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## Johnson Pleads Not Guilty, Denied Bail

by Doug McClure

NEWPORT – On Monday afternoon, 51-year-old Greensboro resident Darryl Johnson appeared in person before Orleans County Court Criminal Division Superior Judge Lisa Warren. Johnson was arrested by Vermont State Police Friday and is charged with a count of second-degree murder and a count of manslaughter in the death of Robert Chaplin, 27.

Johnson could face life imprisonment or a “preemptive minimum” of 20 years for the count of murder. The state alleges that Johnson “acted with an intent to kill, or an intent to do great bodily harm, or a wanton disregard of the likelihood that death or great

bodily harm would result.”

If convicted of the count of manslaughter, that carries a penalty of not less than one year and

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### Johnson Affidavit Provides Timeline

by Doug McClure

NEWPORT – Police released the affidavit describing their interviews and investigation after the Monday arraignment where 51-year-old Greensboro resident Darryl Johnson pled “not guilty” to two counts, one for second-degree murder

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screenshot by Doug McClure

Monday’s arraignment for Greensboro resident Darryl Johnson, 51 (seated at right). His attorney for the arraignment was Kelly Grant (standing next to him), and prosecuting for the state was Jennifer Barrett (standing, left.) Members of Johnson’s family are seated in the gallery.



photo courtesy Hardwick Town Manager  
New resident Jessica Gasper told both the town manager and Hardwick Police Department that neighboring tenants have been harassing her with anti-Semitic slurs and defaced her apartment door.

### Resident’s Door Defaced with Anti-Semitic Graffiti

by Doug McClure

HARDWICK – Resident Jessica Gasper moved to Hardwick under a year ago and said she has since been dealing with frequent harassment from neighboring tenants in her rental building. The situation came to a head a week ago Saturday when she woke up to find her door defaced with the words “Go back to Maryland, you kike bitch.”

Gasper is half-Asian and is also Jewish. She said that Alliance Property Management

See **GRAFFITI, 6**

## Supreme Court Reverses Decision on Property

by Doug McClure

GREENSBORO – The Vermont Supreme Court weighed in on a proposed change to a longstanding structure on Caspian Lake that has worked its way through the Development Review Board (DRB) and the Environmental Division of the Vermont judiciary.

In 2018, property owners Marian Wright and Greg Boester went before the DRB asking to add a third level to their shoreline property. The DRB approved the reconstruction of the property but rejected the third-floor addition because it increased the building’s height. The board’s rationale was, in part, that the structure should be considered a “boat house” and not an “accessory building,” which limited the building’s height under Greensboro’s zoning rules.

The applicants had appealed the DRB’s 2018 decision to the Environmental Division of the Vermont Judiciary in 2019. One key issue was whether the structure was, in fact, a “boat house,” with a maximum allowed height of fifteen feet. The applicants asserted that the building was an “accessory structure,” which under zoning rules could be up to 30 feet high. The applicants wanted the Environmental Court to issue a summary judgment that the building should properly be considered an “accessory structure” and the court agreed.

Greensboro and the abutting neighbors had requested the opposite finding, that the structure was a boathouse, arguing, in part, that the height increase would cause an “undue adverse effect” which was not allowed by the

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file photo by Vanessa Fournier

Guy and Pam Trag standing in their newly purchased store on Mill Street in 2013. The Trags purchased the market from the Hall family, who had owned it since 1994.

## Co-Op Members Vote Overwhelmingly for Move

by Doug McClure

HARDWICK – The Buffalo Mountain Food Co-op announced last Thursday that “86% [of members] voted YES for the move” to the Hardwick Village Market space. It said that 552 “member-owners” took part in the vote from October 10 through October 24. The Co-op has thus far offered few details about what the next steps would be. In the statement released, it said “Now that we have achieved this step, we can proceed in a thoughtful way with our next steps, which includes financing.”

Buffalo Mountain Food Co-op Board President Annie Gaillard said “we’re working on

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bylaws. The Environmental Division rejected that request on the basis that the question of an "undue adverse effect" was not raised in the initial appeal.

While the matter was in front of the court, Wright and Boester submitted a redesigned plan. The Vermont Supreme Court stated that the building in the revised plan "continued to have a third story but was three feet shorter than the initial proposal — making it seven feet higher than the existing structure, lower than the maximum height for accessory structures and higher than the maximum height for boathouses." The first floor was reduced to a "four-foot-high 'crawl-space'" storage area for boats. The plan also called for rotating the building's footprint away and moving it back from the shore three feet more. The applicants argued these changes were to address concerns over the proximity of their dock to neighboring properties. A fiberglass ramp would be installed."

The Supreme Court noted in its October 2021 ruling that the structure predates Greensboro's 1972 Zoning Bylaws and "it is undisputed that the structure is therefore a legal non-conforming structure," essentially meaning the structure was grandfathered. But, the court noted, such structures "may not be 'moved, altered, extended, or enlarged in a manner that will increase the existing degree of non-conformance.'"

The DRB requested that the Environmental Division remand the plan to the DRB because of the changes. The Environmental Division court disagreed, stating that the concerns were not "material and substantial" since it had already ruled that the structure was an accessory structure and not a boathouse.

The Vermont Supreme Court did not agree with that ruling. Its terse assessment over the question was "we conclude the structure is a boat house with a pre-existing nonconforming use under the bylaws, and therefore do not reach the other issues in this appeal." In making that judgment, the Supreme Court noted "the purpose of the bylaws is to promote the Greensboro Town Plan, which aims to preserve

the lake and surrounding land protecting the shorelines from erosion and overdevelopment." It also found that Greensboro's creation of special shoreline-adjacent areas buttressed its claim that the proposed structure would be a boathouse.

The Supreme Court had a bigger issue with the Environmental Division's failure to remand the redesigned structure to the DRB. Citing precedent, the court noted that a process exists "in order to avoid the type of 'procedural ping-pong match' occasioned by requiring every minor revision... to be remanded for municipal consideration." It disagreed that in this case the changes were not substantial enough, and furthermore, the Environmental Division effectively usurped the DRB's authority in a manner that contravened "its role as appellate tribunal." The Supreme Court cited "cautionary language of Chioffi v. Winooski Zoning Bd... that 'the court must resist the impulse to view itself as a super planning commission.'"

It wrote that, based on multiple precedents, "in this case, the revisions presented were not minor because they implicated additional analyses the DRB did not have occasion to consider... and because they might have invoked comment from interested persons who had no objection to the original plan. The new proposal would shift the building much closer to the current nonconforming septic system and add a fiberglass ramp at the shoreline within the heavily regulated SBRZ [Shoreland Buffer Resource Zone]."

It added that, especially given the SBRZ, "although the relocation of a structure by a matter of feet might be a minor change not requiring remand under many circumstances, we cannot so conclude under the circumstances of this case. In drafting its zoning ordinances, the Town of Greensboro placed a dual layer of protection of the delicate shoreline ecosystem... because the revised proposal presented issues to court which had not been addressed by the DRB... the Environmental Division should have remanded it."

Nat Smith of the DRB said "The ruling supports local zoning boards (DRBs) and Planning Commissions as well as overturning the lower court's decision."



**November 3 - November 9**

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# POLICE REPORT

## State Police Report Arrest for Second-Degree Murder, Collision with State Trooper

On October 27, at approximately 6:10 p.m., Vermont State Police responded to a two-vehicle crash on U.S. Rte. 2 in Danville. After investigation, it was determined that Connie Kellogg, of Marshfield, pulled out in front of Gabriel Schrauf, of Barre, while Schrauf was traveling west on U.S. Rte. 2. Trp. Schrauf was traveling with his emergency blue lights on in an attempt to catch up to a motor vehicle for a violation when Kellogg pulled out in front of him. Trp. Schrauf was unable to avoid Kellogg's vehicle and collided with the rear end of it. Both vehicles sustained substantial damage. This crash remains under investigation.

On October 28, at 10:10 p.m., Troopers with the Vermont State Police were notified of a vehicle off the roadway on Vt. Rte. 215 in S. Cabot. Troopers responded to the scene and located the operator, who was identified as Christopher Raymond, of Marshfield. While speaking with Raymond, indicators of impairment were detected. Subsequent investigation led to Raymond being taken into custody for suspicion of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol. Raymond was transported to the Vermont State Police Middlesex Barracks without incident where he was processed for DUI. Raymond was issued a citation to appear in Washington

County Superior Court – Criminal Division on November 18 at 8:30 a.m. hours and subsequently released.

### Vermont State Police Arrests Suspect in Connection with Fatal Shooting in Greensboro

GREENSBORO – Following further investigation, the Vermont State Police on Friday evening, Oct. 29, arrested Darryl Johnson, 48, of Greensboro on suspicion of second-degree murder in the shooting death of Robert Chaplin, 27, of East Hardwick.

The shooting occurred Oct. 20 outside Johnson's home on Eligo Lake Road.

The Vermont State Police has worked closely on this investigation with the Orleans County State's Attorney's Office, along with the Hardwick Police Department and the Orleans County Sheriff's Department. The court ordered Johnson jailed for lack of \$100,000 cash or surety bail. He is scheduled to be arraigned at 1 p.m. Monday, Nov. 1 in the Criminal Division of Vermont Superior Court in Newport.

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.

## Media Log Summary Hardwick Police

October 25: Directed Patrol, S. Main St.; Assist – Public, Vt. Rte. 15; Assist – Agency, Bridgman Hill Rd.; Motor Vehicle Complaint, Vt. Rte. 14; Directed Patrol, Riverside Ter.; Directed Patrol, Glenside Ave.; Foot Patrol, S. Main St.; Alarm, Wolcott St.

October 26: Suspicious Event, Mill St.; Directed Patrol, S. Main St.; Traffic Hazard, West Hill Rd.; TRO/FRO Service, High St.; Juvenile Problem, Hazen Union Dr.; Accident – LSA, N. Main St.; Juvenile Problem, Lower Cherry St.; Directed Patrol, Mackville Rd.

October 27: Directed Patrol, S. Main St.; Public Speaking, High St.; Assist – Other, Wolcott St.; Accident – Property Damage On, N. Main St.; Animal Problem, Lamoille Ave.; Assist – Agency, Spruce Dr.

October 28: Directed Patrol, S. Main St.; Motor Vehicle Complaint, Vt. Rte. 14; Traffic Hazard, Wolcott St.; Juvenile Problem, Granite St.; Juvenile Problem, Summer St./Dewey St.; Assist – Agency, River St.; Directed Patrol, Glenside Ave.; Traffic Stop, Wolcott St.; Suspicious Event, Industrial Park Rd.; Motor Vehicle

Complaint, Vt. Rte. 15; Foot Patrol, S. Main St.

October 29: Directed Patrol, S. Main St.; Motor Vehicle Complaint, Hillside Ave.; Assist – Agency, High St.; Juvenile Problem, N. Main St.; Motor Vehicle Complaint, Vt. Rte. 16; Trespassing, Cobb School Rd.; Directed Patrol, Riverside Terrace; Missing Person, W. Church St.; Directed Patrol, Glenside Ave.; Suspicious Event, Mill St./S. Main St.

October 30: Noise Disturbance, Riverside Terrace; Directed Patrol, Mackville Rd.; Citizen Dispute, Spruce Dr.; Assist – Agency, Hillary Dr.; Directed Patrol, Glenside Ave.; Directed Patrol, S. Main St.; Directed Patrol, Hazen Union Dr.; Directed Patrol, Upper Cherry St.; Noise Disturbance, Riverside Ter.

October 31: Theft, Vt. Rte. 15 W; Alarm, Bayley Hazen Rd.; Assist – Public, Wolcott St.; Directed Patrol, Hardwick.

November 1: Intoxication, Lower Prospect St.; Directed Patrol, S. Main St.; Suspicious Event, Cobb School Rd.; Theft, Hardwick St.

### Hardwick Police

## Collision, Operating after Suspension

On October 26, at 3:20 p.m. Jessica Royer came to the Police Department to say she was rear-ended on North Main St. by a white Subaru Outback just prior to her arrival to the PD. Royer could not provide additional descriptions of the vehicle. The truck driven by Royer sustained a light scratch and small dent.

On Oct. 28, at 8:29

p.m., Samuel Isaac Rheaume, of Stowe, was stopped in Hardwick. Police issued a \$249 ticket for OSC Under Civil Suspension.

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### AWARE Report

HARDWICK – AWARE assisted 15 victims/survivors of domestic and sexual violence from October 24 through October 31. 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.



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Wolcott second grader Bentley Foster carries a 20-pound squash through the obstacle course during the school's fall festival PBIS celebration on October 28.

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## Johnson

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not more than fifteen years, a \$3,000 fine, or both.

Representing Johnson at the arraignment was Kelly Green, though she said she was standing in and he would be seeking a public defender. The state was represented by Jennifer Barrett, who requested that Johnson be held without bail.

Barrett said that Johnson allegedly told law enforcement he was going to kill Chaplin if he came to his house, and said that when police arrived, allegedly told police “I told you so.” Both attorneys said Chaplin was in his vehicle at the property, but diverged when it came to the events that allegedly transpired culminating in Chaplin’s death. Both agree that the firearm failed to fire two times, but gave differing explanations. Barrett alleged that the reason given was he forgot the safety was off, and Green said the gun “misfired.” In the Affidavit of Probable Cause filed by Det. Sgt. Francis LaBombard of the Vermont State Police, Orleans County Sheriff’s Department Sgt. Richard Wells said he interviewed Johnson, and “Johnson stated that the revolver missed fired [sic] twice because the safety was on and he forgot to take it off the whole time he [Johnson] was yelling at him

[Chaplin] to get the f\*\*\* off his property.”

To make a case for Judge Warren granting Johnson release on bail, Green pointed to Johnson’s roots in the community. She said he grew up in the same house where he lives presently. Green said that he knew the court had given the option of conducting the arraignment virtually, but he wanted to come to Newport in person with multiple family members to show the judge who he really was. Green said Johnson had no criminal record and extensive community support. She contrasted that with what she said was an outstanding “violent felony” that had been pending for Chaplin. She said the community had rallied around Johnson and his family since the incident, giving the specific example of the United Church of Hardwick bringing the family meals.

Green said that Chaplin “chased [Johnson] down.” She said that the state police never spoke to Johnson and that Johnson had presented himself to the Hardwick Police Department, along with video evidence without being told to.

After Green’s explanation of why she believed Johnson met the legal standard for Judge Warren allowing bail, Barrett repeated Johnson’s alleged own words to police. Judge Warren said the

court was concerned with the “significantly lengthy” affidavit and described the “nature and circumstances” of the crime as “extremely serious and extremely violent.” She ordered Johnson held without bail until she could get more information at a scheduled Wednesday morning weight-of-evidence hearing.

The sixteen-page affidavit describes the events that led up to the shooting as investigated by the Vermont State Police, Orleans County Sheriff, and Hardwick Police Department. The police investigation was aided by surveillance video from the Hardwick Convenience and Deli store and cameras at Johnson’s house.

The initial altercation at the convenience store was responded to by Hardwick Police Department’s Officer Joseph Rossi just before 7 p.m., and Chaplin arrived by car at Johnson’s residence just past 8 p.m. No video of the shooting itself was discovered. One piece of surveillance video puts the time between the 911 call to Newport dispatch reporting the shooting and the first emergency response at twenty-five minutes. Chaplin was pronounced dead at 9:54 p.m. at Copley Hospital.

Police described multiple times what they called the disparity in size between the two.

Johnson was described as “approximately 6’2” tall and is a large, framed subject [sic]. Chaplin was determined to be approximately 5’10” and is a large, framed subject [sic]. There is a distinct difference in size the size Johnson has over Chapin, which is apparent in the video at the Hardwick Convenience Store.” The surveillance video from Hardwick Convenience and Deli was reviewed and police described the altercation in the parking lot outside the store.

The affidavit said Johnson described his weapon as a .22-caliber magnum revolver with a 16-inch barrel. The fatal shot that struck Chaplin was sustained under the left armpit. Police say Chaplin was not armed. According to the affidavit, Johnson had no apparent bodily injuries at the scene and declined medical assistance.

Both Johnson and his wife were interviewed. Police never interacted with Chaplin. Body camera footage was used to document the sequence of events, including from Officers R. J. Caldwell and Joseph Rossi of the Hardwick Police Department.

According to the affidavit, Johnson told police he knew Chaplin from working together at a construction company “years ago” and “stated he has not associated with Chaplin since that time.” Both Johnson and his wife referred to Chaplin as “Robby.”

## Move

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[next steps] now. Fundraising, bank appraisals, and still trying to negotiate the price down because the roof and store floor both need replacing.”

With the beginning of a new era for the Buffalo Mountain Co-op comes the end of an old one for Hardwick. The town has had an independent family-owned grocery store in that location for generations.

Current Hardwick Village Market owners Pamela and Guy Trag bought what was then the Halls Handy-Market in late 2013. The Hall family bought the market in 1994 from Bev Lasure when it was known as the Mill Street Market.

According to a 2013 article about the Trags purchasing the market, the Halls had owned stores in Hardwick since 1974. They operated what is now the M&M Beverage from 1974 to “about 1980” where they debuted bottle redemption that was “unusual at the time.” In 1984, the family purchased what is now Hardwick Convenience and Deli (formerly Kwik-Stop), and in “what as innovative move at

the time, they rented Betamax videos and players,” the article said.

When the Halls saw that the Mill Street Market was for sale in 1994, they saw an opportunity once again for expansion and innovation. According to a 1994 article, three members of the Hall family quit their jobs to help out in the store. Among the objectives Jerry Hall laid out at the time were “quality meats at good prices” and perhaps opening a deli.

It was noted in the 2013 article that “It was a real family business: the three brothers, their parents, and significant others all lent a hand. They strove to get to know each of their customers and to maintain the friendly vibe of a neighborhood market.”

The Trags said at the time that they intended to continue that tradition. With ten years of experience at the time running the Quality Market in Barre as a family business, the article said “they plan to continue to run the Mill Street business as a family operation.”

According to the article, “Tim Hall will stay on in the meat department, as will most of

the store’s other employees.” The Trags used the same distributor as the Halls “and expect to stock the familiar items customers are accustomed to seeing on the shelves.”

In two community meetings, the co-op said its feasibility study showed that the success of the new location hinged on stocking some amount of the conventional grocery items that the Village Market did in addition to the Co-op’s organic line. That was also a condition of the sale. Members showed sharp divisions as to whether they found that acceptable. Some were concerned that the cheaper conventional products would sell better than more expensive organic local products.

The Co-op’s leadership will have to decide how to “blend” the offerings that the Village Market carries with existing Co-op products and how to allocate the additional space that the new location will offer. According to Hardwick Town records, the Village Market’s total square footage is 6,000 square feet split between two floors, more than double the size of the Co-op’s current ground floor retail space.



photo by Vanessa Fournier  
Among many original costumes at Walden School was kindergartner Crosby Lynd as an ear of corn.

# Walden Board Switches Health Insurance Provider

WALDEN – The Walden Select Board met on Monday, Oct. 25. Present were select board members Brenda Huntoon, Bob Hatch and Randolph Wilson; auditors Judy Clifford, Robyn Cook-Hubner and Willi Woelfle; and Michael Wright from Calnex, and members of the public Roger Fox, Marci Larrabee, and Bob Hawk via Zoom.

The board voted and approved switching from BCBS health insurance to MVP. The savings will be approximately \$3,400 a year, and the Calnex ambulance contract was approved and signed. The board also voted to take money out of the capital fund to pay for the

roof repair of the fire station.

The road crew will get an excavator from Essex Rental for two weeks. There are six culverts that need to be replaced, plus some plugged culverts. Trucks are ready for winter and the Corner Road has beaver problems.

Huntoon passed on a resident's comments that the road crew was doing a great job, specifically on Noyestar and Orton Roads.

An ARPA advisory committee was formed and will be made up of 13 members.

The next meeting will be November 8, at 6:30 p.m., at the firehouse and via Zoom.



photo by John Cannon

Greensboro Land Trust monitoring director Lise Armstrong in the St. Louis conserved enclave off Horse Pond Road.

# Greensboro Land Trust Monitors Conservation Easements

by Clive Gray

GREENSBORO – The Greensboro Land Trust (GLT) has conserved twenty properties in Greensboro, ranging in size from 0.37 acre on Caspian Lake's northwest shore to 450 acres in the center of town. The GLT raised funds to purchase five of the easements, but all the others have been donated by the original landowners. Including over 20 properties conserved by the Vermont Land Trust, two Nature Conservancy preserves (Barr Hill and Long Pond), and two easements largely financed by the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board (Green Mountain Monastery and Wilson Farm), 23 percent of Greensboro's area is conserved in perpetuity.

According to the easement agreements, which are registered in the town land records, the conserving agency monitors each easement once a year to ensure the agreed restrictions are observed. The Land Trust Alliance Accreditation Commission requires this be done in order for land trusts to retain their accredited status.

GLT trustee Lise Armstrong manages this process for the Greensboro Land Trust. Every fall, she assembles teams of GLT trustees and advisers who visit the conserved properties. This year the process was completed in mid-October. Armstrong and her teams report that up to now, all GLT's landowners have strictly observed the conditions in their agreements.

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**TOWN OF WOLCOTT SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

**November 10, 2021**

The legal voters of the Town of Wolcott are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Wolcott Elementary School in said Town on November 10, 2021, at 6 o'clock p.m. to transact the following business from the floor:

**Article 1.**

Shall the voters in said Town authorize the Select Board to purchase up to 706 +/- acres of land on both sides of East Elmore Road to become a new Town Forest for the purpose of protection of recreation opportunities, education, public access, open space, scenic values, forestry, wildlife and water quality? Said purchase will be conditioned on the Town being able to receive grant funding for all but \$25,000.

Dated at Wolcott, Vermont this 8th day of October, A. D. 2021

Kurt Billings, Allen Carpenter, Kurt Klein  
Richard Lee, Linda Martin

Attest: Belinda Clegg  
Date: Oct. 8, 2021

Please be aware that masks are required and three feet of space at all times.

## Graffiti

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landlord Shawna Hanley has ignored her complaints until recently. Then, said Gasper, “she acted like it was just my fault. What did I do to possibly incite someone doing that to more door? She seemed completely unaware of anti-Semitism and just completely not empathetic. I don’t even know if she’s educated about the issue, but it seemed like something she’s never cared about or will care about.”

Gasper said she sent Hanley a link from the Anti-Defamation League, which describes itself as an organization founded in 1913 “to stop the defamation of the Jewish people and to secure justice and fair treatment to all.” Gasper also contacted town manager David Upton and the Hardwick Police Department. She said HPD told her there was not much they could do “because it’s not destruction of property.”

Gasper said she moved to Vermont last year, and had planned on moving to Stowe last year to be close to the Stowe Jewish Center, which is the closest synagogue, “just to kind of acclimate ourselves. I didn’t know anyone here. And this whole COVID thing made it so Hardwick was the place where we could find a reasonably-priced, affordable home.”

Gasper said “we got here around last Thanksgiving, and we just immediate [felt it] from most people, if not all. There are a couple of families who are normal and nice and fine... we put up some Hanukkah decorations around December 10. We had matzo crackers thrown on the doorway and some oranges.”

She described those who are harassing her as “overtly-right-wing extremist types ... Qanon” and added that “that’s kind of concerning to me.”

Gasper said things came to a head a week ago Saturday.

“Throughout the past nine months, ten months, however long it’s been we’ve been here, we’ve had so many negative interactions with [the neighbors], [to] where we don’t want to interact with them, but they call us names, etc. [That Saturday] one of the tenants came up. She was drunk and trying to start problems and call us names again, and she used the word ‘kike.’ She then went outside my window, also used the word ‘kike’ with a male friend. And then we woke up the next morning and there was a message on my door saying, ‘Go back to Maryland, you kike bitch.’”

It was at the point Gasper went to the police. Vermont’s statutes describe a hate crime as “any crime committed in Vermont that is maliciously motivated by the victim’s actual or perceived race, color, religion, national origin, gender identity, ancestry, age, service in the armed forces of the United States, disability, sexual orientation or gender identity is a hate crime.” As of press time, the Vermont Attorney General’s office has not responded as to whether the actions Gasper describes fall under the purview of that statute.

She next went to the select board and related her experiences. Gasper spoke with Equity Committee Chair Ceilidh Galloway-Kane. She said the board “was pretty empathetic and understanding and wanted to do more. So, I liked the response.”



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Wood is prepared for lighting at the annual fire ceremony held at the Rootstock retreat center on October 28.

# Local Spiritual Retreat Celebrates with Fire Ceremony

by Thorolf van Walsum

GLOVER – As the autumn leaves, rain, and supply lines fell, it wasn’t only the trick or treaters who were active in the Northeast Kingdom. On Thursday, Oct. 28, a group of witches, weirdos and out-of-state wanderers gathered around a fire near Glover to communally manifest meaning in their lives and speak openly about the goings-on of their lives.

Rootstock retreat center is a rural refuge and creative sanctuary that welcomes everyone from environmental healers and activists to the regular folk who might not know the difference between the two. This past week, from October 28 to November 1, they celebrated the third year of its operation with their annual Transformation Fire ceremony.

This transformation fire began with a round of thanks being given to seven directions: North, South, East, West, skywards, earthwards, and center. Each direction was hailed with a giving of meditative thanks; Beana Bern, the founder of Rootstock, started the circle off with North, giving thanks to the grandfathers, grandmothers and grandparents of the land and the powers the North brings before giving space for other volunteering participants to acknowledge the remaining directions.

Following this acknowledgement, everyone around the fire was given a sprig of cedar and

encouraged to share something meaningful from their life. Participants from a wide range of stages in life shared what had been most impacting them of late, then throwing the sprig into the fire. Divorces, life after college, and the aimless desire to help nurture the world in one’s old age all mixed in the smoke and ashes of the evening. Following the offloading of weights, new directions and intentions were set as the firegoers tossed small bundles of herbs onto the fire, sowing new spiritual seeds as their past was relegated to the composts of time.

This evening would go on to include a communal soup dinner, two sharing space fires (“sun” and “moon” circles for males and females respectively), and countless bouts of howling at the brilliant stars above. While the ceremonies were intended for a full five days of activity, it took only one night of participation to see and feel the value of a space that welcomes and encourages non-judgemental time for expression and listening.

The following is a passage from the Rootstock Retreat vision statement. “We believe that the inner landscapes of consciousness, wellness and oneness need nurturing, exploring and fortifying so that the outward work of compassion, restoring justice, dismantling the patriarchy, defending the earth, decolonizing ourselves and our world, and birthing a new paradigm for humanity can occur.”



photo by Vanessa Fournier

Walden pre-K students Cohen Adams (left) and Hunter Clifford (right) receive candy from school staff members (from left) Damien Owczarski, Travis Hill, Alex Hight and Victoria Foster during a celebration held October 28.

## Shooting

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and the other for manslaughter, in the shooting death of 27-year-old East Hardwick resident Robert Chaplin.

The sixteen-page affidavit describes the events that led up to the shooting as investigated by the Vermont State Police, Orleans County Sheriff's Department (OCSD), and Hardwick Police Department (HPD). The police investigation was aided by surveillance video from the Hardwick Convenience and Deli store and cameras at Johnson's house.

The initial altercation at the convenience store was responded to by Hardwick Police Department's Officer Joseph Rossi on October 20, just before 7 p.m., and Chaplin arrived by car at Johnson's residence just past 8 p.m. No video of the shooting itself was discovered. Chaplin was pronounced dead at 9:54 p.m. at Copley Hospital.

Hardwick Police Officer Joseph Rossi responded to the initial incident at the Hardwick Convenience and Deli. Police say the clerk told Rossi that Chaplin tried to purchase beer. He didn't have enough cash, so he put part of it on a credit card. But the clerk told Rossi that he "noticed Chaplin appeared intoxicated and he told Chaplin he was going to refund his money because it was illegal for him to sell beer to someone intoxicated." The clerk said they put the beer aside and began the process to credit Chaplin's card, but then Chaplin "became angry and grabbed the case of beer." A tug-of-war ensued, resulting in the box breaking and cans of Bud Lite spilling into the floor.

Rossi at the time interviewed the customer who intervened, Johnson, who said he "went to the aid of Phelps and pushed Chaplin out the front door." According to the affidavit,

Johnson told Rossi "Chaplin shoved him back a couple of times. During this time, Chaplin told Johnson he knew where Johnson lives, and he was going to go to his house tonight and deal with him."

Chaplin had left prior to Rossi's arrival. As Rossi was leaving, the affidavit said he turned off his body cam, and "Johnson told him that if Chaplin showed up at his house he would '\*\*\*\*ing kill him.' Rossi told Johnson that he would have to be in fear for his life and could not just shoot him."

Police reviewed the surveillance video over a week later and found inconsistencies between the surveillance video and Johnson's account, primarily over Chaplin's actions as described by Johnson. "Chaplin and Phelps can be seen briefly pulling on the 12 pack. Chaplin appears to let go of the 12 pack and stands in the area of the door with his back to the doors. After letting go of the 12 pack Darryl Johnson shoves Chaplin hard through the closed doors with two hands.

"The video shows that Johnson is much larger than Chaplin in stature and easily moves him from one spot to another. Johnson can be seen shoving Chaplin on three different camera angles of the store's security system... It should be noted Darryl was in the store for 45 seconds before shoving Chaplin hard out of the store. At no point can Chaplin be seen on the security video acting in a physically assaultive manner."

That "distinct difference in size Johnson has over Chapin" would be noted again in the affidavit.

What happened at Johnson's property was described through interviews with Johnson and his wife, police body-cam footage, and Johnson's own surveillance cameras, which did not provide an angle on the actual shooting

but did provide clues for police as well as a timeline.

At 7:17 p.m., Johnson arrived back at his house from the convenience store, and police say on the video he stopped at the store for cigars and "\*\*\*\*ing Robert Chaplin" was there and drunk and threatening the clerk. Separately, both Johnson and his wife describe moving their vehicles closer to the house, thinking Chaplin might come by and smash their windows.

After moving his truck, at 7:39 p.m. "Johnson is seen walking around outside with spotlight/flashlight and the .22 revolver." He was alone outside at the time. The affidavit said Johnson described his weapon as a .22-caliber magnum revolver with a 16-inch barrel.

Chaplin arrived in his vehicle at 8:08 p.m. and on the video "you can see Chaplin's vehicle rock to a stop and at three seconds you heard the door slam and at five seconds you see Johnson enter the frame with the revolver in his right hand, with his arm extended out, pointing it at Chaplin's vehicle." Johnson's wife is heard saying "Darryl don't!" and "Darryl stop it!" Next, Johnson is heard saying "you see that barrel?... Get the \*\*\*\* out of here... Drill it right into your \*\*\*\*ing head, right now. You've already threatened me."

There was a gap in the video at that point, but when it resumed at 8:12 p.m. Johnson's wife is "hysterically crying." A minute later "camera triggered by Johnson walking out of the house - he still has his gun in his hand - walking back over to Chaplin." During this timeframe, Johnson's wife called 911.

Speaking to dispatch, she said "He shot him, my husband shot him, he tried to get out of the car to fight, my husband shot him." Dispatch asked if Chaplin was alive, and according to the 911 transcript, his wife asked Johnson if Chaplin was "okay" at which point Johnson responded "still alive for now."

The transcript recorded Johnson's wife, referring to Chaplin as "Robby," saying "they're coming, Robby, stay with us. Stay with us! Oh my God. You shouldn't have come here, Robby."

According to the affidavit, Johnson told police he knew Chaplin from working together at a construction company "years ago" and "stated he has not associated with Chaplin since that time." Both Johnson and his wife referred to Chaplin as "Robby."

OCSD's Sgt. Wells arrived on the scene nine minutes after Hardwick Rescue, per the camera's timeline. It is unclear whether HPD was on scene

already. "Sgt. Wells is now on scene and asks about the gun and tells H. Johnson to leave it there for a minute. H. Johnson says 'I carried it up to the house for him.' Wells says he just wants to see it."

HPD Officer R. J. Caldwell was on scene in the same timeframe, though it is unclear whether this preceded Hardwick Rescue or not. Johnson "was offered to sit in Caldwell's vehicle while Caldwell and Wells conducted the investigation. While seated in the vehicle, Johnson was not handcuffed, and the rear passenger side door remained open. Johnson was also asked if he was okay and was offered to have medical personnel check his wellbeing and he declined."

Bodycam footage from Officer Rossi showed while seated in the vehicle, Johnson told Rossi "I told ya." Rossi replies back, 'hey, you feared for your life'... Johnson said, 'he just bolted out at me because I was going to take his keys and keep him here until the cops came.' Rossi stated to him, 'if I remember correctly when we were at the store for the prior incident you told me, he said was gonna come to your house and kill you, right?'"

In a subsequent interview at HPD by Orleans County Sheriff's Department Sgt. Wells, Johnson told Wells he "confronted Chaplin and put the pistol to his temple." Johnson had told HPD Officer R. J. Caldwell at the scene he felt threatened and "I told him to get the \*\*\*\* outta here or I was going to shoot him." When asked about the threats in Sgt. Wells' HPD interview, "Johnson stated, 'He kept saying that he knew where I lived and he would come to my house.' Sgt. Wells asked did he say what he was going to do, and Johnson stated, 'He did not.'"

While Sgt. Wells and HPD Officers Caldwell and Joseph Rossi worked the scene, Johnson was allowed to change into sneakers and the work boots he had been wearing "were not collected by the officers at the scene that evening." He was allowed to smoke a cigar. Johnson later asked about Chaplin's condition, stating "I don't want him to die, that's all I need is a murder charge." He added "It was totally self-defense, I was in fear for my life, especially from what happened earlier. He's lucky I didn't bring my shotgun. It's just squirrel shot but it would of made a lot bigger mess of him."

The fatal shot that struck Chaplin was sustained under the left armpit. Police say Chaplin was not armed.



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Left: On Wednesday, Duncan McDougall, the director of the Children's Literacy Foundation, shared stories and new books with pre-K to sixth grades at Craftsbury Academy. The visit was a part of the 2021-2022 Rural Libraries grant that was awarded to the John Woodruff Simpson Library in East Craftsbury.

# Halloween Fun 2021



Sarah Lyons (left) of Walden gives candy to Mattias Shik (right) during the Trunk or Treat event held October 30 at Atkins Field.



Standing under the giant inflatable Jack Skeleton proved to be a popular photo op for the trick or treaters who attended the Trunk or Treat event in Hardwick at Atkins Field October 30.



Ceilidh Galloway-Kane (left) of the Hardwick Recreation Committee (HRC) hands out candy to trick or treaters Colton Daigneault, 7, (center) and his brother Braxton Daigneault (right), 3, of Hardwick at the Trunk or Treat event held at Atkins Field October 30. In the back are HRC members Holly Bolio and Rhonda Hess. The event was hosted by the Center for an Agricultural Economy.



Laura DiBiase (left) of Craftsbury and Chris Pierpont (right) of Walden stand in front of their decorated trunk for the Trunk or Treat Halloween event held at Atkins Field October 30. The event was hosted by the Center for an Agricultural Economy and over 130 children attended.

**Photos by Vanessa Fournier**

# Halloween Fun 2021



Esteli Kitchen (left) and Jeff Reinhardt (right) of East Hardwick provided music for the many who attended the Hafta-Have-A-Halloween Festival in Greensboro Oct. 31.



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The Hafta-Have-A-Halloween Festival October 31 even included jugglers: Circus Smirkus troupers (from left) Austin Damron, Miki Hertog-Raz, Scott Raison. Standing on shoulders is Owen Lawson-Spratley. The event was hosted by Modern Times Theater, with the help of many supporters and participants. The event also included 15 porch sitters along the festival route that were giving out candy as people walked by.



Hardwick Rescue Squad training officer Tyler Molleur (center) passed out candy and glow sticks to the many trick or treaters with the help of his sister Alyssa Molleur (left) and his mom Tammy Molleur (right) at the Hafta-Have-A-Halloween Festival October 31 in Greensboro.



Fortune teller LaLuna Fortuna aka Carol Fairbank tells the fortunes for Howie Demaine (left) of Glover and Eden Mayhew (right) of Glover during the Hafta-Have-A-Halloween Festival in Greensboro October 31.



It was a very rainy night for the Hafta-Have-A-Halloween Festival held October 31 in Greensboro. Karol Toaldo (left) her granddaughter Piper Hall (center) and her daughter Megen Hall (right) of East Hardwick, enjoy the festivities.

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# Halloween Fun 2021



Woodbury Elementary School (WES) students Maya Kittredge, McKenna Durkee, and Odin Kittredge pose behind a character board made by the sixth graders for the Pumpkin Walk. The event was hosted by the Friends of WES and the fifth and sixth graders.



Lexi Demers (right) gets some popcorn as Rose Friedman (left) prepares to make some more at the Woodbury Pumpkin Walk held October 29.



*photo by Vanessa Fournier*  
Dylan Meachan, 7, (left) is offered a choice of treats from Tiffany Gray during the Woodbury Pumpkin Walk and Trunk or Treat event held October 29 at the school. Assisting in back at right are Gray's son, Colin, and Gray's mom, Penny Allen.

Right: Josh Boyd is one of 35 family members who passed out candy to the Walden students as they paraded in front of the school in their costumes October 28.



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Seventy-three pre-K-8 grade Walden students paraded in costume and trick or treated from family and staff members who lined up in front of the school October 28.

# OBITUARIES

## EVELYN (EVIE) GAUTHIER

HARDWICK – Evelyn (Evie) Gauthier, 87, of Hardwick, passed away peacefully at home with family on October 26.

Evie was born March 24, 1934, in Greensboro Bend to Alexander and Yvonne Messier. She attended schools in Greensboro and graduated high school from Our Lady of the Mountains Academy in Gorham, N.H.

On February 7, 1959, she married Arthur Gauthier at St. Michael's Church in Greensboro Bend and became stepmother to his two daughters, Diane and Lorraine. They then had three sons, Daniel, David, and Ronald.

Evie was a worker beginning while she was growing up on the farm with her family in Greensboro Bend and then working for the campers on Caspian Lake. After graduation, she worked for Aetna Insurance in Connecticut. Once she and Arthur were married, they became chicken farmers at home in Mackville and then operated the well-known snack bar, Evie's Chickencoop. She also worked at the A & W, Foster's Vermont liquor store, and the Grand Union. However, her favorite by far was driving a school bus for Wildcat Busing, which she did for 23 years before retiring in 2005.

She loved her family and friends and her sense of humor stayed with her until the end. During her life she enjoyed snowmobiling, ice fishing, card playing, bingo, casino trips, and camping with her close friends Bill and Betty Corrow. Their adventures included many trips near and far with their pop-up camper, with the greatest being a cross-country trip to Alaska.

Evie is survived by her stepdaughters Diane Martin of Glenville, N.Y.; Lorraine Gauthier of Newport; Dan and his wife Robin



Evelyn (Evie) Gauthier

of Wolcott; David Gauthier, Ron Gauthier and his wife Donna, of Hardwick. Evie also leaves grandchildren Michael, Michele, Nicholas, Alexander, and Jessica, as well as great-grandchildren Juliana, Leah, and Lucie and sister-in-law Florence Messier.

She was predeceased by her parents, her husband, Arthur, brother Ernest Messier and wife Blanche and brother Raymond Messier.

A funeral mass will be celebrated by Father Thomas Aquinas at 11 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 5, at St. Norbert's in Hardwick. Committal will follow at St. Michael's cemetery in Greensboro Bend.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Evie's memory can be made to Lamoille Area Cancer Network, 198 Farr Ave, Morristown, VT 05661 or Hardwick Rescue Squad, PO Box 837, Hardwick, VT 05843.

Arrangements are under the direction of des Groseilliers Funeral Home, Church Street, Hardwick. Memories and condolences are welcome at dgfunerals.com.

# OUR COMMUNITIES

## NEK Connects Open to All on Nov. 12

NORTHEAST KINGDOM – Leaders, community-builders and residents across the Kingdom are invited to a community building event on Friday, Nov. 12, for the Northeast Kingdom Collaborative's (NEKC) NEK Connects.

Throughout the pandemic and for decades prior, the NEKC has convened community-minded folks in the NEK to celebrate the region and collaborate on solutions to its most pressing problems. This year's NEK Connects is the latest iteration of these efforts.

Since the start of the pandemic in 2019, the NEKC has been working with partners across the NEK to identify priorities for regional growth and prosperity. NEK Connects will provide opportunities for cross-sector collaboration on housing, workforce development, equity and inclusion, access to broadband, and more.

The NEKC recognizes that diverse leadership and region-wide coordination are the keys to

affecting positive change across all sectors in our sparse region. NEK Connects is the only region-wide event where NEKers across sectors can come together to make new connections, share learning, and workshop solutions.

"This is an event for employers as much as employees, and for visionaries as much as listeners," said NEKC Director Jen Carlo.

This year's virtual event kicks off at 9 a.m., on Friday, Nov. 12. Three learning and collaboration sessions will be interspersed throughout the day, with each session offering a few different workshops for participants to choose. Workshops will feature expert speakers and facilitators and panel Q&As, plus time for open-forum discussion.

With space for networking, engagement, learning and plenty of screen breaks, NEK Connects promises participants a space of growth, learning, and progress.

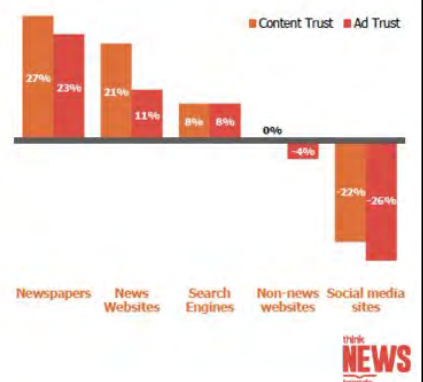
Register at [nekcollaborative.org](http://nekcollaborative.org).

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# OUR COMMUNITIES

## Turkey Bingo Benefit on Nov. 5

EAST HARDWICK – Turkey Bingo will be held at the Caledonia Grange #9, 88 East Church St., on Friday, Nov. 5, at 6:30 p.m.

In addition to cash prizes in the 50-50 games, three winners will take home an organic turkey donated by Wild Acres Farm in East Hardwick. Capacity will be limited inside the hall to accommodate social distancing. Masks are required and

parking is limited, so carpooling is recommended. Disposable bingo cards will be provided at the cost of 2 for \$1, and bingo daubers will be available, or bring your own. This event is presented by Caledonia Grange #9 and Modern Times Theater. All proceeds will benefit community programming in East Hardwick. For more information see [modernimestheater@gmail.com](mailto:modernimestheater@gmail.com).

## Grand Re-opening Celebration on Nov. 7

PLAINFIELD – A celebration to mark the re-opening of the Plainfield Town Hall Opera House has been scheduled for November 7, according to Friends of the Plainfield Town Hall Opera House.

The celebration will begin at 3 p.m., with a benefit performance by Nisht Geferlach Klezmer Band, Vermont's only Klezmer band.

Refreshments will be served at 4 p.m., along with brief announcements about the future of the Friends of the Opera House, the town hall and our plans for the winter and spring.

The Opera House will follow strict COVID protocols, including

requiring proof of vaccination for all eligible people, masking for all, physical distancing (we are limiting capacity to 65 people), and contact tracing.

Advanced reservations to the concert and meeting with an optional donation to help cover expenses. Go to [plainfieldopera-housevt.org/](http://plainfieldopera-housevt.org/) for tickets or register for only the meeting portion of the celebration via Zoom.

Following the meeting there will be a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new parking lot.

For more information email [plainfieldtownhall@gmail.com](mailto:plainfieldtownhall@gmail.com), or phone or text (802) 498-3173.

## Fall Sale on Nov. 13

ALBANY – The annual fall sale at Albany Methodist Church will take place on Saturday, Nov. 13, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., with gently used items, Christmas decorations, baked goods, fudge, jams and jellies for sale. A beef stew lunch will be available with

homemade beef or venison stew, cornbread, pie, and a beverage. Take-out will be available. The proceeds will go towards shipping Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes around the world. Call (802) 754-2790 for more information.

## “Name a Plow” Program Extended to All Vermont Schools

BARRE – The Vermont Agency of Transportation (AOT) is inviting all Vermont schools to name the state's big orange snowplows and participate in Vermont Plow Day.

AOT and schools across the state will celebrate Vermont Plow Day on November 17, at 9 a.m., when Maintenance District plow operators will visit students at each school that named a truck. Schools are invited to take photos of their students and staff with the plow truck and name sign.

Earlier this month, the Agency invited elementary schools to submit plow names. A total of 123 schools participated. Now, AOT is extending the Name a Plow program to all Vermont schools. The fleet has 250 full-size plows, and the Agency aims to name every truck.

“The response so far has been wonderful,” said Transportation Secretary Joe Flynn. “We hope to engage even more students in brainstorming names and holding schoolwide votes to name a snowplow that is maintaining

Vermont's highways.”

Each school may enter one name. Principals are responsible for reviewing the name and ensuring that it is appropriate. There are more Vermont schools than state plow trucks; schools are encouraged to submit a name as soon as possible. Each name must be unique, and schools that submit a name that is already taken will be asked to choose a different name. The agency will assign each name to a plow truck at a maintenance district garage located near the school. A sign will be placed on the truck stating the plow name and the school name.

To enter the Name a Plow program, the school's principal should email the proposed snowplow name to AOT Public Outreach at [Amy.Tatko@vermont.gov](mailto:Amy.Tatko@vermont.gov). The deadline to submit a name is November 5.

AOT will publish a complete list of all snowplow names on its website on Vermont Plow Day. To view the list then, go to [vtrans.vermont.gov/](http://vtrans.vermont.gov/).

## Local Libraries Collaborate on The Gratitude Project

NORTHEAST KINGDOM – The Jeudevine Memorial Library in Hardwick, the Greensboro Free Library, Craftsbury Public Library, the John Woodruff Simpson Memorial Library in East Craftsbury, and the Albany Public Library will be offering opportunities for expressing gratitude during the month of November.

Each library will have stamped postcards to use to send a note of thanks to friends and family. Pieces of fabric will be available to

write on feelings of gratitude. The fabric will be hung in each library.

Throughout the month, each library will host a gratitude destination, with activities, ideas, and books to support practicing gratitude.

This project was born out of a conversation about Lapher Public Librarian Amy Olsen's Wishtree project, where she created a Wishing Tree at her library inspired by the book “Wishtree” by Katherine Applegate.

## Greensboro Development Review Board Warning

The Greensboro Development Review Board will conduct a hearing on Thursday, Nov. 18, at 7 p.m., at the Greensboro Town Hall, in the Collier Room, and via Zoom. They will consider a Conditional Use request by Coleman and Jody Parker to build a new boathouse at 136 Breezy Avenue. This application will be considered under the following by-laws: 2.7 Shoreland Protection District, 5.4 Conditional Uses, and 8.8 New Uses and Encroachments Within the Shoreland Buffer Resource Zone. There will be a socially distanced site visit on Saturday, Nov. 13, at 11 a.m. Both the hearing and the socially distanced site visit are open to the public.

To join the ZOOM hearing, sign up for a free ZOOM account anytime ([zoom.us](http://zoom.us)), then at 7 p.m., on Thursday, Nov. 18, go to ZOOM and click on: join a meeting. The meeting number is 880 3936 0909. There is no password. You may phone into the ZOOM meeting at: 646 876 9923 (this is not a toll free number).

The application is available for review at the Greensboro Town Hall or at the Greensboro Town website, [www.greensborovt.org](http://www.greensborovt.org). Participation in the proceeding, either in person or in writing, is a prerequisite to the right to make any subsequent appeal. Interested persons may join the ZOOM hearing or send a letter or email ([zoning@greensborovt.org](mailto:zoning@greensborovt.org)) to the Development Review Board at the Greensboro Town Clerk's office to comment on the proposed plan.

Greensboro Development Review Board  
Further instructions for joining a ZOOM meeting are on the Greensboro Town website [www.greensborovt.org](http://www.greensborovt.org) under Town Business - Committees and Commissions - Development Review Board.



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# THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

## Friday, November 5

**TURKEY BINGO**, 6:30 p.m., Caledonia Grange #9, 88 East Church St., E. Hardwick. Information: moderntimestheater@gmail.com, 472-8987. All are welcome.

## Monday, November 8

**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, November 9

**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.

**ELEANOR OTT'S ART** is on display, the Third Floor Gallery, Hardwick Inn, through December. Reception date to be announced.

# Comedian Papa Performs at BOH on Nov 12

BARRE – Tom Papa, a top comedic voice in the country, is up next in the TD Bank Celebration Series on Friday, Nov. 12 at 8 p.m., at the Barre Opera House.

With more than 20 years as a stand-up comedian, Papa is an author, has performed in film, TV, radio and podcasts, as well as on the live stage. He began his career in New York City in 1993 playing open mics and hosting at the Stand Up New York comedy club. He toured with Jerry Seinfeld after meeting him at the Comedy Cellar in New York.

Papa recently released his second book, "You're Doing Great! - And Other Reasons To Stay Alive," which was the follow-up to "Your Dad Stole My Rake: And Other Family Dilemmas," both released by St Martin's Press.

Papa has four hour-long stand-up specials, the latest "Tom Papa: You're Doing Great!" was a Netflix Original. His other specials include "Human Mule, Freaked Out" and "Tom Papa Live in New York City."

Papa was a regular performer on the nationally syndicated radio show, "Live From Here," which featured his own regular segment, "Out. In. America. With Tom Papa," heard by the 2.6 million fans of the weekly radio show. He



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Comedian Tom Papa performs at the Barre Opera House on November 12.

also appears on National Public Radio as a guest panelist on "Wait, Wait Don't Tell Me," of which he has also been the guest host.

For more information, see barreoperahouse.org or call (802) 476-8188. The Opera House, located at 6 North Main Street in Barre, is handicapped accessible and equipped for the hearing impaired.



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The folk-roots trio the "Wailin' Jennys" performs November 13 at the Barre Opera House.

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# IN THE GARDEN

## Planting Bulbs for Forcing Indoors



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*Tete-a-tete daffodils forced to bloom on a windowsill.*

**by Henry Homeyer**

CORNISH FLAT, N.H. – I love the winter, but by March I am ready for spring. I usually have some snowdrops blooming in March on a south-facing hillside, but they are subtle, not bodacious blooms. So, I plant lots of bulbs indoors in the fall and keep them cool until it is time to bring them into the warmth of the house, and I get indoor tulips, daffodils and more in March. That's what forcing bulbs is all about. It's simple, really, but there are a few tips I can share since I do this every year.

Most bulbs are described on their packages as early, midseason or late. Go to your local garden center and look for bulbs that are labeled as early bloomers: they are the best for forcing. Buy daffodils, some tulips and maybe some small bulbs like crocus or grape hyacinths. You can plant these bulbs in large pots or even in your window box if you bring it in.

You will also need some potting soil and compost. I make a mix that is half compost, half potting soil for forcing bulbs. I don't use garden soil because it can be heavy and often stays wet. Bulbs can rot if they are left in wet soil for too long. I often reuse the potting mix that I used for growing annual plants outdoors in summer. I just pull up the summer's plants, fluff up the soil, add some compost as needed, and make sure it is damp to start. If it is dry, I water it before I plant my bulbs.

Each year I plant about 25 daffodils in a window box that is about 30 inches long, six inches wide and deep. I prefer to get all of one kind so that they all bloom at once.

I fill the window box a little more than half full with my mixture of compost and potting soil and place the bulbs, pointy end up, in the soil. Once I have them all in place, I push them down more and fill up the box with more potting soil-compost mixture.

Be sure to label each pot with the date planted, and what is planted. Later, that will tell you when you can bring it into the warmth. Daffodils take about 12 weeks of dormancy before they should be brought into the warmth of the house, and tulips do better with four full months. Little things like crocus can be forced in eight to 10 weeks.

Often bulbs will send roots out through the holes in the bottom of the pot or send up green shoots telling you they are ready. But don't rush the process. Tulips brought up early will have nice green leaves, but no flowers.

Ideally temperatures for bulbs used for forcing will be between 32 and 50 degrees, though colder temperatures should not be a problem (my basement often goes below freezing for a few days). Left in a warm location, the bulbs will grow green tops, but not blossoms. Bulbs left in a cold basement or garage will do just fine. Inside the bulkhead to your cellar might be the right temperature, too.

You need to be aware that rodents like eating bulbs (indoors or out), especially tulips. My basement has, most years, harbored mice and sometimes even a resident red squirrel. Unlike tulips, daffodils are not of interest to rodents as they are mildly poisonous. I keep my pots of tulips covered with hardware cloth (a fine-mesh metal screening available at hardware



*courtesy photo*

*Forced tulips are my favorites.*

stores). But wear gloves if you cut hardware cloth to size: the edges are as sharp as razor wire.

You can double your production of blooms by planting two layers of bulbs in a container. Plant big bulbs deep in the pots, add soil, and then plant a layer of crocus or other small bulbs above them.

It is important to check on the bulbs you are forcing at least once a month, particularly if you have put wire rodent-proofing over the containers. I've had shoots try to grow through the hardware cloth and get damaged. If the bulbs are sending up shoots, remove the wire mesh. I also don't want the soil mix to get bone dry, so I check it and water a little if it's dry. The bulbs will grow roots when first planted, and then go dormant if kept in a dark, cold location.

When it is time to bring up your potted bulbs into a warm

place, let them wake up gently. My mudroom is good for starting them: there is some sunshine, but it is cool. Then, once the shoots are up and green, I place the containers on my sunniest windowsills, either east- or west-facing.

Most bulbs that have been forced are not likely to flower the following year, even if you keep the foliage alive until spring and plant them outside. I've done it, and some daffodils will build up the energy to blossom after a while, but tulips are not so cooperative.

I was a Peace Corps volunteer in Cameroon, West Africa many years ago. There, I could have flowers blooming every day of the year. It spoiled me, perhaps, because I still want flowers every day. Forcing bulbs is one way to have lots of blossoms when there is snow on the ground. So don't wait until mid-December to start your bulbs. Get on this project now.



*courtesy photo*

*Daffodils being planted in a window box for forcing.*

# YANKEE NOTEBOOK

## The Perfect Blend and Balancing

by Willem Lange

EAST MONTPELIER – The crew and I shot the last episode the other day of this year’s season of “Windows to the Wild.” It was also – to me, at least – the most confusing. It was a competition between at least two of the basic principles of storytelling.

Surely you remember from your high school English classes the discussions of setting, plot, and characters. I used to cite “Huckleberry Finn” as a perfect blending and balancing of the three elements. It’s what we try to do in our various episodes on land, sea, and air. This story, however, would focus mainly on a character.

If you’ve ever watched any of Governor Chris Sununu’s press conferences, you’ve no doubt noticed a husky, salt-and-pepper-bearded interpreter standing beside him, gesticulating inscrutably (to most of us) in American Sign Language. That’s Dave Krueger, a congenitally deaf man, making the Governor’s remarks intelligible to deaf viewers of the press conference.

*Rochester, not incidentally, is probably the most deaf-friendly city in the country (Demark the friendliest country abroad). It’s almost reminiscent of Martha’s Vineyard, where a gene for deafness once affected a large portion of the island’s natives, and everyone on the island, the hearing included, spoke a local sign language.*

My mission in this episode was to walk and “talk” with David about his life and work. It was kind of up my alley, as both my parents were deaf, and I speak sign language pretty well. But it was complicated by three factors, to begin with: First, it’s virtually impossible to walk a forest trail and chat in sign language at the same time; second, David and I speak significantly different sign languages – he, ASL, and I, old-fashioned “English”; and third, because my parents lost their hearing to spinal meningitis around the age of ten (they were what is called post-lingual deaf), they spoke to me, while I signed to them. So, I’m in the same pickle

as anyone traveling in a foreign country whose language he’s studied. He can ask the questions, but not understand the answers. I looked forward to the conversation with some trepidation.

But I hadn’t figured on the fascination of the setting. It’s a bit difficult these days to find a protected wild venue that permits the use of a drone, which our videographer loves to use. He finally found one, called My Walden, near Sharon, on a back road called Drum Heller Road (what was up with that, I wondered, and still do). It’s gated and maintained and protected by a full-time caretaker, who met us at the gate. David showed up late – I greeted him by signing, “Nice you could drop in” – and we were off into My Walden.

I soon discovered that my old legs hadn’t quite recovered from the previous week’s depletion in the White Mountains. But with a steadying hand in front from Dan Goulet, the caretaker of the conserved area, and an even firmer hand in the middle of my back from David behind, we arrived at length at a comfortable bench beside a lovely little pond (enhanced by a rustic rock dam and downstream weirs called the Nine Pools of Wisdom).

Here we were able to talk a little about David’s life. He has an older brother, also deaf, and a sister, hearing. He’d tried my parents’ alma mater, Gallaudet College, but found it a bit insular, and finished his degree at National Technical Institute for the Deaf in Rochester, which has a training program for interpreters. Rochester, not incidentally, is probably the most deaf-friendly city in the country (Demark the friendliest country abroad). It’s almost reminiscent of Martha’s Vineyard, where a gene for deafness once affected a large portion of the island’s natives, and everyone on the island, the hearing included, spoke a local sign language.

From the pond, we made our way to the top of a hill, where an abstract sculpture and two stone benches provide a meditation area with a long, long view of the Vermont mountains. It was here that the setting almost overwhelmed the character and plot, as we made notes in the guest book and chatted as best we could. I couldn’t quite keep up orally with David’s ASL, so said very little as he signed, to the obvious frustration of Steve, the videographer. The drone soared happily around us, taking in the whole scene and two guys on a bench in the sun gesturing to each other.

What a beautiful way to end the season! – a gentle walk in sun-dappled hardwoods with a good-humored man who revived memories of my childhood and another world right beside us.

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# LETTERS FROM READERS

## Recognizing Judy Dales' Contribution

To the editor:  
It was a very nice article about the Greensboro "Hafta-Have-a-Halloween," but there was quite an omission in not mentioning Judy Dales, who thought the whole thing up and engineered it for the

last three years through Covid and rain. The Trick-or-Treat Trail was her idea. The additional acts came later and are also a bunch of fun, but Judy does need recognition.

**Janet Long  
Greensboro**

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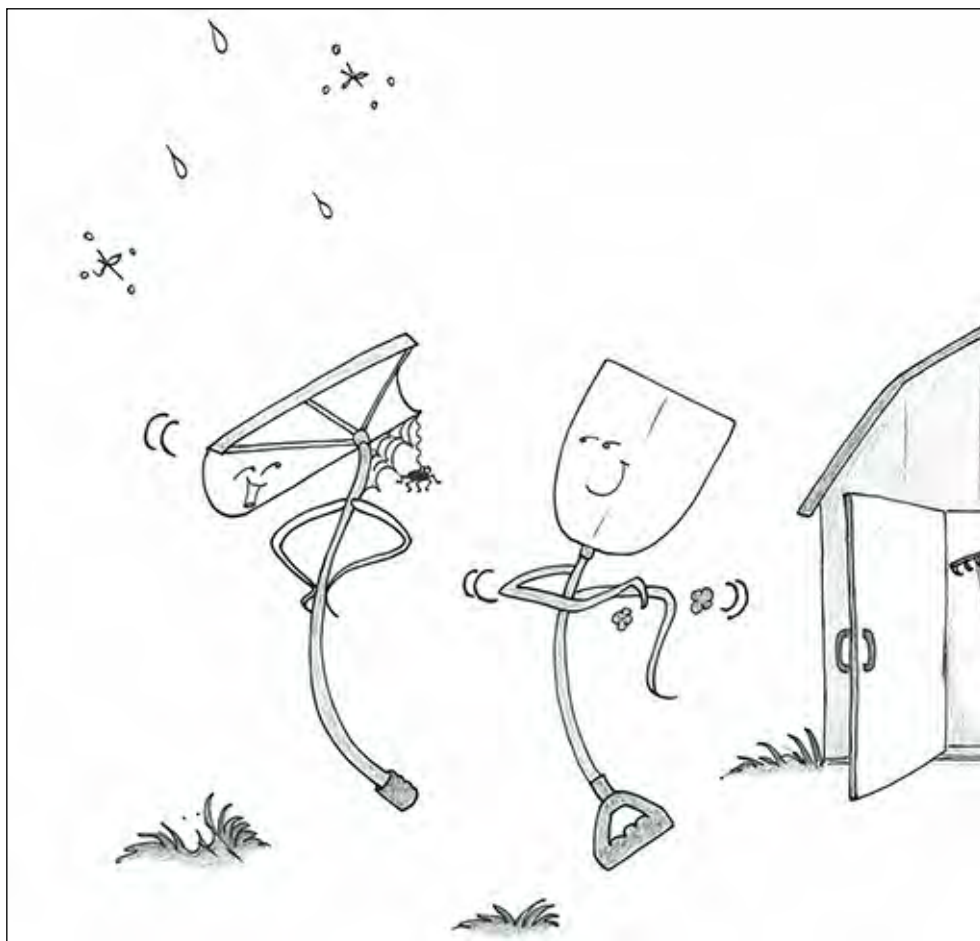
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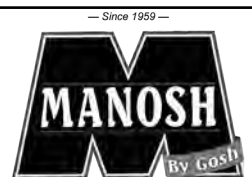
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# SPORTS



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The Craftsbury Academy boys' varsity cross-country team won the Vermont D-III state championship for the second year in a row. From left to right: Noah McKibben, Charlie Krebs, Matt Califano, Cormac Leahy, Charlie Kehler, Leo Circosta, Alan Moody, Linden Stelma-Leonard, Alex Califano, and Head Coach Mike Levangie.

## Craftsbury Boys Win D-III State Championship

by Jim Flint

THETFORD – Division I, II, and III high school harriers from across Vermont converged Saturday for the annual state cross country championships. Coaches, athletes, and spectators came prepared for rainy and blustery weather conditions. The eight 5k races on the schedule provided 464 boys and 374 girls with the chance

to compete on the fabled Woods Trail course.

Going into the championship race, there was no doubt that the Craftsbury Academy boys would successfully defend their 2020 D-III title. Head Coach Mike Levangie's Chargers are significantly stronger, faster, and deeper than last year's first-time state champs.

The question was whether the Craftsbury boys would be one of the

top six teams across the three divisions. This feat would qualify the Chargers to represent Vermont at the New England Championships.

Cormac Leahy led the Craftsbury charge out of the starting box. His goal was to break the D-III course record of 16:45. Running with 3/8-inch spikes for traction, Leahy powered through the soggy middle section of the course, never letting up on the way to the finish line. His winning time of 17:07 fell short of the course record, but was nine seconds faster than his 2020 victory.

Craftsbury's second man, Charlie Krebs, was the 2020 D-III runner-up. In 2019, he had the 26th-fastest finish time across the three divisions and missed qualifying for the New England Championships by a mere half-second. Krebs was determined to place in the top 25 this time around and did not disappoint. He finished in 17:48, second to Leahy. Krebs' time was 25 seconds faster than his finish at last year's state meet. He placed 17th across the three divisions.

"We pushed the second mile hard," said Krebs. "It's all in your head when you're climbing Morty's Monster. When you reach the high point, it's time to roll."

The remaining five Charger

varsity boys understood what was at stake for the team to qualify for the New England Championships. Coach Levangie had told the team that they would have to run their D-III race against the ghosts of D-I and D-II runners. Before the race, Alan Moody echoed the team's goal. "We know what we've got to do and we're going to do it," he said.

James Viens of Richford High School was the only runner to crack through the Charger's blue wall. He placed third in 18:08. Viens was chased across the line by five galloping Charger horsemen: Matt Califano (18:22), Charlie Kehler (18:33), Leo Circosta (18:41), Alex Califano (18:49), and Alan Moody (18:53).

After working through injuries during the season, the Califano twins, Matt and Alex, stepped up at the state meet with strong finishes. Charlie Kehler was the top freshman boy in the D-III race and had the second-fastest time among freshmen runners across all divisions.

"Charlie and I went back and forth drafting off each other," said Matt Califano. "Matt and I pushed each other before he dropped me on one of the final downhills," said Kehler.

Leo Circosta reflected on his  
**See CHAMPIONSHIP, next page**



photo by Jim Flint

Craftsbury's Alex Califano (#594) rounds a corner at the halfway mark of the D-III state championship cross-country race. Danville's top runner, Peter Searls, chases Califano as Craftsbury runners Leo Circosta and Alan Moody push from behind. Circosta, Califano, Moody, and Searls placed seventh through ninth, respectively, in the D-III race.

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## Championship

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first state championship race. “The team spirit we have is really important to me,” he said.

“My job for the team was to go out fast,” said Moody. “With the crosswind, I had a harder time breathing in the second part of the race but stayed with it.”

The team with the lowest point total wins in cross country. In Division III, the positions of the first four runners for each team count toward their combined score. Runners five, six, and seven can influence the results by displacing runners from other teams.

The Craftsbury Academy boys finished first in D-III with 12 points. Stowe High School placed a distant second with 65 points.

The Charger boys would have to wait for the team scores across the three divisions. After the D-I race, Craftsbury team members, parents, students, and spectators gathered at the Chargers’ tent to hear the combined D-I, D-II, and D-III results. The first five runners on a team would count toward the combined score, with runners six and seven available to displace other runners.

Mike Levangie checked his phone and paused for a moment. A wave of emotion rushed across the Craftsbury head coach’s face when the team scores finally appeared.

“We’re going to New England!” he exclaimed, as the Craftsbury crowd cheered loudly.

Division II champion U-32 High School, with 59 points, was the top team across the three divisions. St. Johnsbury Academy placed second with 116 points, followed by BFA St. Albans (117), Essex (130), Craftsbury (134), and Champlain Valley (142).

Cormac Leahy earned All-Vermont honors. His time of 17:07 was the seventh-fastest finish among 280 varsity boys from across the state. Senior Evan Thornton-Sherman of St. Johnsbury was the fastest individual runner. He finished the 5k course in 16:33.

Linden Stelma-Leonard and Noah McKibben also competed for Craftsbury Academy at the state meet. The boys entered the Challenge race for teams with more than seven runners. Stelma-Leonard (20:21) finished 17th



photo by Jim Flint

Craftsbury Academy’s Cormac Leahy (#600) and Charlie Krebs (beside Leahy) led the Vermont D-III state championship race from start to finish. Leahy ran the 5k Woods Trail course in 17:07 for the win. Krebs placed second in 17:48.

of 184 athletes. McKibben, who is a senior exchange student from Italy, placed 55th in 21:33.

Craftsbury’s varsity boys are slated to compete head-to-head on November 6 against the top teams and individual high school runners in Vermont. The Meet of Champions will be held at Hard’ack Ski Area in St. Albans. The Charger boys return to Thetford on November 13 for their history-making season finale at the New England Championships.

Conditioned by their Northeast Kingdom roots, Cormac Leahy and his Charger teammates will be ready to race with the top harriers in northern New England.

“The grosser the weather, the better,” Leahy. “It makes it tougher.”

Matt Califano (right) heads to the finish line at the D-III state championship race on Saturday in Thetford. Califano’s fourth-place finish helped the Craftsbury Academy boys’ varsity team earn their ticket to the New England Cross Country Championships on November 13.

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# SPORTS



photo by Vanessa Fournier

The Twinfield-Cabot boys' team runs across the field after their quarterfinal win against Twin Valley October 29. Pictured (from left): Lucas Roberts, TJ Bernatchy, Franklin Castillo, Silas Robbins, Declan O'Connor, Sam McLean, Shea Winter, Sam Russell, Alec Moran, Meles Gouge, Brody Moran, Keenan Wallace. Missing from the photo: Rowan Cleary, Eli Russell, Neil Alexander, Cooper Bernatchy, Dominick Hale.

## Twinfield-Cabot Boys Knock off Defending Champs to Reach Final Four

by Ken Brown

PLAINFIELD – The Twinfield-Cabot boys' soccer team blanked nemesis Twin Valley last

week in the Division IV quarterfinals to make their first Final Four in twenty-one seasons.

Lucas Roberts scored the eventual game-winner with four

minutes left in the first half to lead the Trojans to a 2-0 home quarterfinal win over fifth-seeded Twin Valley. Meles Gouge added to an already amazing sophomore season with his team-leading nineteenth goal sixteen minutes into the second half to add insurance.

“It was a hard-fought match and Lucas made a good run to slip behind their defense and Meles delivered a perfect through ball that he coolly tucked past their charging

keeper to give us the lead,” said head coach Peter Stratman. “Meles was able to collect the ball and secure the win in a chaotic play for an important second score where we were in the right place at the right time,” added Stratman.

The Trojan defense continued to put up a wall in front of its opposition and Neil Alexander was brilliant again, making four saves to earn his third straight shutout and

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photo by Vanessa Fournier

Meles Gouge (#5) of Twinfield-Cabot traps the ball followed by Luke Rizio of Twin Valley during quarterfinal action October 29. Twinfield beat Twin Valley 2-0.



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Lucas Roberts (#23) of Twinfield-Cabot drives up the field as Twin Valley's Lucky Lucchesi follows the play at home on October 29.

# SPORTS

## Lady Chargers Fall to Arlington in First Round

by Ken Brown

ARLINGTON – The Craftsbury Academy (CA) girls' soccer team's upset bid came up just short against sixth-seeded Arlington last week in the first round of the Division IV playoffs.

Taylor Wilkins scored both goals for Arlington and their defense did the rest as they blanked CA at home last Wednesday, 2-0. With their top goal scorer Ida Eames sidelined by injury, the Lady Chargers battled to a 0-0 draw at halftime, but they were running on fumes in the second half. Eighth grader Adelina Augsberger got the Craftsbury faithful on their feet thirty seconds into the match when she tore through the Lady Eagles' defense on a breakaway, but was a touch away from converting.

"I'm so proud of how the girls came out and battled a team like that on the road without Ida. I thought we came out and dominated the first ten minutes and then it was pretty even. We had a game plan going in without Ida and the girls and the defense did a great job executing it," said head coach Tom Silva.

Wilkins made it 1-0 fifteen minutes into the second half and would add an insurance goal minutes later. Rachel Bailey had a strong game in net for CA, making six stops in the loss. Denita Moore made four saves for Arlington to earn her ninth shutout of the season. Arlington is unbeaten in its last six matches, outscoring their opponents 14-1 along the way.

"We moved Sadie Skorstad to the back line and she did an amazing job back there. Everybody did

their job and I'm proud of them. Ida led us in scoring and had an amazing season and it would have been a different match with her on the field. We'll lose Ida, Amelia Eagan, Maggie Royer, and Felicia Flint to graduation, so we'll definitely have some holes to fill next season, but we have a core of players coming back with varsity experience now. I like the direction the program is going, and you can see the girls evolving to playing the game of soccer at a higher level in practices and matches. Watching what Twinfield/Cabot's program has become in five seasons motivates and excites us that we are working and building with the same blueprint," said Silva.

Arlington upset third-seeded West Rutland 4-1 in the quarterfinals over the weekend and will face No. 2 seed Rivendell Academy in the semifinals on Wednesday.

## Twinfield-Cabot

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and eighth of the season. Liam Wendel made two stops on the day for the Wildcats (9-7) as their three-game winning streak and their season came to an end. Stratman's miraculous resurrection of the Trojan soccer program continues to reach new heights in his third season at the helm and exorcized some demons along the way with a win over Twin Valley and head coach Buddy Hayford. Hayford is a high school soccer legend in Vermont and his teams are perennial contenders at Twin Valley and he denied Stratman's Cabot squads from reaching their first-ever Division IV championship match in both 2012 and 2013. Hayford's Wildcats won the Division IV state title in 2020.

"Our defense did a fantastic job denying Twin Valley quality opportunities and Neil was once

again solid in net for us. Buddy is the winningest coach in Vermont soccer history, his teams are always in the Final Four, it was great to get one back on him," said Stratman.

Stratman's Trojans are 11-2-1 this season and are 28-11-1 since he took over the program three years ago. Twinfield-Cabot won their first playoff match in 11 seasons last fall, hosted their third straight home playoff match this season, and are now in the Division IV Final Four for the first time since 2000. Stratman has utilized the athletic cooperative between the two schools, with six players from Cabot playing vital roles on the roster. The team split its home matches between Plainfield and Cabot this year. Stratman will look to make his first Division IV championship this week, but the Trojans will have to go through top-seeded Mount St. Joseph Academy (MSJ) to do it. MSJ is 14-1 on

the season and has outscored its opposition 80-23 along the way. Twinfield-Cabot hasn't been beaten in its last five matches and has outscored its opponents 50-15 on the season.

"MSJ looks formidable and have two kids who can really score. We'll need to play a great match for

80 minutes. They are the top seed and we have nothing to lose. We love our chances," said Stratman.

The Trojans traveled to MSJ on Tuesday and, if they pull the upset, will play for the Division IV state championship on Saturday at Applejack Stadium in Manchester.

## Athletes of the Week



Siblings Cormac (left) and Anika (right) Leahy were the top finishers for Craftsbury Academy at the state cross country championships. Cormac, a junior, won the varsity boys D-III state championship for the second year in a row. Anika, a ninth-grader, placed ninth in the varsity girls D-III championship race. Cormac and Anika led their respective Craftsbury teams to first-place and third-place finishes in Division-III.



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Twinfield-Cabot's Eli Russell (#10) heads the ball as Garrett Cunningham of Twin Valley watches the play during quarterfinal action October 29. Twinfield won 2-0.

# SPORTS

## Enosburg Ends Wildcats Playoff Run in Quarterfinals

by Ken Brown

HARDWICK – The Hazen Union boys’ soccer team got their first playoff win over Leland & Gray under first year head coach Allison Paradee last week, but couldn’t solve powerhouse Enosburg on the road in the Division III quarterfinals.

Reed Kehler scored a hat trick to power the Wildcats past No. 11 seed Leland & Gray 7-1 at home last Tuesday in the first round of the playoffs. Jadon Baker, Cody Trudeau, Fenton Meyer, and Xavier Hill all found the back of the net for Hazen Union and Tyler Rivard made six stops on the day.

The loss dropped the Rebels to 3-12 on the season. It was the third win in four matches for the Wildcats and their biggest offensive production of the season. Paradee was hired as the first woman to lead a boys’ varsity program at Hazen Union this summer and made history once again with her first playoff win.

“This season has been challenging, rewarding, and fun. It has been a learning process for all of us. At first, I was worried about coming in during a transitional year, but now I am thankful for that. It allowed a clean switch from one type of soccer to another, along with a new coach and a new coaching style. As I said last week, I’m proud of this team for how they’ve adapted to a new coach and a new division and being successful in a very competitive Capital Division,” said Paradee.

Levi Webb scored twice to lead Enosburg to a 2-0 home quarterfinal win over the Wildcats last Friday. Both teams’ goalkeepers flashed their talents in the first half, with Tyler Rivard and the Hornets’ Ethan Jackson denying scoring opportunities to keep the match at 0-0 heading into the break.

In a physical match, Enosburg was awarded a penalty kick three minutes into the second half and Webb converted to make it 1-0.

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photo by Vanessa Fournier  
Hazen sophomore Xavier Hill passes the ball around Peyton Butynski of Leland & Gray during play-down action October 26 on Hudson Field. In back at left is Alder Hardt. The Wildcats prevailed over the Rebels 7-1.



photo by Dorothy Hill  
Hazen Union players waiting to defend an Enosburg corner kick (left to right): Dan des Groseilliers (#5), goalie Tyler Rivard, Xavier Hill (far post) and Gabe Michaud (#13).



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Aidan Neill (#9) seals off the sideline as Xavier Hill (#11) backs up the play.

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## White River Valley's Defense Too Much for Craftsbury Boys

by Ken Brown

SOUTH ROYALTON – Sixth-seeded White River Valley shut out the Craftsbury Academy boys' soccer team last week to advance to the quarterfinals of the Division IV playoffs.

Dominic Craven scored two goals to lead the Wildcats past the Chargers last Tuesday in first round action. Robby McShinsky added an insurance goal and Finn Bailey and Mason Gauthier chipped in with an assist apiece.

“Our first playoff match was another battle, with our boys showing big hearts, but we continued to struggle to balance attack and defense. Jas Zendik was phenomenal again for us in net and he gave us security and excellent distribution back there all season. He was a pleasure to coach, and I hope he gets an opportunity

to play at the next level. Dylan Washer showed pure grit and determination from the preseason to our last match. No one works harder and if he keeps applying that he is bound to be successful in whatever he puts his mind to,” said head coach Sam Jay.

Zendik ended his brilliant season with 13 saves in the loss. Tattin Griffin made three stops on the day to earn his fourth shutout for the Wildcats. Jay took over a program this season that scored one goal as an entire team in a winless 2020 campaign. Cole VanWinkle led the Chargers with eight of the team's 12 goals this season as they won three matches while navigating a challenging new Mountain League schedule. They were highly competitive in Jay's first season at the helm, losing three one-score matches.

“The boys did a great job competing for 80 minutes against larger teams with deep benches. We know to improve our program we have work incredibly hard at recruitment next season. Our younger guys saw their soccer improve so much over the season and our experienced players set a great example with tremendous work ethic and leadership. It has been an honor working to represent CA and I thoroughly enjoyed the experience. I hope that the boys enjoyed the season, as well, and took a lot away with them. I truly believe they were the most improved team in the state of Vermont,” said Jay.

White River Valley upset third-seeded Sharon Academy on Friday in the quarterfinals and faced second-seeded Rivendell Academy on Tuesday in the Division IV Final Four.

### Wildcats

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Moments later, Enosburg was on the right side of another foul call and Webb looked to convert another penalty kick, but was denied by a diving stop by Rivard. The officials deemed that Rivard came off his line too early and granted Webb a second attempt, which he converted to push the lead to 2-0. It was Webb's 54<sup>th</sup> career goal, tying a school record.

Hazen Union mounted several attempts to rally back into the match but was denied by Jackson, who earned his tenth shutout of the season. Enosburg has outscored its opponents 69-6 this season, with its lone loss coming on the road against Winooski in September.

“It was a very chaotic and physical match with a lot of injuries, yellow cards, and some questionable calls,” said Paradee. “We still have a lot of work to do to keep up with Capital League teams next year. We'll be focusing more on a possession game, about widening the field, not being afraid to pass backwards. We also know that we'll need to be versatile, as we play a wide variety of teams,” added Paradee.

Enosburg traveled to Winooski on Tuesday for a powerhouse Division III semifinal rematch.



photo by Vanessa Fournier  
Hazen senior Ryker Willett (left) clashes with Jeremy Graves (#21) of Leland & Gray over possession during action on Hudson Field October 26. In the back is Wildcat Cody Trudeau.



photo by Dorothy Hill  
Jadon Baker (#4) moves to control the ball as Lincoln Michaud (#16) follows the play.



photo by Dorothy Hill  
Ryker Willett stays with the play as an Enosburg player reverses direction with the ball.



photo by Dorothy Hill  
Tyler Rivard blocks an Enosburg shot on goal.

# SPORTS

## Strong Finishes for Local Boys at State XC Meet

by Jim Flint

THETFORD – A cohort of local boys from Hazen Union, Twinfield, and U-32 High School competed Saturday at the Vermont State Cross Country Championships. Varsity races took place across three divisions, with 280 boys completing the iconic Woods Trail 5k course. A Challenge Race engaged an additional 184 boys from teams with more than seven varsity runners.

U-32 High School topped the list of 38 varsity teams across three divisions. In the combined results, the D-II champion Raiders scored 59 points. St. Johnsbury Academy earned runner-up honors with 116 points.

Led by Vermont's fastest runner, Evan Thornton-Sherman, the Hilltoppers won the D-I state championship for the first time since 1958. The Craftsbury Academy boys repeated as D-III champions and placed fifth in the combined varsity boys team standings.

U-32 junior Sargent Burns, from Calais, placed eighth in the D-II championship race. He was the sixth finisher for U-32, which swept seven of the top ten places. Burns finished the hilly 5k

course in 18:13. He will go on to compete for the U-32 varsity boys at the Vermont Meet of Champions on November 6, then return to Thetford for the New England Championships on November 13.

Tennessee Lamb of East Calais competed for U-32 in the Challenge Race. Lamb, a freshman, placed 31st of 184 runners across three divisions. He finished the Woods Trail course in 20:45.

Junior Ethan Parrish and sophomore Sam Sainz represented Twinfield Union High School in the D-III championship race. Parrish was the only local varsity boy to achieve a personal best 5k mark. He came across the finish line in 20 minutes flat to place 17th. Sainz finished 49th for Twinfield in 22:20.

Three Hazen Union varsity boys competed in their first D-III state championship race. Sophomore Khamden Luangrath ran his second-fastest 5k of the season. His time of 22:56 placed 55th of 101 finishers. Senior Carter Hill finished 79th for the Wildcats, in 26:05.

Hazen Union sophomore Tobias Benson saved his best effort of the year for the toughest conditions. His time of 30:23 was nearly nine minutes faster than his first 5k race on September 7.



photo by Jim Flint

Twinfield Union sophomore Sam Sainz approaches the finish line at the state championship meet. His time of 22:20 placed 49th of 101 Division-III varsity boys.



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Hazen Union sophomore Tobias Benson rounds a corner near the halfway mark of the Vermont D-III State Cross Country Championship Race in Thetford.



photo by Jim Flint

Khamden Luangrath was the top finisher for Hazen Union at the state meet. The Wildcat sophomore completed the challenging Woods Trail 5k course in 22:56 to place 55th.

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photo by Jim Flint

Anika Leahy (#140) prepares to pass Alyssa Roberts (#242) of Mid Vermont Christian Academy. Leahy led Craftsbury Academy with a ninth-place finish in the D-III girls state championship race.



photo by Jim Flint

Senior Jessica Royer completed her cross-country career at Hazen Union with a 23rd-place finish in the D-III girls' state championship race. Jessica's sister Cassandra Royer was the fastest Hazen Union runner, finishing in 13th place.

## Local Girls Excel at State XC Championships

by Jim Flint

THETFORD – Amy Felice of U-32 High School, Anika Leahy of Craftsbury Academy, and Cassandra Royer of Hazen Union had top finishes for their teams at the Vermont state championships Saturday in Thetford. A total of 252 varsity girls competed across three divisions for individual and team honors.

The 5k state championship races were held on Thetford Academy's storied Woods Trail 5k course. The Division II and Division III varsity girls raced during the morning while the course was still relatively dry. Temperatures were cool with occasional wind gusts and sprinkles.

Amy Felice is a U-32 High School sophomore who hails from Calais. She crossed the finish line in 21:41 to place sixth in the girls' D-II championship race. Her time was 24th-fastest across the three varsity divisions, which qualified her individually for the New England Championships.

U-32 senior Esther Macke is also from Calais. She placed seventh in the D-II championship race, right behind Felice. Her time of 21:43 was the 27th-fastest finish in the combined results.

Felice led the U-32 girls to a second-place finish in the D-II team competition. Harwood Union High School won the D-II crown with 27 points to U-32's 51 points. In the combined results, U-32 placed sixth among Vermont high schools, which qualified the Raider girls to represent Vermont at the New England Championships on November 13.

Craftsbury Academy ninth-grader Anika Leahy faced stiff competition in the D-III girls' championship race. Leahy placed ninth of 90 runners. Her time was 22:26. She was the second-fastest ninth-grade finisher in the D-III race.

The Craftsbury Academy girls fielded their first full team for the state meet. Sophomore Ava Purdy and ninth-grader Ruth Krebs paced together to the top of Morty's Monster, the final hill on the challenging course. Purdy cruised ahead on the downhill to finish 14th in 23:13. Krebs placed 17th in 23:41. Rachel Bjerke (25:36) and Daisy Roianov (28:02) rounded out the Craftsbury girls' varsity squad, placing 27th and 49th.

In Division III, the top four runners score for each team, with runners five through seven acting as displacers. Thetford Academy won

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photo by Jim Flint

Amy Felice (#430) and Esther Macke of U-32 High School finished sixth and seventh in the Vermont D-II cross-country state championship race. The two runners from Calais led the U-32 girls varsity team to a second-place finish in Division II. The U-32 squad also qualified for the New England Championships on Nov. 13.

# SPORTS

## Lady Cats Look to the Future as Season Comes to an End

by Ken Brown

RUTLAND – Fourth-seeded Mount St. Joseph Academy (MSJ) blanked the Hazen Union girls' soccer team in the first round of the Division IV playoffs last week, ending their season at 1-13-1.

Brooke Bishop scored a pair of first-half goals to lead the Lady Mounties to a 5-0 home win over Hazen Union last Wednesday. With the score 0-0 twenty minutes in, Natalie Michaud looked to continue her late season magic (three goals in her last two matches) when she sprung loose for a breakaway, but couldn't quite beat MSJ's last defender. Emma Blodorn swung the momentum back in MSJ's favor one minute later to make it 1-0 and Bishop would push the lead to 3-0 with a pair of scores heading into the break.

"Despite the score, the match had the

feeling of an even back and forth battle throughout. We tried to use possession to move up the field and they countered back down the wings and across the corners. Veteran sports writer for the Rutland Herald Tom Haley paid the girls enormous respect when he told me that it was the best playoff performance by a one-win team he had ever seen," said head coach Harry Besett.

The Lady Cats were shorthanded for the match and would run out of gas as Emma Wiegers made it 4-0 twelve minutes into the second half. The same Tiana Gallipo who turned away Michaud's breakaway in the first half ended the scoring on the day late in regulation. Cindi Carranza turned away two shots on the day to earn her fifth shutout of the season. Caitlyn Davison and Mattie Mercier filled in for starting Lady Cat goalkeeper Madeline Kaiser and combined for 18 saves in the loss. Besett

led Hazen Union to the Division IV championship match last season but graduated four key seniors from that squad that accounted for ninety percent of his offense and anchored his defense and he knew there would be some growing pains in 2021.

"We played this match with zero seniors and three eighth graders and we'll be looking to take it on the chin and use it as motivation to return with a stronger version of the same team next season. We showed huge growth and potential throughout the season to be a very competitive team next fall. Despite the disappointing ending to chapter one of this team without any seniors, chapter two feels very optimistic," said Besett.

MSJ edged Twinfield-Cabot over the weekend in the quarterfinals and will face top-seeded Proctor in the Division IV Final Four on Wednesday.

### State

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the D III team competition with 27 points. Defending champion Bellows Falls and Craftsbury Academy tied with 46 points. Bellows Falls won the tiebreaker for runner-up honors, based on a higher relative finish position for the Terrier's fifth runner.

"We are a young team that is just learning what we can do," said Craftsbury Academy head coach Mike Levangie. "Watch for our girls to challenge for the state championship next year."

Hazen Union's Cassandra Royer led the Wildcat varsity girls to a fourth-place finish out of 13 Division III teams. The

sophomore standout placed 13th in 23:04.

Senior Jessica Royer completed six years on the Wildcat cross-country team. She finished in 24:50 to place 23rd at the state meet. Like her sister Cassandra, Jessica got started running in elementary school with the NEK Kids on the Move Program.

Lisa Velten (25:49), Ella Considine (28:24), Edyth McKenzie (30:59), Marta Mas Garvigo (31:01), and Eleonora Andrenelli (34:43) rounded out the season finale for the Hazen Union girls.

Runners from Hazen Union and Craftsbury Academy rode together to the state meet, as they have for several meets this season. Parents, teachers, and community members turned out at 7:15 a.m. in Craftsbury and at 7:30 a.m. in Hardwick to send the teams on their way with surprise sign-waving rallies. Many fans continued to Thetford, cheering the runners on as they conquered the elements, climbed Morty's Monster, and persevered to the finish line.



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Runners from Craftsbury Academy and Hazen Union began the D-III girls' varsity state championship race from the same starting box. Craftsbury and Hazen placed third and fourth, respectively, out of 13 teams in Division-III.



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## JIM FLINT'S RUNNERS' ROUNDUP

### Costumed Capers in Capital City

MONTPELIER – A hardy cohort of 37 costumed competitors braved the rain to compete in Sunday's Autumn Onion 5k. Eric Darling and Kaitlin O'Shea were the fastest male and female finishers in the downtown race. Their respective times were 18:51 and 20:56.

Nick White from East Hardwick was the fastest finisher from towns covered by the Hardwick Gazette. He placed 12th in 24:46.

Manny Sainz of Marshfield finished 22nd in 28:11. He also won the scariest costume award.

"I lost my neck snake twice and had to contend with my hat, which kept sliding over my eyes," said Sainz.

Adamant's Dot Helling placed 25th in 29:46. Kaitlin Alford of East Hardwick rounded out the local finishers. Her 5k time was 37:14.

### Relay Runners Romp in Queen City

BURLINGTON – After a pandemic pause, the Vermont City Marathon returned as a fall half marathon on October 24. William McGovern, 24, of Stowe won the 13.1-mile race in 1:07:23. Lily Anderson, 24, from Brooklyn was the top female finisher in 1:16:26.

Adamant Aces Dot Helling, 71, and Chris Andreson, 64, ran the half marathon together as a two-person relay team. The dynamic duo finished side-by-side in 2:10:43. Their combined marathon time of 4:21:26 placed 154th of 221 two-person teams.

"The race was great after we got out of the start and the sun came out," said Helling. "We determined to run together as a Sunday stroll, enjoy it, and not get hurt. The new course was good and the lake views were as stunning as ever. The best part was seeing running friends we've known for years and not seen because of COVID. The mood was festive and the bands, including the Taeko Drummers, were awesome!"

The Hill family from East Hardwick ran in the three-person to five-person relay division. As with the two-person relay, the

runners on a team started together. The five-mile course for the three to five-person relay included the climb up Battery Park Hill. Carter Hill, Letty Hill, and their mom Victoria Hill formed the Fellowship of the Feet team. The Hills' combined time of 2:16:20 for 15 miles placed 59th of 141 three-person to five-person relay teams. Their five-mile times were 41:30 (Carter), 46:07 (Victoria) and 48:43 (Letty).

"This was Carter's first-ever road race," said Victoria Hill. "Letty has participated in previous 5k races and ran the Vermont Sun Half Marathon with me in the spring. VCM was a much smaller event, but it still felt festive and fun, with a fair amount of spectators. Each of us beat our personal goals. It was a great experience as a mom to race with my two kids."

### Libations Lure Local Racers

STOWE – A horde of thirsty runners participated in the Heady Trotter 4-miler on Oct. 17. With a whopping 1,265 finishers, the event is one of the largest running races in Vermont. Proceeds help to benefit Green Mountain Adaptive Sports.

In a tight finish, ultramarathoner Eric LiPuma, 28, of Richmond nosed out Adam Quinn, 32, of Stowe, 20:00 to 20:01. LiPuma and Quinn ran at an average pace of five minutes per mile.

The fastest women finishers were Caitlin Quinn, 29, and Sara Graves, 38, both from Stowe. Their respective times were 25:39 and 26:06.

Craftsbury's Jessica Bolduc, 45, was the top local finisher. She came across the line in 29:43. Bolduc placed second in the F45-49 age group and 92nd overall.

Twinfield Union cross country coach Cathy Dupont, 56, finished in 33:24. She placed third in the F55-59 age group and 268th overall.

Elizabeth Newton, 23, from Plainfield, and Celeste Hall, 25, from East Hardwick placed in the top one-third of finishers. Their respective times were 35:23 and 35:43.

### Fallen Leaves Race Series Begins November 6

MONTPELIER – The Fallen Leaves Race Series provides area



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Manny Sainz of Marshfield donned a Voodoo Dude costume and running shoes for the annual Autumn Onion Costume Run. The 5k race was held on Halloween morning at Onion River Outdoors in Montpelier. Sainz' award-winning costume included a jacket, vest, hat with bone and skull decoration, and a wraparound neck snake. Despite wardrobe malfunctions, he finished the 5k race in 28 minutes and 11 seconds.

runners with another chance to try for a personal 5k best. The low-key races on November 6, 13, and 20 are held at Montpelier High School. Runners start and finish on the dirt track. The fast, flat course includes an out-and-back section

on the Montpelier Bike Path. The race entry fee is \$5. Day of Race registration is from 8:15 to 8:45 a.m. The start time is at 9 a.m. Age group prizes are awarded. More information is available online at [cvrunters.org](http://cvrunters.org).

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Twinfield-Cabot's Annie Dunlop (left) controls the ball ahead of Alix Livingston (right) of Sharon in a play down game at Twinfield October 27.



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Ruby Wilson of Twinfield-Cabot traps the ball followed by Sharon's Elsa Skarsten during action October 27. Twinfield-Cabot won 4-0.

## Magical Run Ends for Twinfield-Cabot Girls in Quarterfinals

by Ken Brown

PLAINFIELD—After ten years of struggling to field teams and win matches, the Twinfield-Cabot girls'

soccer team beat Sharon Academy last week to earn their first playoff victory since 2011 before narrowly falling to fourth-seeded Mount St. Joseph Academy (MSJ) in the

Division IV quarterfinals.

Annie Dunlop scored two goals and added an assist to lead the Lady Trojans to a 4-0 home win over Sharon Academy last Wednesday in the first round of the playoffs. Senior captain Eva Hebert and Aydyn Corbette added a goal apiece and Holly Dunlop chipped in with two assists in the win. Ida Astick made one stop on the day to earn her fifth shutout of the season. Lily Welch made eight saves for Sharon as their season ended at 2-13.

"The girls played really well and did a great job of dominating possession by keeping the ball on the ground and combining to build forward. Every team is 0-0 and fighting to win, making the postseason a whole new animal and we were excited to get this one under our belt and get on to the next match," said head coach Seth Wilmott.

Emma Blodorn scored two goals and Taylor Blodorn scored the game-winner to help MSJ survive an upset-minded Lady Trojan squad 3-2 at home over the weekend in the Division IV quarterfinals. Annie Dunlop had a goal and an assist for Twinfield-Cabot and senior Nicole Gouge added a score in her final varsity match. Ida Astick had 11 stops in the

loss as Twinfield-Cabot cemented their first winning season as a program (9-7) since the 2011 squad that made it to the Final Four. Cindi Carranza made nine saves for MSJ as they improved to 10-3-2 with their fifth straight win.

"I'm really happy with how the girls played and honestly I believe we had the better team on the field on Saturday. MSJ made more of their chances and that's what you need to win close matches like that. The girls continued to play better and better throughout the match and I'm extremely happy with how far they came as individuals and as a team this season. To my seniors (Eva Hebert, Nicole Gouge, Julia Light, and Makayla Quintin): if you go on to play at the next level, your best soccer is still ahead of you. And to my returning players: I have high hopes for the future of our program and I'm very proud of my whole team and what they accomplished this year. We made a statement today that we are not the same Twinfield/Cabot team that we were in the past," said Wilmott.

MSJ advances to the Division IV semifinals where they will square off against top-seeded Proctor on Wednesday.



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August Howe (left) of Twinfield-Cabot dribbles the ball up the field as Sharon's MacCallister Gray (right) tries to steal during action October 27.