



Hardwick • Cabot • Calais • Craftsbury • Greensboro • Marshfield • Plainfield • Stannard • Walden • Wolcott • Woodbury

Wednesday, April 29, 2026

\$5 in-store, free online at hardwickgazette.org

Volume 137 Number 16

New funding, the prescription for pharmacy desert

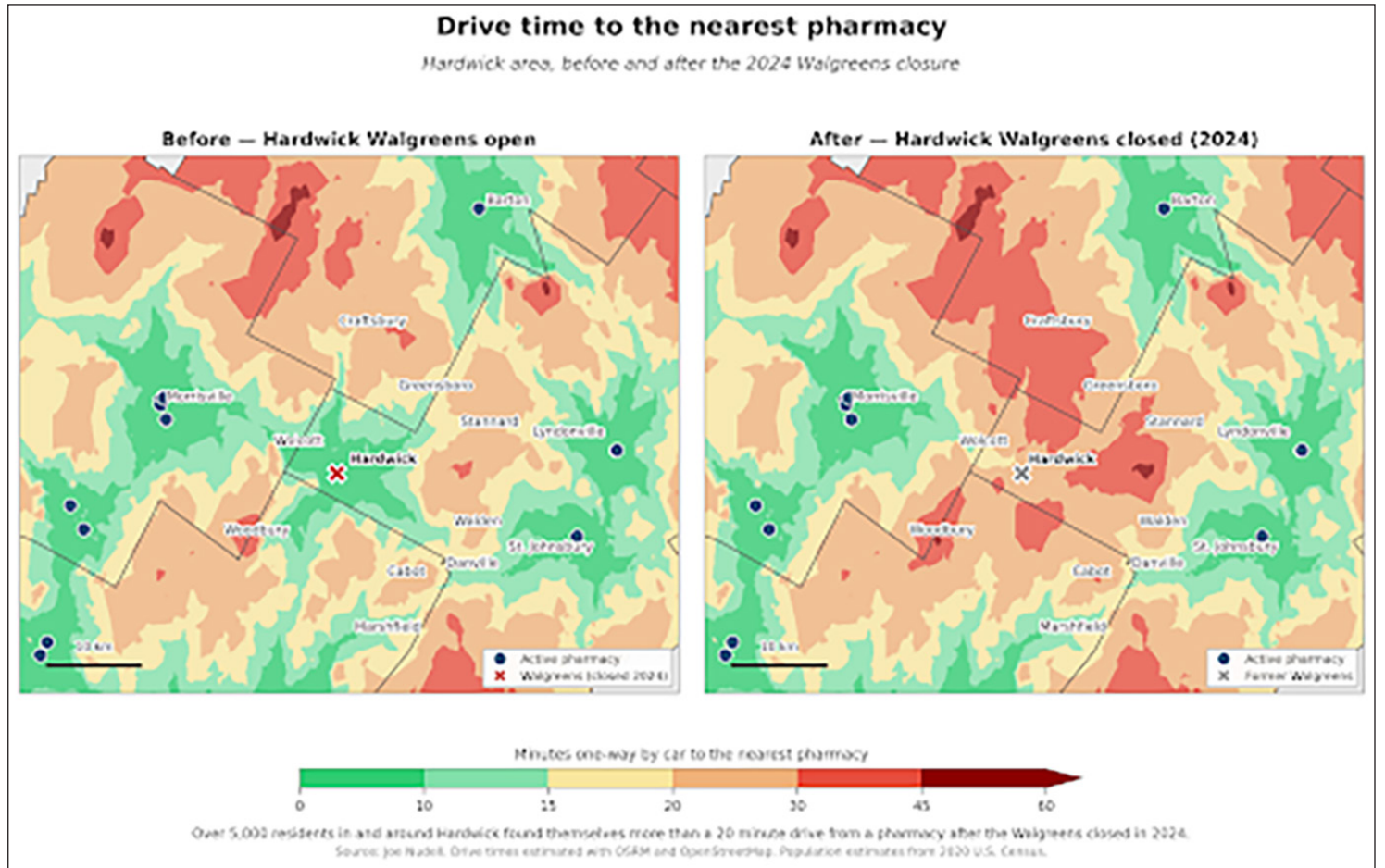
by Joe Nudell

HARDWICK – The Hardwick Walgreens shut its doors in 2024, leaving Hardwick without a pharmacy for the first time in over 150 years. This closure is just one of thousands of other pharmacy closures across the country in recent years, according to the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP) aacp.org/article/pharmacy-closures-us,

This has left a critical care gap (see chart) in the Northeast Kingdom, making medications and services harder to access for thousands of people.

Hardwick was served by Cox Pharmacy from 1921 until it was destroyed in 1992 during a large downtown fire. Albert Cox bought his business from his employer

See PHARMACY, 4



This injured male bald eagle, discovered near Hardwick Lake near the end of March, is recovering at the Vermont Institute of Natural Science in Quechee. photo by Jana Smart

Injured eagle has positive prognosis

by Raymonda Parchment

HARDWICK, WHITE RIVER JUNCTION – An update has arrived on the condition of a local eagle, reported to have been injured by

See EAGLE, 6

Downtown water main off last Wednesday for repair

by Paul Fixx

HARDWICK – A water leak under South Main Street, near its intersection with Mill and North Main Streets, last Wednesday caused some downtown businesses to close. Construction equipment in front of the Clip Joint took up parking spaces on the other side of the street, but not directly across from work on the retaining wall and pedestrian bridge project. Traffic that was already reduced to a single lane was not affected.

“I came in early, about 2:30 [a.m.] or so and drove right by [the road crew],” said Lynn DeLaricheliere who owns Hardwick’s Village Restaurant. “Opie [Hardwick Town Manager David Upson] met me in the parking lot and told me what was going on.”

She said, “The water was still on then, but he explained that it would probably need to be shut off to work on the main and we decided to close for the day.”

“They [the town] were great, I felt like they did a super good job and kept me informed all day,” said DeLaricheliere.

“It was only a day. It could have been worse,” she said.

A boil water notice was issued by Hardwick Town Manager David Upson with an announcement that the repair was complete just after 8 p.m. Wednesday evening.

The boil water notice was canceled Saturday at 10:07 a.m.

“Effective immediately, the boil water notice for the Town of Hardwick is CANCELLED. We have received the test results back and there is no presence of coliform. It is safe to resume drinking the water,” wrote Upson.

“We appreciate your patience while we follow the necessary precautions following the water line break.”

When the leak had been repaired, Upson’s notice said a boil water notice was in effect and additional chlorine had been added to the water to help clear out possible contaminants as the town waited for the results of testing.

“A water leak has been discovered near the intersection of South Main Street, Mill Street, and North Main Street. Crews are on site and working to isolate the leak so that repairs can begin as quickly as possible,” said the initial report sent before 4 a.m. Wednesday morning by Upson via email and the town’s relatively new text alert system.

It continued, “During this time, residents and businesses in the area may experience temporary water service disruptions or reduced pressure . . . We will provide updates as they become available.”

Both the Clip Joint and The Village Restaurant were closed last Wednesday.

Another message, this time sent by Hardwick’s Business Manager, Casey Rowell soon after 8 a.m. said, “. . . the town has isolated the

See WATER, 5



Donate up to \$10 per month

For the first 20 donations, the donation will be matched by an anonymous donor. Help us keep local news alive. Go to hardwickgazette.org/donate

PUBLIC SERVICES

Water tub is back

WOODBURY – On April 23, a crew of Woodbury staff and residents worked to repair the roadside spring in Woodbury Gulf, said Woodbury Select Board Chair Diana Peduzzi. Alfie Larrabee, Michael Gray, Tim Neill, Lewis Barton, Dana Huoppi and Norm Rodriguez replaced the spring box and repaired piping for

the water source.

It may take a day or two for the pipes to flush out. The water is not tested. There should be a sign from the Vermont Health Department, “Drink at your own risk,” but the sign keeps disappearing. The water keeps providing for those who need it.

Beware the bears

by Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District

forage to clear out toxins that build up all winter.

BARRE – Bear experts recommended bringing in bird feeders. Bruins can smell sunflower seeds from a great distance and will return to food, searching for easy calories, including trash and compost. This is unhealthy for the bear who need to eat their natural

Mother bears teach their cubs this unhealthy lifestyle, so they don’t learn the skills or attitude to be fully wild. Manage backyard compost to mitigate odors. Add browns and carbon, like wood shavings, dry leaves or unbleached paper towels and turn frequently.

Town of Wolcott

Burn Ban

WOLCOTT – The Town of Wolcott has issued an outdoor burn ban until further notice.

For more information, contact the fire warden at (802) 730-0303.

AWARE Report

HARDWICK – Ten people used AWARE services between April 19 and April 26. The AWARE 24-hour hotline is (802) 472-6463.

violence. AWARE provides help during immediate crises, as well as advocating for on-going emotional and legal support for people of all ages and gender.

A non-profit established in 1984, AWARE serves Hardwick and the greater Hardwick area in preventing and healing the trauma of domestic and sexual

For more information about AWARE, including educational resources, programming and how to get involved as a volunteer visit awarevt.org.

Contents

Public Services.....	2, 3, 4
Weather Watch	3
Craft Collective knits together community	6
Select board authorizes town truck purchase	7
Duplex home nears completion	7
Farmer’s market provides food for low-income Vermonters	8
Crop Cash Plus makes Vermont farmers markets affordable	8
Planting vegetables and flowers seeds at Wilson Farm (photos).....	9
Editorial: An opportunity to double your impact.....	10
Poems: Slayton, Mattos, Ally, Aunt Bonnie, Baker Connelly, Eaton.....	10, 12
Yankee Notebook: Walking on water	11
Woodsmoke (cartoon).....	11
Letters from Readers: Peduzzi, West.....	12
Legislative Report: Yacavone, Harple.....	13
Heller’s World (cartoon)	13
Weeks Gone By	14
From the Watershed, Kristen Leahy	15
Outside Story: Plant pollinators	16
In the Garden: Late spring chores, Garden pollinators	17, 18
Our Communities	19, 20
Obituaries: Lingenfelter, Allen, Whiteway, Lyman, Languerand ...	20, 21, 22
Education.....	20
Choruses come together in concert, May 3	23
Schumann documentary film premiers May 3	23
Authors, illustrators talk, June 28	23
Youth Symphony to celebrate Silver Jubilee Anniversary.....	23
Review: Young circus artists display amazing talents	24
“Quest!” on stage in Cabot.....	24
Events	25-29
Wildcats down Paine Mountain in season opener	30
Fortin takes over Craftsbury Academy softball program.....	31
Positive numbers for Caledonia United softball team	31
Ken Brown’s College Roundup.....	32
Officials plan wildlife vaccination effort.....	32



April 29- May 5

Men's Summer Styles of Toad & Co. Coming In		Frozen Salmon \$13.99 lb.	
Wide Awake Coffee \$4.79 10-12oz. or 10ct. Kcup	Kellogg's Assorted Cereals 2/\$6 8.8-12 oz.	Kellogg's Mini Wheat Cereal \$3.99 13.3-16 oz.	
Kellogg's Pop Tarts 2/\$5 13.5 oz.	Ben's Ready Rice 2/\$5 8.5-8.8 oz.	Kraft Mac & Cheese Dinner 4/\$5 7.25 oz.	
Chi-Chi's Salsa \$2.29 16 oz.	Progresso Vegetable Classic Soups 2/\$5 19 oz.	Bumble Bee 4 pk. Solid White Tuna \$7.99 20 oz.	
Wishbone Salad Dressing 2/\$3 8 oz.	Filippo Berio Olive Oil \$8.99 16.9 oz.	Skippy Peanut Butter 2/\$5 15-16.3 oz.	
Betty Crocker Cake Mix or Frosting 2/\$3 12-16 oz.	Betty Crocker Brownie Mix 2/\$4 16.3 oz.	Nabisco Belvita Biscuits \$3.99 8.8 oz.	
Bear Naked Granola \$3.99 11-12 oz.	Stonyfield Organic Yogurt \$4.79 32 oz.	Stonyfield Organic 1/2 + 1/2 \$4.99 32 oz.	
Stonyfield Organic Milk \$4.49 64 oz.	Cascadian Frozen Vegetables \$3.49 10-16 oz.	Newman's Thin Crust Pizza \$6.49 15.1-16 oz.	

The Willey's Store Since 1900 Greensboro

Hours: Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. Sat. & Sun. 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
 802-533-2621 • toll-free 855-533-2621

True Value

- Full-service Grocery & Hardware • Clothing
- Footwear • Housewares • Hunting & Fishing
- Coffee Bar • Beer & Wine • Toys • Gifts

"If we don't have it, then you probably don't need it."

WEATHER WATCH

Soaking rain expected; persistently cool for rest of week

by Tyler Molleur

EAST HARDWICK – After a month that has caught us up on rainfall, we managed to avoid any measurable precipitation in the past week. Thus, the ground is drying out a bit. The overall precipitation for the month has pushed all of the Northeast Kingdom out of drought conditions. However, dry fuels for brush fires are abundant. This combined with low relative humidity and breezy conditions make the risk of out-of-control brush fires high. Check in with your local fire warden regarding the issuance of burn permits which may be restricted until things are less volatile.

Our normal high for this time of year should be in the upper 50s to low 60s, with lows around freezing. Conditions were near-to-slightly-below normal during the work week last week, with temperatures moderating through the weekend. By Monday, the high temperature reached the mid-70s in most places. We will see one more day of sunshine and above-

normal temperatures today, before the pattern changes for cooler and wetter conditions.

A ridge that has brought sunny conditions begins to erode this afternoon and cloud cover increases by evening. A storm system developing over the Lower Mississippi River Valley makes its way into the Great Lakes this evening and into the northeast overnight, with a steady rain expected through tomorrow. The surface low then gets pulled into a stalled upper-level circulation, meaning that periods of showery activity are expected each day Friday through Sunday, with some breaks in the clouds.

Highs will generally be in the low 50s, with lows near freezing. Some of the precipitation may fall in the form of a few snowflakes during the overnights, especially in the highest terrain of our region. No significant accumulation is expected. Unsettled weather continues into the beginning of next week. Here are the forecast details:

Wednesday: Mostly sunny.



Spring runoff from Hardwick's Jeudevine Mountain continues to swell Jeudevine Falls along Vt. rte. 14 N. that feeds Hardwick Lake via Tucker and Alder Brooks on April 22. photo by Paul Fixx

Becoming mostly cloudy by evening with rain developing. High: 70. Low: 43. South wind 5-10 mph.

Thursday: Rain. High: 52. Low: 35. Calm wind.

Friday: Mostly cloudy. A chance of rain or snow showers.

High: 46. Low: 31. Calm wind.

Saturday: Partly sunny. A chance of rain showers in the afternoon. High: 53. Low: 31. West wind around 5 mph.

Sunday: Partly sunny. A chance of rain or snow showers. High: 50. Low: 32. Calm wind.

PUBLIC SERVICES

Orleans County Sheriff's Department

Misdemeanor, criminal suspension

GREENSBORO – On April 21 at 1:27 p.m., Deputy Battista was patrolling in the town of Greensboro on Main Street. He observed a vehicle at a stop sign with no front or rear license plates. Deputy Battista conducted a traffic stop on Main Street and identified the operator as Breana Keough. Upon a records check it was found that Breana's license was currently under Criminal Suspension. Breana was placed under arrest and transported

to the Orleans County Sheriff's Department for processing. Breana was released after processing with a criminal citation and the vehicle being operated was towed.

BARTON – On April 24, Deputy Cota conducted a traffic stop and identified Travis Ward, of Albany as a passenger in the vehicle. Ward was arrested for violating his Conditions of Release and transported to the Orleans County Sheriff's Department for processing before being released with a citation.

Hardwick Police Department

Theft, felony arrest

HARDWICK – On April 22 at approximately 1:35 p.m., hours William Austin came to Hardwick Police Department to report that his storage unit had been broken into. Austin advised that the lock had been cut off. There was a craftsman toolbox, chainsaw and a come-along that was stolen. Hardwick Police ask anyone with information to contact the police

department.

On April 22, at 4:30 p.m., Hardwick Police arrested Cassandra Rich on a felony arrest warrant. Rich was taken into custody without incident at a residence on S. Main Street in Hardwick. She was processed at the Hardwick Police Department and lodged at Northeast Correctional Center in St. Johnsbury.

Walden Fire Department

Chimney fire on Noyestar Road



Two fire departments responded to a chimney fire on Noyestar Road, April 25. courtesy photo

WALDEN – On April 25, at 7:38 a.m., the Walden and Cabot Fire Departments were dispatched to Noyestar Road for a chimney fire.

First arriving units found smoke and flames coming from the top of the chimney. Firefighters

laddered the roof and dropped a weight to clear the blockage then brushed the chimney many times to remove creosote buildup and debris. Crews utilized the thermal camera to check for extension around the chimney inside the residence before clearing the scene.

PUBLIC SERVICES



This patch of burned grass from last week prompted Craftsbury Fire Warden Andrew Marckres to remind residents to call before burning. Since snow has gone, permits are required to burn anything larger than a campfire in a controlled pit. Failure to do so can result in tickets and fines. Even with fire danger levels at Moderate, conditions vary.

social media photo



The Hardwick Fire Department joins area mutual aid partners at a controlled burn in Wolcott, April 25. The surrounding area was thoroughly sprayed down from a local pond before burning the building.

photo courtesy HFD social media

Hardwick Fire Department

Controlled burn

WOLCOTT – The Hardwick Fire Department and mutual aid partners performed a controlled burn on April 26, of a house in Wolcott. The day’s conditions were challenging as we worked to prevent any wild-land fires from

taking off. At the end of the day, the department diverted with W1 and E2 and our side-by-side to help control a brush fire a few miles away.

Do not burn without contacting your town fire warden.

Pharmacy

Continued From Page One

Harlan Kimball, who started his first pharmacy in town in 1889.

Brooks added a pharmacy to its store in the shopping center on Route 15 around the same time as the fire, The Brooks became a Rite Aide in 2007, then a Walgreens in 2020.

Though its tenure in Hardwick was the shortest, Walgreens’ four years in town saw Hardwick through the Covid-19 pandemic and two devastating floods.

That Wolcott Street Walgreens never reopened after the 2024 flood and the corporation was beset by multiple lawsuits related to pricing violations, staffing issues and dispensing opioids.

Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital (NVRH) in St. Johnsbury was recently awarded a grant to build pharmacies in Caledonia County. The accompanying maps show Hardwick as a natural choice for this project, given the existing infrastructure and the number of people it would serve.

When the Hardwick Walgreens closed, the maps show that thousands of residents in Hardwick and surrounding towns were left with a drive of over 40 minutes round-trip to the nearest pharmacies in Morrisville, St Johnsbury or Montpelier.

At a February 18 meeting with Sen. Peter Welch at NVRH, Northern Counties Health Care CEO Chris Towne said, “The Hardwick community has been without a pharmacy for

quite some time, The closest pharmacy is Morrisville, which is 25 or so minutes away. We have staff who are driving to the pharmacy on a regular basis to pick up prescriptions for patients. If they don’t, it means that they go without the prescriptions.”

A new Hardwick pharmacy would restore better access to essential medical services for over 8,000 people in the area, according to the map. The map shows this as the most beneficial place (caregap.jnu.works) in the northeast of Vermont for a new pharmacy in terms of the number of people served and convenience of access.

The February meeting was the formal announcement that Senator Welch had recently secured \$1.4 million through the Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) process. That award to NVRH will fund the creation of one or more new pharmacies in Caledonia County.

Pharmacies and pharmacists are critical components of the in-person delivery of care and advice to people at a moment when they’re very vulnerable, Welch explained.

NVRH CEO Shawn Tester said, “. . . Pharmacy closures in St. Johnsbury sent a shockwave through our community. . . When the Hardwick pharmacy closed as well, we said, ‘OK this isn’t just the St. Johnsbury problem: this is a Northeast Kingdom problem. How do we leverage the relationship and the support we have through our Senator to meet these needs?’ These funds are going to

help solve this problem for our communities and I’m so excited and grateful about that.”

Tester recently said they have not yet determined specific sites for the pharmacies and will share details as planning moves forward.

Even if a pharmacy is restored to Hardwick, AACP shows regional gaps will still remain. Over 20,000 people across Northeast Vermont currently have a 40-minute or longer round trip drive to a pharmacy. While new services in Hardwick will address more than a third of that gap, more rural parts of the Northeast Kingdom will remain underserved; in Caledonia County around Danville and Peacham; in Orleans County around Craftsbury and nearly all of Essex County.

As the closure of the Hardwick Walgreens showed, there’s not a lot of redundancy in the rural care network. While some towns, like Lyndon and Morrisville, can sustain multiple pharmacies, most areas are served by just one critical location, if they are served at all. This is currently true of much of central Orleans County, which relies on the Kinney Drugs in Barton.

Joe Nudell lives in Hardwick, and occasionally volunteers with and contributes to the Hardwick Gazette. He is a senior research engineer in the Computational Policy Lab at Harvard Kennedy School, and at the ADAPPT Lab at NYU, where he uses technology to understand and intervene on complex social issues.

Water

Continued From Page One

leak. Water interruptions will be intermittent throughout the day. Crews have started work to do the repair. . . Avoid Main Street if possible.”

The leak, in an original water main pipe in front of the Clip Joint at 9 S. Main St., had washed away fill under the sidewalk and roadway, creating a void, said Upson.

Before noon, asphalt had been removed in the area and the road crew had sawed around a rectangular section of the older concrete roadway beneath it.

Just after noon they began removing the concrete as they worked to get to the water main.

By 7 p.m. the leak had been repaired and the road crew had begun restoring water service in areas where it had been shut off during the repair.

A “Hardwick Alert Notification” soon after 7 p.m. said, “Crews have finished the water main repair on South Main Street and will now begin to turn the water back on systematically. We will work to get the air out of the system as we flood the main with water. You may experience moments of air along with dirty water.”

Additionally, that message first shared concerns about the water’s quality and the need to boil any of it to be consumed, “Please be advised that for the next 48 to 72 hours, any water used for drinking and cooking must be boiled first. We will increase the chlorine levels in the system slightly to speed up disinfection of the system.

A formal drinking water warning for the system was posted the following morning. It included details about the incident and a request that residents share the information with their neighbors who might not yet be aware of it.

“Due to a break in the main water line, there is a strong possibility that your drinking water supply may have become contaminated on the way to the tap. This situation presents a significant health risk to users of the Hardwick Town Water System,” the warning began and continued in bold type, “The Hardwick Town Water System is issuing a Boil Water Notice for all users, effective immediately.”

A section titled, “What should I do?” then said, “DO NOT DRINK THE WATER WITHOUT BOILING IT FIRST. Bring all water to



Members of the Hardwick Road Crew work to uncover a leaking water main on S. Main St. in front of the Clip Joint, Wednesday, April 22 shortly after noon. The break was repaired by that evening and a boil water notice was lifted Saturday morning. photo by Paul Fixx

a boil, let it boil for one minute, and let it cool before using, or use bottled water. Boiled or bottled water should be used for drinking, making ice, brushing teeth, washing dishes, and food preparation until further notice. Boiling kills bacteria and other organisms in the water.”

The specific concern with contaminated water was explained: “Coliforms are bacteria which are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other; potentially harmful bacteria may be present. When a water system is experiencing a failure of infrastructure the possibility exists for bacteria and other harmful organisms to enter the water distribution system and contaminate your drinking water supply.”

Extra concern was then suggested for particular groups of people who may be at higher risk, “People with severely compromised immune systems, infants, and some elderly may be at increased risk. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from EPA’s Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1 (800) 426-4791.

The town said “a total coliform test was taken” soon after the leak was discovered and the VT DEC Drinking Water and Groundwater Protection Division was notified of the situation.

The notice said users of town water should continue to boil it until the town provided additional information on the testing. “This Boil Water Notice will remain in effect until the water system is able to demonstrate

that the quality and quantity of the drinking water meets State and Federal drinking water standards. This will be determined after additional total coliform testing and consultation with the contacts at the VT DEC Drinking Water and Groundwater Protection Division.”

“We anticipate resolving the problem within 2 to 3 business days,” said town staff.

Anyone with questions was

asked to “contact David Upson (Hardwick Town Manager) at 802-472-6120.”

Just after noon on a Friday, another message from Upson said the Boil Water Notice was still in effect “as we await test results. We will send out another update as soon as they are received.”

Monday town staff confirmed that no test had shown the presence of coliform in the town’s water supply, but the testing requires the water to sit for 24 hours.

“The water was always safe to drink,” they said.

Upson reported another leak had been discovered in a message just after 8 a.m. Tuesday morning requiring parts of the water system to be shut off in the evening.”

“The town will begin work to repair a water leak that developed on Mill Street after the water main was repaired last week. Once the work begins, it will continue until the system is put back on line, the disruption will be minimal as the system will be isolated to Mill Street, South Main Street, Cottage Street and parts of Wolcott Street. Once the repair has been completed, normal water system operations will resume.



Earth Adventures Camp staff instructor Adrienne Allison leads morning circle time during camp at the Greensboro United Church of Christ last week. courtesy photo

Calderwood

INSURANCE AGENCY

Offering you *outstanding* service and protection since 1979

132 South Main St.
Hardwick, VT
802-472-5517
www.calderwoodins.com

CO-OPERATIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES

Mike Gauthier, CIC
mikeg@calderwoodins.com

Craft Collective knits together community

by Indi Rose

HARDWICK – When Andy Holston moved to Hardwick during the Covid-19 pandemic, making friends was no small task. Like many newcomers arriving during a period of isolation, casual introductions and shared gatherings were hard to come by.

After joining a craft group at The Civic Standard, Holston experienced a meaningful shift. “One morning I woke up and realized, ‘Oh, I have friends!’” she said.

Founded in 2022, The Civic Standard is a cultural center with the goal of bringing together people who might not otherwise find themselves in the same room, according to one of the founders Rose Friedman.

On any given week, the space hosts shared dinners, live music, theater performances, conversation groups, classes and opportunities for artists and hobbyists alike.

The Civic Standard was founded by Friedman, Tara Reese and Erica Heilman, who saw a gap in community connection, particularly in a rural town where people often live miles apart and daily routines don’t always overlap.

The programming is broad, which lowers participation barriers and invites residents of all backgrounds.

“[Covid-19] almost focused my gaze in some way, on the meaning of making cultural work and gathering spaces,” Friedman said.

“We felt like it was going to be weird and hard to prove what we were trying to do, but people knew what we meant without us saying much at all,” she continued.

The Craft Collective is one of the many groups that operates at the Civic Standard. Christina

Sacalis and Gwen Metayer Mateer launched the group two years ago as a mending circle. Rooted in sustainability and a shared interest in textile skills, the founders wanted to teach people how to repair clothing and extend the lifespan of garments that might otherwise be thrown away.

The practical skill-sharing group quickly evolved into something broader. Participants began asking whether they could bring projects beyond clothing repair: knitting, embroidery and other crafts. As interest grew and Metayer’s schedule became busier, Sacalis asked members how they felt about expanding the group’s focus. The response was overwhelmingly positive, and the mending circle transformed into what is now known as the Craft Collective.

“I just love them so much,” Sacalis said. “It’s absolutely therapeutic when we get together.”

For many members, the value of the Craft Collective goes beyond crafting itself. The weekly meetings provide structure, familiarity and a sense of belonging. People show up not only to finish projects but also to share stories, swap advice and check in on one another’s lives.

The Craft Collective is just one piece of the larger vision taking place at the Civic Standard.

The Civic Standard has become a hub of social life for Hardwick residents. Younger adults learning basic sewing skills can be found alongside older residents with decades of experience in traditional crafts.

Holston recalled once seeing a woman at the crafting group that she didn’t recognize at first. Through conversation, Holston realized the woman was the organizer of a sheep and wool festival in Tunbridge. “It was just like

looking fairly promising at this point, we still haven’t seen it in a large space so we don’t really know about flight ability. We didn’t see any fractures on the x-ray so I’m hopeful that it will be strongly flighted, and hopefully releasable within the next month or so, but we won’t really know until we’ve seen it in a bigger space.”

The VINS Wild Bird Rehabilitation Center has trained rehabilitators who treat over 1,000 injured, orphaned, and ill birds from throughout Vermont and New Hampshire each year, as well as caring for all resident raptors, songbirds, and reptiles at the Nature Center. To report an encounter with an injured wild bird, contact the Wild Bird Hotline at (802) 359-5000, ext. 212. (after hours x510).



Craft Collective members (from left) Gwen Metayer, Sara Hedrick, Rachel Jacobson, Anastasia Scollon and Christina Sacalis, work on mending a blanket in The Civic Standard building during Hardwick State weekend, April 18. photo courtesy of Andy Holston

mind-blowing to have this really old knowledge, long-term knowledge coming from someone that was just like sitting on the couch in front of me,” she said.

That exchange of knowledge helps preserve traditional skills that might otherwise fade while also strengthening relationships across generations.

The promise of support gives younger members the confidence and space to expand their skill-set, while more experienced participants get to watch their passions being passed down.

“I never would have taken on a craft medium that vast and, frankly, difficult to learn if I didn’t have the craft collective, because I knew I had Christina,” said Holston.

The result is not just a room full of people making things, but a network of relationships forming stitch by stitch.

Going forward, Sacalis is hoping to bring more programming into the collective, including more classes and even group field trips. So far, the Craft Collective has organized a “Repair-a-palooza” with the Civic Standard, where folks were welcomed to bring any clothing or gear that they might not have been ready to let go of yet.

“People are craving connection, and I’m so grateful to the Civic for holding this and being so open,” Sacalis said.

Indi Rose writes for the Community News Service, a University of Vermont journalism internship.

Eagle

Continued From Page One

what was likely a vehicle last month.

Vermont Institute of Natural Science (VINS) Director of Wild Bird Rehabilitation Bren Lundborg reported a positive prognosis, as the bird recovers from several serious injuries, “So it’s doing well currently. I think the internal injuries we suspected are resolved. It did have a pretty severe wound on its leg as well that we’ve been managing and bandaging that seems like it’s close to being healed up, so we’re hoping to be getting it outdoors and hopefully out to our flight cage in the next week or two to kind of get a better assessment of its overall flight ability.”

He continued, “Things are



Children attending Earth Adventures Camp last week during school vacation (from left) Nevina Felix, Ángel Rodriguez Diaz, Adrienne Allison, Carson Bailey and Wyatt Sims are joined by Rev. Ed Sunday-Winters and Reeve Basom. Basom taught them to cook bread on a stick the previous day.

courtesy photo



Since 1975
Celebrating 50 Years – Thank You!

**Fresh Local Produce, Café,
Organic & Natural Foods and more!**

Visit www.buffalomountainmarket.com/sales/

Open 7 Days a week | 802.472.6020 | info@bmfcoop
Mill Street, Hardwick VT

BUFFALO MOUNTAIN MARKET
COOPERATIVELY OWNED

Select Board authorizes town truck purchase

by **Raymonda Parchment**

HARDWICK – The April 16 meeting of the select board had a mixed agenda with discussions about the town forest steering committee, the Jeudevine and road crew equipment.

Road Foreman Tom Fadden said the crew has been grading and hauling in sand and other materials as needed. Street sweeping is underway in the village, however, the current unit is not performing well, so another unit will be scheduled before Memorial Day.

There have been a few minor sewer issues, along with a water tap completed at the swinging bridge site. An issue at the Putnam Pump station has been resolved, with residents regaining their water pressure.

Crosswalks will not be painted on South Main Street until construction is finished. Depending on traffic, the crosswalk near the post office may still be completed. Crosswalks on Wolcott Street, North Main Street and near the Buffalo Mountain Co-Op are also planned to be completed.

The board discussed parking concerns, noting people are parking in the single lane as the existing white lines may give the impression that parking is allowed. Fadden says the lines will be painted yellow and he will look further into the matter.

Chair Ceilidh Galloway-Kane raised concerns about pedestrian safety near the Village Diner crossing point, as the area now presents a blind spot for vehicles and pedestrians both. Fadden and Town Manager David Upson will follow up with CCS Construction to determine what the appropriate measures are to improve safety.

The board also discussed options for replacing one of the town trucks, which is on schedule to be replaced in FY27. The board voted to authorize Fadden

and town management staff to purchase the truck from Lamoille Valley Ford, with the platform body including the plow and wing coming from Allied Equipment for \$48,500. For an additional \$18,000, the town will purchase a sander and sprayer from Gravel Construction, making the total cost around \$130,000.

The board reviewed the draft for the Buffalo Mountain Town Forest Steering Committee creation, outlining key components including the 17 member structure, scope of work, project timeline, as well as expectations for members and the community review process. After some discussion, the board added quarterly reporting to the select board to the draft, which was approved unanimously.

Library Director Diane Grenkow was present to give a quarterly update, reporting 6,563 patrons through the doors through January to March. Twenty-nine programs were held, with the meeting rooms borrowed 138 times. For further details more information is available at hardwickvt.gov.

The board approved liquor and tobacco licenses for: First class license for Hardwick Post No. 7 American Legion Inc; Second class licenses for Global Montello Group, Corp. (Jiffy Mart); third class licenses for Hardwick Post No. 7 American Legion; outside consumption permit for Hardwick Post No. 7 American Legion Inc.; tobacco license, Global Montello Group, Corp. (Jiffy Mart).

The board approved the banner application for Hardwick's annual Springfest.

The board voted to approve the Landowner Permission Form to support the Orleans County Natural Resources Conservation District in applying for and administering grant funding for the design and implementation of the clean water project at Caspian Lake beach.



Traffic coming into Hardwick from Vt. Rte. 15 East is backed up along Mill Street Saturday, April 18 from the temporary light on S. Main St.

photo by Vanessa Fournier

Duplex home nears completion

by **Greensboro Habitat for Humanity**

GREENSBORO BEND – A year ago, on April 28, Greensboro Habitat for Humanity broke ground on the duplex home at 1119 Main St. Through the efforts of donors, volunteers, site supervisors, sub-contractors and students from the Green Mountain Technical and Career Center in Hyde Park, the homes will be complete and move-in ready by July 1.

In the meantime, interior painting and finishing continues. Appliances have arrived, kitchen cabinets and counter-tops are in, bathroom tile is being installed, window blinds will be hung, stairs and stair railings are complete, gutters and downspouts are ordered, and vinyl flooring and baseboards will be installed with the help of Youth Build beginning May 5.

Through oversight of Site Supervisor Bill Hardy assisted by John Mackin, the accounting team of Tim Brennan and Anastasia Scollon and the guidance of Steering Committee Chair, Kent Hansen, the project continues to be on-time and on-budget.

Volunteers are needed beginning in late May for landscaping and other outside work. Go to volunteerup.com/Login.asp?w=i&o=328 to register, go into the calendar to select the dates and times to volunteer.

As the organization approaches the completion of the work at 1119 Main Street in the Bend, it is exploring possible locations for the next affordable housing project. They seek a moderately-priced or donated building lot along a town road in Greensboro. Suggested locations may be reported to Kent Hansen at (802) 533-2300.

BREEZY AVENUE LOCAL CONCERNS MEETING

Public input is sought from Greensboro residents at a public meeting for the Breezy Avenue Scoping Study that explores options to enhance a multi-use connection along Breezy Avenue and to improve the intersections at Tolman Corner, Country Club Road and Willey's Store. Visit the project website for remote access to the meeting at

greensborovt.gov/breezy-ave-bike-ped-scoping-study/

Tuesday, May 5, 6:30 p.m.
(immediately after community dinner)\
Greensboro UCC Fellowship Hall
165 E. Craftsbury Road, Greensboro



Steelband class students (from right): Angel Rodriguez Diaz, Amaia Kappel-Codduo, Izzie Sorenson and Lily Sorenson).at the Earth Adventures vacation camp last week at the Greensboro United Church of Christ. are being taught by Hardwick instructors (background:from left) Emily Lanxner of Jeudevine Music School and Lindsey Scott, who teaches "Yotumbo" kids' movement classes.

courtesy photo

Farmer's market provides food for low-income Vermonters

by Paul Fixx

HARDWICK – Low income Vermonters' received \$10,310 of farm-fresh food from Hardwick Farmers Market vendors in 2025 through programs to supplement their purchase of food.

Those programs include the SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program), Crop Cash and Crop Cash Plus.

"This program and its associated incentives brought \$10,310 to our farm and food vendors, which was nearly 10% of the total sales for the year," said Local Food Coordinator and Hardwick Farmers Market Manager Hayley Williams with the Center for an Agricultural Economy.

Sales at the market have steadily grown over the past four years. "Our vendor's total sales have been increasing consistently from 70k in 2022 to 120k last year," she added.

Sales of agricultural products have similarly grown, from \$25,000 to \$36,000 during that time.

Williams said the impact of SNAP benefits has been growing too, with \$2,169 redeemed in 2022 and \$4,451 in 2025.

The addition of Crop Cash Plus in 2023, while Pandemic-EBT funds were still being circulated, resulted in over \$15,000 in supplemental food support at the Hardwick market.

Those extra funds, "significantly increased redemption/reimbursement numbers at nearly every farmers market in the state," said Williams. She pointed out the effect the supplemental funding clearly has on local farm-fresh food ending up on the plates of area residents while it also supports market vendors.

Mary and Alan Gagnon, living in Hardwick said, "As two senior citizens struggling to make ends meet on a very low fixed income due to age and disabilities, we were very relieved to have been found eligible for the SNAP/3 Squares program."

"It was getting harder and harder to afford the healthier foods which we had relied upon" as prices increased through and after the Covid-19 pandemic, she said.

"Imagine our delight to learn of the CROP Cash Program. By doubling (and sometimes even tripling) our EBT card's buying power we are able to go to our local farmers market . . . purchase fresh,



Aedan Scribner from Flycatcher Farm sells produce to fellow vendor Alba Urbina at the Hardwick Farmers Market, August 1, 2025.

photo by Kelly Bogel Stokes

very high quality, usually organically grown, local produce from our neighbors and friends in enough quantity that we can even put some of it by to see us through the winter."

"We are confident in saying it has saved Alan's life," said Mary Gagnon. "At all his recent visits his doctors say, 'Whatever you're doing, keep doing it. It's working.'"

"We're always trying to expand the program and bring

more folks into the market scene," said Williams.

"After all, farmers markets are for everyone. There's no sign-up required to participate, just bring your EBT card (if you have one) to the Hardwick Farmers Market Info Shed during open hours every Friday between 3 and 6 p.m. from May 22 to October 9 at Atkins Field and we'll walk you through how it works."

Crop Cash Plus makes Vermont farmers markets more affordable

by Lindsey Lubofsky

VERMONT – In 2023, a Vermont nonprofit launched a program to make it easier for people receiving food assistance to shop at local farmers markets.

By matching SNAP benefits, Crop Cash Plus lets recipients triple their buying power at farmers markets, increasing access to fresh food and sending more dollars into farmers' pockets. The program is run by the Northeast Organic Farming Association of Vermont.

But the state funding that the program relies on isn't guaranteed. This year, NOFA-VT successfully lobbied for \$500,000 to be added to the House-approved version of the state budget, which would cover Crop Cash Plus and two other programs. But the provision would still have to survive the Senate and Gov. Phil Scott's review.

"There's a lot of hard decisions to be made, but food is a basic human need. And I think that a lot of legislators understand that," said Johanna Doren, NOFA-VT's local food access program director.

Crop Cash Plus supplements the older, partially federally-funded Crop Cash program. At over 40 eligible farmers markets, Crop Cash will double a customer's spending amount, with a current spending cap of

\$20. Then, Crop Cash Plus will add the same amount again.

Making farm-fresh food more affordable can support community wellbeing. A study by the Journal of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Community Development found that people who receive food assistance, especially people of color, reported a "feeling of exclusion" when shopping at farmers markets.

But when both Crop Cash and Crop Cash Plus were available, Vermont market managers witnessed the largest crowds, according to Jana Murphy, a food systems researcher at the University of Vermont.

Crop Cash is restricted to fruits, vegetables, herbs and seeds, which can be impractical for recipients without cooking time or access to a kitchen. Crop Cash Plus goes further and covers any SNAP-eligible food item. At a farmers market, that's almost anything but hot, prepared foods.

And, Crop Cash Plus feeds the local economy. Doren calls this a "win-win."

"[Farming] is not a high-profit business," she said. "Farmers are often among those who receive SNAP benefits."

But these benefits have been jeopardized since the program's pilot. Crop Cash Plus' funding has been neither guaranteed nor consistent. In 2024, it received no funding at all.

This inconsistency makes already "overwhelming" programs more difficult for customers to navigate, Doren said. That's why NOFA-VT hopes to eventually land Crop Cash Plus in the base budget, for consistent future funding.

NOFA-VT began lobbying for next year's allocation even before Gov. Scott introduced his budget on January 20. Earlier that month, NOFA-VT representatives testified in front of the Senate Committee on Agriculture to ask for state funding, noting that the money is critical for both farmers and low-income Vermonters involved in their program.

Scott didn't include the request in his budget proposal, but lawmakers in the House swiftly added \$500,000 to the budget bill to support the program. The chamber passed the bill on March 27, sending it over to the Senate Committee on Appropriations where it currently sits.

Despite NOFA-VT's early success, its biggest obstacle remains this year's tight budget, according to Doren.

"There's a perception among a lot of policymakers that if you fund something, you have to find where that money is, what other program that money is coming out of," she said.

But Doren disagrees that social services must be "pit against each other," even when there are limited funds.

NOFA-VT is working with the Vermont Food Security Coalition, a collection of organizations working to make all Vermonters food secure by 2035. Their message seems to be landing, at least with Crop Cash Plus. Doren said that more legislators than ever are aware of the program.

While Crop Cash Plus has received strong support for one-time funding, making it into the base budget is a different matter, according to Durfee. His committee would have to make a budget request to the House Committee on Appropriations.

But Durfee said that any addition to the base budget is contingent on an ongoing increase in state revenue, making lawmakers cautious about any new proposals.

"The challenge is that they're competing with many other requests, and it is a higher hurdle to get funding moved from one-time funding [to the base budget]," he said.

Durfee noted the program's popularity among legislators and that its appropriation is "relatively small." If Crop Cash Plus is to be considered one day for the base budget, these factors may work in its favor, he said.

Lindsey Lubofsky writes for the Community News Service, a University of Vermont journalism internship program

Planting vegetables and flower seeds at Wilson Farm



Jesse Conn and daughter Talia Jurkiewicz (left) of Woodbury plant seeds along with Seth Merrill and daughter Avery Stegner Merrill of Greensboro. They joined 26 other children and 16 other adults at Wilson Farm in Greensboro to plant seeds, co-sponsored by the Greensboro Free Library.

photo by Vanessa Fournier



Susie Lussier Rossano, 3, spreads plant food over seeds with assistance from her mom Elizabeth Rossano of East Hardwick. They planted various vegetables, herbs and flowers at the Wilson Farm workshop, April 24. The event was in partnership with the Greensboro Free Library during school vacation.

photo by Vanessa Fournier



Jessie Upson and children (from left) Henry, Charlie and Lucy Upson, of Hardwick, plant seeds of parsley, summer squash, kale, cilantro, marigolds, and others at Wilson Farm with owners, Lindsay and Brenden Beer, in Greensboro. The planting activity was a collaboration between the farm and the Greensboro Free Library during April school vacation to celebrate spring. Thirty children and 18 adults attended.

photo by Vanessa Fournier

Your Voice, Your Community News

Becoming a supporter of the Hardwick Gazette will help us continue delivering local news and information.

Our success depend on you, as readers, as donors and as advertisers with your businesses and civic organizations. All Gazette content is now available at no charge. We ask that you subscribe and share your address to help us understand where our readers live.



Donate online
hardwickgazette.org

Prices shown valid 05/01-05/07
Member-owner deals valid 05/01-05/31

While supplies last

BUFFALO MOUNTAIN MARKET

COOPERATIVELY OWNED SINCE 1975

Weekly Highlights

Just a taste of the deals this week. Stop in for hundreds of local items, cafe food, and more!

<p>\$5.49</p> <p>Ice Cream Bars Alden's Organic, varieties, 3 oz</p>	<p>2/\$7</p> <p>Gluten Free Burritos Amy's, varieties, 5.5 oz</p>	<p>19% off</p> <p>Organic Tahini Butter Artisana, 14 oz</p>	<p>2/\$6</p> <p>Organic Pasta Bionature, varieties, 16 oz</p>
<p>\$3.69</p> <p>Lemon Poppyseed Oat Bites Boba's, 5 pack</p>	<p>\$5.99</p> <p>Nutritional Yeast Bragg, 4.5 oz</p>	<p>\$5.99</p> <p>7-Grain Gluten Free Bread Canyon Bakehouse, 18 oz</p>	<p>2/\$8</p> <p>Frozen Fruit Cascadian Farm, varieties, 8 oz</p>
<p>\$2.19</p> <p>Fajita Skillet Sauce Frontera, 8 oz</p>	<p>\$4.99</p> <p>Salsa Varieties Green Mountain Gringo, 16 oz</p>	<p>2/\$5</p> <p>Tortilla Strips Green Mountain Gringo, 8 oz</p>	<p>\$4.39</p> <p>Lactose Free Sour Cream Green Valley, 12 oz</p>
<p>\$2.29</p> <p>Corn Tortillas Maria and Ricardo's, 8 count</p>	<p>\$3.49</p> <p>Organic Rice Vinegar Marukan, 12 oz</p>	<p>\$4.49</p> <p>Lemon Snaps Midel, varieties, 10 oz</p>	<p>2/\$5</p> <p>Couscous Varieties Near East, varieties, 5.7 oz</p>

Some of our Member-owner Deals This Week ...

<p>35% off</p> <p>Poop Bag Dispenser Beco</p>	<p>20% off</p> <p>Flavored Nut Varieties Orign, varieties, various sizes</p>	<p>17% off</p> <p>Organic Mints VerMints, varieties, 1.41 oz</p>	<p>21% off</p> <p>Organic Taco Seasoning Riega, 9 oz</p>
---	--	--	--

75 Mill Street Hardwick, VT 05843 • 802.472.6020 • www.buffalomountainmarket.com

EDITORIAL

An opportunity to double your impact

Twenty Gazette readers who sign up to become monthly donors, of up to \$10 a month (or increase their current monthly donation) at givebutter.com/Hardwick-Gazette before May 13 will have their first year's donations matched by two Gazette supporters.

This month, The Hardwick Gazette has been asking readers to become sustaining members by making a monthly commitment. It's the best way to build a firm foundation for this community-operated enterprise.

Sincere thanks to everyone who has already stepped forward, but now there's an opportunity to conclude the campaign on a high note.

It's a great way to maximize your generosity. When you give \$5 a month or \$60 a year, The Gazette will receive \$120. When you give \$10 a month or \$120 a year, The Gazette will receive a total of \$240. (If you give more than \$10 a month, the first \$10 will be matched for the next year.)

You've read our appeals. You know The Gazette depends on reader support.

This is the moment to put those good thoughts into action! Become one of the 20 sustaining readers who will see their generosity doubled.

And don't forget: Sustaining members who give \$10 a month or more will receive a handsome Hardwick Gazette ceramic mug. If you've seen them at The Village Restaurant in Hardwick, you'll surely want to have one in your own collection. Visit our "Donate" page right now at givebutter.com/HardwickGazette!

John Walters
Northeast Kingdom Public
Journalism board member

The Last Hug

Seeing you sitting there
Working on a puzzle
The old bright eyes I remember
Are now sad and tired
I never imagined

Someone that was so active
Was now slow and unmotivated
The person I used to eat ice-cream
With now goes to bed at seven
I never imagined

That you were slowly dying
I gave you a hug as I
Walked out the door
I never imagined
That it would be the last
Hug I would ever give you.

Emma Slayton
Hardwick

This poem was written for the Verse-Village celebration of April Poetry Month.

Pre-flight

He said nothing to them
but accepted their presence
At the press of the last inspection
I think we're ready
I'll go flying with you
longer and farther away
maybe the furthest away
Are you supposed to sing?
I asked, you know.
Wildly, your gaze shifted
the corners of your mouth upturned
you sank into an impossible posture
chaos just visible out the far side of the window
I began laughing
not bad at fireworks, either

Alexis Mattos
Greensboro Bend

This poem was written for the Verse-Village celebration of April Poetry Month.



Donate up to \$10 per month

For the first 20 donations, the donation will be matched by an anonymous donor
Help us keep local news alive. Go to hardwickgazette.org/donate

THE Since 1889 Hardwick Gazette

The Hardwick Gazette is published every Wednesday except the first week in January by Northeast Kingdom Public Journalism, Inc., 82 Craftsbury Road, Greensboro, VT 05841
Tel. (802) 472-6521. E-mail: News@HardwickGazette.org. Web: HardwickGazette.org
The Hardwick Gazette, P.O. Box 9, Hardwick, VT 05843

EDITOR - Paul Fixx

REPORTER - Raymonda Parchment

PRODUCTION - Sandy Atkins,
Dawn Gustafson, David Mitchell

SPORTS - Ken Brown, Eric Hanson

PHOTOGRAPHER - Vanessa Fournier

CARTOONISTS - Julie Atwood, Abrah Griggs,

Joe Heller, Kay Spaulding

WEATHER - Tyler Molleur

CIRCULATION - Dawn Gustafson

OFFICE HOURS: Monday and Tuesday 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Wednesday 9 a.m. to noon; Thursday and Friday closed. Phones are usually answered during office hours and other times when possible. Please leave a message if there is no answer, or email the appropriate address.

The Hardwick Gazette assumes no financial responsibility for typographical errors or omissions in advertisements but will reprint that part of the advertisement in which the error appeared. Advertisers must notify the Gazette within five days of any error that occurred. Copyright 2026 by Northeast Kingdom Public Journalism, Inc. All rights reserved. No part of this publication may be reproduced in whole or in part without written permission from Northeast Kingdom Public Journalism, Inc.

ADVERTISING

Sandy Atkins, Paul Fixx, Raymonda Parchment
ads@hardwickgazette.org, sales@hardwickgazette.org

CONTRIBUTORS

Trish Alley, Brendan Buckley
Ken Brown, Hal Gray,
Henry Homeyer, Willem Lange,
Cheryl Luther Michaels, David Rodgers,
Liz Steel, John Walters; Will Helms, intern.

BOARD MEMBERS

Paul Fixx, John Walters, Stefanie Cravedi,
Anita Engel, Betty Jones

Letters to the Editor, Opinions and Editorials: We believe a newspaper should be a community forum for people to discuss and debate issues of the day and welcome letters from all political points of view as the free expression of reader's opinions. Letters with claims of fact that are false or potentially damaging may be rejected.

Because we believe that accountability makes for responsible debate, we will print signed letters only. We might rarely withhold the writer's name with good cause. Letters are limited to 400 words and must be addressed to the Gazette's readers, not to individuals, public figures or organizations. Opinions longer than 400 words on topics of current and local interest to readers in our 11-town coverage area may be considered for publication. Thank you notes are not considered to be opinions and will not be printed as letters from readers.

Letters to the editor require the writer's name, town of residence and phone number. Letters and opinions may be mailed, e-mailed or brought to our office. Letters and opinions are the opinion of the author. Editorials are the opinion of the editor and not the staff or publisher.

Submissions of Content and Deadlines: The Hardwick Gazette is published late on Tuesday each week with Wednesday's date. Submit community event information, announcements, opinions, press releases, paid ads and business news the Friday before publication by 5 p.m. Local news and sports items, letters to the editor and church submissions are due Monday by noon. Deadlines may be earlier for holidays. Obituaries may be submitted at any time. We make every attempt to confirm receipt of obituaries. Call to confirm receipt of any obituary submitted Tuesday if it is important it appears in that week's edition. Photos capturing news and community events are welcome with details with the full name of each identifiable person, what is happening, when and where the photo was taken and why it is newsworthy. When sending photos, send unedited files in the largest size available to ensure the best page and web presentation.

We make every effort to include all submissions with timely content in the earliest possible edition. Call with requests to include submitted content in specific issues. Submissions may be edited for style and length. We cannot guarantee publication dates.

E-mail addresses to send us messages: ads@hardwickgazette.org for advertising inquiries including display ads and business directory submissions; editor@hardwickgazette.org for corrections, letters to the editor, story ideas, website or newsletter questions and comments; news@hardwickgazette.org for all submissions of calendar of events, news stories, obituaries, births, press releases and everything else.

YANKEE NOTEBOOK

Walking on water

by Willem Lange

EAST MONTPELIER – A couple of weeks ago I mentioned the luxurious digs I called home during one summer of the 1950s, and suggested that there was another story involved. There certainly was.

Old George Lamb, who cooked for our work party up at the Ausable Lakes, heard that I was living in a lean-to about a mile-and-a-half off the road back in the village, and offered his “doghouse” (so-called) as an alternative. Naturally, the next time we were in town, I checked it out.

It was a rough shack, about eight by ten feet, in a thicket of bushes out behind George’s house. It had a black tarpaper roof, and was screened above waist height on two sides. Its main virtue was that I could drive right to it across the high school ball field. It had no running water or plumbing, but it did have a cot and a single light bulb hanging down from the rafters. There was no brook running past the door, so I would have to stop on the way home to bathe and fill my water jug in the river. After the spartan simplicity of lean-to life, it was palatial. I moved in, clothes, typewriter, deer rifle, guitar and all.

I usually got paid in cash, about \$45, on Saturday noon after

The rest of us entered and slithered and squirmed our way through the corners and passages. All of a sudden Phil clamped up.

a final five hours’ work. I was often on the road within the hour. I was dating a Bennington coed, the daughter of summer folks (a local tradition). I could get a hot shower in her dorm, and we camped somewhere in the area. Next day it was back to the mountains for the work week. Gas was cheap, my old Plymouth didn’t burn much. It was an idyllic, if temporary situation.

Then one week Heidi announced that she was coming up to visit me, which sounded great to me. Also, she would be with her good friend Jackie and her beau, Phil Everly. Whoa! You may not know how popular the Everly Brothers were. Without going into tedious details, let me assure you that they really were. Their hits included “Bye, Bye, Love” and “Wake Up, Little Susie.”

They recorded for Cadence Records, whose founder, Archie Bleyer, had a step-daughter who went to Bennington, and was a friend of my girlfriend. They arrived one sunny Friday afternoon in a brand-new, bright red, rented Triumph TR-3. There’s no room for

three in a TR-3. They pulled spectacularly into town with Phil and Jackie up front and Heidi sticking up from the little space behind the seat with her arms wrapped around a big black guitar case. Good job it wasn’t raining or cold.

Instead of just sitting around George’s doghouse, we decided on an adventure, a cave up in Edmonds Notch. I’d been in there a couple of times. It was a slump cave, formed by the falling away of a huge chunk of cliff on Pitchoff Mountain. It was a tight squeeze, and led down to an end in a slender pool of runoff water. Jackie declined to go in. The rest of us entered and slithered and squirmed our way through the corners and passages.

All of a sudden Phil clamped up. Claustrophobia. He said it was caused by his father’s coal-mining experiences. “I’ve got to get out of here!” he breathed. I let him go first, figuring there was little danger of

his getting stuck and trapping the rest of us. I think he broke records getting back out into the sunshine.

We supped at a local restaurant and went back to the doghouse to sing and play. Phil grew up in the back of an old school bus with his brother, Don, and drove around the south as the Everly Family Singers. So he knew ‘em all – “Silver-Haired Daddy of Mine,” “Little Rosewood Casket,” “Wabash Cannonball.” We were as happy as two lovers of country music could be.

Then I began to notice indistinct faces outside the screens, lit dimly by the glow from the overhead bulb. The village kids had found us. They were just listening; but as more arrived, we could hear them out there, rustling and jostling. This wasn’t going to get better. So we decamped in our cars to Heidi’s family cottage, a huge, dark, hulk redolent of disuse and featuring real featherbeds. I think we sang till about two in the morning. Next day I waved a sad good-bye to the packed red Triumph. And discovered that I was no longer the lonely hippie who was camping out in George Lamb’s doghouse. The local kids treated me as if they’d seen me walking on water.

Woodsmoke by Julie Atwood



“I’VE GOT ALL THE CARDS...”

Talk with Ray and Paul, Fridays



Come in to Front Seat Coffee in Hardwick at 10 a.m., Friday, and chat with reporter Raymonda Parchment and editor Paul Fixx from the Hardwick Gazette. Talk about issues, Gazette coverage or just chat about happenings in the area.

THE Hardwick Gazette
INDEPENDENT LOCAL NEWS SINCE 1889

hardwickgazette.com

LETTERS FROM READERS

A suggestion for Hardwick voters

To the editor:

The choice of whether to make serious changes to how town meetings are held can be very divisive. Let me share what we went through, in your neighbor Woodbury.

Maybe four years ago, during COVID, two petitions were submitted to the select board, to move to Australian Ballot voting for the budget and election of officers. The meeting was well attended (maybe 100) with good arguments on both sides. Prior to the final vote, a proposal was presented, to widen the discussion by appointing a committee to develop a list of options and survey the entire electorate.

The committee met for several months and came up with an article that was presented at the next regular town meeting. The option chosen was to move town meeting to Saturday. (State law requires town meeting to be held on the first Tuesday in March or any time within the previous three days.)

Results of the survey showed that the most persuasive argument against the Tuesday meeting was that working people can't always take the day off. Voters approved the change.

This year was our third Saturday meeting. The first two did not result in a much improved attendance, but this year attendance was up a bit, almost filling our school gym. We also hold a pre-town-meeting forum on the previous Thursday evening, which

is more informal and has brought in more people each year.

There are still people who would rather not go to an open meeting and would prefer to mark a paper ballot from the comfort of their kitchen table. I personally don't see how they can decide on a budget number on paper, without having a chance to ask questions or listen to discussion about the issue.

By the way, during Covid-19, there were a couple of elections by mail, and the numbers were somewhat higher than in-person voting but still, not impressive, maybe 300 out of 800 votes. And in those instances, the state paid for the mailing, and it was expensive.

Another thought regarding the identity of voters. In Woodbury, voters are checked in as they arrive at the meeting and given a sticky name tag. Someone at the table checks a name off on the checklist while a second person writes the name on the tag. When there is a paper ballot, people are told to show their name tag. BCA members watch the ballot box and look for the name tags. No further check-off is necessary. No voter fraud.

Just my thoughts: take a breath and do it right. The decision to stop holding open meetings is an important one, not to be done in anger or haste. I love Hardwick and have had a business here for a number of years.

Diana Peduzzi
Woodbury Select Board Member

The pages are turning

To the editor:

[Re "Prospects bleak for oldest building on S. Main Street, April 21]: It took me several passes reading this to understand how the story of the precarious Hardwick Gazette building is unfolding. Admittedly, I haven't been following along closely, so it took time to grasp the initial stakeholder portion of copy, before digesting the rest. With the pedestrian bridge project in full swing, I've had more time to ruminate while sitting at either traffic light. The vacant building largely strikes a chord with me more for the loss of a tangible newspaper, and less for its potential loss as a physical structure. Further gawking has me wondering: what would downtown look like without the Hardwick Gazette building?

I understand it's old and in a historic district. I am confounded because I am typically more passionate about preservation and development, but it's hard not to imagine an empty space void of its troubles with an unobstructed view. Perhaps a granite-filled space that honors the past with

pedal power amenities. Maybe a fresh coat of paint would change my mind, but in the end, those in the know have the difficult realities to face while I'll continue to "wait and see." Some decisions will be beyond their control, too, much like a bobber and fishing line caught on a branch: just out of reach and too many knots to be useful again.

Meanwhile, I'm more than a little excited to track down the pedestrian bridge construction timeline that Hardwick Downtown Partnership President Shari Cornish mentioned in "Business as usual as pedestrian bridge, wall projects underway, April 21." Sure I can and do skirt the red lights, but it's more fulfilling to see the daily progress, envision positive outcomes, support our local businesses, and, yes, see the Hardwick Gazette building in the middle of it all.

Tonya West
East Hardwick

Tonya West was a one-time editor of the now defunct Caledonia County weekly newspaper, The Lyndon Independent.

A Verse a Day

A verse a day
keeps the doctor at play
with patients who suffer
Play Deficit Disorder.

Poems provoke reflection
And ward off infection
by the day's news
and evening blues.

No known negative side effects.

Trish Passmore Ally
Greensboro

This poem was written for the Verse-Village celebration of April

I Grew You Sunflowers

Today I brought you sunflowers, the ones I grew just for you.
As I planted them, and watched them grow,
the memories of you began to show.

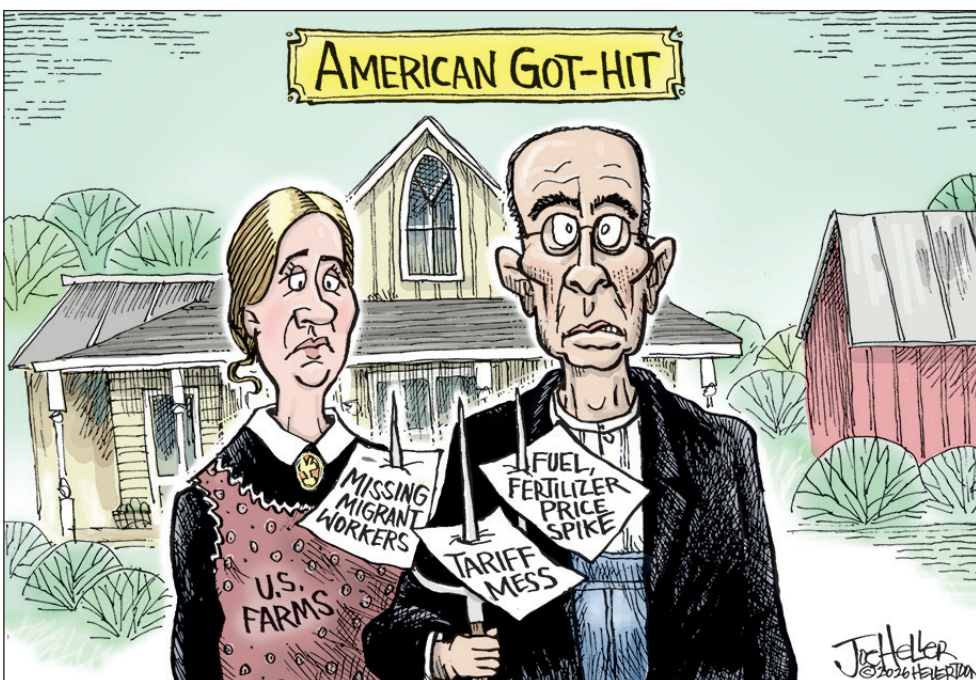
I remember meeting you years ago—
a bouncing, beautiful little girl with so much to show.
The sunflowers grew, just as you did,
reminding me of prom, graduation, your wedding day,
and the biggest day of all—when you became a mom.

I grew these sunflowers for you, and I always will,
because when I see a sunflower, I see you.
Strong and bright, and now in flight.
You're not too far away,
as your memory will never fade.

Love Always
Aunt Bonnie

This poem was written for the Verse-Village celebration of April Poetry Month.

Heller's World by Joe Heller



The Hardwick Gazette

PEOPLE SERVING PEOPLE

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Update on positive legislation and progress on working together

by Rep. Leanne Harple

MONTPELIER – This week felt like a much-needed breath of fresh spring air in the House Education Committee, and I want to share an update on some positive legislation we’ve been working on, separate from Act 73, that has recently passed unanimously out of committee. I think we could all use a bit of good news and a chance to celebrate progress together.

First of all, this week is National Libraries Week, and we marked the occasion by advancing legislation to support our public libraries. If you didn’t know that all legislation related to public libraries is handled by the Education Committee, you’re not alone: I learned that myself this session. It’s been a welcome surprise, especially since I grew up appreciating the many services libraries so quietly and humbly provide to our communities.

S.232, which originated in the Senate and is now before the House, expands support for Vermont’s public libraries by recognizing their vital role in our communities. The bill helps libraries access funding for after-school, summer, and early education programming by making them eligible for youth-related funds supported through cannabis sales tax revenue. It also simplifies grant applications and reporting requirements through the Agency of Education, an especially important step for small, rural libraries. However, my very favorite part of the bill is that it officially establishes “Vermont Libraries Day,” which will now be celebrated annually on the third Monday in October. I’m not quite sure yet how I’ll celebrate, but I know it will involve spending time in one of our wonderful Northeast Kingdom libraries.

The second bill we passed unanimously this week is S.227, which establishes clear immigration-related protocols for Vermont schools. The goal of this legislation is to ensure that every child has equal access to a free public education in a safe and supportive environment, regardless of immigration status.

This bill sets consistent, statewide expectations for how schools respond if immigration authorities come onto school property. It requires districts to adopt formal policies outlining how staff should handle these situations and what legal documentation must be presented before access is granted. It also protects sensitive student information by limiting what can be collected and shared, ensuring that schools do not disclose personal or immigration-related information unless legally required by a valid warrant or court order.

Importantly, this bill does not override federal law, prevent lawful enforcement actions or change immigration policy. Its purpose is to ensure that schools remain safe, welcoming places for all students and that families are not discouraged from sending their children to school out of fear.

Our legislature, as well as our community, has been deep into some heavy, complicated conversations lately, so it meant a lot to come together unanimously around a couple of bills that really reflect the kind of Vermont we all believe in. I’m proud, grateful, and encouraged that both of these bills brought our committee together in a truly bipartisan way. It’s encouraging to work on legislation where we can find common ground and make meaningful improvements for our communities and the state

at large.

And speaking of coming together, a last quick reminder: my legislative coffee hours have moved to the first Saturday of the month. Our next gathering will be Saturday, May 2, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Highland Center for

the Arts. I really value what is on your mind, and I hope that you’ll join me for some good neighborly conversation.

Leanne Harple represents Orleans-4, including the towns of Albany, Craftsbury, Glover and Greensboro.

We can, and should, do better

by Rep. David Yacavone

MONTPELIER – I have always held Gov. Scott in the highest regard. His leadership during the COVID-19 pandemic was admirable and helped make Vermont the envy of much of the nation. His calm, balanced style, coupled with his good sense of following the scientists, guided our state in ways many other leaders lacked. His civility, even toward those who disagree with him, has long set an example of what public service should be.

As of late, however, I have noticed changes that trouble me and make me worry that Vermont’s political landscape may be shifting in unhealthy ways.

If someone told you a government shutdown was coming to Vermont, one in which, as of July 1, our hospitals, nursing homes, and home health agencies would not be paid, and our State Police and other public servants would go without paychecks, you might assume it was another Washington, D.C.–style political standoff. You would be mistaken.

This scenario could unfold here at home. In the first week of the legislative session, Phil Scott made clear he would veto the state budget if the Legislature did not pass an education reform bill to his liking.

The proposal he supports would require forced mergers of school districts, with projected property tax reductions that would

take at least three years to materialize, and even then, are far from guaranteed. In fact, those mergers could increase costs. Under a process known as “leveling,” lower-paid teachers in newly merged districts would need to have their salaries raised to match those of higher-paid colleagues, potentially driving spending upward rather than down.

The nonpartisan Vermont Joint Fiscal Office has warned about the consequences of a budget veto. Interpreting the Vermont Constitution, it notes that “without a budget in place at the start of a new fiscal year, state government would effectively shut down. Vermont has no modern precedent for such a shutdown... it would be difficult to overstate the disruption.”

When debate turns to ultimatums rather than persuasion based on the merits of ideas, it marks a troubling moment. Vermont has long prided itself on solving difficult problems through collaboration and mutual respect. We should not lose sight of that tradition. Threatening outcomes that could disrupt vital services to force agreement is not the Vermont way.

We can, and should, do better by returning to the principles of respect, reason, and compromise that have long defined our state.

David Yacavone represents Lamoille-Washington in the Vermont Legislature, including Elmore, Morristown, Woodbury, Worcester and Stowe.

Heller’s World by Joe Heller



The younger group of Earth Adventures Campers (from left) Finley Pailonis, Faewynn Samadhi, Zada Felix, Instructor Adrienne Allison, Thayra Rodriguez Diaz, Chloe Mae Doyon, Wyatt Sims, Hayden Sims, Laura Barnett and Nora Rose Doyon visit the Caspian Lake beach last week. *courtesy photo*

WEEKS GONE BY

113 years ago in The Hardwick Gazette A PARK FOR HARDWICK?

Who Will Help? A Public Park Can Be Had Easily. -A Mountain Park Unlike That of any Other Village in Vermont.

Does Hardwick need a park?

The question almost answers itself. Where in Hardwick is there one piece of land, outside the school yard, that belongs to the people? Who among wouldn't be proud to see municipal place afternoon strolls that the automobile dust could not spoil, for the enjoyment wild flowers and picking? A natural, unspoiled woodland, with winding paths and rustic benches. Not many of us are energetic enough to tramp a mile or two out of the village to find relief from the sun in summer weather, and the automobile dust has spoiled the roads for such leisurely travel.

On Buffalo mountain rests Hardwick's main chance for a public park that would be inexpensive to acquire and maintain. Not the whole mountain at first, but a good-sized tract large enough for park purposes. Do you know that on Buffalo Mountain in the Spring grow the most wonderfully fragrant Canada violets, red and white trilliums, better known as "sweet Benjamins," adder's tongues, jack-in-the pulpit, anemone, rare lady-slippers, and an untold host of other forest flowers? A park on Buffalo Mountain would be unique. What other village in Vermont can boast of a mountain park, a forest preserve almost in its streets? It is true that to enjoy its beauties would mean a climb, but the good things in this world come only to those who make an effort. If there is any appeal in this idea of a park, now is the time to act.

None of us can look up at the green slopes of Buffalo day after day, or at the brilliant colors of its autumn leaves, and not feel that the village depends on Buffalo Mountain for much of the beauty of its environs. Under private ownership, the day will inevitably come when the lumber lust will strip the hill, and leave the rock ledges bare and unsightly, and Hardwick will lose much of its charm. The time to start a park is now, while the


trees are too young to attract the lumberman or raise the price of acreage to excessive figures. At an acre apiece, lots of Hardwick's citizens could make a public-spirited gift and not feel the cost. Is this idea worth taking up? Who'll subscribe for an acre and start the movement for a public park in Hardwick?

35 years ago in The Hardwick Gazette Cox Pharmacy Closes And Reopens; Brooks Plans Pharmacy In Hardwick by Ross Connelly


HARDWICK - The town's residents appeared in need of a prescription Friday, but a remedy was found Monday and a second one is expected to follow later in the year. John and Claire Zaretski, who bought Cox Pharmacy 16 years ago, closed the business Friday, with local residents facing the prospect of having their prescriptions filled by mail at the Johnson Pharmacy in Johnson, or starting anew with pharmacies in other locations. Monday, however, Don Paritz, who owns the Johnson Pharmacy, reopened the local store and said he will have a full-time pharmacist there in two weeks. In the meantime, Paritz was also open yesterday and will be open tomorrow. Next week, he will be there Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. Beginning April 22, the business will be open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays to Fridays and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays.

The Zaretski's said they made the decision to close the business after they were approached earlier this winter by a representative of Brooks Drugs. They said the Rhode Island based business offered to buy them out and they told him they were willing to sell at the time. But, they said, an April 1 selling date never materialized. By that time, however, they made a substantial deposit on a Medicine Shop pharmacy in Springfield.

Fearing they would lose their money if they backed out, they felt they had no choice but to close their business here. Monday, Normand DeWolfe, who is a district manager and pharmacy supervisor for Brooks, said the corporation authorized him to approach the Zaretskis



You'll Like What Our Professional Pharmacy Department Will Do For You!



Our Pharmacy Is Open 7 Days A Week With Convenient Sunday & Evening Hours.
Monday thru Friday 8am - 8pm, Saturday 8am - 6pm, Sunday 9am - 5pm.

Prescription Transfers Are As Easy As 1-2-3!
It's easy to transfer your active prescriptions to Brooks. **1.** Bring in your empty refillable prescription container, or **2.** call us with your prescription number, or **3.** ask your doctor to rewrite your prescription, and then bring that prescription to Brooks! Our pharmacist will be happy to handle all the details.

10% Senior Citizen Prescription Discounts.
If you're 60 years or older, join our FREE Senior Citizen Prescription Discount Plan. Members save 10% on both new and refill prescriptions! (Some restrictions may apply.)

FREE Blood Pressure Screenings Every Thursday, 2pm - 4pm.
Stop in and have your blood pressure checked by a member of our pharmacy staff.

We Accept Most 3rd Party Prescription Plans.
Including many out-of-state plans! Just check with our pharmacist for details.

Concerned, Dedicated Pharmacists.
Our pharmacists are proud of the ties they have to the communities in which they live and work. This understanding and commitment translates to outstanding, personalized pharmacy care. If you're unsure of prescription instructions, or if you just want to know which over-the-counter medication will best suit your needs, you can count on our Brooks pharmacists for expert, professional advice.

Grand Union Shop. Center, Rte. 15, HARDWICK
For Fast Prescription Service Call: 472-6160

this winter and tell them it wanted to buy them out and take the needed steps to open a pharmacy in its store in the Grand Union shopping center. He said, however, their decision to close the store ended his company's interest in buying them out.

Despite the change in plans of the Zaretskis and Brooks, DeWolfe said, the chain would continue with its plans to open a pharmacy in its Hardwick store. DeWolfe said it would take time to renovate the store and take the needed steps to open a pharmacy. He said it could take anywhere from two or three months to a year before customers could buy prescriptions there, but the company was firm in its commitment to expand its Hardwick business.

DeWolfe said Brooks would

have moved more quickly with its plans had the company known the Zaretskis planned to move so quickly. He said Brooks' Morrisville store would offer discounts to Hardwick residents and mail prescriptions to them until it opened a pharmacy in its local store. The quick turn of events also had Paritz moving at a high rate of speed. He said state law requires pharmacists to give their records to another registered pharmacist when they close and the Zaretskis only contacted him April 1 to ask if he would take their records. He said he would, but immediately set out to find another pharmacist to take over Cox as he recognized better service would be offered to the store's customers if they didn't have to use the mail between Hardwick and Johnson.



Donate up to \$10 per month

For the first 20 donations, the donation will be matched by an anonymous donor
Help us keep local news alive. Go to hardwickgazette.org/donate

FROM THE WATERSHED

BY KRISTEN LEAHY

Beavers cause problems: they also solve them

by Kristen Leahy

Hardwick doesn't have the luxury of abstract conversations about water.

We've watched it come through our commercial core, into our homes, and across our roads, more than once, and more recently than anyone would like. We're investing real money and real time trying to reduce that risk.

That forces us to look at everything that affects how water moves, including beavers.

For some, they're a nuisance: flooding fields, plugging culverts and dropping trees. For others, they're doing some of the same work we're trying to do.

The truth is: they can be both.

If we're serious about resilience, we need to look at the full picture.

We've seen roads in Hardwick submerged when water backed up behind beaver activity. In some locations, those impacts have been repeated. Events like that stay with people, and they should.

Beaver impacts are the result of natural behavior, not malfunction. They're part of how beavers shape the landscape.

The impacts are only part of

the story.

Beavers are part of what makes this place what it is. They work quietly along our streams and shape the landscape in ways most of us never see.

Beavers are what scientists call "ecosystem engineers." By building dams and shaping wetlands, they change how water moves across the landscape.

Beaver ponds slow water down, spread it out, and store it. Instead of rushing downstream all at once, water is held back and released gradually. In the right locations, this can reduce peak flows during storms and help maintain water during dry periods.

It's similar to what we're trying to do, intentionally and at significant cost, through flood mitigation projects.

The work beavers do traps sediment and nutrients, improving water quality. They reconnect rivers to their floodplains and create wetlands that support a wide range of species. Beavers are putting complexity back into a landscape where humans have simplified or removed it.

But beavers create real challenges as well.

Their dams can flood roads and back up water where we don't want it. They can contribute to infrastructure damage when they plug culverts or shift water in unexpected ways,

And they sometimes cut trees in places we wish they wouldn't.

The question isn't whether there are impacts. It's how we respond to them.

For decades, the default approach has been removal; trapping beavers and dismantling their dams.

It rarely lasts. New beavers move in. The problems return and the benefits disappear.

There's another approach: communities across Vermont are using tools like Beaver Deceivers, structures that regulate water levels without removing the dam. These have been used successfully to reduce flooding at roads and culverts while allowing beavers to continue shaping wetlands and slowing water.

This isn't about choosing beavers over people. It's about recog-

nizing where our goals overlap.

We should be asking where natural processes can do some of the work for us as Hardwick continues to invest in recovery and long-term resilience. Beavers won't solve everything, but in the right places, they can be part of the solution.

The Town of Hardwick and the Jeudevine Memorial Library will host a public talk on beavers, April 29 from 5 to 6:30 p.m., in the Parker Ladd Community Room.

Naturalist Patti Smith will share insights from years of studying beavers in the wild, and Skip Lisle, a national expert on beaver conflict solutions who created the Beaver Deceiver, will talk about practical tools communities are using to live with beavers while protecting infrastructure.

It's a chance to better understand beavers and what working with them might actually look like.

Kristen Leahy is the Town of Hardwick zoning and floodplain administrator.



Sunset Friday, April 24, on Montgomery Road, East Hardwick, portends "sailor's delight," according to folk wisdom. photo by Dawn Gustafson

Chocolate and Wafer

KitKat, oh KitKat,
Where art thou thee?
So sweet and delicious,
So chocolatey and non-nutritious!

You bring joy and love
With your chocolate and wafer.
Now, let me eat you!
In my stomach you will be safer.

From Halloween to Easter
To Christmas break.
Let's stop and enjoy a KitKat
For goodness sake!

**Aiden Baker
Hardwick**

This poem was written for the Verse-Village celebration of April Poetry Month.

Reality

No judge. No jury. No trial.
Put him on the ground.
Shoot him.
He's dead.

**Ross Connelly
Hardwick**

This poem was written for the Verse-Village celebration of April Poetry Month.

wild

remember punk.
punk doesn't care if you have big bones
punk doesn't stop
remember punk.

**Catherine Eaton
Walden**

This poem was written for the Verse-Village celebration of April Poetry Month.

THE OUTSIDE STORY

Observe early-blooming flowers for plant-pollinator interactions



Sharp-lobed Hepatica

by **Desirée L. Narango**
Vermont Center for Ecostudies

WHITE RIVER JUNCTION – It's a common assumption that dandelions are the only available floral resources for pollinators in the spring. They just happen to be the flowers we see most often in our lawns and gardens. But many other species bloom in early spring (including our spring ephemerals. Some early-blooming plants are also mow-friendly and do well interspersed in lawns, roadsides, and other areas of bare or disturbed ground, just like dandelions.

Keep an eye out for these April-blooming species, and document who you see visiting them. You can submit your observations to iNaturalist to contribute to the Pollinator Interactions on Plants Project (PIP),

photo by *Kent McFarland*

or record early-flying butterflies for the Vermont Butterfly Atlas.

There are about 45 violet species native to Vermont and other parts of New England. They are the native cousins of the introduced pansies commonly found in nurseries each spring. Similar to monarchs and milkweed, violets are the sole host plants for most of our fritillary butterflies, like the Greater Spangled Fritillary. Violets are also visited by a pollen-specialist bee, the Violet Miner (*Andrena violae*), a rare (or at least rarely documented) species that flies early in the season. With so many violet species available, there is likely one that fits with the ecosystem where you live. One of my favorite violet species is the American Dog Violet (*Viola labradorica*). This dainty, lavender flower readily takes hold in lawns and gardens.

Pussytoes are some of my



Eastern Pine Elfin (Collophrys niphon) observed in Maine and added to the PIP project on iNaturalist
 photo by *Thomas Berger*

favorite spring flowers. Their small and unassuming white blooms may not look like much at first glance, but they can be a magnet for early-flying bees. There are four species of native pussytoes in New England. The most common is Field Pussytoes (*Antennaria neglecta*). As its name suggests, it thrives in neglected areas and poor soils. I regularly see this species in lawns across Vermont, even in ballfields where kids are trampling it.

There are two species of native strawberries in New England: Virginia Strawberry (*Fragaria virginiana*) and Woodland Strawberry (*Fragaria vesca*). Virginia Strawberry is

related to the cultivated strawberries we buy in stores. These garden strawberries (*Fragaria × ananassa*) are hybrids developed in 1714 by crossing the Virginia Strawberry with the Chilean Strawberry (*Fragaria chiloensis*).

Today, the Virginia Strawberry is widespread and one of the most common flowers in spring. It's known for being both a pollinator magnet and an important host plant for caterpillars, supporting hundreds of species across New England. We included Virginia Strawberry in our Native Plant Ecotype Experiment and have documented many visitors, including its specialist bee, the Rose Miner Bee (*Andrena melanochroa*).



A rufous-sided Eastern towhee scratches through leaf litter Sunday, April 26, on Montgomery Road in East Hardwick.
 photo by *Dawn Gustafson*



This brown thrasher, a spring arrival, searches for food under the dry leaves, Saturday, April 25, on Montgomery Road in East Hardwick.
 photo by *Dawn Gustafson*

IN THE GARDEN

Much to be done for late spring chores

by Henry Homeyer

CORNISH FLAT, N.H. – Spring arrives in New England in fits and starts: Hot and sunny one day, chilly and drizzly the next. Maybe even a few flurries to outrage the impatient gardener. But there is much that can be done in late April, even on a rainy day.

I much prefer tools with wooden handles: if treated properly they will last your entire lifetime. Every year or two I clean up and oil the handles of my garden tools, which keeps the wood supple. I've got tools with wood handles I've used regularly for over 40 years, and some from my grandfather that are more than 75 years old.

First I clean up the handles by rubbing with fine steel wool or, if very rough, with 100 grit sandpaper. Then I wipe them down with a scrap of a towel. Finally I use a brush to paint them with boiled linseed oil. I then let them dry in the sun or in the barn if it's a rainy day, and wipe them down the next day.

Shovels should be sharpened from time to time. Get a wide, medium-rough flat file and push it firmly across the shovel's edge on the backside of the blade. Take long, slow strikes but do not saw back and forth with your file. Look carefully at the angle it came with, and try to mimic that angle with your file. A sharp shovel is much more efficient than a dull one. But it's not a good idea to sharpen the blade until it's knife-sharp. It will dull quickly if you do. Sharpening a dull shovel is not quick work.

Impatient to get things growing in the vegetable garden? Peas, spinach, arugula and lettuce are very cold-hardy and can be planted early by seed even if frost will still occur. Soil temperatures of 40 degrees are adequate for germination of them,

but I think 50 degrees is better. For most seeds, I prefer to wait until the soil hits 50 degrees or more. I worry seeds will rot if the soil is too cold and wet. That goes for potatoes and onions, too. Cukes, squash, pepper and tomato seedlings I don't plant until June.

Soil thermometers look like little probes with a dial on top, something like the one you poke in a turkey to see when it's done. Garden centers sell them. If you get one, poke it down four inches to get your reading.

If your soil was covered with leaves or straw for the winter, rake that off your planting beds now so that the sun will hit your soil directly and warm it up. Mulch keeps the soil cool. If there are weeds coming up, pull them as soon as you can. No sense letting them get a head start on your plants.

This is also a good time to look for invasive plants on your property. For me, the cast of characters includes bush honeysuckle, barberry, buckthorn and multiflora rose. If you have a Norway maple, you probably have lots of new seedlings from it that are easy to pull.

You can get a list of invasives from your state on-line, but I found the Vermont Invasive Plants list is best. It includes just the 12 most common, along with pictures, so it's easier to use.

Many invasives leaf out early and drop their leaves late in the fall. That gives them an advantage over many natives. Honeysuckle puts out greenery in mid-April for me. Burning bush holds its red leaves late in the fall, so it's easier to find small ones then.

Although not easy, digging out invasives is generally the best way to control them. Cutting them down usually does not kill them. Buckthorn is the worst: cut one to the ground, and a dozen will



Oiled tools drying in the sun.

grow from the roots. If you can double-girdle all the stems down low, it will die after two winters. Basically, you're starving the roots from the nutrition produced by the leaves.

Potting mix is readily available at all garden centers, big box stores and even some mini-marts. But if you are going to fill up lots of flower pots, you can save money by making your own.

If you never emptied your pots and window boxes last fall, you can reuse it this year. First pull the dead plants, and dump the used potting soil into a pile. Then make up some new potting soil and mix it 50-50 with your old potting soil.

To make potting soil, mix equal parts coir or peat moss, compost and perlite (which looks like crumbled Styrofoam but is actually super-heated volcanic minerals) to

it in roughly equal quantities in a wheelbarrow until mostly full. Stir well. Add half a cup of a slow-release organic fertilizer like Pro-Gro or Plant-Tone and mix well. It is best to water the peat moss or coir before using as it can be very dry.

When I make potting soil, I don't measure things exactly. I probably use more compost than perlite or coir. If you have a good source of mature compost, you can save money and add good microorganisms to the soil. The finished product should be fluffy and not quick to clump up when you grab a handful of it. But if you are only going to use a few pots, just buy a bag of potting soil.

So don't get discouraged by a few cold days now. Summer is on the way, so get ready.

Reach Homeyer at henry-homeyer@comast.net.



Honeysuckles have opposite branching. They leaf out early.



Soil thermometers are useful tools for deciding when to plant.

IN THE GARDEN

How to support all types of pollinators in the garden

by Amber Jones

Vermont Center for Ecostudies

WHITE RIVER JUNCTION – When you think of pollinators, what is the first thing you think of? What would you say if I told you that flies and beetles were also pollinators? How about wasps?

The word pollinator has become synonymous with bees, and while they are some of the top pollinators for food crops and flowers, they are just one of several types of insects responsible for the food and flowers that we and wildlife enjoy.

The definition of a pollinator is simple: They are animals that are responsible for moving pollen from one flower to another. Pollinators in the U.S. and around the world include insects such as bees, flies, wasps, butterflies and moths, beetles, and hummingbirds, though some animals are better at it than others. Some plants are made to attract certain types of insects over others, while some plant pollen is only suited for certain species of bees.

Let's take a look at some of our native wild pollinating insects, how they operate, and what we might do to help conserve them in our own backyards and communities.

Wild bees are considered our most important pollinators because they inten-



Silky Striped Sweat Bee (*Agapostemon sericeus*)
photo Amber Jones

tionally collect and move pollen to provision their nest. They are responsible for pollinating over 150 food crops that we enjoy here in the United States, as well as countless numbers of flower species. Here in Vermont, we have 352 species of bees; approximately 10% of these have been recorded on commercial crop species like maple, apples, and squash.

If you are feeling adventurous this summer, check out the Wild Bee Chase by Vermont Center on Ecostudies biologist Spencer Harddy, and keep an eye out for bees that need documentation in Vermont.

Flies are next on the list of important pollinators. Not only are flies known to pollinate nearly 100 different commercial food crops in the U.S., but the family Syrphidae, also known as Hover or Flower flies, are known to pollinate nearly 75% of the world's food crop species. Flies are also important for early spring pollination for species like Skunk Cabbage (*Symplocarpus foetidus*) and Red Trillium (*Trillium erectum*), as well as high-elevation mountain top pollination, where conditions can be too harsh for most bees.

Flower Flies (Syrphidae) are a large and diverse group that includes many bee mimics. Not only do they provide the benefit of polli-

nation, but their larvae, which live on plants, are important predators of aphids and other soft-bodied arthropods. These accidental pollinators don't need to collect pollen to feed their offspring, so they aren't equipped with pollen-collecting hairs like bees, but the bit of hair they do have is enough to catch pollen grains while feeding from flowers.

Next time you are outside, keep an eye out for some of our more common flower flies, such as calligraphers (*Toxomerus*) and globetails (*Sphaerophoria*).

Butterflies are day-flying insects attracted to bright colored flowers, like red and orange, large flowers, or clusters of flowers that provide ample space to land. While they do not have many hairs for transporting pollen, they do contribute to pollination just by nectaring on many plants throughout the day. When looking for butterflies, don't overlook some of the smaller species that frequent our gardens. Skippers, often confused with moths, are common in Vermont, with 38 documented species in the state.

Lesser-known pollinators are the moths. Though some fly during the day, such as the Clearwing Hummingbird and Snowberry Clearwing, the majority fly at night. Hawk moths, like the White-lined Sphinx (*Hyles lineata*), are just one of many common night-flying nectaring moths. They are typically attracted to heavily scented pale or white flowers. Next time you are out enjoying a campfire in the evening, find some flowers to see who might be flying in.

Perhaps the most misunderstood of the pollinator world, wasps do double duty. Not only do they pollinate, but they also help to control populations of other insects. If you are one of many who enjoy a vegetable garden but are in a constant battle with cabbage white caterpillars on your broccoli, your best friend might just be a wasp. Wasps of all species collect insects (from caterpillars to spiders) to provision their nests and feed their fast-growing young.

With over 30,000 known species in the world, only 1.5% are social wasps, the wasps people fear being chased around by on the lawn mower after they've run over a ground nest. Social wasps can be defensive when near their nests. Solitary wasps tend to be more docile, focused more on nectaring, and going about their business.

Vermont is home to some spectacular wasps. This summer, keep an eye out for some absolute show stoppers: the Goldmarked Thread-waisted Wasp (*Eremnophila aureonotata*), Great Golden Digger Wasp (*Sphex*



Tumbling Flower Beetles (*mordellistena limbalis*)
photo by Larry Clarfeld



Great Golden Digger Wasp (*Sphex ichneumoneus*) photo by Amber Jones

ichneumoneus), and the American Sand Wasp (*Bembix americana*).

Believe it or not, beetles can be pollinators too. While scouring flowers for pollen (rather than nectar) to eat, they transport it from flower to flower on their bodies. Take some time to appreciate the diversity of pollinating beetles in your area. Ranging from only a few millimeters to over an inch in size, fireflies (*Lampyridae*), long-horned beetles (*Cerambycidae*), checkered beetles (*Cleridae*), tumbling flower beetles (*Mordellidae*), and more can all be found throughout the season.

With nearly 60% of Vermont's bee species listed as vulnerable (S3) or lower, and many of our other pollinators likely in decline, practicing a few simple steps on our own properties or in our communities can help conserve these crucial insects.

Don't use pesticides. Whether labeled as "natural" (i.e., essential oils) or conventional (i.e., DEET), and even when targeted for a specific insect, pesticides don't discriminate. Pesticides can remain in the environment long after their applications, affecting anything that comes in contact with them.

Remove invasive plants. Invasive plants not only crowd out native plants with which our native species of insects have evolved, but they can also act as traps for species like butterflies. For example, Monarchs may think Black Swallowwort, a relative of milkweed, is suitable for laying their eggs, but it is toxic to Monarch larvae.

Plant or maintain existing native plants, making sure to offer a variety of flower shapes, colors, and types, as well as a variety of flowering times, spread throughout the season. Remember, host plants which provide shelter and nurseries for pollinators are important too. Learn to plant for all life stages of insects.

Provide safe spaces and overwintering habitat: leave a mess. Create layers and structure with leaves, plants, fallen logs, and sticks where insects like bees and butterflies can stay safe for the winter.

Create soft landings, especially under trees, for overwintering insects, including bees, butterflies, and moths. Burrowing in the hard ground can be difficult or even impossible for some insects, like caterpillars. Providing a soft, uncompacted place to dig into goes a long way in providing support for next year's pollinators.

OUR COMMUNITIES

Information about Buffalo Mountain, April 29

HARDWICK – The Hardwick Conservation Commission will present information about converting 300-plus acres on Buffalo Mountain to a town forest on Wednesday, April 29, at 6:30 p.m., at the Memorial Building.

Attend the meeting online on Thursday, May 14, at 12:30 p.m. by using the link, tinyurl.com/2pahsvx7

Hardwick residents will re-vote on Town Meeting's Article 7, a contribution of \$25,000 to the project, on May 19, at 6:30 p.m., at a Special Town Meeting at the Town House. Refreshments will be served.

For more information contact Rachel Kane, co-chair, at (802) 472-5512.

Breezy Ave. local concerns meeting, May 5

GREENSBORO – A public meeting to talk about local concerns on the Breezy Avenue Scoping Study will be held Tuesday, May 5, at 6:30 p.m., at the Greensboro UCC Fellowship Hall, immediately after the community dinner. The study will explore options to enhance a multi-use connection

along Breezy Avenue and improve the intersections at Tolman Corner, Country Club Road and Willey's Store. Community input is sought to help shape Breezy Avenue.

Residents may go to greensborovt.gov/breezy-ave-bike-ped-scoping-study/ for remote access to the meeting.

Community contra dance, May 6

CABOT – On Friday, May 8, Cabot community contra dance will begin at 7 p.m., featuring the calling of Don Stratton. The dance takes place in the Willey Building (Cabot Town Hall, 3084 Main St), through 9 p.m.,

with live music provided by local musicians.

No partners are needed, and all ages and abilities may participate with all dances taught and easy to learn. Admission is on a sliding scale.

Information about special town meeting, May 7

HARDWICK – The Hardwick Select Board will hold an Informational meeting, May 7, 5:30 p.m. at the Memorial Building about the upcoming Special Town Meeting scheduled for May 19. The meeting

will be held 30 minutes prior to the regular select board meeting.

The agenda can be found at hardwickvt.gov/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/Informational-Meeting-May-7-2026.pdf

Disco dance fundraiser, May 15

PLAINFIELD – A Disco dance fundraiser for the Cutler Memorial Library will be held on Friday, May 15, 7 to 9 p.m., at the Plainfield Opera House. DJ Rick Stephens of Summit Spins will play club classics from the disco era.

Bring dance shoes or other clean indoor shoes. Admission is by suggested donation. The event is organized by the Friends of the Cutler Memorial Library.

The Opera House is located at 18 High St.



After three years working with the Hazen Union School Recipe for Human Connection class, Lucas Hall (left) says his goodbyes to teacher Jen Olson, other students and guests at his last Thursday Meal, April 16 in the Hardwick United Church. Hall will be graduating this year and has other activities scheduled for the school year's remaining Thursdays.

photo by Paul Fixx

Barn dance, May 16

EAST CRAFTSBURY – On Saturday, May 16, Dave Rowell will host a barn dance and silent auction from 6 to 10 p.m., at the Brassknocker Farm Barn in East Craftsbury. Funds raised at the benefit will go to support three local non-profits: The Craftsbury Chamber Players, the Craftsbury Public Library and the John Woodruff Simpson Memorial Library.

This year's dance will feature the Radio Rangers, with food for sale and Blackbird Bistro returning for a cash bar. BYOB is not allowed. Tickets are a suggested donation, with children 10 years old and under free. Tickets can be bought at the door or in advance at eventbrite.com/e/old-fashioned-barn-dance-tickets-1983388181442?aff=oddtcreator

Chicken barbecue, May 23

HARDWICK – The Knights of Columbus will hold a chicken barbecue May 23, 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the St. Norbert Church parking lot. Menu includes half a chicken, baked potato, coleslaw, roll and

water. Pre-buy sales, completed by May 15, may be made by contacting any member of the Knights of Columbus or emailing Mario at fradettesmaplesyrup@gmail.com or calling (802) 793-4764.

Vermont Agency of Transportation Public Notice Herbicide Spraying

The Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTrans) has requested from the Secretary of Agriculture, Food and Markets, a permit to apply the following herbicides: Garlon 4 ULTRA, Garlon 3A, Oust Extra, Escort, Krenite S, Polaris, Roundup Custom and AquaMaster to control unwanted vegetation along all state highways. Operations are authorized to start approximately May 15, 2026, but will not begin until the appropriate notification requirements are completed. The application will be made by certified pesticide applicator using mechanically controlled equipment and hand controlled methods. The methods employed are intended to avoid or eliminate drift. Resident along the rights-of-way (ROW) are encouraged to protect sensitive environments or water supplies within 100 feet of the ROW limits, and to avoid entering the ROW as spray trucks pass and until products dry. Residents should notify VTrans of the existence any water supplies within 100 feet of the State's ROW. Citizens wishing to inform VTrans are urged to contact the nearest District Transportation Administrator as follows: District 1 - Bennington - (802) 447-2790, District 2 - Dummerston - (802) 254-5011, District 3 - Mendon - (802) 786-5826. District 4 - White River Junction - (802) 295-8888, District 5 - Colchester - (802) 655-1580, District 6 - Berlin - (802) 917-2879, District 7 - St. Johnsbury - (802) 748-6670, District 8 - St. Albans - (802) 524-5926, District 9 - Derby - (802) 334-7934. The contact person at the State Highway Department Headquarters is Brandon Garretto, Vegetation Management Admin., 2178 Airport Road, Dill Bldg. Unit A, Barre, VT 05641 or brandon.garretto@vermont.gov. Contact can also be made using the VTrans Internet Web page at <https://vtrans.vermont.gov/operations>.

The appropriate place to contact with comments other than VTrans is the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets, Plant Industry, 116 State Street, Montpelier, VT 05602, (802) 828-1732. The link to their web page that would describe VTrans herbicide application permit request can be found at <https://agriculture.vermont.gov/>

NOTICE OF SALE

The resident and nonresident owners, lien holders and mortgagees of lands in the Town of Greensboro in the County of Orleans are hereby notified that the taxes assessed by such Town for the year 2024 and 2025 remain, either in whole or in part on the following described lands in such Town, to wit:

1. REAL ESTATE OF MICHAEL AND SANDY THOMPSON
Parcel #018-1023

Being a parcel of land consisting of 12.48 acres, more or less, together with a mobile home affixed thereon and any other improvements located thereon at 1023 Salls Road in Greensboro, Vermont, and being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Michael Thompson and Sandy Thompson by warranty deed from Leo J. Shatney, Steve R. Shatney and Christine R. Shatney dated July 23, 2008 and recorded in Book 43 at Page 183 of the Greensboro land records

and so much of such lands will be sold a public auction at the Greensboro Town Hall, a public place in such Town, on the 2nd day of June, 2026 at 9:30 in the forenoon, as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

Dated at Greensboro, Vermont this 1st day of April, 2026.

TOWN OF GREENSBORO

By Michael Cloutier, Delinquent Tax Collector

EDUCATION



Campers from 2024 display their news shirts on T-shirt day at 'Get Thee to the Funnery.' *courtesy photo*

“Funnery” Shakespeare camp returning to HCA

by Peter Gould

GREENSBORO – Peter Gould’s “Get Thee to the Funnery” youth Shakespeare camp is coming back to the Highland Center. Camp will begin on Monday, July 27.

“This will be our 29th summer” says Gould, “and we’re thrilled as always to be rehearsing and acting and learning on the HCA front lawn.”

“Campers come from all over,” he says. “This summer we’ll perform ‘Much Ado About Nothing.’ [The camp is] mostly about forming a wonderful, zany, and fun-loving group of new best friends.”

“Get Thee to the Funnery” has trained hundreds of local young people in physical comedy, word play, stage voice and self-confidence. Performances are always tied to the annual Home Day Celebration on Craftsbury Common, which falls this year on Saturday, August 8.

“Generous scholarships are always available,” Gould says, “and the actual tuition hasn’t changed in a dozen years.”

Local citizen Audrey Grant was a camper for many, many years. Here is how she remembers those years:

“I joined ‘Funnery’ as a cautious and lonely 10-year-old in the Junior Camp. It was amazing. Never before had my whole heart and body been fully utilized in such a creative and immersive way. I pushed myself, even through my nerves as we performed on Craftsbury Common. ‘Funnery’ campers are like a second family, all across the world. Yes, Shakespeare is what brings us together, but it’s the people you meet that keep you there. The community built by the ‘Funnery’ will last me for the rest of my life. Thank you!”

The ‘Funnery’ still has room for some campers. For information go to gettheetothefunnery.com, or email to petergouldvt@gmail.com.

OUR COMMUNITIES

Green up day, May 2

EAST HARDWICK – Saturday, May 2, is State-wide Green Up Day. Pick up green-up day trash bags at the Grange in East Hardwick beginning at 9 a.m., on May 2, and drop off filled bags until 2:30 p.m. Filled bags dropped at the Grange will be transported to the Hardwick Fire Station by 3 p.m.

Bird walk, May 10

GREENSBORO – David Brown leads a bird walk on Sunday, May 10, at 7:30 a.m. Meet at 495 Hanks Hill Road. For more information, email jwsimpsonmemorial@gmail.com, or call (802) 586-9692.

Phragmite pilot study, May 16

Hardwick Conservation Commission

HARDWICK – Learn about Phragmites (the Common Reed) and two simple hand-harvesting methods which have been used successfully to control this highly

invasive grass around the Great Lakes. Presented by Annie D’Alton, avid amateur botanist, citizen scientist and devotee of Nichols Pond. The presentation will take place at the Jeudevine Memorial Library at 1 p.m., on Saturday May 16.

OBITUARIES

Betsy-Ann Lingenfelter

BARRE – Betsy-Ann Lingenfelter, 83, of Barre, formerly of Hardwick, died April 23, at Central Vermont Medical Center in Berlin.

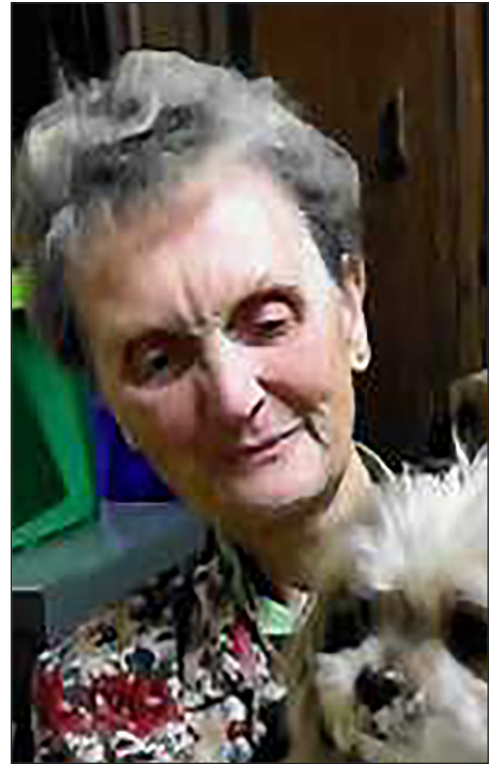
She was born October 30, 1942, in Passaic, N.J., the daughter of the late Karl and Marguerite (Titus) Lingenfelter. She graduated from Hardwick Academy and continued her education at the Thompson School of Nursing in Brattleboro.

Betsy enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corp. on February 10, 1964. She proudly served her country in Quantico, Va. Sergeant Betsy-Ann Lingenfelter was Honorably Discharged on February 20, 1967. She returned to Vermont where she was employed for more than 25 years as a nurse at National Life Insurance Co. in Montpelier, and for more than 15 years she was office manager for Dr. Michael Guerra.

Betsy loved animals and worked weekends helping the Central Vermont Humane Society. She will be very missed by her special cat, Mike.

She was a past member of the United Church of Hardwick, and a member of the Presbyterian Church in Barre.

Survivors include a brother, Charles “Buddy” Lingenfelter of Nebraska; a foster-sister, Gail Prescott (Wayne) of Woodbury; a special nephew, Kevin (Michelle) Lingenfelter and their four children, Madeline, Kolton, Karson and Klayton, of Norfolk, Neb., as well as a niece,



Betsy-Ann Lingenfelter

Kristen, and two other nephews, Kory and Kyle.

Graveside Services with Military Honors will be held at 1 p.m., Friday, June 12, in the Main Street Cemetery, upper Cherry Street, Hardwick.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory may be made to the Central Vermont Humane Society, 1589 Vt. Route 14S., East Montpelier, VT 05651.

Arrangements are in the care of Northern Vermont Funeral Service, 60 Elm Street, Hardwick, Vt. 05843. Online condolences are welcomed at northernvermontfuneralservice.com

Northern Vermont Funeral Service

60 Elm St. • Hardwick, VT 05843

802-472-6861

Dian R. Holcomb
Funeral Director

PRENEED
PLANNING

Greensboro Development Review Board Warning

The Greensboro Development Review Board will conduct a hybrid hearing on Wednesday, May 20, 2026, at the Town Office and via Zoom at 7:30 p.m.

The Board will consider a request by the Highland Center for the Arts for temporary relief of Condition #5 in Highland Center for the Arts’ Conditional Use permit of 2014.

Condition #5 states: “Performances and events on the site will not utilize sound outside of the structure.”

The hybrid hearing is open to the public.

The meeting number is 824 558 6005. There is no password. You may phone into the ZOOM meeting at: +16469313860.

The materials under review are available at the Greensboro Town Hall or at the Greensboro Town website, www.greensborovt.gov. For further info, please contact Brett Stanciu, Zoning Administrator, at (802) 533-2911, or zoning@greensborovt.gov.

Greensboro Development Review Board

OBITUARIES

Terry J. Allen

EAST MONTPELIER – Terry J. Allen, an artist, photographer, journalist and activist, died at her home in East Montpelier, April 10, of Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, a rare and rapidly-progressing prion brain disorder. She was 78. Allen was born November 24, 1947, in Fall River, Mass.

Brave and independent, headstrong and altruistic, Terry traveled the world and explored the complexities of the human condition. She was at ease in war zones, art galleries, tattoo parlors, political rallies, clay studios, gun shows, dairy farms or at the local diner talking politics and science with friends.

Although photography was a notable chapter late in her life, Terry for decades was an uncompromising news and feature reporter and editor, with bylines or images appearing in *The Guardian*, *The Boston Globe*, *Harpers's*, *The New York Times*, *The Nation*, *Salon*, *New Scientist*, *In These Times* and many other

publications.

More recently, she lent her activism, skills and kindness to supporting immigrants, especially farmworkers, in her home state of Vermont.

Terry could charm the edge off a cop or right-winger, but wouldn't hesitate to stand her ground with a notebook and camera before an ICE agent or soldier. She could gain the trust of a grieving war victim or irk friends by way of her blunt persona and unyielding politics.

Terry Judith Allen was born on November 24, 1947, in Fall River, Mass., where her intellectually engaged parents, Mordecai and Edith, had sought to shape their daughter according to traditional notions of success. Terry wouldn't have it. In the late 1960s, she spent a year at the University of Chicago, tuning in, dropping out and launching herself into arts, travel and the counterculture. With a growing interest in pottery and Asia, she enrolled in an intensive Japanese



Terry J. Allen

language program at Harvard.

By freighter and another boat, Terry made her way to Japan for an apprenticeship in pottery and engagement in Zen practice, tea ceremony and other traditions. She zoomed around Kyoto and the countryside on a Honda 350 motorcycle, even while wearing a kimono for her side gig as bar hostess catering to Japanese men with drinks and conversation. (She needed the money.)

Terry studied with Nakazato Takashi, one of Japan's most esteemed ceramic artists, and eventually built a studio of her own outside Kyoto, fusing her rebellious Western creativity with Japan's craft culture orthodoxy. "She brought a new fresh wind into traditional Kyoto," said a lifelong Japanese friend and artist. Terry was nothing if not adept and adaptive. To make her way in Japan, she knew to bow and utter the right formalities, but nonetheless remained true to her ideals, including civil rights and opposition to the war in Vietnam.

In 1974, after six years in Japan, she returned to the U.S., making her way to Marshfield, and the home of Adele Godchaux Dawson, renowned herbalist and wise woman, where Terry built a wood-fired kiln. From there, in Cabot, she shared a studio with artists Mary Azarian and Georgia Landau, and eventually bought a home in Richmond, all the while continuing to make beautiful pottery.

In a major life transition, she shut down her clay practice as she completed an undergraduate degree (summa cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa, special honors) at the University of Vermont. Always a traveler, in 1982 she met Australian Jay Weedon at a youth hostel in Hong Kong. Together they spent three months exploring the People's Republic

of China, mostly by steam locomotive. Terry took lots of pictures on that trip: perhaps the genesis of her career in art photography, portraiture and photojournalism. They married and lived together briefly in Vermont, then separated but never divorced.

For the next three decades, Terry pursued art, activism and journalism. She made several trips to El Salvador, working with the Mothers of the Disappeared and reporting on and photographing the horrors caused by the government's death squads. She worked in Iraq before the U.S. invasion, capturing evocative portrait photos of Iraqis going about their lives before the American bombs began to fall.

Terry's commitment to justice continued in print. She was editor at *Covert Action Quarterly* and at *Amnesty International's* U.S. publication, *Amnesty Now*, and was an editor and a regular columnist on the politics of medicine and science at *In These Times*. For years she edited and produced the *Hightower Report*, did layout and editing work for *Fairness and Accuracy in Media*, and was a news editor at *The Barre-Montpelier Time Argus*.

In recent years, Terry was rarely anywhere without a camera. As she eased out of print journalism, she specialized in the photography of human triumph or poignancy in the face of repression or devastation. She was a fixture at political protests, candlelight vigils and natural disasters.

Terry leaves behind a legacy of investigative journalism, art, activism, friendships and photography, much of which will remain at her Substack called "Opposable" and her Flickr site. From a life of art, journalism, activism and community, Terry revealed for us a world beautiful, flawed, hardened and easily broken.

In the short time between Terry's diagnosis and her death, countless friends converged on her East Montpelier home to provide support and assistance. In particular, Aranya Phonjan, Janet Van Fleet, Dorigen Keeney, Carol Wald and Berrian Eno-Van Fleet provided the constant care Terry needed to allow her to die at home.

Terry is survived by many friends and colleagues and her brother Jonathan Allen (Shirley), of Princeton, N.J.; her niece Laura Allen; and her husband Jay Weedon of Brooklyn, N.Y.

Ruth Whiteway

CRAFTSBURY – It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of our beloved mother and grandmother, Ruth Whiteway, 96, on April 23. May her ashes ride on the wings of a bird.

Born to Francis and Alberta Toolan in Chelsea, Mass., Ruth had two sisters: Mary and Doris.

She married Curtis Whiteway in April of 1949 and purchased their first house in Melrose, Mass. They had three children: Doreen Chambers, Paula Donaghy, Kerry Edmunds and Curt Jr. Whiteway. Her family moved to Hollis, N.H., where she raised her four young children. In the mid-1990s they purchased the Unique Cabins in Plainfield. When they retired, they sold the cabins and moved to Craftsbury.

Ruth worked a variety of jobs including court clerk, teacher's aide and bird rehabilitation specialist. Ruth graduated from Johnson State College with a Bachelor of Arts degree, Cum laude. Ruth is survived by her sister Mary Selvoski; three children, Doreen Chambers, Kerry Edmunds, and Curt Whiteway Jr.; three grandchildren, Brooke Lorentzen, Jeanne Ball and Kristain Donaghy, along with her great-grandchild, Kaitlyn Donaghy.

After her twin sister Doris passed away, she became the "other mother" to her nieces and



Ruth Whiteway

nephews. She emailed a wide range of friends and family every day for years. She lived to hear from each and everyone of them. We'll miss her emails.

She is known for her love of the natural world and had a menagerie of pets over the years including an African Dove named "Ku."

Based on her wishes, there will be no funeral. Ruth will be laid to rest next to her husband at the Vermont Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Randolph. Condolences and memories of Ruth may be shared with her family at dgfunerals.com.

OBITUARIES

Robert Albert Languerand

WOLCOTT – Robert Albert Languerand, 55, of Wolcott, left this mortal world unexpectedly on April 2. Born on January 28, 1971, to Andre and Cecile Languerand, he was the eldest of six children. He grew up surrounded by his large and loving French-Canadian family, which included more than 50 first cousins and 27 aunts and uncles.

Robbie grew up with a quintessential Vermont childhood: working on his extended family's farms, learning beside his dad in the shop and tearing through the hills, forests and streams of Lamoille County with his siblings and cousins. Some of his happiest memories came from working on Andre Valcour's farm, where he found not just chores but also a mentor. Andre was kind, steady and full of good humor, the sort of presence a boy naturally gravitates toward: Robbie considered him an uncle. He and Robbie's dad were dear friends, along with Robbie's Uncle John. Robbie adored all three of them deeply, and their influence shaped him in ways that stayed with him throughout his life.

Robert built his life around hard work. He spent more than three decades in construction, property management and equipment operation, including decades with Lamoille Construction. Most recently, he worked at Boulder Excavation. He was known as an exceptionally dedicated worker: someone who forged strong relationships, pushed through challenges and met every task with grit and determination. That steadfast work ethic earned him deep respect both on and off the job.

Uncle Robert will be remembered for his steadfast charm, boundless energy and the loyal affection he showed to those he loved. He was quick with a compliment and always tried to bring joy to the people around him. If you invited him over for dinner or a visit, he often showed his appreciation with a bouquet of flowers. He believed deeply that life itself is a gift, something to be grateful for, and he lived every day with that sense of joy and fullness.

He is survived by his father, Andre, and his five siblings and their spouses: Dulcie (Arasch), Christine (Jason), Sabrina, Andre (Martha) and Michel. He will be forever missed by his six beloved nieces and nephews: Ciara, Iris, Cyrus, Vincent, Nora and Camille. His cousin and lifelong best friend, Michaëlle Languerand, held an especially cherished place in his life.



Robert Albert Languerand

He loved Brody Boyea, the son of his late partner, Vicki Boyea, as if he were his own, and Brody remained deeply special to him. Robbie spent his final weekend with Brody, glowing as he told others about their adventure buying lumber for his deck.

Let us remember the power of a compliment, the power of kindness and the power of love. In Robbie's memory, we hope you'll take a moment to tell someone their hair looks nice: you'll almost certainly get a blush or a smile. Surprise somebody with flowers. For those he loved, Robert made sure we knew it. For those he knew, he loved to talk, listen and share stories. He appreciated his journey here on Earth.

We think Robbie would have loved growing old: puttering around, sitting on the porch of the house he built, looking out over the land he'd worked so hard for. Of course, he'd still be scheming up some new project, driving around to buy steaks for dinner at Dad's or hunting for free piles of junk to add to his ever-growing collection of treasures. His life was a whirlwind of love, humor and hope.

Robbie, we hope your hair looks nice. We'll do our best to carry on this sweet legacy. Rest easy, dear Robert. We know you and Mom will look after each other until we're all together again. We are so proud of the man you were, and grateful for the ways you helped each of us become better people.

Visiting hours will be held from 6 to 8 p.m., Thursday, July 9, at the Crosby Center in Morrisville.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m., Friday, July 10, at the Most Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Morrisville. Burial will immediately follow at St. Theresa's Cemetery in Hyde Park.

Karen Fochler Lyman

SOUTHLAKE, Texas – Karen Fochler Lyman, a woman of timeless elegance and grace, passed away on April 15, 2026.

Born on July 20, 1953, in Chicago, Ill., Karen was the beloved daughter of Charlotte and Howard Fochler. She was raised in Northbrook, Ill., where her early years reflected the poise and refinement that would come to define her throughout her life. Karen was, in every sense, classic, known for her impeccable style and the dignity she carried into every room.

Karen shared a deep and enduring love with her husband, Elias "Tay" Lyman, whom she charmingly met on a commuter train in Chicago. Their partnership was one of devotion and warmth, and together they built a life centered on family and shared values. They were blessed with a son, Niel, who was a source of immense pride and love.

A devoted daughter, wife and mother, she leaves behind her brother Craig Fochler (Sandy) of Evanston, Ill, nieces Stacey Nelson (Scott) of Mundelein, Ill, Brooke Gallagher (Rob) of Evanston, Ill, nephew Kyle Fochler (Devin) of Palatine, Ill, cousin Ed Fabiszak (Mary Lou) of Bristol, Ill, cousins by marriage Will Lyman (Anastasia) of Jamaica Plain, Mass., and Ted Lyman (Marsha) of Williamsburg, Va., Karen was an exceptionally devoted sister-in-law and co-guardian of Alison Lyman of Lake Zurich, Ill.

A woman of intellect and ambition, Karen attended Loyola University of Chicago, earned her MBA from Lake Forest College of Lake Forest, Ill, and built a distinguished career in corporate finance. She approached her professional life with the same dedication to excellence that marked her personal world. However, her passion lay with her family and she devoted herself to them over the years. After living in Northbrook following her marriage, Tay's career moved the family to Mission Hills, Kansas, Lincolnshire, Ill, and for the last 30 years, Southlake, Texas. Since her marriage she spent her summers at the family cottage in Greensboro, Vt.

Karen cultivated a rich array of interests and talents driven by service to others. She was involved in her community wherever she lived. She took great pride in her association with various United



Karen Fochler Lyman

Way organizations, Junior League of Kansas City, Mo., various PTAs in Southlake, Grapevine Relief and Community Exchange (G.R.A.C.E.) of Grapevine, Carroll Education Foundation of Southlake, Christmas is for Children of Southlake, and Mount Saint Joseph of Lake Zurich, Ill.

She found particular joy in gardening, both in Texas and Vermont. She created and nurtured her gardens with the same care and attention she gave to all aspects of her life. Karen continued her father's passion for photography, especially Vermont nature and wildlife, and from her many travels. She always retained her curiosity and never stopped learning, was a prodigious reader and left behind an extensive library.

Karen made deep and lasting friendships wherever she lived. She was quick to lend a helping hand, and put others' interests ahead of her own.

Karen will be remembered for her elegance, her strength, her courage in the face of adversity, her infectious smile and the enduring beauty she brought into the lives of those around her.

Services will be held at Good Shepherd Catholic Community in Colleyville, on Friday, May 1. A visitation will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. The Funeral Mass will begin at 11 a.m., with a reception to follow. A celebration of life will be held in Greensboro, Vt., this summer on a date to be determined.

She is and will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered by her family and all who knew her.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Mount Saint Joseph, Lake Zurich, Ill (mtstjoseph.org).

Choruses come together in concert, May 3

ST. JOHNSBURY – “Shared Voices” is a collaborative concert bringing together the North Country Chorus, Halcyon Chorale, and St. Johnsbury Academy Hilltones to present music by 20th century composers. The concert will be performed at the United Community Church on Saturday, May 2, at 7 p.m. and again on Sunday, May 3, at 3 p.m.

Director Alan Rowe notes that “the North Country Chorus has been a vanguard for choral music for nearly 80 years. This season, I wanted to join forces with these two area choral groups who share in this mission to elevate the choral art form. As a result, we have an eclectic program from creators who have established themselves as either rising stars or prolific composers of new staples of the repertoire.”

The program journeys through a broad range of musical landscapes. The North Country Chorus will open with the “Misa Criolla” by Argentine composer Ariel Ramírez. This celebrated 1964 Spanish-language folk mass was one of the first masses written in the vernacular rather than Latin. The work blends Catholic liturgy with traditional Andean rhythms and folk instruments, creating music that is both exuberant and deeply rooted in Latin American tradition.

The chorus’s other work, “A

Silence Haunts Me,” is composer Jake Runestad’s choral setting of poet Todd Boss’ meditation on Beethoven’s grief over his loss of hearing.

The Academy Hilltones’ set includes Eric Whitacre’s take on Robert Frost’s familiar “Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening.” In her contemporary work, In “They Are Mother,” Jennifer Lucy Cook captures the mystery of a creating force. The select student chorus offer lighter fare with Tracy Chapman’s pop song, “Fast Car” and “Kızılçıklar,” a lively Turkish folk song.

Halcyon Chorale will sing two works for unaccompanied choir. Eric Whitacre’s “Leonardo Dreams of His Flying Machine” is a setting of Charles Anthony Silvestri’s depiction of the great genius asleep, but with a mind no less active than in his waking life. The “Agnus Dei” is Samuel Barber’s own choral arrangement of his “Adagio for Strings,” a masterpiece of the string repertoire.

The finale of “Shared Voices” will bring all three ensembles together. The tenor and bass voices trace one man’s reflection on “*The River*” of his boyhood. Sopranos and altos sing a setting of E. E. Cummings’s poem “*I Thank You God.*” All 80 voices will share two songs: Langston Hughes poem “*To Sit and Dream,*” and the gospel song, “Unclouded Day.”

Admission is by donation.

For the love of books: authors and illustrators talk June 28

EAST CRAFTSBURY – Sunday, June 28, the East Craftsbury Presbyterian Church will hold a Vermont author and illustrator talk, from 3 to 5 p.m., with Katherine Paterson, Mary Azarian, Grace Worcester and Natalie Kinsey. This is an informal conversation with authors about their five favorite books. This is a fundraiser for the John Woodruff Simpson

Memorial Library. Donations for the library will be taken at the door, and a basket raffle including signed books by the authors and illustrators will be held. There will also be a collection of items for the Hardwick Area Food Pantry.

The East Craftsbury Presbyterian Church is located at 1773 East Craftsbury Road, Craftsbury, VT 05826.

Youth Symphony to celebrate Silver Jubilee Anniversary

GREENSBORO – The Green Mountain Youth Symphony will celebrate its 25th anniversary at the Highland Center for the Arts in Greensboro on May 2, at 7 p.m. It is the first time the Youth Symphony has been hosted in the Northeast Kingdom. The concert will be

performed by the Symphony’s Senior Orchestra with iconic movie themes, orchestral favorites, and a performance of Telemann’s “Viola Concerto” by Concertmaster Isla Robeck.

Tickets are available at highlandartsvt.org.



Francesca Bonfiglio (left), of North Carolina and Elliot McGary-Walters of Minneapolis, Minn., walk the tight wire in the New England Center for Circus Arts show, “Broken Open,” held at the Highland Center for the Arts in Greensboro, April 24.
photo by Vanessa Fournier

Schumann documentary film premieres May 3

GREENSBORO – The world premiere screening of “An Artist Responds to War,” a new 45-minute documentary film portrait of Peter Schumann, the founder of the Bread & Puppet Theater, will take place at the Highland Center For The Arts, Sunday, May 3, at 1 p.m.

“An Artist Responds to War” is the first film to be made about Bread & Puppet in 25 years and is directed by Vermont-based independent documentary filmmaker Robbie Leppzer, who lives in Shaftsbury, and is a production of Turning Tide Films.

The film examines how six decades of Bread & Puppet’s performances have been a response to a childhood question for Peter Schumann: how do we as humans respond to the madness of war and violence?

Born in Nazi Germany and shaped by the reality of war via the aerial bombardments he experienced as a child, Schumann channeled this trauma into theater companies. Bread & Puppet came of age in the Vietnam War street

protests of 1960s New York, and grew into its full form on a 250-acre Vermont farm in the 1970s, where the landscape itself became a stage that continues to draw tens of thousands to its large-scale spectacles.

Schumann, now 91 and still working, finds his life’s central question more pressing than ever. Drawing on originally shot footage and an archive spanning more than 40 years, the film offers a window into the man, his art and his faith that creativity can stand against power.

Following the screening of the film, there will be a discussion panel with Leppzer, and members of the Bread & Puppet Theater troupe and other guests.

A virtual world premiere online screening of the film will be available Tuesday, May 12, at 8 p.m., on the Kinema.com streaming platform. For more information on the feature-length film go to BreadAndPuppetMovie.com. Watch a trailer of the film at AnArtistRespondsToWar.com

Young circus artists display amazing talents

REVIEWS

David K. Rodgers

GREENSBORO – The New England Center for Circus Arts from Brattleboro spent all of last week in a residency at the Highland Center for the Arts in Greensboro, giving a sample of circus skills for local children on Wednesday and a full performance on Friday afternoon.

This was the first stop on their Circus Springboard Tour that will take them to six other towns in Vermont and Massachusetts. “Broken Open,” its theme, was how we can work together to rebuild a better world from the one that seems to be self-destructing.

Divided into eleven sections in this program, the eight young circus artists demonstrated their amazing talents on trapeze, tightrope wire, Chinese pole, hanging ring and ropes.

The show began with some introductory antics with a picture frame, several blue boxes, a large inflated ball, juggling hoops and some acrobatic climbing on top of one another’s shoulders. Next a trapeze was lowered and Cal Wicker was featured in “Child’s Play,” going through some amazing feats with that piece of equipment. Joined by Savannah Boots in “I Can Help,” together they twirled around and went upside down in daring swings.

In “Come Alive” Francesca BonFiglio and Elliot McGary-Walters exhibited admirable coordination and balance upon the tightrope wire, sitting down and then standing up as well as

reversing direction with graceful movements.

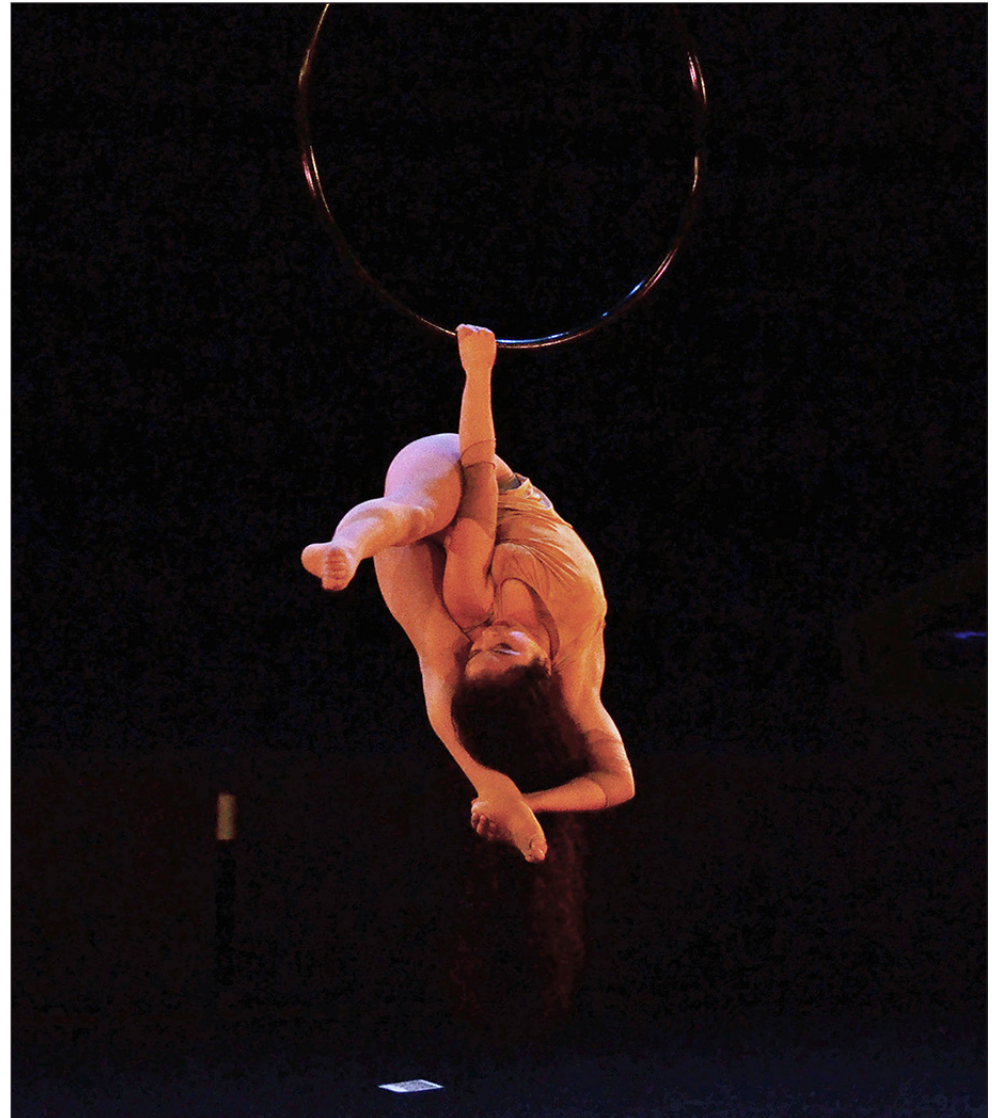
“All Mine” highlighted Syd Wes on the Chinese pole, a tall metal pipe secured vertically with cables. Climbing up the pole at considerable strength, climaxing by sliding down the pole quickly, yet stopping right below the floor.

In “Versus,” Wes was accompanied by Edie Pryll with further displays of athletic virtuosity on the Chinese pole. Savannah Boots returned in “Rebel”, showing proficiency on the trapeze, with spectacular swings high up in the space of the theatre.

Following intermission, Edie Pryll performed a dance based on contortions with an unusual degree of spinal flexibility, assuming positions such as legs over their head while lying on their stomach, which only much younger circus artists can achieve.

Elliot McGary-Walters used a hanging rope wrapped in various ways and then released it dramatically. Alejandro Alcantara interacted with a hanging ring imaginatively in “Paper,” after reading some letters, while multiple strands of rope were the vehicle for Elenda Meyer Reimer in “Web,” an act that required both playfulness and muscular strength to pull off. The final presentation was named “Renaissance,” highlighting Francesca BonFiglio on the hanging ring, twirling and using arms and legs effectively in an aerial dance. As a finale, the whole cast combined in an amusing celebration of this performance.

Marisol Rosa-Shapiro was the creative director of the show and all the circus artists were or soon will be graduates of the three



New England Center for Circus Arts performer, Alejandra Alcantara of Peru, performs on the aerial hoop during the “Broken Open” show presented at the Highland Center for the Arts, Friday.

photo by Vanessa Fournier

year intensive Pro Track program at the New England Center for Circus Arts in Brattleboro. For

information, go online at NECCA-circus.org or info@necenterforcircusarts.org.



The New England Center for Circus Arts (NECCA) of Brattleboro circus troupe performing in the “Broken Open” show at the Highland Center for the Arts, April 24, are, front, (all from left) Syd Wes, Alejandra Alcantara, Elena Meyer-Reimer and Francesca Bonfiglio; back, Edie Pryll, Elliot McGary-Walters, Savannah Boots and Cal Wicker. Their tour will include six shows in Vermont and one in Massachusetts and then they graduate from NECCA, May 9.

photo by Vanessa Fournier



Cardtopia opened at the Highland Center for the Arts (HCA) in Greensboro on March 13, and runs until July 26. The Magical Cottage theme was made out of cardboard created by Cardboard Teck Instantute, HCA staff and students from the Orleans Southwest Supervisory Union. People visiting the exhibit are invited to make their own cardboard creations to add to the display. The exhibit is free and open to the public, Thursday through Sunday, noon to 4 p.m.

photo by Vanessa Fournier

“Quest!” on stage in Cabot

CABOT – “Quest!,” a play, featuring a large multi-generational cast of community members, will be performed May 7 to 9 at 7 p.m., and May 9 and 10 at 2 p.m. Performances will be at the Cabot School Performing Arts Center, located behind the main school building at 25 Common Road.

matinees, may sell out, so reservations are recommended at tinyurl.com/Questreservations. Seating is not reserved, unless special accommodations are needed, which can be requested on the reservation form. The theater and bathroom are wheelchair accessible, and there is designated accessible parking by the school cafeteria.

Performances, especially the

BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Flooring



Mon. - Fri., 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Sat., 9 a.m. - noon
"Quality You Can Stand On"
454-7301, Hollister Hill,
Plainfield

Laundry



Self-serve • Open daily 6 a.m. - 11 p.m.
Drop-off service available,
call Derek, (802) 793-7388

Martial Arts




Offering
Jiu Jitsu to kids ages 4-15
and Karate for ages 4 to Adult. First class is free to try!
802-282-8215 (Adam)
adambeckley87@gmail.com
martialartsinhardwickvt.com

Moving



RELOCATING?
• household • commercial
CALL KASEY
(802) 223-5434
LOCAL PENSKE AGENT
55 YEARS MOVING EXPERIENCE

Plumbing



LICENSED & INSURED
HOLMES PLUMBING
Glenside St., RFD 1, Hardwick, VT
05843
Josh Holmes • 472-6228

Restaurants



The Village Restaurant
Home Cooking at Its Best
74 South Main St., Hardwick
(802) 472-5701

Tree Work



Peregrine Tree Work
(802) 595-1448
Pruning • Removals
Danger trees • Cabeling
Firewood • Logging
View enhancement
Free estimates • Fully insured
jacob.clark@peregrinetreework.com
Peregrinetreework.com

Services



Septic Tank Pumping • Line Jetting & Thawing
Water Treatment • Pump Sales & Service
Aggregate- Gravel & Stone Products
Pond Aeration
24/7 Emergency Service
120 NORTHGATE PLAZA, SUITE 2 MORRISVILLE
802.888.5722 | MANOSH.COM

Services



Septic Tank Pumping • Line Jetting & Thawing
Camera Inspection • Hydro-Vac Services
Catch Basin Cleaning • Lift Station Maintenance
24/7 Emergency Service
120 NORTHGATE PLAZA, SUITE 2 MORRISVILLE
802.888.5722 | MANOSH.COM

Services



• Dumpster rental
• Excavation
• Landscaping
• Stump Grinding
802.793.7388
HARDWICK • VERMONT
dwrichardson1999@gmail.com

EVENTS

Wednesday, April 29

Information about Buffalo Mountain, presented by the Hardwick Conservation Commission, 6:30 p.m., Memorial Building. Information: Rachel at (802) 472-5512.

Beavers presentation, 5 to 6:30 p.m., Jeudevine Memorial Library, Hardwick. Learn about beavers with Patti Smith, naturalist from Bonnyvale Environmental Center and Skip Lisle, beaver expert and inventor of the patented Beaver Deceiver. Light refreshments served.

Thursday, April 30

Teen clay workshop, 4:30 p.m., with Cal Spinelli at Deep Woods Pottery Studio, 1665 Town Hill Road, Wolcott. No experience necessary.

Hazen Union Softball, 3 p.m. and 5:30 p.m., vs. Winooski, at Hazen Union.

"Bringing up Beaver," by John Aberth, presentation, 6:30 p.m., Jaquith Public Library, Marshfield. Information: (802) 426-3581 or go to jaquithpubliclibrary.org.

Deadline, to submit public comment on guidelines for road construction under Act 250/181 for the Land Use Review Board. Draft Road Construction Jurisdiction Guidance is available at act250.vermont.gov/document/road-construction-jurisdiction-guidance-draft-3-25-26.

Friday, May 1

Cooper Brook cleanup, volunteers needed, 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Atkins Field. Information: (802) 472-1686.

Concert, 7 p.m., Plainfield Town Hall Opera House, 18 High St., Dana Robinson presents album release, Information: plainfieldartsvt.org.

Saturday, May 2

Spring wildflower walk, with botanist Bob Popp, 9 a.m., Stranahan Town Forest, Marshfield. Meet at the Thompson Road parking lot off Hollister Hill Road. Information: (802) 426-3581 or visit jaquithpubliclibrary.org.

Green-Up Day in Marshfield, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Old Schoolhouse Common. Information: (802) 426-3581 or jaquithpubliclibrary.org.

Convention, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sacred harp, all-day sing, Glover Town Hall, 3018 Glover St. Potluck lunch at noon. No experience necessary and open to all. Information, ziggybrd@gmail.com.

Hazen Union Softball, 11 a.m., vs. Paine Mountain, at Hazen Union.

Craftsbury Academy Track & Field, 1 p.m., at South Burlington (Twilight Meet).

May Day community celebration and trunk sale, 1 to 4 p.m., Jaquith

Public Library, Marshfield. Live music, maypole dancing, children's crafts and more. Rain or shine. Information: (802) 426-3581 or jaquithpubliclibrary@gmail.com.

Green Mountain Youth Symphony Orchestra, 25th anniversary concert, 7 p.m., Highland Center for the Arts, Greensboro. Tickets and information: highlandartsvt.org.

Sunday, May 3

Bird Walk, 7:30 a.m., hosted by Dave Brown. Meet at Stoner's woodlot on Hanks Hill Road, Craftsbury.

Schumann documentary film premiers, 1 p.m., Highland Center For the Arts, Greensboro. Screening of "An Artist Responds to War," a new 45-minute documentary film portrait of Peter Schumann, founder of the Bread & Puppet Theater.

Concert, 2 p.m., Barre Opera House, the Vermont Philharmonic celebrates spring, featuring violinist Arturo Delmoni. Information, vermontphilharmonic.com

Tuesday, May 5

Weekly Honk & Wave, noon, with Indivisible Hardwick, Corner of S. Main St. and Upper Cherry St., Hardwick. Information: Indivisible-Hardwick@pm.me.

Breeze Ave. local concerns meeting, on Breezy Ave. scoping study, 6:30 p.m., Greensboro UCC Fellowship Hall, immediately after the community dinner. For remote access go to greensborovt.gov/breezy-ave-bike-ped-scoping-study/

Thursday, May 7

Play: "Quest," 7 p.m., Cabot School Performing Arts Center, 25 Common Road. Reservations recommended: tinyurl.com/Questreservations.

Friday, May 8

Community contra dance, 7 to 9 p.m., Willey Building (Cabot Town Hall, 3084 Main St.). Live music. No partners needed. All ages welcome.

Play: "Quest," 7 p.m., Cabot School Performing Arts Center, 25 Common Road. Reservations recommended: tinyurl.com/Questreservations.

Saturday, May 9

Play: "Quest," 2 and 7 p.m., Cabot School Performing Arts Center, 25 Common Road. Reservations recommended: tinyurl.com/Questreservations.

Sunday, May 10

Bird walk, 7:30 a.m., with David Brown. Meet at 495 Hanks Hill Road. Information: jwsimpsonmemorial@gmail.com or (802) 586-9692.

Play: "Quest," 2 p.m., Cabot School

See EVENTS, Next Page

EVENTS

CONTINUED from previous page
Performing Arts Center, 25 Common Road. Reservations recommended: tinyurl.com/Questreservations.

Friday, May 15

Disco dance fundraiser, 7 to 9 p.m., Plainfield Opera House, 18 High St. A fundraiser for the Cutler Memorial Library.

Saturday, May 16

Barn dance, 6 to 10 p.m., Brassnocker Farm Barn, 2000 East Craftsbury Road, East Craftsbury, Dave Rowell hosts benefit and silent auction, with the Radio Rangers. Tickets at the door or at eventbrite.com/e/old-fashioned-barn-dance-tickets-1983388181442?aff=oddtcreator

Saturday, May 23

Chicken barbecue, held by The Knights of Columbus, 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m., St. Norbert Church parking lot. To pre-buy, contact any member of the Knights of Columbus or email Mario at fradettesmaplesyrup@gmail.com or call (802) 793-4764.

Sunday, May 24

Poetry reading, 2 to 4 p.m., Jaquith Public Library, Marshfield. Hosted by the Poetry Society of Vermont and the library. Information: jaquithpubliclibrary.org or (802) 426-3581.

Monday, May 25

Legislative breakfast, presented by the Northeast Kingdom Chamber of Commerce, 8 a.m., St. Johnsbury Athenaeum, 1171 Main St. All are welcome. Information: nekchamber.com/monthly-legislative-breakfast.

Ongoing Wednesdays

Pilates, 9 a.m., mat level 2, at the Barn off the Common, Craftsbury Common.

Chair Yoga, 9 a.m., Craftsbury Outdoor Center.

Office hours, 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., St. John The Baptist Episcopal Church, 39 W. Church St., Hardwick. Information, (802) 472-5979.

Historical Society, 10 a.m. – noon, Craftsbury.

Parents of Challenging Chil-

dren, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., first Wednesday of month, support group for adoptive parents of children presenting serious emotional and behavioral challenges, Easter Seals Vermont, 641 Comstock Road, Berlin. Information, (802) 223-4744.

Outdoor Story, activity, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., Cabot Recreation Field Pavilion with the Cabot Public Library's Amanda Otto for stories, songs, snacks, crafts, open play and special programming.

Parenting Group, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., Jaquith Public Library, 122 School St., Marshfield. Caregivers can relax and connect with each others while their babies play. Geared toward babies to 18 months. Siblings invited. Information at jaquithpubliclibrary@gmail.com, (802) 426-3581, jaquithpubliclibrary.org.

Social, every first Wednesday morning, from 10:30 a.m. to noon, at the Craftsbury Public Library, for book-lovers. Sharing books, authors or books new to the library collection, no assigned reading. ea and coffee, handwork projects welcome.

Brain Injury support group, 1 to 2:30 p.m., second Wednesday of month, Vermont Department of Health, 107 Eastern Ave., Suite 9, St. Johnsbury, hosted by The Vermont Center for Independent Living. Information, (800) 639-1522 or tyoungman@vcil.org.

Quilters, 1-4 p.m., Jeudevine Memorial Library, the second and fourth Wednesday of the month. All levels welcome.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), 3:30 - 6:30 p.m. Weigh-in at 5:15 p.m. United Church dining room, Hardwick.

Acudetox, 4 p.m., ear Acupuncture, good for anxiety, depression, various organ supports, North Central Vermont Recovery Center, 275 Brooklyn Street, Morrisville. Information, 802-851-8120.

Food Shelf, 5 to 6:30 p.m, fourth Wednesday, , 49 Valley Lake Road, South Woodbury. Information, (802) 472-6292.

Community Supper, 5:30 p.m., The Civic Standard, S. Main St., Hardwick.

Al-Anon, 5:30 p.m., North Central Vermont Recovery Center, 275 Brooklyn Street, Morrisville. Information, (802) 851-8120.

Meeting, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Stannard Town School Board, first Wednesdays of month, Stannard Town Hall.

Death Cafe, 6 p.m., second Wednesday of month, Albany Public Library, 830 Main St. Information: (802) 755-6107, albanypubliclibraryvt.org.

Meeting, 6 p.m., first Wednesdays of month, Wolcott Select Board.

Meeting, 6 to 8 p.m., second Wednesday of month, Craftsbury Town School Board, Commons Room, Craftsbury Academy.

Jam Session, 6 to 8 p.m., J.W. Simpson Library, 1972 East Craftsbury Road, East Craftsbury. All ages and abilities. Old-time jam sessions held on the first and third Wednesdays of each month.

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

Alcoholics Anonymous, 7 p.m., The Church in Cabot, 2 Common Road. Beginners' and open meeting.

Ongoing Thursdays

Alcoholics Anonymous, 8 - 9 a.m., St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church, West Church St., Hardwick. Literature and open meeting.

Tai Chi, 9:30 – 10:15 a.m., Church of Christ, Greensboro. Advanced Tai Chi taught by Norma Spaulding. Information, (802) 472-8724, nspauld@gmail.com

Arthritis Relief, 10 a.m., Community Center, Hardwick. Exercise class sponsored by the NEK Council on Aging. Information at Sara, Shbeharsing@gmail.com.

Office hours, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., St. Norbert Church, a part of Mary Queen of All Saints Parish, 193 S. Main St., Hardwick, Father Raj Madri. Information, mary_queenofallsaints@comcast.net (802) 472-5544.

Tai Chi, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30, Church of Christ, Greensboro. Qigong and Tai Chi, taught by Norma Spaulding and Paul Fixx. Information at (802) 472-8724, nspauld@gmail.com and (802) 441-4599, pfixx@pfixx.net.

Story Time, 10:30 a.m. preschool, Greensboro Free Library. Information, (802) 533-2531.

Story Time, 10:30 a.m. Jeudevine Memorial Library, 93 N. Main St., Hardwick. Books, songs, art activities and more for ages 5 and under. Information, jeudevineyouthlibrarian@hardwickvt.gov, (802) 472-5948.

Community Dinner, noon, United Church of Hardwick, S. Main St., Third and Fourth Thursdays of the month. Call Denise Carr at (802) 472-3134 to reserve a meal. Take-out or eat-In. Donations appreciated.

Diabetes support group, 1:30 p.m., The Health Center, Plainfield. third Thursday each month. Information, (802) 322-6600 or dgrabowski@The-Health-Center.org.

Sign Language, 2 p.m., practice group, John Woodruff Simpson Memorial Library, 1972 East Craftsbury Road, Craftsbury. Information at (802) 586-9692 or jwsimpsonmemorial.org.

Hang Out, 2:45-6 p.m., The Civic Standard, S. Main St., Hardwick. Relax, make art, play games, get help with homework, spend time with friends. Facilitated by Hazen Union's Community School Coordinator Vaiva Velzis, with support from The Civic's staff. Snacks provided. Information, Vvelzis@ossu.org.

Refuge Recovery, 3 p.m. Thursdays, North Central Vermont Recovery Center, 275 Brooklyn St., Morrisville. Information, (802) 851-8120.

All Recovery, 4 p.m., North Central Vermont Recovery Center, 275 Brooklyn Street, Morrisville. Information, (802) 851-8120.

Craftfit, 4:30 p.m., Craftsbury Outdoor Center.

See EVENTS, Next Page



Delivering On A Promise
**Dead River
Company**

**Propane • Heating Oil • Diesel
Heating Equipment Installations**
189 Railroad St., St. Johnsbury, VT
(802) 748-8934 or (800) 222-9276

HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE WORKER

The Town of Woodbury is accepting applications for a highway maintenance worker to join our road crew. This is a full-time position that requires a CDL (min Class "B") and the ability to work outside of regular working hours as necessary. Work takes place outdoors, in the equipment, or in the shop. The ideal candidate will have at least one year of experience in highway maintenance, including operation and maintenance of highway equipment.

The starting hourly wage (\$25-27) will depend on experience and qualifications. Woodbury offers excellent benefits, including health and dental insurance, paid time off, and an optional retirement plan. Candidates must be able to pass a physical as well as a drug test.

Contact the Town Office for a job application and job description (clerk@woodburyvt.org) or 802-456-7051 to receive a paper copy in the mail or stop at the Town Office at 1672 VT RT 14 in Woodbury. A job description and application can also be found on the Town web site www.woodburyvt.org.

The position will be open until filled.

EVENTS

CONTINUED from previous page
Taming Knotweed, 4:30 p.m., Town Highway 19 across from Little Hosmer Dam. Bring water, bug spray, gloves, assorted clippers, shovels. Craftsbury Conservation Commission.

Dance, 5:30 p.m., Barn off the Common, Craftsbury Common.

Prayer Service, 5:30 p.m., Touch of Grace Assembly of God, corner of Rtes. 15 and 16, E. Hardwick. Information, touchofgraceagvt@gmail.com

Writing Circle with novelist Brett Stanciu, 5 to 6:30 p.m., the second and fourth Thursdays of each month, at the Civic Standard, Main St., Hardwick.

Grief Support, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., first and third Tuesday of each month, a safe, confidential space to can share a story or be surrounded by those who understand and care, Lamoille Home Health & Hospice Building, 54 Farr Avenue, Morrisville. Information, Oona Lee at (802) 888-4651 or olee@lhha.org.

Trivia, 6 - 8 p.m., Village Restaurant, S. Main St., Hardwick, unless there is a home basketball game. Limited menu of burgers and appetizers. Hosted by Annie Houston. First come, first serve event, with room for about 10 teams.

Al-Anon, 6 p.m., Church on the Common, Craftsbury Common.

Meeting, 6 p.m., first Thursdays of month, Hardwick Select Board.

Services, 6:30 p.m., Hardwick Bible Baptist Church, 296 S. Main St. For transportation or information, (802) 472-5294.

Meeting, 6 to 8 p.m., second Thursdays of month, Mountain View Union Elementary School Board, alternating among three campuses.

Narcotics Anonymous, 7 p.m., North Central Vermont Recovery Center, 275 Brooklyn St., Morrisville. Information, (802) 851-8120.

Films, 6:30 p.m., Jaquith Public Library, Marshfield, "Glimpses of a Maybe Future," second and fourth Thursdays of the month. Information, (802) 426-3581, jaquithpubliclibrary@gmail.com or jaquithpubliclibrary.org.

Ongoing Fridays

Pilates, 9 a.m., level 3, at the Barn off the Common, Craftsbury Common.

Rail Trail walks, 9:30 a.m., every Friday, with the East Hardwick Walkers. Meet at Steven's Lane intersection near 123 East Church St. Everyone invited. Information: Gail

at gob7878@gmail.com.

Taiji, 10:15 a.m., intermediate, Barn off the Common, Craftsbury Common.

Storytime, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Jaquith Public Library, 122 School St., Marshfield, playgroup.. Information at jaquithpubliclibrary@gmail.com, (802) 426-3581, jaquithpubliclibrary.org.

Homeschool Program, 10:30 a.m., Friday, Greensboro Free Library. Information, (802) 533-2531.

Meditation, 3-3:45 p.m., Craftsbury Community Care Center, 784 East Craftsbury Road, Craftsbury, the second and fourth Fridays, with Nancy Milholland. Open to all, sponsored by the Mental Health Resource Group of Craftsbury.

Farmers Market, 4 to 7 p.m., 13

Mill St., Plainfield. Food and craft vendors, baked goods, fruits and veggies and more.

Haiku Club, 5:30 - 7 p.m., The Civic Standard, S. Main St., Hardwick, every first Thursday, Read published haiku, brainstorm Vermont kigo, or season words, write a haiku. No previous writing experience needed. Hosted by Mark Scott.

Contra Dance, 7-9:30 p.m., Cabot Town Hall, 3084 Main St., Cabot, second Fridays, through June 7. All dances taught, no partner needed, all welcome. Information, cabotdance@aroundvt.org.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 7 p.m., for women only, North Central Vermont Recovery Center, 275 Brooklyn Street, Morrisville. Information, (802) 851-8120.

News Discussion, 10 a.m., Front Seat Coffee, Visit with Hardwick Gazette staff.

Ongoing Saturdays

Alcoholics Anonymous, 8:30 a.m., step meeting, North Central Vermont Recovery Center, 275 Brooklyn Street, Morrisville. Information, (802) 851-8120.

History book group, second Saturdays of the month, 2 p.m., Jaquith Public Library, Marshfield. Information: (802) 426-3581, jaquithpubliclibrary@gmail.com or jaquithpubliclibrary.org.

Food Shelf, 9 to noon, third Saturday of each month from 9 to noon, 49 Valley Lake Road, South Woodbury. Information, (802) 472-6292.

See EVENTS, Next Page

WGDR 91.1 FM
WGDH 91.7 FM
CENTRAL VERMONT COMMUNITY RADIO

Current 2025 Schedule

as of Nov 2025

Talk/Interview Music

	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
12 AM	Moist Fluids	Deep Threes	Dancehall/Reggae	Julian Taylor's Jukebox	Full Moon Hacksaw	Metal Radio DJ Eben Flow	And You Don't Stop	12 AM
1 AM		BantuNauts RAYdio		Latin Explosion	Baroque and Beyond	The Kinetic Playground	Timeless Oldies Radio Hour	1 AM
2 AM	Cafe Chill		Oldies Time Machine			The Sonic Cafe		2 AM
3 AM	WGDR New Music Mix Music Directors							3 AM
4 AM	Thom Hartmann Program							4 AM
5 AM	Softpower/Fulstories Prison Pipeline	Background Briefing w/ Ian Masters					Oldies Time Machine	5 AM
6 AM	Counterspin Green St. News	Background Briefing w/ Ian Masters	Background Briefing w/ Ian Masters	Project Censored	Background Briefing w/ Ian Masters	Background Briefing w/ Ian Masters	Woodsongs Radio Hour	6 AM
7 AM	Curse of the Golden Turnip Alan LePage & Steven Farnham	Maggie in the Morning Della Gillen	Eastern Dawn Luke Lampugnale	Portal Levi	Writer's Voice	Bike Talk	The Secret Sisters	7 AM
8 AM	Democracy Now!							The Country Jamboree
9 AM	Trance-Formational Listening Dennis Darrah	Eggs on Toast Kelly	Alternative Radio	The Quilting Hour Maura Quinn or Sasha Thayer	Relocalizing Vermont Carl Etnier	The Magical Mystery Tour Tonio Epstein	ROTATING SLOT #8 (see below)	9 AM
10 AM	ROTATING SLOT #1 (see below)	Peace Talk Radio Sprouts	New Dimensions	Wings	This Way Out	TUC Radio	ROTATING SLOT #9 (see below)	10 AM
11 AM		ROTATING SLOT #4 (see below)	Rising Up w/ Sonali	Spawning Stones Ben Bashore	What's the Frequency, Kenneth?	Shortwave Report & Food Sleuth		11 AM
12 PM	Thought Pasture Maura Quinn	Personal and Political Stephanie Fraser	That Driving Beat	The Rubber Room Dan Towner	Unshelved J Kramer	Modern Jet Set	The Metal Edge Willis Pratt	12 PM
1 PM						Now Playing DJ Liu		
2 PM	Swivel Radio DJ Effery	David Rogers Music Mix Hour	Straight Up Soul	Adiogo	UpFront Soul	Hittin' the Note Bill Hahn	Boxful of Blues John Foster	2 PM
3 PM			Listen Up! Bill Nowlan	Country & Western Sounds in Modern Music Barry Matthews	Law and Disorder			
4 PM	ROTATING SLOT #2 (see below)	Trailing Edge David Ferland	Economic Update Rumble Strip	Techtonic	Big Picture Science	The Friday Drive at 5 Corey Flynn	Acoustic Harmony Mark Michaelis	4 PM
5 PM	Bon Mot Rick Agran	Project Censored		Stranger Deinger	ROTATING SLOT #7 (see below)			
6 PM	The Good Ways Reggae Kind	Democracy Now! (rerun)						
7 PM	The Revel Level DJ EhMmAh	ROTATING SLOT #5 (see below)	ROTATING SLOT #6 (see below)	Woodwarbler's JazzGrass Brian Aust	Xav Wax Xav Jimenez	Spiral Galaxy Tom McMurdo	Jagler Katz Worm Hole Jason Hagler	7 PM
8 PM								
9 PM	ROTATING SLOT #3 (see below)	Deep Blues Les Mawson	Kozie Korner	Music as Art Uku Meri	DJ Eben Flow Eclectic DJ Eben Flow	The Meltdown KingTone	First Wave	9 PM
10 PM		Blues Edge Les Mawson		Full Moon Hacksaw	Metal Radio DJ Eben Flow		The Beatdown Z-Point	10 PM
11 PM	Deep Threes	Train to Skaville	Julian Taylor's Jukebox			And You Don't Stop		11 PM

Rotating Slots

#1: Sun 10 am-12 pm
 1st & 3rd Sun: Indigenous Music
 2nd & 4th Sun: The Immanent Grove
 Conni Mags

#2: Sun 4-5 pm
 1st & 3rd Sun: Afrosonic Taxi
 2nd & 4th Sun: Discoverances with Savannah

#3: Sun 9-11 pm
 1st & 3rd Sun: Walkin' Will: The Show of Life
 2nd & 4th Sun: All Mixed Up

#4: Mon 11 am-12 pm
 1st Mon: Blluminations
 Stefanie Lingenfelter
 2nd & 4th Mon: Cuneiform Radio
 Kyle Schlesinger
 3rd Mon: Biketalk

#5: Mon 7-9 pm
 1st Mon: Future Reflections
 DJ Syd
 2nd Mon: In Common Sounds
 Brother B
 3rd Mon: Gilded Splinters
 Kevin Titterton
 4th Mon: Borderlands
 DJ Tenderman

#6: Tue 7-9 pm
 Biweekly rotation:
 Still Life with Club Soda
 Serena Matt
 Still Life with Orange Peel
 Ada Bowman

#7: Thu 6-7 pm
 1st Thu: The Broken Bois Collective Presents...
 Khonsu X and Titan
 2nd Thu: The Hyper Local Dispatch
 Natascha and DJ Syd
 3rd Thu: Democracy Now
 4th Thu: Into the Issues
 Steve Pappas

#8: Sat 9-10 am
 1st Sat: Gathering Peace
 Joseph Gainza
 2nd Sat: Projected Censored
 3rd Sat: Pollinator Report
 Emily Lanxner
 4th Sat: Kitchen Permaculture
 Rebecca Beidler

#9: Sat 10-11 am
 1st Sat: Sex Fly
 Bengie
 2nd Sat: Pitter Patter Radio
 Pat Kantner
 3rd Sat: Under the Covers
 DJ Rhizosphere
 4th Sat: Full Moon Hacksaw

Support, stream live or listen to archives at WGDR.org

@WGDRWGDHVT

EVENTS

CONTINUED from previous page
Fiber Arts, 10- 11 a.m., Woodbury Community Library, meets the third Saturday of the month.

Historical Society, 10 a.m. – noon, Craftsbury.

Al-Anon, 10 a.m., Community Justice Center, St. Johnsbury, information, (802) 626-5355.

Overeaters Anonymous, 10 a.m., Zoom meeting, North Central Vermont Recovery Center, 275 Brooklyn Street, Morrisville. Information, (802) 851-8120.

Knitting Class with Lise Roussel, 10 a.m. to noon, John W. Simpson Memorial Library, East Craftsbury. All levels welcome on April 11, 18, 25 and May 9, 16, 23.

Acudetox, 11 a.m., every fourth Saturday, ear acupuncture, good for anxiety, depression, various organ supports, North Central Vermont Recovery Center, 275 Brooklyn Street, Morrisville. Information: (802) 851-8120.

Taming Knotweed, 11 a.m., Town Highway 19 across from Little Hosmer Dam. Bring water, bug spray, gloves, assorted clippers, shovels. Craftsbury Conservation Commission

Spanish Club, 11:30 a.m., Woodbury Community Library, meets the second Saturday of each month.

Osteoporosis Education and support group, 1 p.m., first Saturday of month, Better Bones of the Northeast Kingdom, Community Room at Community National Bank, Derby. Information, BetterBonesNEK.org or Mary King at Mary@BetterBonesNEK.org, or (802) 535-2011.

Craftfit, 2:30 p.m. Craftsbury Outdoor Center.

Vigil Mass, 4 p.m., St. Norbert Church, a part of Mary Queen of All Saints Parish, 193 S. Main St., Hardwick, Father Raj Madri. Confessions before Mass, Information, mary_queenofallsaints@comcast.net (802) 472-5544.

Contra Dance, 8 - 11 p.m., Capital City Grange, Montpelier. Newcomers lesson at 7:40 p.m. First, third and fifth Saturdays. Information at (802) 225-8921 or cd�.tim@gmail.com

Writing Group, 2 to 4 p.m., Albany Public Library, 830 Main St., first and third Saturdays, (802) 755-6107, albanypubliclibraryvt.org.

Ongoing Sundays

Service, 8:30 a.m., United Church of Marshfield, U.S. Rte. 2, worship service and Sunday school, Pastor Carlyle Pierce. Information, (802) 684-2114.

Mass, 8:30 a.m., St. Norbert Church, a part of Mary Queen of All Saints Parish, 193 S. Main St., Hardwick, Father Raj Madri. Confessions before Mass, Information, mary_queenofallsaints@comcast.net (802) 472-5544.

Service, 9 a.m., Danville United Methodist Church, Danville Green, Rev. Henry Cheney. Information, (802) 684-3389.

Sunday School, and prayer, 9 a.m., adults, Touch of Grace Assembly of God, corner of Rtes. 15 and 16, E. Hardwick. Information: touchofgraceagvt@gmail.com

Sunday School, 9 a.m., The Wolcott Mennonite Church, Rte. 15 between Morrisville and Wolcott, for all ages. Information, (802) 888-5277, (802) 888-9113.

Sacrament Meeting, 9 a.m., The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Rte. 15 W, Johnson. Bishop Erik Worthington, (802) 326-3035, mormon.org.

Story time, 9:30 a.m., The Christian Community, Heartbeat Lifesharing, 218 Town Farm Road, Hardwick, for children. thechristiancommunityvt@gmail.com.

Service, 9:30 a.m., West Danville United Methodist Church, Vt. Rte. 15, across from Joe's Pond, Pastor Pam Smith. Information, (802) 684-1201.

Service, 9:30 a.m., Hardwick Bible Baptist Church, 296 S. Main St. For transportation or information. (802) 472-5294.

Bible study, 10 a.m., East Craftsbury Presbyterian Church, 1773 East Craftsbury Road, Craftsbury, VT 05856. Information, (802) 586-7707, ecpcvt@gmail.com, eastcraftsburypresbyterian.org.

Worship, 10 a.m., and Sunday School, Albany Methodist Church, Route 14,.

Service, 10 a.m., United Church of Hardwick, 216 South Main Street. In person, Zoom or livestreaming. Communion Service, first Sunday of month. Rev. Avril Cochran, Pastor. Jean Hackett, music director, an Open and Affirming Congregation. Information, (802) 472-6800 for information.

Service, 10 a.m., United Church of Cabot, 2 Common Way, refreshments following. Information, (802) 563-2278.

Service, 10 a.m., Touch of Grace Assembly of God, corner of Rtes. 15 and 16, E. Hardwick. . Information, touchofgraceagvt@gmail.com

Children's service, 10 a.m., The Christian Community, Heartbeat Lifesharing, 218 Town Farm Road, Hardwick. Information, thechristiancommunityvt@gmail.com.

communityvt@gmail.com.

Service, 10 a.m., St. John The Baptist Episcopal Church, 39 W. Church St., Hardwick. Rite II Service with music and coffee hour following service. Information, (802) 472-5979.

Service, 10 a.m., the United Church of Craftsbury, an Open and Affirming Congregation; Affiliated with the United Church of Christ. Handicap accessible, (802) 586-8028, unit-edchurchofcraftsbury.com, united-churchcraftsbury@gmail.com.

Service, 10 a.m., the Wolcott Mennonite Church, Rte. 15 between Morrisville and Wolcott, Pastors, : Marlin Wadel and Stephen Groff. Information, (802) 888-9113, (802) 888-5277.

Service, Sunday School, 10:15 a.m., Calais-Woodbury United Church, Rte. 14, South Woodbury. Communion, first Sunday of month. Church phone, (802) 232-1013, information, (802) 456-1557.

Service, 10 a.m., First Universalist Parish of Derby Line, P.O. Box 454, Derby Line, VT 05830, (802) 873-3563, derbylineuu.org, Zoom service.

Service, 10 a.m., United Church of Christ, 165 Wilson St., Greensboro, (802) 533-2223, also online. Communion Service first Sunday of the month. Rev. Dr. Ed Sunday-Winters. Coffee hour following service. An Open & Affirming Congregation. guccvt.org.

Mass, 10:30 a.m., St. Michael's Church, 270 Bend Road, Greensboro Bend, a part of Mary Queen of All Saints Parish, confessions before Mass, Father Raj Madri. Information, (802) 472-5544.

Service, 10:30 a.m., The Act of Consecration of the Human Being, The Christian Community, Heartbeat Lifesharing, 218 Town Farm Road, Hardwick. Information, thechristiancommunityvt@gmail.com.

Service, 10:30 a.m., Hardwick Bible Baptist Church, 296 S. Main St. For transportation or information, (802) 472-5294.

Service, 11 a.m., East Craftsbury Presbyterian Church, 1773 East Craftsbury Road, Craftsbury, VT 05856. Sunday Service, 11 a.m., handicapped accessible. Rev. Joe Welker, Pastor. Information, (802) 586-7707, ecpcvt@gmail.com, eastcraftsburypresbyterian.org.

Service, 11 a.m., First Congregational Church (NACCC), 123 E. Church St., East Hardwick, worship led by Jim Casavant, interim Pastor. Closed in winter. Information, (414) 856-1620.

Pickleball, 11 a.m., Hardwick Elementary School gym. Beginners

group. Information, Sara at Shbeharsing@gmail.com.

Service, 11 a.m., Trinity Assembly of God, Rte. 15 East, Hyde Park. Pastor Ron Doyle. (802) 888-7326.

Fellowship Service, 11 a.m., The Healling Stream Church of God, Wolcott Town Hall, Pastor Peter LaBonnville, Wheelchair accessible.

Worship, 11:30 a.m., Wolcott United Methodist Church, Route 15

Pickleball, noon, Hardwick Elementary School gym. Intermediate and above, noon to 2 p.m. Information, Sara at Shbeharsing@gmail.com.

Service, noon, Hardwick Bible Baptist Church, 296 S. Main St. For transportation or information, (802) 472-5294.

Poetry readings, third Sundays, beginning March 15, 2 to 4 p.m., hosted by the Poetry Society of Vermont and the Jaquith Public Library. This month features Buffy Aakaash and Bethany Ann Barrett Bohall. Information: jaquithpubliclibrary.org or call (802) 426-3581.

Mending Circle, 3 to 5 p.m., every third Sunday, The Civic Standard, S. Main St., Hardwick. Bring clothes in need of fixing. Materials, instruction, snacks supplied.

Poetry Readings, third Sunday of each month, 2 to 4 p.m., Jaquith Public Library. Each reading will feature two Poetry Society of Vermont poets. Information: (802) 426-3581, jaquithpubliclibrary@gmail.com, jaquithpubliclibrary.org.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 6 p.m., North Central Vermont Recovery Center, 275 Brooklyn Street, Morrisville. Information, (802) 851-8120.

Evening Service, 7:30 p.m., The Wolcott Mennonite Church, Rte. 15 between Morrisville and Wolcott. Information, (802) 888-5277, (802) 888-9113.

Ongoing Mondays

Pilates, 9 a.m., level 1, at the Barn off the Common, Craftsbury Common.

Death cafe, fourth Mondays, 1:30 to 3 p.m., Hardwick Community Center, 58 High St. Tea and baked goods served.

Adaptive Biking, 2 to 3 p.m., the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail, beginning at the trailhead parking lot on Creamery Road in Hardwick. Reservations or information, kerry@adaptivesportspartners.org, call (802) 427-4116.

Mending, 3 p.m., Craftsbury Public Library.

Quit Tobacco, support group, 3 p.m., North Central Vermont Recovery

See EVENTS, Next Page

EVENTS

CONTINUED from previous page Center, 275 Brooklyn St., Morrisville. Information, (802) 851-8120.

Hardwick Conservation Commission meetings, second Monday of the month, 5 p.m., Hardwick Memorial Building, third floor. Public invited. Information: Rachel Kane, Co-chair, (802) 472-5512.

Dads' Group, 5 to 6 p.m., at the Oxbow in Morrisville. Connect with other dads. Information, Rob at rcary@LRCVT.org or (802) 730-3000.

Service, 6 p.m. Walden United Methodist Church, 109 Noyestar Road, handicap accessible, (802) 684-1201.

Families Anonymous, 6 p.m., North Central Vermont Recovery Center, 275 Brooklyn St., Morrisville. Information, (802) 851-8120.

Alcoholics Anonmous, 7 p.m., United Church of Hardwick, 216 S. Main St. Open discussion. Information, (802) 748-3708, local AA (802) 334-1213 or toll-free (877) - 334-1213

Ongoing Tuesdays

Tai Chi, 9:30 to 10:15 a.m., Jeudevine Memorial Library Parker Ladd Community Room, Hardwick. Advanced Tai Chi, taught by Norma Spaulding, Information at (802) 472-8724, nspauld@gmail.com.

Tai Chi, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Jeudevine Memorial Library Parker Ladd Community Room, Hardwick. Tai Chi for Fall Prevention, taught by Norma Spaulding. Information at (802) 472-8724, nspauld@gmail.com.

Storytime, 10 a.m., Craftsbury Public Library, early literacy for children ages 0 - 5. Information at childrenslibrarian@craftsburypubliclibrary.org or (802) 586-9683.

Exercise, 11 a.m., Highland Center for the Arts, 2875 Hardwick St., Greensboro, lead by certified AFE-crystal.morrissey@ncvrc.com instructor Alice Perron. Information esanderson@nekouncil.org, (802) 751-0431.

Moms in Recovery, support program, 1 - 2 p.m., tailored to support pregnant and parenting mothers and their families. In person, North Central Vermont Recovery Center, 275 Brooklyn St., Suite 2, Morrisville. Information, (802) 635-0084.

Kids' Chorus, 3 p.m., Jeudevine Library, Hardwick. For ages 8 and up. Vocal warm-ups, musical games and group singing. Information at jeudevineyouthlibrarian@hardwickvt.gov or (802) 472-5948.

Dungeons & Dragons, 3:30 - 5 p.m., Cabot Public Library, ages 11 and up. Learn how to build a character and then embark on an adventure.

Smart Recovery, 4 p.m., North Cen-

tral Vermont Recovery Center, 275 Brooklyn St., Morrisville. Information, (802) 851-8120.

Crafting Group, 4:30 - 6 p.m., Jaquith Public Library, 122 School St., Marshfield. Information, jaquithpubliclibrary@gmail.com, (802) 426-3581, jaquithpubliclibrary.org.

Magic, 5 p.m., The Civic Standard, S. Main St., Hardwick, A group of young people get together at to play Magic: the Gathering, hosted by Dean Burns. New players are welcome.

Greensboro Community Meal, every Tuesday, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Greensboro United Church of Christ, East Craftsbury Road. Meal is free and all are welcome. Information: GreensboroCommunityMeal@gmail.com.

Meeting, 5:30 p.m., first Tuesday of month, Marshfield Select Board.

As Bill Sees It, AA Meeting, 6 p.m., North Central Vermont Recovery Center, 275 Brooklyn St., Morrisville. Information, (802) 851-8120.

Hardwick Energy Committee Meeting, second Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m., Hardwick Memorial Building, 20 Church St., first floor. Information: Call Bill Chidsey, Hardwick Energy Coordinator, (802) 249-6004. Energy.Coordinator@HardwickVT.org.

Meeting, 6 to 8 p.m., Orleans Southeast Supervisory Union Board, first Tuesday of month, OSSU Central Office, Hardwick.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 6 p.m., meditation meeting, United Church, 6 Church Lane (next to library), Craftsbury Common. Open meeting.

Meeting, 7 p.m., first Tuesday of month, Cabot Select Board.

Meeting, 7 p.m., first Tuesday of month, Craftsbury Select Board.

Meeting, 7 p.m., first Tuesay of month, Plainfield Select Board.

Exhibits

Mary Young's "Notions and Nature," Greensboro Free Library, on view through April.

Ice Shanties: Fishing, People and Culture, through April, courtesy the Vermont Folklife Center, at the Athenaeum Hall Art Gallery, 1171 Main Street. St. Johnsbury, (802) 748-8291, stjathenaeum.org . inform@stjathenaeum.org

Community Services

Ageing assistance, Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging, St. Johnsbury, (800) 642-5119.

Ageing assistance, Central Vermont

Council on Aging, Montpelier, (802) 479-0531.

Community dinners, United Church of Hardwick, noon, third and fourth Thursdays, eat-in or take out. (802) 472-6566 to reserve meal.

Crisis line, 24 hours, involuntary custody screening, Lamoille County Mental Health, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., (802) 888-5026; nights and weekends, (802) 888-8888.

Food pantry, Woodbury-Calais Food Shelf, serving Calais, Woodbury, Cabot, (802) 472-6292..

Food pantry, Hardwick Area Food Pantry, 36 W. Church St., Mon., noon - 2 p.m.; Thurs. and Sat., 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. (802) 472-5940.

Food shelf, vtfoodbank.org/nutrition-people/3squaresvt, (802) 855-6181.

Human services, Northeast Kingdom Human Services, 181 Crawford Road, Derby, (802) 334-6744.

Human services, Northeast Kingdom Human Services, 2225 Portland St., St. Johnsbury, (802) 748-3181, nkhs.org

Meals on Wheels, Greensboro Nursing Home through Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging, (800) 642-5119.

Meals on Wheels, Vermont Center for Independent Living, Montpelier, (802) 224-1825, melissa@vcil.org.

Mental health, Lamoille County Mental Health Services, 72 Harrel St., Morrisville, (802) 888-5026, (802) 228-0591, lamoille.org.

Mental health, Washington County Mental Health Services, 9 Heaton St., Montpelier, (802) 223-6328, wcmhs.org

Recovery center, St. Johnsbury Recovery Center, 297 Summer St., (802) 751-8520, recoveryinfo@st-jkrc.org, kingdom-recovery-center.com

Thrift store, Angel Outfitters Thrift Store, United Church of Christ, 216 S. Main St., Hardwick, Thurs., 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.; Sat., 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.; (802) 472-6800.

Libraries

Albany Public Library, 530 Main St., Albany, (802) 755-6107, albany-publiclibraryvt.org. Mon. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Wed. 2 to 6 p.m.; Sat. 1 to 5 p.m. Story time for all ages: Mon., 10 a.m. and Sat., 4 p.m.

Brown Library, Sterling College, Craftsbury Common (802) 586-7711, sterlingcollege.edu/academics/brown-library, Mon. to Fri., 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Open to the public.

Cabot Public Library, 3084 Main St, (802) 563-2721, cabotlibrary.com, Mon., 3 to 6 p.m.; Tues., noon to 6 p.m., Wed., 2 to 6 p.m.; Thurs., 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sat. 9 a.m. to noon.

Craftsbury Public Library, 149 Common Loop, Craftsbury Common (802) 586-9683, craftsburypubliclibrary.org, Mon. and Thurs., 2 - 6 p.m., Tues., Wed. and Fri. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., Story time, Fri., 10 a.m.

Cutler Memorial Public Library, 151 High St, Plainfield (802) 454-8504, cutlerlibrary.org, Tues., 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Wed., 3 - 6 p.m.; Thurs., 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Glee Merritt Kelley Community Library, 320 School Hill Drive, Wolcott, (802) 472-6551, Mon. - Thurs., 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Fri. closed; Sat., 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Greensboro Free Library, 53 Wilson St., Greensboro, (802) 533-2531, greensborofreelibrary.org, Mon. and Wed. closed; Tues., 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.; Thur. and Fri., 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sat., 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.; Sun., noon - 2 p.m.

Hazen Union School Library, 126 Hazen Union Drive, Hardwick, (802) 472-6511, hazenlibrary@ossu.org, 7:30 a.m. - 3 p.m., Mon. to Fri. while school is in session. Open to the public.

Jaquith Public Library, Old Schoolhouse Common, 122 School St., Marshfield, (802) 426-3581, jaquith-publiclibrary.org, Tues. to Fri., 9 a.m. - noon and 3 - 6 p.m., Sat. and Mon. 9 a.m. - noon, closed Sundays. Winter story time and playgroup, Fri., 10:30 a.m., outdoors, dress for weather.

Jeudevine Memorial Library, 93 N Main St., Hardwick, (802) 472-5948, jeudevinememoriallibrary.org, Mon. and Wed. 1 - 6 p.m., Tues., Thurs. and Fri. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

John W. Simpson Memorial Library, 1972 E. Craftsbury Road, East Craftsbury, (802) 586-9692, jw-simpsonmemorial.org, Wed., 9 a.m. - noon and 6 - 8 p.m.; Thurs. 9 a.m. - noon and 2 - 6 p.m.; Sat. 9 a.m. - noon; Sun. noon - 2 p.m.

Morristown Centennial Library, 7 Richmond St., Morrisville, (802) 888-3853, centenniallibrary.org, Tues. and Wed., 10 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.; Thurs. and Fri., 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.; Sat. 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Walden Community Library, Walden Elementary School, 135 Cahoon Farm Road, (802) 563-2195, walden.mimas.opalsinfo.net/bin/home, Tues., 6 - 8 p.m.

Woodbury Community Library, Woodbury School, 69 Valley Lake Road, (802) 472-5710, library@woodburyvt.org, Wed., 1 - 5 p.m.; Thurs., 2 - 6 p.m.; Sat., 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Wildcats down Paine Mountain in season opener



Hazen Union pitcher Grayson McNaughten, a Craftsbury senior, pitches to a Paine Mountain batter during play on Hudson Field in a game Hazen won 8-3, April 21. photo by Vanessa Fournier



Hazen Union senior Justin Montgomery is safe at home during action in Hardwick, April 21, as Paine Mountain catcher Garrett Korrow waits for the ball to reach his glove during a game the Wildcats won 8-3. photo by Vanessa Fournier

by Ken Brown

HARDWICK – The Hazen Union baseball team opened its season with a comfortable win over Paine Mountain last week before struggling at the plate against Division II, Harwood.

Senior Grayson McNaughten earned the win on the mound, fanning nine and helped his own cause with a pair of hits and an RBI, leading the Wildcats to an 8-3 home win over Paine Mountain last Tuesday. McNaughten scattered four hits over five-plus innings of work, and fellow seniors Justin Montgomery and Owen Skorstad combined to go 4-8 at the plate, scoring four runs. Hazen broke open a 2-2 ballgame in the third

inning with three runs behind a pair of RBI from Jake Hayden, an RBI from Jon Sicard and a hit and three stolen bases from Kiah Cloutier. The Wildcats pushed across two more runs in the bottom of the fifth to put the game away. Chase Wilken and Isaac Sweet combined for four hits and a pair of RBI for Paine Mountain in the loss.

“Grayson looked confident and in control, and we look for him to carry that forward for us throughout the season. Jon came in to close the game out and settled down nicely with five K’s after walking the first two batters. Unfortunately, we lost Will Halperin for the season in this one. We were looking forward to his contributions at the plate and

on the mound, and it’s a big blow to the team for sure. This creates an opportunity for other athletes on our team to step up,” said head coach Shaun Allen.

Ryan Lacey belted a pair of doubles, driving in two, and Wyatt Babic added a three-run double to lead Harwood to a 12-5 road win over the Wildcats last Thursday. Babic stole four bases to add to his impressive stat sheet, and Nicholas Casey earned the win for the Highlanders. Casey, Seve Cohen and Lacey combined to strike out 16 Wildcat batters. Sicard and Cloutier combined to drive in 4, and McNaughten blasted a triple in the loss.


“Our bats looked good against Paine Mountain but went cold against Harwood. I feel like that

was a game we should’ve been more competitive in and had a chance to win. We went down 11 times at the plate looking, and as the saying goes, “You miss 100% of the shots you never take.” We put some runs up late in the game, and that was good to see, but we need to swing the bats if we want a chance to win. Our four seniors (McNaughten, Skorstad, Montgomery, Hayden) are great athletes and are emerging as leaders more and more every game,” said Allen.

Hazen is scheduled to welcome Montpelier to Hudson Fields on Thursday before making the short trip to square off against Lamoille on Saturday. All home games can be live-streamed on Hardwick Community Television (hctv.us).



Hazen Union freshman Trevor Smith is out on first from Paine Mountain first baseman Colby Laggner. Hazen prevailed 8-3. photo by Vanessa Fournier



Your Voice, Your Community News

Becoming a supporter of the Hardwick Gazette will help us continue delivering local news and information. Our success depend on you, as readers, as donors and as advertisers with your businesses and civic organizations. A generous donor will match the first \$12,000 in contributions. All Gazette content is now available at no charge. We ask that you subscribe and share your address to help us understand where our readers live. The Hardwick Gazette isn't just your local community news, it's a powerful platform that amplifies the diverse voices and stories that make our communities unique. Your donation makes possible the trustworthy, fact-driven news, thoughtful columns and opinions and stories you rely on.

[Donate online
hardwickgazette.org](https://hardwickgazette.org)

Fortin takes over Craftsbury Academy softball program



Craftsbury Charger Grace Crown makes contact with the ball during play against Caledonia United on Dustan Field. Watching in the back are Caledonia United assistant coaches Jacquelyn White and Theresa Rouelle.

photo by Vanessa Fournier

by Ken Brown

CRAFTSBURY – The Craftsbury Academy (CA) softball team has a new head coach in Rileigh Fortin as they kicked off their Mountain League schedule earlier this week.

Fortin, a former player from North Country, replaces Ashley Gravel after seven seasons at CA. Despite pooling players from Hazen Union in a cooperative the past few seasons, the Charger program has struggled with consistent participation numbers and results. CA

won 14 games under Gravel in the last four seasons combined, had their last playoff win four years ago and bottomed out with only a single win last spring. Fortin has encouraging numbers to work with in her first season, with six players from CA and nine from Hazen Union practicing. She realizes the challenges of trying to change the mindset of her young team, however.

“Ashley had reached out to me about the position opening up when she knew she was stepping away to be more involved with family. I was very interested and excited to get the opportunity for my first head coaching job at the varsity level. Our biggest goal this year is to make continuous improvements. I hope to adjust some of the mindsets the girls have and give them confidence in their abilities. The girls have been working well together, and we have a lot of potential on this team,” said Fortin.

The Chargers lost just two seniors to graduation from last year’s team (Libby Bowley, Savannah Boyce), but Boyce was a workhorse in the circle the last two seasons and will be a big hole to fill for Fortin. She’ll lean on her returning seniors for leadership, led by Adelina Augsberger and Alex Bingham, who earned All-Mountain League honors last season. Fortin also has a sizeable returning core

CRAFTSBURY CHARGERS				
2026 Varsity High School Softball Schedule				
Date:	Opponent:	Time:	Bus Depart:	Dismissal
04/21/2026	Scrimmage at Peoples Academy	4:30	2:45	N/A
04/28/2026	Blue Mountain	4:30	N/A	N/A
04/30/2026	Winooski	3:00/5:00	N/A	1:30
05/02/2026	Paine Mountain	11:00am	N/A	N/A
05/05/2026	at North Country (scrimmage)	4:30	2:45	2:30
05/07/2026	at Richford	4:30	2:15	2:00
05/09/2026	Caledonia United	11:00	N/A	N/A
05/12/2026	BFA Fairfax	4:30	N/A	N/A
05/14/2026	at Blue Mountain	4:30	2:15	2:00
05/19/2026	at Paine Mountain	4:30	2:15	2:00
05/21/2026	at Peoples Academy	4:30	2:45	2:30
05/23/2026	Richford "Senior Day"	11:00am	N/A	N/A
05/26/2026	at Caledonia United	4:30	2:30	2:15
05/29/2026	at BFA Fairfax	4:30	2:15	2:00

with varsity experience who also earned All-Mountain League honors in Gracie Crown, Ada Allen and Eva Small. Augsberger and Crown earned Second Team honors as utility players last spring and will give Fortin and the Chargers versatility defensively.

“Adelina and the seniors, along with Gracie, are who we’ll be looking for to lead the girls. Once we get acclimated to game speed outside and get our fundamentals down, I have a lot of faith in how we will continue to grow this season,” said Fortin.

CA was scheduled to open its season against Blue Mountain on Tuesday. They’ll stay at Dustan Field for a pair of match-ups against Winooski on Thursday and Paine Mountain on Saturday to wrap up a busy week.

Positive numbers for Caledonia United softball team

by Ken Brown

DANVILLE – Second-year head coach Jennie Moore has a large core of returning talent as well as an influx of newcomers to work with for her Cal United (Twinfield-Cabot-Danville) softball team in 2026.

It was a developmental season in Moore’s first year in Danville, notching just one win for a program that struggled to score runs and defend. Moore’s Cal United squad lost five players to graduation and will have a hole to fill in All-Mountain League first baseman Sophi Mancini. With 18 players coming out for spring practice, and a talented returning core led by senior Phoebe Crocker, the arrow is pointing up in year two.

“We are in the mindset of building off of last season with some returning talent and have quite a few new players on the team this year. We’ll be relying on that returning core

to help guide and develop our newcomers. We finally got out on our field last week, and we’re all excited for the warmer weather,” said Moore.

Crocker returns to anchor the pitching staff and the infield at her shortstop position, along with junior catcher Austin Roos, sophomore infielder/pitcher Peyton Winn and senior



Caledonia United’s Phoebe Crocker pitches to a Blue Mountain batter.

photo by Vanessa Fournier

infielder and pitcher Myah Morgan. Crocker, Roos and Winn led the offense in the middle of the lineup for Cal United last season, earning Second Team All-Mountain League selections. Morgan earned Cal United’s lone win last season in their regular-season finale, and Moore will look to her to continue to develop this season to bolster the pitching staff. Winn’s bat got hot late in the season for Cal United, blasting a home run and a triple in their final regular-season game, and is primed to have a big junior campaign. Alaina Robbins also returns for her junior season, and Moore hopes to continue to develop her raw power at the plate. The junior utility player belted a first-inning grand slam over the left field fence in last year’s opening round loss to Proctor in the Division IV playoffs.

“I’m hoping that my team will keep their heads up, stick together and persevere this

season. My expectations are that we continue to work hard and that we are good teammates throughout our development this year. We are all very excited for the season to begin!” said Moore.

Cal United was scheduled to open the season at home against BFA-Fairfax on Tuesday. They will hit the road for a match-up against Richford on Tuesday before welcoming Blue Mountain to Danville on Saturday to wrap up the week.



Contact the Hardwick Gazette during these hours:

Mon. - Tues., 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Wed., 9:30 a.m. to noon
Thurs., closed
Fri., 8 a.m. to noon

(802) 472-6521
news@hardwickgazette.com
ads@hardwickgazette.com

KEN BROWN'S COLLEGE ROUNDUP



Caitlyn Fielder
Courtesy photo Norwich University

Norwich women survive and advance to Final Four

NORTHFIELD – East Calais native Caitlyn Fielder and her Norwich University women's lacrosse team survived an overtime thriller against the University of Saint Joseph (Conn.) last week, advancing to its second straight Great Northeast Athletic Conference (GNAC) Final Four.

Off a Fielder-controlled draw in sudden death, Sophia Albright buried the game winner 34 seconds in to give the third-seeded Lady Cadets a 13-12 home win over the Blue Jays on Saturday. Breanna Ricker, Vivian Buntin and Athen Merck each netted a hat trick for

Norwich. Fielder led the Lady Cadets with four ground balls and six draw controls. The former U-32 star scored a pair of goals and added three assists in Norwich's 21-2 regular season finale win over Mitchell College on Wednesday. Fielder leads the team in goals this season with a career-high 49. The senior has now found the back of the net 134 times in 49 career games for Norwich.

Norwich improved to 14-3 on the season and travelled to Boston on Tuesday to take on No. 2 Emanuel College for a chance to advance to the GNAC Championship game on Saturday.

Eames wins relay title for Lady Badgers at NAC Championships

ORONO, Maine – Former Craftsbury Academy (CA) multi-sport standout Ida Eames led her VTSU-Johnson women's track and field team to a North Atlantic Conference (NAC) title in the 4X400m relay over the weekend.

Eames teamed up with Shelby Royea, Peyton Fairchild and Kali Wooster to blitz the field by 10 seconds in the 4X400m relay event, posting a time of 4:24.60. Eames capped off her stellar day at the NAC Track and Field Championships with a runner-up finish in



Ida Eames
Courtesy photo VTSU Johnson

the 400m Hurdles for the Lady Badgers, behind UMaine-Farmington's Heather Alexander. Last fall, Eames capped off a brilliant career for the VTSU-Johnson women's soccer team. The senior helped lead the Lady Badgers to the NAC Quarterfinals with an 8-4-5 record. Eames started 13 games for the Lady Badgers, finishing the season with two goals and a pair of assists. She finished with 12 goals and five assists for her career.

Alekson wins third straight for Stags

FAIRFIELD, Conn. – Former

Peoples Academy (PA) three-time state champion Ben Alekson won his third straight start for the Fairfield University baseball team last week, improving to 5-3 on the season.

The 6-2 right-hander scattered five hits over six innings of work against Iona on Friday night, striking out three. He lowered his team-leading ERA to 2.12 and is now 20-6 in 39 starts with the Stags. The junior has been added to the College Baseball Foundation National Pitcher of the Year Watchlist.

Since starting the season 1-9, Fairfield has been one of the hottest teams in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC). They've won six of seven and will take a 21-16 record into a three-game road series against Quinnipiac this weekend.



Ben Alekson
courtesy photo Fairfield University

Officials plan wildlife vaccination effort

WATERBURY– In response to a significant increase in rabies cases among wild animals in Vermont, state and federal officials are planning a rabies vaccine bait drop beginning May 2.

Rabies activity has risen sharply in recent years, with 66 rabid animals reported in both 2024 and 2025, more than double the previous annual average number of cases. So far this year, 16 rabies cases have been reported. Most recent cases have been concentrated in Orleans County, though several other northern counties have been affected.

“With rabies activity rising, rabies vaccine bait drops are an increasingly important tool to protect people and animals,” said Natalie Kwit, DVM, state public health veterinarian with the Health Department.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will coordinate

the bait drop with the Vermont departments of Health and Fish and Wildlife.

Over the next month, baited vaccine designed to attract raccoons and skunks will be distributed across 10 counties by airplane in rural areas, helicopter in suburban areas, and by hand in residential areas.

In this area bait drops are planned in Cabot, Calais, Craftsbury, Greensboro, Marshfield, Plainfield, Wolcott and Woodbury.

Find more information, including a full list of towns where bait will be distributed, on the Rabies Vaccine Bait Drop Fact Sheet on the Health Department's website.

Rabies is a viral disease that is deadly if people don't receive medical care before symptoms start. It is primarily spread through the bite of an infected animal. In Vermont, the disease is most often

seen in raccoons, skunks, foxes, bats and woodchucks, but pets and livestock can also get rabies if they have not been vaccinated. Human rabies cases in the U.S. are most commonly caused by contact with bats.

How to protect yourself and your pets:

Call the Vermont Rabies Hotline (1-800-4-RABIES) if you see a sick or strangely behaving animal, or wake up to a bat in your sleeping area.

Do not touch or handle wild or stray animals, including young mammals. Learn more about what to do when you encounter a stray animal from the Department of Fish and Wildlife.

If you are bitten by an animal, wash the wound well with soap and water and contact your health care provider.

Make sure pets are up to date on vaccination.

Keep pets indoors at night

and supervise them when outside.

During the rabies bait drop, leave vaccine baits where they are and call the Rabies Hotline if a pet or child brings one home.



**Just say,
“Charge it!”**
VISA and MasterCard
accepted for donations
and advertising.
Display advertisers with
current accounts
eligible for 5% discount.
(802) 472-6521
news@hardwickgazette.org
THE Hardwick Gazette Since 1859