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2023 Graduation

The Hazen Union High School Graduation was held on June 10, under a huge tent on Hudson Field. photo by Vanessa Fournier (More graduation photos on following pages)



Greensboro Grange Gets a Facelift



photo by Hal Gray

On the second day of grange hall repairs on June 7, volunteers included (left to right) Becky Arnold, Richard Foster, Stew Arnold, Isa Oehry, Sue Tester, Louisa Mattson and Chris Jacobs.

by Hal Gray and Isa Oehry, Community Journalists

GREENSBORO – Over 22 volunteers, some multiple times, met June 6 and 7, to refurbish the interior of the Greensboro Grange building in preparation for the annual summer CaspianArts (CA) art exhibit.

Organized by CA Treasurer Isa Oehry and working in morning and afternoon shifts over two days, volunteers from the greater Greensboro community as well as CA members (consisting of artists from towns including Greensboro, Hardwick, Wolcott, Craftsbury, Walden and Eden) primed and

Painted the main room of the meeting hall.

The building is being prepared for an art exhibit on weekends July 1 through August 13, as well as for the annual CA Open Studio event Sunday, July 30, during which local artists open their studios to the public. Maps of the studios will be available at the Miller's Thumb and Greensboro's Willey's Store.

The grange facelift has been made possible with financial grants from the Greensboro ARPA fund and the Greensboro United Church of Christ Pleasants Fund, and support in kind from the Cel-lars at Jasper Hill.

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Select Board Seeks Suggestions for Rail Trail Celebration

by Gazette Staff

WOLCOTT – At its June 7 regular meeting, the Wolcott Select Board discussed increasing traffic volumes due to rail trail users, options for the tax anticipation loan, and wastewater system planning.

Town Clerk and Treasurer Belinda Clegg stated that some of the residents on Corley

Road said that some Lamoille Valley Rail Trail (LVRT) users are parking on both sides of Corley Road, impeding traffic. The road is wash-boarding from increased traffic volumes and signage may be necessary to address the problem. Board chair Linda Martin stated the board will take the matter under consideration.

Martin also announced that the rail trail

celebration is scheduled for Saturday, July 15. The event starts at 7:30 a.m. in Swanton, with events in towns along the way, and ends at 7:30 p.m. in St. Johnsbury. It is anticipated that Governor Scott and Senator Sanders will make a water stop in Wolcott. The board is seeking ideas about how to celebrate that day.

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Initial Town BioBlitz Hailed as Success

by Gazette Staff

CRAFTSBURY – At its June 6 regular meeting, the Craftsbury Select Board discussed window insulation, delinquent tax policy, and the initial town BioBlitz.

The first topic of discussion was a Window Dressers Estimate for insulating windows at Town Hall. Energy committee member Kevin Gregoire reported that the cost would be \$247.68 for the five windows. An estimate for painting is pending. The board voted to approve the work at the estimated cost and

thanked Gregoire for his work.

Delinquent Tax Collector Alison Blane presented the Delinquent Tax Policy and Payment Agreement. She stated that indications are good for knowing where Craftsbury stands in terms of what has been received and what is owed, and suggested that the policy documents could be sent out with every bill or posted on the town website. The board voted to approve the Delinquent Tax Policy and Payment Agreement (the agreement between tax collector and delinquent taxpayer).

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photo by Hal Gray

The Hardwick Electric Department crew replaced the erect utility pole that has a rotting base on June 3 in front of the Greensboro Town Offices (left rear). A new hole was dug awaiting pole on the right.

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photo by Hal Gray
 The morning volunteers on June 6 who helped with the grange hall facelift were (left to right) Jenny Bayles, Diana Griffiths, Alice Fleeer, Isa Oehry, Art Wolff, Nancy Schade, Alta Turner and Louisa Mattson.



photo by Hal Gray
 Volunteers on the June 6 afternoon crew who help with repairs to the grange hall in Greensboro were (left to right) Betsy Day, Randy Williams, Isa Oehry, Art Wolff, Liz Nelson and Nancy Schade (seated). Missing are volunteers Rene Rossi, Galen Fisher, Elizabeth Hasen, Kathy Stark and Andy Mosedale.



June 14 - June 20

FATHER'S DAY June 18 Men's Leather Wallets \$32.00	New Selection of OLUKAI Flip Flops & Shoes	
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California Olive Ranch Olive Oil \$8.99 16.9 oz.	Betty Crocker Favorites Cake Mixes 2/\$3 15.25 oz.	Betty Crocker Ready to Serve Frosting 2/\$3 12-16 oz.
Nabisco Family Size Oreos 2/\$7 14.3-18.71 oz.	Quaker Chewy Granola Bars 2/\$5 6.5-6.7 oz.	Cascade Action Pacs \$5.99 14-25 ct.
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Grange

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Isa Oehry prepared the following application (since lightly edited), featuring grange history, for the ARPA fund:

Our grange in Greensboro is filled with historical significance. It is one of the oldest buildings in town. Originally it sat in the Y of Craftsbury Road and Town Highway 8 and served as the town hall. Caspian Lake Grange members purchased it in 1913 for \$310 and moved it across the street to its present location. Electricity was installed in 1917.

From the beginning, grange meetings were the center of Vermont social life. Programs were educational and recreational. In the early 1900s, they included box socials, music and recitations, discussions, games, dances, baking contests, crafts, sewing, maple sugar socials, card parties, and plays. Of special significance is that granges were the first fraternal group in the United States to allow women equal privileges in holding office. And to enter the grange, one had to know the secret password!

The response by the many visitors who came to the 2022 CA summer exhibit at the grange was

overwhelming. The appreciation by many Greensboro residents for the renewed use of the building was apparent and sparked an interest with CA members to give it some more TLC so that the building can be used in the interim, until a more permanent renovation/restoration can take place. Greensboro residents will benefit from having the grange available as a community gathering place for art, culture, work, music, yoga classes, recreation, and much more. Investing in the grange at this time will benefit the longevity of the building. Improving its interior, even with a small budget, will increase its value and continue to spark new ideas for its use in our community. And lastly, preserving the grange will preserve precious Greensboro history including where Greensboro residents voted twice for Lincoln; where every Wednesday square dances were held; and where farmers gathered June 24, 1908, to discuss "haying – those who aren't finished give reasons why they aren't. Lemonade furnished by those not finished haying," while women held discussion groups with topics such as "which is better, the man who gets up early or the man who is wide awake when he does get up?"

POLICE REPORT

Hardwick Police Media Log

May 22: Trespassing, S. Main St.; Bike Patrol, High St.; Traffic Stop, Center Road/Montgomery Road; Medical, School St.

May 23: Directed Patrol, S. Main St.; Public Speaking, S. Main St.; Juvenile Problem, Hazen Union Drive; Assist – Public, Center Road; Bike Patrol, High St.; Suspicious Event, Riverside Terrace; Animal Problem, Lunderville Drive/Mackville Road.

May 24: Fingerprints, High St.; Assist – Public, Mini Mart Drive; Assist – Public, High St.

May 25: Directed Patrol, S. Main St.; Fingerprints, High St.; Fraud, Hardwick; Fingerprints, High St.; Fingerprints, High St.; Lost Property, Hazen Union Drive.

May 26: Directed Patrol, S. Main St.; Fingerprints, High St.; Fingerprints, High St.; Lost Property, S. Main St.; Bike Patrol, High St.; Motor Vehicle Complaint, Vt. Rte. 15 W; Traffic Stop, Granite St.; Traffic Stop, Wolcott St.

May 27: Assist – Public, S. Main St.; Bike Patrol, High St.; Suspicious Event, Hardwick; Suspicious Event, S. Main St.; Assist – Public; Traffic Stop, Vt. Rte. 15 W; Traffic Stop, Vt. Rte. 14; Traffic Stop, Vt. Rte. 14; Directed Patrol, Glenside Ave.; Traffic Stop, Center Road/Montgomery Road; Juvenile Problem, Granite St.

May 28: Medical, Bridgman Hill Road; Accident – Property Damage Only, Mill St.; Bike Patrol, High St.; 911 Hangup, Vt. Rte. 15 E; Traffic Stop, Wolcott St.; Traffic Stop, Wolcott St.

May 29: Welfare Check, Woodbury St.; Assist – Public, S. Main St./N. Main St.; Motor Vehicle Complaint, S. Main St.; Motor

Vehicle Complaint, Vt. Rte. 14.

May 30: Directed Patrol, S. Main St.; Public Speaking, S. Main St.; Property Damage, Mill St.; 911 Hangup, Stage House Road; 911 Hangup, S. Main St.; Suspicious Event, Blizzard Way; Intoxication, Mini Mart Drive; Transport, High St.; Medical, Riverside Terrace.

May 31: Traffic Stop, Vt. Rte. 15 W; Accident – Property Damage Only, Vt. Rte. 15/Vt. Rte. 16; Traffic Stop, Wolcott St.; Bike Patrol, High St.; Traffic Stop, Wolcott St.; Assist – Public, Maple St.; Wanted Person, Vt. Rte. 15 W; Traffic Stop, S. Main St.; Traffic Stop, Wolcott St.; Traffic Stop, Vt. Rte. 15/McAlister Farm Road.

June 1: Bike Patrol, S. Main St.; Motor Vehicle Complaint, Vt. Rte. 15/Vt. Rte. 16; Violation of Conditions of Release, Little Deer Drive; Bike Patrol, High St.; Motor Vehicle Complaint, Vt. Rte. 14 S/ Carey Road; Violation of Conditions of Release, Dog Pond Road; Traffic Stop, Craftsbury Road; DUI, Mackville Road; Traffic Stop, S. Main Street/Jenne Road.

June 2: Directed Patrol, S. Main St.; Assist – Agency, Craftsbury Road; Motor Vehicle Complaint, Vt. Rte. 15; Assist – Other, Wolcott St.; Assist – Agency, High St.

June 3: Motor Vehicle Complaint, Vt. Rte. 15; Directed Patrol, Hazen Union Drive; Trespassing, Hazen Union Drive; Accident – Property Damage Only, Mackville Road.

June 4: Citizen Dispute, Vt. Rte. 14 S; Accident – Property Damage Only, Vt. Rte. 15; Found Property, High St.; Assist – Public, S. Main St.; Traffic Stop, Vt. Rte.

AWARE Report

HARDWICK – AWARE served 21 people from June 4 through June 11. 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.

Vermont State Police

Domestic Assault, Sexual Assault

On June 9, at 4:51 a.m., The Vermont State Police received a report of a domestic assault taking place in a residence on School Street in the town of Plainfield. Troopers responded to the scene and met with the victim. Subsequent investigation led to the discovery that Moss Palmer, of Olympia, Wash., had assaulted the complainant causing injury. Palmer was later issued a citation to appear in court on Monday, June 12, and released.

On May 3, the Vermont State Police Bureau of Criminal investigation began an investigation into allegations of child sexual abuse by Benjamin Hopkins, of Plainfield. During the course of the investigation, the State Police conducted several interviews and established an additional victim. Both victims provided statements and alleged sexual assault by Hopkins. One of the victims was a minor at the time of the incident. Following both incidents, Hopkins threatened physical injury to both victims involved.

Prior to May 3, Hopkins moved to Iowa. He has since been arrested by Muscatine County Sheriff's Office and is currently incarcerated under the charges of enticing a minor, sexual exploitation of a minor and disseminating indecent material to a minor. With the collaboration of law enforcement

partners in Iowa, the Vermont State Police and the Washington County State's Attorney's Office, law enforcement authorities have applied for an arrest warrant with extradition for Hopkins to answer to the above charges in Vermont. An arrest warrant was subsequently granted by the Honorable Judge of the Washington Superior Court in the amount of \$50,000 for the offenses of Sexual assault X2, Lewd and lascivious conduct with a child and Disturbing the peace by use of telephone or other electronic communications X2.

The State Police Bureau of Criminal Investigation at the Berlin Barracks is requesting anyone with further information or potential victims of Hopkins to contact Det. Sgt. Amber Keener at (802) 229-9191 or leave anonymous information at <https://vsp.vermont.gov/tipsubmit>.

On Friday, June 9, the Vermont State Police were searching for a 13-year-old male who was reported missing from his home on June 8. David Hill III, of Marshfield, had left his residence on foot at approximately 12:30 p.m. On Saturday afternoon, June 10, Hill was located deceased in Marshfield. The death is not considered suspicious. The investigation is ongoing and no further information is available.

BioBlitz

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Jeannine Young suggested that a sign should be installed on Young Road. The road is a dead-end with no place to turn around. Motorists drive to the end of the road and then use a private drive to turn around, sometimes causing damage to fixed items, like a mailbox.

The board reviewed draft list of dog owners with unregistered pets. After discussion, the board voted to serve dog warrants to those on the list.

An agenda item introduced by the energy committee sought to ensure that the funds for windows being promised are available when needed. The policy is to meet as many requests as possible and cover the costs through fundraising. The details of funds raised and expenditures made need to be tracked.

The Craftsbury Conservation

Commission reported that the first BioBlitz training was well received by the 10 people who attended the initial session. The commission will conduct another training session and sees the potential to conduct a town-wide nature inventory, which it feels would be very beneficial for the town. Elinor Osborn has taken on this project. There was a reminder about a "Tools of the Trade" panel discussion on Monday, June 19, at 7 p.m. at Town Hall. The main topic will be what conservation means. Other topics will include Act 171 (Forest Habitat Protection Law), conservation and easement, and Craftsbury landscape.

The Antiques & Uniques committee reported that this year's event will feature about 100 vendors.

The next select board meeting is scheduled for June 20, at 7 p.m., at Town Hall.

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The Hardwick Electric Department crew (left to right) Nick, Cole, Patrick, and Brian as they prepare to install a new utility pole on June 3, in Greensboro, as part of their normal maintenance operations.



photo by Hal Gray

The boom on the Hardwick Electric Department (HED) digger truck is seen in Greensboro, hoisting the new pole into a new hole beside the old pole which is being replaced due to its rotting base.

Celebration

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The board went into executive session to discuss a personnel issue. After coming out of executive session, the board voted to place a letter in the personnel file of the transfer station attendant outlining the concerns of the board.

Treasurer Belinda Clegg reviewed financial documents with the board as an update prior to the fiscal year ending on June 30. Clegg discussed options for the tax anticipation loan. The cash management interest rate with Union Bank was 1.65 percent last year. This year, it is 3.08 percent. One option is a loan where the town would draw funds only when needed, with a reinvestment option, as was done last year. The second option is a non-revolving line of credit. After discussion, the board voted to take the first option with Union Bank to borrow \$380,000 with an interest rate of 3.80 percent to cover anticipated expenses

for the next fiscal year. The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds that are invested in a CD will be reinvested when the CD matures in the fall.

Seth Jensen, deputy director, Lamoille County Planning Commission (LCPC), reported on the agency's continuing work with the Wastewater Committee. The board also heard from the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation Water's Emily Hackett (Water Investment Division) and Achouak Arfaoui (Indirect Discharge Program). Also in the discussion were Peter Lazorchak, senior water resources engineer, and Amy Macrellis, senior water quality specialist, with the consulting firm, Stone Environmental. The group discussed a preliminary engineering report and options, as well as potential opportunities for next steps. After discussion the board voted to move forward with the state revolving loan program option. Bruce Wheeler,

wastewater committee member, stated that economic growth needs a wastewater system, and this project is a great opportunity for the town. Additional members are being sought for the committee. The board will review the completed wastewater funding application at its June 21 meeting.

It was reported that the broken vents at the landfill have been replaced. The litter committee is considering a date for this year's Bulk Waste Day. The transfer station fees are comparable to other local facilities. Consideration must be given to an assistant to help the transfer station attendant once the Department of Corrections program ends in July.

The board voted to accept a bid from Bill Allen for roadside mowing in the amount of \$9,000, the same amount as last year, on condition that the single bid complies with the board's purchasing policy. It noted that roadside mowing could spread invasive plant species. If roadsides are mowed now, before the plants seed, they would have to be mowed again before fall. The better option may be for folks living along roadsides that are mowed to mark areas they do not wish to have mowed.

The road foreman's report detailed a quote from Pike Industries for repaving work on North Wolcott Road. The costs would be \$224,000, \$275,000, or \$424,000, depending on the work done. The board voted

to accept the option for paving and shimming 7,000 feet of North Wolcott Road at a cost of \$224,000.

The highway department is working on grading and berm removal. Roadside mowing is upcoming.

Brush cutting and guardrail installation have been completed. Hauling winter sand has started. Board vice chair Kurt Klein is working on a grant to increase signage on roads. Work is underway on the Town Hill culvert project. The road foreman is working with the engineer. A survey is being done on the property.

It was also announced that the board is seeking an individual to represent the town at LVRT meetings. For more information, or to indicate an interest in serving, residents should call (802) 888-4376, or email townadministrator@wolcottvt.org.

The contract for law enforcement services to be provided the town of Wolcott by the Lamoille County Sheriff's Office will be signed on behalf of the board. Kurt Klein will serve as the authorized contact person for the sheriff's office when an animal is seized.

The board then voted to authorize the purchase of a shed from Town & Country to be delivered and set up by the town office at a cost not to exceed \$5,000, using ARPA funds.

The next regular select board meeting is scheduled for June 21.



photo by Hal Gray

Volunteers facelifting the grange hall in the June 7 afternoon crew were (left to right) Adam Wheeler, B.J. Gray, Alice Fleeer, Liz Nelson, Sharon Scelza, Isa Oehry, Chris Jacobs, and, on the ladder, Nick Goldsmith and John Wheeler.

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U.S. Senator Bernie Sanders passes the microphone to a Hazen Union student as he fields questions from students eager to have a voice in the democratic process.



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Senator Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., engages students at Hazen Union School on issues on their minds.

Sanders Holds Youth Town Hall at Hazen Union School

HARDWICK – Senator Bernie Sanders I-Vt., held a Youth Town Hall at Hazen Union School on Wednesday, May 24. Close to 300 students, faculty and staff attended the event.

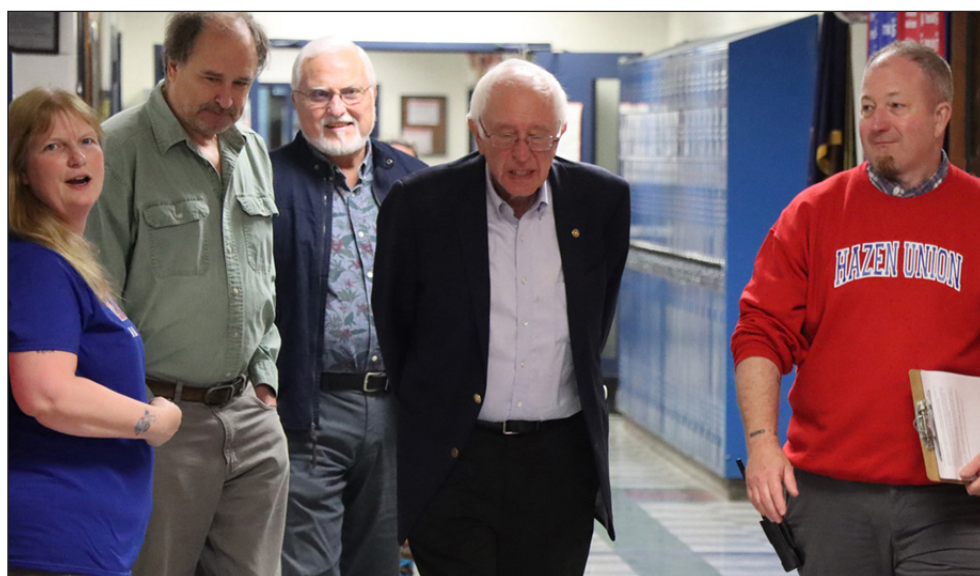
Students were encouraged by Senator Sanders to ask questions about issues that mattered the most to them and to share their “dreams and hopes”. Sanders said, “I represent you in Washington, D.C. What would you like me to do?”

Hazen Union students voiced their concerns about illegal drug use, climate change, costs of higher education and healthcare, mental health, LGBTQ rights, gun violence, and more.

Reflecting on the event,

student Tobias Benson stated, “I thought that Senator Sanders’ visit brought a lot of insight to his missions to change our state and country.”

When a student expressed their amazement that a senator who had run for president of the United States was going to visit Hazen, Sanders responded, “What is my job? Is my job being famous? What am I supposed to be doing? That’s right, I’m supposed to be working for you. Whether I’m famous or not famous, it doesn’t matter...so don’t get caught up too much in fame and celebrity.” Sanders closed by admonishing students to “Use that power that you have to create a better world than the one that you have inherited.”



courtesy photo

Sanders, I-Vt., meets with school officials prior to taking questions from Hazen Union students at a Youth Town Hall on May 24. They were Kim Hunt, Hazen Union administrative assistant; Steven Freihofner, Hazen Union school board chair; Dr. David Baker, OSSU superintendent; Senator Bernie Sanders; Dr. Jason Di Giulio, Hazen Union principal.

Greensboro Fellowship Hall Roof Takes a Beating

by Hal Gray, Community Journalist

GREENSBORO – The lake-side roof on Greensboro’s Fellowship Hall has taken a beating from the weather coming off Caspian Lake. After recent renovation of the ceiling, insulation, lights and the floor at the hall, it is thought that heavy snow, strong winds and driving rain will jeopardize these recent improvements.

Fellowship Hall is a community resource, often used by people, unrelated to the church, who use the building for exercise, birthday parties, holiday luncheons, library banquets, as well as its banquet tables and chairs at outside community events.

There are probably very few local people who have not used the Hall in one of its many capacities. Recently an out-of-town couple

with physical limitations came to attend a public event, and it was the simple elevator-like lift that enabled them to enjoy the event in comfort and dignity.

While attached to the church, the hall could seek funding within its membership, but the hall is more than a church facility: it is a community resource. Contributions to date for roof repairs have come roughly equally from community members as well as members of the church. An anonymous donor has offered to match a good portion of the contributions. A thermometer graphic reflecting funding has been erected on the grass in front of the building to inform everyone of funding progress. Project completion is sought before next winter. With an estimated cost of \$55,000, the roof fund as of June 10 stood at \$38,000.



photo by Hal Gray

The progress of funds to repair the roof at Fellowship Hall is reflected in a graphic sign placed in the front of the United Church of Christ.

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Congratulations, Graduates



Members of the Hazen Union Class of 2023 included (all left to right) first row, Jonah Fliegelman, Cassidy Cochran, Maverick Murphy, Alexis Christensen, Adeline Noyes, Gabriela Stanciu, Rebecca Powers, Rebekah Cloutier and Faisal Al-Nasar; second row, Ella Considine, Elias Robertson, Emily Kimball, Alexis Pecor, Lily Castle, Megan Gifford, Nataliah Perry, Alyvia Hayden, Madison Langdell and Bethany Conway; third row, Sawyer Slayton, Cody Trudeau, Jadon Baker, Halie Kish, Dean Burns, Omarian Travis, Haley Michaud, Bailey Shepard, Morgan Foster and Rhea Apicelli-Abel; fourth row, Evan Riethe, Lincoln Michaud, Matthew Verboncoeur, Aidon Stanger, Chloe Laflam, Robert West, Micheal Davison, Lyle Rooney and Taylor Dailey; and fifth row Keagan Fleming, Tyler Rivard, Kendly VanLeuven. Missing from the photo: Sophia Kittredge, Riley Rich, Brandon Crawford and Keith Greaves.



Hazen Union Class Marshals Gabriel Michaud (left) and Xavier Hill (right) lead the graduating class to their seats.



Left: Hazen Union graduate Taylor Dailey holds his diploma.

**Photos
by
Vanessa
Fournier**



Hazen Union teacher Megan Mercier (left) assists Principal Jason Di Giulio (center) as he presents Halie Kish with her diploma.



Sawyer Slayton stands in front of the Hazen Union graduate back drop after receiving his diploma.

Congratulations, Graduates



Caledonia Central Supervisory Union Superintendent of Schools Mark Tucker (left) presents Cabot graduate Declan O'Connor with his diploma.



The Cabot High School Class of 2023 Graduation was held on June 7, in the Cabot School Performing Arts Center. Members of the class are (front row): Marc Ducharme (left) and Abigail Scribner (right); back (from left): Anthony Butts, Neil Alexander, Declan O'Connor and Wyatt Searles. Missing from the photo was Alexia Churchill.

Photos by Vanessa Fournier



Cabot graduate Alexia Churchill stands with her brother Zachary Churchill (left) and her mom Tawnia May (right) after graduation.



Cabot Administrative Assistant Linda Savoca is pictured after giving her commencement address and receiving the Cabot Community Award from the school board. She is retiring after 16 years at the school.

Congratulations, Graduates



The Craftsbury Academy Class of 2023 Graduation Ceremony was held on June 9, in the World War II Memorial Gymnasium. Members of the class are, front row (left to right) Rachel Bjerke, Verna Stoddard, Alexis VanDyk, Ariana VanDyk, Jessalynn Gravel, Cormac Leahy; middle row (left to right): Alana Ulrich, Patrick Dalley, William Patnoe, Aidan Moffatt, Calvin Cacciamani; and back row (left to right) Ella Gillespie, Cole VanWinkle, Dalton Gravel, Linden Stelma-Leonard, Adrian Crytzer and Alan Moody.



Craftsbury Principal Matthew Foster presents graduate Aidan Moffatt with his diploma and awards. At right is Orleans Southwest Supervisory Union Superintendent David Baker.



Craftsbury Academy's Class of 2023 valedictorian is Cole VanWinkle (left). He is the son of Nancy and Tony VanWinkle of Craftsbury. He will be attending UVM and his major will be in exercise science. The salutatorian is Rachel Bjerke (right). She is the daughter of Holly and Ryan Bjerke of Wolcott. She will be majoring in psychology at UVM.



Left: Jacob Shore, a former teacher at Craftsbury, was the guest speaker at Craftsbury's graduation.

**Photos by
Vanessa Fournier**

OBITUARIES

G. ANDERS DALES

GREENSBORO – Gardner Anders Dales, 79, a long-time Greensboro resident passed away peacefully on October 21, 2022, in Greensboro, surrounded by family and friends.

He was born on May 11, 1943, in Buffalo, N.Y., the son of the late Gardner and Ruth (Lindquist) Dales. Along with his sister, Judith, he grew up in Buffalo and spent summers at the family cottage on Caspian Lake in Greensboro. He was a gifted swimmer, earning a scholarship to attend Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y. At Cornell he earned All-American honors in the 100m butterfly, was an officer of his fraternity Xi Phi and graduated in 1966 with a combined BS in Civil Engineering and MBA.

On June 18, 1966, he married the late Judy Boyd in Hardwick. They made their home and raised their two sons, Cameron and Christopher, in Mountain Lakes and Boonton Township, N.J. He began his career with the Exxon Chemical Corporation as a cost engineer in Florham Park, N.J.

Starting in 1970, the family took several overseas assignments related to his work, living in Wimbledon, England, as well



G. Anders Dales

as Munich and Cologne, Germany. He would remain with Exxon throughout his career, having been responsible for the development of several large construction projects around the world as well as leading important initiatives at the company's research and development labs. He retired from Exxon Chemical after 34 years, having risen to the position of chief engineer, the highest-ranking technical position at the company. He is warmly remembered by his professional friends and coworkers as friendly, witty, and smart and he

left a legacy at the company of engineering excellence brought to life through the many younger engineers he taught and mentored.

In 2002 Judy and Andy retired to Greensboro, where they oversaw the surveying and construction of their home on Craftsbury Road, overlooking the lake. He became active in the Greensboro Community and in 2016 he received, along with Judy, the Greensboro Award for service to the community. He was a member and moderator of the Greensboro United Church of Christ, where he managed the budget and led several capital improvement projects for the church and associated buildings. He was the president of the board at the Greensboro Nursing Home where he oversaw improvements in care and expansion of the facility. He was active with the Greensboro Association and spent countless hours working on conservation projects aimed at preserving the environmental integrity of his beloved Caspian Lake. He pioneered the citizen scientist program of water quality monitoring with the Vermont Association of Lakes and developed some of the first programs in North America designed to prevent the spread of invasive species to our northern lakes. He was a sailor his entire life, actively competing in Vermont, New Jersey, and the Gulf Coast, winning local championships as

well as representing his country in the senior Olympics. Andy will be missed by all who knew him for his steady leadership and loyal support of his family and the greater Greensboro Community.

Survivors include his two sons: Cameron and his wife, Kira, of Los Gatos, Calif., and Christopher and his wife, Tracy, of Minneapolis, Minn.; three grandchildren: Ryan, Trevor, and Adrienne Dales; a sister Judith Whitman and her husband, William, of Shelburne and niece and nephew, Sarah and Marc Whitman.

A Memorial Service will be held at 2 p.m., on Monday, July 3, at the Greensboro United Church of Christ with the Rev. Ed Sunday-Winter officiating. An internet video link will be available for those unable to join the family in person and a Celebration of Life for both Andy and Judy will be conducted immediately following the service at their home in Greensboro.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to the Greensboro United Church of Christ, 165 Wilson Street, Greensboro, VT 05841, or to the Greensboro Nursing Home, 47 Maggie's Pond Road, Greensboro, VT 05841.

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

OUR COMMUNITIES

LACiNg Up For Cancer Walk June 24

MORRISVILLE – Community members are invited to LACiNg Up for Cancer's 21st annual walk to benefit Lamoille Area Cancer Network on Saturday, June 24, at the Peoples Academy track in Morrisville. The day is filled with celebration while honoring and remembering those touched by cancer. The event begins at 1 p.m., with locals Danielle and Nick Allen (and Vivi) speaking about their cancer journey and how LACN helped them through it.

The LACiNg Up walk is Lamoille Area Cancer Network's biggest event fundraiser. All of the money raised, stays in local communities helping families, friends and neighbors who are undergoing treatment for their cancer. This year's walk goal is \$150,000.

"We're off to a great start," says event chair Kathy Demars. "We've hit a record with sponsorship support - \$52,825. A sign of a truly generous and caring community."

Demars noted that while the number of teams are lower

than what the planning committee hoped for, as of this writing 52 teams are registered and their hope was for 60, they are hoping for a good turnout from the community on the event day.

"A number of teams have been actively fundraising with raffles and Facebook fundraisers – it all adds up," Demars continued.

Demars noted that it's not too late to sign up to have a team at the event. "Teams bring in a large portion of all monies raised, we couldn't do it without them."

Following the opening ceremony, survivors and caregivers will take to the track kicking off the walking with two laps.

At dusk, luminary bags that have been decorated in honor or memory of someone touched by cancer, are lit during the luminaria ceremony. Bags will be for sale on the day of the walk at the Luminary tent. The evening concludes with fireworks.

For more information, you can contact Demars at (802) 888-4651.

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OBITUARIES

KAREN SHAW

HARDWICK – Dairy farmer and populist rebel Karen Shaw died on May 28, in the loving company of Forrest Foster, her partner of 43 years.

Karen, an only child, was born in Carmel, N.Y., on October 6, 1946. Her mother died when she was 11, and she moved in with her maternal grandmother. Karen never molded herself to the expectations of others, and by the age of 16 was racing Saab 99s on weekends, probably the only woman race car driver in Putnam County and far beyond.

In 1972 she met and married David Taylor, a DuPont executive. Karen had moved on from race cars and was now more interested in horses. She did stable work to learn how to handle them, eventually driving horse-drawn carriages in New York and later driving horse carts for Lester Welch in Randolph. In 1974, Karen enrolled in a work-horse class at Indian Summer Farm in Cabot, where one of the teachers was Forrest Foster.

Karen and her husband hired Forrest as a farm hand when they bought the Rosaire Renaud farm on Bridgman Hill in 1979. Karen eagerly jumped into their horse- and human-powered farm life, but her husband didn't care for it and the two divorced in 1980. Forrest stayed on, and he and Karen not only became a couple, they farmed together at Windy Ledges, the new name for the farm on Bridgman Hill, for the rest of Karen's life. In 1981, Karen and Forrest's son, Tykie, was born.

Karen was unafraid of speaking her mind, and she spoke out often about the plight of farmers, the environment, and rural ways of life. She worked for Rural Vermont for about a year and a half, but quit because she didn't find the organization

"forceful" enough.

In the early 1990s, the Agrimark corporation bought the Cabot Creamery, where she and Forrest sold their milk. As one of Cabot cooperative's farmer-owners, Karen wanted to know how the co-op's money was spent. When she was told, "it's none of your business," Karen and Forrest sued. They won the case in Vermont, and prevailed again when Agrimark appealed to the Second Circuit Court of New York. Agrimark appealed a second time in Delaware, where the company is incorporated, and this time Karen and Forrest's victory was reversed. Nonetheless, they had made it abundantly clear that Cabot Creamery is farmer-owned in name only.

The Cabot case radicalized Karen. As Forrest says, "it put fire in her," and she got involved in other farm-related causes in Vermont. Her philosophy was apparent in her 1996 testimony to the Vermont Senate Agriculture Committee, where she opposed the Vermont Agriculture Commissioner's reappointment:

"Senators, if your vision of our agricultural future is one of corporate agribusinesses with no family farms, you must vote to give the commissioner another term in office. If on the other hand you envision a community of productive rural people and the beauty of place which is its natural offshoot, you cannot in good conscience confirm him. You need to urge the governor to appoint someone with a basic concept of sustainability, who values the local economy, and who will encourage us to enrich the land rather than the corporations."

On May 30, Karen was buried at Windy Ledges Farm, in the presence of Forrest, Tykie, friends and family, and the land she loved so much.

PIERRE A. LEBLANC

BERLIN – Pierre A. LeBlanc, 63, passed away peacefully June 8, at Central Vermont Medical Center.

Pierre was born November 24, 1959, to Zephir and Claire (Bilodeau) LeBlanc in Hardwick. Pierre worked for his family's farm until he graduated from Hazen Union High School in 1977. Shortly after graduation he started his lifelong career as a memorial stone carver. Pierre was renowned for his craftsmanship and his trade, touching countless lives throughout his career.

Pierre's greatest achievement in his life was his four sons. He enjoyed challenging his boys to music trivia of classic rock, wanting their knowledge to be as great as his. Pierre spent much of his weekends with his brothers playing cards, horseshoes, and barbecuing.

Pierre is survived by his children; Joshua LeBlanc of Woodbury, Nicholas and Lindsay LeBlanc of Greensboro Bend, Michael LeBlanc of Woodbury and Samuel LeBlanc of Woodbury. He is survived by his grandchildren; Rose, Lilyana, Kenley, and Brycen LeBlanc. He also leaves his siblings; Marcel (Betty) LeBlanc, Ernest (Mary) LeBlanc, Roger LeBlanc, and Gerard (Joyce) LeBlanc, and



Pierre A. LeBlanc

many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his parents, three siblings; Laury LeBlanc, Jeanette LeBlanc and Denis LeBlanc, and two sister-in-laws Rose LeBlanc and Patricia LeBlanc.

A celebration of Pierre's life will be held on Saturday, June 24, at the American Legion in Hardwick from noon to 5 p.m. Arrangements are with the des Groseilliers Funeral Home. Condolences and memories of Pierre may be shared with the family at dgfunerals.com.

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OBITUARIES

JOSIAH (JESSE) KLINGLER

CABOT – Josiah (Jesse) Klingler, beloved son of Diana and Ken Klingler of Cabot, died suddenly on March 31, from an undetected brain aneurysm. He was one week shy of his 39th birthday.

Jesse arrived on April 6, 1984, to brighten our lives and be loved by his sister, Rebekah. It wasn't too many years before we realized he was always about a half step ahead of us. He was engaging, curious, and quick witted, which kept everyone on their toes.

As a teenager, Jesse's interests were multifaceted. He pursued an interest in music, learning the piano and guitar. A focus on history led him to reenacting with local Revolutionary War groups. He learned to sail, kayak and water ski on Rangeley Lake in Maine in between the time spent learning to fix lawn mower engines with his Grampa. Skiing and later snowboarding at Burke Mountain with friends and family was a winter passion. Fishing with his dad was a springtime ritual. As a student at Cabot School he found intrigue and accomplishment in mathematics. This set him on the path to become an engineer in his adult life.

Jesse earned a green and gold scholarship from UVM upon graduating from Cabot School. He entered the engineering school and proceeded to graduate with honors from the electrical engineering department four years later. After several jobs of differing complexities, he signed on with Northern Power Systems of Barre focusing on wind turbine coding and storage battery development. He valued his professional growth with them and continued his education of replacement technologies for fossil fuel dependence. He had recently been hired by NRG Systems in Hinesburg as a senior firmware engineer.

Jesse constantly challenged mainstream assumptions about the responsibilities we have as



Josiah (Jesse) Klingler

stewards of the earth. He supported multiple charities whose missions required purposeful thought to how our lives impact the planet. In keeping with his desire to leave as small a carbon footprint as possible, Jesse purchased hybrid cars and was converting his home to be solar powered.

There are many people devastated by the loss of this remarkable man: his parents, his sister Rebekah, brother-in-law Michael Henderson, niece Ariya, and nephew Elijah; his many aunts, uncles and cousins; friends and colleagues. Jesse's memorable laughter will be missed by all who knew him.

We would like to thank all medical personnel who assisted in Jesse's care: the ambulance crews; CVH medical staff; UVMC trauma unit staff and the organ donation staff. Their support and comfort during this unthinkable experience was greatly appreciated.

There will be no public service. In memory of Jesse please consider a donation to an environmentally responsible charity. Please honor Jesse in a way that comforts you. A private family celebration, serenaded by Grateful Dead albums, will happen later this summer.

EDUCATION

Local Students Graduate from St. Lawrence University

CANTON, N.Y. – More than 550 members of St. Lawrence University's Class of 2023 took part in the University's Commencement ceremonies, which were held Sunday, May 21, at Newell Field House in Canton, New York.

Included were Sofie Carlson

of Wolcott, a member of the Class of 2023, who majored in environmental studies-economics. Carlson attended Peoples Academy and Ani Koontz Miller of Craftsbury Common, a member of the Class of 2023, majored in art and art history.

OUR COMMUNITIES

Druchunas with Knitting Stories June 20

HARDWICK – Donna Druchunas, co-designer and illustrator of "Goddess Knits," a full-color collection of knitting patterns paired with stories of Northern European goddesses, will speak about her new book at The Galaxy Bookshop in Hardwick on Tuesday, June 20, at 7 p.m.

Each of the knitting designs in "Goddess Knits" was inspired by a goddess story: the Fire Shawl for Gabija, the Lithuanian protector of home and hearth; Celtic healer Airmid's Cloak; a crown-inspired hat for Rhiannon, the Welsh queen. In all, there are 18 patterns for knitters of varying abilities, each accompanied by a goddess tale and painting and a

photograph of the finished item. The patterns were developed by Donna Druchunas and Heather Marano, a fellow knitting designer.

Donna Druchunas' first career, as a technical writer, served her well as she moved into creating books of knitting patterns. She lives in Vermont's Northeast Kingdom where she writes, knits, draws and paints, dyes yarn, and offers online knitting workshops.

This event is free and open to the public. For more information, call 472-5533 or visit galaxybookshop.indielite.org for a full schedule of events and for online shopping. The Galaxy Bookshop is located at 41 South Main Street.

American Pickers to Film in Vermont

VERMONT – The American Pickers will return to Vermont in August when they plan to film episodes of The History Channel hit television series throughout the area.

"American Pickers" is a documentary series that explores the world of antique "picking." The show follows pickers in the business as they hunt for America's most valuable antiques. The pickers often find historically significant or rare items, in addition to the characters and their collections.

As they hit the back roads

from coast to coast, the Pickers are on a mission to recycle and rescue forgotten relics.

The "American Pickers" television show is looking for leads in Vermont. If you or someone you know has a unique item, story to tell, and is ready to sell, send name, phone number, location, and description of the collection with photos to americanpickers@cinelfix.com or call (646) 493-2184.

Please note, the pickers do not pick stores, flea markets, malls, auction businesses, museums, or anything open to the public.

Craftsbury Alumni June 21

CRAFTSBURY – The Craftsbury Alumni Association will not be having a banquet this year. Alumni, who enjoy getting together for a meal and visiting, are meeting at the Charlemont Restaurant in Morrisville, on Wednesday, June 21. Luncheon is at 11:30 p.m. For more information and

reservations call David and Stella Slicer at (561) 222-6924.

If you can't attend but would like to donate to the Alumni Scholarship Fund, send donations to CA Alumni, c/o Gayle Kroeger, Treasurer, at 1051 King Farm Road, Craftsbury Common, VT 05827.

MEETING MEMO

Wednesday, June 14

•Greensboro Select Board, second Wednesday of month, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 15

•Hardwick Select Board, third Thursday of month, 6 p.m.

Monday, June 19

•Walden Select Board, every other Monday.

Tuesday, June 20

•Cabot Select Board, third Tuesday of month, 7 p.m.

•Craftsbury Select Board, third Tuesday of month, 7 p.m.

•Marshfield Select Board, third Tuesday of month, 5:30 p.m.

•Plainfield Select Board, third Tuesday of month, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, June 21

•Wolcott Select Board, third Wednesday of month, 6 p.m.

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Events

Thursday, June 15

TAI CHI CLASSES, Thursdays, 9:15 - 10:15 a.m. Beginning Yang 24 Tai Chi, 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.

Friday, June 16

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.

Saturday, June 17

AUDITIONS HELD at the Hyde Park Opera House, 85 Main St., Hyde Park, 1 p.m. Visit LCPlayers.com for more information and to read more about the show and to sign up. Any other questions email: bpeveril@gmail.com.

ALBANY LIBRARY WRITING GROUP, for teens and adults, 2 - 4 p.m., Albany Public Library. Writing prompts provided. Information: (802) 755-6107, albanypubliclibraryvt.org.

MONTPELIER CONTRA DANCE, Capital City Grange, Montpelier. Newcomers lesson starts at 7:40 p.m. Regular dance 8 - 11 p.m. Information: (802) 225-8921 or cdu.tim@gmail.com.

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Tuesday, June 20

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mended), 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.

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Thursday, June 22

COMMUNITY DINNER, noon, United Church of Hardwick. Hosted by the United Church of Hardwick Missions Team and other volunteers. Eat-in or Take-out. Call 802-472-6566 to reserve a meal. Donations welcome. Volunteers welcome.

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Exhibits

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.

VARIABLES - Photos by Ross Connelly, 3rd Floor Gallery at the Hardwick Inn, 4 South Main St., Hardwick. Through June. Information: oliveyin1@gmail.com.

ANN CREAVER: Black & White & In Between; an exhibit of recent photographs, through June 27, The Parker Pie Art Gallery, County Road, West Glover.

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



courtesy photo

The Dog Chapel, memorializing family pets, will be open for viewing during the Dog Party Celebration on June 17.

Dog Party Celebration on June 17

ST. JOHNSBURY - Dog Mountain, the Home of Stephen Huneck Gallery, will hold the Founders Celebration Dog Party on Saturday, June 17, from noon to 4 p.m.

All dog lovers and admirers of the late Stephen and Gwen Huneck, the founders of Dog Mountain, are invited to join the annual event of tails, trails, and treats. The dog party promises activities for both dogs and their owners to enjoy. Live music will

be provided by The Chris White Band and there will be local food trucks and vendors. Dogs may participate in an agility course and dog contests while their human companions can enjoy lawn games, a raffle and a bounce house. Dog Mountain features 150 acres with dog ponds, hiking trails and views. Dog Mountain also has a Dog Chapel and the Stephen Huneck Gallery.

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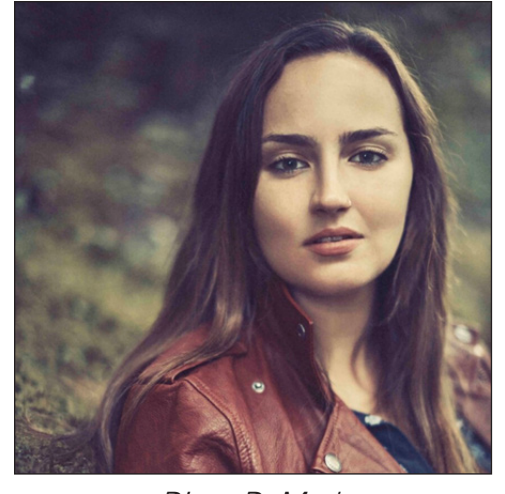
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Levitt AMP St. Johnsbury Returns with Free, Family-Friendly Concerts

ST. JOHNSBURY – Catamount Arts has announced the line-up for the 2023 Levitt AMP St. Johnsbury Music Series. Eleven free, family-friendly concerts have been scheduled in St. Johnsbury for every Sunday in July and August (minus Fourth of July weekend) and for the last Friday of June, July, and August. Sunday concerts will start at 5 p.m., at Dog Mountain, and Friday concerts will start at 7 p.m., on Railroad Street.

The popular concert series began in 2017 as a 10-show series at Dog Mountain, St. Johnsbury’s renowned 150-acre dog park with hiking trails, art gallery, dog chapel, and regular live music. Additional shows have since been added at a secondary location on Railroad Street as part of Final Fridays St. Johnsbury.

Soul and blues duo “Dwight and Nicole” begin the series on Friday, June 30, on Railroad Street, as part of the summer’s first Final Fridays event. Final Fridays, on the last Friday of June, July, and August, begin with a downtown street festival starting at 4 p.m., and finish with the concert at 7 p.m.

On Sunday, July 9, at Dog Mountain, Vermont’s own alt-pop singer-songwriter Hans Williams will perform at 5 p.m. The following Sunday, July 16, brings Scotland’s raucous pipe-and-drums power band Albannach back to Dog Mountain. Reggae from Joe Samba is scheduled for Sunday, July 23.

The series shifts to Railroad Street on Friday, July 28, with the return of the Adam Ezra Group and their folk-rock fusion. On Sunday, July 30, Brazilian hip-hop violin virtuosos B2Wins will be at Dog Mountain, at 5 p.m.

August at Dog Mountain includes R&B electronica from Mobley on Sunday, August 6; indie-pop superstars Fox Royale on Sunday, August 13, and folk-pop singer-songwriter Taylor Ashton on August 20.

Country-folksinger Diana DeMuth will play Railroad Street at 7 p.m., on Friday, August 25, and then Chicago’s Low Down Brass Band will play the season’s final Dog Mountain show on Sunday, August 27.

For more information, visit catamountarts.org.



Low Down Brass Band



B2 Wins



Adam Ezra Group



Albannach



Craftsbury Academy Class of 2023 graduates watch a video taken of themselves through the years.

photo by Vanessa Fournier

IN THE GARDEN



Path crossing water at Chanticleer.



Pots at Longwood.

Learning from Other Gardens

by Henry Homeyer

CORNISH FLAT, N.H. – One of the best ways to learn how to create a lovely garden is to see others. Visit good gardens of neighbors, great gardens near and far. I recently visited three great gardens and, as always when viewing other gardens, they gave me much to consider. The gardens I visited were Bed Rock Gardens in Lee, N.H., Chanticleer Gardens in Wayne, Pa. and Longwood Gardens in Kennett Square, Pa.

All these gardens had significant areas of lawn or meadow. I realize that lawns are not in favor, generally, among the pro-pollinator and bird crowd. But if you provide plenty of plants that support pollinators, I do not see lawns as bad. Each of these gardens has plenty of flowering trees, shrubs, perennials and annuals. Something is always in bloom, including both native plants and exotic ones.

So what does lawn accomplish? It provides contrast, a simple green palette, to show off the plants. Expanses of green are soothing to the eye. I can only focus on so many amazing plants before I get visually fatigued, much as I

do when I visit an art museum.

Lawn also allows you to stand back to see the landscape from a distance. For trees, that is important. In a forested area, and all three of these gardens have them, individual trees are sometimes hard to see. They blend in with the others. But I need to stand back to look at a majestic beech or oak that towers 100 feet above me.

Bedrock Garden only recently was deeded over from the original owners, Jill Nooney and Bob Munger, to the non-profit that manages the property. Jill is an amazing sculptor who for over 30 years has created art to surprise and delight visitors to this 20 acre garden. Much of her art is painted welded steel that will delight visitors for the century ahead. She is the modern Alexander Calder of gardens.

Although I am not an artist, I do purchase and create art and whimsy for my own gardens, and you can, too. Look around at what you can use: a brass headboard from an abandoned bed; the rim of an old wagon wheel, a collection of stacked stones or a single tall standing stone buried in the ground. Stone always enhances a garden. Walls are expensive, but almost worth their weight in gold.

Pathways are important to a great garden, too. They lead the visitor from one area to another. Placing art or even a bench at a distance pulls viewers forward, luring them to see what is ahead. Chanticleer has wonderful pathways through the woods that appear to be wood chips embedded in rubber. Very soothing to knees and feet.

My late sister, Ruth Anne

Mitchell, taught me long ago when viewing art or gardens that, “If you see a place to sit down, sit down.” So I do, and I find it enhances the experience of the garden. Not only am I less tired, often gardens surprise us with something special near a resting point. Perhaps you can design a special feature near a bench: rare and dainty plants or a small water feature.

All three of the gardens I visited made much use of water in the landscape. I am lucky enough to have a small stream that runs by my gardens. I built a bench near it, so I can listen to the burble of the water. And you can tune your brook: Place stones that hold back water, allowing it to cascade over them. Different drops create different sounds.

Years ago, for a New York Times article, I interviewed by phone the designer of the gardens at the Getty Museum in Los Angeles, Robert Irwin. He created a recirculating stream that crossed a path through a woodland area seven times. He told me he tuned it so that at each little bridge visitors would hear a different aquatic tune. Think of that if you have a stream on your property.

Color is very important in designing good or great gardens. I only got the eight-color box of crayons as a boy; my sister Ruth Anne got the 64-crayon box. But I have learned to appreciate all the nuances of color and how they go together. The best explanation of how colors go together, or don't, is a book by garden writer Sydney Eddison: “The Gardener's Palette: Creating Color in the Garden” (Contemporary Books, 2003, \$30 in hardback). Get it if you can

find a copy.

Great gardens like those at Longwood, an old DuPont family residence originally, recognize that color is important all year. But most shrubs and perennials only bloom for a few weeks. So they choose trees and shrubs that are not only sculptural in form, but also have nuanced colors in their leaves. Green is not one color, but many. Choose wisely.

Lastly, another way to present color all spring, summer and fall is to use annual flowers liberally. Many of these will keep on blooming in an effort to create seeds. Pots of annual flowers are used frequently in these great gardens. Pots place flowers closer to the viewer's eye and can also be replaced with other pots if the flowers finish their displays or look a bit bedraggled.

So do visit other gardens this summer, whether at a local garden club tour or one of the fine gardens I mentioned here today.

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THE OUTSIDE STORY

Summer Lights: It's Firefly Season

by Laurie D. Morrissey

HOPKINTON, N.H. – Here come real stars to fill the upper skies, / And here on earth come emulating flies, / That though they never equal stars in size, / (And they were never really stars at heart) / Achieve at times a very star-like start... —Robert Frost, “Fireflies in the Garden”

It happens on a warm June evening: in the darkening field near my house, I notice a brief flicker of light. Then another. And another. It's the opening act of firefly season – a nightly light show, courtesy of a family of half-inch-long insects. As fleeting as it is spectacular, firefly season lasts only a few weeks, during which the newly emerged adults mate and lay eggs.

The sight of fireflies (also known as lightning bugs) invokes memories of childhood summers, when I chased the flashes with my brother, occasionally catching a few in a jar for closer inspection. These luminescent insects are easy to like. They brighten our summer evenings – and they don't bite, sting, crawl up our legs, or nibble our lettuce.

Despite their common name, fireflies are not flies. They're winged beetles in the Lampyrida family. There are roughly 2,000 firefly species worldwide, and about 170 in North America, including some 20 species that live in northern New England. Another surprise is that not all fireflies flash through the night; some species are active in the daytime and only glow in their larval stage, out of our sight.

Sara Lewis, a Tufts University evolutionary ecologist and self-professed firefly junkie, says fireflies are a beautiful

example of the creative improvisation of evolution. “Beneath their gentle façade, fireflies' lives are surprisingly dramatic,” Lewis writes. “They're full of spurned advances, expensive nuptial gifts, chemical weapons, elaborate subterfuge, and death by exsanguination!” (That's a fancy word for blood loss; some females prey on males of a different genus, ingesting their blood to steal some of their defensive steroids.)

Lewis has published hundreds of research papers about fireflies and is the author of “Silent Sparks: The Wondrous World of Fireflies.” Her TED talk, “The Loves and Lives of Fireflies,” has more than a million views.

Fireflies spend their larval stage, which can last from one to three years, underground feasting on earthworms, snails, and soft-bodied insects. They then pupate – also underground – for about two weeks, and emerge in early summer as adult beetles. An adult firefly lives only a few weeks, during which it carries out what Lewis calls a “courtship conversation” of precisely controlled flashes.

A firefly has two pairs of wings: one for flying, and another shell-like set to protect its flight wings and soft body. Its head is covered by a flattened shield. It keeps its chemistry set – the source of the seemingly magical production of light – on the underside of its abdomen.

When a firefly flashes, it transforms chemical energy into light. This bioluminescence likely evolved to signal toxicity to potential predators. Over millions of years, these lights have developed into a communication tool powered by a chemical



Fireflies

reaction between luciferase (an enzyme) and luciferins (molecules that produce light). Each firefly species has its own flash pattern.

When a female waiting in the grass sees an appealing flash from a male, she aims her lantern in that direction and responds with her own flashes. During mating, the pair spends all night together, Lewis explains, and the male delivers sperm as well as a nutrient-filled package – called a “nuptial gift” – that is essential to provisioning the eggs. Lewis and her colleagues think that longer flashes are associated with larger nuptial gifts, and thus superior nutrition for eggs. Females select their mates accordingly. Two to three weeks after mating, the female lays her fertilized eggs in moist soil. In late summer, larvae emerge and will overwinter in the soil.

It's hard to say exactly how many firefly species live in the

Northeast. The University of New Hampshire's insect collection contains 18, and Vermont has 13 confirmed species. Determining ranges for specific species can be difficult, partly because these change in response to human pressures such as alterations of the landscape. Relatively few scientists study fireflies, and there is only a short period when field work can occur.

Sadly, firefly watching is becoming increasingly rare. Populations are declining due to habitat loss, light pollution, and the use of chemical pesticides. To increase the chances of spotting these flashing insects, biologists recommend turning off outdoor lights, leaving unmown areas, and avoiding pesticides and chemical fertilizers.

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IN THE GARDEN

Perennials in the Garden

by Deborah J. Benoit,
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NORTH ADAMS, Mass. – You’ve probably heard plants described as annual, biennial or perennial. You may have even heard some called a “tender perennial.” When planning a garden, knowing the difference can help you decide which type of plants you want to include.

An annual plant is one that completes its life cycle in one year. That means a seed is sown, germinates, grows, flowers, fruits, goes to seed and dies during one growing season.

A biennial plant completes its life over the course of two years. A seed will germinate and grow foliage during the first year, and in the second year it will flower, produce seeds and die. Foxglove (*Digitalis*) and hollyhocks (*Alcea rosea*) are examples of biennials.

In contrast, a perennial plant can live many years, depending on its cold hardiness. While it may take more than one year for a perennial to flower or reach its mature size, it will come back year after year.

Some, such as moss phlox (*Phlox subulata*), will remain evergreen over the winter. Others, such as hostas (*Hosta*), will die back to the ground after a killing frost

although their root system will survive beneath the surface.

In the spring, they’ll reemerge. To make it easier to recognize them, it’s a good idea to mark the location of such perennials, particularly those that emerge later in the spring after weeds have begun to grow.

Some plants are referred to as “tender perennials.” These perennials will thrive outdoors only in warmer climates.

U.S. Department of Agriculture plant hardiness zone information can be found on perennial plant tags and in online descriptions. A higher zone number means a warmer climate, so a plant suitable for Zones 9-11 won’t survive the winter in Zone 4.

Tender perennials are often sold and treated as annuals in colder climates. You can check the hardiness zone for your location at planthardiness.ars.usda.gov.

Many houseplants are tender perennials. What does this have to do with selecting plants for your garden? Tender perennials such as fuchsia (*Fuchsia magellanica*) that are annuals in your garden can be overwintered indoors like houseplants and returned to the garden in the spring.

Perennials tend to be more expensive than annuals, but they’re an investment for the long term. They’ll come back each year,



photo by Deborah J. Benoit

Although perennials, such as moss phlox, heuchera and hostas, are more expensive to purchase than annuals, one big benefit to adding perennials to the garden is that they will come back year after year, making the long-term investment worthwhile.

while new annual plants will need to be purchased. However, if you like to create a new garden design each year, annuals offer the opportunity to experiment with garden layouts and plant size, color, shape and leaf texture.

Flowers are another factor to consider. Annuals tend to have a longer bloom time than perennials. If you like colorful flowers all season long, annuals may be the best choice. Even if you prefer the longevity of perennial plants, including annuals in the bed will add variety and extend bloom time.

In new garden beds, allowing sufficient space between perennials to accommodate their size at maturity means there initially may be more space between plants than you would like. Annuals are a good solution. They will fill the empty

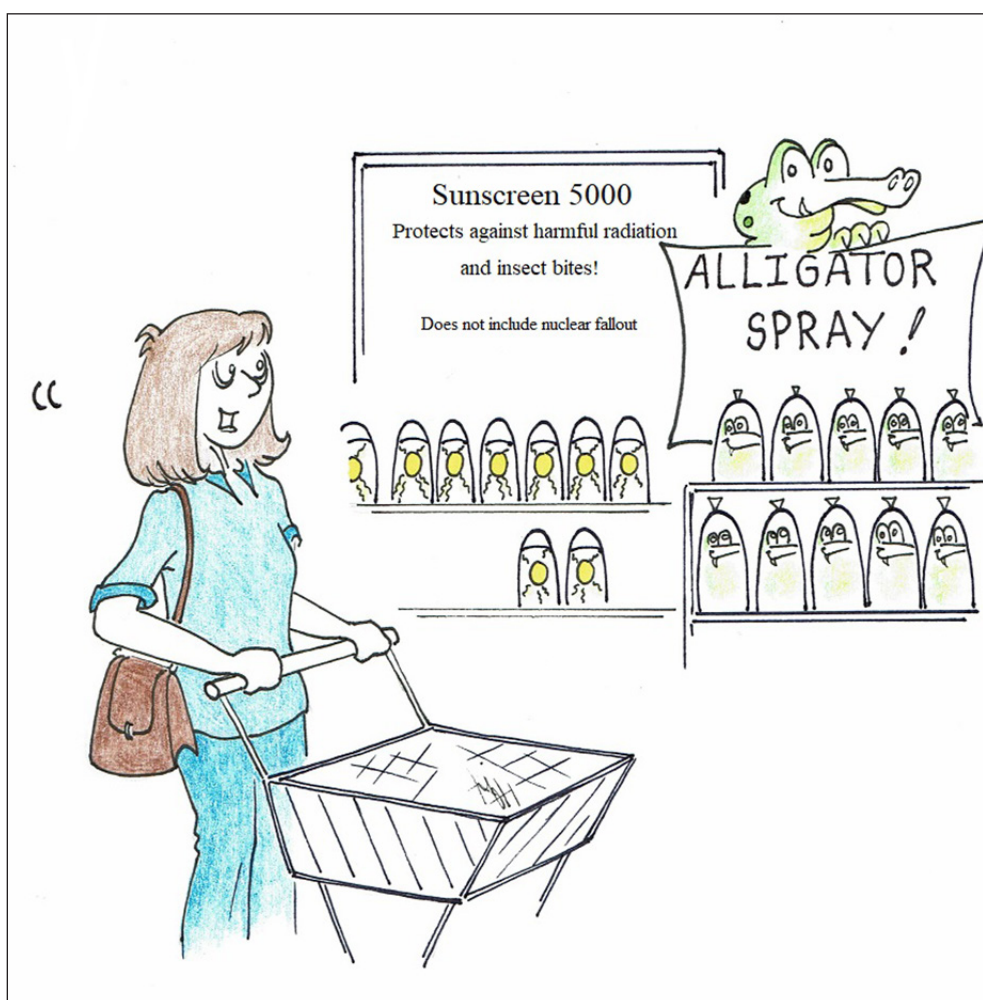
spaces between young perennials. Each year fewer annuals will be needed as the perennials grow and mature.

Using annual plants is more labor intensive than using perennials alone. Annuals need to be replaced each year. In addition, annuals are likely to require more frequent watering since their root systems aren’t as extensive or deep as those of perennials.

Whether an annual or a perennial is the better choice for your garden is purely a matter of personal preference. Knowing the difference will help you build the best garden for you.

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Woodsmoke by Julie Atwood



“I LIKE THE ALLIGATOR SPRAY!”



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The Walden 8th grade Class of 2023 graduation was held June 8. Front row (left to right): Meadow Schneider, Karli Patridge, Mya Lumsden. Back row (left to right): Samuel Bittner, Lea Dodge, Owen Kittredge, Sophie Curschmann and Willow Stuart.

Rural Ramblings

The Best Laid Plans...



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Jerry Schneider works on a crossword puzzle in the train to New York City.

by Karen Klotz

HARDWICK – Our weekend was carefully planned. Friday we would take the Vermonter

to New York City where we would disembark downtown at Penn Station. We would then take a subway to the hotel where we would meet our son, daughter-in-law and granddaughter for a weekend of babysitting while they attended a child-free wedding.

My husband, Jerry, and I would then stay an extra day in order to celebrate his birthday with a Broadway show (“Hades Town”) and visit an art museum.

Knowing that I needed to get back to Colorado to check on my elderly parents I thought that I would fly out of La Guardia rather than making the return train trip back to Vermont. That way I could take advantage of the carbon savings by taking a direct flight to Denver (a carbon savings of up to 50% compared with a one-stop flight, as much of the carbon emissions take place during takeoff and landing). All the tickets were bought, the hotel reservations were made and we were ready to go.

Tuesday night before our big weekend the phone rang with bad news. Our granddaughter had an ear infection and the pediatrician was recommending no flying for a while. They were

canceling out. What to do? Since we didn’t really need to spend three nights in New York City now that we were out of our babysitting gig, we decided to go a day later so that we could still celebrate Jerry’s birthday with the Broadway show (my first) and I could still catch the direct flight to Denver.

A big advantage of taking the train was that changing the train tickets was easy—just a matter of calling Amtrak and changing the days with no extra charge for Jerry with his senior discount and only \$12 more for me at the adult rate.

The trip took about eight hours, which we were able to spend doing crosswords, reading and relaxing. When we arrived in New York City we were right downtown at Penn Station. We were able to walk the half mile to our hotel which was in the theater district, just two blocks from Times Square. It was an easy way to travel into the heart of the city without having to deal with all the traffic. Now that we know how conducive taking the Vermonter is to accessing the Big Apple, we’ll be jumping on the Vermonter more often. Broadway, here we come!

Language Classes Explore Montreal Culture Beyond the Bagel

by Abe Leveille

On the afternoon of Tuesday, May 30, a group of language students from Hazen Union High School, including myself, departed for Montreal for a week-long cultural immersion. We did various things in that week-long window: museum tours, souvenir shopping, and Botanical Garden walks, to name a few, finding culturally diverse experiences around every corner.

During our second day in Montreal, we participated in a “Beyond The Bagel Tour,” presented through The Museum of Jewish Montreal. The tour, as the name suggests, was largely focused on Jewish foods and, in particular, Montreal-Jewish foods (or versions of foods).

Our tour guide, Rachel, offered much more insight into topics such as the immigration of Jewish people to Montreal and how they moved within the city once situated. She described the first Jewish people moving to Montreal around 1760 as commissaries to the British army. She told us that once more Jewish peoples began immigrating, the Jewish communities in Montreal were separated largely into two neighborhoods, one for the upper/higher-class Anglified Jews and one for the lower-class Eastern European working Jews.

This has changed over the past 200 years as both communities have further integrated into the city at large.

Rachel also offered knowledge on how different Jews may practice or observe their religious duties, i.e. Orthodox, Reform, Reconstructionist, Secular, etc. Rachel, who is a born-and-raised Montreal Jew, gave us insight into the complexity of Judaism as an ethno-religion meaning that, since Judaism is typically only passed down generationally, most Jews share a common ethnic background that unites

them.

As someone who has always been very interested in different religions and how they function, this served as a gratifying educational experience for me, expanding my previous knowledge of the religion and sparking a desire to dive deeper into the branches of Judaism and their core values and shared goals.

Among all the delicious foods our guide shared throughout the trip, she told us the stories of each of the restaurants we went to and how they fit into the broader scope of what it means to be Jewish in Montreal.

For example, when we visited St-Viateur Bagel, she told us about one of the first bagel bakeries opened in Montreal which was later closed by the owners before they separated and opened their own bagel bakeries, St-Viateur and Fairmont, both of which we visited. We also visited the staple in Jewish-Montreal culture that is Wilenskys, where we were served a delicious Wilensky special (beef bologna, beef salami, and mustard on a flat roll and pressed in a sandwich press) and given a fairly extensive history of the establishment.

Rachel described the popular lunch stop being started out of Moe Wilensky’s father’s barbershop in the 1930s, Moe taking a chance on an expensive sandwich press, and now to modern times, where Moe’s everyday lunch functions as the specialty of the business, which is still family-operated. Rachel fully immersed us in the other Jewish cultural landmarks around the Plateau-Mile End area, neighborhoods with a high Jewish population, such as synagogues (both functioning and repurposed such as College Francais, which was built in and around a very large abandoned synagogue) and old factory buildings where many lower-class Jewish women would work.

Through this new culturally divergent and immersive experience, I was able to indulge my natural curiosity about the world.



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Language students who explored Montreal culture on a trip at the end of May are (left to right) back row, Abe Leveille, Mya Adams, Ava Renaud, Rebecca Fulford and Julia des Groseilliers, Gracie Flanders; front row, Chase Benway, Megan Gifford and Rowan Book.

This curiosity has always been encouraged and fostered by my mother, who has always been a traveler, from her cross-country road trip in her 20s to our yearly trips to Boston. Having been in Montreal before, and planning to go back in the future, this curiosity was heightened by my desire to find restaurants, stores, or neighborhoods that I enjoyed exploring for when I venture up separate from the school which this trip has prepared me for cultural experiences and in practical ways with a better understanding of the metro system and general layout of the city.

[Abe Leveille is a student at Hazen Union High School who last week was among a group of language students who took off for a week in Montreal. After returning, each student was asked to with create something to present to the community about experiences on the trip and how these experiences helped to grow personally or academically.]

YANKEE NOTEBOOK

I Found the Job not at all Unpleasant

by Willem Lange

EAST MONTPELIER – It’s an old New England tradition, when you’ve been invited to visit someone, to adjure them not to fuss. I’ve just spent the weekend at a class reunion at my old school, and I can tell you: They fussed! It’s hard to imagine how we could have been better treated.

When I arrived here in September of 1950, I knew very little about the school, except that it’d been founded by a famous 19th-century evangelist and that the students performed 10 hours a week of manual labor as part of the curriculum. These features appealed to my clergyman father and farmer’s daughter mother. I was already inured to regular worship, so the daily chapel requirement was easy. As for work, I’d never shoveled manure before, but I found the job not at all unpleasant, especially in midwinter, when I shared the warm barn with 160 happy, gently lowing ladies.

What I didn’t know yet then was that the school was an oasis of hymn-singing (remember the founder?) and sacred choral music. It had its own hymn book, full of old rousers, many of which I already knew well. At Christmastime we celebrated with a lovely candlelight vespers service, and in spring with a sacred concert that involved the entire student body, as well as alums who came back to sing with the kids.

There was another, slightly subtle, theme to our student life. Again, remembering the founder, who in the days before electronic amplification preached to thousands of people at a time, we imbibed the notion that our destiny was to try to improve the world – as one children’s hymn goes, “Brighten the corner where you are.” Obviously, not every student drank too deeply of that cup, but I’d venture to guess that of the hundreds of alumni at the reunion this weekend, most did. The ambience here is almost aggressively helpful and friendly. I frequently hear, as I head from the buffet with a tray in one hand and my cane in the other, “Can I help you with that?” or “Can I get you something to drink?” I remember especially one lovely white-haired woman who saw me to my table. I asked her if she was married. She was. Rats!

One constant staple of reunions at the school is the annual hymn sing. This year we sang the class hymns of the returning classes, those ending in -3 or -8. One year we had a request basket at the chapel entrance for people’s favorite hymns. My wife and I were appointed gatherers of the little slips of

paper with the hymn numbers on them. During the singing, the chosen hymns sounded to me rather familiar. I raised a quizzical eyebrow at my wife. “Well,” she whispered, “people weren’t putting in many requests, so I put in about a dozen of my own.” She got a personal concert by a massed choir.

There are three pieces that I can never get through without tears. The first is our class (1953) hymn, “Come, Labour On.” Translated from the German by an English lady in mid-19th century – a lady whose only labor, as far as I can tell, was translation – it was our dour headmaster’s favorite. The last two words of its last stanza – “...and the glad sound comes with the setting sun, ‘Well done! Well done!’” – was his invariable farewell to each graduating senior as he shook his hand and handed him a diploma. In spite of my not having done all that well, I’ve always found the emotion implied in the sunset surcease overwhelming.

Then there’s the school hymn, “Jerusalem,” always sung with great gusto; we all know it by heart. The words are a poem by William Blake referencing the myth that Jesus visited England after his resurrection (cf. Glastonbury Tor) and ending with a vision of England before the Industrial Revolution, and as the poet dreams it will be again. This is where the school’s mission is expressed, with Blake’s words slightly altered: “... Till we have built Jerusalem in ev’ry green and pleasant land.” That line, sung in concert with a few hundred other lusty believers in an unlikely earthly paradise, always gets me.

Music, as we know, has more than the power to soothe the savage breast. It can, for example, reach into the decayed consciousness of patients suffering dementia: Old dancers sway and singers join in with the long-forgotten words. We old folks also are easily moved to tears by ancient memories and associations. I find it frustrating not to be able sometimes to sing the words that bring back so much.

We invariably close a capella with the so-called “Northfield Benediction,” a beautiful, subdued chorus with which we commend each other to blessings, grace, and peace. This to me is the central reason for the school reunion: refreshment, communion, and corporate realignment with the mission. It’s a reminder that the work is never done, that we aren’t alone in our efforts, and that sunset is coming. That it would be a mortal calamity never to hear, “Well done!”

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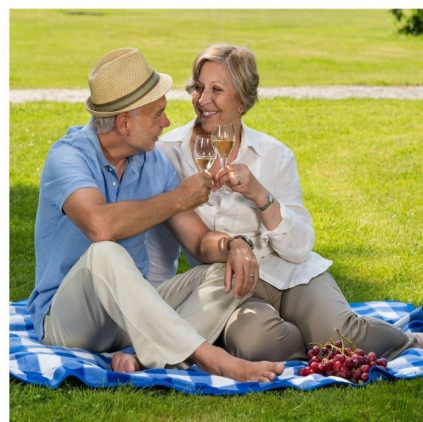
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Hazen catcher James Montgomery takes action during a recent game.



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Hazen senior ace Lyle Rooney takes the sign before firing a pitch.

Senior Spotlight: Rooney and Montgomery Instrumental

by Ken Brown

HARDWICK – This week we shine the spotlight on a pair of seniors in Lyle Rooney and James Montgomery, who were instrumental in rebuilding the Hazen Union baseball program the last four seasons.

Rooney and Montgomery were part of a talented 2019 eighth grade class that watched an up and coming 4-11 Wildcat team end a 12-year playoff drought behind Lyle's late brother Finn's nine-strikeout complete game effort against Williamstown. After losing their freshman season to COVID, the young sophomore duo elevated the program to its first winning season since 2008 and their first Division III Final Four since 2007. They would do one better the next season, setting a school record with 15 wins and making it to the state title game at Centennial Field. The starting battery was a stabilizing force for the entire team the last two seasons for head coach Spencer Howard and they graduate with the best three-year stretch in program history with a 42-13 record, including back-to-back top seeds in the Division III tournament.

Montgomery missed the first four games of his junior season and fought his way back into the lineup as the Wildcat's starting catcher and never looked back. He is the son of Hazen Union alum Rob Montgomery, who was the last Wildcat player to make the Vermont Twin State team in 1990. Montgomery's favorite baseball memory at Hazen is beating Division II defending state champion U-32 his junior year. Howard calls Montgomery's growth as a catcher and a leader the past two seasons as one of the main reasons for the success of their dominant pitching staff during their run. Montgomery had some key hits for Hazen in his sophomore and junior seasons, but truly broke out as a senior, batting over .400, driving in 17 runs, and swiping 18 bases. His efforts earned him a Second Team selection in the highly competitive Capital League.

"My dad got me into baseball when I was very young and I have so many great memories with my teammates and coaches over the years. Catching for Lyle was one of the greatest things I've ever gotten to do at Hazen. When he's throwing to me in a game, it feels like we are just out there playing catch

like when we were young. The last couple of years we got in sync, had the same mindset, and when I called a pitch he would nod and hit the target; there was no breaking our rhythm. Catching for Lyle was truly one of the greatest experiences I've ever had on the baseball field," said Montgomery.

Rooney's electric right arm thrust him into the role as the Wildcat ace as just a sophomore. He would deliver, and then some, over the next three years with a school record three no-hitters and 232 career strikeouts. He won his first eight games of the season this past spring on the mound, including a save, with opponents hitting a measly .159 against him. His offensive numbers were equally impressive, hitting over .400, swiping 18 bases, while driving in 17 runs. He was a unanimous Capital League First Team selection and earned an invite to the Vermont Twin State team. He will go down as one of the best, if not the best starting pitchers in school history according to Howard and credits a lot of his success to the calming presence of his battery-mate Montgomery. He recalls fond memories of falling in love with the game at an early age with his brother Finn.

"My brother and I discovered baseball together when I was very little and ended up worshipping the game before we even knew all of the rules. Playing ball for Hardwick with this group was always the highlight of my year and one of my favorite memories is the bus ride back from beating Bellows Falls to advance to the semifinals my sophomore year. Throwing to James was incredibly comforting. He knows exactly what pitch I want to throw and always sets up exactly where I want to throw it... always. I think that kind of telepathy is inherited through hundreds of innings of playing together and the communication we had between innings. When I was stressing out on the mound at times, it was always very relieving knowing he was back there to block any crazy pitches or throw out base runners. It's one of the parts about playing for Hazen I'll miss the most," said Rooney.

Rooney and Montgomery may get one more go around together this summer as they are slated to be on the Hardwick 18U Babe Ruth roster...undoubtedly as the starting pitcher and catcher. Next up on Senior Spotlight: Hazen's Tyler Riva and Jadon Baker.

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Gouge Earns Selection in Mountain League Honors

by Ken Brown

MARSHFIELD – Peoples Academy (PA) and Blue Mountain (BM) led the way for top honors in baseball Mountain League selections over the weekend, with Twinfield-Cabot's Meles Gouge earning a Second Team selection for Danville.

The Wolves captured their third straight state championship in baseball on Saturday and first ever in Division II, as they were rewarded with a trio of First Team selections in the rugged Mountain League. Senior fireballer Ben Alekson highlighted the list for PA, capturing his second straight Player of the Year honor. Alekson hit over .600 for the season, belting four home runs, and striking out more than 100 opposing batters in 50 innings. He was also named the Gatorade Player of the Year for the state of Vermont and will play for the Vermont Lake Monsters this summer. Teammates Jackson Lund and Camden Strong joined him as First Team selections.

Blue Mountain's Evan Dennis, Ricky Fennimore, and Kason Blood also nabbed top honors after leading the Bucks to an 18-1 record, culminating in their first Division IV state title in eight years over the weekend. Dennis pitched a one-hit masterpiece in the title game, striking out 18, and will attend Colby-Sawyer



photo by Vanessa Fournier
Twinfield-Cabot junior Meles Gouge bears down at the plate for Danville.

in the fall. First Team selections were rounded out by BFA Fairfax's Gabe Nyland-Funke and Reagan Baumeister, Northfield's Jameson Preston and Aujua Cheeney, Richford's Will Steinhour and Carter Blaney, and Jameyson Locarno of Williamstown.

Gouge led Second Team selections for

Danville in his second season on the Bears roster. The Twinfield-Cabot three-sport star played shortstop and pitched for Danville this past spring, over .400, including seven doubles, four triples, and swiping 17 bases. The junior also shines for the Trojans on the pitch as their leading goal scorer and has been a Vermont All-State selection the past two seasons. He is also the starting point guard for the Trojan basketball team.

"Meles is a consummate teammate and has been a quiet and steady presence on our team that many of his teammates look up to. He was our offensive catalyst all year long as well as being a stolen base machine. He brought positive energy to the field every day and has an infectious attitude that gave us a spark each and every game. I'm very much looking forward to Meles being one of our senior leaders next spring and taking the next step to help lead our team back to Centennial Field," said Danville head coach Nick DeCaro.

Joining Gouge as Second Team selections were PA's Chandler Follensbee, Derek Baxter, and Dylan Sautter, Blue Mountain's Cam Roy and Kris Fennimore, Northfield's Travis Robillard and Carter Allen, BFA-Fairfax's Ryan Sheehan and Dylan Sicard, and Marcel Gendron of Richford. John Morgan and Cooper Calkins of Danville were Honorable Mentions.

KEN BROWN'S HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP

Wolves Make it a Three-Peat

SOUTH BURLINGTON – Moving up a division didn't matter to super senior Ben Alekson and the Peoples Academy (PA) baseball team last week, as they edged Milton 7-6 in the Division II state title game for the program's third straight championship.

Milton clawed back from a 6-2 deficit to tie the game in the sixth inning, but a triple by Harrison Frazee and a sacrifice fly by Gavin Lund in the bottom half of the sixth was the difference for the Wolves to secure the title over the weekend at Centennial Field. PA was without the services of Alekson after needing all of the senior ace's talents to get by top seeded Missisquoi Valley Union in the semifinal round. Alekson had led PA to consecutive Division III state titles with complete game masterpieces. This was the first Division II championship in program history. Alekson struck out over 100 batters in just 50 innings of work this season and was named the Vermont Gatorade High School Baseball Player of the Year. He will join

the Vermont Lake Monsters roster this summer and attend Fairfield University in the fall.

Blue Mountain Captures Emotional State Title

BURLINGTON – After suffering through back-to-back of losses in the state title game and the tragic passing of program stalwart and Blue Mountain alum Jared Cushing, the Bucks baseball team blanked Arlington over the weekend at Centennial Field for their first Division IV title in eight years.

Senior ace Evan Dennis struck out 18, allowing only a seventh-inning single and teammates Cam Roy and Landon Kingsbury belted home runs to power the Bucks to a dominant 9-0 win over Arlington on Saturday. Dennis, Roy, Ricky Fennimore, and Keegan Frigon led a contingent of Buck's teammates who joined forces with Hazen Union's Lyle Rooney and Andrew Menard last summer to capture the Vermont 18U Babe Ruth state championship for the Green Mountain Wild, coached by Cushing. Cushing also won a state title as a player in Babe Ruth, a Division IV

state championship for head coach Scott Blood at Blue Mountain, and played collegiately for Husson University. He was named Hazen Union athletic director last June and tragically took his own life in October of 2022.

Hardwick Babe Ruth Reboots with Star-Studded Roster

HARDWICK – Hardwick will field an 18U Babe Ruth baseball team this summer, powered mostly by a collection of current and former Hazen Union Wildcat players.

The team will be coached by Ivan Menard and assisted by Mike Baker and Rob Montgomery. Recent Hazen Union grads Tyler Rivard, Lyle Rooney, James Montgomery, and Jadon Baker will headline a Wildcat heavy roster that won 29 games for the varsity program the last two seasons. Hazen's Andrew Menard, Dan des Groseilliers, Jake Davison, Owen Skorstad, Gavin Stratton, Justin Montgomery, Jake Hayden, and Alex Bowley will also be on the roster and will be joined by Craftsbury Academy's Grayson McNaughten and Stannard's Steven

Werner. Wildcat supermom and supporter Brenda Menard pulled together the logistics of insurance and charter for the team behind the scenes this past week over a frantic two-day period to just make the deadline. The decision to play one more summer of baseball together for this group of players comes on the heels of an unexpected first round loss by Hazen in the first round of the Division III playoffs last week. The core of this roster has played baseball together since Little League and the idea of making one more state title together was too good to pass up. Rooney and Menard's reasons for playing go much deeper with the passing of Jared Cushing last fall. They won the Vermont 18U Babe Ruth state title together last summer playing for the Green Mountain Wild, with Cushing being the head coach. Defending that title in his memory would undoubtedly make the summer even more special.

The summer schedule is due to come out this week and the Hardwick Babe Ruth team will play their home games at Hudson Fields.

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Rivard and Rooney Lead Capital League Honors

by Ken Brown

HARDWICK – Hazen Union seniors Tyler Rivard and Lyle Rooney capped off their stellar high school careers on the baseball diamond last week with the highest of honors in the star-studded Capital League.

Rivard and Rooney led First Team selections in the Capital, with Rivard earning Player of the Year (POY) honors last week. With Rivard also capturing POY honors on the hardwood for the Wildcats this past winter and also earning All-State honors on the pitch last fall as one of the best goalkeepers in the state, it cements him as the best three-sport athlete to come out of Hazen Union in school history.

The senior shortstop and pitcher batted over .600 this season with a Barry Bonds-like slugging percentage of 1.042. He tormented opposing pitchers for a second straight season with 29 hits in 48 at bats, including a pair of homers, five triples, and five doubles. He drove in 14 runs, scored 32 times, stole 19 bases, and drew 14 walks, while striking out just twice all season.

Rooney was equally as impressive on the mound for the Wildcats for a second straight

season and emerged as an offensive force at the plate in his senior campaign. The hard-throwing righty was 8-1 on the season with a save, striking out 69 batters in 51 and a third innings, while posting a 1.64 earned run average. He'll go down as one of the best to ever toe the rubber for Hazen, finishing his career with a school record three no-hitters and 232 career strikeouts. Rooney also batted over .400 for the Wildcats this spring, driving in 17 runs and swiping 18 bases.

The dynamic senior duo helped lead Hazen Union to back-to-back No. 1 seeds the past two years, including their first trip to the division III title game at Centennial Field in 15 years in 2022. Both players received invitations to the Vermont Twin-State roster.

Joining Rivard and Rooney as First Team selections were Division I Spaulding's Trevor Arsenault, Danny Kiniry, Averill Parker, Zack Wilson, and Cole McAllister, North Country's Joe LeBlanc, Division II Lyndon Institute's Austin Wheeler and Ethan Lussier, U-32's Shane Starr, and Andrew Tringe of Montpelier. Hazen Union's senior backstop James Montgomery led Second Team selections after his best season in a Wildcat uniform and was joined by:

Spaulding's Cam Burke and Dylan Bachand, Lyndon Institute's Cam Berry and Wyatt Mason, U-32's Sawyer Mislak and Alex Keane, Randolph's Colton Fordham, Xander Oshoni-yi of Thetford Academy, Kaden Jones of North Country, and Montpelier's Keagan Smith. Senior Wildcat centerfielder Jadon Baker earned Honorable Mention honors.

"Playing in the Capital League against great teams from the higher divisions the past two years made our players better and made our team better. They always looked forward to the challenge and what these seniors were able to accomplish at Hazen against that level of competition is truly amazing. They re-energized this community's interest in baseball and laid the blueprint for younger players coming up of the dedication it takes to rebuild a program," said Hazen head coach Spencer Howard.

The Capital League was once again one of the most competitive leagues in the state with Hazen Union, Thetford Academy, Spaulding, U-32, and Lyndon Institute posting a combined 69-20 record. Only the Panthers were able to navigate their way through the state tournament, capturing the Division III state championship over the weekend.

Chargers Wrap up Season on the Diamond

by Ken Brown

CRAFTSBURY – The Craftsbury Academy (CA) junior varsity baseball team wrapped up their first full season in nearly four years, dropping a pair of games to high powered Enosburg and U-32, while showing a lot of growth and promise for the future of the program in the process.

The Chargers fell to Enosburg 8-3 at home on Senior Night to start the week, in what was a much different game than the 22-1 introduction the Hornets gave out in CA's season opener back in April. Senior Dalton Gravel pitched a gem through four innings, giving up just a pair of hits, before Enosburg's offense got going. Freshman Grayson McNaughten went 2-3 for CA, including a triple and senior Will Patnoe added a line drive single in the loss. Cole VanWinkle, Gravel, and McNaughten scored all three Charger runs. Assistant coach William Garske was amazed by his team's growth over the past two months.

"Dalton pitched an incredible game and to close the gap on a team like that from where we were as a team from the beginning of the year is exciting. We were very proud to see how much we have grown as a team throughout the season. Our seniors Dalton, Cole, Will, and Calvin Cacciamani will be missed and

we'll lose a lot of speed and experience in the outfield, but it was our first year of baseball here in quite some time and we're excited for next season and still have a lot of room for improvement," said Garske.

The Chargers wrapped up their season with an 11-1 loss to Division II U-32. McNaughten struck out three in the loss and junior Dylan Washer prevented three more runs from scoring with an incredible diving catch in a bases-loaded fifth inning. Head coach Shaun Allen is a '96 CA alum and played five seasons on the varsity baseball team. He still remembers the golden age of Charger dominance in Division IV from the late eighties to the late nineties that included CA greats: Duncan Simmons, Steve and Pete Richards, John Duffle, Nate Brown, and Jeff Davis. He wants that back for his alma mater and started laying the foundation three years ago, creating Craftsbury Baseball with the help of John Amell and Mark and April Royan. The reintroduction of youth baseball into the Common has been a resounding success, capped off with the 8-10-year-old District IV Little League Championship's being held at Dustan Field last summer. Allen, Garske and CA athletic director Connor Bean believe the junior varsity team at CA this past spring is just another stepping-stone to bringing back Charger baseball

at the varsity level as soon as next spring in the Mountain League.

"This season was a lot of hard work and development with some really good athletes who haven't touched a baseball ball in a long time, but it was nice to show a team like Enosburg that we were not the same team they played at the start of the year," said Allen. "Right now we are dedicated to the revival of the baseball program here at Craftsbury Academy. We have some good young talent coming back and more coming up through the pipeline and all of that development starts at the youth level. We still have a lot of work to do,

but we'll make sure our pitchers and catchers continue to touch a baseball in the off-season and keep providing the kids in the area and surrounding communities the opportunity to play summer ball. The nineties were the golden years of athletics at Craftsbury Academy and I want to help try to bring that feeling back to the community," said Hill.

Craftsbury tee-ball, minors, and major Little League schedules start up this week and McNaughten will be playing summer baseball at the Babe Ruth level for Hardwick starting later this month.



photo by Hal Gray
Roller skiers from the Craftsbury Outdoor Center on June 3, train in Greensboro for winter skiing.

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JIM FLINT'S RUNNERS' ROUNDUP



photo by Jim Flint

Ben Taska (far left), from Barre, jumps out to a fast start Saturday at the 44th Annual Capital City Stampede. Taska, formerly from Craftsbury and Woodbury, placed fifth of 91 runners in the 10k race. His time was 36:07.

Cool Contest in Capital City

MONTPELIER – Morning showers served only to whet the enthusiasm of 91 runners at the 44th Annual Capital City Stampede. Ranging in age from 17 to 83, the galloping racers splashed through puddles in the early going and basked in sunlight at the end. Temperatures in the high 50s to low 60s led to fast times on the out-and-back 10k course.

Hosted by Central Vermont Runners, the Capital City Stampede also served as the Vermont

Senior Games Association's 10k state championship. Forty-eight seniors, ages 50 and up, vied for gold, silver, and bronze medals within their respective five-year age groups. The senior athletes represented Vermont, Maine, New Hampshire, California, and British Columbia.

Mack Gardner-Morse, 62, was the top finisher among the 10 towns covered by the Hardwick Gazette. Gardner-Morse, from Calais, earned a Vermont Senior Games silver medal for his 46:08 effort. His time placed second in

the M60-64 age group.

Jessica Bolduc, 45, from Craftsbury was the top local female to cross the finish line. Bolduc's time of 50:22 placed her first in the F45-49 age group.

Plainfield senior Douglas Glover, 74, outpaced Roxbury's John Valentine, 73, to win the Vermont Senior Games gold medal for the M70-74 age group. Glover's time was 56:52.

Nick Orlando, 28, from South Burlington won the Capital City Stampede 10k in 33:54. A 2017 Bates College graduate, Orlando ran a 10k race in 32:05, on the track, during his final season on the Bates College track and field team.

Ian McCallum-Cook, 34, from Burlington, was the runner-up in the men's division, in 34:41. The last time McCallum-Cook ran in the Stampede, in 2019, he also placed second.

Jess Marini, 32, from Burlington, won the women's division in 41:15. Marini finished the 2023 race five seconds faster than in 2019 when she also was the first woman to finish. Marini is a 2013 graduate of St. Lawrence University, where she competed in cross country and track and field. Sarah

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photo by Barb Flint

Douglas Glover, from Plainfield, placed first in the M70-74 age group at the Capital City Stampede. Glover's 10k time of 56:52 earned him a Vermont Senior Games gold medal.



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Jessica Bolduc, from Craftsbury, leads a group of runners as they pass in front of the Vermont State House. Bolduc finished in 50:22. She won the F45-49 age group and placed 43rd overall.

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Waterman-Mann, 39, from Morrisville, was the women's runner-up, in 41:59.

Vermont's top senior runners were well-represented at the race. Paul Murphy, 53, from Mendon, was the fastest finisher among athletes ages 50 and up. Murphy blitzed the 10k course in 37:57, winning the Vermont Senior Games gold medal for the M50-54 age group. He placed ninth overall. Sarah Pribram, 55, from Shelburne, was the fastest senior woman. Pribram ran a personal best 10k time of 42:18 and brought home a gold medal in the F55-59 age group.

Local Track Stars Shine at New England Championships

BANGOR, Maine – A handful of local athletes from U-32 High School and St. Johnsbury Academy competed in the New England High School Track and Field Championships on June 10, at Cameron Stadium. Track and field standouts from Vermont, New Hampshire, Connecticut, Maine, and Rhode Island qualified at the state level for the prestigious meet.

Charlie Krebs, a senior from Craftsbury, competed for St. Johnsbury Academy in the 4x800m relay and the 4x400m relay. Krebs ran the anchor leg on the 4x800m relay team. His teammates were Nathaniel Bernier, Ryan Callaghan, and Carson Eames. The Hilltoppers finished in 8:16.88 to place tenth of 24 relay teams.

U-32 High School senior Sargent Burns and U-32 sophomore Tennessee Lamb are both from Calais. Burns and Lamb teamed up with Wilder Brown and Luke Page on the Raiders' 4x800m relay squad. The U-32 boys finished in 8:22.36 to place 15th.

Amy Felice, a junior from Calais, was a member of the U-32 girls 4x800m relay team. Her teammates were Ginger Long, Jane Miller-Arsenault, and Madison Beaudoin. The Raider girls finished in 9:55.98 to place tenth of 23 relay teams.

Taggart Schrader, a U-32 junior from Plainfield, placed 21st of 24 finishers in the 3200m run. Schrader ran a personal best time of 9:56.6.

Cian Nott, a sophomore from



photo by Jim Flint
Mack Gardner-Morse, from Calais, steams to the finish line at the Capital City Stampede. Gardner-Morse finished in 46:08. He won the Vermont Senior Games silver medal for the M60-64 age group.

Stannard, competed for St. Johnsbury Academy in the triple jump. Nott's best jump of 38 feet, 2 inches placed 25th at the New England meet.

In the final event of the day, Charlie Krebs teamed up with Andrew Thornton-Sherman, Jaden Beardsley, and Andrew Bugbee in the 4x400m relay. The St. Johnsbury Academy boys finished in 3:28.54 to place 13th of 27 teams.

Among the 36 combined boys and girls track and field events at the New England Championships, the boys 800m race was the only event where Vermonters topped the podium. Kelton Poirier, a junior from Essex High School, and Andrew Thornton-Sherman, a sophomore from St. Johnsbury Academy were the favorites. The 800m race was a classic rematch. At Vermont's New England Qualifying meet, on May 27, Poirier came from behind to beat Thornton-Sherman by 0.17 seconds. Poirier and Thornton-Sherman both broke the boys 800m state record that day in Essex. Poirier's win set the new state mark at 1:52.38.

At the New England Championship meet, the two-lap race was

just as close. Thornton-Sherman settled into third place on the back stretch of the second lap, right where he wanted to be. He passed the lead runners on the final curve, then sling-shotted into the final straightaway. In synchrony with

Thornton-Sherman, Poirier catapulted his body off the curve, passing Matthew Servin of Champlain Valley Union High School. Poirier kicked past Thornton-Sherman in the last 30 meters to win the race in 1:52.92. Thornton-Sherman captured second in 1:53.24. Servin placed fourth in 1:54.40. The top seven runners finished in under 1:55.

Runners Take to the Trails

CRAFTSBURY –The Craftsbury Outdoor Center's Tuesday Night Trail Race series kicked off on June 6. John Broadhead, 79, was the inaugural walking champion, completing the challenging three-mile course in one hour and 29 seconds. Scarlett Podolin, 9, placed first in the 3k trail race. Her time was 25:54. Twenty-four runners competed in the three-mile trail race.

Ollie Burruss, 37, edged out Thorin Markinson, 40, to win the three-mile trail race. Their times were 24:01 and 25:39. Pete Johnson, 51, finished third, in 27:28.

Susan Dunklee, 37, and Hallie Grossman, 30, topped the women's field in the three-mile trail race. Dunklee and Grossman conquered the course in 27:56 and 28:32, respectively. Emma Podolin, 32, crossed the line in 28:41 to capture third place.

The Trail Race Series continues each Tuesday evening through August 29. Mountain bikers and runners start at 5:45 p.m. and 6 p.m. respectively. For race locations, visit craftsbury.com.



photo by Jessica Thornton-Sherman
Three Vermont high school boys made the podium in the 800m race Saturday at the New England Track and Field Championships, in Bangor, Maine. Essex High School's Kelton Poirier, St. Johnsbury Academy's Andrew Thornton-Sherman, and Champlain Valley Union's Matthew Servin placed first, second, and fourth, respectively, among 27 top athletes from five New England states.

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Late Model Victory Lane featured (left to right) Tyler Cahoon (3rd), winner Darrell Morin and Cody Blake (2nd).



photo by Alan Ward

In Victory Lane for Flying Tigers were (left to right) Derrick Calkins (3rd), winner Joel Hodgdon and Kevin Streeter (2nd).



photo by Alan Ward

In Victory Lane for Street Stocks were (left to right) Jesse Laquerre (3rd), winner Tommy Smith and Dean Switser, Jr. (2nd).

Hodgdon Returns in Triple Crown Round No. 1

BARRE – Although practice was plagued by raindrops that also pushed back the start time of Friday's festivities, drivers and officials pushed and completed the Vermont Career Technical Centers and Vermont Agency of Education Night with flying colors at Thunder Road. The annual Friday Night Special was filled with plenty of spills and thrills and the sights and sounds of the ultra-fast New England Supermodified Series.

Starting off the evening's program, the New England Supermodified Series made their return to Thunder Road to kick-start the season for the open-wheeled rockets. Led to green by Dan Bowles, the field jumped into single file, setting a lightning pace with Bowles himself taking a fast-time of 9.971-seconds during the event. Just two cautions slowed the pace with Bowles leading the field each time out. The real battle would be for second as it swapped between heavy-hitters Jon McKennedy, Anthony Nocella and Matt Swanson time and time again. It would be Dan Bowles triumphant in victory lane after a wreck on Milk Bowl weekend in October followed by McKennedy and Swanson to round out the podium.

Barre's-own Ryan Sayers would lead the Road Warriors to point with Brodie Frazier and Tyler Wheatley

all over his tail. By the halfway point front-runners Neal Foster and Taylor Sayers had joined a gaggle at the front with Foster taking over with the first lead change on lap 13. Soon it would be a dogfight at the front with Taylor Sayers and Foster side-by-side, duking it out as they swapped the lead over and over in the final laps. Taylor Sayers would take the win over Neal Foster by just 0.020-seconds with Brookfield's Tyler Wheatley rounding out the top-three.

The Street Stocks were up next led to point by Paige Whittemore and Tommy "Thunder" Smith. Thunder would nab the lead immediately off turn two with young Jesse Laquerre in tow before the first caution on lap-seven. Smith would again take off with Laquerre once again before tempers started to flair mid-pack as drivers dipped and dove around each other. Jeffrey Martin and Patrick Tibbetts would set off the powder keg on the front-stretch to end their Friday night. On the restart, Josh Lovely would blow a right front tire in turn one, collecting several top runners and starting a lengthy clean-up effort. With the final restart in his grasp, Smith grew his record to 36 wins in the four-cylinder division with defending champion Dean Switser

Jr. and Jesse Laquerre rounding out the podium.

The Late Models joined the show with Vermont Governor Phil Scott securely in the lead with Chris Roberts to his outside at the onset. While Chip Grenier would be in contention early, his falling off would allow Tyler Cahoon, Darrell Morin and Stephen Martin to follow the Governor. The first caution would fly for Kaiden Fisher as he looped the S.D. Ireland machine in turn-four leaving Cahoon to take the edge over Scott on the restart. The final yellow would fly on lap 47 as the throttle hung on Keegan Lamson's Chevy sending him hard into the Widemaker to end his night. The final shootout would come down to Morin and Cahoon with a dogfight till the end that saw Darrell Morin take down just his second Late Model win followed by Cody Blake and Tyler Cahoon.

The Flying Tigers went out as the final event of the evening to kick-off the Triple Crown Series. Kyle Streeter and Cameron Ouellette paced the field by virtue of their plus-five handicap earned through the Plus/Minus gained in their respective heat races. After two spin-induced yellows, Streeter found himself facing Triple Crown champion Joel Hodgdon as the two battled for over 20 laps side-by-side

before Chris LaForest brought out the lap 36 caution.

The conveniently marked caution lap proved perfect for Hodgdon as he cruised to a full lead by lap 40 with Kyle having to fend off father Kevin Streeter as the elder took third-place from his son. The final caution on lap 63 would set up a final face-off between Hodgdon and hot-shoe Logan Powers. The defending Mini Milk Bowl champion would fall back as Kevin Streeter and Derrick Calkins pushed through to chase Hodgdon. In the end, Joel Hodgdon would take the first of three checkered flags for the season followed by Kevin Streeter and Derrick Calkins to round out victory lane.

UNOFFICIAL RESULTS

(local competitors)

Flying Tigers – Triple Crown Round No. 1 (75 Laps)

- 1. 36VT, Joel Hodgdon, Craftsbury Common
- 25. 22VT, Travis Patnoe, Wolcott
- 29. 23VT, Matthew Potter, Marshfield
- 30. 5VT, Tyler Austin, East Calais

Late Models – (50 Laps)

- 5. 01VT, Stephen Martin, Craftsbury Common
- 17. 86VT, Marcel J. Gravel, Wolcott

Street Stocks – (25 Laps)

- 5. 5, Kyle Gravel, Wolcott
- 21. 34, Patrick Tibbetts, Plainfield



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In New England Supermodified Series Victory Lane were (left to right) Matt Swanson (3rd), winner Dan Bowles, and Jon McKennedy (2nd).



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Road Warriors Victory Lane featured (left to right) Tyler Wheatley (3rd), winner Taylor Sayers and Neal Foster (2nd).