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Roadside litter like this, off Route 15 East in Hardwick, will receive attention on Green Up Day, May 6. Green Up bags may be picked up at Hazen Union School, Hardwick Elementary School or the Hardwick Town offices. For more information, contact Jason Bahner, Hardwick Recreation Coordinator at (802) 272-3137. Roadside trash bags may be dropped off May 6 at the Hardwick Town Garage from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

## Board Clarifies Status of Wastewater Treatment Plant Sludge

by Gazette Staff

HARDWICK – At its April 20 regular meeting, the Hardwick Select Board discussed Rail Trail infrastructure, plans to dispose of treatment plant sludge, and a proposed electricity rate increase.

The town manager report, given by David Upson, updated the board about several items. VHB, an engineering and technology company with two locations in Vermont, will be working on a feasibility and scoping study for Northeast Kingdom towns along the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail (LVRT). The study will identify suitable locations for LVRT trailheads. Upson also reported that the town is eligible for a \$105,000 loan from the

State of Vermont, with \$102,000 forgiveness, for a lead and copper inventory project. Finally, Upson reported that the preliminary lab results on the wastewater treatment plant sludge were received and forwarded to two landfill operators. If the lab results meet the landfill requirements, the town will work toward an agreement for sludge disposal. Also, dewatering of Lagoon No. 1 is scheduled to start in mid-May and continue through early June.

Town Manager Upson also presented the road foreman report. All the dirt roads in town have been graded recently, and town-owned lawns, including some of the cemeteries, have been cleaned

See **SLUDGE, 3**

## Board Raises Transfer Station Prices to Stem Losses

by Gazette Staff

WOLCOTT – At its April 19 regular meeting, the Wolcott Select Board discussed the status of grants, spending American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds on broadband, and steps to stop financial losses at the transfer station.

To introduce the first topic for board discussion, Sal Morales, planner with Lam-

oille County Planning Commission (LCPC), presented the board with an update on the Municipal Planning Grant application that LCPC submitted on behalf of the Town of Wolcott last December. The grant funds a site feasibility study to be conducted on the old School House. The total amount of the grant is \$20,075. The amount awarded is \$18,067, which would require a match from the town of \$2,008. The study would address external services for the building. If the board wants to move forward, then LCPC will put out a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a consultant to perform the work. In the event that all bids received exceeded the total amount of the grant, the board could consider other funding sources, or could pull back the proposal and redo it. The work would need to be performed by January. The board voted to spend \$2,008 of ARPA funds for the grant match.

The next presentation was on a Health Equity and Community Design Technical Assistance pilot program. Meghan Rodier, Planner with LCPC, reported that she has been discussing the pilot program with the Wolcott Planning Commission. The program is offered through the Vermont Department of Health and the Vermont Department of Housing and Community Development. The program would provide technical assistance to a few towns to work on healthy community design and equity projects. The planning commission is in favor of pursuing the opportunity. The board voted to approve LCPC moving forward with the application for participation in the pilot program.

See **LOSSES, 2**



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Grace Cloutier (left) and her sister, Chloe Cloutier (right) sing "Gary Come Home" from the *Spongebob* movie during *Coffeehouse* entertainment held at Hazen Union, April 19. The event was organized by the music department.

## Gazette Receives \$25,000 Grant

by Gazette Staff

HARDWICK – The Hardwick Gazette has been named the recipient of a \$25,000 grant from the Vermont Arts Council.

The grant is part of a program designed to help organizations and businesses that "continue to struggle financially due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic." According to the program's guidelines, the grant money can be used for "any regular operating expenses, including but not limited to payroll and benefits, utilities, rent, and insurance."

The Gazette has been struggling

See **GRANT, 4**



photo by Hal Gray

The Earth Flag at the Greensboro United Church of Christ has come to represent Earth Day, April 22, of each year to demonstrate support for environmental protection. Earth Day has become the world's largest environmental movement. Related events include a wide range of activities including neighborhood clean-up such as "Green Up Vermont" being held May 6.

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**Losses**

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Next, Andrew Ross, Wolcott's representative on the Lamoille County FiberNet (LCFN) Communications Union District (CUD), and Lisa Birmingham, LCFN's executive director, outlined an opportunity for Wolcott to contribute funds towards broadband expansion in town with a one-to-one match from the Vermont Community Broadband Board (VCBB). Of the 138 LCFN addresses in town, 122 have been identified as unserved or underserved. The board previously approved ARPA funds for the NEK CUD. LCFN is seeking a \$15,000 contribution. The board voted to provide \$15,000 of ARPA funds to LCFN for the Wolcott town match.

The board then discussed the 2023 Local Emergency Management Plan, and then voted to approve it.

The board also voted to approve a driveway permit on Baldwin Brook Road.

In the project manager report, board vice-chair Kurt Klein reported that it appears that Lamoille Kennels will continue to operate, but under new ownership. Klein also reported that work continues on Phase 2 of improvements to the town's website, and that ownership of property at 74 School Street has been transferred to the individual who had purchased it at tax sale.

Additional updates included that LCPC is working on securing funding for a Phase 2 Brownfield study on land owned by Champlain Oil, and Wolcott submitted a request to share in the nation-wide opioid settlement. Rob Moore, from LCPC, will guide the town in moving forward with the Grants in Aid work on road segments, and Klein and board chair Linda Martin were part of a tour of state-owned land between the gazebo and the rail trail to consider its suitability as a parking area for snowmobile trailers. It was determined the area is too wet. Land by the ball fields would be a better location for such a parking area. Signage will be required.

Green Up Day is Saturday, May 6, and is again being organized by the litter committee. Bags are available at the town office. Bags will also be available on May 6 at the gazebo across the parking lot from the library and town office. Chili will be served to volunteers at no charge between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. The

litter committee purchased new "Don't Trash Wolcott" signs that are being posted around town.

The highway department has been grading and laying gravel. Klein has received calls expressing gratitude for the work the highway department has been doing during this year's mud season. The road crew has started brush clearing along the roadsides to improve the line of sight.

The board then returned to the topic of transfer station trash prices. The board continues to look for cost-saving measures to get the transfer station back operating in the black. The special cardboard container was discontinued to eliminate the added expense. Increased costs for fuel and transportation necessitate an increase in trash bag prices. In the discussion, it was reported that All Metals charges a dollar more for trash bags than does Wolcott. They also charge more for recycling. The board voted to raise trash bag prices by \$1 to \$4 for a 15-gallon bag, \$6 for a 30-gallon bag, and \$8 for a 45-gallon bag, effective May 6. Recycling remains \$1 for a 15-gallon tote.

The board then voted to appoint Bradley Horstman to the vacant position on the cemetery commission, and to appoint Deborah Klein to fill the vacancy on the development review board and planning commission created by the resignation of Chad Roy.

Next, board chair Linda Martin stated that the select board needs to appoint officers for 2023. She read the names of those interested: Animal Control Officer: Dean Mercier, Road Foreman: Dillan Cafferky, Tree Warden: Mike Green, Lamoille County Planning Commission Director: Maxfield English, Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC): Linda Martin, TAC Alternate: Kurt Klein, Board of Supervisor, LRSWMD: Phillip Wilson, Emergency Manager: Steve Princ.

Also named were: Assistant Emergency Manager: Elliot Bjerke, Energy Coordinator: Kee Gillen, Green Up Vermont Committee: Litter Committee, NEK CUD representative: Bruce Wheeler, LCFN CUD representative: Andrew Ross, Wolcott Planning Commission: Jim Robert, Zoning Administrator for 2024: Tom Martin. The board voted to appoint the candidates on the list. Other officer positions will be addressed at the end of June.



**May 3 - May 9**

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# POLICE REPORT

## Hardwick Police

### Motor Vehicle Crash, Failure to Comply

On Wednesday, April 19 at 8:04 a.m., Hardwick Police, Fire Department and Rescue Squad responded to a single vehicle crash on The Lane Road in the Village of Hardwick. Pauline Parkhurst of Hardwick was identified as the operator of the 2017 black Ford Fiesta. The investigation showed Parkhurst was traveling southwest on The Lane Road when she mistakenly applied the accelerator instead of the brake. The vehicle was then abruptly steered northbound when it went over a steep embankment, flipped over and landed on its roof. Parkhurst sustained major injuries and was transported to Copley Hospital by Hardwick Rescue Squad. There were no other occupants in the vehicle. The crash is still under investigation.

On April 25 Robert Roy, of Wheelock, was arrested on Contempt of Violation of Conditions of Release for an incident that occurred on April 4 in Hardwick. Roy failed to report to law enforcement that an individual in his custody was violating their conditions of release. He was cited to appear in Lamoille County Superior Court on May 10, at 12:30 p.m.

On April 25 Danielle Lowe, of Wheelock, was arrested for Violation of Conditions of Release and Operating with a Criminally Suspended License for an incident that occurred on April 11 in Hardwick. She was cited to appear in Lamoille County Superior Court on May 10, at 12:30 p.m.

On April 19 Officer Force of the Hardwick Police Department

conducted a motor vehicle stop on a vehicle he believed had a fictitious temporary registration plate displayed. Operator Alex Maldonado, of Greensboro Bend, was arrested on an in-state warrant for failing to appear out of Windsor County and operating with a criminally suspended license. Maldonado was issued a citation to appear in Caledonia Superior Court on June 12, at 8:30 a.m.

On April 24 Jacob Williams, of Hardwick, was arrested for failing to comply with the Vermont Sex Offender Registry. He was released on a citation to appear in Caledonia Superior Court on June 12, at 8:30 a.m.

On April 28 Officer Force attempted to conduct a motor vehicle stop for speed and no registration on Wolcott Street. Operator Steven Seaman, of Bethlehem, N.H., accelerated, attempted to elude and was followed onto McAllister Farm Road where the vehicle was located stuck in the mud. He was released on a citation to appear in Caledonia Superior Court on June 12, at 8:30 a.m.

On April 28 Officer Force responded to a 911 call reporting a motor vehicle accident on Vt. Rte 16 Northbound. The initial investigation showed that the operator, James McIntyre of Greensboro, went around a corner into the opposite lane of travel and over-steered to the right trying to correct the vehicle sending the vehicle into a skid. The vehicle rolled approximately two to three times before coming to rest in the ditch. The operator suffered minor injuries.

## Vermont State Police Criminal DLS, Drugs

Lieutenant Mark Bickford and Officer Jasmine Hendry were dispatched to 85 U.S. Rte. 2 W at Maplefields for a report that two individuals were slumped over in a car. The driver was later identified by Vermont Driver ID as Dana Patten.

Dispatch advised that Patten was Criminal DLS. Patten was asked to step out of the vehicle. Upon search incident to arrest Patten stated, "You're going to find some stuff in this pocket." I asked if it was going to be the right front pocket and Patten stated, "Yeah." I asked Patten if it was paraphernalia or drugs. He stated, "Drugs." When searching Patten's right front

pocket Officer Hendry pulled out five bundles of white wax bags held together by a rubber band. In Patten's left front pocket Officer Hendry pulled out three more bundles of white wax bags rubber banded together along with a wad of cash later counted to be \$828.92 in large bills. The total number of wax bags seized was 80 bags measuring approximately 1.66 grams. At the office the substance in the white wax bags tested positive for Fentanyl. Patten was brought to the police department where he was fingerprinted, photographed and cited. Patten will face arraignment in this matter on June 5, at 8:30 a.m., in Caledonia Superior Court.

## AWARE Report

HARDWICK – AWARE served 20 people from March 26 through April 2. 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.

## Orleans County Sheriff Motor Vehicle Crash

On March 24, at approximately 3:40 p.m., Deputy Justin Lindor with Orleans County Sheriff's Department responded to a single motor vehicle crash with injury. The operator was identified as Brooke Marsh,

of Greensboro, who exhibited signs of impairment. In conclusion of the investigation, Marsh received a citation to appear at Vermont Superior Court Orleans Criminal Division on May 30, at 11 a.m.

## Sludge

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up. The road crew has also done street sweeping and fixed various mud spots.

The Hardwick Police Department (HPD) report was given by Police Chief Mike Henry. Henry reported that the radio repeater is down again. HPD has been working with Burlington Communications to resolve this issue. HPD has borrowed another repeater and will use it for a few months to see what the issue might be. A new repeater costs \$19,000. Henry has also been working with the Vermont League of Cities and Towns on the traffic ordinance.

The Hardwick Electric Department (HED) was given by HED Commissioner Vince O'Connell, who reported that HED is still working with the Public Utility Commission (PUC) on the potential rate increase. A decision will be made soon. He also reported that the Wolcott Hydro is 61% over budget and producing about 13% of HED's energy. HED is currently 1% over budget in both revenue and expenses. O'Connell also reported that an EV charging station will be installed at the HED main office on North Main Street within the next six weeks.

The board then voted to approve pending alcohol and tobacco licenses, and approved the Hardwick Energy Committee Policy.

The next topic was a discussion about using some of the town's fund balance to reduce the amount of the gravel pit bond. The business manager presented two scenarios: under the first, the town would borrow \$400,000 towards the purchase price of the pit, and under the second the

town would borrow the full amount, which is \$500,000. The difference between the two scenarios is roughly \$40,000 in interest over 20 years. After an initial discussion, the board decided to review the issue further at its next meeting.

The board also reviewed the planning commission recommendations for the LVRT Loop trail. The planning commission provided recommendations to connect the LVRT connector loop. The board decided to move forward with the commission's recommendations once paving on North Main Street is complete.

Under select board reports, board chair Eric Remick reported that the Yellow Barn accelerator project is moving forward, and contractors will be able to break ground once a pending contract closes on May 4. Board Vice-chair Ceilidh Galloway-Kane reported that the Peace and Justice center will have a panel discussion on May 16 at the Memorial Building. The topic is about Juneteenth. There will be dinner starting at 5:30 p.m., with discussion to follow. The public is welcome to attend.

Galloway-Kane also reported that the conservation commission will be holding a kickoff meeting on May 17 at the Memorial Building and the public is welcome to come.

Board member Elizabeth Dow reported that on May 15 the Hardwick Historical Society (HHS) will be holding its annual meeting at 7 p.m. at the Hardwick Town House. After a short business meeting, the HHS will present "Of Wheelmen, The New Woman, and Good Roads bicycling in Vermont 1880-1920." For more information visit [hardwickvthistory.org/](http://hardwickvthistory.org/).

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# WEEKEND SERVICES

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**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.** 39 W. Church St., 802-472-5979. Office hours Wed. 9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. All invited; all welcome. Sunday 10 a.m. Rite II Service with music. Coffee hour immediately following service.

**ST. NORBERT CHURCH,** a part of Mary Queen of All Saints Parish, S. Main St., PO Box 496, Hardwick, VT 05843; mary\_queenofallsaints@comcast.net; 802-472-5544. Office Hours: Thurs. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass - 4:00 p.m. and Sunday - 8:30 a.m. Confessions before Masses.

**HARDWICK BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH,** 296 S. Main St. Sunday Services: 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and noon; Thursday 6:30 p.m. For transportation or information call 802-472-5294.

**East Hardwick**

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, (NACCC).** Worship led by Jim Casavant, Interim Pastor, 11:00 a.m.  
**TOUCH OF GRACE ASSEMBLY OF GOD,** corner of Rts. 15 and 16, E. Hardwick; Sunday a.m. worship, 10 a.m. (incl. 11:20 a.m. children's church); 9 a.m. adult Sunday School (Sept. thru June); Tues. evening Bible study (call to confirm); Wed. youth group, 5 p.m. dinner, 6 p.m. activity. Pastor Anthony Ford. Information: touchofgraceagvt@gmail.com

**Greensboro**

**UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST,** 165 Wilson St. 802-533-2223, (Office hours: Tues. - Thurs. 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.) Weekly 10 a.m. Sunday Services. Also offered online. Communion Service first Sunday of the month. Rev. Dr. Ed Sunday-Winters, Pastor. Hal Parker, Music Director. Coffee hour following service. We are an Open & Affirming Congregation. All are welcome. Website: guccvt.org.

**Greensboro Bend**

**GREENSBORO BEND UNITED METHODIST.** Minister Kirk Thompson. Service of Worship and Praise 10 a.m. Fellowship after service. Information: 802-533-2637 or 802-533-2263.

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**Craftsbury**

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**Wolcott**

**WOLCOTT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH,** Route 15, will have worship Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. Information: 802-888-2248.

**THE HEALING STREAM CHURCH OF GOD,** Pastor Peter LaBonnville, Wolcott Town Hall. Fellowship Service, Sunday 11 a.m. Everyone is welcome. Wheelchair accessible. Information: 802-635-9503.

**THE WOLCOTT MENNONITE CHURCH,** Rt. 15 between Morrisville and Wolcott. Services every Sunday morning. Sunday School for all ages 9 a.m. Worship Service, 10 a.m. Evening services held on the second Sunday of each month, 7:30 p.m. Call for more information about other special services. Pastors: Marlin Wadel - 802-888-5277. Stephen Groff - 802-888-9113.

## Grant

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financially for many years. COVID-19 made the situation much worse. At the outset of the pandemic, the Gazette lost 90 percent of its advertising revenues. These revenues have been slow to rebound.

Ray Small, editor and publisher of the Gazette, said: "The Vermont Arts Council grant is great news for the Gazette and the residents of the towns it covers. The Gazette is in the process of transitioning from a commercial

enterprise to a nonprofit. The grant funds will help support this transition. It is my hope that some of the funds will allow us to implement our long-planned pilot program to bring back the print version of the Gazette."

The economics of local newspapers in the U.S. have been under siege for many years. According to research by Northwestern University professor Penny Abernathy, nearly 3,000 local newspapers have closed since 2004. More than 360 U.S. newspapers closed between late 2019 and May 2022 alone.

# The Bookshelf

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**BROWN LIBRARY,** Sterling College, Craftsbury Common (802) 586-7711, [sterlingcollege.edu/academics/brown-library](http://sterlingcollege.edu/academics/brown-library), Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Open to the public.

**CRAFTSBURY PUBLIC LIBRARY,** Craftsbury Common (802) 586-9683, [craftsburypubliclibrary.org](http://craftsburypubliclibrary.org), Mon. and Thurs. 2 to 6 p.m., Tues., Wed. and Fri. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., storytime: Fri. 10 a.m.

**JEDEVINE MEMORIAL LIBRARY,** Hardwick (802) 472-5948, [jeudevinememoriallibrary.org](http://jeudevinememoriallibrary.org), Mon. and Wed. 1 to 6 p.m., Tues., Thurs. and Fri. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**CUTLER MEMORIAL PUBLIC LIBRARY,** Rte. 2, Plainfield (802) 454-8504, [cutlerlibrary.org](http://cutlerlibrary.org), Tues., 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Wed. 3 to 6 p.m., Thurs., 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**CABOT PUBLIC LIBRARY,** (802) 563-2721, [cabotlibrary.com](http://cabotlibrary.com), Mon., 3 to 6 p.m.; Tues., noon to 6 p.m., Wed., 2 to 6 p.m.; Thurs., 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sat. 9 a.m. to noon.

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photo by Vanessa Fournier  
 Cirque Us performers Justin Durham (left), Maeve Beck (center) and Tyler Jacobson (right) show their balance and coordination skills during their "One Man's Trash" act held at the Highland Center for the Arts (HCA) April 20. HCA hosted the entertaining and educational six-person circus for some students from Hardwick Elementary, Lakeview Union, Woodbury Elementary, Craftsbury Elementary and area home schoolers in celebration of Earth Day.


## How Does Alcohol Affect You As You Age?


For healthy adults ages 65 and older, drinking more than one drink per day can lead to health problems.


What is considered one drink?



 12 fl. oz. of regular beer — about 5% alcohol

 8 fl. oz. of malt liquor - about 7% alcohol

 5 fl. oz. of table wine — about 12% alcohol

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**Decreased Tolerance** - Aging lowers the body's tolerance for alcohol.

**Increased Health Problems** - Certain health problems are common in older adults. Drinking more than the recommended guidelines can make health problems worse.

**Medication Interactions** - Many prescriptions, over-the-counter medications, and herbal remedies can be harmful or even deadly when mixed with alcohol.

**Medicine and alcohol misuse can happen unintentionally.** Here are some signals that the interaction is a problem:

- Loss of coordination
- Irritability, sadness, depression

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# OUR COMMUNITIES

## Gardening Helpline Open

BURLINGTON – The University of Vermont (UVM) Extension Master Gardener Helpline is now open to respond to gardening questions from across the state.

Gardeners who have questions about fruit and vegetable gardening, ornamental plantings, insect and disease identification, lawn care and backyard composting are invited to contact the helpline, which is staffed by Extension Master Gardener volunteers.

To speak with a volunteer by phone, call the helpline at (802) 656-5421 on Thursdays between 9 a.m. and noon. The helpline phones are staffed during the gardening season until October 26.

For a faster response, questions also may be submitted online anytime throughout the year at [go.uvm.edu/gardenquestion](http://go.uvm.edu/gardenquestion). You may include up to three clear photos, which will be helpful in diagnosing the issue.

Soil tests for home gardens are available through the UVM

Agricultural and Environmental Testing Lab. For information, visit [go.uvm.edu/soiltest](http://go.uvm.edu/soiltest). If you have follow-up questions about soil recommendations, please upload a copy of your soil test report with the helpline online form.

Commercial growers of vegetables, berries, tree fruit and related crops should contact the UVM Extension Commercial Horticulture Team at [go.uvm.edu/hort](http://go.uvm.edu/hort) for information and assistance.

Extension Master Gardener volunteers receive 16 weeks of science-based horticulture training plus complete a 40-hour internship to become certified. Last year, volunteers responded to more than 1,000 gardening questions from Vermonters.

The helpline is a free public service offered by UVM Extension's Community Horticulture Program and supported by a grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture National Institute of Food and Agriculture's Protection and Pest Management Program.

## Making Gathering Baskets May 6

MORRISVILLE – A day of making gathering baskets with Justin Sutera will be held Saturday, May 6, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at Riverside Arts. Students will spend the day working with Black Ash splints to weave small gathering baskets.

The process, starting with pounding a log, will be demonstrated, however, students will use prepared materials to weave their baskets. Justin Sutera is a wilderness



Justin Sutera

skills mentor and basket maker living in Elmore.

## Barn Dance on May 20

EAST CRAFTSBURY – East Craftsbury's barn dance returns on Saturday, May 20. Three local organizations will host an old-fashioned barn dance at Brassknocker Farm (Dave Rowell's big yellow barn) at 42 Whetstone Brook Road, beginning at 6 p.m., with music starting at 7 p.m. until 10 p.m. Proceeds will benefit the Craftsbury Chamber Players, the Craftsbury Public Library, and East Craftsbury's J. W. Simpson Memorial Library.

Now in its fourth year, this

event will feature live music by the Radio Rangers. There will be food from the C Village Store and Craftsbury Genny, and drinks from Blackbird Bistro

The night will also feature a silent auction. For more information contact the Craftsbury Public Library at (802) 586-9683, J. W. Simpson Memorial Library at (802) 586-9692, or the Craftsbury Chamber Players at [mavis@craftsburychamberplayers.org](mailto:mavis@craftsburychamberplayers.org) or (800) 639-3443.



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Rob Crites (left), Circus Smirkus artist in residence instructor, guides Lakeview sixth grader Jin Ramsay on the tight wire trainer during class recently. Waiting their turn are sixth grader Andrew Churchill (left) and fifth grader Amelia Rodriguez (right). Students K-6 practiced circus arts daily from April 17-21 with a performance held for family and friends April 21 in the school's gymnasium.

## Teens Invited to Apply for Leadership Opportunities

BURLINGTON – University of Vermont (UVM) Extension 4-H is seeking high school students who are interested in taking on a leadership role to develop science programs and/or organize an environmental summit for their peers during the next school year.

Two opportunities are available, each with an application deadline of June 1. Anyone who is entering Grade 9-12 in the fall is eligible to apply for one or both programs.

Details and links to applications are available at [uvm.edu/extension/youth/announcements](http://uvm.edu/extension/youth/announcements). Membership in 4-H is not required.

High school students with a passion for science and interest in teaching about various science and technology topics are invited to apply to be a 4-H Science Ambassador. They will take the lead on planning and implementing eight or nine VTeen Science Cafés, which are informal, interactive programs for teens on a diverse range of topics led by STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) experts.

In addition, they will organize Science Fun Days to educate and excite younger youths about science. Training will be provided on STEM topics in preparation to lead hands-on activities at these events.

Ambassadors will be expected to attend monthly Zoom planning meetings, contribute ideas and help with planning, set up and promotion for events. In addition to having an opportunity to interact closely with scientists, they will hone their leadership, communication, problem-solving and other life skills, while building their resumes for employment, college and scholarship opportunities.

High school students interested in the environment may apply to be a Teen Leader for the Youth Environmental Summit (YES!) this fall. The annual event is designed to engage middle and high school students and help them find their voice and take action on environmental issues. The summit offers workshops, forums and opportunities to network with environmental leaders and other students to share ideas and propose solutions for local and global environmental concerns.

YES! Teen Leaders must be available over the summer to help plan this event and be willing to take a leadership role at the event.

If questions about either opportunity, please contact Lauren Traister, UVM Extension 4-H Teen and Leadership Program coordinator, at [lauren.traister@uvm.edu](mailto:lauren.traister@uvm.edu) or (802) 656-7565.



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# OBITUARIES

## GARY MICHAEL POFF

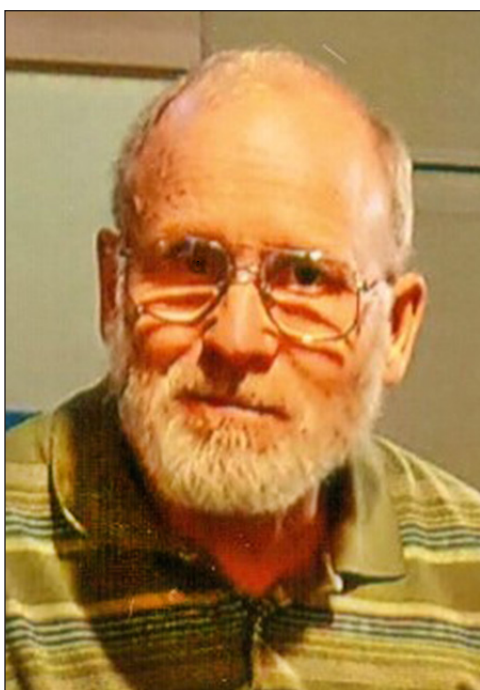
MORRISVILLE: Gary Michael Poff, 72, died unexpectedly at his home in Morrisville on April 29.

He was born, in Burlington, September 24, 1950, the son of the late Raymond and M. Helene "Helen" (Boisclair) Poff. He graduated from Hardwick Academy in the class of 1968.

Gary enlisted in the United States Navy on October 28, 1968. He proudly served his country on the USS Bryce Canyon (AD-36) and the USS Ernest G. Small DD/DDR 838, during the Vietnam Era. He received a Vietnam Service Medal with one silver star for his efforts. EM2 Gary M. Poff was Honorably discharged on October 24, 1972.

He then continued his education at a heating and air conditioning school. Gary returned to Hardwick where he operated his own business for a short time, before joining the Coca Cola Company as their equipment and maintenance person for five years. In 1979 he went to work for IBM in Essex where he remained until his health failed and he was forced to retire in 2005.

He was a member of St. Norbert's Church in Hardwick, a life member of the VFW in Post #9653 in Morrisville and a life member of the American Legion Post # 7, as well as a member of Brownson Council # 1568, both in Hardwick. He enjoyed ice fishing, bird hunting, long walks, spending weekends and extra time at camp in Walden known to many as "Henryville



Gary Michael Poff

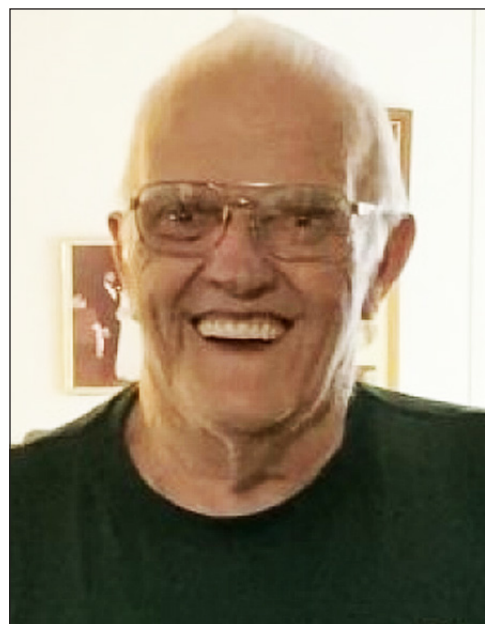
Saloon Camp." Gary will be sadly missed by all who knew this quiet, gentle, caring man; especially, his siblings, nieces, nephews, David and Kathy Burnham, Dennis Pudvah and his many other close friends.

Survivors include two sisters, Susan LaMare and her husband, Randall of Morrisville, and Denise Cross and her husband, Jim of Plattsburg, N.Y.; four nieces and nephews, Julie LaMare of Morrisville, Holly Turner of Milton, Michael Cross of Fuquay-Varina, N.C., and Jennifer Cross of Plattsburg, N.Y., as well as his aunt, Lizanne Blair of Hardwick.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m., on Friday, May 12, at Mary Queen of All Saints Parish (St. Norbert's Catholic Church) in Hardwick, with Father Thomas Aquinas celebrant. Inurnment will follow in the family plot, in the Fairview Cemetery in Hardwick.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to the American Legion Post #7, Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 472, Hardwick, VT 05843.

Arrangements are in the care of Dian R. Holcomb of Northern Vermont Funeral Service, 60 Elm Street, Hardwick. Online condolences are welcomed at [northernvermontfuneralservice.com](http://northernvermontfuneralservice.com)



Paul E. Ainsworth Jr.

## PAUL E. AINSWORTH JR.

HARDWICK – A Graveside Service for Paul E. Ainsworth Jr., who died on Dec. 20, 2022, will be held on Saturday, May 20, at 11 a.m., in Fairview Cemetery. Arrangements are with the des Groseilliers Funeral Home. Please see [dgfunerals.com](http://dgfunerals.com) for the complete obituary.

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The staff at the Greensboro Nursing Home helped earn a deficiency-free rating from the State of Vermont. They are, back row (left to right) Rob Keach, Gloria Mercier, Carolyn McTigue (new director of nursing), Michelle Pippa (administrator), Tonya Boudreau (assistant administrator), Robin Talmadge, Stephanie Crawford and Michaela Gonya; front row (left to right) Alaina Cate, Erica Johnston and Cheryl Bouchard.

## Nursing Home Earns Top Rating

by Hal Gray

GREENSBORO – The Greensboro Nursing Home (GNH) was recently surveyed by the State of Vermont and earned the rare accomplishment of a deficiency-free rating.

Six employees of the Vermont Department of Health and Human Services spent three business days conducting this major annual survey determining if GNH was in compliance with the federal and state regulations involving Medicare and Medicaid.

GNH Administrator Michelle Pippa praised the staff who made

the zero-deficiency rating possible. Her first thought was of the nursing home staff whose hard work, skill and dedication to the residents was so vital. She singled out two employees who are helping to make a difference: Tanya Boudreau, the assistant administrator, and Carolyn McTigue, new director of nursing. Pippa also acknowledged the support of the board of trustees, and the financial donors and volunteers. One point of pride on the part of GNH is its ability to accept residents from distant towns who can now be visited more easily by their families who live nearby.

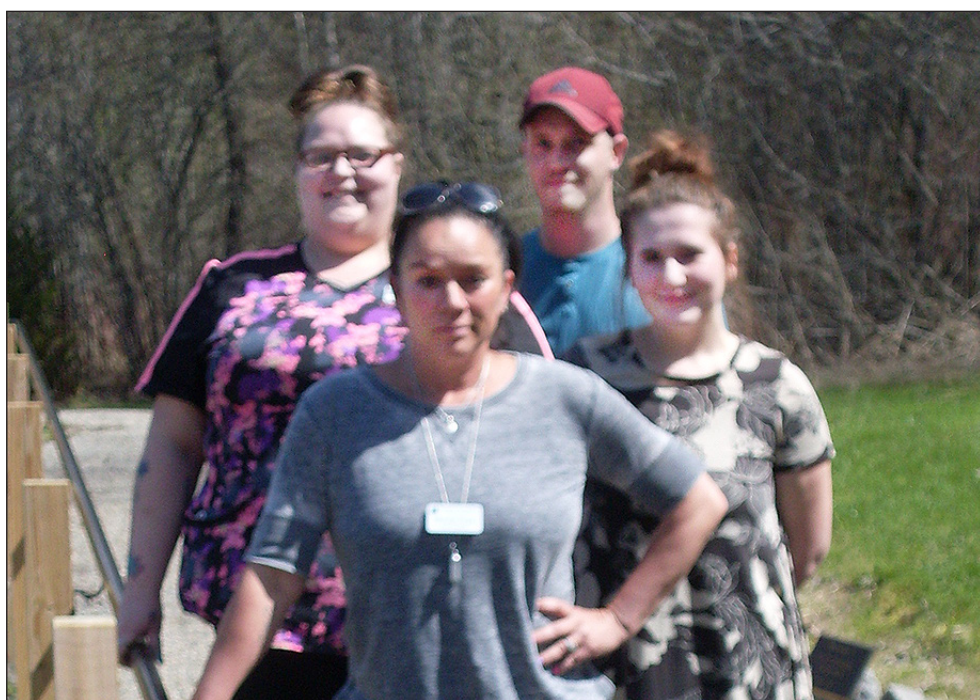


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These staff members at the Greensboro Nursing Home also helped earn the deficiency-free rating. They are on the Maggie's Pond Walking Path, front row, Administrator Michelle Pippa; back row, (left to right) Eunice Skinner (LNA), Travis Langmaid (IT), Natalie Dunn (activities assistant).

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# OBITUARIES

## LUCIA ANWANDTER MURPHY

**CRAFTSBURY COMMON** – It is with great sadness that the family of Lucia Anwandter Murphy announce her passing on April 27, at 94. Lucia, a longtime resident of Craftsbury Common, was predeceased by her beloved husband, John, and by her son, Anthony. She is survived by her children, Peter Murphy and his wife Donelle of Cambridge, Mass., Kathleen Murphy of Miami Shores, Fla., Clare Knight of Jacksonville, Fla., and Anne McGowan and her husband Michael of Kinnelon, N.J., and many grandchildren.

Born in Valparaiso, Chile, Lucia loved to travel and spent much of her adult life exploring the globe with her husband and children before retiring in Vermont. Lucia's passion for life was evident in her beautiful gardens, delicious meals, and her curiosity about all things, especially music and books. She enjoyed the company of family and friends.

A Requiem Mass will be celebrated in memory of Lucia on Friday, May 5, at 10 a.m., at Our Lady of Fatima Church, Craftsbury, with Fr. Christopher Knight presiding.



courtesy photo

Neil Richardson, shown here with the Zimbabwe village priest and community members, will speak on May 7, at St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church. In the background are solar panels donated by Vermonters for pumping water into the community corn field.

## Richardson to Speak on Zimbabwe Project at Church

**HARDWICK** – On Sunday, May 7, Neil Richardson will speak to the congregation of St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church after the 10 a.m. service during coffee hour. Richardson and his wife Mickie, both from Randolph, have a long ongoing relationship with two Episcopal churches in Zimbabwe, one in a major city, Bulawayo, and another in the farming village of Filabusi. Richardson recently returned from a visit to these churches with some photos and a video and he will report on these congregations, their present needs, and possibilities for helping them.

In the past, the people of St. John the Baptist (SJB), with Richardson as envoy, have helped send a medical mission to the people of Filabusi. Last year, after floods devastated their fields, SJB

parishioners provided new seeds, solar panels, a windmill to pump water for crops and funds for direct food relief.

The partnership with Zimbabwe has been ongoing since 2015, when the rector of the Bulawayo church, Father Shingi, made a trip to Vermont. The Richardsons, of St. John's Church in Randolph, hosted him and organized his visit to the Hardwick church, where he led the Sunday service and preached. Since then, the congregation has set aside an annual amount in its budget to assist those in Zimbabwe, and parishioners have supplemented it individually.

All are welcome to hear the speaker. For more information, call the church on Wednesdays at (802) 472-5979 or email stjohnthebaptistvt@gmail.com.



photo by Vanessa Fournier

Cirque Us: "One Man's Trash" circus troupe are (left to right): Justin Durham, Jeremy Cifonie, Mariah Fraker, Doug Stewart – founder and artistic producer, Maeve Beck and Tyler Jacobson. Cirque Us was created by eight Circus Smirkus alumni and friends. The Highland Center for the Arts hosted the show about recycling on April 20 for some students from Hardwick Elementary, Lakeview, Woodbury Elementary and Craftsbury Elementary and some area home schoolers in celebration of Earth Day.

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# Events

## Thursday, May 4

**TAI CHI CLASSES**, Thursdays, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Tai Chi for Health & Fall Prevention (no experience needed, including seated Tai Chi and remote options via Zoom), United Church of Christ, 165 Wilson St., Greensboro. Sponsored by Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging. Classes taught by Norma Spaulding, (802) 472-8724, nspauld@gmail.com and Paul Fixx, (802) 441-4599, pfixx@pfixx.net.

**GAME NIGHT**, at the Village Restaurant, Hardwick, Thursdays, 6 - 8 p.m., unless there is a home basketball game. A limited menu of burgers and appetizers. Hosted by Sarah Tewksbury. First come, first serve event, with room for roughly 10 teams.

**CHITTY CHITTY BANG BANG**, a family-friendly musical, 7 p.m., Cabot School Performing Arts Center. Reservations: 802-279-4309.

## Friday, May 5

**STORY TIME AND PLAYGROUP**, for kids birth to age 5, Fridays at 10:30 a.m., Jaquith Public Library, 122 School St., Rm. 2, Marshfield. Information: 802-426-3581.

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**AUGUST: OSAGE COUNTY**, 7 p.m., Lamoille County Players, Hyde Park Opera House. Parental discretion advised. Information: LCPlayers.com or Heather at heather.vize-willey@live.com.

## Saturday, May 6

**MONTPELIER CONTRA DANCE**, 7:40 p.m. newcomers lesson, regular dance 8 - 11 p.m., Capital City Grange. Everyone welcome. Information: 802-225-8921 or cdu.tim@gmail.com.

**CHITTY CHITTY BANG BANG**, a family-friendly musical, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., Cabot School Performing Arts Center. Reservations: 802-279-4309.

**AUGUST: OSAGE COUNTY**, 7 p.m., Lamoille County Players, Hyde Park Opera House. Parental discretion advised. Information: LCPlayers.com or Heather at

heather.vize-willey@live.com.  
**SPANISH CONVERSATION GROUP**, 10 a.m., J.W. Simpson Memorial Library, East Craftsbury. An informal hour of Spanish conversation. All ages welcome. Coffee, tea and treats provided.  
**ALBANY LIBRARY WRITING GROUP**, 2 - 4 p.m., Teens and adults welcome. Writing prompts provided. 830 Main St., Albany. Information: 802-755-6107, albanypubliclibraryvt.org.

## Sunday, May 7

**CHITTY CHITTY BANG BANG**, a family-friendly musical, 2 p.m., Cabot School Performing Arts Center. Reservations: 802-279-4309.

**AUGUST: OSAGE COUNTY**, 2 p.m., Lamoille County Players, Hyde Park Opera House. Parental discretion advised. Information: LCPlayers.com or Heather at heather.vize-willey@live.com.

## Tuesday, May 9

**TAI CHI CLASSES**, Tuesdays, Hardwick Area Health Center, 4 Slapp Hill. 9:15 - 10:15 a.m., Qi-gong & Tai Chi Forms (some experience recommended), 10:30 - 11:30 a.m., Tai Chi for Health & Fall Prevention (no experience needed, including seated Tai Chi). Sponsored by Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging. Classes taught by Norma Spaulding, (802) 472-8724, nspauld@gmail.com and Paul Fixx (802) 441-4599, pfixx@pfixx.net.

## Exhibits

**CHUCK TROTSKY: VOCABULARY**, paintings at Parker Pie, 161 County Road, West Glover, through May 9. Information: parkerpie.com.

**VERMONT SUPREME COURT GALLERY** presents Liminal Arc, Paintings by Kate Burnim, through June 30. 111 State St., Montpelier. Gallery Hours: 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Mon. - Fri. (closed during lunch hour). Information: (802) 279-5558.

**FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY ART EXHIBITION**, through May 27, Cutler Library, 151 High St., Plainfield. Information: cutlerlibrary.org, (802) 454-8504, info@cutlerlibrary.org.

**VARIABLES** - Photos by Ross Connelly, 3rd Floor Gallery at the Hardwick Inn, 4 South Main St., Hardwick. Through June. Reception, 5 - 7 p.m., Friday, May 12. Information: oliveylin1@gmail.com.

## Theater Presents World Premier Play May 25 to June 11

**MONTPELIER** – Lost Nation Theater will present “My Mother’s Three Mothers” by Erin Galligan Baldwin, Thursdays through Sundays, May 25 through June 11. The play details a woman’s search for her birth mother that sends shock waves of secrets, shame, choices and consequences through generations. Inspired by a true

story, Lost Nation Theater will produce the world premiere of this new play.

The play will be presented at 7:30 p.m., Thursdays through Saturdays, and at 2 p.m. on Sundays. The theater is located at City Hall Arts Auditorium. For more information, see lostnationtheater.org



photo by Vanessa Fournier  
 Master of ceremonies for the Coffeehouse held at Hazen Union on April 19 were seniors Elias Robertson (left) and Emily Kimball (right).

### Support Women’s Health Initiatives at Copley Hospital



Thursday, June 1 6:00 p.m.


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- Live and Silent auctions featuring local artists and the best in domestic, international and vintage wines.
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# IN THE GARDEN



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*Dandelions in lawn help feed pollinators early in the spring.*



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*We stopped mowing this lawn and here it is in late August.*

**by Henry Homeyer**

CORNISH FLAT, N.H. – In 2019 a British non-profit called Plantlife coined the phrase “No Mow May.” They proposed that gardeners leave their mowers in storage for the month of May in order to let wildflowers and weeds bloom and provide pollen and nectar for pollinators. And of course the caterpillars of many pollinators feed all our baby birds, so the ramifications are vast.

Early spring is a tough time for pollinators, especially here in New England as there are not many flowers to visit. I like the idea of a simple action that can have positive effects on so many species of wildlife.

The most obvious advantage to you is that you have a few extra hours to do other things in your garden. May is a busy time for most of us: raking out beds, pulling weeds that wintered over and are starting to grow in our beds. Planting early vegetables and flowers. Shopping for new plants. We can even bask in the sun like seals if we have the time to do so.

Next, you are not spending any money on gas or electricity (if you have a battery-powered mower). Most gas powered mowers do not have the emission controls that are required

for cars. According to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), one hour operating a new gasoline lawn mower emits the same amount of volatile organic compounds and nitrogen oxide as driving a new car 45 miles.

According to the EPA, lawn mowers and other garden machines like leaf blowers, string trimmers, etc., contribute as much pollution as our cars and homes. The statistics on lawns are deceiving; two percent of the land mass in America is lawn. But that is more square miles of land than all the corn grown here. Roughly 80% of homes have at least some lawn.

If we mow our lawns from May to the end of October, that’s six months of mowing. Eliminating one month of mowing reduces those emissions by 17%. Good for the environment, good for the wallet.

For the last two years I have been installing trees in what was a five-acre lawn in Hanover. So far we have planted about 150 of them and we largely stopped the mowing, just leaving pathways throughout. The owners now have their field mowed everywhere just once every two years to control growth of unwanted woody plants like poplars, which spread by root.

We were delighted last spring to see the field come alive. At least a dozen species of flowers bloomed, probably more. And the bees and other pollinators just loved it.

You must be wondering what happened when we just stopped mowing. Grass grew, and largely flopped over as it got taller. It was nothing like the unruly two- or three-foot tall mess that the mowing guys predicted. We were always able to walk anywhere in the field even though it was not mowed. Of course, when the mowing crew shows up soon, they have big, industrial-scale

mowers that will chew up anything.

For your home lawn you may want to pay attention to how tall the grass gets in May. Presumably your push mower or electric mower will not mow tall grasses as easily as the riding mowers used on the field described above. If you can only avoid mowing for two or three weeks, it’s still better than mowing it short every week in May.

Another advantage to the No Mow May is that you will probably end up with a better, more resilient lawn in times of drought. The longer your grass, the more food it produces for the roots, allowing them to grow longer and deeper.

Your lawn might complain about being mowed short on June 1. So put the blades up as high as they go, to avoid giving the lawn that “scalped” look. The lower parts of blades of grass may be a little pale in color as they were shaded out by the taller parts. Leave your lawn a little longer this year: it doesn’t have to look like the infield of Fenway Park.

What about bare spots on the

lawn? These are often filled in with crabgrass, an annual weed. For large areas, you will need to plant new lawn seed, the sooner the better.

Filling in empty spots can be done in May by scratching the soil with a short-tined rake to loosen the surface. Add half an inch of compost and mix it in with the soil. Then spread seed over it: just broadcast it with your hand in small areas. I use a lawn-leaf rake to mix the seed in with the soil: I flip over the rake and drag it lightly over the area, which mixes in the seed well. If you have a metal tamper, use it to press down the planted area. If not, use a small board and step on it.

I never fertilize my lawn, and it looks fine to me. If your lawn is a little feeble, check the soil pH. If it is too acidic, you can spread some limestone. Lawn grass prefers nearly neutral pH.

So take a break from mowing this May. Tell your neighbors what’s going on, so they won’t call you a lazy slug! You are just being environmentally conscious.



*courtesy photo*

*Electric mowers have improved greatly in the past few years. They are quiet and non-polluting.*



*courtesy photo*

*This part of the lawn needs re-seeding.*

# THE OUTSIDE STORY

## The Carpenters Arrive in Spring

by Jen Weimer

HILLSBOROUGH, N.H. – Why do ants suddenly appear every time Spring is near? Just like bees, they long to be close to you – especially if your home is made of wood. Carpenter ants (genus *Camponotus*) and the eastern carpenter bee (*Xylocopa virginica*) both nest in wood and are frequent visitors to my log home. The Northeast is home to one native carpenter bee species and four native carpenter ant species, and these are the largest of the native ants and bees in the region. The carpenters overwinter as adults and become active as the weather warms. As their common name suggests, these insects spend their days constructing – or, rather, deconstructing – wood. While this can be beneficial to forest decomposition, it is not a desirable trait for our homes.

Carpenter ants excavate nesting chambers in damp and decaying wood, from stumps and rotting logs to dead trees and live standing trees with rotting interiors. They will also nest in damp wood within human homes. Individual queens establish colonies by first laying eggs that develop into worker ants. These sterile female worker ants carry food such as insects and honeydew – a sugary excrement of aphids – into the colony to feed the ant larvae of subsequently laid eggs. The queen continues to lay eggs throughout the summer.

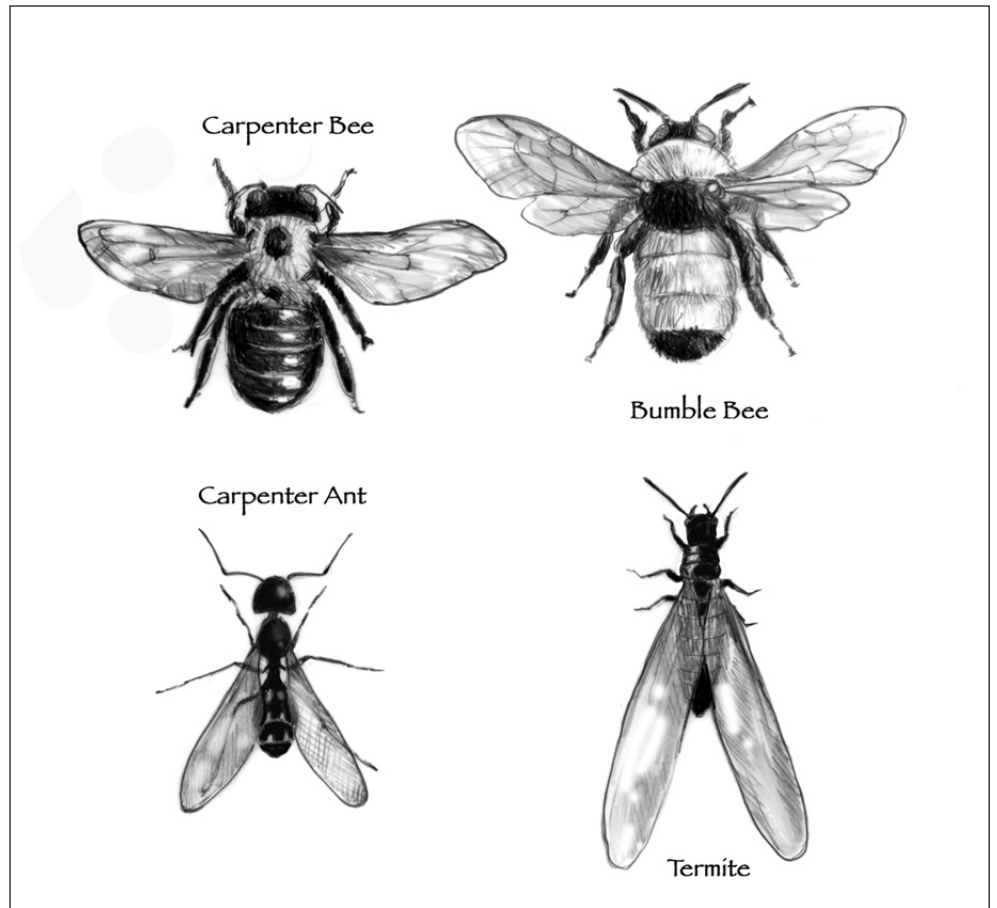
Colonies can become large and may last for several years, with adults overwintering in the nest. In spring, winged reproductive males and females emerge and mate. The males die, and the females – or queens – lose their wings and move on to establish new colonies.

Parades of worker ants may also move between infested trees and homes as they establish satellite colonies.

Reproductive carpenter ants are winged and are often confused with termites, which also swarm in the spring. You can distinguish them by looking at their abdomens, antennae, and wings. Ants have a constricted waist, elbowed antennae, and their fore and hindwings differ in size, while termites are broad waisted, with straight antennae and wings that are similar in shape and size. Unlike termites, carpenter ants and bees do not consume wood; they chew into wood for the sole purpose of excavating nests where they lay their eggs.

Carpenter bees are more solitary than ants and prefer to nest in dead, but not rotting, tree limbs and snags – and, sometimes, in non-rotting wood in people’s homes. Fertilized females bore ½-inch, perfectly round holes into wood and create chambered galleries where they lay their eggs. Each chamber houses one egg and is provisioned with pollen from spring flowering plants. Carpenter bees are excellent pollinators of garden plants and flowers. They look similar to bumble bees but have a hairy yellow thorax and a hairless abdomen, whereas both the thorax and abdomen are hairy on bumble bees. Carpenter bees are not aggressive and are unlikely to sting.

While both carpenters – bees and ants – play an important role in the forest, where they help to decompose wood and to pollinate plants, their presence in and around our homes can be quite damaging. As carpenter ants remove wood to construct their nests, they can weaken the structural integrity of buildings. While



The Carpenters

carpenter ants do not kill trees directly, their presence within a tree signifies rot and structural damage. Trees with carpenter ant colonies should be removed to prevent them from falling and damaging nearby structures. Carpenter bee nests are smaller than ant nests and therefore less likely to cause structural damage to trees and homes on their own; however, woodpeckers seeking the bees’ larvae may cause additional damage.

Annual monitoring of your home can help prevent a carpenter infestation. Keep an eye out for holes and sawdust piles on structural wood, including beams, siding, and porches. Remove stumps near buildings, store firewood away from your home, and fix interior water issues to keep your home dry. Carpenter bees and ants

are less likely to bore into wood that has been finished, so protect exterior wood with paint or stain. Removing wood with carpenter bee holes in the spring will eliminate an infestation before the larvae mature.

Gel or liquid sugary bait traps placed along ant trails in the spring may help to eliminate small colonies of carpenter ants in your home. You can purchase traps for carpenter bees or make traps (basic plans abound online) from simple materials to hang on your home. Insecticides may be warranted if you find structural damage to your home, but be sure to follow the label or contact a professional if colonies are large.

[Jen Weimer is a forest health expert, photographer, and writer living in the forests of New Hampshire. Illustration by Adelaide Murphy Tyrol.]

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# IN THE GARDEN

## Designing a Bird-friendly Garden

by **Bonnie Kirn Donahue, Extension Master Gardener, University of Vermont**

**NORTHFIELD** – One of the great joys and challenges of gardening is seeing creatures inhabit and eat from our gardens. However, in some cases, animals and insects are unwelcome visitors.

Woodchucks, deer and cabbage worms can be relentless and frustrating to manage. Protecting a summer berry crop from hungry birds can make you question whether it is worth all of the work to defend it in the first place.

However, attracting birds to your garden can be incredibly satisfying.

Why attract birds to your garden?

Birds are fascinating to watch. They offer hours of entertainment and connect us to the natural world. They also need food to feed their babies and store up for long migrations. Growing native plants that provide nourishment and shelter for birds also can bring a great deal of joy and purpose to your garden.

To grow a bird-friendly garden or landscape, you don't need a ton of space. Enough space for a shrub or two could be just enough to start. Shrubs that grow berries tend to need sun, so select an area that gets at least six hours of sun a day.

Pick native shrubs that produce berries or seeds or even attract caterpillars and other insects that birds will be drawn to for food. Shrubs with attractive berries include red twig dogwood (*Cornus sericea*), black chokeberry (*Aronia melanocarpa*), nannyberry (*Viburnum lentago*), common elderberry (*Sambucus canadensis*) and highbush cranberry

(*Viburnum trilobum*).

Many of these native shrubs tend to naturalize, so plant them in an area where you don't mind them spreading a bit. Some prefer moist soils, so be sure to look into the characteristics of each to match it with your site conditions.

Red oak (*Quercus rubra*), white oak (*Quercus alba*) and swamp white oak (*Quercus bicolor*) host countless caterpillars and insects as well as grow nutritious acorns. Although these species grow slowly, they offer exceptional long-term ecosystem services.

Birds also need shelter. Native evergreen trees including white spruce (*Picea glauca*) and white pine (*Pinus strobus*) can provide protection from predators. Deciduous trees such as oaks (*Quercus* spp.), walnut (*Juglans nigra*), cherry (*Prunus serotina*) or willows (*Salix* spp.) offer shelter and food sources.

Interested in attracting or supporting a particular bird species in your landscape?

Use the Bird Guide from the Cornell Lab of Ornithology ([allabout-birds.org](http://allabout-birds.org)) to learn more about their habitat and food preferences. Ask your local nursery about the native plants that they offer that would be suitable for your site.

Shrubs can be expensive to plant. A more affordable way to include them in your landscape is to plant them in small containers or as bare-root. Bare-root means that the young shrubs come without soil and must be kept moist and planted right away.

Although it will take time for a small shrub to grow, it is worth the wait to see birds and insects enjoy them.

If you are looking for quicker



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In the colder months, when food may be scarce, black-capped chickadees and other seed-eaters will seek out seed heads as a food source.

results, try perennial and annual plants that grow seeds that attract birds. Sunflowers (*Helianthus* spp.), black-eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia* spp.) and purple coneflower (*Echinacea purpurea*) all have tasty seeds.

The trick is to leave the seed heads of these plants up through the fall and winter. This is the time of year that birds will visit these plants. The plants can be cut back in the spring once the soil dries out.

Birds also need water. Consider offering a simple water source like a bird bath or shallow dish of water in your garden. Replace the water frequently.

Spring is a great time to plan for a bird-friendly garden. The birds will thank you year-round.

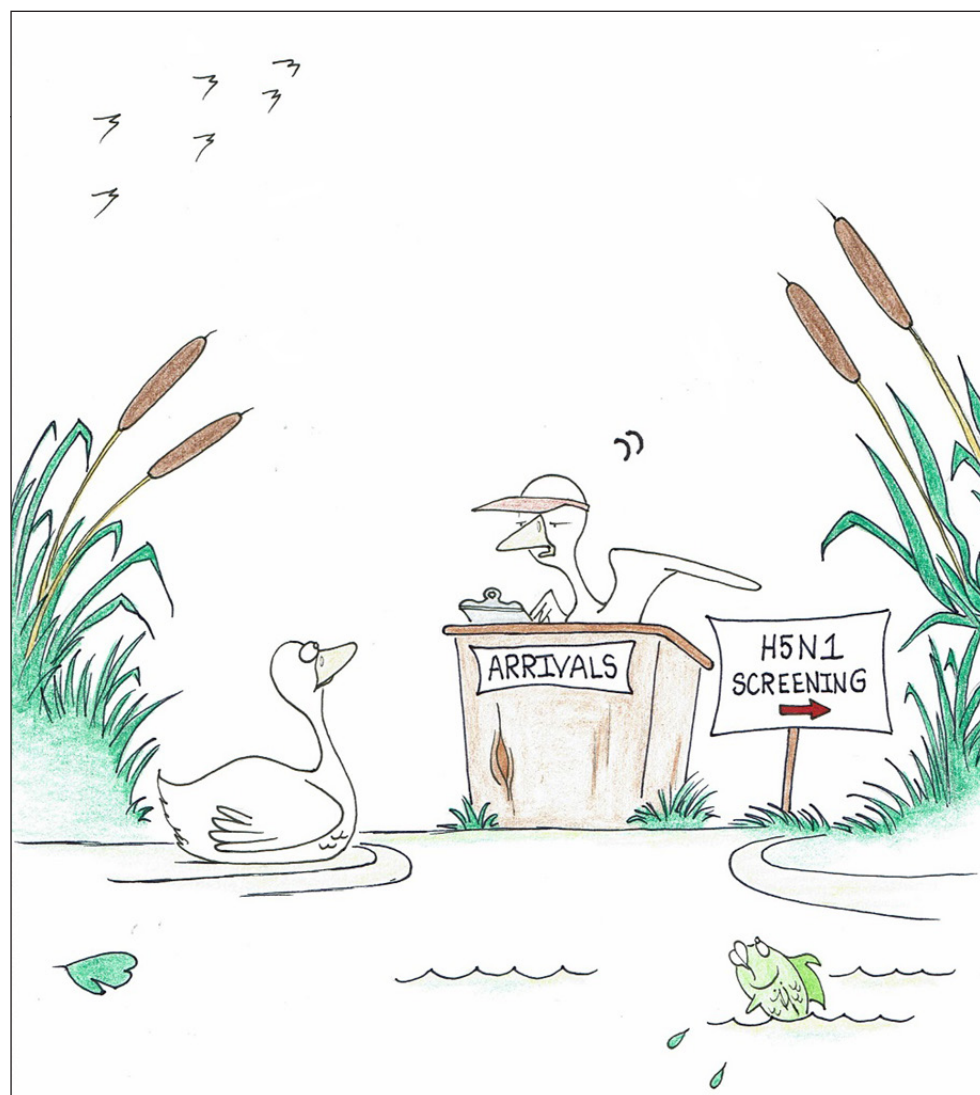
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To attract birds to the garden, plant black-eyed Susans and purple coneflowers and leave the seed heads of these plants up through fall and winter, so birds can snack on their tasty seeds.

## Woodsmoke by Julie Atwood



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# YANKEE NOTEBOOK

## What in Hell is Going on Here?

by Willem Lange

EAST MONTPELIER – It’s often characterized as a British officers’ drinking song, but it’s hardly that. “The Anacreontic Song” was the official song of an 18th-century club of London “wealthy men of social rank” that met monthly for banquets, musical performances, and group singing. Their patron saint, if you can call him that, was Anacreon, an ancient Greek poet known for his drinking songs and odes to romance. The club dissolved in 1792 after the Duchess of Devonshire attended a meeting. Members began resigning in embarrassment at the racy lyrics to which the duchess had been exposed. Imagine, if you will, the horror of it!

Forward about twenty years. The fledgling United States is again at war with Great Britain. A prominent Southern lawyer (from a formerly prominently Loyalist family), Francis Scott Key, was sent to the British fleet to negotiate the release of American hostages, and was detained overnight while the British fleet bombarded Fort McHenry, at the entrance to Baltimore Harbor. At daylight, the sleepless Key spotted the stars and stripes of the American flag still “gallantly streaming” over the fort, which inspired him (he was an amateur poet) to write “The Defence of Fort McHenry.” The patriotic poem quickly became popular, and was shortly set to music, lamentably that of the Anacreontic Song, with its impossible range and penultimate measure and high note very few can achieve handily. Some 117 years later, in 1931, it was adopted as the United States’ national anthem, to the everlasting distress of those who assay to sing it. As a side note, it’s now in some circles considered unpatriotic not to sing it, or at least try to.

Francis Key, a slave-holding district attorney, cradle Episcopalian, prominent member of the American Bible Society, and sometime prosecutor of “abolitionist(s), according to whose taste it is to associate and amalgamate with the negro,” wrote four verses of the “Defence.” The first and fourth aren’t bad; the second and third are, to be kind, execrable. But the last line, repeated in all of them, is meant to stir the stoniest bosom of any patriotic American.

“O’er the land of the Free, and the home of the Brave.” How lustily we sang those words as kids, and with the battles of the Second World War dominating the news, devoutly believed them, too. We were one of a kind – brave and invincible. Our subsequent victories on opposite sides of the globe only affirmed that.

It appears that we’re still one of a kind, but nowadays a kind that lives in such existential fear that we keep loaded firearms handy in our houses and on our persons to protect ourselves from imagined dangers and insults. Just this past week, in four separate and widely scattered incidents, homeowners have injured or killed innocent people whom they apparently perceived as threats. A child chasing an errant basketball, a car pulling into a wrong driveway by mistake, a cheerleader opening the door of car she’d mistaken for her family’s, a teenager on an errand to pick up his kid brother ringing the doorbell at the wrong address. They were all met with gunfire and at least wounded; one was killed.

Pete Buttigieg (how I wish he had a chance in a general election!) has it right: If more guns make us safer, the United States ought to be the safest country in the world. Clearly it isn’t; and in the aftermath of one deadly shooting after another, firearm sales continue to rise. The solution so many of us seem to be gravitating to flies in the face of logic and common sense. What in hell is going on here?

I daresay most mature citizens of the home of the brave consider themselves immune to propaganda and misdirection. They may not have heard of the brilliant success of Joseph Goebbels, the head of the Ministry for Public Enlightenment and Propaganda in Nazi Germany. He believed that any lie, repeated often enough by apparently responsible spokespersons, becomes a popular truth. It’s estimated that between his lies and Heinrich Himmler’s death camps, the Nazi Party was responsible for the murders of over 12,000,000 people.

Some of our political leaders have been putting worms into the American apple for decades. All of us have problems. Ronald Reagan told us that our government was responsible; Donald Trump has expanded on the theme: “They” are out to get us, and they’re attacking me to do it. The gun lobby’s patsies, ever fearful of a sudden attack by an evildoer or, perhaps worse, embarrassment at not being able to protect themselves in a mugging, stalk our supermarkets and coffee shops armed for deadly firefights. We’ve become afraid of our fellow citizens – in effect, of our own shadows. Can you imagine, in this current atmosphere, being a door-to-door pollster, census-taker, or Fuller Brush man? It’s time to retire not only the terrible tune of our national anthem, but the words, as well. The home of the brave is now a fortified castle. If I may suggest an alternative to lyrics so obviously out of date, at least we’ve still got lots of spacious skies and amber waves of grain.

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# SPORTS

## Pitching Continues to Fuel Wildcats Hot Start

by Ken Brown

MORRISVILLE – Senior ace Lyle Rooney exacted some revenge for his Hazen Union baseball team last week against rival Peoples Academy (PA), but junior Andrew Menard stole the show with a five-inning no-hitter against Northfield to help run his team's record to 4-0 on the season.

Rooney fired six innings of one-hit ball to power the Wildcats to a 4-1 road win over the two-time Division III defending state champion Wolves last Tuesday. Senior Ben Alekson has pitched PA to its last two titles, including a 9-0 win over the Wildcats at Centennial Field last June. He was equally as tough on Tuesday, allowing just two hits and striking out seven in the loss. Tyler Rivard and James Montgomery gave Rooney all the breathing room he needed, with a hit and an RBI apiece to help break open a one-run game with three unanswered in the top of the sixth. Montgomery led off the fifth with a single, stole second, and was driven in by Menard for the first run of the game.

"Ben is one the best pitchers in the state and we let him dictate things early on, but the guys adjusted, made him battle some long counts, and did a great job of focusing on putting bat on ball," said head coach Spencer Howard. "Lyle was great for us, working around six walks, and just never giving in. He has taken it to another level in his senior season and has developed himself into a complete pitcher. This was our first big test this season and it gives us a lot of confidence going forward. Brendan gave me a little bit of stress there at the end, but he battled through it and we got a good team win," added Howard.

Sophomore Brendan Moodie, who transferred from PA over the summer, walked a pair and gave



photo by Vanessa Fournier  
Hazen Union's Andrew Menard gets ready to pitch to a Northfield batter during a home game Saturday. At left is Wildcat first baseman Jacob Davison. Hazen won 10-0 after five innings.

up a hit in the seventh, before inducing a deep fly ball to earn the save and end the game. Alekson recorded the Wolves only hit of the day off Rooney and was relieved by Chandler Follensbee with two outs in the fifth inning. The loss dropped PA to 4-2 on the season.

Menard was nearly perfect over the weekend at Hudson Fields, striking out 13 Marauders without allowing a hit in a 10-0 win. He walked only one batter and helped his own cause with a 3-3 performance at the plate. Montgomery continued to swing a hot bat with three more hits, including a double and two RBIs. Senior Jadon Baker and Jake Davison added two hits apiece and Rivard belted a double, scored four runs, while being walked once and hit by pitches twice.



photo by Vanessa Fournier  
Hazen Union Wildcat ninth grader Owen Skorstad (No. 4) safely gets to second base before the ball reaches Kane Knapp of Northfield during action on Hudson Field April 29. Hazen defeated Northfield 10-0.

James Preston took the loss for Northfield, giving up seven runs in three plus innings of work and striking out four. The loss dropped the Marauders to 1-3 on the year. With Menard's gem in the books, Hazen pitchers have allowed just five hits in 24 innings of work this season, giving up just three runs along the way.

"You just couldn't ask for a better first start of the season for Andrew. He commanded the strike zone, located and changed speeds well, and got ahead early in counts after battling a couple of long counts early on. It just shows the pitching depth we have on this team and I'm very thankful to have it and it gives us a huge advantage as we ramp up into the busy part of our schedule. I love our competitiveness, defense, and

pitching through the first four games and we'll keep grinding at putting together good at bats. We have seven games to play the next two weeks and none of them are pushovers. We'll play five Division II teams and a Division I team during this stretch and I'm excited to see how the guys approach the challenge. There's no looking ahead on this team and we'll continue to take it one pitch, one at bat, and one game at a time," said Howard.

The Wildcats traveled to Montpelier on Tuesday and are scheduled to welcome Lake Region to town on Thursday. They wrap up their week on the road with a match-up against Lamoille on Saturday afternoon and will host Danville and North Country on Monday and Tuesday.

## KEN BROWN'S HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP

### Danville Boys Drop Two

RICHFORD – The Danville baseball team lost a pair of games to Richford and BFA-Fairfax last week to fall to 1-4 on the season. Twinfield-Cabot student athletes are on the Bears' roster for the

second straight season.

Carter Blaney powered Richford at the plate and on the mound last Tuesday as they downed Danville 14-4 at home. Blaney drove in four runs with a grand slam in the bottom of the second inning to put the home team up for good. He also earned the win, throwing four-plus

innings of two-hit ball, striking out six and working around a half dozen walks. Michael Cunningham finished up the last of the fifth for the Rockets, striking out one. Marcel Gendron added two hits and drove in a pair for Richford as they evened their record at 3-3.

Denver Lindstrom belted a double and drove in two runs and Andy McReynolds had a hit and a pair of walks for Danville in the loss.

James Benjamin made a two-out bases loaded diving catch in the bottom of the seventh inning

**See ROUNDUP, next page**

# SPORTS

## Lady Trojans Get Season Underway

by Ken Brown

MARSHFIELD – The Twinfield-Cabot softball team braved the rain and cold weather last week to finally get their 2023 season underway, narrowly dropping their opener to Randolph, before easily handling Northfield on the road, and wrapping up with a lopsided loss to Division IV powerhouse Blue Mountain.

The Lady Trojans rallied for five runs in the seventh inning, but came up just short in their season opener last Tuesday, falling to Randolph 21-18 at home. Aydyn Corbett powered the Twinfield-Cabot offense with four hits and four runs scored and Maddi Duke added a triple to start off the bottom of the fifth inning. Kendall Hale took the loss in the circle for the Lady Trojans, striking out five in five innings of work. Danville's Ella Marshia finished up for the home team, striking out three Galloping Ghosts in the final two innings. Randolph improved to 1-2 on the season with the win.

"Unfortunately we lost our opener to Randolph, but it was a very competitive game and the girls fought through the rain and the cold for a great rally in the seventh inning," said head co-coach Christin Martin.

Hale excelled in the circle and at the plate on Thursday to lead the Lady Trojans to a dominant 20-6 road win over Northfield. She earned the win, striking out four Lady Marauders on the day, and also belted four doubles to help her own cause. Corbett continued to swing a hot bat, adding two more hits in the win. Northfield was coming off an impressive 25-11 win over Randolph as the loss dropped them to 1-2 on the season.

"Kendall had a great all-around game for us. She did a good job throwing strikes and also made three other important outs for us defensively in the field. Both Kendall's and Aydyn's



photo by Vanessa Fournier  
Twinfield-Cabot-Danville's Kendall Hale, a ninth grader at Danville, aims for the ball during play on Burt Hodgdon Field at Twinfield April 25. Randolph edged by the home team 21-18.

bats were hot and Aleacya Moshinskie and Danville's Austin Roos did an amazing job at the catcher position for us. They each had some great stops back there on passed balls that helped us hold down any big rallies by Northfield," said Martin.

Blue Mountain has been a wrecking crew within the division this season and continued their hot start over the weekend with a 27-0 home win over the Lady Trojans. Kyra Nelson twirled five innings of no-hit ball for the Lady Bucks, striking out 13 on the day. Kaylee Hamlet belted a pair of doubles and drove in five runs to power a balanced offensive attack. Nelson also scored five runs and teammate Lauren Joy added three RBI's in the win. Blue Mountain drew 23 walks on the day and broke the game open with an 18 run second inning. Maddi Duke was a bright spot for Twinfield-Cabot, striking out the side to end the fifth inning.



photo by Vanessa Fournier  
Twinfield-Cabot-Danville's Maddi Duke (center), a Twinfield senior, waits for the ball as Ava Scott-Lucas (left) of Randolph reaches third base during action Tuesday at Twinfield. At right is base umpire Mike Clark.

Blue Mountain has advanced to the Final Four the last two seasons and look poised to contend within the division once again, outscoring their opponents 60-4 in their last three wins.

"Blue Mountain was a rough game for us. They got a super big lead early on and we just couldn't get our bats going. Kimmie DeBona did a good job getting on base for us, but we just didn't string anything together to get her in. We made some solid contact, but it was right at fielders, instead of in the gaps," said Martin.

The Lady Trojans tackle another busy week as they traveled to Richford on Tuesday and stay on the road for a trip to Craftsbury Academy on Thursday. They will host Richford at Danville High School on Saturday afternoon to complete the home and home with the Rockets and the junior varsity team will travel to St. Johnsbury Academy that same day. Five Danville players are on the Twinfield-Cabot roster this spring.

## Roundup

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to help BFA-Fairfax escape with a 12-10 road win over the Bears over the weekend. Reagan Baumeister went 3-3 and earned the win for the Bullets, striking out five and giving up one earned run on the day. John Morgan belted a home run to fuel a five-run fourth inning for the home team to give them an early advantage. Twinfield-Cabot's Meles Gouge led a furious Bears' comeback with three walks, a pair of hits, including a triple. Andy McReynolds added a pair of hits and Jackson Giroux suffered the loss for Danville.

The Bears were back in action on Monday with a home rematch with BFA-Fairfax and are scheduled to travel to Peoples Academy on Thursday. They will finish up a busy week at home on Saturday afternoon against Richford.

## PA-Hazen Softballers Drop Two to Start Season

MORRISVILLE – Peoples Academy (PA) finally got their softball season under way last week, dropping a pair of games to Thetford Academy and Richford. Hazen Union student athletes are on the

PA roster this spring for the third straight season.

McKayla Stanley pitched a complete game, striking out seven Lady Wolves to power Thetford Academy to a 12-4 road win last Thursday. Madi Mousley belted a triple and induced a pair of intentional walks and freshman twin sisters Rebecca and Ashlyn Osgood combined for three hits, including a double and triple, and drove in four runs in the win. Thetford evened their record at 2-2 on the season.

Ella and Mikayla Chagnon hit back-to-back home runs in the bottom of the second inning to lead Richford to a 17-3 home win over PA on Saturday. The dynamic cousin duo combined for four hits and five RBIs in the win and Sierra Derby pitched five strong innings to earn the win in the circle for the Lady Rockets. Kyrielle Deuso had a double and two hits, Melody Tracey added a pair of hits and drove in two runs, and Vanessa Cunningham drove in a pair of runs to lead a balanced attack. Richford improved to 3-2 on the season with the win. Hazen's Sarah Collier (Captain), Haley Michaud, and Royelle Crown are playing on the PA roster this spring.

The Lady Cat trio will be back in action for PA this week as they traveled to BFA-Fairfax on

Tuesday and will stay on the road for a match-up against Lake Region on Thursday. They will wrap up a busy week with a trip to Craftsbury Academy on Saturday.

## Chargers Back in Action This Week Following Break

CRAFTSBURY – Craftsbury Academy athletics paused for Spring Break last week, but the track and field, softball, and baseball teams will all be back in action this week.

The Charger track and field team are scheduled to travel to U-32 on Wednesday and will wrap up their week with a Twilight Meet at South Burlington High School.

The Lady Charger softballers were scheduled to host Blue Mountain on Tuesday, Twinfield-Cabot-Danville on Thursday, and will wrap up a busy week with a home date against Peoples Academy on Saturday afternoon.

The junior varsity baseball team was scheduled to travel to Lyndon Institute on Monday and will complete a home-and-home with the Vikings at Dustan Field on Wednesday. Richford is scheduled to travel to the Common to take on the Chargers next Monday.

# SPORTS

## Spring Sports Calendar

[Note: Hazen Union girls play with Peoples Academy, Morrisville and Twinfield-Cabot boys play with Danville High School.]

**Schedule is subject to change due to weather.**

### Wednesday, May 3

3:30 p.m., Craftsbury Track and Field at U-32.

3:30 p.m., Hazen Union Track and Field at U-32.

### Thursday, May 4

4:30 p.m., Peoples Academy Girls' Softball vs. Danville, at Peoples Academy.

4:30 p.m., Danville Baseball at Peoples Academy.

4:30 p.m., Twinfield-Cabot Girls' Softball at Craftsbury Academy.

4:30 p.m., Craftsbury Academy Girls' Softball vs. Twinfield, at Craftsbury.

4:30 a.m., Hazen Union Baseball vs. Lake Region, at Hazen Union.

### Saturday, May 6

11 a.m., Peoples Academy Girls' Softball at Craftsbury Academy.

11 a.m., Danville Baseball v. Richford, at Danville.

11 a.m., Twinfield-Cabot Girls' Softball vs. Richford, at Danville.

11 a.m., Craftsbury Academy Girls' Softball vs. Peoples Academy, at Craftsbury.

11a.m., Hazen Union Baseball at Lamoille.

1 p.m., Craftsbury Track and Field at SB Twilight Meet.

### Tuesday, May 9

3:30 p.m., Craftsbury Track and Field at North Country.

4:30 p.m., Peoples Academy Girls' Softball vs. Williamstown, at Peoples Academy.

4:30 p.m., Twinfield-Cabot Girls' Softball vs. Northfield, at Twinfield.

4:30 p.m., Craftsbury Academy Girls' Softball at winoski.

4:30 p.m., Hazen Union Baseball vs. North Country, at Hazen Union.

### Wednesday, May 10

3:30 p.m., Hazen Union Track and Field at Spaulding.

4:30 p.m., Danville Junior Varsity Baseball at Craftsbury Academy.

### Thursday, May 11

4:30 p.m., Peoples Academy Girls' Softball at Northfield.

4:30 p.m., Twinfield-Cabot Girls'

Softball vs. Blue Mountain, at Twinfield.

4:30 p.m., Craftsbury Academy Girls' Softball at Richford.

4:30 a.m., Hazen Union Baseball at Spaulding.

### Saturday, May 13

11 a.m., Peoples Academy Girls' Softball vs. BFA Fairfax, at Peoples Academy.

11 a.m., Danville Baseball vs. Northfield, at Danville.

11a.m., Hazen Union Baseball at U32.

1 a.m., Craftsbury Academy Girls' Softball at Williamtown. (doubleheader).

### Tuesday, May 16

3:30 p.m., Hazen Union Track and Field at Lyndon.

4:30 p.m., Peoples Academy Girls' Softball at Twinfield.

4:30 p.m., Danville Baseball vs. Blue Mountain, at Danville.

4:30 p.m., Craftsbury Academy Girls' Softball at Northfield.

4:30 p.m., Twinfield-Cabot Girls' Softball vs. Peoples Academy, at Twinfield.

4:30 a.m., Hazen Union Baseball at Oxbow.

### Wednesday, May 17

3:30 p.m., Craftsbury Track and Field at Harwood.

### Thursday, May 18

4:30 p.m., Peoples Academy Girls' Softball vs. Richford, at Peoples Academy.

4:30 a.m., Hazen Union Baseball vs. Harwood, at Hazen Union.

### Friday, May 19

4:30 p.m., Craftsbury Academy Girls' Softball vs. Northfield, at Craftsbury.

### Saturday, May 20

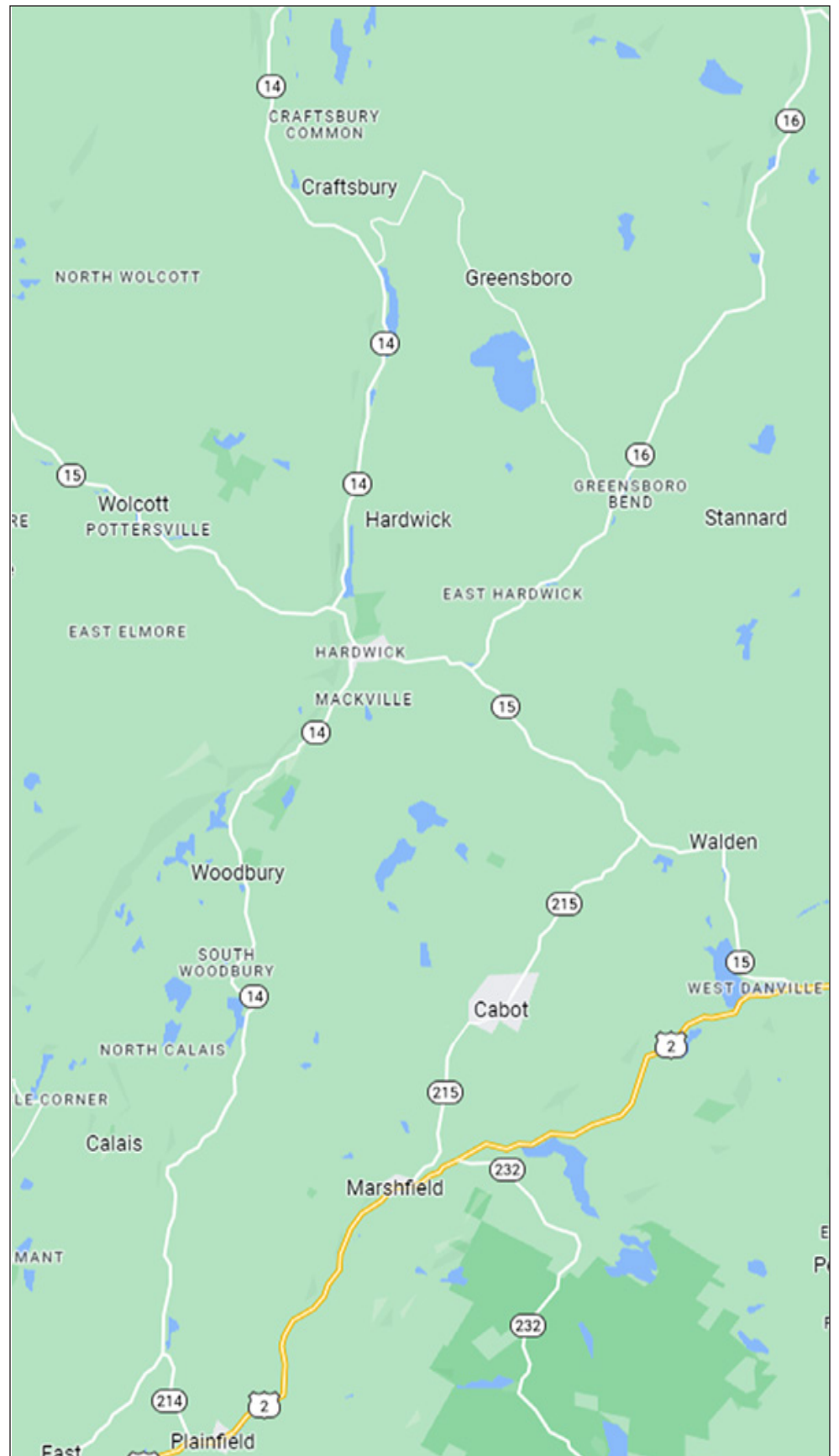
11 a.m., Peoples Academy Girls' Softball at Danville.

11 a.m., Danville Baseball vs. Peoples Academy, at Danville.

11 a.m., Twinfield-Cabot Girls' Softball vs. Craftsbury Academy, at Twinfield.

11a.m., Craftsbury Academy Girls' Softball at Twinfield.

11a.m., Hazen Union Baseball at Randolph.



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