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Community Allies Discuss Anti-Semitic Incident, Prejudice

by Doug McClure

HARDWICK – Last Thursday, a group of over two dozen Hardwick residents met virtually under the auspices of the Hardwick Area Community Allies to discuss issues of racism. While prompted by what resident Amy Rosenthal described as a “shocking incident of anti-Semitism” at the beginning of the month, the meeting was not intended to re-litigate that incident, but was “about how we as a community

want to respond [to prejudice] and how we want to be in this community.”

In the recent incident, a Hardwick resident had been experiencing anti-Semitic harassment from some of her own neighbors, culminating with the morning she woke up to find her door defaced with the words “Go back to Maryland, you k*k* bitch.”

It proved difficult for the attendees to take the focus off that specific incident. Rosenthal noted “I know... those of us who are Jewish ob-

viously had one reaction. But for me personally, it also made me think of all the other folks in this community who have similar experiences all the time, and we don't hear about it or we don't know about it.”

She added “I know for me personally, it's probably one of the first times that I've felt frightened in this community as a person who's Jewish, and [I've] never had that experience. Certainly not here.”

See **INCIDENT, 4**



photo by Vanessa Fournier

Three hundred White Holland Turkeys at the RW Bothfeld Farm in Cabot appear to be having their annual meeting before Thanksgiving last week. The Bothfelds have been raising and selling turkeys since 1950.

Residents Fume Over Water Rates

by Doug McClure

HARDWICK – The November 4 select board meeting had a long agenda, but was well ahead of schedule until “Item No. 2 - Linda Mae Clow has requested to discuss the new water and sewer rates” came up.

The agenda item led to a nearly half-hour-long discussion over residents' anger over the increase in the water and sewer rates, and the change to the rate structure. It did not calm things when the board pointed out that it decides new rates every year in the summer, and almost no one

attended the select board meetings where the rates were decided.

Citing what she called an almost 25 percent increase, one resident said she was paying “almost as much as for [property] taxes.”

The increase, as pointed out by chair Eric Remick, vice chair Ceilidh Galloway Kane, public works foreman Tom Fadden, and Town Manager David Upson is almost entirely due to the necessary work on the wastewater treatment plant's bond, which voters approved at town meeting.

Fadden said “the sewer plant needs big upgrades to keep it online”

See **RATES, 9**

Hardwick Man Arrested for Allegedly Sending Sexual Photo of Child

by Doug McClure

HARDWICK – Vermont's Internet Crimes Against Children (VT-ICAC) task force received a tip from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children's (NCMEC) CyberTipline. The tip came from Facebook about “apparent

child pornography” sent from a Vermont resident's Messenger account in August 2020. The tip led to an investigation that concluded with the arrest of Hardwick resident Travis Lathe-Godfrey, now 26, for Promoting a Recording of Sexual Conduct in violation of 13 V.S.A. § 2824.

Vermont State Police Detective Jesse Sawyer of the VT-ICAC was assigned the tip. Sawyer is also a Title 19 Task Officer with Homeland Security and can enforce federal laws as a customs officer. He is trained in computer and internet investigations.

Facebook provided the task force with the name, phone number, a verified email address, and IP address from which two images were sent via Messenger with “possible involvement in online group related to CSE (Child Sexual Exploitation).” An IP address is specific to an internet-connected device and is used to make sure that traffic on the internet is routed from the correct source to the correct destination. The IP address also can be traced to location and internet provider.

Two images from the CyberTipline were sent to VT-ICAC. One fell in Facebook's category of “A1: Prepubescent Minor involved in a sex act.” Facebook detailed that the second image

See **ARRESTED, 2**



“The Gleaners” by Jean-Francois Millet

Ancient Practices bring Food Security to the NEK

by Thorolf van Walsum

MORRISVILLE – Salvation Farms, a Morrisville-based not-for-profit organization, is looking to tackle food insecurity in the Northeast Kingdom.

This week, Hillary Bailey, the Clearinghouse Director for Salvation Farms, took time to answer some questions with the Hardwick Gazette on the practice of gleaning; that is, collecting leftover agricultural produce after the harvest to redistribute to the hungry and to the volunteers that show up to the glean.

“The Vermont Gleaning Collective is a statewide collaborative of gleaning programs of which Salvation farms is a proud member. We

See **FOOD, 7**



photo by Vanessa Fournier

Green Mountain Technology and Career Center student Kurtis Greaves of Walden operates the center's portable sawmill last week in Hardwick. At left is Nate Tilton of Eden and Keith Greaves (center) of Walden. They are milling hemlock boards for an order.

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Arrested

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was publicly available and was Lathe-Godfrey's profile picture of a man. VT-ICAC commander Detective Raymond obtained a warrant to view the images.

Sawyer viewed the images and "found [the first] contained evidence of sexual exploitation of children." The first image allegedly depicts the exploitation. The second image, the profile picture, "contained the image of a white male with brownish colored hair and a beard. The male appears posed for the picture. He is wearing a blue colored button shirt and smoking a cigarette."

Sawyer requested Facebook and Google to preserve data associated Lathe-Godfrey's email address and Facebook profile. VT-ICAC also "caused information to be obtained, via Customs Summons" about the IP address associated with the images from Comcast and the phone number from Verizon Wireless and Tracfone.

Police say Google provided VT-ICAC images "visually similar" to the profile picture from Lathe-Godfrey's Facebook as well as Google searches for "Youth Nudist Gallery - Taboo, young nudism, nude teen girls." Additional information received from Comcast led police to a Newport address where Lathe-Godfrey had resided.

Police say that Lathe-Godfrey "has extensive LE [Law Enforcement] contacts" including a pending charge from Newport Police of Lewd & Lascivious Conduct with a Child in Orleans County Criminal Court involving a "juvenile female" under the age of 9. A condition of release (COR) on that charge for Lathe-Godfrey was "no contact with unrelated children under the age of 16 yrs. old." Other charges are pending because of Lathe-Godfrey's violation of that COR and curfew.

Newport Police informed VT-ICAC that Godfrey had moved out of his Newport apartment, and a subsequent request to the court found Lathe-Godfrey had moved to Hardwick and updated his address to comply with his COR. A request to Vermont DMV yielded a vehicle registration and a photo that police say appeared to be the same person as in the profile picture.

On October 27, Hardwick Police Sgt. Darin Barber accompanied Sawyer to visit Lathe-Godfrey's residence. Sawyer wrote "Lathe-Godfrey was found to reside at the residence with wife... his sister... and two small children" but was not home at the time. Police obtained warrants for

search and electronic recording during the search.

Police made contact with Lathe-Godfrey on November 2. Lathe-Godfrey allegedly told police "his Facebook account had been shut down for unknown reasons" and the person in the profile picture was him. Police say they showed the image they believed to show child sexual abuse to Lathe-Godfrey and he "claimed not to know the child" but "agreed... that the child appeared young (est. 8-10 years old)." He allegedly proceeded to say his account had been hacked and denied any knowledge of the image or sharing it with his sister.

Police say Lathe-Godfrey began to change his story and at first "suggested that sometimes things 'pop-up' on sites (indicating CSAM [Child Sexual Abuse Material] but was adamant he didn't share them/it" then allegedly "indicated that he was familiar with the CSAM image in question and it was obtained while searching for nude beach images." Lathe-Godfrey allegedly told police he didn't know how the image wound up in his Facebook and he believed he deleted it.

VT-ICAC executed its search warrant on the residence and seized both his new and old iPhones, then took him to Hardwick Police Department for processing. He was issued a citation to appear in Orleans County Criminal Court on November 3. Police later "located numerous files of child erotica" on one iPhone with an ongoing examination of the phones underway.

At the arraignment, Lathe-Godfrey pleaded not guilty and was released with multiple COR, including no "contact with individuals under the age of 16 years, except for [his] own children when their mother is present" and not to use the internet except for work, medical, or legal needs. He also cannot buy or use internet-connected electronics unless necessary for those needs or "congregate in a place where minors under 16 years congregate."

If convicted, Lethe-Godfrey could face up to ten years' imprisonment, a fine of up to \$20,000, or both.



November 17 - November 23

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POLICE REPORT

Media Log Summary

Hardwick Police

November 1: Intoxication, Lower Prospect St.; Directed Patrol, S. Main St.; Suspicious Event, Cobb School Rd.; Theft, Hardwick St.; Assault, Hazen Union Dr.; Motor Vehicle Complaint, Vt. Rte. 15; Motor Vehicle Complaint, Slapp Hill Rd.; Assist – Agency, Vt. Rte. 15; Alarm, Log Yard Dr.; Directed Patrol, Glenside Ave.

November 2: Assist – Agency, High St.; Accident – Property Damage Only, Vt. Rte. 14 N/Vt. Rte. 15; Assist - Agency, Slapp Hill; Traffic Stop, McAllister Rd.; Directed Patrol, Glenside Ave.

November 3: Assist – Public, High St.; Directed Patrol, S. Main St.; Traffic Stop, Wolcott St.; Traffic Stop, Bridgman Hill Rd.; TRO/FRO Service, W. Church St.; Directed Patrol, Glenside Ave.

November 4: Alarm, Vt. Rte. 14 S; Directed Patrol, S. Main St.; Alarm, Kate Brook Rd.; Juvenile Problem, Hazen Union Dr.; Directed Patrol, Upper Cherry St.; Accident – Property Damage Only, Hardwick; Threats/Harassment, Belfry Rd.; Welfare Check, Hudson Ave.

November 5: Directed Patrol, S.; Main St.; Juvenile Problem, Hazen Union Dr.; Animal Problem, Main St.; Assist – Agency, Vt. Rte. 15; Suspicious Event, Hays Dr.

November 6: Assist – Other, Wolcott St.; Medical, Lower Cherry St.; Traffic Stop, Mill St.; Motor Vehicle Complaint, Granite St.; Suspicious Event, Riverside Ter.; Accident – LSA, Hopkins Hill Rd.

November 7: Theft, Spruce Dr.; Traffic Stop, Vt. Rte. 14; Welfare Check, Spring St.; Theft,

Vt. Rte. 14 S.

November 8: Directed Patrol, S. Main St.; VIN Verification, High St.; Assist – Agency, Spruce Dr.; Wanted Person, Carey Rd.; Suspicious Event, Spring St.; Motor Vehicle Complaint, Hillside St.; Assist – Public, High St.

November 9: Directed Patrol, Highland Ave.; Motor Vehicle Complaint, Evergreen Manor Dr.; TRO/FRO Service, W. Church St.; Citizen Dispute, Vt. Rte. 14; Directed Patrol, Glenside Ave.

November 10: Directed Patrol, S. Main St.; Motor Vehicle Complaint, Mill St.; Suspicious Event, S. Main St.; Fraud, W. Church St.; Directed Patrol, Glenside Ave.; Suspicious Event, Alpine Hts./Main St.

November 11: Fire, Vt. Rte. 15; Suspicious Event, Granite St.; Noise Disturbance, W. Church St.

November 12: Traffic Hazard, Renaud Rd.; Threats/Harassment, Hillside St.; Alarm, Mill St.; Directed Patrol, Glenside Ave.; Noise Disturbance, W. Church St.

November 13: Assist – Agency, High St.; Directed Patrol, Highland Ave.; Assault, Vt. Rte. 15 W; Theft, Vt. Rte. 14; Threats/Harassment, Highland Ave.; Threats/Harassment, Highland Ave.; Directed Patrol, Glenside Ave.; Alarm, Mill St.; Traffic Stop, Church St./Cottage St.

November 14: Traffic Hazard, Montgomery Rd.; Assist – Public, High St.; Assist – Public, Cottage St.; Traffic Stop, N. Main St.; Directed Patrol, Highland Ave.; Suspicious Event, Smith Farm Rd.; Alarm, Mill St.; Directed Patrol, Glenside Ave.

November 15: Directed Patrol, S. Main St.

AWARE Report

HARDWICK – AWARE assisted nine victims/survivors of domestic and sexual violence from November 7 through November 14. AWARE is a nonprofit organization, established in 1984, dedicated to

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

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

Hardwick Police

Violation of Protection Order, Aggravated Assault

On October 26, at 10:03 a.m. and October 28, at 3:33 p.m., Donald Stetson, of 142 High St., Hardwick, was cited for Violation of a Protection Order. He is cited for a December 27 hearing at Caledonia County Court.

On Nov. 2, at 6:50 p.m., Even Riethe, of Greensboro Bend, was stopped in Hardwick. Police issued a \$277 ticket for traveling 60 mph in a 35-mph zone.

On November 8, at 4:20 p.m., Travis Thompson, of Hardwick, was picked up on a warrant at his residence at 387 Carey Rd. Thompson was detoxing and brought to Copley Hospital by ambulance. Thompson was cleared from the hospital and

taken to the Newport Correctional Facility.

On November 13, at 10:50 a.m., Righley Jones, transient, was arrested at Lamoille Valley Ford on two counts of aggravated domestic assault. Jones was lodged at the Newport Correctional Facility on \$1,000 bail. He was cited to appear at Caledonia Superior Court on November 15 at 12:30 p.m.

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

State Police Report


Lewd and Lascivious Conduct, Obstruction of Justice

On October 10, Detectives with the Vermont State Police were notified of a late reported Lewd and Lascivious Conduct incident on Evansville Road in the town of Brownington. Investigation revealed Travis Thompson, of Hardwick, had conducted Lewd and Lascivious Acts with a Child between the spring of 2018 and the fall of 2019. On November 10, Thompson was located and taken into custody. Thompson was arraigned and subsequently held without bail.

On October 14, the Vermont State Police was notified that an inmate at the Northern State Correctional Facility, Harley Breer Jr., was sending threatening letters to friends, family and co-workers of a victim of domestic violence, who lives in Marshfield. Detectives assigned to VSP's Bureau of Criminal Investigations collected the letters and discovered that Breer was contacting this victim directly and through third-

party contact, which represent a violation of Breer's active court-imposed conditions from a pending case earlier this year involving allegations of aggravated domestic assault and other charges. The threatening and intimidating content of these letters also support charges that Breer committed the offenses of obstruction of justice and extortion. Breer was issued a citation to appear in at 9 a.m. November 19 in the Criminal Division of Vermont Superior Court in Barre. The Vermont State Police is unable to comment further at this time. The affidavit of probable cause will be filed with the court and made public following Breer's arraignment.

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



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Incident

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Other residents described the current socio-political climate as amplifying concerns for their own safety.

One resident said that “this scared me. It brought back when I was ten years old I was sitting in the lunchroom at school and a kid across the table from me who was two years older and a lot bigger started calling me a ‘dirty k*k*.’ I got up and went to the teacher on lunchroom duty to ask if I could move my seat. She told me I had to go back to my seat because I had to learn to live with all kinds of people. And that has stayed with me... seeing the word ‘k*k*’ on someone’s door was really, really, disturbing to me, especially in [this] environment, as others have said, about Charlottesville, about what’s gone on in this country with violence, with the rise in anti-Semitism.”

Other residents said that the incident did not surprise them. Judith Levine said “I’ve been a Jew in Hardwick for a long time, and I don’t find this at all shocking. I live in Brooklyn half the time, and I live in Hardwick half the time. I’ve never thought that Vermont was any sort of [safe] haven or anything.”

Lamoille Housing Partnership is part-owner of the house where the incident took place, and its Executive Director, Jim Lovinsky, spoke up. Lovinsky said that “There’s always more than just one side to these things, and even though none of us want to feel that, [that] anyone should be singled out or have something like this written on the door, there’s always more to it than that. This is a community and there are five other families that live in this building, and I think that there may be some circumstances where those families also need to be included in this, because they’re now living in fear of losing their housing because of this incident that may not be all their fault.”

A resident responded “Mr. Lovinsky, it sounds like you’re saying that somebody could have done something and somehow deserved to be called a k*k*.”

Lovinsky said in “lots of investigations” he has been involved in regarding disputes among tenants, he had “not found any instance where there’s not plenty of blame to go around and plenty of responsibility that could be taken by people.”

A resident said the incident itself should be separated from the wider issue of prejudice because while there was a dispute “they could have just called her a bitch or some other thing, but the fact they used

the word ‘k*k*’ is a larger issue.” She said “about thirty years ago there was a swastika painted on a store in town. I felt disgusted but I didn’t feel afraid for myself. In the current political environment, it’s scarier than it was before. Using that language puts that into a category of hatred. There is no justification for that.”

The resident asked Lovinsky “What if somebody had painted ‘n*gg*r’ on the door? I think it might have maybe been more understandable that this was an unacceptable thing to do.”

Lovinsky said that language “would not be any more understandable to me than what was written on her door. I will not accept that language from anyone.”

The discussion eventually shifted to the broader subject of community prejudice, as originally intended. People discussed the role of the police. Many did not feel that it would be beneficial to involve law enforcement, with one resident describing the incident as “an educational opportunity yet again for a police chief who needs it dearly.” Others felt that involving the justice system or law enforcement would, at minimum, be ineffective and could possibly make things worse.

Hazen Union teacher Anja Pfeffer said she grew up in former East Germany “with a very specific education [about prejudice].” She said “I’m thinking in terms of young people, who, whether they are aware of what was in the Gazette or actually saw what was written or heard about it, it will shape their experience, whether it’s an experience of fear, whether it’s an experience of added hatred that they don’t even understand where it’s coming from. And given the polarization of the world around and the pain so many of our young people are feeling right now, it is really, really important to have open conversations.”

Pfeffer said that Hazen Union has teacher-student advisories (TSAs) every morning. TSAs are intended as “ideally a small group where people feel safe” but the pandemic had disrupted that practice.

She said “people are really struggling, especially this year. It’s been a very, very, very hard school year. I’m not sure to what extent TSAs are feeling comfortable enough for teachers and students to have such a conversation right now, even though that’s what the TSA is supposed to be for.”

That brought the role of Hazen Union into the conversation. An eleventh-grade student spoke up and said that “the culture at Hazen is not a very safe place for many

students and there’s lots of anti-Semitic, racist and other things that happen frequently, and it seems like there’s not much work that’s being done about it.” They said education on issues of prejudice was important.

Former Hazen Union Principal David Perrigo said “when [the student] says it’s not safe to be at Hazen, there’s an enormous deep truth to that in many ways.” He said that if the schools can’t build “safe, belonging places for students, the communities are never going to be able to do it, either.”

Netdaha Stoddard, who said he does “intervention work with kids who are acting out, [or exhibiting] racist, homophobic, sexist behavior,” said that it would be good to get in touch with the school and have conversations. It was suggested that schools bring in someone from the Anti-Defamation League (ADL), as Stowe schools have done.

Rosenthal, speaking as chair of the Orleans Southwest Supervisory Union School Board, said she “certainly” was interested in addressing the issues at school “but we need to be addressing our community of adults. We can’t just look into the schools and say, solve our problems and we’ll be okay.”

Jennifer Fliegelman said “it’s really hard for the school to make these changes when kids are going home and hearing hateful things. It’s a tall order to expect Hazen to be able to change these behaviors in kids when they’re getting a very different message at home.”

Ross Connelly said “the fact the town manager responded in a way that he did, and I heard was very appalled by what happened, I think that’s something that is really good. I just think the idea of the town manager, the select board, the equity committee being approached [and] being

asked to respond publicly is very important. I’m all for the schools doing whatever the schools can do, but we’re not in the schools, we’re in the community. Our institution is the select board/town manager form of government, and it appears we have an open ear here.”

With ninety minutes of discussion and a recognition that many of the people speaking were already involved in trying to improve the situation, and the discussion was therefore “preaching to the choir,” Rosenthal decided that a number of positive ideas had been put forth so that initial steps could be taken.

She said “I know I feel less alone and less frightened knowing that there are other people in this community who were impacted and care, and that I can call on you all to show up. And so I know I appreciate that, as a member of the Community Allies, we will continue to create opportunities to have these kinds of conversations.”

Rosenberg later said that half of those participating in Thursday’s discussion were new to the Community Allies mailing list, which she said meant that those people “can hear directly about our book study groups, community conversations and any other topics that come to us that folks want to talk about. In the past it has been about racism, food security, sexual assault, and reparations.” Rosenthal added she wanted to “let the community know that there is a group out there that is filled with concerned citizens that they can turn to if they have an issue they would like to explore further or just want to talk.”

For more information, contact Amy Rosenthal at 802.535.8871 or amyrosenthal573@gmail.com, or Jenn McLean at daisyravenjenn@gmail.com.



photo by Vanessa Fournier
Amanda LeBlanc (left) of Bradford and her sister Amy Renaud (right) of Hardwick (Two Crafty Sisters) were among the 50 vendors participating in the 15th Annual Justice for Dogs Craft Fair held November 13 in the Hazen Union gymnasium.

Resident Concerned about Bridge Removal

WALDEN – Town resident Robert Arnell expressed concern about the removal of the bridge underpass on the Bayley-Hazen Road at the November 8 meeting of the Walden Select Board. The underpass was removed by the Vermont Agency of Transportation during the week, and Arnell felt that a conversation should have taken place with the people of Walden on whether the bridge should be taken down. He asked the board to contact pertinent officials within the state to put a hold on the project.

Northeast Kingdom Broadband Executive Committee member Nick Anzalone gave an update on broadband and encouraged people to go to nekbroadband.org for more information.

The road crew finished with the excavator on Thursday. They put in beaver baffles on Corner and Watson and Greaves roads. Both are Class 4 roads where the town is responsible for maintaining culverts.

The cyber security discussion was tabled until the next meeting and Randolph Wilson will be seek estimates for the expansion of the town clerk's office.

It was announced that there are 911 applications at the town

clerk's office to purchase 911 signs to mark a local address and the Municipal Road Grants-in-Aid Grant application was signed.

Present at the meeting were

select board members Brenda Huntoon and Randolph Wilson and public members Roger Fox, Sarah Lyons, Robert Arnell, Butch Greaves and Tara Reese. Caro

Thompson and Nick Anzalone attended by Zoom.

The next meeting will be November 22, at 6:30 pm at the firehouse and via Zoom.



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Some of the 2019-20 and 2020-21 Mensch Award recipients at Hazen are (front row, left to right): Mya Adams, Anna Wright, Madison Langdell, Riley Rich, Bailey Shepard, Cameron Metevier, Devin Whipple, Finn Burgess, Baylie Christensen, Georgia Allen. In the back row are previous Mensch Award recipients (from left to right): Emma Badore, Lila Meyer, Reed Kehler, Carter Hill, Xavier Hill, Tessa Luther, Michael Davison, Morgan Foster, Rebekah Cloutier. Also recognized but not in photo are 2019-20 award winners: Emma EJ Patrick, Dan des Groseilliers, Lucas Whitaker, Kai Tidblom, Jasmine Leriche, Chris Bartlett, Audrey Grant. 2020-21 winners: Justing Lopez, Alexis Quisenberry, Noah Friend, Cody Hall, Alex Aubuchon. The Mensch Awards were started in 2017 by Jen Olson, Anja Pfeffer and Allie O'Hara in order to annually recognize and celebrate Hazen students who consistently show kindness, integrity, empathy and courage, even in the face of adversity.

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13th Annual Child Haven International Indian Dinner Fundraiser



Cheryl Grimes rolls out some sugar cookie dough for the 13th Annual Child Haven International Fundraiser held November 13.



Longtime volunteer Deborah Hartt of East Hardwick displays some saris for sale at the 13th Annual Child Haven International Fundraiser held November 13.



Sikander Rashid (left) of St. Johnsbury and Joanne Vecchiola (right) of Cabot put the prepared Indian meals of saag paneer, gajar aloo, caramelized onion basmati with a side of dahl into take out containers Saturday for the 13th Annual Hardwick fundraiser which benefits Child Haven International.



Thirteen-year volunteers for the 13th Annual Child Haven Fundraiser Evan Karp (left) of Greensboro and master chef Sikander Rashid (right) of St. Johnsbury check the 40 gallons of aloo salan, a potato/carrot dish Saturday. Food was prepared at Hazen Union for around 250 meals for takeout.

Photos by Vanessa Fournier

Food

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glean from and work with farmers to get their surplus food off of the farm and onto the plates of people who need it.”

Gleaning has been a part of Western culture, with roots going back all the way to the Bible. In Leviticus 19, the Bible says “When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not wholly reap the corners of your field, nor shall you gather the gleanings of

your harvest.” For almost as long as European civilization has existed, the right of the poor to glean has been defended by faith and law.

While the benefit of gleaning is obvious when it comes to feeding the food-insecure and nutritionally disadvantaged, it doesn’t immediately make sense why a farmer would allow their crops to be gleaned rather than harvested and sold or composted. Hillary explains:

“There can be many obstacles

when it comes to harvesting, from shifts in market demand to lack of hands on the farm. Gleaning is a way to ensure that the food makes it to the people who need it. Gleaning is also a service to the farmer; some great examples are blueberries and strawberries. When we glean at the end of the season for these fruits, our last harvests encourage the plants to produce more next food to ensure their survival. This means more potential business for the farmer. Plus, who would

choose to compost food that could feed their food insecure neighbors?”

Gleaning, a community-giving practice as old as civilization as itself, is a way to both give to the needy and find fresh, healthy food if you are need food for yourself. Volunteering opportunities for groups and individuals can be found at [SalvationFarms.org/get-involved/#volunteer](https://www.salvationarmy.org/get-involved/#volunteer). For people interested exclusively in gleaning, visit the [VermontGleaningCollective.org](https://www.vermontgleaningcollective.org).

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

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

DATE, TIME, & LOCATION OF HEARING

The public hearing has been scheduled for Monday, December 6, 2021, at 6:30 p.m., at the Fellowship Hall, United Church of Christ, and via Zoom. A Zoom link is included below.

SHORT-TERM RENTAL BYLAW STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: This bylaw seeks to protect the town’s natural resources and bring short-term rental activity in all districts into compliance with Greensboro’s bylaw and state regulations, while acknowledging the opportunity offered by STRs. The intent of this bylaw is:

1. To protect the quality of our natural resources, including the waters.
2. To ensure that rental properties are in compliance with state regulations.

GEOGRAPHIC AREA AFFECTED: The entire Town of Greensboro.

TABLE OF CONTENTS: (A) Short-Term Rental; (B) Short Term Rental Requirements; (C) Registration Requirements

SHORELAND PROTECTION DISTRICT’S STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

- Preserve vegetation and natural cover of the shores adjacent to Lakes Eligo and Caspian in order to protect surface water resources and prevent pollution;
- Recognize the extreme vulnerability of lakeshore properties to erosion;
- Preserve or improve the natural stability of shoreline;
- Prevent degradation of water quality;
- Preserve the undeveloped wooded vegetation views both to and from the lakes and to avoid problems resulting from continued development of the lakeshores which would cause natural and scenic resource degradation; and
- Retain the mix of residential/summer homes as well as the recreation uses traditional to these lakes while it protects wildlife habitats and conserves both the natural scenic beauty that currently exists along the shorelands as well as the open fields and undeveloped forest viewsheds within the Town of Greensboro.

GEOGRAPHIC AREA AFFECTED

The entire Town of Greensboro.

TABLE OF CONTENTS (including miscellaneous changes)

Article 2: Zoning Districts

§ 2.3 Greensboro Village District, § 2.5 Rural Lands District, and § 2.6 Resource District: sign setbacks.

§ 2.7 Shoreland Protection District: Description; Purpose; Precedence; Applicability; Exempt Development; Permitted Uses; Conditional Uses; Dimensional Standards; General District Standards; District Standards for Sin-

gle-family Dwellings, Boathouses, Accessory Structures, Accessory Dwelling Units, Nonconformities, and Vegetative Cover; Nonconforming Uses and Structures; Erosion Prevention and Sediment Control Standards for New Construction, Reconstruction, and Relocation.

Article 3: General Regulations

§ 3.8 Nonconformities: Conditional Use requirements.

§ 3.9 Protection of Water Resources: setback and buffer distances from rivers and streams.

Article 5: Administration and Enforcement

§ 5.1 Zoning Permits: Minor Subdivision, Major Subdivision, Application Requirements.

§ 5.4 Conditional Uses: Specific standards.

§ 5.13 Zoning Enforcement Policy.

Article 8: Lake Shoreland Protection District Bylaw

This article has been merged into § 2.7 Shoreland Protection District.

Article 9: Definitions and Acronyms

§ 9.2 Definitions: Building footprint, Height (of structures).

ELIGO RESOURCE DISTRICT & EXTENDED VILLAGE DISTRICT STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

§ 2.6 B Purpose

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

§ 2.8 B Purpose

The Extended Village District is established to:

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

GEOGRAPHIC AREA AFFECTED

The Extended Village Zone will affect:

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

The Proposed Eligo Resource District will affect: Beginning at the junction of Whetstone Brook Road and Craftsbury town line; thence traveling southerly on Whetstone Brook Road onto town Hwy 23 (Bailey Hazen Road); thence continuing traveling southerly on Hwy 23 to intersection with Northshore Road, Lakeshore Road and Lakeview Road (Campbells Corner); thence traveling westerly onto Town Hwy 47 (Lakeview Road) to intersection with Over-

look road;

thence traveling in a straight line westerly to the South outlet of Lake Eligo and connecting to Eligo Lake Shoreland Protection District; thence traveling north along the Eastern shoreline of Lake Eligo to the Craftsbury Town line; thence traveling northeast along the Craftsbury town line to the point of beginning.

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• § 2.6 Resource District; § 2.8 B Purpose; § 2.8 C Permitted Uses; § 2.8 D Conditional Uses; § 2.8 E Dimensional Standards.

FULL TEXT OF PROPOSAL

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

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Dated at Greensboro, Vermont, this 10th day of November, 2021. Greensboro Selectboard.

Peter Romans, Chair,
Gary Circosta, Tracy Collier,
Matt McAlister, David Kelly

OBITUARIES

ALBERT J. LACASSE

GREENSBORO – Albert J. LaCasse, 97, of Greensboro, passed away peacefully on November 11, 2021, with family members by his side.

Albert was born in Essex, on September 1, 1924, the son of Oliver and Nora LaCasse. He was one of fourteen children who were all raised on the LaCasse farm on Brownell Road in Williston. Life consisted of chores, milking cows, field work and of course, raising chickens. Williston was much different in those days and the farm flourished.

Brothers Frankie, Raymond and Albert started boxing as children and continued as young men. Albert fought many matches at Memorial Theater in Burlington and the Vergennes Opera House and became the Vermont Featherweight Champion. With the attack on the United States in December of 1941, Albert and several of his siblings volunteered to defend our great country. His military career began on February 16, 1943, when he enlisted in the Army and was assigned to the Seventh C-Battery 112th Anti-Aircraft Unit. He served in North Africa and France, receiving commendations for: Rifle Marksman, Good Conduct Medal,



Albert J. LaCasse

Victory Metal, European/African Campaign Ribbon, and Special Merits Award for the 90mm Artillery Unit. He was honorably discharged on January 3, 1946 after processing German prisoners.

Upon returning to Vermont after the war, he briefly settled into life on the family farm. During this time, he won the heart of Theresa Ducharme, and they were married on August 21, 1948. They raised a “baker’s dozen,” thirteen children and Theresa moved many times

as Albert bought and sold farms, worked for other farmers, bred cows, and worked at the UVM bull barn. His hometown ended up truly being Hardwick, where he spent many years.

Albert was known throughout Vermont for his farming experience and poultry expertise. He raised a large assortment of laying hens and exotic birds, collecting and selling fly-tying feathers and pullets to local folks and fly shops. He also enjoyed traveling back country roads taking pictures of foliage and old barns.

Alberts’s wife Theresa predeceased him when she lost her brief battle with cancer in 1992. He was also preceded in death by two of his children, Robert LaCasse and Carol Lynch, as well as six brothers and seven sisters.

Albert is survived by his eleven remaining children: Ann LeFebvre (David) of Colchester, Jimmy LaCasse (Marie) of Essex, Tony LaCasse (Debbie) of Barre, Steven LaCasse (Leann) of Petersburg, Ind., Pauline Lang (Bruce) of Crossville, Tenn., Tommy LaCasse of Johnson, Charlene Fecteau (Charlie) of East Fairfield, Andy LaCasse (Nancy) of Pownal, Brian LaCasse (Debbie) of East Hardwick, Kenneth LaCasse (Darlene) of Hardwick and Gregory LaCasse (Joann) of Greensboro Bend. He also leaves behind 32 grandchildren, 56 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

The LaCasse Family wishes to thank the staff at the Greensboro Nursing Home for the excellent care they provided for Albert. A Funeral Mass will be held on November 20,

2021, at 10 a.m., at St Norbert’s Church in Hardwick, followed by interment at Fairview Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made payable to the Greensboro Nursing Home or American Legion Post #7 and mailed to Ann LeFebvre at 233 Walnut Grove, Colchester, VT 05446. The des Groseilliers Funeral Home is in care arrangements. Memories and condolences are welcome at dgfuneralsvt@gmail.com.

CARD OF THANKS

The family of Evie Gauthier would like to thank our family, friends, and neighbors for all the cards, calls, texts, visits, food, prayers and support following her passing.

Thank you to the Hardwick Rescue Squad for their quick response and efforts. Thanks to Doug and Nicole des Groseilliers and the Holcomb-des Groseilliers Funeral Home staff for their caring and professional assistance with the arrangements, as well as Father Thomas Aquinas, Father Michael Augustinowitz, and Richard Brochu. Their participation provided a beautiful service and burial for Evie.

Special thanks to the women who helped us with the meal at the Gauthier home following the funeral.

Diane, Jessica and Megan Lorraine Dan, Robin, Mike, Michele, Aran, Juliana and Leah David, Alec and Lucie Ron, Donna and Nick



photo by Vanessa Fournier

Violin instructor Rachel Kish (center) of Greensboro Bend and two of her students, Hope Heller (left) of Morrisville and Emily Molleur (right) of Hardwick, performed in a small ensemble trio at the 15th Annual Justice for Dogs Craft Fair fundraiser held Saturday in the Hazen Union gymnasium.

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OUR COMMUNITIES

Mittens Needed for Food Pantry Christmas Boxes

HARDWICK – The Hardwick Area Food Pantry is looking for mittens, hats, gloves and scarves for distribution in Christmas boxes. The Hardwick Area Food Pantry is continuing their annual tradition of providing holiday food boxes given to families that will contain a complete meal for either Thanksgiving or Christmas. This year, new hats, gloves, mittens, and scarves will be added to the Christmas boxes, and the pantry is asking for donations of homemade or store-bought items.

Donations can be dropped off at the pantry, which is located at 39 West Church St., Hardwick, on Mondays, noon to 2 p.m. and Thursdays and Saturdays, 9 to 11 a.m. Other locations accepting donations are the town libraries in Greensboro and Hardwick or at The Front Seat Coffee shop located on Main Street.

Donations will be accepted until December 16.

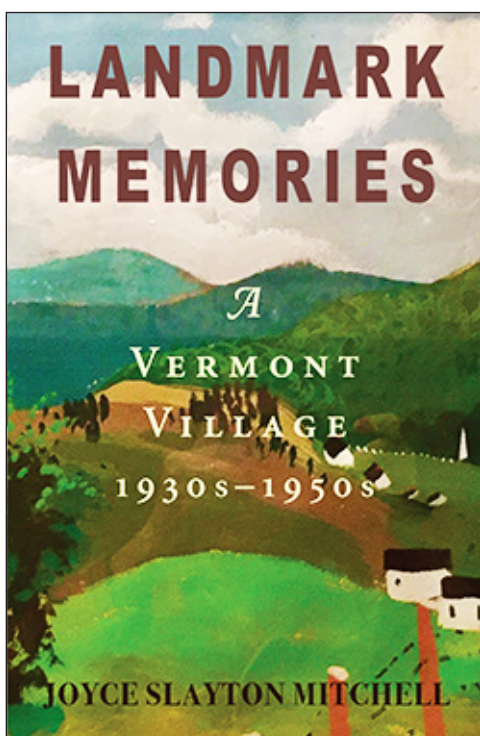
For more information, contact director@hardwickareafoodpantry.org or call 802- 472-5940.

Fundraiser for Jeudevine Library Expansion Starts Black Friday

HARDWICK – Local author, Joyce Slayton Mitchell has a new book coming out featuring Hardwick: “Landmark Memories, A Vermont Village 1930s – 1950s.” To support the Jeudevine Expansion project, Mitchell is donating the profits from all books pre-ordered from Black Friday, November 26, through December 17. The book may be ordered at the library or at the Galaxy Book Store.

Mitchell’s book tells stories and vignettes of the village of Hardwick, describing Main Street, the library, the town’s iceman, a teacher, neighbors, and village work. It is about a time period when Americans lived together and cared for each other in village life. The book also honors Hardwick painter Hazel Hall Rochester. The cover is a painting by Rochester. The centerfold of the book includes three more Rochester paintings, including Hardwick Academy, Main Street and the Hardwick Inn, as well as a snowy painting of the Jeudevine Library by David Olson.

Mitchell is a college admissions expert who helps American and international students get accepted to universities in the USA. She was the former director of college advising in top public schools in Connecticut and private schools in New York City for 35 years. Before the pandemic, Mitchell lived in Beijing, New York City, and her hometown of Hardwick. She is now working remotely with her US and Chinese students on college admission. Mitchell’s college admissions ebooks are sold in the USA, China, India, Korea, and Vietnam.



To refresh her mind and think creatively for college admissions, Mitchell spends summers writing about whatever interests her most at the moment. The subjects of her books include New York City celebrity chefs (“Belly Up to the Bar”), a guide to Paris (“Paris by Pastry”), her experience in the chemo wards of a cancer hospital, and “Bible Express: The Fast Track to the Old and New Testaments.” She is also the author of three nonfiction books for children: “Crashed, Smashed, and Mashed: A Trip to Junkyard Heaven” (about Gates Salvage in Hardwick), “Knuckleboom Loaders Load Logs: A trip to the sawmill” (featuring Colleen Goodridge and Ken Davis), and “Tractor-trailer Trucker: A powerful truck book.”

For more information, or to order a copy of the book, call Jeudevine Library at 472-5948.

Rates

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and keep it going. If you can’t keep it online and keep it going, you’re going to be spending sixty million dollars.”

He also pointed out that some of those upgrades were due to state mandates the town had no control over. Remick said “it costs money to run a sewer plant, so we have to charge money for it.”

Residents were not pleased that the select board had lowered the 10,000-gallon quarterly water usage threshold to 8,000. Galloway-Kane said that when the board decided the rates in the summer, it looked at usage and a significant percentage were using 8,000 gallons or less, but paying the same as those using 10,000 gallons. Business manager Casey Rowell said that about 45 percent of customers were using less than 8,000 gallons, and Remick said those people were “essentially subsidizing everybody else.” Galloway-Kane said the goal was to make the rate structure more equitable.

One resident asked if the board had done its research on average water usage per person before making the decision, saying “this [data] is all national [figures], this isn’t something I’m making up... this is research that should have been done.” It was suggested that the board should have called a special town meeting before making a structural change to the rates.

Board member Michael

Deering said the “sticker shock was kind of amazing” from the rate increase, but he had property in another community and Hardwick’s rates were “significantly less... hundreds of bucks [less].” A resident cited Springfield as having a rate of “\$56 a year.”

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill maintains a multi-state database of water and sewer rates and includes all of Vermont’s utilities, based on data from the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC). It has a dashboard that allows people to see the rates by town based on usage, and to give context, it uses rates as a percentage of median household income.

Based on the rates from the DEC, for single-person households, Hardwick’s rate per quarter for water and sewer is in the middle of the eleven other NEK utilities operated municipally that offer both water and sewer, and nearly double the lowest rate of \$93 per quarter for Derby Center. For a three-person household, Hardwick is estimated to cost \$300 per quarter. Only Barton, Lyndonville, and Bloomfield are higher.

Remick said the board did not weigh the option of incentivizing residents to consume less water such as through an Efficiency-Vermont-style rebate for appliances that consume the most water, such as toilets.



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THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Friday, November 19

JAZZ JAM AT THE GRANGE, 7 p.m., Caledonia Grange #9, 88 East Church St., East Hardwick. Free, but donations welcome. Information: moderntimestheater@gmail.com.

Saturday, November 20

JUSTICE FOR DOGS, 15th Craft Show, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Hazen Union Gym, Hardwick. Silent auction, lantern auction and more.

Monday, November 22

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 23

THE MOMS IN RECOVERY Sup-

port 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.

Thursday, November 25

FREE COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER, noon, United Church of Hardwick, S. Main St. Reservations are requested for both take out or eat in and need to be made by Tuesday, Nov. 23. Take out available for pick up at 12:30 p.m. Information and reservations: Sarah at 802-563-2208 or email: sarahwsmilelady@gmail.com, or call the church at 802-472-6800.

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.

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



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Members of the Boston Brass will perform holiday favorites at the Peacham Congregational Church on Saturday, Dec. 4, at 7 p.m.

Boston Brass Performs for the Holidays in Peacham

PEACHAM – The Boston Brass will perform at the Peacham Congregational Church on Saturday, Dec. 4, as part of the KCP Presents performing arts series. The show begins at 7 p.m.

Boston Brass's holiday show includes selections from their albums "Christmas Bells are Swingin'," and "The Stan Kenton Christmas Carols," along with a variety of solos, combos, and surprises.

For tickets to see Boston Brass for the Holidays, or to learn more about upcoming KCP Presents shows, visit catamountarts.org,

kcppresents.org, or telephone 802-748-2600.

In consideration of public safety, in deference to host venues, and in compliance with guidelines from local health officials, Catamount Arts and KCP Presents require all artists, attendees, staff and stage crews to adhere to a COVID safety protocol. Anyone in attendance at a KCP Presents event must wear a mask, provide a photo ID, and furnish proof of vaccination or a negative PCR test result within 72 hours of show time. The purchase of a ticket to a KCP Presents event denotes compliance with this protocol.

ANOTHER OPINION

All the News That Isn't Fit to Print

by David Kelley

GREENSBORO – Journalism in our time has generally lived up to some high standards and a strict code of ethics. Glenn Geenwald, Anna Politkovskaya and Jamal Khashoggi are just some of the reporters whose names history will remember as heroes. They, together with hundreds of others, have dedicated their lives to learning and reporting the truth – the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. Some gave their lives.

These journalists have been the life-blood of democracy, freedom and the rule of law and they have been tyrannies' worst enemy. It is little wonder that dictators or would-be dictators want so many of them in jail or murdered. But we here in the United States have taken the quality of journalism in this country for granted for far too long. We will be diminished if we don't come to grips with the damage being wreaked on journalism and truthful reporting by the so-called "digital revolution."

Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Google, YouTube, Reddit, social media, and the digital revolution are changing how we deliver information in ways that were once unimaginable. And with all of that, standards of professionalism and ethics are fast eroding. What was once a tool of democratic uprisings like the Arab Spring is fast becoming a more powerful tool of corporate surveillance, cyber warfare, national intelligence agencies and what Donald Trump ironically calls "fake news." The truth has always been hard to come by, but today it is getting harder than ever.

The recent revelations regarding Facebook's algorithms and efforts to stoke the fires of conflict in order to generate "clicks" is disturbing enough. Over the past decade and a half, with billions lost in advertising revenue, over two thousand local news outlets have shuttered. The watchdogs that kept our school boards and select boards accountable are disappearing and the fabric of the community is being frayed.

As harmful as that is, there are other harms even more tragic. On Instagram, Reddit and now literally hundreds of other sites rumor, and false, anonymous, and malicious accusations can spread like wildfire. As a lawyer, I am familiar with the case of a man

left with almost no recourse after being falsely and anonymously accused of rape on Instagram. I am aware of a social worker being falsely and anonymously called a sexual predator on Reddit, again without recourse. Not surprisingly, suicide rates among teenagers, our most vulnerable and fragile citizens, have seen a dramatic increase since social media has become such a large part of their everyday life.

In his book, "Anatomy of a Revolution," Crane Brinton wrote about the patterns of revolution. The French Revolution led to a "Reign of Terror." The Russian Revolution was followed by Stalin's purges and show trials. The German Revolution gave birth to Nazism. The "Digital Revolution" is following a similar pattern. It is becoming dangerously destructive. And like Robespierre, Stalin and Hitler, it has become so powerful few dare challenge its most powerful corporations.

Facebook and Instagram cannot claim the free speech rights of the public square and all the autonomy of a private business. If they are going to exercise monopoly-like powers in the communications industry, then they should be regulated like every other utility. Our elected representatives have got to find the courage and wisdom to rein in the excesses of this revolution. They should recognize that the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court needs public advocates. If social media is going to spread anonymous libel, then social media should be held accountable for the lies. And it is long past time for our elected representatives and the Federal Trade Commission to begin serious scrutiny of the behavior of Google, Facebook and Microsoft in light of our antitrust and fair-trade laws. Our schools need to teach media literacy and media responsibility. And we should all nurture a deeper appreciation for those local newspapers that manage to survive the revolution.

There are no Edward R. Murrows or Walter Cronkites on Twitter or Instagram. Woodward and Bernstein aren't going to work for Mark Zuckerberg. Fortunately, Frances Haugen did. We need a lot more heroes like her if this revolution is going to end well.

[David Kelley is an attorney. He serves on the Greensboro Select Board.]

IN THE GARDEN

Fall Color: It's More than Maples

by Henry Homeyer

CORNISH FLAT, N.H. – New England is known worldwide for its fall color. People swarm here from all over, largely to see the color of our sugar maples. As I senior citizen, I am legally entitled to drive around at 25 miles per hour, holding up traffic and enjoying every brilliant red tree I see. But I rarely do – I'm too busy in the garden, most of the time. But there is a lot more to see than maple trees.

For color I really enjoy the leaves of oaks and American beech. They hold on to their leaves much longer than the maples, often long into winter. Why is that? Probably because they have only migrated north after the last ice age, and where they came from – the American South - they

that is spread by scale insects. It mars their smooth gray bark and eventually kills the trees. So, I advise enjoying them where you see them in the woods. Yes, there are systemic poisons you could apply to kill the scale insects and perhaps hold off the decline of an existing tree, but I don't want poisons in my landscape.

Oaks vary considerably in their fall color. Deep reds, purples and browns are often mixed with reds depending on the locale, soil and species. Yellows and greens are often displayed on leaves, too.

One of the great features of oaks is their stamina: The "George Washington Oak" was only recently declared dead – at the age of 600 years. It grew in Bernards, N.J., and grew to have a trunk circumference of 18 feet and reach 100 feet tall. Oaks



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Disanthus leaves have great fall color.

pink-purple blossoms that you will only notice if looking for them. They come right out of the bark, without stems.

Witchhazel (*Hamamelis virginiana*) is one of the few native trees that flower in the fall. It is an understory tree that will grow in shade, partial shade, or full sun. It has yellow fall foliage which pretty much obscures the yellow blossoms until leaf drop in October or November. Then the blossoms become prominent. The blossoms have four strap-like, curly petals are less than an inch across. Witchhazel usually has many, many blossoms.

Scientists have only recently discovered what pollinates witchhazel. Bees and other pollinators are no longer buzzing around when they bloom. But witchhazel produces nectar and brightly colored flowers to attract insects. No one knew what pollinated them until naturalist Bernd Heinrich discovered that is the night-flying owlet moth. Apparently that moth can raise its temperature by 50 degrees by shivering. If only that would work for me!

The Seven-Sons Flower Tree (*Heptacodium miconioides*) is another fall bloomer. It was imported from China in 1907, but sales never took off. It was re-introduced in 1980 and immediately became popular for its fast growth (I have seen stems grow six feet in a year) and fabulous shaggy bark in winter. Its mature height is said to be 25 feet, but I keep mine to 15 feet with pruning. It will grow in full sun or partial shade.

This year mine was still blooming in late October. The blossoms are small, white, lightly

fragrant and appear in clusters of seven at the end of branches. Later, if there is no frost, the sepals turn pink.

There is one other tree I grow that blooms in the fall each year, usually in September, and then only a few blossoms at a time. It is a magnolia, a hybrid called "Jane," one of the "Little Girl" series. It blooms first in late spring, and then re-blooms once a month or



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Heptacodium blossoms are small, but lovely.

so with a few fabulous, deep pink, four-inch blossoms with a light pink interior.

"Jane" grows in six-hours of sun or more in moist, rich soils. The leaves are deep green and glossy, good enough to put in a vase. It is listed as a Zone 5 plant but does well in Zone 4 for me. Because it blooms in late spring, frosts in April do not affect it. It is a small tree, perhaps 15 tall, with a nice, rounded shape.

Spring and summer will always be the best seasons for flowering trees, but I like to extend the seasons with trees that flower and look good well into winter.



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Witchhazel is blooming now, in November.

did not have to drop leaves in the fall. That's one theory I have read, anyway.

On sunny fall days, the yellow leaves of beeches just glow. I enjoy them in the woods or alongside the road, but do not plant beeches or recommend them to others. There is a disease caused by the *Neonectria* fungus



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These beeches are infected with a fungus that will prove fatal in time.

routinely live to be 300 years old if not abused by soil compaction and urban smog. Yet they are relatively fast growing when young: the pin oak can grow 12 to 15 feet in five to seven years.

Although I am tremendously keen on promoting native trees and shrubs, I do believe we can have a few imports, and one of my favorites for fall color is a large shrub call *disanthus* (*Disanthus cercidifolius*). It is listed as a Zone 5 plant, but I have had one in my Zone 4 garden for at least 10 years. Mine is now nearly eight feet tall and wide. In the fall the leaves turn a brilliant purplish red, as good as or better than that dreaded invasive, burning bush (*Euonymus alatus*), that was so popular before it was listed as an invasive. In October some years (but not every year), my *disanthus* bush has tiny

YANKEE NOTEBOOK

I Like the Humdrum

by Willem Lange

EAST MONTPELIER – The alarm of my iPhone (a recent upgrade of my technical abilities) goes off at six, whether or not I need to get up. Last evening, I changed its sound from a boing-boing to that of a duck quacking, chuckling over the effect it was bound to have on the little creature slumbering quietly next to my knees. In that, I was disappointed; apparently, she can tell an electronic duck from a real one. After I'd made the bed, there was still a small mound that wouldn't move 'til the aromas of breakfast wafted down the hall and, somehow, through layers of denim, flannel, and down. Just another typical morning: We both know what to expect.

Life here in Vermont, especially for the elderly at this time of year, can seem a little humdrum. But once you get used to it, you most likely prefer it to its opposite. I remember once, as a young man, altering a piece of the Lord's Prayer to, "Lead us into temptation; I can handle it." Events proved otherwise, and I was forced to reconsider. Now, just the thought of the stimulation of walking the streets of Manhattan sends an uneasy shiver down my spine. I'll take humdrum.

Traveling, too, used to be an adventure. It still is, but for different reasons. I just received an e-mail titled "United Airlines Checklist for Your Trip." Realizing that one small mistake or failure to follow its directions could result in missing a week with the kids in Arkansas makes the reading almost threatening.

A traveling salesman, some years ago, spent the night at an inn in a small Vermont town. He asked where movie theater was. Informed that there wasn't one, he inquired about the location of the bowling alley. Same negative response. "Well, what do folks around here do for excitement?"

"Mostly," the innkeeper informed him, "we don't get excited."

That's pretty much the story around this place. If everything works the way it's supposed to, there's nothing much to get excited about. Trouble is, my furry companion is only five years old, and every physical movement of her human suggests the possibility of

a new adventure. The human likes to go for coffee with his chums around nine o'clock, honoring a humdrum precedent hundreds of years old. But "likes" hardly describes her anticipation, which, almost half an hour before the customary departure time, looks more like, "Let's go! Let's go!" It may take a few more years to make an old Vermonter out of her. In a way, I hope it never happens.

The holiday season, during my late wife's tenure, was always fraught with preparations: get out the extra dining table leaves and set ten chairs; mash the potatoes and slice the turkey; go get a Christmas tree, mount it on the stand and a lazy Susan, and rotate it while hanging the lights just so, from the top down (reverse procedure on Twelfth Night); get dressed to the nines to usher at the late Christmas Eve service at church. Those are all wonderful, bittersweet memories, but surveying the current condition of my body, I'm kind of delighted they're just memories.

Traveling, too, used to be an adventure. It still is, but for different reasons. I just received an e-mail titled "United Airlines Checklist for Your Trip." Realizing that one small mistake or failure to follow its directions could result in missing a week with the kids in Arkansas makes the reading almost threatening. So, I'll print it out, put on my reading glasses, and go all through it with a yellow highlighter. Then I'll probably show up at the airport in the pre-dawn hours tense with dread. Surely at least some of my fellow passengers will be similarly anxious. Used to be, a driver's license and a credit card would do (one friend of mine once even got onto a flight home from Edmonton with nothing but his Hanover library card). Now it's a passport, vaccination cards, a mask, and whatever else I have yet to discover. Fair weather and smooth connections would be nice, too.

I've begun to appreciate the attitude of some old folks for whom it's all just too much trouble. Hovering over my simple little jaunt to Arkansas (though any itinerary going through Chicago is loaded with crippling possibilities) is another major trek to the far southern tip of Argentina in February that's been complicated by changes of tour company ownership, revisions of dates, the need to change reservations, and the constant threat of varying restrictions related to the status of Argentina's COVID-19 restrictions when February arrives. Anything can happen to that projected adventure, and most likely will. As the that-day-widowed narrator laments in Bert and I, "I tell you, Tut, my day's been one long fezzle from beginning to end." But we shall persevere and overcome, dreaming each day away of that humdrum hobbit hole at the end of our journey.

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LETTERS FROM READERS

Vaccine Against Stupid?

To the editor:
 COVID cases have doubled in the past two weeks. The pandemic situation in Vermont is worse than at any time in the past 1.5 years, with spare ICU beds reduced to only 10 in the entire state. Why? Because a minority of people

believe that listening to science and safeguarding oneself, family, and the community was somehow an assault on their personal "freedom". What this country really needs now is a vaccine against stupid.

**Bob Hawk
 E. Hardwick**

Anti-Semitic Bullying

To the editor:
 I attended a recent discussion on the anti-Semitic incident which took place in Hardwick recently. A number of people expressed shock and dismay that it could happen in our small town — as if it were a big city type of offense.

time a dispute response descends to criminality, and the anti-Semitic event appears to have all the hallmarks of a hate crime, it needs to be dealt with.

I hope that the Hardwick town government, including the police force, takes the event seriously, and applies big city discipline measures to send the message: that type of behavior won't be tolerated in our small town.

Another person made the argument that there are always two sides to every dispute and we were only seeing one. That same argument could be made about the recent shooting in Greensboro. Any

**Mike Lance
 Hardwick**

What a Difference!

To the editor:
 Just visited family in Hardwick and had a COVID test at the Hardwick Fire Station. On my return to my home in Seattle, I went for another COVID test. The differences in the procedures were quite striking.

to take my test (not to mention the other five staff members not serving customers).

AND the Hardwick woman gave me a Kleenex before the test, a wet wipe after the test AND held the trash can to collect them (as well as holding the test stuff), none of which the Seattle staff offered.

In Hardwick, one woman, working off a folding table in the Fire Station did EVERYTHING (and served about one car every five minutes).

Congratulations Vermonters for running an efficient, friendly, easily accessible COVID test set up.

In Seattle, it took a lot of infrastructure AND three different people

**Andrew Taylor
 Seattle, Wash.**



photo by Vanessa Fournier

Mary Adams (left) of Hardwick checks out the handcrafted jewelry of Jill Bennett (right) of Jabberjill at the 15th annual fundraiser held for Justice for Dogs November 13 at Hazen Union.

Woodsmoke by Julie Atwood



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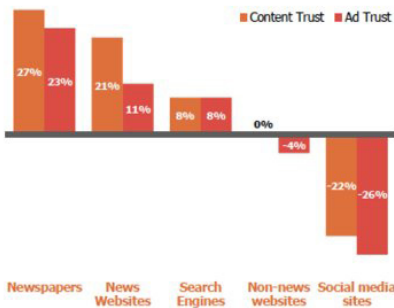
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Krebs at New England Cross Country Championship

Charlie Krebs (#79) of Craftsbury Academy approaches the final turn at the New England Cross Country Championship meet on November 20. Krebs passed Owen Patry (#48) from Cape Elizabeth, Maine and nearly caught Cameron Ferrell (#178) from North Kingston, RI. Krebs' 5k time was 18:10.
photo by Jim Flint



Craftsbury Harriers Stand Out at New England XC Championships

by Jim Flint

THETFORD – The fastest high school runners from Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine, Connecticut, and Rhode Island converged Saturday for the New England Cross Country Championships. After last year's cancellation due to the pandemic, the Green Mountain State took its turn to host the rotating championship races.

Six boys' varsity teams and six girls' varsity teams represented Vermont. The Craftsbury Academy Chargers were among the qualifying teams for the boys' championship race. This was the first time that a Vermont D-III cross country team competed at the New England level.

The Craftsbury boys and their coach, Mike Levangie, did not qualify by chance. The team set an ambitious goal at the beginning of the season to make the New England meet.

On October 30, Craftsbury Academy won the Vermont D-III state championship. After compiling the times of the D-I, D-II, and D-III runners, the combined team scores were calculated. The Charger boys exceeded their state meet goal. Craftsbury Academy placed fifth in Vermont in the state meet standings.

Poised on the starting line of the Woods Trail course, their New England moment had come. The starting boxes for the six Vermont teams were in the middle of the starting line. A dozen out-of-state teams lined up in boxes on

either side of the Vermonters. Two hundred meters ahead of the runners, the course funneled down to a passage 30 meters wide, lined by ropes and cheering spectators on each side.

The Vermont boys were primed and ready to show that they could compete with the best teams in New England. And then, adversity struck. All plans were off.

Cormac Leahy and Charlie Krebs led the Craftsbury charge out of the starting box. They followed hot on the heels of Vermont's ace runner, Evan Thornton-Sherman of St. Johnsbury Academy.

Alan Moody, Matt Califano, Charlie Kehler, Leo Circosta, and Alex Califano were in
See CRAFTBURY, next page

Leahy at New England Cross Country Championship

Cormac Leahy led the way for the Craftsbury Academy boys at the New England Championship meet in Thetford. Leahy (#80) passed Charlie Collins (#128) of Hampden Maine on the final straightaway. Leahy placed 43rd of 263 varsity boys in the race. His time was 17:28.
photo by Jim Flint



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Craftsbury

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the middle of the pack. The five Charger boys were squeezed by runners quickly converging from both sides.

“Someone hit me from behind, and I went down,” said Moody, who is well over six feet tall. “When I got untangled, I was in last place.”

Matt Califano found himself pulled into another chain reaction. “The guy who was next to me got pushed and fell on top of me,” he said.

“It was crazy chaos, with a lot more people than I’m used to,” said Kehler, who was nearly spiked in the face by a runner who fell ahead of him.

Leo Circosta and Alex Califano jumped over downed runners to avoid a domino effect.

“People were falling all around me,” Circosta said. “It was tight on the corners. Whenever I came to a straightaway, I tried to boost past as many people as possible.”

The first kilometer of the Woods Trail course is downhill, luring runners to go out fast. With a packed field and squishy sections, the footing was tricky. Runners elbowed for position as they entered the forested trails and ran the lower loop of the course.

“I got out well, then suffered



photo by Jim Flint

Leo Circosta had his best race of the season for Craftsbury at the New England XC Championships. He used short strides and strategic bursts of speed to move up in the pack. Circosta placed 145th in 18:37.

in the second mile,” said Cormac Leahy. “Around the two-mile mark, I got pushed into a tree as I tried to pass another runner.”

Leahy shrugged off the bump. He stayed relaxed on a course that he knew well. Coming off the last hill, he sprinted furiously to the finish line. Leahy moved up from his 100th-place finish at the 2019 New England Championships. His time of 17:28 placed 43rd of 263 finishers.

Charlie Krebs focused on running a smart race. “I didn’t want to get stuck in the beginning,” he said. “I got caught up in the crowd but didn’t fall.”

Krebs passed three runners in the last straightaway. He finished 99th in 18:10.

Circosta and Matt Califano pushed each other up and down the hills, as they passed other runners. The teammates finished 145th and

148th, respectively.

Circosta had his best race of the season under the most difficult conditions. He completed the Woods Trail course in 18:37, four seconds faster than his time at the state championship meet on October 30. Matt Califano finished close behind Circosta, in 18:39.

Alex Califano was Craftsbury’s fifth man. He placed 210th, in 19:22. Alan Moody moved up 35 places after his fall. He finished sixth for Craftsbury, in 19:48.

Kehler, the only freshman on the Craftsbury squad, placed 231st. His time was 19:49.

Among Vermont teams, the U-32 High School boys won the New England Championship with 139 points. This was the first victory for a Vermont boys’ team since Essex High School’s victory in 1987. St. Johnsbury Academy’s 382 points placed 13th of 29 teams. Essex placed 15th with 408 points. Craftsbury Academy (431 points) finished ahead of BFA St. Albans (452 points) and Champlain Valley (485 points). The Craftsbury boys placed 18th overall.

“Making it here was our goal,” said Craftsbury Academy head coach Mike Levangie. “The team ran well despite adversity, which is part of the nature of racing. Moving up to fourth place in Vermont is a big deal for us.”

“It is great to see the athletes developing and learning what the sport is all about. This was a much more physical race. We are a young team. They are growing into cross country running with excitement.”



photo by Jim Flint

Craftsbury’s Alan Moody (#81) overcame a chain-reaction fall to move up 35 places during the New England Championship race. Moody finished the 5k race in 19:48.

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Hilltopper Harrier Sets Sights on National XC Championships

by Jim Flint

THETFORD – Evan Thornton-Sherman competed in his final high school cross country race on Vermont soil Saturday at the New England XC Championships. Running on the iconic Woods Trail course, the St. Johnsbury Academy senior cruised to a sixth-place finish in 16:26. Flying over the soggy terrain, he finished eight seconds faster than his victory in the Vermont D-I championship race on October 30.

Thornton-Sherman has been a fixture on the local running scene for more than six years. One of his early road races was the Craftsbury Academy Class of 2016 5k, on August 1, 2015. He entered the race with his mom, Jessica Thornton-Sherman, and his older brother, Myles Thornton-Sherman. Eleven-year-old Evan placed sixth of 24 runners that day, finishing the 5k race in a speedy time of 20:29.

It didn't take long for Thornton-Sherman's race times to drop. On October 31, 2015, he came in first of 225 finishers at the Kingdom Challenge 5k in St. Johnsbury. He blitzed the course in 19:09. On Thanksgiving morning, 2015,

the speedy sixth-grader placed third in the Barton Turkey Trot. In a David and Goliath matchup, Thornton-Sherman outsprinted an accomplished 40-year-old runner to the finish line. His 5k time was 19:14 on the hilly course.

Thornton-Sherman continued racing that fall through the USATF Junior Olympic Cross Country Program. In December, he traveled to Albuquerque, New Mexico for the 2015 Junior Olympic National Championships. He competed in the 3k cross country race for 11-12-year-olds. This was the first of several trips to the Junior Olympic Nationals.

Thornton-Sherman was the fastest runner for the St. Johnsbury Middle School cross country team in 2016 and 2017, before moving up to the St. Johnsbury Academy varsity squad in 2018. For the past four years, he has been the Hilltoppers' top harrier. He placed ninth at the Vermont D-I state meet as a freshman, third as a sophomore, second as a junior, and first as a senior.

Damian Bolduc and Jessica Bolduc of Craftsbury coached the Green Mountain Athletic Association Juniors at regional and national competitions. Thorn-



photo by Jim Flint

Competing in his final high school cross country race in Vermont, Evan Thornton-Sherman cruises toward the finish at Thetford. His feet appear to barely touch the ground. He finished the 5k race in 16:26.

ton-Sherman developed lasting friendships with fellow Junior Olympians, including Cormac Leahy of Greensboro and Hale Boyden of South Duxbury.

In 2019, Boyden transferred from Harwood Union High School to St. Johnsbury Academy to run with Thornton-Sherman. The Hilltopper seniors ran their last Vermont cross-country race together on Saturday. Boyden placed 75th in the New England XC Championships with a time of 17:50.

The second of five brothers, Thornton-Sherman encourages his younger siblings in running and other sports. On Saturday, Andrew Thornton-Sherman completed his freshman year on the St. Johnsbury cross-country team. The Thornton-Sherman brothers and Hale Boyden were instrumental in helping the Hilltopper harriers to earn their first D-I state championship since 1958.

Andrew Thornton-Sherman was the top freshman in the state D-I championship race, placing 14th. At the New England Championships on November 13, he was the second-fastest freshman across five New England states. Younger brothers Joel and John Thornton-Sherman are next in line. The seventh-grade twins run for the St. Johnsbury Middle School team.

Evan Thornton-Sherman's

postseason is about to begin. He plans to run in the Eastbay (formerly Footlocker) Northeast Regional XC Championships on November 27. Athletes will compete on the historic 5k course at Van Cortland Park in the Bronx.

The regional event brings together runners from five mid-Atlantic states and six New England states. The top ten finishers at the regional championship qualify for the Eastbay National XC Championship Race on December 11 in San Diego. Thornton-Sherman is currently ranked twelfth in the Northeast Region.

As Vermont's top high school cross-country runner, Thornton-Sherman is being recruited by multiple colleges and universities, including UVM, Syracuse University, Bates College, and Colby College. Before college, he looks forward to a return to indoor track competition this winter. The spring outdoor track and field season will culminate his high school career.

Thornton-Sherman was relaxed as he congratulated teammates and conversed with well-wishers following Saturday's New England Championship run.

"Thetford is my favorite course," he said. "The mud added to the fun. It is a good definition of what cross country is all about. You have to adapt. We pushed each other to be the best we could be."



photo by Jim Flint

Hilltopper seniors Evan Thornton-Sherman and Hale Boyden have raced together since middle school, including national Junior Olympic Championships. Boyden placed 75th for the St. Johnsbury boys at Saturday's New England Cross Country Championships.

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Mack Gardner-Morse (#205) of Calais rounds the Montpelier High School track at the November 13 Fallen Leaves Race. Gardner-Morse completed the first quarter-mile of the out-and-back 5k at a six-minute per mile pace. He went on to win the M60-69 age group in 21 minutes flat. Becca Ades (#187), from Brooklyn, New York, won the women's division and placed third overall. Her time was 19:02. Ades is the president of the North Brooklyn Runners Club. She ran the 3000m steeplechase in college. The 5k is her favorite distance to race.

photo by Manny Sainz

Runners Ready for Thanksgiving Week Races

by Jim Flint

Times Drop at Fallen Leaves

MONTPELIER – Pleasant running weather marked the second installment of the Fallen Leaves Race Series on November 13. An enthusiastic field of 53 runners toed the starting line at Montpelier High School for the out-and-back 5k race on the Montpelier Bike Path.

The near-ideal race conditions yielded a flurry of fast times. In the women's division, the top eight athletes finished in under 23 minutes. In the men's division, eight runners completed the mostly flat course in under 21 minutes.

The women's division winner, Becca Ades, finished in 19:02. Ades, 37, is an accomplished runner from Brooklyn. On Labor Day weekend, she competed in the iconic Fifth Avenue Mile in New York City. Her time of five minutes and 33 seconds placed fifth in her age group.

George Aitken of Waterbury won the men's division in 17:57. Jon Griffith was the runner-up in 18:44. Amanda Repp was the second female runner to cross the finish line, in 20:28.

Mack Gardner-Morse, 60, from Calais, was the fastest runner from towns covered by the Hardwick Gazette. Gardener-Morse won the M60-69 age group for the second week in a row. He placed thirteenth overall in 21 minutes flat. Adamant's Donna Smyers, 64, also repeated as an age group winner. Her finish time was 24:09.

Damian Bolduc and Jessica Bolduc competed in the 40-49 age groups. The Craftsbury couple finished in 22:03 and 22:34, respectively, to place third and fifth in their age groups.

Marshfield's Cathy DuPont, 56, placed second in the F50-59 age group. DuPont finished in 26:11, which was more than a minute faster than her Fallen Leaves time on November 6.

Coach Levangie is looking to rent vans for travel to the races. To help defray costs, the team has begun a community fundraising effort. Donations may be mailed to the Craftsbury Academy School Life Association.

Walden runners Tim Hogeboom and Elizabeth McCarthy completed their twenty-third race of the year at Fallen Leaves. Hogeboom, 70, placed second in the M70+ age group. His time was 25:49. McCarthy, 69, finished in 28:39. She placed third in the F60-69 age group.

The Fallen Leaves Race Series concludes on Saturday, November 20, at Montpelier High School. The race entry fee is \$5. Day of Race registration is from 8:15 to 8:45 a.m. Start time is 9 a.m. For more information, visit cvrunners.org.

Craftsbury Boys Fundraise for XC Competition

CRAFTSBURY – Eight members of the Craftsbury Academy boys' cross-country team plan to continue racing this fall as an independent club team. Coached by Mike Levangie, the athletes are entering a regional meet in November and a national meet in December.

The "NEK Elite" team is comprised of Cormac Leahy, Charlie Krebs, Alan Moody,

Linden Stelma-Leonard, Leo Circosta, Matt Califano, Alex Califano, and Charlie Kehler. The NXR Nike Cross Northeast Regional on November 27 is the team's first postseason contest. The meet in Wappingers Falls, N.Y., includes runners from Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Vermont. Seven of the eight Craftsbury boys can run in the 5k race. The eighth team member is an alternate in case of illness or injury.

The AAU Cross Country National Championships will be held in Charlotte, N.C., on December 4. The NEK Elite team plans to run in the men's age 15 to 18 division. All eight team members are eligible to run in the 5k championship race.

Coach Levangie is looking to rent vans for travel to the races. To help defray costs, the team has begun a community fundraising effort. Donations may be mailed to the Craftsbury Academy School Life Association, 1422 North Craftsbury Rd, Craftsbury Common, VT 05827, with "cross country" in the memo line of the check.

Caspian Turkey Trot Returns

GREENSBORO – The annual group run/walk around Caspian Lake is back on the Thanksgiving Day menu. Interested participants of all ages are encouraged to meet at the ball field in Greensboro at 9 a.m. on November 25. The 6.8-mile route around Caspian Lake offers rolling terrain and beautiful lake views. The route begins on pavement and transitions to dirt roads. The Turkey Trot is recreational in purpose and not a race. For questions or more info, contact Victoria Hill at vhillpt@gmail.com or 802-472-6622.

SPORTS

U-32 High School Harriers Triumph in Championship Meet

by Jim Flint

THETFORD – The U-32 High School Cross Country team scored an impressive victory Saturday at the New England Cross Country Championships. The Raider boys placed first of 29 varsity teams representing Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine, Connecticut, and Rhode Island. With low score winning, the Raiders racked up 139 points. La Salle Academy (Rhode Island) and Ridgefield High (Conn.) tied for second and third place with 162 points.

The U-32 boys made a two-year climb from their seventeenth-place finish at the 2019 New England XC Championships. With the pandemic causing the cancellation of the 2020 New England competition, U-32 head coach Andrew Tripp developed a year-round training program.

The Raiders captured the D-II state title at Thetford on October 30. In a combined race across three divisions, they won the Vermont Meet of Champions at Hard'Ack Ski Area on November 6.

Seniors Ollie Hansen and Tzevi Schwartz were the only members of the U-32 squad that raced at the 2019 New England Championships. Saturday's race was the first New England competition for the other five U-32 varsity boys: seniors Carson Beard and Austin Beard, junior Sargent Burns, and sophomores Cyrus Hansen and Taggart Schrader.

Burns, from Calais, went into the race looking to run the 5k course in under 18 minutes. He lined up in U-32's box at the center of the wide starting line. Moments after the sound of the gun, Burns was surrounded by a mass of churning arms and legs, as runners converged to the middle from both sides. In a race where a fraction of a second could spell the difference, the Raiders' top harrier, Carson Beard, went down and had to make up lost ground.

"I was surprised we were able to stay upright," said Burns. "With so many runners, I hoped and prayed that my feet could find the way through the puddles and mud."

Burns went through the first mile in 5:26. He hit the halfway point and started climbing Morty's Monster, between the 3k and

4k mark in the race. From the summit, it was mostly downhill to the finish.

"There is no excuse not to fly on the final kilometer," said Burns. "If you're tired, just let your legs go with no abandon."

Carson Beard and Austin Beard led the Raider boys, finishing eighteenth and nineteenth. Ollie Hansen and Cyrus Hansen placed twenty-eighth and seventy-second. Burns made up about 20 spots in the second half of the race. He crossed the finish line in 18:07, placing 97th for U-32 and scoring as the fifth man for the Raiders. Tzevi Schwartz (150th) and Taggart Schrader (233rd) rounded out the total team effort.

Raider Girls Run Resilient Race

THETFORD -- Running through adversity, the U-32 High School varsity girls squad placed fifth among the six Vermont teams that qualified for the New England Championships. The girls faced a challenging slog after 263 varsity boys chewed up the rain-soaked ground with their spikes.

First-year varsity runner



photo by Jim Flint
Esther Macke, from Calais, was the third U-32 varsity girl to finish the soggy New England Championship race in Thetford. Macke, a senior, placed 167th in 22:48.



photo by Jim Flint

Sarge Burns of Calais helped the U-32 High School boys win the New England Cross Country Championship. Burns finished fifth for the Raiders. He completed Thetford's Woods Trail course in 18:07 to place 97th of 263 varsity boys.

Ginger Long led the Raiders. Long placed 117th of 259 finishers. Her 5k time was 22:11. U-32 sophomore Amy Felice, from East Calais, splashed through a mud pit a mile into the race.

"It was like a lake," said Felice. "My shoe got stuck and I just kept running."

Felice raced two slippery miles with a spiked running shoe on her left foot and a sock on her right foot. She had to be careful not to get too close to other runners with spikes. She finished in 22:28 to place 144th. Despite the unforgiving course, Felice's effort was within 37 seconds of her time at the Vermont state meet on October 30. After the race, she was able to retrieve the mud-swallowed shoe.

Esther Macke, from Calais, completed her high school cross country career at the New England Championships. The senior has run for U-32 since seventh grade. She finished 167th, in 22:48.

Junior Addy Budliger (192nd), ninth-grader Madison Beaudoin (213th), senior Isabelle Serrano (225th), and sophomore Ayla Bodach-Turner (242nd) rounded out the U-32 varsity girls. The Raiders placed twenty-fourth of 28 teams representing Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine, Connecticut, and Rhode Island.



photo by Jim Flint

U-32 sophomore Amy Felice, from East Calais, finished Saturday's New England Cross Country Championship race with one shoe. Despite a mud-pit mishap a mile into the race, Felice ran the challenging 5k course in 22:28. She placed 144th of 259 varsity girls.

SPORTS

Local Soccer Stars Selected to Vermont All-State Team

by Ken Brown

NORTHEAST KINGDOM – Hazen Union’s Reed Kehler, Craftsbury Academy’s Jas Zendik, and Twinfield-Cabot’s Meles Gouge capped off stellar seasons on the pitch this past fall with selections to the Vermont All-State soccer team last week.

Senior captain Reed Kehler patrolled the midfield for head coach Allison Paradee and the Wildcats this past season as they took on the challenge of competing in the daunting Capital Division, finishing with a 7-9 record. Kehler led the team in scoring with eight goals and recorded a hat-trick in Hazen Union’s first-round win over Leland and Gray in the Division III playoffs.

“Reed is the kind of player who can be placed anywhere on the field and he helps his teammates around him play better. All of his career goals, assists, and accomplishments aside, I nominated him because of how the

sees the soccer game and how he leads his team on the field. Reed was skilled at communicating with refs on behalf of teammates on the field, debriefing matches with me, and helping to plan and run practices. He was pivotal in my first year as head coach and I’ll miss his presence on the team next year,” said Paradee.

Jas Zendik in net for the Craftsbury Academy boys’ soccer team was literally the difference between wins and losses. Zendik was not with the program in a winless 2020 season for the Chargers and returned to help head coach Sam Jay’s rebuilding team win three matches this past fall. Zendik posted two shutouts and kept a struggling Charger offense in countless matches against stiff competition in their inaugural season in the Mountain League.

“I’m delighted that Jas has been recognized for his performances over the course of the season. It was a season of distinct fluctuation collectively, but Jas maintained consistency and has been rewarded with the recognition that I think he deserves. I believe he has the talent to play at the next level if he so chooses and I hope that some of our younger, talented players use this as motivation to follow suit next season and make their mark,” said Jay.

Meles Gouge had a breakout sophomore campaign for head coach Peter Stratman and the Twinfield-Cabot boys’ soccer team, leading the team in scoring with 20 goals and six assists. Gouge also scored two goals for the Trojans in the postseason, helping them advance to their first Division IV Final Four in 21 years. Stratman returns Gouge and a talented young core next fall that posted an impressive 11-3-1 record in their inaugural season in the rugged Mountain League.

“Meles is a very talented athlete who is just scratching the surface of his soccer potential. His All-State selection is well deserved, and I’ve been impressed with his growth these last two years. He’s a quick learner who has benefited from playing with our talented crew of upperclassmen. Meles is quick on the ball, has good field awareness, and he makes quality passes to help transition the team from defense to offense,” said Stratman.

Other local All-State selections included: Rylie Cadieux of Danville, Weslie Carlson and Anna Isselhardt of Peoples Academy(PA), Elizabeth Genung, Sarah Hailey, and Malina Sigler of Stowe, Cole Grant and Oliver Nigro of PA, and Adrian Bryan, Ben Nissenbaum, and Wiley Barnett of Stowe.



photo by Jim Flint

Evan Thornton-Sherman rounds a corner at the New England Cross Country Championship Meet in Thetford on November 13. The St. Johnsbury Academy senior seared the iconic Woods Trail 5k course enroute to a sixth-place finish.

Athletes of the Week

Sargent Burns and Amy Felice

Sargent Burns of Calais placed 97th of 263 runners in the boys varsity division. The U-32 junior’s 18:07 effort in the 5k race helped the Raider boys to place first as a team in the New England XC Championship meet. Amy Felice of East Calais lost her right running shoe in the mud at Saturday’s New England XC Championship meet. The resilient U-32 High School sophomore raced two miles with one shoe to finish the 5k run in 22:28. She placed 144th of 259 varsity girls.



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Twinfield-Cabot Boys Lead Soccer Mountain League Honors

by Ken Brown

NORTHEAST KINGDOM – Twinfield-Cabot and Craftsbury Academy (CA) joined the vaunted Mountain League this past fall and several of their players were honored for their fine play with First Team and Second Team selections last week.

Sophomore Meles Gouge was the Trojans lone First Team selection after a breakout season that saw him lead his team in scoring. Gouge capped off his stellar season with his twentieth goal in a Division IV semifinal loss to eventual state champion Mount St. Joseph Academy. Gouge, the only sophomore selected to the First Team, also added six assists on the year and was selected to the Vermont All-State team.

Craftsbury Academy senior goalkeeper Jas Zendik confirmed speculation that he was

one of the best net-minders in the state on a rebuilding team with a well-deserved First Team selection. Zendik posted a pair of shutouts for the Chargers and was also an All-State selection.

Division III state champion Enosburg led the way with five First Team selections which included Player of the Year recipient Levi Webb. The Hornets won twelve straight matches on their way to a state title, outscoring their opponents 78-11 along the way.

Perennial power Winooski was honored with three First Team selections after making it to yet another Division III Final Four. Oxbow's Andrew Barrett was the lone freshman First Team selection. A resurgent Richford team had two First Team selections and their head coach, Eric Bruch, was named Mountain League Coach of the Year.

Twinfield-Cabot's Brody Moran, Alec Moran, and Neil Alexander were Second Team selections, and Silas Robbins and Lucas Roberts were honorable mentions for their stellar play that helped lead the 11-3-1 Trojans to their first Division IV Final Four appearance in 21 years. Head coach Peter Stratman will lose the Moran brothers and Roberts to graduation but will return a talented core next fall that has won 28 matches over the last three seasons. Junior Cole VanWinkle was an honorable mention for CA after leading the Chargers in scoring and leading them to three wins after a winless campaign in 2020.

Seniors Nicco Siani and Jayson Litz earned Second Team selections for Danville and freshman Caiden Hill and Nate Despathy were honorable mentions. Enosburg and Winooski were Mountain League Co-Champions and led all teams with 23 combined selections.

Local Athletes Lead Girls' Soccer Mountain League Honors

by Ken Brown

NORTHEAST KINGDOM – The Twinfield-Cabot and Craftsbury Academy (CA) girls' soccer teams capped off their inaugural season in the highly competitive Mountain League with an impressive six combined First Team Selections last week.

Eva Hebert, Annie Dunlop, Holly Dunlop, and Ayden Corbette led Twinfield-Cabot with a league-high four First Team selections after posting their first winning season in ten years. The 9-7 Lady Trojans also won their first playoff match since 2011 and took fourth-seeded Mount St. Joseph Academy down to the wire

in a narrow 3-2 Division IV quarterfinal defeat.

Hebert was the senior captain and emotional leader for the Lady Trojans all season. She anchored the defense for head coach Seth Wilmott while scoring 10 goals, including two game-winners, along the way. Annie and Holly Dunlop were huge additions to Wilmott's program this past fall, with Holly Dunlop solidifying the defense along with the up-and-coming Ayden Corbette. Junior Annie Dunlop added a new dimension to the Twinfield-Cabot offense, scoring a team-high 11 goals and finished second to BFA-Fairfax's Kali Wooster for Mountain League Player of the Year honors. It is no

longer a secret that Wilmott is starting to build a force to reckon with for years to come in Plainfield as he had underclassmen Alice McLane, Ginger Klarich, and Camryn Hoffman also earn Second Team honors for their fine play.

Craftsbury Academy also had a pair of First Team selections in senior Ida Eames and sophomore Sadie Skorstad. Eames led the Lady Chargers with 14 goals on the season and Skorstad added both offensive and defensive punch for head coach Tom Silva, who's promising season was derailed late by injuries. He will certainly miss Eames next season, but returns a talented underclassmen core led by Skorstad as they look to break

through as a program.

Danville's Rylie Cadieux, Zoe Crocker, and Ava Marisha were also selected to the First Team after their strong seasons, with Cadieux also earning an All-State selection. Sloane Morse and Colleen Flinn also earned Second Team selections for Danville. Along with Wooster earning POY honors for BFA-Fairfax, head coach Jojo Lynch was named Mountain League Coach of the Year after guiding the Lady Bullets to a 13-2-1 and a Division III Final Four appearance. Lynch's squad also tied Twinfield-Cabot with four First Team selections and three Second Team selections. Winooski's Kiara Mack was named Keeper of the Year.

HU Boys Earn Capital Division Soccer Honors

by Ken Brown

HARDWICK – The Hazen Union boys' soccer team survived and surprised in their first season in the rugged Capital Division this past fall and were honored with First Team, Second Team, and Honorable Mention selections last week.

Senior midfielder Reed Kehler was rewarded for a stellar season on the pitch for the Wildcats with a Capital Division First Team Selection. Kehler scored four goals in his last three matches for Hazen Union, including a hat-trick in their first-round win over Leland & Gray in the Division III playoffs. Kehler's fine play also earned him a Vermont All-State selection.

Montpelier and Harwood led all teams with four First Team

Paradee's Wildcats won five matches within the division this past fall and lost another four by one goal in their inaugural season.

selections. Both were Division II powers, with Harwood advancing to the Final Four and Montpelier losing to Milton in the state title match. Montpelier's Ben Collier shared Player of the Year honors with Peoples Academy's (PA) Oliver Nigro. Harwood's Joe Yalicki and Paine Mountain's (PM) Colin Crawford-Stempel shared Coach of the Year honors. PM was formed as a cooperative between Williamstown and Northfield's athletic programs and was an impressive 8-7-1, advancing to the quarterfinals of the Division II playoffs.

Nigro and senior Cole Grant led PA with their First Team selections.

Stowe's trio of Adrian Bryan, Wiley Barnett, and Ben Nissenbaum were also First Team selections. Tyson Davison was honored with a Second Team selection for Hazen Union after a strong senior campaign.

The future looks bright for the Wildcats and head coach Allison Paradee after five Capital Division Honorable Mention selections that included Jadon Baker, Lincoln Michaud, Gabe Michaud, Tyler Rivard, and Xavier Hill. Paradee's

Wildcats won five matches within the division this past fall and lost another four by one goal in their inaugural season.

Chandler Follensbee and Nathan Nolan took home Second Team honors for PA, and Mathew Moeykens, Zander Washzuch, and freshman Cooper Shove were Honorable Mentions for a ten-win Wolves' team.

Stowe's Carson Matchie and TJ Guffey were Second Team selections and Henry Riley, Woody Reichelt, Evan Reichelt, and Luke Farley were Honorable Mentions.

George Sullivan made Second Team for Lamoille and Bryce Asper was an Honorable Mention. Stowe, Harwood, and Montpelier had a combined 26 selections and don't appear to giving up their reign anytime soon.