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Hazen Union's Middle School Students Resume Biannual Long Walk to Water

by Doug McClure

HARDWICK/GREENSBORO – After a COVID-induced hiatus in 2020, Hazen Union students again did a “Long Walk to Water” fundraiser last week. This year’s was increased in scale over previous years and, in a welcome change from 2019, the weather held in the mid-to-upper 60s with a little drizzle.

The idea behind the walk originated three years ago. Middle school teacher Kelly Robinson’s seventh-grade class read Linda Sue Park’s book, “A Long Walk to Water,” in 2018. It details the real-life story of eleven-year-old Salva Dut, who fled his village during the civil war and became one of many “lost boys” of South Sudan.

After a dozen years of wandering around South Sudan, in and out of refugee camps, Dut brought about 150 other boys to safety in Kenya. He then made his way to the U.S., where he began a project called Water for South Sudan, with the goal of addressing that region’s critical lack of clean water.

Students in Robinson’s class were moved by the story and began a fundraiser to help. The centerpiece of that fundraiser would be the

seventh-grade class’ own “long walk to water” from Hazen Union to Caspian Lake. The ten-mile journey is intended to mirror the two-hour walk a character in the book needed to make to get clean water.

In the intervening years, Hazen Union has combined the middle school grades into one and puts students into “houses,” which in this year’s case, are Pinnacle House and Summit House. Robinson explained that “developmentally, there’s a little difference between seventh and eighth graders, but not a lot. We have seventh graders who could be doing freshman-level work. We’re trying to kind of get out of that [division of grades].” As a result, instead of the roughly thirty seventh-graders who took part in 2019’s walk, this year’s had between ninety and a hundred students from both houses. The walk is slated to take place every two years, so students don’t repeat it.

The students hope to raise \$5,000, which is a partial sponsorship for a well. Robinson described Water for South Sudan as “a really incredible organization to fund-raise for.” She said the hope this year was to get T-shirts

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The American Legion loaned a wheelchair for the Hazen Union middle school’s ten-mile walk from Hazen Union to Greensboro to raise funds for clean water in the Sudan. Here, Jeter Demers is pushing Karmella Chaves.



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In Greensboro, Caspian Lake’s purity is the result of the geography of the area, according to Danielle Owczarski, Lamoille River Watershed planner.

Efforts to Keep Greensboro Area Waters Pristine

by Thorolf Van Walsum

GREENSBORO – On Thursday, October 14, representatives of various conservation organizations met throughout the Lamoille River basin to discuss, in the first convening since 2016, the Lamoille River watershed’s tactical basin plan. The plan, updated every five years, is a look at the goings-on of a specific watershed from multiple perspectives, from aquatic life to phosphorous levels, as well as proposed solutions to present or future issues.

The Hardwick and Greensboro area is comprised of five different sub-basins of the total eighteen that make up the Lamoille River basin: the upper and lower headwaters

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E. Hardwick Property Receives Village Center Tax Credit

by Doug McClure

MONTPELIER/EAST HARDWICK – The Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development (ACCD) has announced the projects receiving tax credits through its Downtown and Village Center programs. Among those properties is 64 Main Street in East Hardwick, owned by Erich Stephens, which received an award of \$72,712 in tax credits toward an overall project cost estimated at \$538,718.

The building is described as being built between 1851 and 1863 by the ACCD, which noted that “this building has served as a local store, boarding house, and most recently, apartments” but has been vacant for a decade.

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photo by Doug McClure

Erich Stephens’ property at 64 Main in East Hardwick was awarded \$72,712 in tax credits through the Agency of Commerce and Community Development’s Village Center program.

Wolcott School Recognized for Learning Environment

by Doug McClure

WOLCOTT – Wolcott Elementary School has “attained the VTPBIS School of Recognition for 2021,” the school notified people via its Twitter last week. PBIS is an acronym for Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports, which many schools both in Vermont and around the country implement. It works as a framework, and in Vermont is intended to influence the school’s culture.

Rob Horner of the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) Technical Assistance Center for PBIS noted that “the fundamental purpose of PBIS is to make schools more effective and equitable learning environments.” The framework focuses on learner agency and engagement of students by giving them a more participatory approach to their education. It also works to

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Walk

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for the students to wear on the walk, but the supply chain was in too much disarray. So, the organization donated leftover shirts from previous years.

Robinson was quick to credit the continued support from parents, who not only baked cookies and brownies, but kept a caravan alongside the walking students just in case students needed a break.

Several students commented on the experience. Summit House has not yet finished the book and but Pinnacle House has.

Pinnacle House's Morgan Michaud said "these guys walk ten miles, but they were carrying gallons of water. And we didn't even carry anything except for maybe a water bottle. It was exhausting."

Seville Murphy of Summit House said "I have appreciation now for how easily we can get water."

Zeke Wohlberg, also of Summit House, said "It's really crazy far they had to walk, and it's great that we're getting a new well for them."

Summit House's T.J. Hubbell said "I had a lot of fun, and I would do it again" and said that learning that people in the book had to go through this walk to get water was important to them.

Some students were more succinct. Caitlyn Langmaid of Pinnacle House said "It was very

painful," before adding "it was hard for Salva and other people to walk more than ten miles a day every day."

Sully Laflam echoed Caitlyn's comment about the walk being painful. Principal Jason Di Giulio said "I am fiercely proud of the Wildcat spirit demonstrated by middle school youth today. They took on a serious challenge — a 10 mile walk to water— and persevered. I saw youth helping youth. I saw youth including everyone in the fun and supports. I saw youth developing their humanity, and learning to act with compassion. I cannot be more proud of what these students accomplished after studying a worldly topic."

Robinson said another possible project the school is looking into for the future is through the organization True Africa which "connects kid-to-kid through technology, and through photos and letters. That is more of a personal thing where a kid might need a mattress, or want a certain book, and so our kids would work to provide that thing to that kid."

Watchdog Charity Navigator ranks Water for South Sudan 96.49 out of 100, with a rating of 95 for financial management and 100 for transparency. It also ranked the organization as 100 for impact and results. Donations are tax-deductible and can be made at classy.org/team/384211.

Recognized

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build quality relationships between students and adults. Its four expectations are summed up as "Be Respectful, Engage, Strengths-based, Team Solutions." The program hopes to help students impacted by trauma, mental health issues, disabilities, substance use or antisocial behavior by improving their connectedness to the school, reinforcing healthy habits, developing interpersonal skills, and working toward self-management.

The effectiveness of the PBIS framework "rests on a foundation of ongoing data collection, analysis, and intervention based on assessed needs," according to Orleans Southwest Supervisory Union Superintendent Adam Rosenberg.

Wolcott Elementary is working at the "intensive" level of PBIS, which VTPBIS describes as "individualized interventions provided to students with the most complex emotional and behavioral needs." Each year, schools are recognized for hitting targets, principal Matt Foster said.

"Our school PBIS team completes a portion of the eval-

uation and our staff completes another anonymous portion of it. The information goes to the VT PBIS organization and they evaluate the information and determine how well we are implementing the program in alignment with how they intend it to be run. We try to hit the target each year and this last year we hit it."

Ordinarily, the schools are characterized as either "Schools of Merit" or "Exemplar Schools," but COVID-19's disruption meant a simplification to "Schools of Recognition." Wolcott Elementary was recognized as one of those schools for 2021.

Foster said that "our kids benefit from a safe and positive learning environment and the PBIS system helps us provide that."



October 20 - October 26

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POLICE REPORT

Media Log Summary

Hardwick Police

October 4: Directed Patrol, S. Main St.; Suspicious Event, Riverside Ter.; Threats/Harassment, School St.; Animal Problem, Atkins Ln.; Assist – Other, Wolcott St.; Assist – Other, Wolcott St.; Assist – Agency, School St.; Assist – Public, School St.

October 5: Directed Patrol, S. Main St.; Motor Vehicle Complaint, Slapp Hill; Theft, Vt. Rte. 16; Violation of Conditions of Release, School St.; Motor Vehicle Complaint, Mackville Rd.; Information, School St.; Assist – Agency, Vt. Rte. 16.

October 6: Assist – Agency, High St.; Traffic Stop, Dutton Rd.; Directed Patrol, Vermont Ave.; Theft, Cedar St.; Alarm, Wolcott St.; Food Patrol, S. Main St.

October 7: Directed Patrol, Donovan Ln.; Assist – Public, High St.; Assault, E. Church St.; Motor Vehicle Complaint, Vt. Rte. 14 S; Directed Patrol, Vermont Ave.; Intoxication, Evergreen Manor Dr.; Motor Vehicle Complaint, Center Rd.

October 8: Directed Patrol, S. Main St.; Alarm, Wolcott St.; Theft, Vt. Rte. 16; Traffic Stop, Vt. Rte. 14 S/Woodbury Town Line; Motor Vehicle Complaint, Rte. 15 W; Suspicious Event, River St.; Motor Vehicle Complaint, N. Main St.; Motor Vehicle Complaint, Vt. Rte. 14 S; Directed Patrol, Glenside Ave.; Animal Problem, Vt. Rte. 15 W.

October 9: 911 Hangup, Center Rd.; Assist – Other, Wolcott St.; Assist – Other, Wolcott St.; Assist – Other, Wolcott St.; Suspicious Event, Evergreen Manor Dr.

October 10: Citizen Dispute, Dale St.; Suspicious Event, Dutton Rd.; Traffic Stop, S. Main St.; Citizen Dispute, Vt. Rte. 15 W.

October 11: Directed Patrol, Donovan Ln.; Animal Problem, Vt. Rte. 15 W; Motor Vehicle Complaint; Traffic Hazard, Renaud Rd.; Vandalism, Vt. Rte. 15 W; Motor Vehicle Complaint, Vt. Rte. 15; Directed Patrol, Mackville Rd.; Animal Problem, Vt. Rte. 15 W; Directed Patrol, Upper Cherry St.;

Welfare Check, Anairs Dr.
October 12: Fraud, Pine Dr.; Directed Patrol, Mackville Rd.; Welfare Check, Vt. Rte. 15 W; Suspicious Event, Mill St.

October 13: Alarm, Vt. Rte. 14 S; Accident – Property Damage On, Dutton Rd./Dusty Swamp Rd.; Fraud, Hays Dr.; Assist – Public, High St.; Suspicious Event, River St.; Welfare Check, Vt. Rte. 15 E.

October 14: Directed Patrol, S. Main St.; Animal Problem, Vt. Rte. 15 W; Accident – Property Damage On, High St.; Radar Sign, Vermont Ave./Bridgeman Hill Rd.; Citizen Dispute, Highland Ave.; Animal Problem, Vt. Rte. 15; Traffic Stop, S. Main St./Spring St.; Motor Vehicle Complaint, Vt. Rte. 16; Directed Patrol, Glenside Ave.; Mental Health Incident, Vt. Rte. 16; Animal Problem, Vt. Rte. 15; Juvenile Problem, Winter St.; Traffic Stop, Mill St.; Traffic Stop, Wolcott St.

October 15: Suspicious Event, Carey Rd.; Alarm, Kate Brook Rd.; Juvenile Problem, Hazen Union Dr.; Assist – Public, Highland Ave.; Directed Patrol, Vermont Ave.; Traffic Stop, Slapp Hill Rd.; Directed Patrol, Mackville Rd.; Directed Patrol, Glenside Ave.; Traffic Stop, Wolcott St.; Traffic Stop, Vt. Rte. 15.

October 16: Animal Problem, Vt. Rte. 15 W; Animal Problem, Vt. Rte. 15 W; Noise Disturbance, Mini Mart Dr.; Directed Patrol, Mackville Rd.; Traffic Stop, Mill St.; Accident – Property Damage On, S. Main St.; Traffic Stop, S. Main St.; Traffic Stop, Vt. Rte. 15; Traffic Stop, Highland Ave.

October 17: Assist – Agency, High St.; Animal Problem, Vt. Rte. 15; VIN Verification, Craftsbury Rd.; Vandalism, Highland Ave.; Directed Patrol, Riverside Ter.; Traffic Stop, S. Main St.; Animal Problem, Vt. Rte. 15; Traffic Stop, S. Main St.; Animal Problem, Vt. Rte. 15; Directed Patrol, Glenside Ave.; Traffic Stop, Wolcott St.

October 18: Directed Patrol, S. Main St.

AWARE Report

HARDWICK – AWARE assisted 10 victims/survivors of domestic and sexual violence from October 10 through October 17. 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.

Hardwick Police

Violation of Protection Order, Violation of Conditions of Release

On October 8, at 2:05 p.m., Margo D. Johnson, of Hardwick, was stopped on Rte. 15S in Hardwick. Police issued a \$105 ticket for Vehicle Not Inspected.

On October 14, at 5:42 p.m., Damian R. Smith, of Barre, was stopped on S. Main St. in Hardwick. Police issued a \$105 ticket for traveling at 35 mph in a 25mph zone.

On October 17, at 7:10 p.m., Dana P. Patten, of Greensboro, was stopped on S. Main St. in Hardwick. Police issued a \$249 ticket for Operating While License Suspended.

Donald Stetson, of 142 High St., was cited for Violating a

Protection Order which occurred on October 5 at 09:30, at 137 High St. He will appear at Caledonia Superior Court on November 8 at 12:30 p.m.

Kevin Fradette, of Hardwick, was cited into Caledonia Superior Court on November 9 at 8:30 a.m. On Sept. 21 Fradette was not in compliance with his conditions of release.

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

State Police Report Leaving the Scene, Threatening

On September 28, at 7:15 p.m., State Police responded to Cabot Rd. in Marshfield for the report of a one-vehicle crash involving a telephone pole. While Troopers were investigating the crash, a witness advised that the operator had been picked up by a passing vehicle and they were unable to be located. On October 15, Troopers made contact with Dakota Yorks, of Vernon, Conn., and he advised he was the operator of the vehicle when it crashed. Yorks was issued a citation to appear in Washington County Superior Court – Criminal Division on December 2, at 8 a.m. to answer to the charges of Leaving the Scene of an Accident and Negligent Operation.

On October 10, State Police responded to Cabot for a report of a violation of conditions of release. Subsequent investigation revealed that Wade Whitehouse, of Cabot, had been issued conditions of release earlier in the day and had violated those conditions

by returning to his residence. Whitehouse left the residence and was issued a citation to appear in Washington County Superior Court – Criminal Division on October 12 at 12:30 p.m. to answer for his offense.

On October 13, at 9:10 a.m., State Police in Middlesex were made aware of a threatening incident. Subsequent investigation indicated that Anthony Russell, of Marshfield, had sent numerous threatening text messages to James Lamonda, of Montpelier. On October 18, Troopers located Russell and issued him a citation to appear in Court for the offense of Disturbing Peace by use of Telephone or other Electronic Communications.

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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Waters

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of the Lamoille, Ryder Brook, Elmore Branch and Wild Branch. Of these, the lower headwaters (which represents the majority of the town of Hardwick) was a shining example among its compatriots, with near perfect fish and macroinvertebrate scores, significantly outstripping ecosystem quality found further downstream.

This is not simply a result of the Greensboro area being upstream of the miles of sediment that the lower Lamoille River receives. In an interview with the Hardwick Gazette, Danielle Owczarski, the Lamoille River Watershed Planner, described what it is that is keeping the Hardwick area so pristine. “It’s less to do with the fact that the water is upstream as it is to do with the geography of the area. The Greensboro area is steeper, its rivers run faster, and there are fewer farms. All these factors lead to less sedimentation and a healthier ecosystem.”

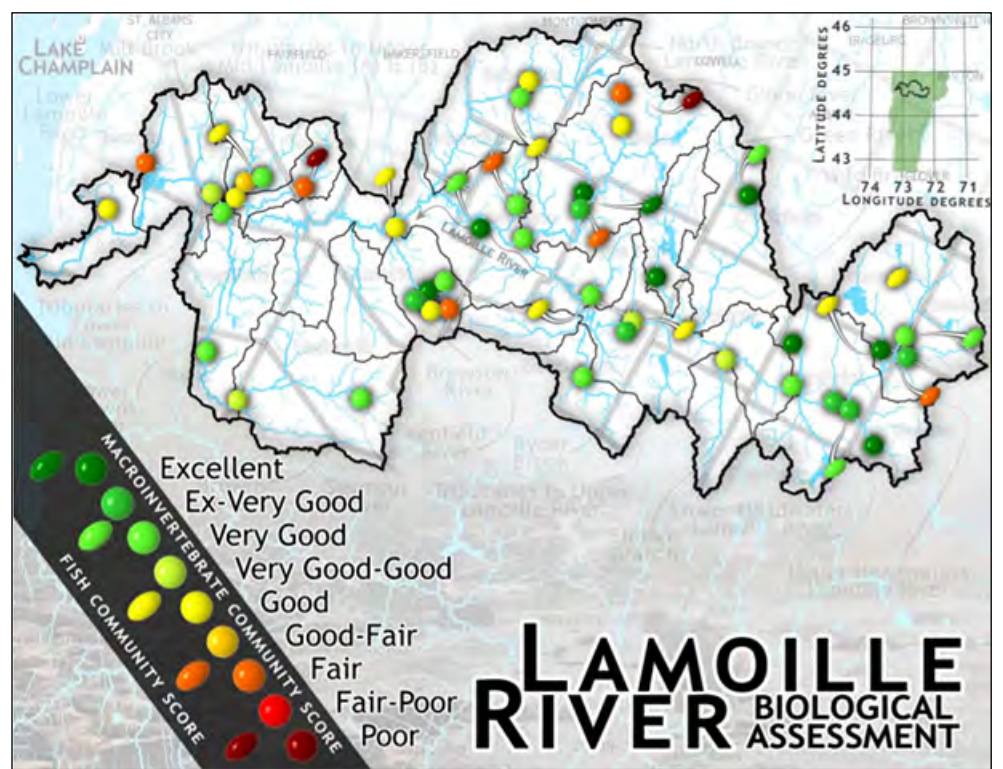
It is not just the rivers that sparkle in Greensboro, however. In the entirety of the Lamoille River Tactical Basin, there are eight lakes that occupy more than 130 acres. Caspian Lake, the jewel of the basin, is not only the largest in the watershed at 789 acres, but also the most pristine. In the Lamoille River Tactical Basin, nine lakes and segments of rivers were thought to potentially meet the criteria for reclassification under a higher protection class. Caspian Lake was the only of these proposed to be listed under an A grade protection class, all others being categorized as B. The Hardwick Gazette had an interview with Oliver Pierson from the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) on

what, exactly, this reclassification would mean for Caspian Lake and its surrounding area.

“Caspian has excellent quality water as measured by our nutrient criteria, the phosphorus concentration, the water clarity, and the chlorophyll A concentration that represents the algae levels. All of these levels actually exceed the A1 requirements, so it’s eligible to be bumped up into this A1 classification, which afford[s] some additional protections. That’s what the town of Greensboro and some of the associations around Caspian Lake have been working on. They’ve submitted a petition to the State of Vermont- to the DEC, asking us to classify Caspian as ‘A1’ or ‘Excellent’ status and benefit from those protections. Once you call it A1, you have to keep it A1. If the water quality drops, you have to restore it.”

Paradise, however, is not impervious to trouble. “What’s interesting with Caspian is that it has significantly increasing phosphorous levels over the last thirty years, so it’s trending in the wrong direction. That’s why we’re working to reclassify it. We’ve measured. While it’s still pristine today, its phosphorus levels have been creeping up even as the year goes on. By reclassifying it as A1 and putting in some additional protections, we may be able to reverse that. We haven’t scheduled the public hearings yet, but they’ll be well publicized, and hybrid, so people can attend at home or in person. They’ll be in late fall, early 2022 at the latest.”

As with any protective legislation, there will be potential constraints placed on the community. Pierson did not see these constraints as anything to be



Lamoille River Tactical Basin Plan

This map of the Lamoille River watershed shows the results of the bioassessment monitoring from 2016-2020. The two measurements shown are macroinvertebrate community score (represented by circular data points) and fish community score (represented by oval data points).

worried about. “One of the rules for A1 watersheds, the main one here, is no new indirect discharge systems, aka, septic tanks. You wouldn’t be able to have any new septic systems with more than a thousand gallons per day. And that’s a very large dose. Think a house with more than twelve bedrooms, a campsite with more than twenty camps, industries, large businesses. So that’s a choice Greensboro will have to make. Do we want to maintain our water quality or do we not want to have these restrictions in place and allow for some development to occur. So that’s a choice that needs to be made. But by submitting this petition, it seems the Greensboro association is okay with that prohibition.”

The interview concluded with a sense of hope for the passing

of the reclassification. “I’d like to recognize the town of Greensboro and the stewards of the Greensboro Watershed, the Greensboro Association. I know it took a lot of hard work and so I’d just like to acknowledge the excellent work in their community.”

It will be another five years until the next Tactical Basin meeting and, with a changing climate, the problems the community faces may metamorphose or amplify in unforeseeable ways. Nevertheless, community watershed engagement goes on. A high note of the tactical basin meeting was doubtlessly the delight with which Danielle Owczarski reported the increase in community water quality surveyor volunteers. At the time of writing, the petition to re-classify Caspian Lake stands at 156 signatures and counting.

Credit

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Stephens said “My wife and I have a business renovating and renting houses — typically older houses simply because we like the way the look and working with history, as it were. So, in some ways it’s just our latest project. We had seen the house vacant for many years when passing through East Hardwick, but other than that didn’t have a connection. Since buying the property, the neighbors have been very welcoming and I’ve come to appreciate what a nice place it is, and it wouldn’t surprise me if in our later years we find ourselves deciding to move there ourselves.”

The plan is for the building to return to its historical use, with energy efficiency upgrades. Patrick Kane, a former East Hardwick resident, did some initial design work. Stephens said that “the building was originally zoned three apartments from when zoning started in Hardwick, and that’s what we’ll be restoring it to. I spent a number of

hours going through the landowner records, and it was interesting to me that for all of its history except relatively recently it was a business of some sort — people lived there it seems, but they were the store owners. At one point, it was indicated as being a boarding house (maybe for the workers at the sawmill that was once nearby?). So really it will be returning to a historic use, more than getting a new use.”

He said the East Hardwick Neighborhood Organization (EHNO) has been “very welcoming and helpful” and offered its support to the application. Stephens said “I described the project plans to their board, and they provided areas of concern to watch out for (e.g. parking) and pointed and guided in a number of fronts (e.g. introducing me to abutters, etc). They were very helpful in locating older pictures of the building, which helped with understanding what the building looked like historically and that we’ll be reflecting in the renovation. I’ve also heard a lot of history of

the building in terms of who lived there, etc., which has been really interesting.”

Stephens added that while the Town of Hardwick “indicated at the time they had made a decision not to formally support grant applications for private developers,” the town’s staff “was all helpful and supportive. Everyone seemed glad to have the application being made, regardless of the formal Town policy.”

He said that the majority of the construction work would start in the spring due to the tight availability of contractors. Asbestos removal has already been completed by a state-licensed contractor. Stephens wanted people to know that “in case folks driving by later see demolition going on they can be assured we’re doing it correctly.”

Stephens said that there was not much remaining in terms of original historical detail and that “mostly it’s ‘90s fake wood paneling, sheet rock, [and] laminate flooring,” though it is possible that some of the newer materials may be covering up historical details.

Buffalo Mountain to be Officially Recognized

by Doug McClure

HARDWICK/MONTPELIER – Vermont Department of Libraries' Geographic Naming Committee officially voted to recognize the geographic name Buffalo Mountain on October 12, according to resident Mike Lance who has for months spearheaded a campaign for that official recognition. Federal recognition might come in December.

The impetus for the project was that the mountain everyone in Hardwick knows as Buffalo Mountain, which is also on the town's logo and somehow was never officially designated by that name. Lance noted that the lack of official designation led to confusion, which meant some people were misidentifying nearby Woodbury Mountain as Buffalo Mountain.

Lance said that "this petition is not an appeal to rename an existing geographic feature as appeals often are that come before the State Geographic Naming Committee. Instead, it is a request to formally recognize a peak by a name that has a long history in the Northeast Kingdom."

Lance submitted a petition for official recognition with the support of the Hardwick Select Board, the Hardwick Historical Society, the East Hardwick Neighborhood Organization, and over 100 signatures. He also included comments from Chief Don Stevens of the Abenaki Nation to ensure that there would be no issues of cultural appropriation.

Lance noted in the petition summary that "Buffalo Mountain has been integral to Hardwick

history for over 150 years. A mine was opened on its slopes in the late 1800s and named Buffalo Hill Quarry. That, along with the rest of the local granite industry, helped fuel Hardwick economic growth well into the 1900s ... With respect to Buffalo Mountain being a well-accepted name, it has been regularly referred to in Newspaper articles since at least the 1890s through the 2020s. It is also referred to in US Geological Survey studies of the Vermont Granite industry in the early 1900s, as well as Vermont State Geologist reports on the subject during the same time. Despite being recorded historically in State and Federal documents, for whatever reasons, the name has never made it into official Geographic records."

He also pointed out that multiple Hardwick businesses used the mountain as their namesakes and that the mountain was mentioned specifically in the town plan as "one of Hardwick's scenic offerings." In describing the recent kerfuffle over a proposed AT&T tower atop the mountain, Lance noted that the mountain's locally known name was understood widely enough that it was universally used to identify the location, whether it was mentioned in newspaper articles, select board meetings, or in letters to Public Utilities Commission.

Lance said that in the process "several people, including the representative from the USGS, said they were surprised that the name Buffalo Mountain had been lost from official records, given its appearance in state and federal documents. The chair of the library board said he was familiar with Buffalo Mountain and was surprised it was not in the records."



courtesy photo

Fiber artist Judy Dales stands by the quilt she pieced together from fabric that was given for her seventy-fifth birthday celebration.

The Quilt that Love Built

by Hal Gray

GREENSBORO – Judy Dales, a member of the Greensboro United Church of Christ (GUCC), unveiled at the October 17 worship service a quilt she made in recognition of her seventy-fifth birthday celebration last year by Greensboro. Judy has been undergoing treatment for cancer for three years, and she says she didn't think she would see her seventy-fifth birthday. At her birthday celebration, guests were asked to bring a piece of fabric as a small gift.

She told the congregation during this week's worship service "My heart sank a bit when I saw the fabric – it was an eclectic selection to say the least. But when I got home and sorted through the pile and read the notes, I was amazed, impressed, and so touched. People had gifted me not just fabric, but special fabric. Fabric that was

meaningful, that was precious and had often traveled with them through a lifetime."

"For example, Janney Johnston shared with me a piece of silk that she acquired when she traveled to Thailand to work on an archeological dig. This trip was the dream of a lifetime, and the silk fabric was a memento of a special time in her life that she chose to share with me. Then there is a piece of a tie and a scrap of lace that are from the garments Tom and Eleanor Guare wore at their wedding." Along with the quilt are the notes people provided with their piece of fabric.

Judy continued "Working with the special fabrics reminded me over and over again what a great community we live in and how much I am loved, which is the best gift of all." She told the congregation "You have all been with me throughout my cancer journey and for that, I thank you."

"Originally, I thought of the quilt as 'The Birthday Quilt.' Then I started calling it 'The Pandemic Quilt' because making it got me through some of the darkest hours of the last year, when we were confined to our houses and cut off from almost all human contact. In fact, I now realize that my birthday celebration was truly a pandemic event – a chance for all of us to come together (outside, of course, and properly masked) to celebrate and forget about Covid for a few minutes at least. My final title for the quilt is 'The Quilt that Love Built'."

Judy hopes the quilt will eventually go to the Greensboro Historical Society.

"It is an artifact of the pandemic and I believe future generations will be fascinated by it and the little bit of our history it represents."



photo by Vanessa Fournier

The Hardwick Electric Department H-11 solar panel project is located off Billings Road in Hardwick. H-11 stands for Hardwick and the 11 towns the department covers. The project is not yet online, but will be very soon.

Downtown Commission Receives Grant for New Banners

HARDWICK – Hardwick’s Downtown Commission received a grant from the Vermont Community Foundation to create 30 (two sets) new downtown pole banners to enhance the downtown streetscape, according to Shari Cornish, chair of the Hardwick Downtown Commission.

The town received the \$3,575 grant from the Vermont Community Foundation’s Northeast Kingdom Fund. The grant will help further the Hardwick Downtown Commission’s mission of supporting civic, cultural, and economic activities with downtown revitalization by actively and visibly welcoming all locals and visitors to the downtown.

The Hardwick Downtown Commission states that “the visual impact of the fresh new banners will give our community an enhanced pride of place. Visitors to our town will see that they have more opportunities to discover the many cultural and historic assets Hardwick has to offer to them.”

“Completing this project will improve the streetscape in our

historic downtown. As a newly formed town commission we endeavor to have an exciting and positive visual impact. Our vision for the first set of banner designs will include a fresh updated Hardwick town ‘logo.’ The second set of banners with different designs will highlight local traditions and seasonal events (i.e. Farmers’ Market, Spring Festival) and our cultural and historic assets. Both designs will incorporate our town logo to welcome locals and visitors to our town,” according to Cornish and the commission.

Graphic designer Abrah Griggs is developing the two design layouts for printing. The first set will be all the same design. The second set of banner designs will have a consistent design with an area that will be filled with images corresponding to specific events or cultural or historic assets.

Information about the Hardwick Downtown Commission’s meetings and activities can be found at hardwickvt.org/government/committees-commissions/hardwick-downtown-commission/.



photo by Doug McClure

The first “Cannafest” was held Sunday in East Hardwick.

First Cannabis Festival Held in East Hardwick

by Doug McClure

EAST HARDWICK – Last Sunday saw the first Cannafest event held off of Keene Road in East Hardwick.

Organizer Olga Mardach said the event was inspired in part by New Hampshire’s annual “Porcfest,” which bills itself as “an annual liberty camping event organized by Free State Project.” She described the event as a family-friendly, cannabis-friendly private festival with music celebrating the harvest season and featuring local vendors.

The event was sponsored by Wild North Farm of Lowell, the Latina Libertarian Podcast, and Morrisville’s Rogue Herbalist.

The weather co-operated, though Saturday’s winds had raked some trees of foliage. Dr. Bradley Rauch of Stowe Chiropractic was set to speak to the crowd. Among the vendors was Morrisville’s Pizza on Main. Music was provided by the band Squid.

Organizers are looking down the road and planning a Vermont Freedom and Unity Festival in summer 2022.

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Hazen Union students who visited the Barr Hill Natural Area in Greensboro: (front, left to right) Sarah Keener, Hazen Union librarian; Devin Whipple, sophomore; Mya Adams, freshman; (back row) Clive Gray; Nancy Hill; Lisa Velten, sophomore; Cassandra Royer, sophomore; Tobias Benson, sophomore; Marta Mas Garrigo, junior; Emily Willems, Global Citizenship teacher.

Students, Staff Tour Barr Hill Natural Area

by Clive Gray

GREENSBORO – On October 12, six students and four staff from Hazen Union High School visited The Nature Conservancy’s (TNC) Barr Hill Natural Area on a field trip organized by Charlene Ramsey.

Barr Hill Stewardship Committee chair Clive Gray spoke to the group about the history of the area, which his parents bought in 1938 and deeded to TNC in

1971. Gray noted that Barr Hill was a farm in the mid-19th century and took its name from a Scottish family that moved to Greensboro in the 1850s. Since that time, the area has been a favorite site for hiking and picnicking by Greensboro residents and visitors.

The Hazen group then drove up to the Barr Hill Nature Trail, walked the nearly one-mile trail around the summit, and enjoyed extensive views of the Green Mountains and other panoramas.

Walden Board Reviews Current Town Business

WALDEN – The Walden Select Board met on Monday, Oct. 11. Present were Select Board Members Brenda Huntoon, Bob Hatch and Randolph Wilson, Town Clerk, Lina Smith, and Roger Fox via Zoom.

The ambulance agreement with Calex was tabled until discussion with Michael Wright at the next meeting and the board approved the National Opioid Settlement with Town Clerk Lina Smith as contact.

The town clerk will investigate employee health insurance

and report back to the board. She will also seek out more quotes from IT services for cyber security for town offices.

ARPA funds were discussed without progress, and there was also discussion with the town clerk about the town vault.

The board was advised of the upcoming November 8 meeting with Caro Thompson and an executive committee member from the CUD.

The next meeting will be October 25, at 6:30 p.m., at the firehouse and via Zoom.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Greensboro Planning Commission hereby provides notice of a public hearing being held pursuant to Title 24, Section 4441 and 4444 of the Vermont Statutes Annotated for the purpose of hearing public comment on the proposed amendments to the Greensboro Zoning Bylaw.

DATE, TIME, & LOCATION OF HEARING

The public hearing has been scheduled for Wednesday, November 3, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. This will be a hybrid meeting. The physical location is Fellowship Hall, United Church of Christ, Greensboro. The Zoom link is included below.

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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

§ 2.6 B Purpose

The Resource District has been established to protect the unique and important natural resources found in this area, including Long Pond, and to lessen development pressures on these lands and to preserve the natural features and habitats as stated in the Town Plan. The proposal adds an expanded eastern Eligo Pond area to current bylaw §2.6 Resource District, increasing from 10 acre minimum to 25 acres.

§ 2.8 B Purpose

The Extended Village District is established to:

1. Allow for and promote residential expansion adjacent to both Greensboro and Greensboro Bend villages.
2. Provides a more gradual transition in minimum lot sizes from the existing Village Districts (.5 acre) to the Rural District (10 acres).

GEOGRAPHIC AREA AFFECTED

The Extended Village Zone will affect:

- 500’ deep along both sides of the Bend Road from the outer limit of the Greensboro Village District to the outer limit of the Greensboro Bend Village District
- 500’ deep along both sides of Cemetery Ridge Road from the outer limit of the Greensboro Village District eastward to the junction of Young Road.
- 500’ deep along both sides of Rte. 16 from the outer limit of the Greensboro Bend Village District north to the junction of Young Road.

The Proposed Eligo Resource District will affect:

- Beginning at the junction of Whetstone Brook Road and Craftsbury town line;
- thence traveling southerly on Whetstone Brook Road onto town Hwy 23 (Bailey Hazen Road);
- thence continue traveling southerly on Hwy 23 to intersection with Northshore Road, Lakeshore Road and Lakeview Road (Campbells Corner);
- thence traveling westerly onto Town Hwy 47 (Lakeview Road) to intersection with Overlook Road;
- thence traveling in a straight line westerly to the South outlet of Lake Eligo and connecting to Eligo Lake Shoreland Protection District;
- thence traveling north along the Eastern shoreline of Lake Eligo to the Craftsbury Town line;
- thence traveling northeast along the Craftsbury town line to the point of beginning.

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FULL TEXT OF PROPOSAL

Copies of the proposed changes to the Greensboro Zoning Bylaw are available at the Town of Greensboro’s official website (www.greensborovt.org), in the Municipal Building located at 82 Craftsbury Road, in the Greensboro Free Library, located at 53 E. Craftsbury Road; the Greensboro Bend Post Office at 975 Main Street; the Greensboro Village Post Office at 12 Cemetery Ridge, in Greensboro, Vermont. Written comment on the proposed changes should be directed to the Planning Commission, via the Zoning Administrator at:

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OBITUARIES

MARTHA J. NEVEAU

WILLIAMSTOWN – Martha Jane Neveau, 78, of Williamstown, formerly of Cabot, passed away peacefully on Sunday, October 10, in the comfort of her home with family at her side.

She was born April 10, 1943, in Cabot, the daughter of the late Maurice and May (Walbridge) Wheeler. She attended Cabot High School.

She was first employed with the Head Start Program in Hardwick. She drove a school bus for Cabot and other area schools. Martha later worked for Bombardier in Barre, until she retired in 2002.

She enjoyed fishing, Scrabble, and woodworking.

Survivors include: five children, Danial Neveau of Virginia Beach, Va.; Rockland Neveau of Yuba City, Calif.; Roland Neveau of Saint Maries, Idaho; Kareem Neveau of Coeur D' Alene, Idaho; and Diane Weber of Spokane, Wash.; eight grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; three siblings: William Wheeler of Cabot, Marilyn Searles of Claremont, N.H., and Marjorie Wells of Barre; many nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was predeceased by a son, Richard Neveau; three



Martha Jane Neveau

siblings, Mark Wheeler, Maurice Wheeler, and Merna Jean Pike.

Private graveside services will be held at the convenience of her family in the Durant Cemetery in lower Cabot.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory may be made to the Cabot Emergency Ambulance Service, 2947 Main Street, Cabot, Vermont 05647.

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

Funnery Shakespeare Students to Participate in State Conference

GREENSBORO / CRAFTSBURY – Five students and the director from this year’s production of “Midsummer Night’s Dream” will participate in the fall conference of the Vermont Humanities Council.

The Shakespeare Funnery summer camp production was presented at the Highland Center for the Arts in Greensboro and with the Thespo Youth Theatre in India on Zoom.

On Thursday, three Funnery students from the United States

and two from India, as well as Funnery Director Peter Gould, will keynote the conference with a presentation, “Vermont Teen Shakespearians Save the Planet.”

Climate change is the theme of this year’s conference. Gould points out that Titania’s speech by Kokila Mohini Berry from “Midsummer’s Night Dream” embodies the theme.

The conference is on Zoom and open to all. Go to vermonthumanities.org/programs/public-programs/annual-fall-conference/fall-conference-2021/.

Guided Forest and Wetland Walk Oct. 23

CRAFTSBURY – A guided forest and wetland walk will be held on Saturday, Oct. 23, at 10 a.m., rain or shine. Walkers should meet at intersection of Hatch Brook Road and Paquette Road in Craftsbury. The Craftsbury Municipal Forest

Committee and the Orleans County Forester will host a tour of the 187.5-acre Craftsbury Town Forest. The committee and forester will review the recently-completed 10-year management plan for this forest (now available on the Town of Craftsbury website), and discuss the ecology and wildlife habitat of this land. To learn more about this event, or for any questions, contact Stuart LaPoint at 533-9070.


CARD OF THANKS

This Sunday the Vermont Wildlife Coalition sponsored a concert and began an art exhibit at the Highland Center for the Arts. The Highland Lodge generously provided lodging for our musicians. It is incredible to live in such a small community with such a world class art center and a lodge that rivals any in the country. Just as importantly, the Highland Art Center and the Highland Lodge have some of the greatest staffs anywhere. We will be forever appreciative of working with these wonderful people and these wonderful community assets.

Thank you.

David Kelley
Vice Chair
Vermont Wildlife Coalition

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This enchanting little fall scene at the home of Mike and Mary Benway is completely surrounded by large Halloween-themed inflatables. The display can be found on Jenne Road off South Main Street in Hardwick.

For the Record

In last week’s edition of the Hardwick Gazette, the article, “Multiple COVID Cases at Hardwick Elementary,” stated incorrectly that eligibility for the booster for the Pfizer vaccine was eight months after the second shot. The correct waiting period for the booster after the second shot is six months.

New Wolcott Transfer Station Rates effective Saturday, October 30, 2021.

Due to the high costs of transportation, all recycling will now cost \$1 per 15 gallon bag or bin. Trash bag prices will remain the same. There will be an increase to bulk items and furniture.



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THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Friday, October 22

HAUNTED CLOWN FOREST, 6 - 9 p.m., Wolcott Fire Department, 326 School St., Wolcott. PG-13 - not made for younger kids. Rain date: Saturday, Oct. 23.

Saturday, October 23

CLASSIC STONES LIVE, tribute band, 7:30 p.m., Barre Opera House. Information and for tickets: 802-476-8188 or barreoperahouse.org.

Sunday, October 24

HAM DINNER, hosted by Our Lady of Fatima Church, 21 Creek Rd., Craftsbury, noon - 1:30 p.m. By donation. To benefit church maintenance. Sponsored by Catholic Financial Life Chapter N443 - Saint Jean in partnership with Our Lady of Fatima Altar Society. Information: Jeannine at cfl443@gmtmom.com or 802-586-2899.

Monday, October 25

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 26

THE MOMS IN RECOVERY Support Program, tailored to support pregnant and parenting mothers and their families. In person, every Tuesday, 1 - 2 p.m., North Central Vermont Recovery Center, 275 Brooklyn St., Suite 2, Morrisville. Information: crystal.morrissey@ncvrc.com, 802-635-0084.

Exhibits

MARCY LINDSTADT: Pandemic Pastels, through Nov. 16, Parker Pie Art Gallery, West Glover.

VOYAGE OF THE ARTFUL OTTER Wildlife Art Exhibition, through Oct. 31, Highland Center for the Arts, Greensboro. Information: highlandartsvt.org, 802-533-2000. Opening is Sunday, Oct. 17, 2 p.m.

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"Fire Shut Up My Bones," an opera from the Metropolitan Opera, will be screened on October 23 and 30 at Catamount Arts.

First Met Opera by Black Composer Screens at Catamount

ST. JOHNSBURY – Catamount Arts will screen the very first work by a Black composer to grace the stage of the Metropolitan Opera, live on Saturday, October 23, with an encore presentation on October 30.

"Fire Shut Up in my Bones," by six-time Grammy Award winner and prolific composer Terence Blanchard, opened to rhapsodic reviews on September 27. The Washington Post dubbed opening night, "a watershed moment for American opera."

The second opera from trumpeter and composer Terence Blanchard, "Fire Shut Up in My Bones" takes audiences on a musical and dramatic journey. To tell this story, Blanchard conjures a sound world that weaves together jazz and gospel idioms, melodies, and an intricate orchestral palette.

Based on New York Times columnist Charles M. Blow's memoir of his upbringing in Louisiana, "Fire Shut Up in My Bones" is indicative of Blanchard's commitment to showcasing work relevant to the Black community. "In order to create art that's meaningful, it has to be part of the community, it has to be of your world," Blanchard says. "I look at what we do as being a documentarian so to speak...you can help heal people through this process of creating something so beautiful and powerful. (T)hat's always been my mission."

Blanchard has deep roots in jazz and has toured with Lionel Hampton and Art Blakey. He is especially celebrated for his close collaboration with director Spike Lee, for whom he has scored 20 films, comprising not quite a third

of the film scores Blanchard has written. Blanchard was introduced to opera by his father, an avid aficionado and collector of boxed albums Blanchard and his siblings were not allowed to touch, but which the entire family enjoyed on the weekends.

Charles M. Blow is a noted journalist and commentator, a regularly featured op-ed columnist for The New York Times and an anchor for the Black News Channel. The opera takes place in and around the small and poor town of Gibsland, in northwestern Louisiana, as well as at Blow's alma mater, Grambling State University. The time ranges from Blow's childhood in the 1970s to his adulthood in the 1990s.

"Fire Shut Up in My Bones" is conducted by Met Music Director Yannick Nézet-Séguin and features a libretto that is filmmaker Kasi Lemmons's first foray into opera. James Robinson and Camille A. Brown, creators of the recent production of the Gershwins' "Porgy and Bess," co-direct the new staging for Metropolitan Opera Live in HD. Baritone Will Liverman, one of opera's most exciting young artists, stars as Charles M. Blow alongside sopranos Angel Blue as Destiny/Loneliness/Greta and Latonia Moore as Billie.

For tickets to see "Fire Shut Up in My Bones," on October 23 or 30, to learn more about Met Live in HD screenings at Catamount Arts, or to review Catamount's COVID safety protocol requiring masks, valid ID, and proof of vaccination or negative PCR test results, visit catamountarts.org or call 748-2600.



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Savannah Kelly of Derby helps her daughter Saiga Kelly, 22 months, with apple stamp printing during the Grow Your Own community cider pressing event held at Atkins Field.

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IN THE GARDEN

Fall Chores: It's Time to Get Started

by Henry Homeyer

CORNISH FLAT, N.H. – Those big yellow school buses have been lumbering along for well over a month now, so you know it is time to start getting your gardens ready for winter. This is a good time to work outside: the bugs are fewer and it's not so cold that you'll be miserable in an hour.

I recently did some pruning on my Japanese red maple (*Acer palmatum*) trees. We all know that sugar maples pump sweet sap up from the ground in spring, but did you know that all maples send lots of liquid up in spring, even if not the sweet stuff? Because of that, spring is not a good time to prune. Now is a much better time.

I attended a pruning workshop in 2019 at Shin Boku Nursery in

interesting branch shapes are visible. These trees, by their very nature, are not dominated by a single straight trunk, and I want to see the structure of a tree. I remove clutter and rubbing branches.

This also a good time to shape all your hydrangeas, and prune them to keep them to the size you like. If you want to develop a new hydrangea to be upright, this is a good time to prune out downward-growing branches, and even to stake up a central branch to be the "leader" growing upwards.

I like to collect some flowers for drying indoors. Most of us cannot afford to buy flowers from a florist for the table each week, so picking blossoms now that look good in a dry vase is a good alternative. All the hydrangeas will provide lovely blossoms now, so long as you pick



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"Pink Diamond" hydrangea blooms each year in the fall.

and I recently picked some stems and put them in a dry vase. Millet produces small seeds on narrow "cobs" much like corn, but without the outer leaves. It is found in bird seed mixes, and I ate it as a gruel when serving in the Peace Corps in West Africa. This year I bought some plants at a nursery, but will start plenty from seed next year. "Purple Majesty" is probably the name of the variety I planted.

I've been potting up annual plants I want to bring in before winter, rather than waiting until the afternoon before the first hard frost. I potted up some "Diamond Frost" Euphorbia that I bought in small pots last spring and planted in the ground. This is a delightful plant that has tiny white blossoms all summer. As a "Proven Winner" plant, it is trademarked and is not sold by seed.

Diamond Frost makes a nice house plant that continues to bloom indoors all winter. It prefers a bright windowsill, but

will survive most anywhere so long as you remember to water it regularly. Then in the spring it can go outdoors again – and at no expense.

Each fall, I dig up at least one rosemary plant and bring it indoors. I like to do this early in the fall so that it can get used to being in a pot while sitting in the garden in just the same place it was in the ground. This lets it have fewer changes in its environment at a time. Later, I will wash it well with a hose in order to get off any aphids or other pests before bring it indoors.

Don't use any fertilizer now for any houseplants coming inside. A plastic pot or an enameled one will keep moisture in better than an unglazed clay pot. If you are a lazy waterer, select them.

Raking the leaves can wait till later, after all the leaves have fallen. But go outside and start chipping away at the chores on nice days, even if it means playing hooky from work.



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This Japanese red maple was full of clutter before pruning.

Wentworth, N.H. Palmer Koelb has been growing, pruning and selling trees trained in the Japanese tradition for over 50 years. Some of his nursery stock is several decades old, and all of it is beautiful.

One of the things I learned at that workshop is that Japanese red maples are best trained over time. It is better to do a little pruning every year or two than to wait 10 years and need to cut big branches. I was told that I should never use a saw on a Japanese red maple; apparently, they don't react well to removing big branches. Hand pruners are best.

So, what did I do? I reined in the height of my trees. I like them to top out at around eight feet, so I looked for skyward-growing branches and cut each back to a lower fork, one hidden in the foliage. I also removed extraneous foliage and small branches in the interior of the trees, opening up the center of the tree so that the

them before frost, which causes them to turn brown.

My favorite hydrangea is one called "Pink Diamond." It produces lots of big pointy flower panicles that start out white and turn to pink. In a dry vase the pink will fade a little, but stay quite pink all winter, as will other hydrangeas. The stems on Pink Diamond are stiff and upright on the bush and don't flop the way some others, like "Annabelle," do when rained on.

Unlike lilacs and forsythia, hydrangeas are late-season bloomers, so you do not lose any blossoms next year if you prune now. They bloom on stems that grow in the spring. I like to leave some blossoms on all winter to remind me that summer will get here eventually.

Grasses and grains are blooming now, and can look good in a dry vase, too. I grew an annual grain this year called black millet



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Black millet works well in a dry vase.

YANKEE NOTEBOOK

Be Nice to the Kids, No Matter how Feckless

by Willem Lange

EAST MONTPELIER – [Young people] are high-minded because they have not yet been humbled by life, nor have they experienced the force of circumstances . . . They think they know everything, and are always quite sure about it . . . because they have not been humbled by life or learned its necessary limitations – Aristotle’s Rhetoric, ca. 400 B.C.

Obviously, the younger generations in societies have from time immemorial been taking it in the shorts. A full 250 years before Aristotle, the Greek poet Hesiod, who I suspect was weaned on the ancient Greek equivalent of a pickle, trashes the kids with this noxious refrain: “. . . frivolous youth of today . . . are reckless beyond words . . . When I was young, we were taught to be discreet and respectful of elders.”

Not a day goes by but the internet features similar calumnies about the young – their indolence and lack of ambition; their disrespect for authority; their addiction to their cell phones; and their disinclination to become involved in organized religion. Almost invariably I leap to their defense, reminding the accusers that it might not be a bad idea to be nice to the kids, no matter how feckless we think them. They will, almost before we know it, be running our country when we’re over the hill and gone, and shortly after, wheeling us down to physical therapy and changing our diapers.

Those cautionary words always seem to fall on deaf ears, for the sniping never lets up. Just yesterday somebody posted a meme with the question, “What do today’s young people need?” Predictably, the answers were demeaning – everything from taking away “their screens,” to having more respect for their elders, to getting off their duffs and doing honest work for a change, to asking Jesus to come into their lives.

All very depressing, and utterly clueless. Their disrespected elders spend at least as much time on their phones as do the kids, and I’ve had the impression that almost always the person handing me my Quarter-Pounder through the window is a kid. As for religion, how’d you feel, going door to door on Halloween evening, coming across this on a screen door: “Attention Satanic Socialists!!! This is the home of a

PATRIOTIC CHRISTIAN Family!” It goes on at length and ends, “If you want candy GET A JOB!! And FIND JESUS!!!!” Can you imagine the lives of the kids, if there are any, behind that screen door? And if you were a kid, would you want to join them?

I thought a bit about what “today’s young people need,” and it seemed to me that the most precious thing we could give them was something we oldsters are running out of – a future. And not just a future, but the confidence that there’ll be one for them to grow into. So, I opined that perhaps the thing they need most is a government that will provide that confidence.

Consider what these still-impressionable young people are absorbing every day from the wraparound news cycles. On their one hand, irresponsible media are urging them never to trust their government; on the other, daily reports from Congress (where the presumed adults are hard at work) reinforce the notion that nothing is, or will be, getting done that will benefit anyone but the Congresspersons themselves or – the image of a NASCAR race car comes to mind – their sponsors.

We’ve been in legislative gridlock before – the still largely unresolved Civil War, for example – and pundits from Mark Twain to H.L. Mencken to Will Rogers have taken their best shots at Congress. But the blather goes on. Does anyone really believe that all the tough talk of enforcing subpoenas and “getting to the truth” about the riot in January is anything but talk? Is it possible not to grow cynical when obvious cures for our ills, ones that other nations enacted decades ago, elude us because of lobbying by interests that essentially are puppets of their shareholders?

The late Barbara Bush, surveying the field of Democratic candidates for the 2000 Presidential nomination, pronounced them “a pretty sorry lot.” She may be gone, but they’re still here. The only hope I see now is in citizen movements. Government gas mileage standards are constantly thwarted by lobbyists but will become irrelevant as we leave them behind ourselves. Hundreds of thousands of people, almost as if they were a single organism, are newly aware of wage erosion and saying, no more! Unions are stirring. Change is in the wind, even a revolution. If our representatives can’t or won’t lead, we’re going to need the energy of those much-maligned kids to help us get there.

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LETTERS FROM READERS

The Lesser Folk of Hardwick

To the editor:

I have now seen this extremely offensive term (a measurement usually applied in science and math) now being used to describe some residents of Hardwick. Even the Gazette chose to publish a quote about the “lesser folk.”

Why have you lesser folk not spoken up to defend yourselves? Perhaps you don't know who you are! I certainly don't, but the person who spoke these words at a Co-op meeting and who wrote them in Front Porch Forum seems to think that some part of the Hardwick population knows. Did this person mean to imply that some lives are

less valuable because they shop at Walmart? Or because they eat junk food? Or because they consume food and don't grow it? What is it exactly that causes one person's life to have less value than another's? So, I want to let you “greater folk” (whoever you are) know that this term and the way in which it characterizes human beings is not only offensive but does not represent the point of view of most residents of Hardwick. And, yes, we do know who we are; we are friendly, neighborly, generous, and kind. We are all (equally) Hardwickians.

Cheryl Michaels
East Hardwick

Displeasure Over Co-op Article

To the editor:

I would like to express my displeasure over the article that Doug McClure wrote last week about the debate around the possible Buffalo Mountain Co-op purchase of the Hardwick Village Market. The article was unprofessional, and I'm surprised it made it through editorial review (is there any?). It amplified (for the second time) some of the most extreme voices in this debate, while not looking for any real information on the topic and read more like a gossip column than real journalism. I'm very disappointed and hope that the Hardwick Gazette ups its game and improves the quality of its journalism. Let's not

move toward the lowest common denominator, which this article was an expression of, and instead meet the highest.

Heather Davis
Hardwick

[Editor's Note: Thank you for taking the time to submit a letter to the Gazette. Every article is reviewed by the editor. That process is not perfect but, in this case, it was thorough. I reviewed the article before publication and watched the video of the meeting in question. The Gazette tries to provide balance in its coverage. Sometimes, this leads us to run an article that contains quotes that some readers find objectionable.]

Cannabis Products Dangerous for Children

To the editor:

Each of us has a responsibility in keeping children and youth in our homes safe. We cover outlets, we put gates across stairs and around stoves, we keep harmful cleaning supplies up high, we actively work to keep our young kids safe. As cannabis products become more common place in some homes, we need to take the same care with these products.

Cannabis products can come in traditional plant form (averages around 20% THC, the main psychoactive compound in cannabis that produces the high), but it can also be in a concentrated form (up to 100% THC). The cannabis plant has been genetically modified over the years to increase its THC potency; this is no longer the 2-3% THC plant that many in our community remember from their younger years.

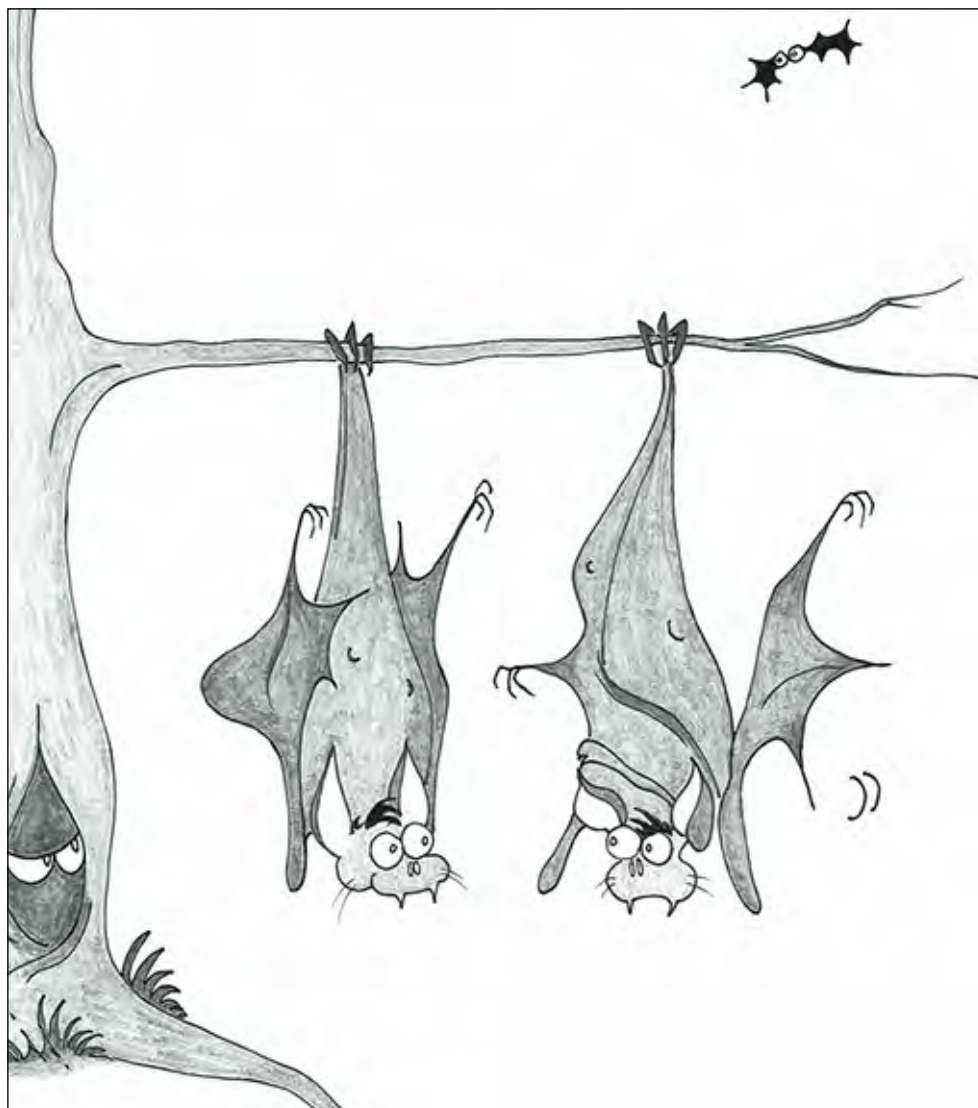
THC is being added to many items that are appealing

to children and teens, including cookies, candies, drinks and vaping pods. New England Poison Control shares a concerning sharp increase in THC-related poisonings in Vermont in children 0-5. Often these products are highly concentrated, with one serving being one or two gummies or a piece of a cookie. This potential for consuming high concentrations of THC puts children and youth at risk.

If you have adult use cannabis products in your home, please keep them secured and locked up so toddlers, children and teens cannot access them. We also recommend that you also do this with alcohol, tobacco, prescription drugs and over-the-counter medicines. This small step can help make our homes safer for our kids! Visit healthylamoillevalley.org to learn more.

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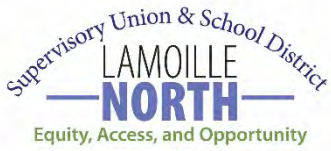
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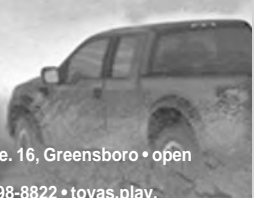
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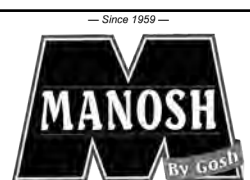
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Lady Chargers End Skid with 3-1 Win

by Ken Brown

HARDWICK – The Craftsbury Academy (CA) girls' soccer team beat Hazen Union on



photo by Vanessa Fournier
Savanah Boyce (#11) of Craftsbury dribbles down Dustan Field followed by Blue Mountain's Karli Blood (#7) during Home Coming play October 16. At left is Craftsbury goalie Rachel Bailey. The home team lost 7-1.

the road last week to end their six-game losing streak, but couldn't keep the momentum going on homecoming weekend against Blue Mountain.

Ida Eames, Sadie Skorstad, and Sophia Augsberger led a balanced attack for the Lady Chargers as they beat Hazen Union 3-1 on the road last Wednesday. Caitlyn Davison gave the Lady Cats an early 1-0 lead, but CA answered with a pair of first half goals to make it 2-1 at the break. Madeline Kaiser made five saves in the loss and Rachel Bailey stopped 14 shots as CA improved to 3-10 on the season. The match showcased the inaugural OSSU Derby created by Hazen Union head coach Harry Besett and CA head coach Tom Silva to promote sportsmanship in the game of soccer.

"This was a big win for the girls on the road in what was an exciting, well-played match by both teams," said Silva. "Ida, Sadie, and Sophia really connected and created and finished some beautiful scoring opportunities. Maggie Royer was exceptional all day in the middle of the field for us and Rachel made some game-changing saves back there. It was great for us to participate in this with Hazen and with Harry and we hope that it helps promote sportsmanship in the game and we look forward to doing it

again next year," added Silva.

Jordan Alley rained on CA's homecoming weekend with five goals to lead Blue Mountain to a decisive 7-1 road win on Saturday. Kyra Nelson added two goals of her own for the Lady Bucks as they took a 4-1 lead into the break and never looked back. Maggie Royer accounted for the lone Lady Charger score off an Ida Eames corner kick and Rachel Bailey made seven saves in the loss. Emma Gray stopped 11 shots for Blue Mountain as they improved to 5-5 on the season.

"It was disappointing to come off such a big win and come out so flat on Homecoming Weekend. We were down 3-0 before we got our legs underneath us and by the time we started to play better soccer, it was too late. Blue Mountain has been dealing with a lot of issues this season, but they are a well-coached team and really jumped on us with their size and athleticism. We are dealing with some nagging injuries ourselves and hopefully we can get fully healthy this week, improve on playing a full 80 minutes, and start to get ready for the playoffs," said Silva.

The Lady Chargers will have a challenging end to their regular season as they travelled to Enosburg on Tuesday before hosting BFA-Fairfax on Friday.

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After Craftsbury's 3-1 win over Hazen on October 13, the teams posed for a joint picture. Participating in the First Annual OSSU Derby, with Hazen players wearing red and Craftsbury players wearing white (front row, left to right): Natalie Michaud, Lily Castle, Savannah Boyce, Gabby Stanciu, Sophia Augsberger, Isabelle Gouin, Hazen Union goalie Madeline Kaiser, goalie Rachel Bailey, Bethany Conway, Ade Gillespie, Tessa Luther, Sadie Skorstad, Alexis Christensen, Haley Smith, Baylie Christensen. Back row (left to right): Sarah Collier, Aster Watkevich, Adelina Augsberger, Lisa Velten, Maggie Royer, Edie McKenzie, Amelia Eagan, Julia des Groseilliers, Ella Gillespie, Caitlyn Davison, Ida Eames, Zoey Burnor, Felicia Flint, Emma Badore, Verna Stoddard, Maverick Murphy, Craftsbury coach Tom Silva, Craftsbury assistant coach Mitch Hunt, Hazen coach Harry Besett.

Hazen Union Hosts Inaugural OSSU Derby

by Ken Brown

HARDWICK – Head coach Harry Besett and his Hazen Union girls' soccer team did their part in promoting sportsmanship in high school soccer last week as they hosted Craftsbury Academy (CA) in the first edition of the OSSU Derby.

Sophia Augsberger, Sadie Skorstad, and Ida Eames all found the back of the net, making the Lady Chargers reigning OSSU Derby champions last Wednesday with a 3-1 road win over Hazen Union. Caitlyn Davison scored the first goal of the match for the Lady Cats and Madeline Kaiser made five stops in the loss. Rachel Bailey made 14 saves for CA as they improved to 3-10 on the season. Captains from both teams spoke to the crowd before the match about what sportsmanship and community support means to them. It has been a hot topic this fall, with poor sportsmanship and behavior from players and fans affecting several teams around the state.

The match also featured CA graduate Tom Stames and Hazen Union graduate Mike Clark, who officiated the match and were recognized before kickoff for their storied careers and lifelong contributions to the game of soccer. After the match, both teams applauded

each other's efforts in a show of respect and finished the evening with a joint team picture.

"Both teams fought hard in the second half, and we pushed and pushed the last ten minutes but couldn't break through their back line. Hopefully, people got a chance to watch the match and we'll continue the tradition for years to come. We look forward to the opportunity of taking the trophy back next year at their place and we'll continue to work hard towards getting our first win," said Besett.

Kylie Taylor scored twice to lead Rivendell Academy past the Lady Cats at home on Saturday, 5-0. Ahaylee Carter, Olivia Parker, and Iris Fukushima all scored a goal apiece and Savannah Gray made two stops to earn the shut-out. It was the third straight win for the Lady Raptors as they improved to 6-4-1 on the season. Madeline Kaiser continued her solid play in net for Hazen Union, recording 18 saves in the loss.

"This was one of our poorest performances as individuals and as a team. Players made uncharacteristic mistakes and had a hard time keeping up with play. We will look to bounce back this week in our last home game," said Besett.

Hazen Union hosted Richford on Tuesday and will wrap up the regular season on Friday at Twinfield-Cabot.



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Hazen Union 8th grader Julia des Groseilliers defends between Craftsbury players Ida Eames (left) and Sadie Skorstad (right) during play on Hudson Field October 13. Craftsbury won 3-1.

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Wednesday was First OSSU Derby for Varsity Girls' Soccer

by Harry Besett

HARDWICK – The Hazen Union Wildcats faced off against the Craftsbury Academy Chargers this past Wednesday in the inaugural OSSU Derby.

In England a Derby refers to two teams from the same city or area that are playing each other. The O.S.S.U. sister schools took this idea and collaborated to create a friendly rivalry and an annual event to celebrate the district's student athletes, good sportsmanship, and community support. An added incentive for the match is getting to take home the "Reigning O.S.S.U. Derby Champions" cup trophy for the remainder of the school year.

Before the match, the four seniors from Craftsbury Academy and two captains of Hazen Union made a joint statement introducing the event and highlighting sportsmanship, as well as recognizing the two referees

for the match, Mike Clark and Tom Stames, graduates of Hazen Union and Craftsbury Academy. For decades the two gentlemen have separately provided youth soccer opportunities in the Hardwick, Craftsbury, and Morrisville area and have 50 years of soccer refereeing experience between them. Another tradition the student representatives of each team borrowed from soccer history was to exchange pennants before the match as a show of respect for the opponent. Each team designed and signed their pennant prior to the match to offer to the opponent at the coin flip.

As the game got underway, both teams fought hard until the final whistle, with a score of Hazen Union 1 – 3 Craftsbury Academy. The Chargers got to take home the Cup in the event's first year. After the match, both teams applauded their opponent's efforts in the game and joined together for a group photo.

A replay of the event is available at hctv.us.



photo by Vanessa Fournier
Wildcat Lily Castle (left) and Charger Ida Eames (right) exchange school pennants after the coin flip. Exchanging pennants is an international symbol of respect between two teams.



photo by Vanessa Fournier
Craftsbury seniors (from left) Felicia Flint, Amelia Eagan, Maggie Royer, Ida Eames and Hazen captains Alexis Christensen (second from right) and Lily Castle (right) read a pre-match statement on respect, community sports, and good sportsmanship.



photo by Vanessa Fournier
Hazen Captain Lily Castle (left) and Craftsbury Captain Ida Eames (right) carry the Orleans Southwest Supervisory Union Derby Cup trophy across Hudson Field to a podium before the start of the game.



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Craftsbury won the Orleans Southwest Supervisory Union Derby over Hazen on October 13. Pictured (left to right): Ada Gillespie, Amelia Eagan, Ella Gillespie, Ida Eames, goalie Rachel Bailey, Maggie Royer, Felicia Flint, Haley Smith. Other team members not in the photo: Verna Stoddard, Sadie Skorstad, Sophia Augsberger, Savanah Boyce, Adelina Augsberger, Ava Purdy.

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Stowe Squeaks by Shorthanded Wildcats

by Ken Brown

STOWE – The Hazen Union boys' soccer team played Division 2 powerhouse Stowe down to the wire last week before receiving a bitter-sweet forfeit from Lake Region on homecoming weekend to improve to 5-7 on the season.

Adrian Bryan scored the eventual game winner for Stowe last Wednesday as they survived a depleted Wildcat squad, 1-0, at home. Wiley Barnett was credited with the assist and Brock Roick made four stops on the day to earn the Raider defense their seventh shutout of the season. Hazen Union suited up only 13 players for the match as they were without starters Cody Trudeau, Lincoln Michaud, Tyson Davison, and Aidan Neill due to a combination of injury and red cards in previous matches. Captain Reed Kehler and Jadon Baker were stellar in the midfield and upfront for the Wildcats and sweeper Gabe Michaud and goalkeeper Tyler Rivard turned away a mountain of scoring

opportunities by the Raiders all afternoon to keep the match close.

"The boys and I came away with a sense of accomplishment that this was one of our best matches of the season, despite the loss," said head coach Allison Paradee. "They played smart, strong, and with determination, proving again that they can hang with the best teams in the Capital Division. We were able to play some of our younger players and freshman Gavin Stratton gave us a preview of the strength, speed, and determination that will only continue to develop," added Paradee.

Stowe improved to 8-2-2 on the season, outscoring its opposition 59-13 in the process. The dominance the Raiders have shown the past ten seasons in Vermont high school soccer cannot be talked about enough as they have amassed a staggering 123-24-15 record, while capturing eight straight state championships from 2012-2019.

Homecoming Weekend was dampened for

Wildcat Nation when Lake Region was not able to make the trip to Hudson Fields in the eleventh hour. The forfeit dropped the Rangers to 3-9 on the season and gave Hazen Union their fourth win of the season in the rugged Capital Division. The Wildcats hope to be closer to full strength this week as they look to finish the regular season strong.

"We found out they were not able to make the match just as we were about to head out onto the field in a mock-homecoming that parents, A.D. John Sperry, and I worked to create. My team was more disappointed about not being able to play than they were excited about the automatic win. This goes to show how much these kids love to play soccer, it's been an incredible season and I can't believe we are wrapping up the regular season already," said Paradee.

Hazen Union celebrated their seniors on Monday in a match against Lyndon Institute and will put a bow on the regular season at Peoples Academy on Wednesday.

JIM FLINT'S CROSS COUNTRY WRAP UP

by Jim Flint

Local Harriers Excel at NVAC Mountain Division Meet

CRAFTSBURY – Cross-country runners from 18 area schools competed at the Northern Vermont Athletic Conference Mountain Division Championship on October 16. The Craftsbury Outdoor Center hosted the meet for varsity, junior varsity, and middle school runners. As a precursor to the October 30 state meet, each school could have up to seven boys or seven girls per varsity squad.

The Craftsbury Academy boys placed second of twelve varsity teams at the meet. The Chargers scored 56 points, behind St. Johnsbury Academy's 38 points. Harwood Union High School placed third with 101 points. U-32 High School's B team placed fourth in the boys' varsity division. U-32's A team, which is ranked #1 in Vermont, opted out of competing at the Mountain Division championship meet.

Vermont's fastest high school runner, St. Johnsbury Academy's Evan Thornton-Sherman, won the 5k boys varsity race in 16:29. James Cilwik of North Country Union High School finished runner-up in 17:15. Cormac Leahy (17:25) and Charlie Krebs (17:55) took third and fifth place for Craftsbury.

Leo Circosta (18:42), Alan Moody (19:07), and Matt Califano (20:38) stepped up for the Chargers with ninth, 15th, and 29th place finishes. Alex Califano (21:00) rounded out the Craftsbury boys' squad.

Twinfield Union High School runners Ethan Parrish (22:19) and Sam Sainz (22:30) finished in the top half of the varsity boys field.

Hazen Union's Liam Jurkiewicz (26:06), Khamden Luangrath (26:10), Carter Hill (26:20), and Tobias Benson (32:14) represented the Wildcat boys varsity team.

Craftsbury Academy and Hazen Union fielded full squads in the girls' varsity division. The Chargers and Wildcats placed fourth and ninth, respectively, among 11 varsity teams.

Lamoille Union senior Maggie McGee won the girls' varsity race in 21:13. Craftsbury's Anika Leahy was the top ninth-grader finisher at the meet. She placed sixth in 22:14. Ruth Krebs (24:12) of Craftsbury, Hazen Union's Cassandra Royer (24:17), and Ava Purdy (24:26) of Craftsbury placed 23rd, 24th, and 25th in the field of 81 runners. Jessica Royer (25:15) finished 32nd for Hazen Union.

Rachel Bjerke (26:28) and Daisy Roianov (29:05) completed Craftsbury's varsity squad. Ella

Considine (28:33), Marta Mas Garrigo (32:40), and Eleonora Andrenelli (34:51) rounded out the Hazen Union varsity.

Craftsbury's Linden Stelma-Leonard (20:25) won the boys' junior varsity race. Noah McKibben (22:34) placed sixth for the Chargers.

Manny Fliegelman of Hazen Union placed 21st of 94 runners in the NVAC boys' middle school championship race. Fliegelman finished the 2.5k course in 10:52. Craftsbury's Roz Mille ran in his first middle school race. He placed 62nd, in 13:20.

Amelia Circosta of Craftsbury Academy won the NVAC girls' middle school championship race. She blazed the 2.5k course in 9:59 to remain undefeated in four middle school races this season. Hazen Union's Finn Burgess placed 41st of 84 middle school girls. Her time was 13:54.

Craftsbury Academy head coach Mike Levangie coordinated the conference championship meet, which involved 409 athletes spread over six races.

"We cannot begin to thank the Craftsbury Outdoor Center and the multitude of volunteers from the community who made the event possible," he said. "It was great to see so many athletes experience the course at the COC."

Chargers Win Richford Invitational

RICHFORD – The Craftsbury Academy cross-country team raced to multiple victories at the Richford Invitational on October 12. Runners from six schools participated in the meet.

Craftsbury eighth-grader Amelia Circosta led the way with a victory in the girls' middle school race. Circosta ran the 3k course in 12:31. Her winning time was 23 seconds faster than the time for the top middle school boy.

Anika Leahy won her first girls' varsity race of the season. Her time of 23:10 outdistanced the second-place finisher, Ruth Brueckner of Missisquoi Valley, by 16 seconds. Ava Purdy (24:58) and Ruth Krebs (25:25) placed fourth and fifth for the Chargers. Rachel Bjerke (27:54) and Daisy Roianov (31:11) rounded out the Craftsbury girls' squad.

Cormac Leahy (18:01) and Charlie Krebs (18:09) finished first and second for the Craftsbury boys. John Viens of Richford High School placed third in 18:18. Charger runners Charlie Kehler (19:08), Leo Circosta (19:20), Alan Moody (20:25), and Linden Stelma-Leonard (22:11) swept the next four places. Noah McKibben (23:10) and Alexander Califano (23:28) completed the Craftsbury boys' squad.

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Craftsbury 9th grader Evan LaMare goes for the ball against Danville's Nicco Siani during Homecoming on October 16 on Dustan Field. Danville edged Craftsbury 2-1.



photo by Vanessa Fournier

Calvin Cacciamani (#14) of Craftsbury looks to pass the ball by Danville's Josh Demasi (#12) during Craftsbury's Homecoming game Saturday. Danville got by the Chargers 2-1.

Missed Opportunity for Chargers

by Ken Brown

CRAFTSBURY – The Craftsbury Academy (CA) boys' soccer team was awarded a win via forfeit by Blue Mountain earlier in the week but were surprised by a depleted Danville team on homecoming weekend, putting their record at 3-8 on the season.

Nico Siani converted on free kick outside of the eighteen-yard line late in the first half for the eventual game-winner to lead Danville to a 2-1 road win over the Chargers. Blue Mountain was forced to forfeit their third match of the season on Tuesday as they continue to battle depleted numbers due to injuries and COVID-19.

"Firstly, I just want to credit Danville and their coaching staff who came in well prepared

with a good attitude and that paid off for them," said head coach Sam Jay. "As a collective, we lacked mental toughness in what was our homecoming weekend against a team that is having a difficult season for various reasons. The boys went into the match with the wrong attitude and at the end of the day that falls on me," added Jay.

Andrew Joncas gave Danville a 1-0 edge twenty minutes into the match before Silas Hunt found the equalizer six minutes later for CA. Siani's direct kick just before the break would end the scoring on the day as both teams managed 15 shots on the afternoon. The win was the second in three matches for Danville as they improved to 2-9 on the season. Unfortunately during the match, a Danville player severely injured his shoulder and had to be taken

off the field by Hardwick Rescue.

"The overall feeling after the match was bitter disappointment and immense frustration. We had 10 clear-cut opportunities to score in this match and had a real opportunity to put it to bed early in the first ten minutes. We talked about starting quick, had prepared for it during the week, and set up the team tactically, but our finishing was atrocious. I need to work harder to prepare the lads and focus on getting them into the right headspace before matches. We will get to work in training and go again this week, starting with Twinfield-Cabot," said Jay.

If the Chargers are to finish the regular season strong, it will have to be on the road with matchups against Twinfield-Cabot and Richford on Wednesday and Friday.

Split Week for Twinfield-Cabot Girls as Win Streak is Snapped

by Ken Brown

PLAINFIELD – The Twinfield-Cabot girls' soccer team edged Danville in overtime for their fifth straight win last week before narrowly falling to Richford, putting their record at 7-5 on the season.

Eva Hebert scored unassisted with two minutes left in double overtime to lead the Lady Trojans over Danville 2-1 on the road last Wednesday. Annie Dunlop scored with ten minutes left in the first half to give Twinfield-Cabot a 1-0 advantage heading into the break. Ava

Marshia found the equalizer for Danville six minutes into the second half off of a corner that went off a Lady Trojan defender. The two teams would play to a stalemate the rest of the way before senior captain Hebert's heroics in the second extra period. Sophie Mancini made five saves for the Lady Trojans and Leah Klark stopped 12 shots in the loss for Danville, evening their record at 5-5 on the season.

"It's not easy to play nearly 100 minutes of soccer, but the girls stayed the course the whole match and I'm really proud of the way they played and dominated

possession. They did a great job of keeping the ball on the ground and progressing up the field together as a team instead of relying on the long ball. I'm proud of how they competed and displayed aspects of their character that you just can't teach," said head coach Seth Wilmott.

Carly Archambault scored twice to lead Richford to a 2-1 home win over Twinfield-Cabot on Saturday. Eva Hebert scored the lone goal for the Lady Trojans and Ida Astick made 10 saves, including a Richford penalty kick in the second half. Aubrey Fadden made three saves

for the Lady Rockets as they improved to 5-5 on the season. Wilmott's squad has won five of their last six matches and, with two contests left in the regular season, have a chance to secure their first winning record since the 2011 team that went to the Division IV Final Four. A strong finish this week for the Lady Trojans could position them to host a playoff match for the second straight season.

Twinfield-Cabot hosted Misisquoi Valley on Tuesday and will wrap up the regular season against Hazen Union at home on Friday.

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JIM FLINT'S RUNNERS' ROUNDUP

Local Runners Go the Distance at Fall Endurance Events

SOUTH HERO – A cohort of local seniors reached new milestones Sunday competing at the Green Mountain Marathon and Half Marathon. Dot Helling, Manny Sainz, Tim Hogeboom, and Elizabeth McCarthy proved that age is not a barrier in long-distance running. The fit and well-trained seniors kept pace with younger runners.

The out-and-back marathon and half marathon courses started and finished near the house where Clarence H. DeMar once lived. DeMar overcame economic hardship to enroll at the University of Vermont. He went on to win the Boston Marathon in 1911, 1922-1924, and 1926-1928. DeMar was also the bronze medal winner in the marathon at the 1924 Paris Olympics.

Green Mountain Marathon runners ran two laps of the half marathon course. The gently rolling rural route went along the west shore of South Hero and Grand Isle. Weather conditions were variable, with a mix of sunshine, a few sprinkles, and light winds coming off Lake Champlain.

Dot Helling, 71, of Adamant last raced 26.2 miles at the 2019 Green Mountain Marathon. Two years ago, she went the distance in four hours, 14 minutes, and five seconds. She went into this year's race feeling wary of the course change from dirt roads to paved roads.

Helling completed the first half of the marathon in 2:06:32, which was close to her 2019 pace. Her legs started to cramp up in the last mile of the race. After a brief stretch break, she went on to finish in 4:21:49. Her average pace for the marathon was ten minutes per mile. She placed 35th of 73 women and won the F70-79 age group.

Manny Sainz, 65, of Marshfield also ran the Green Mountain Marathon in 2019. He finished the 2019 race in 4:09:42.

Sainz ran the first half of Sunday's marathon in 2:01:36. He hung on to finish the race in 4:40:56, which was the second-fastest time for the M60-69 age group.



photo by Natalie Gentry

Dot Helling, 71, is the dean of northern Vermont women distance runners. The Adamant senior finished Sunday's Green Mountain Marathon in four hours, 21 minutes, and 49 seconds. She placed 35th of 73 women at the 26.2-mile race in South Hero and won the F70-79 age group.

"My body stopped running at mile 18," said Sainz. "I didn't have lactic acid buildup or any injuries but could only jog the remaining eight miles. I'm still excited I ran it and finished without any injuries."

Tim Hogeboom, 70, of Walden was the fastest half marathoner from the towns covered by the Hardwick Gazette. Hogeboom paced at 8:49 per mile to finish in 1:55:27. He won the M70-79 age group.

"I didn't have high expectations at the start and wasn't feeling energized," Hogeboom said. "My legs had been sore most of the previous week from a hike up Mt. Lafayette in the White Mountains. I was frankly surprised and delighted to win my age group. My time was just 12 seconds slower than my 2012 Green Mountain Half Marathon time."

Elizabeth McCarthy, 68, of Walden, placed sixth of 15 finishers in the F60-69 age group. Her time was 2:16:58.

"I tried a different strategy, going out slow then just finding an easy pace the rest of the way," said McCarthy. "I was able to keep going without walking as I did in the Leaf Peepers race. In 2012, I finished the Green Mountain Half Marathon in 2:27:27. So, getting older doesn't mean slower."

Jessica Caldwell, 26, of Wolcott rounded out the half marathon finishers from towns covered by

the Hardwick Gazette. She placed 31st of 123 female half marathoners. Her time was 1:58:57.

Craftsbury Runners Conquer Hills and Trails

STOWE – The allure of fall foliage attracted a huge field of runners on Saturday. The Trapp Lodge Mountain Marathon had 81 finishers, while 307 runners completed the concurrent half marathon. Weather conditions were unusually warm, wet, and windy. The rugged 13.1-mile course started from around 1,400 feet and climbed to the 2,360-foot summit of Round Top Mountain. Marathoners made the ascent and descent twice.

Craftsbury's Kaitlyn Miller, 30, was unfazed by the steep scrambling segments on the serpentine trails. She completed the marathon in 4:06:40 to place runner-up in the women's division and seventh overall.

Miller's Craftsbury Green Racing Project teammate, Alex Howe, also ran the marathon. Howe, 32, placed 19th in 4:47:27.

"The course was well marked and the aid stations well stocked," Miller said. "All the volunteers were super friendly, helpful, and encouraging. The rugged section of trail up to Roundtop behind the Slayton Pasture Cabin was probably my favorite part!"

Lucy Donaghy, 38, of Craftsbury, went into the challenging race having trained for a flat marathon. Her goal was to run a smart race and finish faster than she did in 2018. She started in the first wave of half marathoners, which was stacked with the speediest runners. Her finish time of 2:11:59 placed in the top 25 percent of the half marathon field.

"I can honestly say that I struggled from the start," said Donaghy. "I realized that if I wanted to finish with dignity, I needed to do a quick adjustment of expectations. I felt like I ran a very conservative race. I allowed myself to slow down when I couldn't drop my heart rate. I ended up running 16 minutes faster than I did in 2018."

Michael Chartrand, 37, of East Calais rounded out the half marathon finishers from towns covered by the Hardwick Gazette. He placed 166th in a time of 2:35:11.

Craftsbury Olympian Finishes Boston Marathon

BOSTON – The Boston Marathon was held in the fall for the first time in its 125-year history. On October 11, some 18,000 athletes competed in the 26.2-mile race from Hopkinton to Boylston Street.

Local Olympian Ida Sargent, who trained for many years at Craftsbury, was among the participants. Sargent, who currently teaches at Burke Mountain Academy, qualified for Boston at the 2019 New York City Marathon, which she completed in 2:57:22.

Sargent, 33, finished the Boston Marathon in 3:02:26. She completed the first half of the race in 1:27:15. Her time for the second half of the marathon, which includes Heartbreak Hill, was 1:35:11. Sargent averaged 6:58 per mile for the marathon. She placed 1,756th overall and 194th among women finishers.

Sargent's friend and former U.S. Nordic teammate, Kikkan Randall, finished the Boston Marathon in 3:00:27. At the 2018 Winter Olympics, Randall and teammate Jessie Diggins became the first-ever gold medal winners for the U.S. in cross-country skiing.

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photo by Vanessa Fournier
Twinfield senior Brody Moran (#4) challenges Oxbow's Quinncy Beaudin (#3) during home action Tuesday. Twinfield-Cabot shut out Oxbow 5-0.

Offense Starting to Click for Twinfield-Cabot Boys

by Ken Brown

PLAINFIELD – The Twinfield-Cabot boys' soccer team outscored Oxbow and Blue Mountain by a combined score of 11-2 last week in a pair of wins as they remained contenders atop of the Division IV standings at 8-2 on the season.

Brody Moran scored twice to lead the Trojans to a 5-0 blanking of Oxbow at home last Tuesday. Meles Gouge, Frank Castillo, and Alec Moran also found the back of the net in a balanced attack by the Twinfield-Cabot offense. Neil Alexander made one save to earn the fourth shutout of the season for the Trojan defense. Dakota Goodrich made seven stops in the loss as the Olympians fell to 1-10.

"Oxbow showed a lot of toughness with some quality team defense, holding us to two goals in the first half," said head coach Peter Stratman. "The boys created a couple of exciting chances early, but our pace fell a bit flat for much of the match. They picked it up late and manufactured some quality goals and it was nice to get another team win," added Stratman.

Meles Gouge poured in four goals to lead Twinfield-Cabot to an impressive 6-2 road win over Blue Mountain on Friday. Gouge leads the team in scoring with 17 goals on the season. Cooper Bernatchy and Brody Moran chipped in with a goal apiece

and Neil Alexander made five stops on the day as the Trojans outscored the Bucks 5-0 after trailing 2-1 late in the first half. Kristofer Fennimore and Cameron Roy accounted for Blue Mountain's offense in the loss as they fell to 5-4 on the season.

"It was back and forth in the first half, with both teams putting together several dangerous attacks. We settled down a bit in the second half and did a much better job of controlling the play with some rhythmic passing. We still have a relatively young squad and I've been so impressed by the growth across the team this year. Sophomore Silas Robbins has stepped up big to anchor the backfield, sophomore TJ Bernatchy has moved from the midfield to the backline the last few matches and has utilized his strength and speed, and Sam Russell has also moved to the backline this fall and his offensive experience brings a great attacking mindset to our backline," said Stratman.

Stratman has breathed life into a drowning Trojan soccer program, compiling a 25-11 record in his three seasons at the helm as they look to host a playoff match for the third straight year later this month in the Division IV playoffs. Twinfield-Cabot is scheduled to host Craftsbury Academy on Wednesday before wrapping up the regular season at home against BFA-Fairfax on Saturday at Cabot.



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Twinfield senior Alec Moran (left) heads the ball ahead of Andrew Emerson (right) of Oxbow during an October 12 game at Twinfield. The Trojans took the victory 5-0.

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Linksters Couldn't Pass Up Warm Evening

by Patrick Hussey

GREENSBORO – With bright sun and blue skies, temperatures well into the 70s and still not a frost in sight, the Tuesday night linksters couldn't pass up another unseasonably warm October evening for golf at Mountain View Country Club last week.

A total of 30 golfers came out on a splendid evening and the league played a two-man scramble. Afterwards, they held a random draw to create foursomes. With the course still in tip top shape, it made for another night of some exceptional golf. After each twosome carded their score, an average handicap of the duo was used to create their net score.

Two groups tied for first place with a net score of 23.5. The first was Jefferson Tolman and Bill Richardson, who pounded out four pars on their way to a six-over 41. Their average handicap was 17.5. Tied with them at 23.5 was Dan Mencucci and Slade Farnham, with an impressive round of three-over 38. Their handicap was 14.5.

Behind them in second place was the duo of Aaron Molleur and Richard Brochu, who scorched the course with a one-over 36 and netted a 25. Brad Ferland and Dan Gauthier also shot a three-over 38 alongside Mencucci and Farnham and netted a 25.5, which left them in third place.

The best gross round of the night, a two-under 33, was posted by a pair of twosomes, Mike Clark and John Sperry as well as Dan Miko and Joe Mulligan. Right behind them at one-under 34 were John Stone and Andy Hunt as Pete

Brochu and Pat Hussey carded an even par 35.

All the twosomes and their net scores were thrown into a hat and randomly picked to create four-somes. On the next to last draw, Ian Drown and Jim Bellavance, who shot 43 and netted a 27, got picked with Tolman and Richardson and they won first place with a combined score of 50.5

Picked just before them and ending up in second place was the twosome of Mencucci and Farnham, who got paired with Pete DesChamps and Shayne Carr. Those two shot a 44 and netted a 28.5, so they combined for a 52.

Two foursomes tied for third place with a net 53. The first group had Molleur and Richard Brochu being picked with Mulligan and Miko, who netted a 28. The second foursome had Ferland and Gauthier picked with Pete Brochu and Hussey, who netted a 27.5

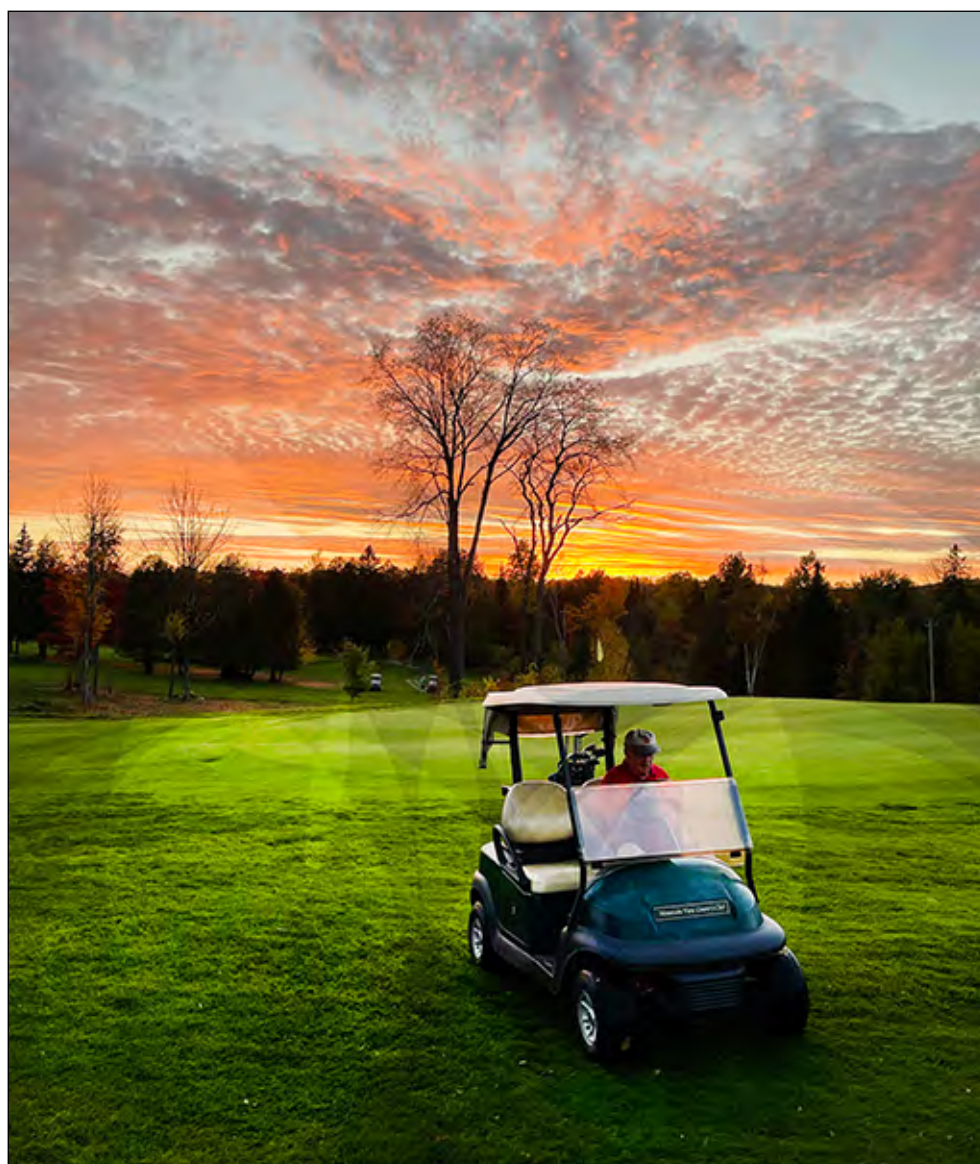
Fourth place, at 54, went to Clark and Sperry as they got joined up with Hunt and Stone. In fifth, at 55.5, was the foursome of Dan Rogers and Dave Rogers, who got paired with Rob Montgomery and Rowdy Doyon. Finally, it was Dean Rogers and Jeremy Kaufman joining up with Ivan and Andrew Menard to take sixth at 67.

Slade Farnham won closest to the pin on three, leaving his drive 12 feet from the pin. On five, Mencucci zeroed in to two feet, seven inches with his impressive tee shot to win closest. On eight, Hunt put an approach to 13 feet to win closest in two. Then on nine, Pete Brochu hit a dart to two feet, seven inches to win closest.



courtesy photo

The unseasonably warm weather continued last week and the Tuesday night crowd took advantage of it. Above, Richard Brochu attempts a birdie putt on the eighth hole as his teammate Aaron Molleur looks on. Caspian Lake is dead calm in the background as a few maple trees still provided some exceptional color.



courtesy photo

Richard Brochu adds up his team's score card in his cart after teaming with Aaron Molleur to shoot a one-over 36. October's warm weather made for another perfect night of golf and gave the Tuesday crew a wonderful sunset.

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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.