for the night's low round. Miko wasn't far behind with his 39.

Clark ended up having a record-breaking night. He tied for the low round with his 37, but he also set a new Tuesday night record by needing just 10 putts. Through the first three holes, Clark had just one putt. That came on the first hole, and he followed that up by putting in from off the green on two and then had a long chip-in on three to record two consecutive

zero putts.

Clark two-putted holes five, six and nine, but everything else was a one-putt for him. He teamed up with Karl Ferland, Dave Campbell and Dennis Pudvah to take second place with 58 putts. Campbell had a great night, nearly breaking into the 40s with his round of 50 and needed only 13 putts. Pudvah ended with 16 and Ferland 19.

Alone in third place with 60 putts was the foursome of Dan Gauthier, Brad Ferland, Dave Burnham and Gary Brochu. Gauthier had another strong evening, shooting a 42 with just 13 putts. Brochu and Ferland both ended with 15 putts and Burnham had 17.

Two teams tied for fourth with 62 putts each. The first group had Kip Doyon, Rowdy Doyon, Kevin Hussey and Pat Hussey. Both Doyons and Pat Hussey had 15 putts and Kevin Hussey 17. Tying them was the foursome of John Stone, Carl Edwards, Matt Kiley and Andy Hunt.

Hunt had an impressive outing, shooting a 38 and needing just 12 putts. Edwards ended with 16 as Kiley and Stone both had 17. Ian Drown also had a strong night on the greens, using just 13 putts.

Gauthier ended up winning closest to the pin on three for the second consecutive week, leaving his drive 15 feet, one inch from the pin. Miko set up a birdie on five by putting his drive just three feet, six inches from the pin.

Mulligan had closest in two shots on eight, putting his approach seven feet, four inches from the pin. Then on nine, it was

Kevin Hussey leaving his 14 feet, nine inches from the pin to win closest there.

The league announced they will hold their end of the year tournament on Sunday, Oct. 3.



courtesy photo

Ivan Menard had a night of nights last Tuesday night at Mountain View Country Club, shooting his low score of the year with a 44. That made him the low net champion with a round of 26. He was also the night's top points producer, scoring 10 points and going plus eight.

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Wildcat Harriers Travel North and South

by Jim Flint

DERBY – Hazen Union head coach Netdahe Stoddard brought six runners to the Primeau Woods trails on September 14 for the Kingdom Cup Invitational. Before the middle school race, Stoddard told Thomas Kehler that he might have to pass the lead bicycle on some of the steeper hills. Toward the end of the 3k race, the Wildcat seventh-grader made his move, sprinting past the cyclist to win his first cross country race.

Kehler finished the race in 12:03, which translated to a pace of 6:25 per mile. His nearest competitor was 30 seconds behind him. Manny Fliegelman also had a strong finish for the Wildcats. He came across the line in 13:53 to place tenth out of 34 middle school boys. Damian Morrison finished the race in 18:43. Finn Burgess represented the Wildcats in the middle school girls' division. Her time was 18:41.

Ella Considine (30:23) and Edie McKenzie (31:41) competed in the 5k girls' varsity race. Tobias Benson anchored Hazen Union in the boys' varsity race. His time of 34:53 was a new personal best mark.

U-32 Invitational

EAST MONTPELIER – Hazen Union traveled to U-32 High School on September 18 for an invitational meet. Warm and muggy weather challenged the runners. Cassandra Royer (24:48) and Jessica Royer (26:30) placed 17th and 22nd out of 49 finishers in the girls' varsity race. Ella Considine (31:07) and Edie McKenzie (36:30) rounded out the four-person Wildcat girls' squad.

In the boys' varsity race, Tobias Benson continued to improve. He finished in a personal best time of 33:21. Carter Hill returned to



Hazen Union Cross Country Team

photo by Vanessa Fournier

Front row: Damian Morrison (left), Thomas Kehler (right). Middle row (left to right): Marta Mas Garrigo, Jessica Royer, Cassandra Royer. Back row (left to right): Tobias Benson, Carter Hill, coach Netdahe Stoddard, Khamden Luangrath, Ella Considine. Missing from the photo: Manny Fliegelman, Finn Burgess, Elizabeth Molina, Edie McKenzie, Eleonoa Andrenelli.

action after a calf injury. He completed the 5k course in 28:20.

Finn Burgess (15:03) and Elizabeth Molina

(16:07) represented Hazen Union in the middle school girls' race. Results for the boys' middle school race are pending.

SPORTS CALENDAR

Friday, Sept. 24

4:30 p.m., Twinfield girls' soccer at BFA.
4:30 p.m., Craftsbury Academy boys' soccer at Oxbow.
4:30 p.m., Hazen Union girls' soccer at Oxbow.

Saturday, Sept. 25

4:30 p.m., Twinfield boys' soccer at Danville.
11 a.m., Craftsbury Academy girls' soccer at Burke.
4:30 p.m., Craftsbury Academy boys' soccer vs. Enoburg, at Craftsbury.
4:30 p.m., Hazen Union boys' soccer at Montpelier.

Tuesday, Sept. 28

4:30 p.m., Twinfield boys' soccer vs. Christ Covenant at Cabot.

Tuesday, Sept. 28

4:30 p.m., Hazen Union boys' soccer vs. Randolph, at Hazen Union.

Wednesday, Sept. 29

4:30 p.m., Twinfield girls' soccer vs. Blue Mountain at Twinfield.
4:30 p.m., Craftsbury Academy girls' soccer vs. Danville, at Craftsbury.
4:30 p.m., Hazen Union girls' soccer vs. Fairfax, at Hazen Union.

Friday, Oct. 1

4:30 p.m., Hazen Union boys' soccer at Lamoille.

Saturday, Oct. 2

3 p.m., Hazen Union girls' soccer at Danville.
3 p.m., Craftsbury Academy girls' soccer vs. Richford, at Craftsbury.

Tuesday, Oct. 5

4 p.m., Hazen Union girls' soccer vs. Winooski, at Hazen Union.
4:30 p.m., Craftsbury Academy girls' soccer at Missisquoi.

Wednesday, Oct. 6

4:30 p.m., Hazen Union boys' soccer vs. Northfield-Williamstown, at Hazen Union.
4:30 p.m., Craftsbury Academy boys' soccer vs. Winooski, at Craftsbury.

Wednesday, Oct. 8

4:30 p.m., Craftsbury Academy girls' soccer vs. Twinfield, at Craftsbury.