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## Hardwick Native is New Town Manager

by Doug McClure

HARDWICK – Hardwick has a new town manager. David Upson Jr., or “Opie” as he likes to be called, started work on Monday.

Upson has work experience particularly pertinent to the challenges Hardwick now faces. He is leaving a position as a Vermont State Trooper, experience that should help him support the Hardwick Police Department through the challenges it faces in recruiting (a nationwide issue) and budgeting (due to the loss of the contract with Greensboro). He also has experience with water and wastewater systems, another issue with which the town is wrestling.

One challenge Upson will not face is familiarity with Hardwick. He grew up in town and will be

the first Hardwick native in the town manager position in fourteen years.

Upson graduated from Hazen Union in 1999. He carries memories with him of being a child in Hardwick, and a special love for its “very, very friendly people” which he described as one of the town’s biggest assets. Upson described Hardwick as a town “always transforming.”

He noted that “I went to elementary school [here], went to high school here, and it’s was a great place to be, if you live here. A lot of people [have] Hardwick jokes, and I’ve defended Hardwick. Always, my response is, well where are you from?”

Speaking about the Yellow Barn, Upson brought up Jasper  
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photo by Doug McClure

Hardwick’s new town manager David “Opie” Upson, Jr. started work on Monday. Upson is a Hardwick native.



photo by Vanessa Fournier

Raymond Lefevre of All Metals Recycling in Hardwick works on removing the foundation and clearing the site of the former Aronson house and property on Route 14 in Woodbury on September 23. The property was donated to the Woodbury Fire Department from the Vermont State Employees Credit Union in 2018. The demolition was paid for by a private donor. Anyone wishing to contribute to the future home of the Fire Department may go to [bricksrus.com/donorsite/wvfdvt](https://bricksrus.com/donorsite/wvfdvt).

## Orleans County COVID Rate Among Highest In Vermont

by Doug McClure

MONTPELIER – According to state-level data, Orleans County is the third highest in the state for total new COVID cases, trailing Rutland County, which has nearly 50% more people, and Chittenden County.

In the past two weeks, Orleans County has had 356 new cases and Caledonia County has had 153. In total cumulative cases relative to population since the start of COVID, Orleans County now ranks only behind Bennington County.

According to the Vermont Department of Financial Regulation  
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## Co-op Public Forum Highlights Division over Product Mix and Target Customers

by Doug McClure

HARDWICK – On Monday, the management team of the Buffalo Mountain Food Co-operative hosted its second community forum on the proposed acquisition of the Hardwick Village Market. Co-op President Annie Gaillard, Vice President David Ludt, and General Manager Emily Hershberger presented the details of the planned merger of the two food

retailers to approximately three dozen attendees.

The two main topics of discussion centered on financial details and whether the co-op would continue to carry products that the Village Market currently offers.

Several questions from the attendees addressed if and how the co-op would mix conventional and organic offerings. In his opening remarks, Ludt had described the

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## Hazen Union Teacher Anja Pfeffer Awarded Rowland Fellowship

by Doug McClure

HARDWICK – Hazen Union Teacher Anja Pfeffer is the first Hazen Union teacher to be awarded a Rowland Fellowship. The prestigious program awards fellowships to up to ten Vermont secondary educators who believe that the path to students’ life-long success is, according to its overview, initiatives that “will lead to systemic change in the school, particularly in its culture and climate.” The fellowship awardees are tasked with creating



Anja Pfeffer

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Village Market a “store in this town that’s been serving people since it was Pete’s Meat Market, before I was born, and then that turned into Halls, and then it turned into the Village Market.” He said that “there’s countless relationships and family history, and life and love that’s put into this town, and so there’s a responsibility over there.”

An attendee spoke about what they said was the abstractness of the discussion about the different product lines, which they described as “some of these prophecies of matrixes and business that don’t seem to have anything in reality to do with feeding our community.” That person wanted “other information that deals with the relationship of the diversity of this community and the either/or that seems to have been here for many decades. My reality is a grounded real world where we’re dealing with a community that is looking to have food to eat to satisfy their nutrition and hunger.”

Another attendee remarked that “we have no idea about the feasibility of the clashing of the two cultures of people who refuse to shop at Tops or refuse to shop at the market because they will only shop at the co-op and the people who are subjects, the lesser folks who shop at the [Village] Market. Forgive me for saying that, but I was a lesser folk once, where I had to shop at Wal-Mart. And when I first got involved with organic farming, I had to shut my mouth about what my practice was in consumerism so that I could survive to not be treated like an underling by other people until I establish[ed] some rapport with them. And then I could say, well, you know, in order for me to survive, I shop at Wal-Mart.”

Ludt stated that the feasibility study had a “gray area in terms of merging the stores” and said “the long history of that store ... wasn’t baked in. [What] really emerged as this thing was being presented, [was that] the importance of that store, the importance of those unseen relationships, wasn’t front and center. You all are seeing that it’s not there. And I’m not going to pretend that is was.”

One member asked if it would be possible to sell the conventional inventory to another store once the sale was completed. The response was that this was not feasible due to the extremely low profit margin of provisions.

Another asked about keeping the co-op as is but dividing the building and renting that second

space out “to the people who have business models that are more in line with ours. [We] don’t have to sell conventional food, but we can still make money.”

Ludt responded by stating that if “we’re buying that store, we’re essentially shouldering a responsibility to feed our neighbors.”

An attendee suggested that the co-op could have gathered more opinions from existing Village Market shoppers and employees. Gaillard replied that “I think we did [that] job,” since 300 of the 700 respondents to the survey that was part of the feasibility study were not co-op members. Ludt added that gathering information directly from Village Market customers was a challenge because doing so would entail “a certain level of intrusion. That’s a functioning business that we don’t own yet.”

Asked whether the co-op had precluded sales of anything at this point in the process, the presenters said that the new entity would not sell tobacco products or lottery tickets. Beyond that, no decisions have been made.

Another topic for discussion was the level of transparency in the board’s decision-making process. The presenters explained that they were constrained in what information they could share due to signing a non-disclosure agreement (NDA) with the Village Market’s owners.

Other attendees wanted more detailed financials, including asset valuations and the debt-to-asset ratio. The presenters explained that the co-op had only recently signed the conditional purchase agreement and that that information would be forthcoming.

The board has said they will not make the decision whether to proceed on its own, with Gaillard stating that “in signing that purchase and sales agreement, everything is contingent on the membership voting to do this. If the membership votes no, then all deals are off and we’re back to square one.”

The co-op will hold its annual meeting on October 10, followed by a two-week voting period for its estimated 1,200 active, paid-up members to vote on the proposed acquisition. Under the co-op’s bylaws, only five percent of the members’ votes are needed to make a vote legitimate. This means that, at a minimum, a majority of five percent of the membership is needed to approve a decision. Several presenters stated that they were hoping for a much higher level of voting participation by co-op members.



**September 29 - October 5**

<b>New items for the ladies from Toad &amp; Co. Skirts, Vests and Flannel Shirts</b>		<b>Lacrosse Boots Back in Stock</b>
<b>Crystal Geyser Water</b> \$4.29 35 pk.	<b>GM Lucky Charm Cereal</b> 2/\$6 10.5 oz.	<b>GM Cinnamon Toast Crunch</b> 2/\$6 12 oz.
<b>GM Honey Nut Cheerios</b> 2/\$6 10.8 oz.	<b>GM Cheerios</b> 2/\$6 8.9 oz.	<b>Bear Naked Granola</b> \$3.99 12 oz.
<b>Ghiradelli Brownie Mix</b> \$2.29	<b>Pam Cooking Spray</b> \$2.99 6 oz.	<b>Progresso Soups Select Flavors</b> 2/\$4
<b>Bumble Bee Tuna</b> 3/\$5 5 oz.	<b>Progresso Canned Beans</b> 4/\$5 19 oz.	<b>Betty Crocker Boxed Potatoes</b> 4/\$5
<b>Cabot Butter</b> \$2.99	<b>Cabot Whipped Cream</b> \$1.99 can	<b>Chobani Yogurt</b> 5/\$5 5.3 oz.
<b>Bounty Paper Towels 6 roll pack</b> \$10.99	<b>Nabisco Oreo Cookies</b> 2/\$5 select packages	<b>Cascade Dish Washer Pacs</b> \$5.49
<b>Tangy Limes</b> \$1.00	<b>Maine Broccoli Crowns</b> \$1.29 lb.	<b>50 lb. Maine Potatoes</b> \$11.99 bag

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# POLICE REPORT

## Media Log Summary

### Hardwick Police

September 20: Directed Patrol, Ward Hill Rd.; Directed Patrol, S. Main St.; Suspicious Event, Bunker Hill Rd.; Theft, High St.; 911 Hangup, Evergreen Manor Dr.; Assist – Other, Wolcott St.; Welfare Check, S. Main St.; Theft, Spruce Dr.; Juvenile Problem, Hazen Union Dr.; 911 Hangup, Evergreen Manor Dr.; Assist – Agency, S. Main St.; Assist – Agency, Vt. Rte. 15/Kate Brook Rd.; ATV Incident, Vt. Rte. 14 S; Alarm, Log Yard Dr.

September 21: Directed Patrol, Ward Hill Dr.; Directed Patrol, S. Main St.; Assist – Public, Evergreen Manor Dr.; Theft – Automobile, Evergreen Manor Dr.; Suspicious Event, Hazen Union Dr.; Medical, S. Main St.; Animal Problem; Alarm, Wolcott St.; Motor Vehicle Complaint, Vt. Rte. 15/All Metals; Directed Patrol, Glenside Ave.; Intoxication, S. Main St.

September 22: Directed Patrol, Donovan Ln.; Suspicious Event, Highland Ave.; Motor Vehicle Complaint, Mackville Rd.; Directed Patrol, Glenside Ave.; Suspicious Event, Highland Ave.; Traffic Stop, Mill St.

September 23: Directed Patrol, Donovan Ln.; Motor Vehicle Complaint, Vt. Rte. 16; Directed Patrol, Riverside Terrace; Suspicious Event, Vt. Rte. 15 W; Suspicious event, Mackville Rd.

September 24: VIN Verification, High St.; 911 Hangup, Hazen Union Dr.; Noise Disturbance, High St.; Traffic Stop, S. Main St.

September 25: Animal Problem, Vt. Rte. 15 W; Animal Problem, Vt. Rte. 15.

September 26: Citizen Dispute, W. Church St.; Alarm, Wolcott St.; Theft, Riverside Ter.; Traffic Stop, Vt. Rte. 15; Traffic Stop, Wolcott St.; Directed Patrol, Glenside Ave.

September 27: Directed Patrol, Donovan Ln.; Suspicious Event, Riverside Ter.; Directed Patrol, Riverside Ter.; Assist – Agency, High St.; Assault, Riverside Ter.

## Hardwick Police Disorderly Conduct, Violation of Protection Order

On September 26, at 12:32 a.m., Police were called for a Domestic Disturbance. Items were being thrown in the roadway, there was yelling, and an officer was spat upon. Caroline Badeau, of 52 W. Church St., Hardwick was cited for Disorderly Conduct and Assault on Law Enforcement by saliva. The court date is set for November 8, at 8:30 a.m.

On September 28, a citation

has been given to Atticus J. Gillen to appear in Lamoille Superior Court on November 17 for Violation of Protection Order.

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 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 Criminally Suspended License, Leaving Scene of Accident

On Sept. 10, at approximately 7:55 a.m., on Lower Road, Plainfield, Benjamin McAllister, of Plainfield, was cited on suspicion of driving with a criminally suspended license. A court date was set on Oct. 4 at 8:30 a.m. at Washington County Superior Court, Criminal Division.

On Sept. 22, at approximately 12:46 a.m., Troopers were notified of a single vehicle crash on Rte. 215 in the town of Marshfield. Troopers responded to the scene and found a white truck down an embankment with no occupants nearby. A telephone pole and guardrail had been severely damaged due to the crash.

An investigation showed the registered owner, Jonah Jarvis, was operating the vehicle at the time of the crash. Jarvis left the scene of the crash knowing that he had caused damage without making a phone call to the Police. Jarvis was issued a citation to appear in Washington County Superior Court – Criminal Division on October 28 at 8:30 a.m.

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

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(DFR), Orleans County's active case count relative to population was double the next-highest, in Bennington. As of last week, Orleans County continues to lag behind the state in terms of vaccination rates for children, with barely over half those seventeen and under vaccinated.

The news comes as the state continues to revise daily reported cases upward days after the reports, and the DFR estimates the actual number of cases to be four times what the state knows about. Thus far, the impact locally has not been significant. Whereas Springfield's entire school system was shut down due to case overload, no crisis yet exists in the Orleans Southwest Supervisory Union (OSSU) or at Twinfield Union.

OSSU Superintendent Adam Rosenberg said that since school opened there have been thirteen cases, and that it would be far higher if not for the community's vigilance. He said "Our feeling is that community members have been great about reaching out to us when they learn of a positive case, keeping students home when sick, and following health and safety protocols. Thank you!"

At the same time, Rosenberg said I that, in part because staff members were following guidelines and staying home when sick, staffing had gotten tight due to a lack of available substitute teachers. "Several times we narrowly avoided having to close a school," he said, adding "I think things are as normal as they can be in the face of continuing layered health and safety interventions."

Twinfield Union did not have the most auspicious start to the 2020-2021 school year, with the entire elementary school sent home

on one of the first days open due an outbreak in Plainfield. Most of three elementary school grade levels quarantined for two weeks. Now, principal Mark Mooney said, things have stabilized.

Mooney said "After a tough few weeks, we have settled down. We don't have any students or staff on official quarantine. We still have individuals getting COVID tests because they have possible symptoms. We are on a good streak of negative tests for staff and students!"

Every Vermont county is now rated at the highest level of COVID transmission by the CDC. Three dozen people were hospitalized for COVID as of Monday. According to the Department of Health and Human Services, only Copley Hospital in this area has much capacity left, with half its 32 beds available. The University of Vermont Medical Center in Burlington is now down to 17% of inpatient beds and 20% of ICU beds, and Central Vermont Medical Center has a quarter of its inpatient beds and 36% of its ICU beds available. Northeastern Vermont Medical Center in St. Johnsbury has dropped from 32% of its beds available to 24%.

Booster shots are available for the Pfizer vaccine, with those sixty-five or older or with severe medical conditions eligible as of Friday. Northern Counties Health Care has multiple clinics available.

Northern Express Care, St. Johnsbury, Tuesdays & Thursdays, 3 - 7 p.m., Saturdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital, St. Johnsbury, Mondays 1 to 3 p.m., Wednesdays 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Hardwick Area Health Center, Wednesdays 1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., Fridays 8 a.m. to noon.

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## Fellowship

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sustainable programs that are exportable to other schools and able to have a broad impact.

The program award is up to \$100,000, with a first-year award of up to \$50,000 for a fall semester sabbatical which, according to a brief on the program, “provides opportunity for travel, research, personal reflection and renewal, and for the development of an action plan to be implemented upon the Fellow’s return to his/her respective school in January.”

Pfeffer said the fellowship is a two-year process, and “fellows are encouraged to take a whole year sabbatical and use the second year as their implementation period.”

A key point of the sabbatical is that the Rowland Foundation recognizes its fellows need to focus only on the fellowship work, not teaching during that period, so the recipients must have total support from the school principal and administration.

Pfeffer said that Hazen Union principal Dr. Jason Di Giulio, former principal David Perrigo, and Orleans Southwest Supervisory Union (OSSU) superintendent Adam Rosenberg have been “very supportive.”

Rosenberg is a 2010 Rowland Fellow and said “Being a Rowland Fellow has been one of the most significant experiences in my professional career in education, and being part of the growing community of Rowland Fellows continues to impact me, both professionally and personally. I anticipate that Anja Pfeffer will have a similar opportunity to grow as a professional; she is extremely deserving of this honor and I know she’ll make the most of it. Hazen Union stands to benefit from her learning and transformative contributions.”

Principal Dr. Jason Di Giulio said that “the Rowland Fellowship program has been a phenomenal force in public education. It allows educators to plan, study, and do something that can change how we conduct

school. One of the most precious things it offers is time.”

Pfeffer’s pilot program “Dare to Be Me” was what got the Rowland Fellowship’s attention. She said that the goals of the Rowland Foundation closely align with her own, with her specific focus being on students’ wellbeing first, so that they can learn in a manner that suits them. Pfeffer said she has long seen the problems with what she calls the traditional “linear” approach to education, which the Rowland Fellowship describes as “traditional norms for measuring school success: performance on national standardized tests, percentage of students enrolled in advanced placement classes, college acceptances, graduation rate and dropout rate.”

Pfeffer said “Communication with students to me is based on a relationship, and a relationship based on trust. How do you build trust in a system that is detrimental for almost everybody who’s in it? It keeps adults in a place of survival mode, getting from day to day, doing the best they possible can, and walking home every day knowing they could not do all they wanted to. And [it keeps] students in survival mode, just getting through school.”

When COVID hit, Pfeffer feared that would become an additional barrier to students gaining a successful high school education. Pfeffer said that at the beginning of last school year, she saw a year of linear learning with masks, “the nightmare of an educator of students.” Pfeffer said “I had been frustrated with the system as it was before, and this just took it to an extreme. So I sent an email to [Principal] David [Perrigo], and said, what if I build a program that takes students outside? And while we’re doing that, why not address learned helplessness? Why not address anxiety? Why not address communication? Why not address all of these things that have been going on? One of the biggest issues I have seen over and over and over is the ‘I can’t’ attitude

from students, especially girls. Really, with all students with basic life skills: ‘I can’t, I won’t and they shut down.’”

The 2020 pilot program for “Dare to Be Me” got students out on the Hardwick Trails behind Hazen Union for several hours for a process that at its core focuses on being outside, getting exercise, self-awareness, and journaling. Pfeffer said “Naturally, that leads to social and emotional learning, which leads to curiosity, then communication and writing.” Several subjects taught in a traditional classroom setting were covered, but in a way that had personal significance and relevance to students. Students also received an education on their own mental and emotional well-being through the journey.

Principal Di Giulio said of the program that “learning only happens when there is trust, as real learning risks failure. Learning requires that we try, often fail, and try some more, until we ‘get it.’ Anja Pfeffer saw that in her students, and created a space where they could explore themselves and develop a sense of trust among themselves.”

In early February, Pfeffer said she got a phone call from Rowland Fellowship’s then-Executive Director Chuck Scranton.

“[He] said, ‘I hope you realize how prestigious this fellowship is and what a big deal this is and how much we believe in your vision. And this vision goes way beyond Hazen.’”

Pfeffer said it was then that she realized this would be a very different experience for her.

“What does it mean to not be in the classroom, on sabbatical? The Rowland Foundation says not only do we want you to have the time to reflect on what your vision is and work towards it, but you need to be going out, visiting schools all over the country or even in different parts of the world.”

COVID is proving to be a major barrier to just how much of that exploration Pfeffer can safely do. She does not feel comfortable

flying at present due to COVID, and some areas of the country with programs she is interested in looking into are COVID hotspots. With those constraints, Pfeffer said she plans to focus on locations within driving distance, including the Walden Project at Vergennes Union High School and Burr and Burton Academy’s Mountain Campus in Peru. Coincidentally, Scranton helped create the Burr and Burton Mountain Campus, said Pfeffer.

A second piece of the fellowship is for Pfeffer to assess what did and did not work in last year’s Dare to Be Me program, how to improve it, and how to make it portable to other schools. Pfeffer said many more students need a program like it. She has formed a steering committee comprised of adults and students from the Hazen Union community that will be “integral in helping her with this goal.” At the same time, Pfeffer is offering a professional development course for educators on Dare to Be Me.

“With twenty years of being a teacher, I’m more worried about the students that smile and do everything we ask them to do. They’re too polite to ask for anything. And we [teachers] are so burned out that all we can do is put Band-Aids on the ones who are screaming for help. How many are we leaving behind? And aren’t the students who are working so hard every day to hold it together deserving of at least the same amount of connection, care, well-being, alternative options to sitting in the classroom? What kind of places could our schools be, for students and adults alike, if we were to put well-being, communication first? What kind of academic rigor and relevance could we achieve if it were to come from a place of “aliveness,” as well as a positive sense of self, belonging, and purpose?”

These are the questions Pfeffer will be trying to answer as she is working on improving and strengthening Dare To Be Me with the support of the Rowland Foundation.



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# In Hardwick, Neighbors Help Neighbors

by Kate O'Farrell, UVM Community News Service

HARDWICK – In March of 2020, when a dangerous virus halted daily life and many were forced to isolate, a group of Hardwick citizens banded together to form a program that defied isolation: The Hardwick

Neighbors to Neighbors Mutual Aid program.

The group was inspired by a similar volunteer-driven group in Craftsbury, which had been working to aid community members at the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Hardwick grassroots organization applied for and received a \$1,000

grant from the New England Environmental Fund. Soon, a network of several community members set up an email account and went to work helping their neighbors with the new problems COVID-19 brought to the area.

With the help of the town government, which paid for the postage, the group sent out postcards to every household in town with information on the program and asked for volunteers.

The town was “totally happy to help,” said Neighbor to Neighbor (N2N) member Lisa Sammet. This included putting a link to the Neighbors to Neighbors group on the town website, which is still active today.

The link leads to a form where anyone can register to help, or to receive help, from the Neighbors to Neighbors program. The group has a list of 38 volunteers, and although the town library became a central hub for N2N, the phone number for the group has been set up to forward to volunteers' home phones.

Over the past year and a half, N2N has received 117 requests for help. The group has made thousands

of face masks, provided transportation to testing centers, and directed people to the resources.

The group has also held outdoor movies during the summer of 2020 and worked closely with the Hardwick Area Food Pantry.

“They connected people in need to our services, gathered hats, mittens and other warm stuff for our holiday boxes and rallied volunteers for us, as needed,” said member LauraLee Sweeney.

The general feeling is that “the crisis has passed,” when it comes to Covid-19. However, the group will continue and in fact, already has their minds set towards the future.

“Now, if there is another emergency, we have a structure set up,” said Sammet. It's impossible to say what the next emergency Hardwick may face will be, but the email address, the phone line, and the network of dedicated neighbors has been established.

Although the Hardwick Neighbors to Neighbors program is relatively new, the mindset and dedication of the group is no novelty.

In Hardwick, “Neighbors depending on neighbors is a normal thing,” Sammet said.

## Native

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Hill and that he used to milk their cows after graduating college. Further back, he remembered when he was in fifth grade and Mer-Lu's burned, particularly because of a very personal loss of his own that day.

“In the space of a couple of days, the Mer-Lu's fire happened and I lost a friend who got hit by a car sliding into him [when] we had a day off from school, and he died. He got ran over, and a friend of ours went through the ice. So, I remember those, and I remember coming down after [the fire]. I was at a friend's house. We heard the siren. The Hardwick Fire Department had a siren, you could always hear it from all over.

“Of course, word gets out that [there was a fire], and we came down, and there was everything covered in ice because it was freezing cold, and the firefighters were all covered in ice.”

Upson said that, and the loss of his mother at a young age, taught him about dealing with loss and that proved very important to his work as a state trooper.

“I've helped others deal with loss. I was on the scuba team with the state police, and it was always important when we did a recovery that we take a moment to meet with the family, if they wanted to, and just give them condolences. Recovering their loved ones, it felt good to be able to do that for them, because it's a tragic event when somebody drowns, and that was an important piece of being on the team.”

He described his work in the state police as “community oriented” and “very rewarding.” Upson's patrol covered the Northeast Kingdom.

He said that “the police are a very important part of a community” and said some of the burden placed on police is fallout from things such as the housing crisis and unaffordability.

“We need to address that, we need to figure out a way for everybody to have a warm place to live, a safe place to live, and be fed. If you can do that as a society, as a community, then some of those problems you see, drug addiction, assaults, retail thefts, those things go away because people are satisfied. You lessen the need for so much enforcement.”

Before working for the state police, Upson worked for a wastewater operations company after college. His first majors were from

Southern Vermont University in Bennington for environmental studies and criminal justice, but that proved expensive and too far away from home for his liking, so he returned to Hardwick and then went to Johnson State for environmental science.

His role in the wastewater contractor was as a project manager.

“We got town contracts to run their water and wastewater systems, the facilities, not really collection and distribution, just the facility.”

He worked with Barton on a major wastewater upgrade, and “helped out with operations at a couple of other ones, daily testing, stuff like that. I obtained licenses to run those plants.”

Upson said of Hardwick's in-process wastewater treatment plant upgrades that “a lot [of residents] don't see it. It's not a freshly paved road, or a shiny stop sign, but the wastewater plant is an aging facility and those cost a lot of money. We've got to be able to grow and have our infrastructure support our growth.”

He said he wants to re-engage with his community.

“[As a trooper] I spend all day running around the back roads and streets of all the other towns. I've kind of missed out on what's happening [in Hardwick] and I want to get back into the Hardwick scene. I have three children, and I'm raising my kids here. It's time to focus on my community, to try to help my community with what I've learned in my life. I feel like the things I've done until now have prepared me to be an effective town manager. There's definitely things that I still need to learn. I just want to bring people together for the greater good of Hardwick. There's a lot of people here that are just proud to be a part of this community and part of Hardwick. There's [some from] generations [of families] that have lived here, and there's people that have moved here and grabbed hold of the idea of community and ran with it.

“There's a lot here and we need to exploit it a little bit and get people to come here and spend money here. Our downtown is really great. I remember when there were empty storefronts.”

Upson said he welcomes residents' input.

“I encourage people to reach out. My door is always open for a minute to talk to me and give me your ideas.”



## Town of Hardwick Notice of Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given to the residents of the Town of Hardwick, Vermont that the Hardwick Select Board will hold a Public Hearing in the Hardwick Memorial Building, 20 Church Street, on Thursday, November 4, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. Option for remote attendance via Zoom is below. This hearing will be held for public review of and comment on the proposed changes to the Hardwick Town Charter pursuant to 17 V.S.A. § 2645.

The purpose of the proposed changes to the Hardwick Town Charter is to eliminate unnecessary positions and to allow for appointments rather than elections to positions that are high level and technical in nature and should be hired for. The proposed updates to the Hardwick Town Charter, if adopted, will affect some elected offices and appointed positions, and will help the Town be compliant with State Statutes.

### Hardwick Town Charter – Summary of Most Significant Proposed Changes

1. Terms identifying “Selectmen” throughout the document to be changed to Selectboard
2. Remove the positions of Listers, Fence Viewers, Trustees of Public Funds, and Auditors (we have outside auditors already)
3. Town Clerk and Treasurer to become positions appointed by the Select Board rather than elected
4. Assistant Town Clerk and Treasurer to become positions appointed by the Select Board rather than appointed by the Town Clerk and Treasurer
5. All Town Boards, Commissions and Committees will be subject to open meeting laws
6. The Zoning Administrator will be appointed to a 3-year term in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §4448

Copies of the proposed changes to the Hardwick Town Charter may be obtained from the Town Offices at the Hardwick Memorial Building. Copies are also available online at: <https://hardwickvt.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Draft-charter-3.pdf>

Meeting is in person, but Zoom option is also available.

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84669035900?pwd=NXBtRkZhSkk3K2JlR1ZSbkZlRm0dQdz09>

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Dated in Hardwick, September 29, 2021  
Submitted by the Hardwick Select Board

# Granite Bench Dedicated to the Memory of Dr. Mark Lichtenstein



Nancy Reynolds (left), chair of the Northern Counties Health Care (NCHC) Board reads a resolution honoring Dr. Mark Lichtenstein and his family. David Reynolds (second from left) founder of NCHC, executive director hired Dr. Lichtenstein 35 years ago; Brendan Buckley M.D. (second from right), a retired physician who worked with Lichtenstein for 30 years; and Diane Dernavich (right), practice manager for the Hardwick Area Health Center for the past 39 years, all shared memories of the doctor at the dedication ceremony for the Mark Lichtenstein Memorial Bench.



A granite bench was dedicated in memory of Dr. Mark Lichtenstein at the Hardwick Area Health Center on September 25. At left is his wife Cynthia West of Greensboro and at right are their sons Spencer Lichtenstein (center) of South Carolina and Isaac Lichtenstein (right) M.D. R.N. of Portland, Oregon. Engraved on the bench is "In Honor of Dr. Mark Lichtenstein who served this area for 35 years. He lived what he loved."

## Northern Counties Health Care Resolution Honoring Dr. Mark Lichtenstein and his Family

The Board of Directors recognizes that our clinical leaders are the strength of the organization, living the values of Northern Counties Health Care, Inc. and serving as a powerful example to the subsequent generations of clinical leaders day by day and year by year.

Furthermore, the Board of Directors recognizes that Dr. Mark Lichtenstein was one of the pivotal leaders in the development of the Greensboro Health Center that merged with the Hardwick Area Health Center.

Additionally, Dr. Lichtenstein was recognized by his colleagues as the epitome of a health care provider, caring for his community with great spirit, determination, and wisdom.

Therefore, the Board of Directors salutes Dr. Lichtenstein's 35 years of service to our communities and is overwhelmed with gratitude that his family would honor his contributions to the world through a charitable giving campaign.

Be it resolved, that the Board of Directors of Northern Counties Health Care, Inc. and all its staff, sends its sincere thanks and gratitude to the family of our friend and colleague Dr. Mark Lichtenstein.

Be it further resolved, that the organization shall place this extraordinary gift, more than \$20,000 thus far, to work in service of our organization's continuous mission to provide high-quality, accessible, and patient-centered health care.

The undersigned hereby certifies that she is the duly elected and qualified President of the Board of Directors of Northern Counties Health Care, Inc., and that the foregoing is a true record of a resolution duly adopted at a meeting of the Board of Directors on March 24, 2021, and that this meeting was held in accordance with state law and the By-Laws of Northern Counties Health Care, Inc.



Above: Over 75 people attended the dedication of the Mark Lichtenstein Memorial Bench Saturday at the Hardwick Area Health Center. Guests attended from as far as California, Wisconsin, South Carolina, North Carolina, Oregon, Tennessee, Maryland, Pennsylvania and New Jersey.



Michael Costa (left) current chief executive officer of Northern Counties Health Care opens the dedication ceremony for Dr. Mark Lichtenstein held at the Hardwick Area Health Center (HAHC) Saturday. Brendan Buckley M.D., retired, (center) and Diane Dernavich HAHC practice manager (right) listen.

**Photos  
by  
Vanessa  
Fournier**

September 13, 2021  
Nancy Reynolds  
President, Board of Directors  
Northern Counties Health Care, Inc.

# Wojnar is New Library Director at Woodbury



Kimberly Wojnar

WOODBURY – Woodbury Community Library is pleased to announce that Kimberly Wojnar has been named the new library director at the Woodbury

Community Library.

Wojnar has served as a librarian at Craftsbury Public Library and at Sterling College's Brown Library. In the past, she worked as a wildlife biologist, camp counselor, farm hand, environmental educator, and youth program coordinator.

There will be an open house to introduce Wojnar to the community on Saturday, Oct. 2, from 10 a.m. to noon, outdoors at the library. The event will include cider, treats, crafts, and activities.

The library is located at 69 Valley Lake Road. For more information, call (802) 472-5710, see woodburycommunitylibrary.wordpress.com or email woodburyvermontlibrary@gmail.com.

## Substance Misuse and Prevention Survey to be Conducted

MORRISVILLE – Healthy Lamoiille Valley is conducting a Municipal Planning, Substance Policy and Impact Information Survey for town municipal leaders to help gather information on what is happening related to substance misuse and prevention.

All town leaders from Belvidere, Cambridge, Craftsbury, Eden, Elmore, Greensboro, Hardwick, Hyde Park, Jeffersonville, Johnson,

Morristown, Stannard, Stowe, Waterville, Wolcott, and Woodbury will be invited to complete this survey.

The information collected through this survey will only be used publicly in aggregate form and no identifying information will be used without permission. The information will be used to inform future work. To learn more see healthylamoiillevalley.org/municipal-survey.

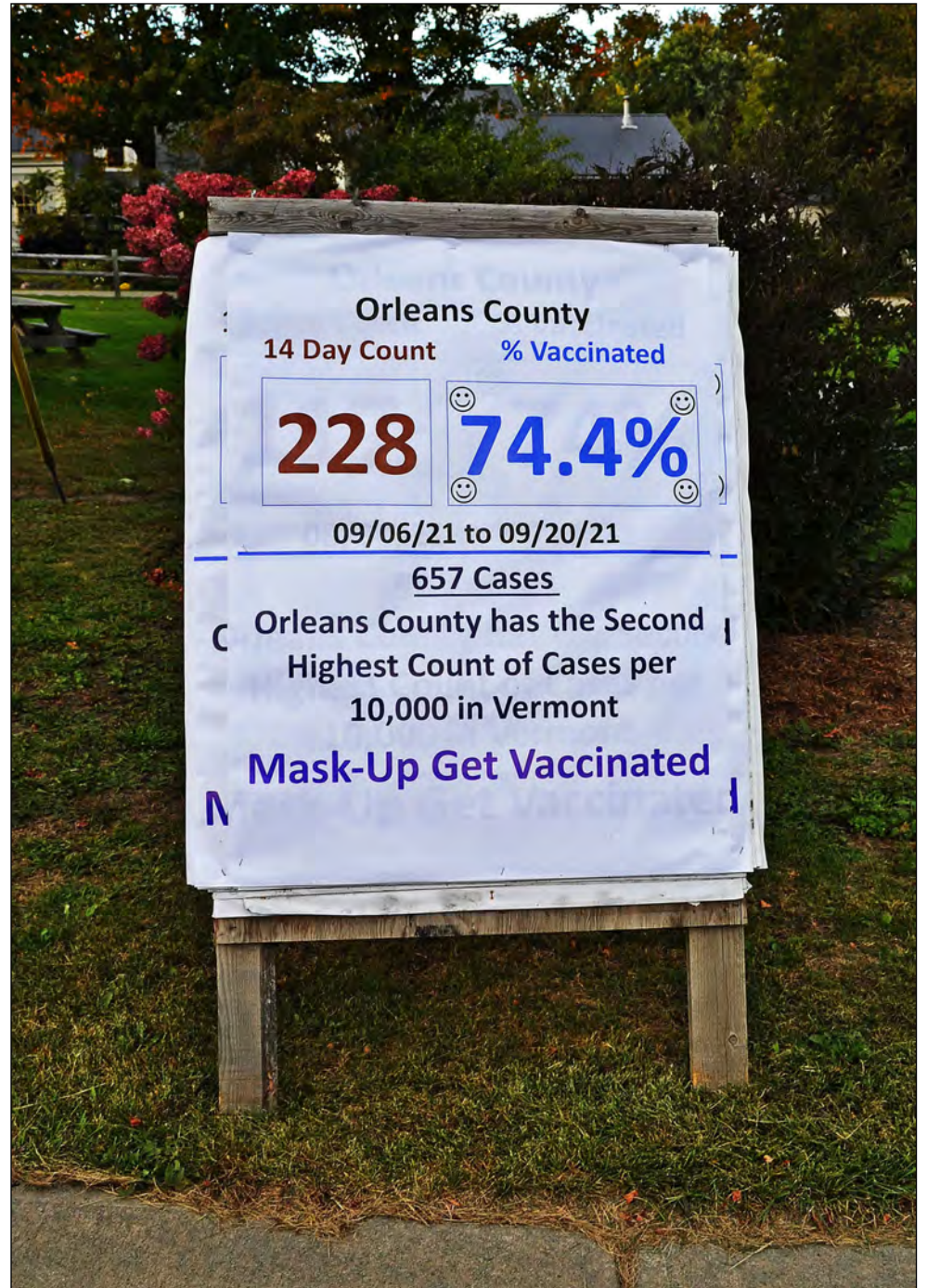


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A current information sign on COVID-19 for Orleans County which includes 17 towns, is located on the green in Greensboro across from Willey's Store. The information on the sign is updated every 14 days by Karl Stein, the Greensboro Health Officer.

### Town of Woodbury Notice of Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given to the residents of the Town of Woodbury, Vermont that the Woodbury Planning Commission will hold a public hearing in the Woodbury Town Hall, 3675 Vermont Route 14, Woodbury, Vermont on Monday, October 18, 2021, beginning at 6 p.m. The meeting will be held for public review of and comment on the proposed Woodbury Town Plan pursuant to Title 24, Chapter 117 § 4444.

The purpose of the proposed Woodbury Town Plan is to establish a coordinated comprehensive planning process to guide decisions made by the Town of Woodbury. The proposed Plan, if and when adopted, will affect all lands within the Town of Woodbury.

#### Woodbury Town Plan-Listing of Section Headings:

1. About Woodbury and the Plan
2. Natural Setting
  - a. Natural Features and Ecological Systems
  - b. Working Lands
  - c. Scenic Areas
  - d. Outdoor Recreation
3. Sense of Community
  - a. Historic and Cultural Resources
  - b. Housing
  - c. Local Economy and Community Development
4. Rural Services and Infrastructure
  - a. Transportation
  - b. Local and Regional Services and Facilities
  - c. Telecommunications and Broadband Connectivity
  - d. Energy
5. Mapping out the Future
  - a. Land Use
  - b. Implementation Program
6. Appendix:
  - a. Woodbury Enhanced Energy Plan

Copies of the proposed Woodbury Town Plan may be obtained from the Town Offices at 1672 Vermont Route 14, Woodbury, Vermont. Copies of the Plan are also available online at: <https://www.woodburyvt.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/9.17.2021-Woodbury-Town-Plan-Draft-2.pdf>

Dated in Woodbury, Vermont September 27, 2021  
Submitted by the Woodbury Planning Commission

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# East Hardwick Harvest Festival September 25



Steve Gorelick (left) of Walden, shows Kristin Graettinger (right) of Philadelphia how to operate the Small Farm Guild cider press. Watching the operation are (in back) Jared Myrenton of Hardwick (left), Ruth Burton of California (right), and in front (right) Charlie Lander, of East Hardwick.



Griffin Lussier fries potato donuts during the make your own donuts event at the East Hardwick Harvest Festival. The event was sponsored by the Caledonia Grange #9 and the Small Farm Guild.



A crowd gathers for the Harvest Festival held at the East Hardwick Caledonia Grange #9 Saturday.



Elizabeth Rossano of the potato shed potato donuts watches children (from left) Phoebe Bunten, 7, of Hardwick, Scarlett Podolin, 7, of Walden and Eliza Bunten, 10, of Hardwick cut out their donuts during the Harvest Festival Sept. 25.

**Photos  
by  
Vanessa Fournier**

# OBITUARIES

## EDITH R. "BOBBE" GILCRIS

HARDWICK – Edith Roberta “Bobbe” Gilcris, 85, of Hardwick died peacefully, on Saturday, September 25, at Copley Hospital in Morrisville following a courageous battle with COVID.

She was born September 28, 1935, in Hardwick, the daughter of the late Robert J. and Christina (Gallow) Michaud. She graduated from Hardwick Academy in the class of 1953. She later continued her education at Community College of Vermont in the 1970s.

Bobbe entered the U.S. Army. She proudly served her country from 1953 until she was honorably discharged in 1955.

In her earlier years, she was employed by the State of Arizona, Alcohol Rehabilitation Division. In Vermont she worked for Washington County Mental Health, Washington “Crash” and Caspian Arms as a machinist. She later worked part-time for Camp Wapanacki in Hardwick. Bobbe retired in the mid-1980s.

On August 1, 1981, she married the love of her life, Erwin William Gilcris, in Hardwick. Together they blended their two families and lived very happily in their Hardwick country home for more than 40 years.

She was secretary-treasurer and dispatcher for the Hardwick Fire Department for more than 10 years, as well as a member of the Hardwick Fire Department Auxiliary.

Survivors include: her husband, Erwin, of Hardwick; five children, Scott Landry of Graniteville, George Landry of Colchester,



Edith R. “Bobbe” Gilcris

Brett Landry of Hardwick, Lynn Rollins of Williamstown and Faith Landry of Burlington; two step-daughters, Louise Barnes of Hardwick and Linda Gilcris of Craftsbury; a brother, Robert “Jeff” Coates of West Woodbury; 13 grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren; as well as nieces, nephews and cousins.

Bobbe was predeceased by a son, Robb Landry, and a step-son, Erwin James Gilcris.

All services will be held later with a date, time and location to be announced.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory may be made to the Lamoille Area Cancer Network, 198 Farr Avenue, Morrisville, Vermont 05661.

Arrangements are in the care of Dian R. Holcomb of Northern Vermont Funeral Service, 60 Elm Street, Hardwick.

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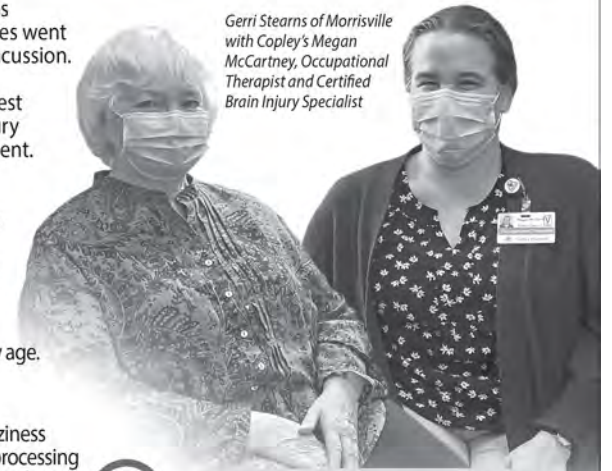
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## Copley Rehabilitation— treating brain injury patients.

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.

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



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# OUR COMMUNITIES

## Two Films and Discussion Address Teens and Screens

GREENSBORO – Two films about the impact of screen technology on children and families will be offered for free streaming at home this October, along with a virtual discussion led by local mental health counselors.

Greensboro Free Library, partnering with WonderARTS and the Highland Center for the Arts, will host this virtual screening and discussion of the movies “Screenagers: Growing Up in the Digital Age” and “Screenagers Next Chapter: Uncovering Skills for Stress Resilience.”

The two films will be available to stream at home from October 1 through October 15, and free tickets for home viewing can be reserved at the event website: [Greensboro.event-combo.com](https://greensborofree.com). This website includes a link to register for the virtual Zoom discussion and Q&A with school-based mental health counselor Katina Idol, scheduled for Thursday, October 14, at 7 p.m. The library has permission to host 300 viewers over

the two-week period. For questions or help registering, please contact Paula Davidson at 533-2531 or [greensborofree@gmail.com](mailto:greensborofree@gmail.com).

In “Screenagers,” physician and filmmaker Dr. Delaney Ruston turned the camera on her own family and others struggling with children and screen time. The film exposes the risks of too much screen time, but also reveals multiple approaches for parents and educators to work with children to help them achieve a healthy balance. “Screenagers Next Chapter” moves beyond screen time to address the emotional well-being of teenagers. This film examines the science behind our teenagers’ emotional challenges, the interplay of social media, and what can be done in our schools and homes to help teens build crucial skills to navigate stress, anxiety, and depression. Trailers for the two films can be found at the website [Screenagersmovie.com](https://screenagersmovie.com) under the About tab.

## Wolcott Fall Flea Market Oct. 1-2

WOLCOTT – Justice for Dogs will be at the Wolcott Fall Flea Market at the Wolcott Town Hall on Friday, Oct. 1, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday, Oct. 2, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Justice for Dogs will offer a plant sale, pumpkins for sale, and a lantern auction. Masks are required for all to enter the flea market.

On November 13, Justice

for Dogs will hold a craft show in Morrisville. Crafters who would like more information and an application should email [justicefordogsvermont@gmail.com](mailto:justicefordogsvermont@gmail.com).

Justice for Dogs (and Cats, too) is a local animal rescue helping only local dogs and cats. For more information about Justice For Dogs visit [justicefordogsvt.org](https://justicefordogsvt.org).

## Ongoing Book Discussions at Jaquith Library

MARSHFIELD – The Jaquith Library will hold monthly book discussions based on history and a general book group.

Chapters in History Eight: Development and Division, meets the second Saturdays of the month at 2 p.m. Books to be discussed include “American Sphinx: The Character of Thomas Jefferson” by Joseph Ellis on October 9; “The Hardest Job in the World” by John Dickerson on November 13; and “These Truths; A Story of the United States” by Jill Lepore on December 11. This is a free continuing series and books are

available for loan from the library.

The monthly book group for adults meets for one hour on the fourth Monday at 7 p.m. Books that will be discussed are “Dictionary of Lost Words” by Pip Williams on October 25 and “Hamnet” by Maggie O’Farrell on November 22. For copies of the book, stop by the library. New members are always welcome.

All events are held at the Old Schoolhouse Common, 122 School St. Call (802) 426-3581, email [jaquithpubliclibrary@gmail.com](mailto:jaquithpubliclibrary@gmail.com), or see [jaquithpubliclibrary.org](https://jaquithpubliclibrary.org).

## Community Supper, Migrant Justice Presentation on Oct. 13

EAST HARDWICK – A community supper and migrant justice presentation will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 13, with the dinner at 5:30 p.m. and presentation at 6:30 p.m., at the Caledonia Grange #9, 88 East Church St.

The meal will be followed by a presentation with farm-worker leaders from Vermont’s dairy industry. Migrant Justice will lead a 1.5-hour presentation about farm-workers’ Milk with Dignity program, which fosters a sustainable Northeast dairy industry, advances the human

rights of farm-workers, supports the long-term interests of farm owners, and provides an ethical supply chain for retail food companies and consumers.

This event is sponsored by the Small Farm Guild. The meal will be served outside, and the presentation will be inside the hall, with masks recommended. This event is free, and donations are welcome to support the community space and the work of Migrant Justice. For more information, or to volunteer at the event, contact [easthardwick-grange@gmail.com](mailto:easthardwick-grange@gmail.com) or 472-8987.

## Batik for Teens on Oct. 16

MARSHFIELD – The Jaquith Library will hold classes in batik for teens ages 13-18 for six Saturdays, from 1 to 4 p.m., October 16 through November 20.

Teens will spend a few weeks creating batik artwork utilizing hot wax resist and dyes. This class will be taught in an open art studio style and will accommodate each student’s individual

style and interest. Classes will run with a minimum of 6 students and a maximum of 10. Materials will be supplied. Each student will have a finished product of their own choosing upon leaving class. The instructor is Loreleh Harris. Preregistration is required by calling (802) 426-3581, emailing [jaquithpubliclibrary@gmail.com](mailto:jaquithpubliclibrary@gmail.com), or visiting [jaquithpubliclibrary.org](https://jaquithpubliclibrary.org).

## October 23 is Prescription Drug Take-back Day

NORTHEAST KINGDOM – National Prescription Drug Take Back Day is Saturday, October 23, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This is an opportunity to turn in unwanted, unused, or expired medications and the service is free and anonymous. Lamoille Valley locations include Copley Hospital (in the hall by the laboratory check-in), Hardwick Police Department, Morrystown Police Department, Stowe Police Department, Kinney Drugs in Morrisville and Cambridge, and the Lamoille County Sheriff’s Department in Hyde Park. These sites are accepting pills only and cannot accept liquids or sharps.

For those unable to make it to one of these sites on the take-back

date, Copley Hospital, Hardwick Police Department, Morrystown Police Department, Stowe Police Department, Cambridge Kinney Drugs, and the Lamoille County Sheriff’s Department all have year-round self-service drop-boxes, available during normal business hours.

Healthy Lamoille Valley has a supply of prescription drug mail-back envelopes from the Vermont Department of Health. These envelopes are free, prepaid and easy to use. Simply seal your unused prescription drugs inside and drop off at any post office or other USPS pick-up location. Contact Jessica Bickford, [jessica@healthylamoillevalley.org](mailto:jessica@healthylamoillevalley.org) to receive mail-back envelopes.



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# THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

## Friday, October 1

**RUMMAGE SALE**, 2 - 6 p.m., United Church of Hardwick Dining Room, S. Main St. Everything 25 cents.

**CABOT TURKEY DINNER**, 5 - 6:30 p.m., Cabot United Church, Main St. Take-out Only. Information: 563-2715.

## Saturday, October 2

**RUMMAGE SALE**, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., United Church of Hardwick Dining Room, S. Main St. Everything 25 cents. Also 25 cent sale at the Thrift Store.

**AWARE FALL FOLIAGE CRAFT FAIR**, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Hardwick Elementary School, S. Main St., Hardwick. Featuring Vermont Craft Artisans. Lunch available.

## Sunday, October 3

**ANNUAL ALBANY CHICKEN PIE DINNER**, Albany Methodist Church, Rte. 14, Albany. Two seatings, noon and 1 p.m. Take-out and gluten-free option will be available. Reservations: 754-2790.

## Monday, October 4

**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.

**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, October 5

**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

**"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.

**MARCY LINDSTADT: Pandemic Pastels**, Sept. 28 - Nov. 16, Parker Pie Art Gallery, West Glover.

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



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A free family outdoor movie night was hosted by the Hardwick Recreation Committee on September 18 at Atkins Field. Setting up the movie screen are recreation committee members (from left): Holly Bolio, Mallory Greaves and Rhonda Hess.



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S. Lee Manning (right) of Elmore donates her newest spy thriller book "Nerve Attack" to Greensboro Librarian Paula Davidson (left) during her author talk at the library September 23.

# BIRTHS

### Tempest Raellen Fletcher

A daughter, Tempest Raellen Fletcher, was born to Erionah Williams and Brandon Fletcher, of Hardwick, on August 7 at Copley Hospital.

### Braxton Ryder Sebastian Patten

A son, Braxton Ryder Sebastian Patten, was born to Arianna Patten and Travis Daigle, of Wolcott, on September 21 at Copley Hospital.

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# Concert for Wildlife on Oct. 17 at HCA

GREENSBORO – Highland Center for the Arts will present “The Concert for Wildlife” on Sunday, Oct. 17, at 3 p.m.

This is a benefit concert with The Mallett Brothers Band, Dave Mallett, and Tish Hinojosa to support the Vermont Wildlife Coalition Educational Fund, the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum, and the Lake Champlain Committee.

Singer-songwriter David Mallett is one of America’s true original troubadours. In four decades, he has recorded 17 albums, had several hundred covers of his songs, including the American folk classic “Garden Song” (Inch by Inch, Row by Row), and has performed in clubs, concert halls and festivals across the US, Canada and Europe. He has appeared on numerous broadcasts, including National Public Radio’s “A Prairie Home Companion.”

Tish Hinojosa recorded her debut 1989 album, “Homeland,” for the A&M imprint, which also boasted folk singer/songwriter/guitarist David Wilcox and Cajun poet Zachary Richard. After a fallow period of four years, Hinojosa was revitalized, writing

a number of new songs.

The Mallett Brothers Band is an independent rock and roll/Americana/country band from Maine. Their tour schedule since forming in 2009 has helped them to build a dedicated fan base across the U.S. and beyond while still calling the state of Maine their home. With a style that ranges from alt-country to Americana, country, jam and roots rock, theirs is a musical melting pot that’s influenced equally by the singer/songwriter tradition as by harder rock, classic country and psychedelic sounds.

With the health of our community in mind, 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 Vermont Department of Health regarding indoor spaces, masks are required.



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Dave Mallett reigns as one of America’s great singer-songwriters, having authored such folk classics as “The Garden Song” and “The Ballad of Saint Anne’s Reel.” His songs have been covered by countless other artists, including Emmy Lou Harris and Alison Kraus. He will play and sing at the Concert for Wildlife on October 17.



*courtesy photo*  
Texas Hill Country calls the Mallett Brothers “New England’s wildly eclectic genre rebels.” Their music is a mix of alt country, Americana, and roots rock that comes from deep within the pine woods of Maine will be featured at the Concert for Wildlife at the Highland Center for the Arts on October 17.



*courtesy photo*  
The Chicago Tribune says, “Simply put, Hinojosa is a first-class songwriter.” West is her seventeenth album, and she will perform at the Concert for Wildlife on October 17.

# IN THE GARDEN

## What the Monarchs Need Now

by Henry Homeyer

CORNISH FLAT, N.H. – Monarchs are on the move! It is time for their long trip to Mexico to spend the winter. And like marathon runners, they need to bulk up on calories before the event. You may have let a patch of milkweed grow on the edges of your property to support them. That is great, and many of us have done that. But the milkweed plants are for the caterpillars to munch on. Right now, they offer nothing to monarchs. Our monarchs need blooming flowers for nectar and pollen.

Of the monarchs I see floating around my gardens, three plants seem most attractive to them for feeding right now: Joe Pye weed, goldenrods and asters. Let's look at these and their garden worthiness.

Joe Pye weed (*Eupatorium maculatum*) is a native wildflower that likes stream edges



courtesy photo  
Joe Pye weed "Gateway" blooms longer and better than the wild forms.

and places with good moisture, though it will grow almost anywhere it is planted. It is a big plant, often five or six feet tall in the wild. It is a clumping plant, with the clumps getting bigger every year.

It is readily found in plant nurseries, although most sold are a named cultivar, one called "Gateway". I have found that Gateway blooms longer and does better in a vase than the truly wild ones that have popped up along my stream. There is now a smaller Joe Pye that is called "Little Joe" that only gets to be three to four feet tall. It is a patented variety that does not breed true and is actually a different species in the same genus, *Eupatorium dubium*. Then there is one called "Baby Joe" but I have not yet tried either one.

The flowers of Joe Pye weed are a light purple and appear in large panicles at the top of the plant. The stems of Gateway are

a deep purple, though the wild ones tend to be greener. Plant Joe Pye weed where you want it as the fibrous roots go deep into the soil, and when firmly established they are nearly impossible to dig out.

Goldenrods are a wonderful, though frequently maligned genus of plants. For many years they were prohibited in arrangements in the flower room at our county fair, as it was believed they caused hay fever. They do not. They have a heavy, sticky pollen that does not fly in the air but is transported by insects. There are at least 20 species of native goldenrods including some that prefer shade, while others demand full sun.

Goldenrods are important not only for monarch butterflies, but also for many butterflies, moths, bees, and other pollinators. And yes, some of the big, sun-loving species will expand their territory and send tenacious roots deep into the soil, even muscling out some dainty perennials.

Years ago, I purchased some blue-stemmed goldenrod (*Solidago caesia*) at The Garden in the Woods in Framingham, Mass. I grow it in both dry shade and in rich soil in moist shade. It has never been a pest, or traveled around my garden beds, staying just where I planted it, blooming in September and into October. It is quite dainty.

My favorite goldenrod is a variety called "Fireworks" of the species *Solidago rugosa*. It prefers full sun and moist soil, but I have also grown it in part sun and fairly dry soil. Its flowers



courtesy photo  
"Fireworks" goldenrod is commonly sold in nurseries now.



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Monarch feeding on New York ironweed.

are tiny, blooming first at the tips and working their way down the three- to four-foot stems. The stems arch gracefully like a fireworks display. They can be divided every three to four years to keep the clumps to a manageable size, and to increase (or share) them.

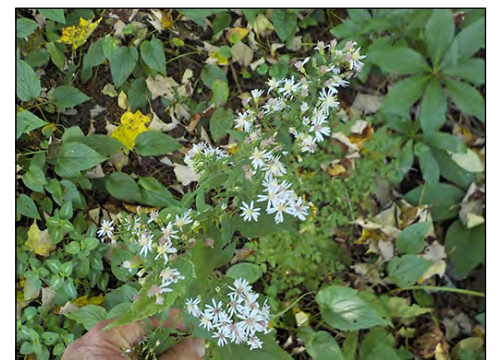
All the asters and aster-family flowers are great for monarchs and other butterflies. Scientists don't call the genus aster anymore, but *Symphoricaricium*, which is a shame as it is much less user-friendly.

There are at least 30 species of asters that grow wild in America, including many nice shade-loving ones that are certainly uprooted as weeds by tidy gardeners long before they bloom now, in the fall.

Asters have flowers with many rays and a bright yellow

eye. They range from deep purple to white, along with pink and a light blue. All are quite tough, surviving any winter thrown at them.

Similar to asters, and a plant I just saw visited by a hungry monarch, is New York ironweed (*Vernonia noveboracensis*). It has smaller, deep purple blossoms in



courtesy photo

This woodland aster grows in shade as a wildflower.

big clusters at the top of stems that can reach nine feet tall.

According to Tracy DiSabato Aust, in her fabulous book, "The Well-Tended Perennial Garden," shorter, later-blooming plants can be created by cutting back all the stems to the ground when they reach two feet tall. I shall certainly try that next spring. I moved mine from moist soil to dry soil in part shade partly because it got too tall in the full sun.

If you care about your monarchs, plant native plants. Native plants are much more useful to pollinators and wild animals than plants imported from other continents. Many of the native plants are just as beautiful and pleasing to me in the garden, and hopefully they are to you, too.

# YANKEE NOTEBOOK

## I Welcome the Change

by Willem Lange

EAST MONTPELIER – As surely as sugaring presages the advent of spring, September slides into October with its usual seasonal observances: hillsides and mountains aflame with dying leaves, tour buses from farther south roaring past the sidewalk tables at the coffee shop on State Street, and hundreds of comments on the internet regretting the passage of summer, the growing cold and darkness, and the dread of winter – all of them looking back on happy days – very mournful, sad, and elegiac.

Personally, I welcome the change. The heat and humidity of August were especially oppressive. Now, as I contemplate the approaching pleasures of flannel sheets and down comforter, the tactile bliss of wool and fleece clothing, the familiar aroma of a hot stove, and the all-too-obvious fact that winters aren't what they were – how long has it been since we've seen thirty below? – the dread I often felt during my outdoor construction days is replaced by a fierce geriatric bravado.

Artists from Vivaldi to Frost have not so much celebrated as reflected upon autumn – a time of drowsiness, as of woodchuck or apple-picker; of measuring work accomplished, as of root cellars full of potatoes, closets full of canned vegetables, or sheds full of stacked firewood. But for me at my age,

past digging potatoes or felling trees, Shakespeare does it best in Sonnet #73: “Bare ruin'd choirs, where late the sweet birds sang.” This apparent lament for what's irretrievably lost, followed by the injunction to “love that well which thou must leave ere long,” evokes in me instead a silent recapitulation, and celebration, of so many happy memories.

Smells have a lot to do with memories. My grandmother always stayed home Sunday mornings working on dinner. She slow-cooked her roast in a soapstone cooker. Coming home from church to the aromas from her kitchen was an early hint that all was well with the world. Then there was the smell of chlorine in the YMCA pool; on the way home from the Y to the bus stop, the open door of the Karmelkorn shop; and as the bus passed the bakery, the mouth-watering fumes of fresh bread. I don't need to smell them again; the reality could be no sweeter than the recollection.

It would be easy to regret loves lost, but it's sweeter to recall how wonderful each was at the time. My crush on a seventh-grade classmate led to a date to a middle-school dance. She lived too far from school for us to walk, so I ferried her on my sister's bike. I stood up and pedaled; she sat on the seat behind me with her feet swinging in the breeze. The romance of that evening lives yet.

We're all infused with old mental delights, if we can forget



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*Memories of canoe partners and Arctic summer days and muskoxen.*

the pain of their disappearance. We also surround ourselves with artifacts. My old Winchester 94, its bluing worn to silver where I carried it, never will go into the woods with me again. My Adirondack guide boat, one of the most beautiful designs ever, is painted blue to match the one in a favorite Homer painting. It took forty years for me to get it. When I pull into the barn and my headlights strike that shape and that blue, I just gaze for a few moments as if it were a Renoir. Over the head of my bed hangs a photograph of the irresistible young woman who became my wife. It was our first overnight date, maybe a week after meeting; I think we both knew already. She's sitting on an Adirondack ledge with her back to the camera and her arm around my German Shepherd puppy. Neither one of us suspected what life ahead held for us. But that day was as happy as any in the next 59 years, until she died.

I think of old canoe partners, Arctic summer days without darkness, the black flies and the mosquitoes swarming, of muskoxen and caribou; of lake trout and char as long as my arm; the rumble of familiar men's voices in a lamp-lit cabin on dark winter nights; my kids' faces as a bear swam across Eagle Lake in front of our canoe; my lovely dogs waiting at the rainbow bridge, and the little one right behind me in our recliner. With no idea how far away the end may be, I'm certain that the most precious things we can accumulate in our lives are beautiful memories.

Knud Rasmussen, the ethnographer, asked Orulo, an old Inuit woman, about her life. Afterward she said, “In telling you of my life, I seemed to live it all over again. And I saw and felt it all just as when it was really happening . . . There are so many things we never think of until one day the memory awakens . . . And I could not help weeping for joy to think I had been so happy.”



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*A photo of this happy memory hangs over the bed.*

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# RURAL RAMBLINGS

## Weather Stick Rains Supreme

by Jerry Zezima

STAMFORD, Conn. – Maybe it’s because my head is in the clouds, or the heat is really getting to me, but I like to think I can predict the weather better than the National Weather Service.

And unlike such respected TV weather anchors as Lonnie Quinn and Al Roker, I don’t use radar, satellites or European models. In fact, I have always thought the best European model is Heidi Klum.

At any rate, I owe my prodigious prognosticating powers to the greatest meteorological device ever devised.

I refer, of course, to the Davis Hill Weather Stick.

It is, yes, a stick that rises or falls depending on, yes, the weather. If it’s sunny and dry, which is perfect for lying in a hammock with a beer, the thin piece of wood points upward. But if it’s cloudy and humid, often a harbinger of rain, which means I have to go inside for a brew, the stick points downward.

What could be simpler? Or, at \$6 a pop, cheaper?

To find out more about the amazing properties of the weather stick, several of which are now on my property, I called the Davis Hill Company in East Hardwick, Vermont, and spoke with “chief cook and bottle washer” Tim Hartt.

“I’ve been doing this for 36 years now and I sell 25,000 of these things a year,” said Tim, who’s also a pig farmer. “The sticks keep me honest and put gas in the truck.”

Because he grosses about \$70,000 a year, that’s a lot of gas.

“There’s no money in farming,” said Tim, who has “a little 22-acre place with 400 free-range meat birds, three or four hogs and a laying flock of 100 birds that lay a couple of dozen eggs a day.”

“So in order to make ends meet,” I suggested, “you have to get on the stick.”

“I’m glad you said it, not me,” replied Tim, who told me that the weather sticks are made from balsam fir trees. “Every tree in nature reacts to moisture in the air,” he said, “but balsam firs react more dramatically. Their branches go up and down depending on how much moisture there is. So friends and I go into the woods during harvest, strip wood off the trees and make weather sticks.”

“Do they really work?” I asked.

“You bet,” Tim answered. “And I have lots of satisfied customers to prove it. One of them, Donna from Medford, Oregon, called me the other day to say she needs more sticks to give out. She bought a dozen in 2018 to give to special people in her life. My typical customer is a little old lady who will call me to say she needs another stick because her first one was eaten by a chipmunk.”

“If meteorologists had weather sticks,” I said, “their forecasts would be more accurate.”

“As long as they can keep the chipmunks away,” said Tim, 63, a husband, father and grandfather who said he just looks out the window to see what it’s doing.

“Animals are pretty good at predicting the weather,” I noted. “I had a dog that knew when it was going to rain. She’d hide under the table because she was afraid of thunder. She should have been a forecaster on TV.”

“Chickens know, too,” Tim said. “They can tell when it’s time to go in. The laying ones are smart. The meat birds are definitely dumber.”

Even though I have been called a birdbrain, I was smart enough to order a weather stick from Tim, who had to cut the conversation short because, he said, “the chickens are



courtesy photo

Jerry Zezima shows his collection of weather sticks made by the Davis Hill Company (owned by Tim Hartt) of East Hardwick.

calling me.”

A few days later, a bunch of sticks arrived in the mail. I nailed one to a door frame outside, under an eave, as recommended, and told my wife, Sue, that it was going to rain.

“How do you know?” she asked.

“The weather stick is pointing downward,” I told her.

Sure enough, it was soon raining cats, dogs and chickens. When it cleared up and the sun came out, the stick pointed upward.

“Works like a charm,” I said. “I should send one of these sticks to the National Weather Service.”

[Jerry Zezima writes a humor column for Tribune News Service and is the author of five books.]

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**Woodsmoke** by Julie Atwood



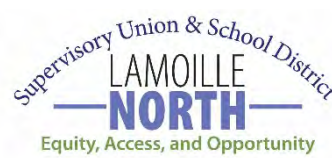
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# SPORTS

## Twinfield-Cabot Girls Put Enosburg to the Test

by Ken Brown

ENOSBURG – The Twinfield-Cabot girls’ soccer team dropped a pair of hard-fought road losses to Division III powers Enosburg and BFA-Fairfax last week, snapping their two-game win streak.

Dana Elkins scored twice to lead Enosburg to a 3-2 home win over the Lady Trojans last Monday. Emily Adams added a goal and an assist for the Lady Hornets as they held off Twinfield-Cabot for their fourth straight win. Annie Dunlop scored her first two career varsity goals for the Lady Trojans and Aaydyn Corbett added an assist. Ida Astick made 12 saves, including a penalty kick in the first half, in the loss. Zoe McGee made two stops on the day as Enosburg improved to 4-3 on the season.

“It was a wicked match. Annie has been playing out of her mind this season and it was great to see her finally get a couple in the back of the net for her first goals at the varsity level. Ida and our defense played fantastic, and we have high hopes for our young players in the future. This is the best soccer we’ve played all season and the girls are really starting to come together as a team,” said head coach Seth Wilmott.

BFA-Fairfax continued their dominance over opponents from all

divisions on Friday, blanking the Lady Trojans at home, 8-0. They out-shot Twinfield-Cabot 14-6 in the match, with Ida Astick making six stops on the day. The Lady Bullets are a perfect 6-0 on the season and have outscored their opposition an eye-popping 35-3 along the way, looking like the team to beat in Division III. Aaydyn Corbett was once again a bright spot for Twinfield-Cabot with rock solid midfield play against a stronger and deeper team.

“They always have a very strong program, and we knew it would be a tough challenge going in. They did a good job of taking advantage of their chances early, but as the match went on, I thought the girls played well, starting to connect some passes together and playing our style. Playing stronger opponents out of division gives us an opportunity to learn, step up, and see what it’s like at the next level. I was really proud of Aaydyn and the girls. She’s been playing some of the best soccer of her young career and I’m looking forward to seeing the type of player she will become,” said Wilmott.

Twinfield-Cabot is scheduled to host Blue Mountain on Wednesday before traveling to Winooski on Saturday afternoon.

## Wildcat Harriers Run for a Greater Cause

by Jim Flint

### Hazen Union Middle Schooler Wins Again

WELLS RIVER – Hazen Union’s cross country team competed at Blue Mountain Union School on September 18. The Northern Vermont Athletic Conference (NVAC) meet included athletes from Danville, North Country Union High School, Lyndon Institute, Twinfield Union, and Blue Mountain.

Thomas Kehler raced to his second middle school victory of the season. The Hazen Union seventh-grader finished the 3k course in a personal best time of 11:40. Kehler’s effort translated to a sizzling 6:16 per mile pace. U-32’s Cody Young finished second in 11:58.

Manny Fliegelman also notched a personal best 3k time. The Wildcat seventh-grader finished in 13:15 to place fourth of 15 middle school boys.

In the girls’ middle school race, Finn Burgess and Elizabeth Mollina tied for 15th place. The Hazen Union eighth-graders finished the 3k course in 18:51.

Ella Considine represented Hazen Union in the girls’ varsity race. Her 5k time of 28:48 placed ninth of 19 runners. Carter Hill and Tobias Benson anchored the

Wildcat varsity boys. Their respective times were 27:12 and 34:47.

### Runners Ready to Race Against Racism

MONTPELIER – A busy weekend lies ahead for Hazen Union’s cross country team. On Saturday, October 2, the Wildcats travel to Thetford for the Woods Trail Invitational. The meet is the largest of the season for the spirited team. On Sunday, the Wildcats plan to run together

again in Montpelier at the Race Against Racism.

A 3 p.m. rally on the State House Lawn kicks off the event. The 5k race follows at 4 p.m. Head coach Netdahe Stoddard will run with the Wildcat team. Montpelier High School’s Club Action and Racial Justice Alliance are co-presenting the event. The groups aim to bring central Vermonters together to continue the fight for racial justice and further the conversation about racism in Vermont.



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# SPORTS

## Wildcats Earn First Win in New Division

by Ken Brown

THETFORD – The Hazen Union boys' soccer team snapped a three-game slide with a hard-earned road win over Thetford Academy (TA) before falling to Division II power Montpelier to end the week, putting their record at 2-4 on the season.

Hazen Union scored two second-half goals and used a balanced scoring attack to down Thetford Academy 3-1 on the road last Wednesday. Cody Trudeau, Aidan Neill, and Gabe Michaud provided the offense for the Wildcats, with Neill scoring his first varsity goal in his senior season. Tyler Rivard and the Hazen Union defense was rock solid again as they earned their first win in the rugged Capital Division. The Panthers are experiencing similar growing pains in the Capital as they fell to 0-6 on the season.

"The guys know how hard they've been working and they've seen their progress in practice, so we needed that win in a big way. We

know we've worked hard at being a well-conditioned team, but three matches in a row in the Capital was a little demoralizing, even though we fought so hard. This validated the work they've been putting in and it has brought us more together as a team. I'm proud of them in every match they play, but seeing them after a win is an entirely different feeling," said head coach Allison Paradee.

Montpelier flexed its muscles in the Capital Division on Saturday, running away from Hazen Union in a 5-1 win at home. Ronnie Riby-Williams recorded a hat trick and Sina Fallahi and Felix Seiler added a goal apiece for the 4-1 Solons. Tyson Davison evened the match at 1-1 for Hazen Union eight minutes into the first half, but Riby-Williams and the homecoming crowd would take over the rest of the way. Tyler Rivard was solid in net once again for Hazen, stopping 12 shots in the loss. Jadon Baker returned to the pitch for the Wildcats after a two-and-a-half game absence due to a red card received in the U-32 match.

Brio Levitt made one save for Montpelier as they improved to 4-1 on the season. The Solons defense has recorded three shutouts this season, outscoring their opponents 13-3 along the way.

"We were a little shorthanded going into this match and brought up three eighth graders for depth, but Montpelier kept us on the run for most of the day, so a lot of our starters played heavy minutes. Cody Trudeau assisted Tyson on a beautiful goal and Jadon was a welcome return and showed up in a big way for us. Tyler continues to be a presence in net with some impressive ups and quick hands. Opponents have taken notice how much smarter and more technical this team is playing this year and the guys are realizing that they need to play a different kind of soccer in this division to be successful," said Paradee.

The Wildcats welcomed Randolph to town on Tuesday and are scheduled to travel to Lamoyille on Friday.

## Sports Nuggets: News of Local Teams

by Ken Brown

### Baker Medals for Hazen Union Golf Team in Win

MORRISVILLE – The Hazen Union golf team was victorious last week over Lamoyille and Lyndon Institute at the Ryder Brook Golf Course.

Jadon Baker claimed medalist honors with a low round of 47 and Andrew Menard was close behind with a 49 for the Wildcats. Tyson Davison and Xavier Hill rounded out the team scores with a 53 and 55, respectively. Menard had another solid round for head coach Jason McArthur on Wednesday with a 50 at the same course.

"We had a great match and win over Lamoyille and Lyndon last week. This week we should have a full team representing for our home match at Mountain View," said McArthur.

Hazen Union will welcome Peoples Academy, Northfield, and Lyndon Institute to Mountain View CC in Greensboro on Wednesday for their final home match of the season.

### Trojans Remain Perfect but Idle

by Ken Brown

PLAINFIELD – The Twinfield-Cabot boys' soccer team have had their last two matches canceled in the past week as they


prepare to put their 4-0 record on the line against Division III power Enosburg this Friday.

This may be the best team head coach Peter Stratman has had at Twinfield-Cabot since he took over the program almost three years ago, but they are struggling to find a match as of late. Their match against Danville was canceled on Saturday because Danville was unable to field a full team due to COVID-19 protocols. Their match versus Christ Covenant this past Tuesday was canceled by Twinfield Union administrators when it came to light that in the two teams last match on September 17, Christ Covenant spectators were allegedly taunting Twinfield-Cabot players and yelling homophobic slurs. This has left Stratman's talented team idle since their 5-1 win over Christ Covenant as they prepare to take on a 5-1 Enosburg team on the road this Friday that has outscored its opponents 27-4 this season. Stratman hopes to get his team back on the pitch this week, but it is not guaranteed. Enosburg's match against Blue Mountain was canceled last week after it was found that unruly fans from Enosburg were directing racial slurs at opposing players in their September 18 match against Winooski. A silver lining for Stratman's Trojans being idle has been the ability to get healthy as they have struggled to fill out a bench this season due to injury.

"Being idle for this long can be a disadvantage and an advantage going into a challenging match like this. We've recently promoted two eighth graders to the squad and should be at full strength with 17

players, with only one inactive," said Stratman.

Twinfield-Cabot is scheduled to travel to Enosburg on Friday before welcoming Richford to town next Wednesday.



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## Cross-country team at Bear Invitational

The Craftsbury Academy cross-country team competed in the Bear Invitational on September 21 in Northfield. Pumpkins were awarded to the top three finishers in each division (front row, left to right): Ruth Krebs (second place varsity girl), Amelia Circosta (first place middle school girl), Anika Leahy (first place varsity girl), Cormac Leahy (first place varsity boy), Charlie Kehler (second place varsity boy), Charlie Krebs (third place varsity boy). Back row, left to right: Linden Stelma-Leonard, Dillon Cox, Alan Moody, Rachel Bjerke, Noah McKibben, Daisy Roianov, Leo Circosta.

photo by Mike Levangie

## Charger Runners Win Three Races at Bear Invitational

by Jim Flint

### Middle Schooler Sets Course Record

NORTHFIELD – Amelia Circosta is Craftsbury Academy's lone middle school girl cross country runner. Circosta, who is home-schooled, trains with the Charger varsity runners. The eighth-grader is unbeatable so far this season. Circosta won her second middle school race on September 21 at the Bear Invitational. She set a new middle school girls record of 13:58 on the challenging 1.8-mile course. Harwood Union's Pippa Diller was the closest finisher to Circosta. She placed second in 16:13.

### Charger Girls Place Three Runners in Top Seven

NORTHFIELD – Craftsbury Academy's Anika Leahy, Ruth Krebs, Rachel Bjerke, and Daisy Roianov competed for the Chargers at the Bear Invitational on September 21. Leahy and Krebs finished first and second in the girls' varsity 5k race. Leahy set a new course record of 23:17. Krebs was a close second. She crossed the finish line in 23:43. Rachel Bjerke placed a strong seventh out of 23 finishers. Her time was 27:06. Daisy Roianov rounded out the squad. She finished 15th in 30:57.

### Craftsbury Boys Record First Perfect Score

NORTHFIELD – The Craftsbury Academy

*Cormac Leahy led the way for Craftsbury, winning his first meet of the season. He finished the 5k race in 17:36, setting a new course record.*

boys continued their stellar season at the Bear Invitational on September 21. Competing against four other schools, the defending D-III state champion Chargers claimed the top five positions in the race. Craftsbury's team score added up to a perfect 15 points, the lowest possible tally in a sport where the low score wins.

Cormac Leahy led the way for Craftsbury, winning his first meet of the season. He finished the 5k race in 17:36, setting a new course record. Leahy was followed across the line by teammates Charlie Kehler (18:31), Charlie Krebs (19:07), Alan Moody (19:37), and Leo Circosta (20:09), who took the second, third, fourth, and fifth places, respectively.

Leahy already held the Bear Invitational's middle school course record. Running for the Hazen Union Wildcats on September 18, 2018, Leahy finished the 1.8-mile middle school course in 12:48. He notched a hard-fought victory that day over U-32's Sargent Burns.

Ann Bushey coaches Northfield's cross-country team. Bushey shared that Northfield students and coaches built a new trail for the race, starting about eight years ago. A bear kept showing up during the first year of the

project. The Bear Invitational was named in honor of the forest bruin.

"Definitely a pun," said Bushey. "The course is a bear for sure. Super steep, usually muddy, and always rooty. We have a lot of fun hosting the meet, and I feel like only the grittiest teams enjoy coming back year after year. Our team is super proud of their work on the course. Most teams have an athletic director and maintenance people who clear trails, mark the course, and host a meet. Ours is done entirely by our team and coaches."

Linden Stelma-Leonard placed 15th for Craftsbury Academy. His time was 21:59. Junior Noah McKibben (24:47) and sophomore Dillon Cox (27:44) competed in their first meet as Chargers. McKibben is an exchange student from Italy.

Lamoille Union High School (51 points), Harwood Union (63 points), Northfield (102 points) and Oxbow High School (140 points) finished behind Craftsbury in the scoring of varsity boys' teams. The Craftsbury Academy boys are currently ranked first in D-III and seventh in the state across all three divisions.

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## JIM FLINT'S RUNNERS' ROUNDUP

### Fleet Footed Seniors Focus on Finish Line

ADAMANT – Warm and humid weather highlighted the 18th Annual Sodom Pond Race on September 22. The field of 40 runners, more than half over age 50, toed the starting line in Adamant Village at 6 p.m. Seven of the senior athletes hailed from towns covered by the Hardwick Gazette.

Most of Sodom Pond lies within the town of East Montpelier. The pond's northern edge borders Adamant Village, in the town of Calais. From the village's founding in 1858 until 1905, the crossroads hamlet was called Sodom. Residents petitioned the legislature to change the name, which was linked to a legendary biblical city destroyed by fire and brimstone. Adamant was chosen to reflect the hardness of the granite which was quarried there.

Sodom Pond retained its original name and place in local folklore. The Sodom Pond Race began in 2003. Organized by Central Vermont Runners, the race follows a dirt roads course around the pond. The four-mile distance is unique, requiring runners to pace the race strategically.

Mack Gardener-Morse, 60, has raced at Sodom Pond 14 times, beginning in 2004. The Calais athlete appears to have found a veritable fountain of youth through running. Since 2004, his finish times at Sodom Pond have fallen within a narrow range.

Gardner-Morse completed this year's race in 28 minutes and 33 seconds. Running at a pace of 7:08 per mile, he placed first in the M60-69 age group. In 2004, he ran the course in 6:39 per mile to finish in 26:36. Over a 17-year span, his running speed has slowed by less than two seconds per mile, per year.

Donna Smyers, 64, lives and works in Adamant. She finished this year's race in 33:02 and won the F60-69 age group. Smyers started her Sodom Pond race log in 2003, finishing in 27:35. She has run the race 13 times. Her race pace has decreased by just 4-1/2 seconds per mile per year.

Scientists who study aging have found that fit runners can expect a one percent decline in speed per year from age 40 to age 60. After age 60, the decline is often more pronounced. During the past two



photo by Manny Sainz

At Adamant Village, forty runners ran in the Sodom Pond Four Mile Race on September 22. Donna Smyers (#718) won the F60-69 age group. Dot Helling (#725, photo right) won the F70-79 age group. Tim Hogeboom (with mask, behind Helling) won the M70-79 age group.

decades, Gardner-Morse and Smyers have consistently defied aging norms.

The Sodom Pond Race is an endurance test. Runners climb several short hills during the first mile of the race. The second mile is mostly downhill, with a sweeping vista of farm fields and distant peaks. Fatigue begins to set in during the ups and downs of mile three, which is the toughest part of the race. The final mile is mostly flat to gently downhill, following the pond's shoreline back to Adamant Village.

Dot Helling, from Adamant, won the F70-79 age group. Helling, 71, completed the course in 37:20. This was her 12th Sodom Pond Race. She finished the inaugural 2003 race in 29:23.

Tim Hogeboom, 70, from Walden, won the M70-79 age group. Hogeboom had a close race with John Valentine, 71 of Roxbury. Their finish times were 34:28 and 34:53. Valentine has run at Sodom Pond 11 times. His first finish time in 2003 was 26:11.

George Aitken and Richarda Ericson were the overall male and female winners at Sodom Pond. Their times were 25:03 and 28:11, respectively. Jake Lester, from Craftsbury, was the top finisher from towns covered by the Hardwick Gazette. He finished in 27:15 to place fifth overall.

Mark Howard, from Marshfield, placed second in the M50-59 age group. His time was 32:46. Chris Andreson, from Adamant,

finished in 31:34. He placed second in the M60-69 age group. Elizabeth McCarthy, 68, from Walden, rounded out the local finishers. Her time was 39:07.

### Local Guidance Counselor Runs Half Marathon

ISLAND POND – Sally Guebara set a goal to run 13.1 miles at a 10-minute per mile pace. On September 18, the Craftsbury Academy guidance counselor went the distance at the inaugural Northeast Kingdom Half Marathon. Guebara, 43, placed 17th of 61 women in the race. Her finish time was two hours, twelve minutes, and four seconds.

"The race was well planned," said Guebara. "I appreciated the fact that we had to show a negative COVID result within the last 72 hours. Volunteers were super helpful and friendly. Lots of great support and cheering along the course. It was hotter than I anticipated on the pavement. Toward the end, I was super tired. There were a couple of gnarly hills in the last two miles."

Olympian Ida Sargent, 33, was the first female finisher. Her half marathon time was 1:30:44. Chase Weaver, 26, was the fastest male finisher, in 1:18:39. Amanda Michaud, 32, was the top finisher from towns covered by the Hardwick Gazette. The Marshfield runner crossed the finish line in 1:56:42. She was the seventh female finisher.

The concurrent NEK Marathon had 39 finishers. Sue Dodge, 61, from Williston won the women's division. Her time for 26.2 miles was 3:50:24. Danville's Eli Dolgin, 39, won the men's division. His finish time was 3:10:47.

### Leaf Peepers Half Marathon and 5k

WATERBURY – The 37th running of the Leaf Peepers Half Marathon and 5k is on tap for Sunday, October 3. The half marathon begins at 9 a.m. followed by the 5k race 15 minutes later. The 5k race begins on pavement, transitions to a dirt road, and ends with a section of grassy trail. The half marathon course has the same beginning and ending as the 5k race. The middle of the race includes a rolling out-and-back dirt road section along the Winooski River.

The half marathon course records of 1:09:28 for the men and 1:19:27 for the women will be hard to beat. The marks were set by Eric Morse in 1986 and Cindy New in 1995. Todd Boonstra (1990) and Laura Wilson (1992) hold the 5k course records of 15:18 (men) and 18:03 (women).

The Leaf Peepers event is sponsored by Central Vermont Runners. Race proceeds help to fund mini-grants for youth running programs. Past mini-grant recipients have included the Craftsbury Girls on the Run program and the Craftsbury Academy cross country and track and field teams.

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photo by Vanessa Fournier

Craftsbury 8th grader Adelina Augsberger (right) traps the ball followed by Maggie Ellsworth (left) of Oxbow. Oxbow defeated Craftsbury 2-1.



photo by Vanessa Fournier

Craftsbury junior Ella Gillespie (#14) and Oxbow's Darcy O'Connell (#12) vie for control of the ball Tuesday in Craftsbury. Oxbow prevailed 2-1.

## Craftsbury Girls Lose Twice Out of Division

by Ken Brown

CRAFTSBURY – Despite a pair of losses to upper division opponents Oxbow and Burke Mountain Academy last week, the Craftsbury Academy (CA) girls' soccer team continued to show they are trending towards playing their best soccer of the season as they ready for some key league matchups this week.

Emma Parkin converted a game-winning penalty kick seconds before halftime to give Oxbow a hard fought 2-1 road win over the Lady Chargers last Tuesday. Sophia Hayes chipped a shot over Rachel Bailey midway through the first

half to give Oxbow an early lead. Ida Eames found the equalizer eight minutes later on a beautiful direct kick that found the upper right-hand corner from twenty-five yards out. Bailey made seven stops on the day for CA and played a solid second half to give her team a chance. Eames did her best to even the score down the stretch with a handful of breakaways but was turned away by the Oxbow defense as they improved to 3-2 on the season.

"The girls played really well and the match could've gone differently if not for a few bounces that didn't go our way. We definitely had our chances in the second half, but we are still

working on the art of finishing and honing that skill. We are starting to play some really good soccer and I'm happy with the direction we are headed," said head coach Tom Silva.

McKenzie Leach scored four times to lead Burke Mountain to a 5-0 home win over the Lady Chargers on Saturday afternoon. Craftsbury hung tough for sixty minutes down only two scores, but Burke's massive depth wore them down and Leach broke the match open late. Jillian Lizzoe added a penalty kick late in the second half as Burke remained perfect (3-0) on the season. Rachel Bailey had a stellar day in net for Craftsbury making 30 stops in the loss.

"Rachel gave us an amazing effort and the other team basically gave her a standing ovation after the match. They are so athletic and deep with numbers, but our girls really got up for the challenge and we gave a great defensive effort. They wore us down late, but it was a great atmosphere with a big crowd and I'm proud of how the girls competed until the end. We have a big week coming with some divisional matchups and if we can get healthy and continue to improve with every match, we have a great opportunity in front of us," said Silva.

Craftsbury is scheduled to host Danville on Wednesday and will host Richford on Saturday.

## Heartbreaker for Lady Cats at Oxbow

by Ken Brown

HARDWICK – The Hazen Union girls' soccer team dropped decisions to Enosburg and Oxbow last week, falling to 0-6 on the season.

Dana Elkins recorded a hat trick to lead Enosburg to a dominant 6-0 road win over the Lady Cats last Tuesday. Gabby Spaulding added two goals and Emily Adams chipped in with a goal and two assists as they cruised to their fourth straight win. Madeline Kaiser made seven saves in the loss for Hazen and Zoe McGee stopped six shots to earn the shutout for the Lady Hornets. After dropping their first three matches of the season, Enosburg has outscored their opposition

16-6 during their current win streak.

"We showed our youth against Enosburg, giving up three goals in each half. We had a tight match earlier in the season with Oxbow and look forward to the opportunity of getting our first win of the season later in the week," said head coach Harry Besett.

Oxbow converted off of a corner kick with thirty seconds left in double overtime to survive Hazen Union at home on Friday, 2-1. Gabby Stanciu gave the Lady Cats an early 1-0 lead with a great volley inside the box. Oxbow converted a penalty kick just before halftime and the Lady Olympian defense turned away every chance for a Hazen Union victory the rest of the

way. Madeline Kaiser had a strong effort with 14 saves in the loss. The Oxbow defense turned away 10 shots on the day as they swept the season series in two tight matches, improving to 4-2 on the year.

"The ladies played their hearts out the entire match and controlled most of it through some great passing through the middle of the pitch and good technical ability on the outside. We had multiple chances, but they made some nice stops down the stretch. Despite the loss, the girls should be very proud of their best team performance of the season," said Besett.

Hazen Union is scheduled to host BFA-Fairfax on Wednesday before traveling to Danville on Saturday afternoon.

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## Chargers End Losing Streak in a Big Way

by Ken Brown

CRAFTSBURY – The Crafts-bury Academy (CA) boys’ soccer team swept Oxbow in a home-and-home series last week for their first two wins of the season under new head coach Sam Jay, improving to 2-3 on the season.

Cole VanWinkle scored twice to lead the Chargers to a 2-0 home win over Oxbow last Tuesday. Jas Zendik continued his stellar play in net for Craftsbury to earn the shutout, dropping the Olympians to 1-5 on the season. It was the first win for the Charger soccer program since a 2019 first round upset of Twinfield/Cabot in the Division IV playoffs.

“The boys deserve all the credit for their hard work, determination, and mental toughness. Cole was exceptional and has a wonderful attitude, composed demeanor, and excellent physicality. The improvement of the defense is our biggest achievement of the season so far and it has demanded collective improvements in the core of our team. Dylan Washer and Dalton Gravel have a thankless job of protecting our back line that demands bravery, fitness, communication, and leadership. Greyson VanWinkle, Blair Locke, Adrian Crytzer, and Roen Mclellan have molded to form a strong and powerful defensive line that is showing so much potential and Jas has just been truly exceptional for us in

goal all season,” said Jay.

Cole VanWinkle continued his scoring barrage, recording a hat trick as the Chargers completed the series sweep of Oxbow on Friday with a 3-1 road win. VanWinkle has emerged as a main scoring threat for Craftsbury, finding the back of the net seven times in his last three matches. Zendik and the defense was up to the task again, keeping the Olympians at bay all afternoon.

“Cole has worked incredibly hard in training to gauge how he can have the biggest impact on matches and his success is a testament to his excellent attitude and incredible work ethic. His success is a model for some of our younger players who have struggled with injuries this season but share the same great attitude and understanding of the game. Jas and our defense were exceptional again and I hope colleges take notice of a player that is probably the best in the state right now between the goalposts. Over these two matches we have showed the exact qualities I’ve been asking for collectively. We have to do certain things as a team in order to compete and if everyone performs to a high level we’ve been able to show that we can,” said Jay.

The Chargers were scheduled to host Division III power Enosburg on Tuesday and will welcome Twinfield-Cabot to town next Monday on Senior Day.



photo by Vanessa Fournier  
Cole VanWinkle (#9) of Craftsbury advances the ball up the field ahead of Oxbow’s Keghan Keyes (right) during play Tuesday. At far right in back is Charger Dylan Washer. Craftsbury beat Oxbow 2-0.



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Craftsbury goalie Jas Zendik punts the ball out of the goal area during play on Dustan Field Sept. 21. At left is teammate Blair Locke (#17). Craftsbury won 2-0.

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## Like an Alumni Reunion

It was like an alumni reunion as (left to right) Pat Hussey, Rick Renaud, Gary Brochu, Dave Burnham and Terry Hall got together to play a round of golf in the Mountain View Country Club in Greensboro on Tuesday night league last week. All five golfers were Hazen Union alumni, graduating throughout the '70s.

*courtesy photo*

## It Might Seem Like an Impossible Task

by Patrick Hussey

GREENSBORO – Getting an inch and a half wide ball to drop cleanly into a four-inch-wide hole from substantial distances using a flat metal blade attached to a long shaft might seem like a nearly impossible task.

Turns out it is, or at least it can be, depending on the day and the distance. It sure seemed tough last Tuesday night at Mountain View Country Club, when the boys of summer returned to the links to crown a putting champion. A total of 32 golfers turned out on a comfortable, sunny evening last week to put their putting skills to the test.

Most didn't do very well, but there were a capable few golfers who managed to tame MVCC's lush greens. One man stood above the rest and he would go on to lead his foursome to the weekly championship by taming the greens with ease.

There is only one golfer with a better scoring average than Joe Mulligan in the Tuesday night golf league, and that's his son, Neal Mulligan. Last week, the elder Mulligan was on his game, shooting a one-over par 36 and only needing 11 putts to complete his nine holes.

Mulligan teamed up with Matt Kiley, Bill Richardson and Jefferson Tolman and he led them to the weekly championship. The lowest putting foursome needed 59 putts to complete their rounds, an average of 14.75 per player.

Both Richardson and Tolman were dialed in, each finishing up with 15 putts and Kiley was right behind with 18.

Mulligan left the course a decorated man. His team won first place, he had the low putt total with 11 and he posted the night's low round with his 36. In addition, he won closest to the pin on the third hole, leaving his drive 21 feet, one inch from the pin. Mulligan had two birdies on holes two and seven, he had five pars, one bogey and one double bogey on five.

Back in second place with 69 putts, a 17.25 average per man, was the foursome of John Stone, Carl Edwards, Andy Hunt and Dan Mencucci. Hunt led the way with 16, Mencucci and Edwards each had 17 and Stone used 19.

They just nosed out the threesome of Mike Clark, George Gattone and Slade Farnham, who ended in third place with 52 putts for an average of 17.3 putts per man. Gattone, who had the second-best low net score after his 46, led the way with 15, Clark had 16 and Farnham 21. Back in fourth place with 72 putts was the foursome of Gary Brochu, Rick Renaud, Dave Burnham and Pat Hussey.

After Mulligan, the next lowest putting total was 15. A slew of players posted rounds of 15 putts, including Gattone, Richardson, Tolman, Dennis Pudvah and Ivan Menard. The low net round was posted by a surging Menard, who won it for the second straight week. Menard shot 44 last week

and posted a 45 Tuesday, which netted him a 27. He has been on a roll lately.

Mike Clark won closest to the pin on five Tuesday, leaving his drive 16 feet, four inches from the pin. No one reached the eighth green in two, but on nine, it was the hot shooting Gattone taking control, leaving his approach just three feet, seven inches from the pin, and it led to a birdie.

Many golfers struggled on the

greens. The two toughest greens were three and six. Two golfers five-putted, one of them on three and the other on six. Four golfers four-putted the third hole and two players four-putted the sixth hole. The third hole produced four three-putts and six golfers three-putted the sixth green.

The weekly Tuesday night golf season wrapped up on September 28 and the league's end of the year tourney is slated for Sunday, Oct. 3.

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## An Evening of Golf Produces Some Exceptional Results

by Patrick Hussey

GREENSBORO - It was a battle of points when the Tuesday night golf league hit the links at Mountain View Country Club on September 14, and the game produced some exceptional results.

A total of 26 golfers came out on a sun-drenched afternoon, with temperatures in the 70s, as the league makes its way through the final month of the season. In the points game, golfers are awarded one point for a bogey, two for par and three for a birdie. Each golfer has his own quota for the evening, based on handicap.

The star of the show was Ivan Menard, who posted his low round of the year Tuesday. He pounded out a solid 44, nine strokes better than his yearly average. In the process, Menard scored points on every hole but the sixth.

He only needed two points and had that quota locked up after two holes. Menard bogeyed his first five holes, then after a minor blowup on

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six, he parred seven and nine and bogeyed eight. He ended up with 10 points and led the field by getting plus eight points for his team. Menard also posted the best net round of the evening, shooting a 26.

Unfortunately, his team of Rob Montgomery, Dale Hall and Nate Brown could only manage to produce even points, so that foursome had to settle for a tie for second place with plus eight points.

The other person making some noise on this evening was Rowdy Doyon. He also posted a round well below his yearly average with a 45, scoring nine points to end up plus six. Doyon birdied the fifth hole,

parred seven and had four bogies.

He teamed up with Kip Doyon, Ian Drown and Jim Bellavance and they waltzed to the weekly championship with a round of plus-10. Drown came in at plus three, Bellavance was a plus one and Kip Doyon was even points.

Also finishing in second place, with a round of plus eight, was the foursome of Karl Ferland, Brad Ferland, Dave Campbell and Dennis Pudvah. Karl Ferland paced this group with a round of plus four, while Brad Ferland was a plus three, Pudvah plus two and Campbell was minus one.

George Gattone had it going

on Tuesday also, shooting a round of 47 to produce eight points, which left him a plus five. He led his team of Richard Brochu and Pat Hussey, who were plus two and minus two, to a third-place finish at plus five. Back in fourth was the threesome of Mike Clark, John Sperry and Dan Mencucci at plus four.

Sperry did shoot the low round of the evening, posting a 39, which was one stroke better than Matt Kiley's 40. Kiley had a strong points evening, ending up at plus four.

John Stone won closest to the pin on five, leaving his drive nine feet 11 inches from the pin. No one reached the third green. On eight, it was Kiley winning closest in two, getting a ball within 30 feet of the pin. Then on nine, Pat Hussey won closest with an approach to 23 feet, five inches.

The Tuesday night league had two weeks left to the season before they play the end of the year tournament on Sunday, October 3.

## SPORTS CALENDAR

### 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.

4:30 p.m., Twinfield boys' soccer vs. Enosburg at Enosburg.

### Saturday, Oct. 2

3 p.m., Hazen Union girls' soccer at Danville.

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

3 p.m., Twinfield girls' soccer vs. Winooski at Winooski.

### 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.

4 p.m., Twinfield girls' soccer vs. Oxbow at Twinfield.

### 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.

4:30 p.m., Twinfield boys' soccer vs. Richford at Twinfield.

### Friday, Oct. 8

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

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

4 p.m., Hazen Union girls' soccer at Missisquoi.

### Saturday, Oct. 9

TBA, Craftsbury Academy girls' soccer vs. BFA Fairfax, at BFA Fairfax.

11 a.m., Twinfield boys' soccer vs. Winooski at Winooski.

10 a.m., Hazen Union boys' soccer at Spaulding.

### Tuesday, Oct. 12

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

4 p.m., Twinfield boys' soccer vs. Oxbow at Cabot.

### Wednesday, Oct. 13

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

4 p.m., Twinfield girls' soccer vs. Danville at Danville.

4 p.m., Hazen Union boys' soccer at Stowe.

4 p.m., Hazen Union girls' soccer vs. Craftsbury, at Hazen Union.

### Friday, Oct. 15

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

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

### Saturday, Oct. 16

TBA, Craftsbury Academy boys' soccer vs. Blue Mountain, at Craftsbury.

4 p.m., Twinfield boys' soccer vs. Blue Mountain at Blue Mountain.

11 a.m., Twinfield girls' soccer at Richford.

11 a.m., Hazen Union girls' soccer at Rivendell.

### Monday, Oct. 18

4 p.m., Hazen Union boys' soccer vs. Lyndon, at Hazen Union.

### Tuesday, Oct. 19

4:30 p.m., Craftsbury Academy boys' soccer vs. Enosburg, at Enosburg.

4 p.m., Twinfield girls' soccer vs. Missisquoi at Twinfield.

4 p.m., Hazen Union girls' soccer vs. Richford, at Hazen Union.

### Wednesday, Oct. 20

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

4 p.m., Twinfield boys' soccer vs. Craftsbury at Twinfield.

4 p.m., Hazen Union boys' soccer at Peoples.

### Friday, Oct. 22

4:30 p.m., Craftsbury Academy boys' soccer vs. BFA Fairfax, at BFA Fairfax.

4 p.m., Twinfield girls' soccer vs. Hazen Union at Twinfield.

4 p.m., Hazen Union girls' at Twinfield.