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Fall Foliage Craft Fair Sees Successful Relaunch

by Doug McClure

HARDWICK – The 2021 Fall Foliage Craft Fair went smoothly, despite the vagaries of COVID and compressed preparation timeline, according to AWARE board member M. Paulette Brochu-Colburn.

No event was held in 2020 due to COVID, and previous years' fairs were put together by the Hardwick Area Chamber of Commerce (HACC). This year, the HACC had merged with the Northeast Kingdom Chamber of Commerce and the responsibility for staging the craft fair was taken on by AWARE.

Beyond the uncertainties COVID introduced, especially with the venue being Hardwick Elementary School, AWARE had

much shorter notice to prepare for the event and get vendors to sign up due to the merger. Typically, said Brochu-Colburn, HACC had worked to secure vendors in the spring, but this year that couldn't happen until August. She said that thirty-four vendors participated, and from what she had heard, all had a successful experience in selling their wares. Several had already said that they are looking forward to next year's craft fair.

Brochu-Colburn estimated that, based on the free door prize tickets handed out to most people upon entry, the number of customers attending was around 350. Three drawings were held for the door prizes, one at 10 a.m., one

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photo by Vanessa Fournier

The Fall Foliage Craft Fair in Hardwick included 34 vendors. AWARE sponsored the event held at the Hardwick Elementary School gymnasium October 2.



photo by Doug McClure

Hardwick Elementary School students and their families were the focus of a redesigned and scaled-back Pumpkin Walk on Sunday evening on the Hardwick Trails.

Scaled-Back Pumpkin Walk Returns

by Doug McClure

HARDWICK – Sunday saw the seventeenth annual Pumpkin Walk return after COVID canceled it in 2020, but in a pared-down format.

Often one of Hardwick's best-attended events, this year's walk was still impacted by COVID. The virus is still generating cases throughout the state, especially the Delta variant. To reduce the risk of community spread, participants were limited to Hardwick Elementary School (HES) students, there was no promotion, and no bonfire or treats. The friendly witch, played by Lesa Cathcart and long a highlight of the event for the younger set, did return, though this year she provided a welcome greeting to arriving children instead of telling stories.

If the event couldn't have a lot of attendees, the organizing committee was determined that it would have a lot of pumpkins.

Wolcott's Slice of Earth provided what Ron Wiesen of the committee said was over 400 pumpkins "at a very good price," and around 325 HES

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Cabot EV Charging Station Opens

by Doug McClure

CABOT – Cabot's new electric vehicle (EV) charging station opened last Wednesday. The station is a Level 2 charging station. James Wolynetz of the Cabot Conservation Commission said that the highest tier of charging stations, Level 3 such as at Marty's First Stop, would be "prohibitively expensive for small towns." Most public charging stations in Vermont are Level 2. The charging station is at the Willey Building on Main Street.

Voters were asked to weigh in on a charging station at last March's Cabot Town Meeting. In introducing the article, Wolynetz noted that "driving along Route 2 to and from Cabot, you can't but notice that East Montpelier, Plainfield, and Danville all have Electric Vehicle (EV) charging stations. Owning an EV myself and being a resident of Cabot, I began to wonder if Cabot should have its own station, as well, to benefit our downtown businesses and the environment at the same time."

As presented to voters, the article described a charging station with equipment wholly paid for by Green Mountain Power, with ancillary costs such as signage, labor, and materials covered by a grant from the Cabot Community Association (CCA) and private do-

nations. The plan voted on was to replicate Plainfield's strategy for its EV charging station, calling it "the most cost-effective and practical option for towns of our size." The article explained that "as in Plainfield, our system would be a metered, cash donation-only-per use system. Such a system has worked very well for Plainfield. It

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courtesy photo

The Cabot EV charging station in front of the Willey Building officially went live last Wednesday.

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Charging

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is intended that the costs of the electricity for charging are to be recouped from the electric vehicle owner utilizing the charging station based on the kilowatt hours used.”

Wolynetz at the time said “The average charging session costs between \$1 - \$2, which the driver will calculate off the meter and then deposit funds in the cash box. The proposed location of the station is ideal because (1) it is cost-effective, since an electrical conduit already exists there, which saves on installation costs; (2) it is in a highly visible area directly across from our business district, which will allow visitors to Cabot to shop or dine while charging and support our local businesses; and (3) it allows use by cars as well as new electric snow machines. Several of our downtown businesses have expressed 100% support of this

project for the obvious benefits it would bring to the local economy. It's a known fact that EV drivers are more likely to stop, shop, and spend money where EV charging is available.”

Voters agreed, with the final vote being 403 for and 153 against. Ultimately, the amount of money needed in donations and the grant worked out to \$2,800, with \$2,300 coming from private donations and \$500 as a grant from the CCA, according to Wolynetz. Cabot town did not spend taxpayer money on the charging station.

He said that the EV station's utilization is being monitored. If the station gets substantial use as expected, Wolynetz said “possibly” a second charging station might be installed at Cabot School in the future.

The new charging station runs on the honor system, with a \$0.25 per kWh donation requested.



October 6 - October 12

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 Vendor Jolene Lane (center) and her son, Colin Lane (right), of Fox Hill Designs in Elmore sell handcrafted items and beaded jewelry during the Fall Foliage Craft Fair October 2. Nicole Adams (left) and Mary Adams (second from left) check out the inventory. The event, sponsored by AWARE, was held at the Hardwick Elementary School gymnasium with 34 vendors.

Fair

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at noon, and one at 2 p.m. If the person holding the winning ticket was still on-site, they would receive a \$25 gift certificate good for one of the vendors present.

While a comparison to earlier fairs was difficult due to the circumstances and timing of the event, Brochu-Colburn said that the attendance at the craft fair was “steady” throughout the day. She remembered previous years when, she said, attendance had been more sporadic.

AWARE also did its own fund-

raising with a “lantern raffle.” People bought tickets for the raffle in hopes of winning a specific item. Brochu-Colburn said roughly \$500 was raised by AWARE at the event, and that amount is matched by a private group, meaning the total amount raised worked out to \$1,000.

Brochu-Colburn credited HACC for providing AWARE with “good information” to help organize the event. She said that the event was “a wonderful public relations event for everyone involved” and thanked both the vendors and the community for their response.

POLICE REPORT

Media Log Summary

Hardwick Police

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

September 28: Traffic Hazard, Wolcott St.; Suspicious Event, N. Main St.; Directed Patrol, Donovan Ln.; Violation of Conditions of Release, Vt. Rte. 16; Motor Vehicle Complaint, Vt. Rte. 15; Assist – Public, Brown Farm Rd.; Directed Patrol, Upper Cherry St.; Alarm, Log Yard Dr.; Theft, W. Church St.; Motor Vehicle Complaint, Mill St.

September 29: Animal Problem, Vt. Rte. 15 W.; Directed Patrol, S. Main St.; Fraud, Putnam Ave.; Theft, Highland Ave.; Citizen Dispute, Riverside Ter.; Motor Vehicle Complaint, Vt. Rte. 15; Directed Patrol, Glenside Ave.

September 30: Directed Patrol, S. Main St.; Motor Vehicle Complaint, Holton Hl.; Fraud, Dutton Rd.; Theft, High St.; Accident – Property Damage Only, Wolcott St./Main St.; Welfare Check, W. Church St.; 911 Hangup, Pumpkin Ln.; Assist – Agency, Vt. Rte. 14; Suspicious event, Hayes Dr.

October 1: Theft, S. Main St.; Directed Patrol, Riverside Dr.; Suspicious Event, High St.; Motor Vehicle Complaint, Vt. Rte. 15; Directed patrol, Glenside Ave.; Motor Vehicle Complaint, Vt. Rte. 15.

October 2: Intoxication, Granite St.; Assault, Mini Mart Dr.; Theft, Evergreen Manor Dr.; Directed Patrol, Riverside, Ter.

October 3: Theft, Buffalo St.; Lost Property, Vt. Rte. 15 W.

October 4: Directed Patrol, S. Main St.

Hardwick Police Minor Accident

On September 30, at 1:37 p.m., Police responded to a minor accident at Wolcott St. and Village Diner Driveway. Vehicle 1, a 2019 Honda Civic, driven by Blake Linzee, of New York, drove into the

side of a 2018 Toyota Rav 4 driven by Julie Brochu of Craftsbury. Linzee’s vehicle had minor damage to front bumper, while Brochu’s vehicle had damage to both doors of passenger side. No injuries.

AWARE Report

HARDWICK – AWARE assisted eight victims/survivors of domestic and sexual violence from September 26 through October 3. AWARE is a nonprofit organization, established in 1984,

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

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

Walk

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students carved them. The path was lit by the decorated pumpkins, and pumpkins ringed the circle where the bonfire traditionally would be.

The evening was soggy but warm. Just before the event, volunteers and members of the trails

committee lit small candles and placed them in the pumpkins. The occasional yelp of a burned finger became more common, and the drizzle started putting out the available lighters. The volunteers persevered, however, the candles were lit, and the leaves provided the color for a fitting autumnal atmosphere.

State Police Report Failure to Comply with Sex Offender Registry

On Sept. 15, Vermont State Police Bureau of Criminal Investigations at the Middlesex Barracks was notified by the Vermont Sex Offender Registry of an offender who was not in compliance. Subsequent investigation revealed that Paul C. Johnson of Cabot had failed to provide the registry with updated information as required as a registered sex offender. Troopers located Johnson in Barre on Sept. 28 and issued him a citation to appear at the Washington Superior Court Criminal Division on Nov. 4 to answer to the charge of Failure to Comply with the Sex Offender Registry.

On September 30, at 7:43 p.m., Troopers from the Middlesex

Barracks received a report of a suspicious male acting erratically on Vt. Rte. 14 in East Calais. Subsequent investigation led to the discovery that Marshall Hartman, of E. Calais, had threatened Jaden Sterling, of St. Johnsbury with a firearm. Hartman’s actions led to numerous other charges. Hartman was issued a criminal citation to appear in Washington County Criminal Court to answer for the aforementioned charges.

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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Hardwick Knights of Columbus (K of C) members (from left) Renaud Demers, Joe Young, David Shepard, Richard Brochu, Grand Knight Mike McGlynn and Mario Fradette barbecued 240 chicken halves Saturday. The sale of the chicken dinners benefited the Hardwick Historical Society and the Hardwick K of C.

Town Borrows Shoulder Chute for Road Work

WALDEN – The Walden Select Board met on Monday, Sept. 27. Present were select board members Brenda Huntoon, Bob Hatch and Randolph Wilson and Caro Thompson.

The town has borrowed a shoulder chute from Cabot Town to put gravel on the shoulder on Cabot Road, and the International truck is back and ready for winter. The road crew will rent an excavator for a week to replace three culverts and a short section of ditching.

The current FY 22 budget was reviewed, and the board discussed

the FY 23 budget. The Walden Fire Department held an open house on September 18 that was well attended. A crowd was on hand to watch Fire Chief Jason Larrabee present Butch Greaves with a lifetime achievement award for over 50 years of service to the department.

Caro Thompson reported that she and a member of NEK broadband executive committee will be attending a meeting either October 11 or November 8.

The board will meet again on October 11 at 6:30 p.m., at the fire-house and via Zoom.



photo by Vanessa Fournier

The Hardwick Kiwanis Club installation of officers was held at Positive Pie on September 29: President Sherry Lussier (seated), Secretary Connie Bellavance (left) and Treasurer John Bellavance (right).

[BRAIN INJURY PROGRAM]

Copley Rehabilitation—treating brain injury patients.

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

Brain injury can happen to anyone at any age.

Symptoms include:

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

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

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

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

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

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Ollie Burruss (right) of the Craftsbury Outdoor Center (COC) shows Hardwick Elementary second grader Lucas Lucier how to balance and ride a bike during the COC Community Outreach Program held at the school on four consecutive Fridays. The bike workshop taught first and second grade students fundamental bike skills.



photo by Hal Gray

A lighted truck from Pike Industries paves in early evening in Greensboro on September 28, including Beach Road (from Miller's Thumb up to Caspian Beach parking area) and a 3/4-mile section of Craftsbury Road (north of Perron's farm).



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Greensboro resident Nigel Friend supervised early evening paving by Pike Industries of a 3/4 mile section of Greensboro's Craftsbury Road (north of Perron's farm).



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Cabot Fall Foliage Festival October 1 and 2



Rubin Bennett (left) and his daughter, Lacy Bennett, entertain during the Cabot Fall Foliage Festival Variety Show held on the town common October 1.



Fran Levine (right) of Montpelier and Sue Girouard (left) of Cambridge work on their traditional rug hooking using wool strips on Friday at the Vermont Rug Hooking Studio in Cabot. The event was hosted by owner Sandy Ducharme. They and six others participated in the Green Mountain Rug Hooking Guild 251 challenge as part of the Fall Foliage Festival.



Gary Kouzouzian (left) of Cabot and Cheryl Ives (right) of Hardwick sing original music written by Kouzouzian at the Cabot Fall Foliage Festival Variety Show sponsored by Cabot Arts.



Day One of the two-day Cabot Fall Foliage Festival events included a turkey dinner hosted by the United Church of Cabot with outdoor dining at picnic tables on the town common. A variety show was held under the tent.

Right: The Kowal Family Bluegrass Band from Lyndonville (from left to right): Finn, Mae, Ted and Max. The family was one of 11 acts that participated in the Variety Show Friday sponsored by Cabot Arts.



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Fournier**

OBITUARIES

ELMER REDMOND SAYERS

GREENSBORO BEND – Elmer Redmond Sayers, 74, passed peacefully September 27, after a long battle with Lewy-Body Dementia. He was quite an amazing man and is remembered fondly by most everyone who knew him.

He was born July 17, 1947, to Elmer and Christel Sayers, the youngest of eighteen children. This is a fact he was quite proud of and often told this story to everyone he met in recent years. He grew up on a farm in Roxbury and, as the youngest child, he learned early in life to be a hard worker. Around age 16 he was ready for a different life in the military, so he convinced his Dad to sign permission forms to join the Army.

Off to see the world, he went to boot camp and spent time in Germany, where he earned the first of many military certificates when he was inducted as a Member of the Border Troopers in 1965. He came back to the US to attend a family wedding where he met and fell in love with a farm girl named Linda. He courted her and they married in 1969, beginning their long happy life together. Elmer served in the Army for over 25 years as part of the National Guard, where he was awarded several certificates as a platoon leader and member of the National Guard State Pistol team. He worked full time in the granite industry, spending over 25 years at Rock of Ages in Barre, and happily retired after working another seven years at Buttura & Gherardi Granite Artisans, also in Barre.

Elmer was a good friend to many people, a respected commander to his military unit, and a tough yet fair boss, but he will be remembered most by his family as a wonderful husband and great father. His family has many, many fond memories of camping, fishing, hunting, target shooting, changing the car oil, rambling rides to nowhere special, transporting wedding cakes Mom



Elmer Redmond Sayers

decorated, weddings he officiated, family reunions and neighborly barbecues. His friends have many great memories, too. Elmer was a good guy, doing anything to help someone out. In his later years he loved working in his yard, playing a round of golf with friends, or sitting in the garage having a cigar, sipping whiskey, and watching the clouds pass by.

He was predeceased by his wife, Linda. He is survived by their three children: Paula Lawrence of Hardwick, Greg Sayers of Manchester, N.H., and Eric Sayers of Willis, Texas.; his brothers Ethan Sayers of Barre, and James Sayers of Plainfield; two standout nephews that were like sons to him; TJ McDermott and Dwayne Norway always made time to visit him and lend a hand with projects around the house. He leaves many cousins, nieces, nephews and grandchildren whom he adored and loved spending time with. He lived a good life and will be missed. Rest in peace, Elmer. We will catch you on the flip side.

The des Groseilliers Funeral Home is in care of arrangements. A memorial service and burial for Elmer and Linda will be held on October 23, at 11a.m., in St. Michael's Cemetery, Greensboro Bend, followed by a reception at St. Michael's Church Hall.

CAMIL A. BROCHU

UPTON, Mass. – Camil A. Brochu, 96, a longtime Upton resident, passed away peacefully on Saturday, April 18, 2020.

Calling hours will be held from 5 to 8 p.m., on Friday, October 8, 2021, in the Pickering & Son Upton Funeral Home, 45 Main Street, Upton.

His funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m., on Saturday, October 9, in St. Gabriel the Archangel Parish, 151 Mendon St., Upton. Burial, with military honors, will follow in Lakeview Cemetery, Upton.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be sent to the Upton Men's Club, P.O. Box 93, Upton, MA 01568 or to the Upton



Camil A. Brochu

Bloomer Girls, P.O. Box 121, Upton, MA 01568.

For his complete obituary, please visit UptonFunerals.com.

EDITH R. "BOBBE" GILCRIS

HARDWICK – Graveside services for Edith Roberta "Bobbe" Gilcris, who died September 25 at Copley Hospital in Morrisville, will be held at 2 p.m., on Saturday, October 9, in Fairview Cemetery in Hardwick with Military Honors. The Rev. Dr. Evelyn Lavelli of the United Church of Hardwick will be officiating.

Bobbe's family has requested that everyone attending wear a mask and maintain COVID distancing.

Arrangements are in the care of Dian R. Holcomb of Northern Vermont Funeral Service, 60 Elm Street, Hardwick. Online condolences are welcomed at northernvermontfuneralservice.com.

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OUR COMMUNITIES

Star Party on Oct. 7

GREENSBORO – The Greensboro Free Library will hold a star party at Caspian Lake Beach with a newly purchased telescope on Thursday October 7, at 6 p.m. Learn about the new telescope and how it works and to view the night sky with local astronomers Brad Vietje from the Northeast Kingdom Astronomy Foundation and Paul Fixx.

The event is just before International Library Telescope Observation Week, and we will be able to see Venus, the moon, Saturn's rings, and moons of Jupiter! Sunset is at 6:18 p.m., so participants should gather with some daylight to learn about the telescope. Once

dark, viewers will take turns looking through the telescope at the night sky.

This library lending telescope was purchased through a special program outfitting telescopes for library lending through the Vermont Astronomical Society. This telescope will be available for lending from the Greensboro Free Library after the event.

The event is free and open to all adults and children. Contact greensborokids@gmail.com with questions.

In the event of cloudy or rainy weather, contact the library at 533-2531 (closes at 5 p.m., on Thursdays).

Clothing Swap on Oct. 9

HARDWICK – The Hardwick area Huge Used Garment Swap (HUGS) will take place at the Hazen Union High School gym. Clothing may be donated by dropping off at the gym on Friday, Oct. 8, from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. Clothing may be swapped and taken on Saturday, Oct. 9, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Clothing, textiles and foot gear should be clean and in good

condition. All clothing, accessories and linens should be donated in bags or boxes and labeled (women's, men's, kids', linens, etc.)

Footwear, skates and winter boots will be accepted, and rags that are bagged and clearly labeled.

This event is free and non-discriminatory, open to all. Masks are mandatory. Contact Deborah Hartt at 472-5284 for more information.

Watershed Meeting on Oct. 14

GREENSBORO – A public meeting about the Lamoille River watershed will be held at the Greensboro Town Hall on Thursday, October 14, at 6 p.m. There will be a presentation and discussion on the five-year update of the State of Vermont Lamoille River Tactical Basin Plan.

The watershed planner and watershed partners will present information about water quality

restoration and protections efforts. Attendees may participate in the public discussion and comment period, and ask questions and provide feedback on the plan and its priorities.

Masks are required. All are welcome. Refreshments will be served.

Those interested may join the meeting online at //bit.ly.3hBp1A7 or call (802) 828-7667, conference I.d. 865792146#.

Free Field Day for Farmers on Oct. 20

ALBURGH – Fall Field Day at Borderview Farm in Alburgh will highlight the latest University of Vermont (UVM) Extension research in small grains, forages, cover crops and soil health.

The free event will be held on Oct. 22, from 1 to 4 p.m., rain or shine, at the research farm located at 487 Line Road. Interested farmers should register by Oct. 20 at 2021fallfieldday.eventbrite.com.

Participation is limited to 80 registrants. To request a disability-related accommodation to participate, contact Susan Brouillette at (802) 524-6501, ext. 432, by October 13.

The field day will open with a tour with the UVM Extension Northwest Crops and Soils Team of the trials for perennial grass and cover crop varieties, fall forages and stockpiled forages, among other

research projects. At the conclusion of the tour, Roy Desrochers, a UVM Extension sensory expert, will lead an interactive session on tasting and describing local grains.

The program will conclude with the dedication of the E.E. Cummings Crop Testing Lab to honor Erica Cummings, who passed away earlier this year. Cummings worked with the UVM Extension Northwest Crops and Soils program for many years and in 2011 was instrumental in establishing the testing lab that has been renamed in her honor.

The lives of the late Jack Lazor, co-owner of Butterworks Farm in Westfield, and the late Ken Van Hazinga, a well-known organic grain grower in Shoreham, will also be celebrated at this dedication ceremony for their contributions to Vermont agriculture.



photo by Vanessa Fournier

The Northern Vermont Funeral Service parking lot in Hardwick is being torn up, removed, and graded September 23 by Weaver Construction of St. Johnsbury. The newly-paved parking lot is now completed.

CHILD FIND - FY22

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Orleans Southwest Supervisory Union
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Phone 802-472-2908

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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
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4. Rural Services and Infrastructure
 - a. Transportation
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 - 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

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Friday, October 8

USED CLOTHING SWAP DROP OFF, 2:30 - 7 p.m. Drop off your items at the Hazen Union School gym. Information: 472-5284.

Saturday, October 9

BOB STANNARD & Those Dangerous Bluesmen, with special guest John Fusco, 7 p.m., Highland Center for the Arts, 2875 Hardwick St., Greensboro. Information: highlandartsvt.org, 802-533-2000.

USED CLOTHING SWAP/TAKE, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Hazen Union School gym. Information: 472-5284.

Monday, October 11

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Tuesday, October 12

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Wednesday, October 13

COMMUNITY SUPPER and Migrant Justice Presentation, 5:30 dinner, 6:30 presentation, Caledonia Grange #9, 88 East Church St., East Hardwick. Information: east-hardwickgrange@gmail.com or 472-8987.

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.

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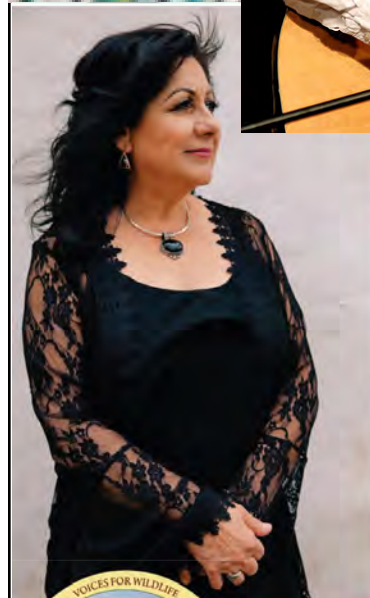
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IN THE GARDEN

News of the Dreaded Asian Jumping Worm

by Henry Homeyer

CORNISH FLAT, N.H. – After decades of improving my garden soil, I have an infestation of Asian jumping worms. They can eat all the organic material in the soil, depleting it terribly. These foreign invaders multiply more quickly than our common worms, out-competing them. Everything I have read about them says they are bad news for gardeners.

Scientists are working on organic solutions to the Asian jumping worm problem. I was able to phone Brad Herrick, a researcher at University of Wisconsin who has been studying them for years. He explained that although they came to the United States nearly a hundred years ago, the worms are spreading rapidly, now infesting 37

Brad Herrick explained that unlike the earthworms we know and love, these guys can reproduce asexually, so even one worm can start an infestation. But they also spread when the cocoons, which sit on the soil surface, are washed away by rains. This allows them to expand their territory quickly, especially on hillsides.

How did I get them? I don't know. They may have arrived when I bought plants for a new flower bed. I know my source of compost and know it has been heated sufficiently to kill all the weed seeds, so that would have killed any cocoons, too. And I see none of the worms in my purchased compost pile. But I had work done on my septic system, and soil was brought in.

According to Brad Herrick, freezing temperatures kill all the



courtesy photo

Soil surface is covered with castings like coffee grounds where jumping worms are present.



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Ordinary earthworms have a raised clitellum that is often incompletely encircles the worm and is reddish-brown.

states. Their worst impact may be in the forest: they eat dead leaves and forest duff, potentially creating a soil devoid of the organic matter that nourishes native wildflowers and trees. The soil can become sterile.

To see if you have them, start at a shady, mulched bed – that is where they like it best. Pull back leaves or mulch on your soil. The worms are surface feeders, living in the top inch or two of the soil, and readily seen on the soil surface. Touch one, and it moves fast, wiggling and moving – quite a contrast to our relatively sluggish ordinary worms. The soil in infested areas often looks like it has coffee grounds spilled on the soil – which are their castings or excrement.

The clitellum that produces the egg sacs or cocoons is a whitish band near the head end of the worm. This contrasts with our common worms which have a reddish-brown clitellum, and which is usually a bit raised.

adult worms each winter. Unfortunately, it does not kill the eggs which over-winter and start the cycle again. The eggs hatch once the soil temperature reaches 50 degrees, perhaps in April or May. He said it takes 70 to 90 days to reach maturity, at which point they start producing eggs; they continue to produce eggs from late June until frost.

So, what can you do? If you have a new infestation, you can try removing them by hand. Scientists often use a solution of yellow mustard powder in water to get worms to come to the surface. One third cup per gallon of water. But if you have a large area, that might not be practical. The best time to do this is in early summer before new worms have reached maturity.

Brad Herrick said you can heat the soil to kill the worms by solarizing it with clear plastic. Worms and castings will self-destruct at 104 degrees for three days, perhaps less. Unfortunately, that will not

work in forests or shady beds -- which is where I have them.

The worms can live in sunny beds if they are mulched. In fact, Herrick told me, the worms have an enzyme that allows them to eat wood mulch. I wonder if mulching with peastone or small gravel instead of bark mulch or leaves might help to reduce the problem. If they run out of food, they may well die out. That theory has not been tested, and you may not like the look of a stone mulch. If you do this, please let me know if it helps.

My worm problem so far exists only in one large shady. Here's my plan: after frost, I will rake off leaves and mulch (and collect and destroy any worms I see). Worms are usually within an inch or two of the surface. I will treat those leaves as toxic waste as they probably will have cocoons in them, which I don't want to get into my compost pile.

Hopefully I can burn my rakings in the driveway to destroy the leaves and cocoons. Then I will cut back all my perennials and go over the area with a flame weeder. This is a torch attached to an eight-gallon propane tank that sends out a big flame. That should burn

up the cocoons on the soil surface. Flame weeders are available from Johnny's Selected Seeds or Fedco seeds.

Herrick told me of a product, BotaniGard, which contains a fungus that is listed for use to kill the worms. However, in a University of Vermont study I read, it is only about 70% effective in a lab setting. That is not good enough for me, especially since even a solitary worm can produce viable eggs. And it sells on-line for \$90 a pound.

When buying nursery stock, look for coffee grounds on the surface of the pot, and when removing the root ball, looks for worms. If you see either, do not plant it, and report the problem to the seller. Check purchased compost for worms, too. Clean your tools and shoes if working in beds with worms: the egg cocoons are tiny and not visible to the naked eye.

We will get through this. Remember when we were told impatiens plants all carried a terrible fungus and we would never be able to grow them again? Didn't happen. This is more serious, but I do believe we will be able to manage it.



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Jumping worms usually have a white clitellum and move fast when disturbed.

YANKEE NOTEBOOK

Her Feet Weren't Muddy, Then They Were

by Willem Lange

EAST MONTPELIER – Monday this week, like the two days before it, was gray and drizzly. It was also the Feast of St. Francis, that cheerful, optimistic 13th-century Italian friar who's most often pictured with birds on his shoulder, animals around his feet, and a halo about his head. The day before in church, we'd observed the Blessing of the Animals: everybody who could, brought their mobile or portable pet to be blessed. Kiki and I generally sit in the front pew, so we were first up to answer the call. By the way the priest held his hands, she assumed he was dispensing earthly treats, stood up, and came away blessed, but confused. I silently thanked God her feet weren't muddy.

In mid-afternoon next day, gazing out the window at the gloom, I decreed that once again we were skipping our usual walk in the park. She seemed to handle that news equably enough, but would I mind letting her out back for a pee. Not at all, I answered. Matter of fact, I'll even join you.

It occurred to me, as I stood there in that thriving thicket, that it was a perfect metaphor for the State of Vermont: quiet; cornfields and pastures growing up to popple and birch; partly hidden out of sight; green and doing pretty well in the middle of environmental and political devastation. When television graphics depict the United States, there we are, tucked up in a tiny wedge and almost invisible. Newscasters in the Midwest often refer to Vermont as if it were Bhutan or Nepal.

A few years back, in a deal with the Devil, my wife and I swapped the cost of removing six large white pines that, falling in a storm, could have reached the house, in exchange for the logs to be harvested from out behind. It was a huge mistake. The piles of slash left behind were an eyesore. But this summer my son-in-law, with his excavator and bulldozer, buried it

all and smoothed over the roughest parts of the yard.

It's recovering nicely. I left it all to grow up as a fallow meadow and planted half a dozen hardwoods – red oak and weeping willow that seem to be doing well. Then a man with a brush hog came, and while I wasn't paying attention, laid my meadow flat. No great harm done; it'll revive in the spring, plus he let the new trees be. He also mowed out an old road that leads from the yard up to an abandoned beaver dam about a hundred yards back in the bushes.

As I stood there in the yard watching Kiki nose through newly cleared hunting territory, I realized I hadn't been up that road for some years. How was the old beaver dam doing? Last I looked, it was teeming with tiny, darting minnows. The road looked easy enough; probably no need to take my emergency beeper along. Off I went, picking my way over a soggy pavement of small chips from the logging job, with my little shadow eagerly scouting around me.

How quiet it was! I could hear the hidden brook bubbling, and the little fwit-fwit of the wings of tiny migrating birds, too small and fast for me to identify, disturbed by our passage. The mosquitoes and flies of summer were gone. All around us was new green life, springing up where the canopy of larger trees had disappeared: two kinds of spruce, white pine, balsam, soft maple, birch, popple, and a robust young beech I'd never seen before. There was standing water here and there, crying out for some tamaracks, my favorite tree. A few of them up here among the other natives, bright copper in November, would be the jewel in the lotus

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My wife, who was a game gal, nevertheless often crumbled under the cruelty of March in Vermont. "I've had it!" she cried. "We've got to go someplace where it's not winter for eight months of the year!" And where would you like to go? I always asked agreeably. Invariably, she was stymied for an answer, admitting tacitly that if there was a better place, she couldn't think of it.

So the terrier and I stood in the misty silence of the fading afternoon, I leaning on my cane, she snooping and scratching wherever her nose led her. A crow flapped by, high up; the brook bubbled. Eventually, concerned by my stillness, she came over, stood, and leaned against my leg. This time her paws were muddy; but I wasn't wearing a surplice. "I know, I know," I said. "Time to go have our snack. But this right here, right now, is as good as it'll ever get."

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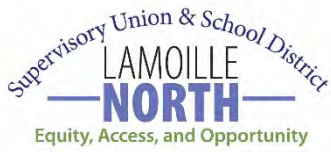
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SPORTS

Lady Cats Drop Two on the Week

by Ken Brown

HARDWICK – The Hazen Union girls' soccer team continue to look to develop an offensive force as they fell to BFA-Fairfax and Danville last week.

Anna Black scored two goals to lead BFA-Fairfax to an 8-1 road win over Hazen last Wednesday. Emma Spiller added a goal and two assists and Reagan Decker chipped in with a goal and assist to keep the Lady Bullets perfect at 7-0 on the season. Caitlyn Davison scored unassisted for the Lady Cats and Madeline Kaiser stopped 12 shots in the loss. Tamryn Taylor and Mikayla Tobey combined for seven saves as BFA-Fairfax remained the team to beat in Division III, outscoring their opponents 43-4 on the season.

"We had some good runs and held possession at times, but they responded to our pressure early with their decisive strength and scored on their first shot to set the tone. We sustained some nice pressure late in the match and Caitlyn and Isabelle Gouin created a good scoring chance for us that resulted in Caitlyn converting on a direct kick on the top right corner from the eighteen-yard line," said head coach Harry Besett.

Elizah Abetti scored with ten minutes left in regulation to give



photo by Vanessa Fournier
Alexis Christensen (left) of Hazen and Danville's Jasmine Reason (right) chase the ball during action October 2. At left is Ladycat Tessa Luther.

Danville a hard fought 1-0 home win over the Lady Cats on Saturday. Madeline Kaiser made four stops in the loss for Hazen as they fell to 0-8 on the season. Colleen Flinn made seven saves to record the shutout as Danville improved to 3-5 on the season.

"I thought we played our best

defensively disciplined match of the season apart from not closing out on Abetti at the eighteen-yard line late. We strung together some nice passes in the middle of the field and controlled the match for much of the day but were unable to turn the possession into quality goal scoring opportunities. It was

a good back and forth match and a hard-fought battle. We'll look to fix some things this week as we attempt to get our first win against Winooski this week," said Besett.

The Lady Cats travelled to Winooski on Tuesday and will stay on the road for a match against Missisquoi on Friday.



photo by Vanessa Fournier
Hazen's Baylie Christensen (left) traps the ball followed by Ava Marshia (right) of Danville October 2. Danville got by Hazen 1-0.

Wildcat Harriers Focus on Fitness, Fun, Sportsmanship

by Jim Flint

THETFORD – Hazen Union brought a ten-member squad of cross-country runners to the iconic Woods Trail Invitational on October 2. Despite rainy weather, the trails were in good condition for the nearly 1,600 runners who participated. Races for junior high girls and boys kicked off the meet. Varsity runners were seeded into five separate heats for the girls and boys, based on entry times.

Thomas Kehler came into the junior high boys' race with two wins under his belt. He ran a blazing 6:02 per mile pace on the 2.7k course. Kehler's time of 10:08 placed sixth of 167 junior high boys. He was the third Vermont boy to finish and the fastest seventh-grader in the race.

"Thomas enjoyed being challenged in the company of fast runners," said Hazen Union's head

coach Netdahe Stoddard. "He is smart about taking care of himself, has a great attitude, and pushed it hard in the race."

Manny Fliegelman started strong and held his position. The Wildcat seventh-grader placed 38th of 167 runners. His finish time was 11:24.

Finn Burgess was the sole Wildcat in the junior high girls' race. The eighth-grader finished 85th of 136 girls. Her time was 14:54.

Hazen Union fielded a full varsity girls' squad for the meet. Cassandra Royer led the way with a 5k finish in 24:11. Her time placed 207th among 599 varsity girls. Jessica Royer finished in 25:50 to place 312th.

Ella Considine (29:09), Marta Mas Garvigo (31:44), and Eleonara Andrenelli (34:07) rounded out the finisher list for the Hazen Union varsity girls.

Carter Hill and Tobias Benson anchored the Wildcat varsity boys. Hill caught his ankle on a root in the first mile and persevered to finish the 5k race. His time was 27:52. Benson continues to improve with each race. His finish time of 31:56 was another personal best.

A Friday pep rally at Hazen Union helped to inspire the team to do its best. The Wildcat cross-country runners entered the song and dance category for the first time and won. On Sunday, the team planned to run together in Montpelier at the Race Against Racism. Although rainy weather canceled the event, eleven runners turned out for an impromptu Sunday afternoon team practice. Stoddard led the group on a five-mile run. The route included an optional climb up the backside of Buffalo Mountain.

"As a team, we set multiple

goals," said Coach Stoddard. "Having fun, building endurance, and keeping healthy are part of our team's culture. Sometimes we run on the pump track at Atkins Field. We run the track in both directions and learn how to leap over obstacles."

The team also focuses on sportsmanship. Hazen Union runners are known for cheering each other on, as well as the runners from other teams. "Our first-year runners are getting stronger and feeling it in their performance," said Stoddard. "And our veteran runners are learning what level of output they can push to."

The Wildcat varsity harriers travel to the Craftsbury Invitational on Wednesday. The middle schoolers and varsity athletes plan to compete at the Peoples Academy Invitational in Morrisville on Saturday.

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photo by Vanessa Fournier

Hazen Sophomore Gabe Michaud (#13) and Henry Rosalbo (#10) run the ball up Hudson Field last Tuesday. The Wildcats beat the Ghosts 4-0.



photo by Vanessa Fournier

Hazen Junior Jadon Baker (right) controls the ball while guarded by Randolph's Henry Rosalbo during play on Hudson Field September 28.

Wildcats Roll to Two More Capital Wins

by Ken Brown

HARDWICK – The Hazen Union boys' soccer team have won three of their last four matches after sweeping Randolph and Lamoille last week, evening their record at 4-4 on the season.

Tyson Davison led a balanced scoring attack with a goal and an assist as the Wildcats blanked Randolph at home last Tuesday, 4-0. Jadon Baker, Reed Kehler, and Gabe Michaud added a goal apiece and Cody Trudeau chipped in with an assist in the win. Davison scored the eventual game winner seven and a half minutes into the match to make

it 1-0 Hazen Union after hitting the post just moments before.

Michaud made it 2-0 just under ten minutes into the second half on a beautiful header that beat Randolph goalie Michael Grout. Kehler made it 3-0 using his left foot to loft it over Grout from twenty yards out with three minutes left in regulation and Baker ended the scoring on the day with under a minute left in the match. Grout made 10 stops on the day for the Galloping Ghosts in the loss as they fell to 3-5 on the season. Tyler Rivard neutralized Randolph's corner kicks by taking the ball high out of the air and made eight solid

stops on the day to earn his first varsity shutout.

The Wildcats kept it rolling on Friday behind a goal apiece from Tyson Davison and Jadon Baker to down Lamoille on the road, 2-1. Reed Kehler assisted on Davison's score and Rivard and the Hazen Union defense was stellar again, making eight stops on the day. Bryce Asper scored the Lancers' lone goal and Hayden Cheever made 10 stops in the loss as Lamoille remained winless at 0-8.

"Our recent wins against Thetford, Randolph, and Lamoille have really given the team an increased sense of place in the

Capital Division," said head coach Allison Paradee. "These wins, along with the awareness that they fought hard and played well in our other four losses is building the team's momentum in this transitional year. Our players are playing so much more technical than they were at the beginning of the season and I think we have some of those tough losses to thank for the building of that skill," added Paradee.

The Wildcats will look to keep it rolling as they hosted Paine Mountain (Northfield-Williamstown) on Monday and are scheduled to travel to Spaulding High School on Saturday.

Chargers Battle Rugged Enosburg in Loss

by Ken Brown

CRAFTSBURY – The Craftsbury Academy (CA) boys' soccer team held their own last week in a respectable loss to Division III power Enosburg, snapping their two game win streak.

Levi Webb scored twice to lead Enosburg to a 3-0 road win over Craftsbury last Tuesday. Danny Antillon added a goal of his own and Ethan Jackson and Silas Kane combined for four saves to earn their fifth shutout of the season. Enosburg improved to 7-1 on the year and has outscored its opposition 35-5 during that stretch.

"Enosburg is a tough match-up and we went into the match hoping to defend well and improve on our first performance and the boys did a great

job of accomplishing that. I was pleased overall with our defending against them, but Enosburg just presented challenges that we couldn't overcome and it's my job to work out ways tactically to get around those problems. We managed admirably for long periods to force them to work hard on the offensive end, but we still have to keep working on improving our basics so we can threaten at the other end of the pitch. We hope to get through a run of tough games in quick succession without injury and keep improving," said head coach Sam Jay.

Enosburg has been a topic of conversation around the state after allegations arose from their match with Winooski on September 18, that Enosburg players directed racial slurs at

Winooski players. The incident is still under investigation and fortunately CA's match on Tuesday was without incident.

"I understand that there are a number of inquiries and controversy surrounding their program right now and I don't believe that had any impact in the result of our match. There is certainly no room in our society or sports for racism or violence and it is all of our responsibility to kick it out of our game and our society," said Jay.

The Chargers hosted Twinfield-Cabot on Monday before welcoming Division III power Winooski to town on Wednesday. They close out their week on the road with a match-up against BFA-Fairfax on Saturday.

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Enosburg Hands Trojan Boys First Loss

by Ken Brown

ENOSBURG – Enosburg athletics has been in the news lately for all the wrong reasons, but their boys' soccer teams continues to win in dominant fashion and dealt the Twinfield-Cabot boys' soccer team their first loss of the season last week.

Foster Hutchins scored twice to lead Enosburg to a 5-1 home win over Twinfield-Cabot last Friday. Peter Stiebris made it 2-0 early in the first half for the Hornets, but Lucas Roberts pulled the Trojans within a goal with a beautiful left foot misdirection off a corner kick. Hutchins would shift all the momentum to the home team with his first score of the match seconds before halftime and Twinfield-Cabot never recovered.

Neil Alexander was solid once again in net for Twinfield-Cabot, making eight stops on the day. Ethan Jackson recorded two saves for the Hornets as they improved to 7-1 on the season, outscoring their opponents 35-5 along the way.

The Trojans had almost a two-week lay-off due to their matches against Danville and Christ Covenant being canceled for very different reasons. Danville wasn't able to field a team due to COVID protocols and Twinfield administrators cancelled the match versus Christ Covenant due to alleged homophobic slurs directed at Trojan players from Christ Covenant during their match on September 17.

"We knew they were one of the best teams in Division III going in and it would be a challenge, but we just didn't play very well," said head coach Peter Stratman. "They are strong and physical like we thought they would be, but I think the longer layoff and the circumstances surrounding their program effected our mental preparation and we were just a little flat. We make no excuses, they outplayed us, but I'd love to see our boys play them again," added Stratman.

Enosburg has been in the spotlight after a match with Winooski two weeks ago that went very wrong. Winooski is one of the most diverse



photo by Doug McClure

Enosburg led an unsuccessful early siege on Twinfield-Cabot's goal. The Enosburg Hornets prevailed at home in the end, defeating Twinfield-Cabot 5-1 on Friday at Enosburg.

towns and athletic programs in the state and alleges that Enosburg players were directing racial slurs at Winooski players during their match on September 18. Enosburg played Richford five days later, but their next match versus Blue Mountain on September 24 was canceled as administrators investigated. Twinfield-Cabot is one of the more diverse programs in the Northeast Kingdom and following the unfortunate circumstances of the Christ Covenant match, Stratman and his team understandably went into the Enosburg road trip with some caution and uncertainty.

"We had a lot of open communication between players and families going into this match and we were very deliberate in making sure we knew what everyone was thinking and feeling, especially after the Christ Covenant incident. Like I said, Enosburg has a very good team and they outplayed us, but unfortunately I think there was a lot of uncertainty in the back of our players' minds heading into this road trip and it effected how we prepared, focused, and performed mentally. I was very relieved that the

match was played without incident, but there is a negative culture brewing around many aspects of high school athletics, unfortunately. It has made us as players, coaches, and as the Twinfield-Cabot boys' soccer program as a whole take stock in what sportsmanship means to us and what we stand for when we take the pitch and perform representing ourselves and our school. I'm proud of how my boys compete and represent themselves and how they've handled the last two weeks. All of us will continue to be mindful to improve as individuals and as a program. We're looking forward to continuing to get healthy and finish the season strong," said Stratman.

The loss dropped the Trojans to 4-1 on the year, but they will have a chance to get right this week as they traveled to Craftsbury Academy on Monday before hosting Richford on Wednesday. Saturday they will lock horns with another Division III powerhouse as they travel to Winooski to end their week.



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Twinfield-Cabot's Lucas Roberts (23, right) celebrates a Twinfield goal with Franklin Castillo (center) and Meles Gouge (far left) as Enosburg's Gavin Combs (24) looks on. Enosburg goalie Ethan Jackson is on the ground.



photo by Doug McClure

Twinfield-Cabot's Declan O'Connor (21) and Enosburg's Danny Antillon (4) compete for the ball during Friday's road game against Enosburg.

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Shorthanded Craftsbury Girls Lose Twice



photo by Vanessa Fournier
Lady Charger Amelia Eagan (#7) looks to pass the ball around Danville's Sloane Morse (#11) in Craftsbury Wednesday. Danville won 4-2.

by Ken Brown

CRAFTSBURY – The Craftsbury Academy (CA) girls' soccer team fought injuries last week in dropping hard-fought matches to Danville and Richford, falling to 2-7 on the season.

Danville came back from a one-goal deficit to beat the Lady Chargers on the road last Wednesday, 4-2. Ida Eames fed Amelia Eagan midway through the first half, but Danville answered with a pair of goals to make it 2-1 at the break. They scored their third unanswered goal to start the second half before Eames converted a penalty kick to pull Craftsbury within one score. Eames hit the post

three times in the second half as she tried to find the equalizer, but it wasn't to be and Danville tacked on an insurance goal late, improving to 3-5 on the season. Sophomore Rachel Bailey was solid in net, making 12 stops in the loss.

"We were down a couple key defenders and that can make all the difference in a small school program, but the girls came out and played their best match in three years," said head coach Tom Silva. "It was back and forth with non-stop pressure in the second half. Ida came within inches so many times of changing the outcome of the match and the effort from our offense and defense was amazing. We still

"It was a rainy day, but a great atmosphere and the girls came out and dominated play the first fifteen minutes. . . The girls gave a great effort in the second half without any subs and created some really nice scoring chances."

have some mistakes to clean up, but the emotion and effort the girls played with is a real turning point for us this season," added Silva.

Richford jumped on the Lady Chargers early with four first half goals on Saturday on their way to a 4-1 road win. Kyrielle Deuso, Ollie Hatch, Carly Archambault, and Ella Chagnon led a balanced scoring attack for Richford as they improved to 4-3 on the season. Ida Eames converted a penalty kick for Craftsbury in the second half to end the scoring on the day. Maggie Royer, Felicia Flint, Eagan, and Eames were

all honored on Senior Day.

"It was a rainy day, but a great atmosphere and the girls came out and dominated play the first fifteen minutes. Unfortunately, we set the tone with giving them a soft goal early and it was all downhill the rest of the first half. The girls gave a great effort in the second half without any subs and created some really nice scoring chances. We hope to get healthy this coming week, keep improving, and look to be playing our best soccer by the end of the season," said Silva.

The Lady Chargers traveled to Missisquoi on Monday and will host Twinfield-Cabot on Friday.



photo by Vanessa Fournier
Craftsbury Sophomore Sophia Augsberger (right) dribbles around Danville's Hazel Abetti (left) on Dustan Field September 29.

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Leaf Peeping Seniors Notch Age Group Wins

by Jim Flint

WATERBURY – Mountain mist accentuated early autumn foliage Sunday morning at the Leaf Peepers Half Marathon and 5k. The concurrent races started and finished at the State Office Building Complex. Runners shrugged off a light shower as they toed the starting line. Winds were calm and temperatures cool. The rain let up midway through the race.

Tim Hogeboom and Elizabeth McCarthy used garbage bags with head and arm cutouts to keep dry during the beginning miles of the half marathon. The Walden couple discarded their temporary outerwear at the first water station. They dodged a few puddles and encountered some slick spots, but not much mud.

“My strategy was to start conservatively and let it fly on the downhills, but save something for the return leg heading upriver,” said Hogeboom. “I passed Manny Sainz shortly before the turnaround and was careful to cut back my pace on every uphill pitch. I felt like I was crumbling in the last mile and just tried to hang on to the finish.”

Hogeboom, 70, was the 67th of 190 half marathon finishers. His time was 1:56:23. McCarthy, 68, placed 159th in 2:25:32. Hogeboom won the M70-79 age group. McCarthy placed fifth of ten women in the F60-69 age group. The athletic couple has participated in multiple races this year, often winning age group awards.

Dot Helling, 71, of Adamant cruised to another victory in the F70-79 age group. Helling finished the half marathon in 2:06:40 to place 111th overall. Like McCarthy and Hogeboom, Helling has her eyes set on the GMAA half marathon. The annual race in South Hero is slated for October 17.

Tammy Russell, 44, of Plainfield was the fastest finisher from towns covered by the Hardwick Gazette. Russell completed the 13.1-mile course in 1:51:03. She placed 50th overall and was third of 25 entrants in the F40-49 age group. Marshfield’s Manny Sainz, 65, finished in 2:02:19. He placed seventh of 15 finishers in the M60-69 age group.

Three senior women from Plainfield also went the distance in the half marathon. Kathleen Swigon, 65, was seventh of ten runners in



photo by April Farnham

Karen Storey (left) and Karen Pallas (right) successfully completed the Leaf Peepers Half Marathon on Sunday, Oct. 3. The Plainfield women participated in a nine-week group running program to prepare for the Leaf Peepers race. The Waterbury race was the first half marathon for Pallas. Storey has run several half marathons in the past and is a veteran of the Boston Marathon.

the F60-69 age group. Her time was 2:32:17. Karen Pallas, 61, and Karen Storey, 62, completed the race in times of 3:02:36 and 3:08:53, respectively.

In the 5k race, Donna Smyers of Adamant was the fastest finisher from towns covered by the Gazette. Smyers, 64, won the F60-69 age group handily. Her time of 24:18 placed 18th overall of 132 finishers.

Plainfield’s Marie Leahy, 54, placed fourth in the F50-59 age group. Her 5k time was 30:42. Bobbi Brimblecone, 54, of Marshfield, finished in 33:38. She placed sixth in the F50-59 age group.

Leaf Peepers was the inaugural road race

for several of the Plainfield and Marshfield women. The runners were part of a Leaf Peepers training group which began in early August. Led by April Farnham of Plainfield, the 24-member group took part in weekly workouts and training runs. Farnham designed the program as a way to gather people outside and give everyone something to strive for.”

“COVID-19 hit people hard with isolation, stress, depression, and loneliness,” said Farnham. “Fitness levels and healthy eating habits were taking a back seat to the day-to-day survival mode. The program was a win-win for the Leaf Peepers race and for the people who took up the training.”

Four Wildcat Golfers Qualify for Sectionals as Northfield Dominates

by Ken Brown

GREENSBORO – The Northfield boys’ golf team ran away from Peoples Academy (PA), Lyndon Institute (LI), and Hazen Union last week in the Wildcats’ final home meet of the season at Mountain View CC.

Cooper French fired a nine-hole round of 40 to take home medalist honors as Northfield dominated the team match last

Wednesday with a total of 183. Thomas Ducharme (44), Nick Passalacqua (48), and John Tenny (51) rounded out the individual scores for the victorious Marauders. Peoples Academy placed second with a team total of 199, led by Ty Whyte (48), Ashton Tibbits (48), and Sawyer Beck (48). Zach Terrion led Danville with a round of 45 and Mason Sylvester was the low round for LI with a 46. Xavier Hill (51), Jadon Baker

(54), Andrew Menard (55), and Tyler Rivard (56) led the Wildcats. Baker, Hill, Menard, and Tyson Davison have all qualified for sectionals this Wednesday, with hopes of qualifying for states later this month.

“It was a decent showing on a cold and rainy day against some stronger teams that should all advance to States. Sectionals will be the guys’ first 18-hole match of the season, so I’m excited to see how

they perform. We had others just miss qualifying, so I’m looking forward to growing the program even more next season as we gain more experience,” said head coach Jason McArthur.

McArthur had his largest participation numbers this season since taking over the program at Hazen Union with Hill, Menard, Baker, Rivard, Davison, Fenton Meyer, Eliot Rosendahl, and Aasha Gould on the roster.

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Huge Week for Twinfield-Cabot Girls on the Pitch

by Ken Brown

PLAINFIELD – The Twinfield-Cabot girls' soccer team evened their record at 4-4 on the season last week with a pair of hard-fought wins over Blue Mountain and Winooski.

Senior captain Eva Hebert scored the game-winner with three minutes left in regulation to lead the Lady Trojans to a 3-2 home win over Blue Mountain last Wednesday. Sophomore captain Alice McLane scored twice for Twinfield-Cabot as they avenged a narrow 2-1 loss to the Lady Bucks earlier in the season. Ida Astick continued her solid play in net for Twinfield-Cabot, making four saves on the day. Jordan Alley scored twice for the Lady Bucks and Emma Gray made four stops in the loss as they fell to 3-4 on the season.

“It was a hard-fought match from both sides and it was super close and competitive until the end. They came out really strong and were all over us the first twenty minutes, but we came into our own at the end of the first half and we came out like a different team after the break. I'm very proud of the girls and how they have all been developing and adapting all season to the new level of competition on our schedule,” said head coach Seth Wilmott.

Annie Dunlop and Eva Hebert scored a goal apiece to lead Twinfield-Cabot to a 2-0 road win over Winooski over the weekend. Ida Astick made three saves on the day to earn her third shutout of the season. The Lady Spartans were outshot 18-16 and their defense stopped 16 shots in the loss as they fell to 1-6. The Twinfield-Cabot girls' soccer program has not posted a winning record since 2011 and their fourth win on Sunday



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Twinfield-Cabot's Eva Hebert (right, #3) scores the game-winning goal against Blue Mountain in a home game last Wednesday.

surpasses their highest win total in that same span. Wilmott took over a program on life support five years ago and has shown steady progress and growing numbers each season since.

“We have a very talented and driven team and I'm really happy with the level of soccer the girls have been playing recently. They've bought into the style and they're learning how the game of soccer can flow and how they are able to control it. We still have times where we lose focus or try to do too much, but we need to keep working at improving and, overall, it's great to see the girls gain confidence with each match. I think we've surprised some of these new teams that we've faced this season and I look forward to see where we will be as a team by the end of the season,” said Wilmott.

The Lady Trojans will look to keep it going this week as they hosted Oxbow on Tuesday and will travel to Craftsbury Academy on Friday.




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Twinfield-Cabot's Alice McLane (#25) scores one of her two goals against Blue Mountain as defender Lauren Joy (#2) looks on. Twinfield-Cabot defeated Blue Mountain at home last Wednesday, 3-2.



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Blue Mountain's Kyra Nelson (#17) executes a slide tackle against Twinfield-Cabot's Jorja Washington (#10) as Twinfield-Cabot's Aydyn Corbette (#11) takes the ball at last Wednesday's home game.




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Craftsbury Academy Harriers Climb in Statewide Rankings

by Jim Flint

THETFORD – Craftsbury Academy brought a record-high busload of cross country runners to the Woods Trail Invitational on Saturday, Oct. 2. Teams from across Vermont and New England participated in the iconic meet. With nearly 1,600 athletes competing across 12 races, the Chargers stood out through their performance as individuals and as a team.

Circosta Continues Unbeaten Streak

Craftsbury Academy eighth-grader Amelia Circosta knew that she faced tough competition in the middle school girls' race. Last November, Anna Moser of Rutland Town School nipped Circosta by a second at the 2020 state middle school championship. Although it was her first time running at Thetford, Circosta was ready for the challenge of racing with Moser and the other top middle school girls.

Craftsbury head coach Mike Levangie encouraged Circosta to tuck in behind the leaders at the start of the 2.7-kilometer race. "If it looks like the race is yours, the one-mile mark is the time to make your move," he said.

Circosta executed the race plan perfectly. She surged ahead of the lead pack on cue and went full out to the finish line, winning the race by nearly 50 yards. Her time of 10:25 translated to a pace of 6:12 per mile. Moser took runner-up honors, finishing in 10:31.

Craftsbury Girls Third Among Vermont D-III Teams

Craftsbury Academy's girls' varsity team continued to strengthen its position on the statewide level. The Chargers placed third among Vermont's Division III schools competing at the Woods Trail Meet. Based on scoring the first five runners for each team, the totals for the top D-III girls' teams at the meet were Thetford (625 points), Bellows Falls (922 points), and Craftsbury (929 points).

Ninth-grader Anika Leahy led the way for Craftsbury. Running in the fastest of five heats, she finished the 5k course in 22:25. Leahy's time placed 94th among 599 varsity girls at the meet.

Sophomore Ava Purdy finished in 23:14. Running for the first time at Thetford, Purdy competed in the third heat. She ended up with the second-fastest time for the Charger girls.

"Ava had her best race of the season," said Coach Levangie. "Running on her own, she got out there and competed in the front group."

Ruth Krebs (23:57) and Rachel Bjerke (25:26) placed within the top 50% of finishers. Daisy Roianov (27:52) rounded out the Craftsbury girls' squad. She paced at just under nine minutes per mile.

Charger Boys Rank Sixth Across All Divisions

A stellar effort by the Craftsbury Academy's boys' varsity cross-country team moved the defending D-III state champions up a notch in

the statewide power rankings. The Charger boys placed ninth of 55 New England schools at the Woods Trail Meet. Within the state, the Craftsbury boys finished sixth among Vermont schools across all three divisions.

For the first time this season, the Craftsbury boys finished in front of archrival St. Johnsbury Academy. The D-I Hilltoppers and D-III Chargers are in a head-to-head competition for a team slot at the New England Championships. The top six teams, as determined by the state meet later this month, will qualify.

Cormac Leahy returned to full race speed for the first time since twisting his knee at the Randolph Invitational on September 11. Running in the fastest heat, Leahy started the 5k race conservatively. At the halfway mark, he pounced on the pack ahead of him like a hungry catamount chasing its prey.

"Cormac moved up from 25th place to 15th place and finished smiling," said Mike Levangie, Craftsbury's head coach. Across five heats, Leahy's time of 17:09 ranked 16th of 694 varsity boys.

Charlie Krebs ran with Leahy in the fastest heat. He came across the finish line a half-second ahead of Sargent Burns

of U-32 High School. Krebs' time of 17:40 ranked 26th overall.

"The hiker is gone and the runner is back," said Coach Levangie, with a nod to Krebs' Long Trail trek during July and August. "Now we're focusing on what Charlie can really do."

Charlie Kehler, Alan Moody, and Leo Circosta ran for Craftsbury in the second-fastest heat. Kehler made his mark as one of the top freshmen runners in Vermont. He finished just behind Andrew Thornton-Sherman of St. Johnsbury Academy. His brother Evan Thornton-Sherman won the first heat in 16:11.

Kehler's time of 18:27 placed fifth in the second heat. He finished in the top ten percent of varsity boys. Alan Moody (18:49) and Leo Circosta (19:03) placed in the top 20 percent of finishers.

Matt Califano (19:37) and Linden Stelma-Leonard (19:46) placed in the top 25 percent of finishers. Noah McKibben (24:02) and Dillon Cox (26:08) rounded out the Craftsbury boys' squad.

Craftsbury hosts a varsity home meet at the Craftsbury Outdoor Center on Wednesday. The Chargers travel to the Peoples Academy Invitational in Morrisville on Saturday.

First OSSU Derby Cup Will be Presented Oct. 13

HARDWICK – In a celebration of community, good sportsmanship, and all athletes in the Orleans Southwest Supervisory Union, a OSSU Derby Cup trophy will be presented to the winner of the Hazen Union – Craftsbury Academy girls' soccer match on October 13.

In collaboration with Adam Rosenberg, superintendent of schools, Tom Silva, Craftsbury girls coach, and athletic directors Gabby Silva and John Sperry, the event was originated as Hazen Union and Craftsbury do not usually play each other. But since the Hazen Union girls moved to Division IV, the two teams will be meeting in league play for the first time in recent history.

Team captains will exchange pennants prior to the match and the winner of the match will receive the varsity girls OSSU Derby Cup trophy to host at their school for the remaining year. The trophy will be brought out before the match and sit at half field for the duration of the match and will be presented to the winners after the match. The captains of the teams will make a joint statement about sportsmanship and community before the match.

The Hazen Union Lady Cats will host the Craftsbury Academy girls at 4 p.m.

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One of the Tightest Battles of the Year

by Patrick Hussey

GREENSBORO -- The final evening of the 2021 Tuesday night golf season at Mountain View Country Club produced one of the tightest battles of the year and the eventual champion was literally drawn from a hat.

There was a lot on the line when the 28 golfers showed up last week under sunny skies, albeit with temperatures suddenly down into the 50s. On this last evening, the September championship hung in the balance and eventually the winning team was pulled from a hat.

There were three twosomes that went out on the course early to beat the cooling temperatures. In addition, there were two threesomes in the race for the championship. So, to make foursomes, the names of the six players in the twosomes were thrown into a hat and drawn out to create foursomes.

The first name drawn from the hat was George Gattone, who was paired with the threesome of Bill Richardson, Jefferson Tolman and Pete DesChamps. They would end up in a three-way tie for fourth place with a combined score of 37.5

The next name drawn was Dan Miko. He was placed in the

threesome that included Dan Hudson, Andy Hunt and John Stone. They were also part of that three-way tie for fourth place.

The four names remaining in the hat were paired together to form the final foursome. As it turned out, those players -- Joe Mulligan, Mike Clark, Dan Mencucci and Slade Farnham -- ended up in a foursome together and won the September Championship.

On this final night, the individual scores of every foursome member were added up and then divided by four to get an average team score. Then, their individual handicaps were added up and also divided by four. The low net score would win the championship.

Most of the players in the league struggled on this final evening. In fact, every player in the winning foursome shot higher than their yearly average except Clark, who shot a 39. The winning team won by just a quarter of a stroke, with a net score of 36.25.

Just behind them in second place was the foursome of Matt Kiley, Nate Brown, Ivan Menard and Rob Montgomery, with a score of 36.50. Kiley led the way, shooting the night's low round of 38. He also shared the low net round title with Tolman. They both netted a 29. Tolman had a strong



courtesy photo
Matt Kiley posted the low round of the evening last Tuesday, shooting a 38, one stroke better than Mike Clark's 39.

night, shooting a 46 that shaved six strokes off his normal average.

Back in third place by another quarter of a stroke, at 36.75, was the foursome of Richard Brochu, Kip Doyon, Rowdy Doyon and Pat Hussey. Brochu paced this group as he shot a 46, which had him in second place for the net title with a 30.

The third and final team that tied for fourth place at 37.5 included Dean Rogers, Dan Rogers, Dave Rogers and Jeremy Kaufman. The final foursome of Karl Ferland, Brad Ferland, Dave Campbell and Dennis Pudvah ended up fifth, shooting a net 38. Not even two strokes separated first place from last.

Mencucci ended up winning closest to the pin on three, getting to within 18 feet, two inches. On eight, it was Clark chipping to eight feet, two inches to win closest in two. Then on nine, Mulligan fired a dart to two feet, one inch to claim closest.

It was yet another strong year for the MVCC's Tuesday night league, with attendance as strong as it's ever been. A total of 72 golfers played at least once in the league this year and the average attendance was in the high 30s most weeks. The best week had 42 golfers.

SPORTS CALENDAR

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 Missiquoi.

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. Missiquoi 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.

Saturday, Oct. 23

TBA, Craftsbury Academy girls' soccer vs. Richford, at Richford.
11 a.m., Twinfield boys' soccer vs. BFA Fairfax at Cabot.