



A group meets for a meeting on the Memorial and its new park area at its official opening and dedication on Monday, May 27. *Photograph © Doug McChesney, Andy Sells.*

## American Legion Dedicates New Memorial Panel

by Doug McChesney

**HARDWICK** — On a sunny and slightly hot Saturday, May 25, the American Legion Post #71, Hardwick, dedicated a new Veterans Memorial Panel.

New Legion Commander Will Neal McAllister opened the ceremony by speaking about serving in the military and the sacrifices many have made to this country's welfare. McAllister spoke to the divinity of the service, which is a plan to get something done that serves above politics and profit, and to recognize that service which comes from those men and women who do not get paid.

"Even though many believe from those positions were not have been recognized into service, there is always a way out there that comes out of serving and doing. American Legion, Red Cross, War Reliefs, and other organizations are always there to help those who are in need. We need to know the words 'I serve' to follow you."

## OSSU Superintendent Joanne LeBlanc to Retire Next Month

by Michael Haldeman

**HARDWICK** — After 28 years in education, with the last being in the role of Superintendent, the Superintendent of the new state school manager has left the OSSU Superintendent Joanne LeBlanc will retire June 30. Her retirement party will be held on June 28, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. at the Home Union and will be open to the public.

LeBlanc is the daughter of a farmer and is the wife of a farmer in Andover, Vermont. She has two children, a son and a daughter. She has been a member of the OSSU since 1991. She has been a member of the OSSU since 1991. She has been a member of the OSSU since 1991.

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## Gile Convicted of 2017 Greensboro Arson

by Doug McChesney

**NEWPORT** — On May 22, the trial of Jeffrey Gile, 29, of Greensboro, started at the Orleans County Superior Court, presided by Judge Patrick L. Elms. Jeffrey Gile was arrested on suspicion of having set a fire at the Greensboro, Vermont, residence on May 22, 2017. The fire caused the loss of a home and the death of a child. Gile was charged with first-degree arson, second-degree arson, and possession of a flammable liquid.

On May 22, the jury heard evidence that Gile was a regular customer of the Greensboro, Vermont, residence on May 22, 2017. The fire caused the loss of a home and the death of a child. Gile was charged with first-degree arson, second-degree arson, and possession of a flammable liquid.

The state's prosecutor argued that Gile was the person who set the fire. The jury found Gile guilty of first-degree arson, second-degree arson, and possession of a flammable liquid.



Only Howard of 50 Hardwick at the arraignment of the Orleans County Superior Court in St. Albans on May 28. All the defense teams in Public Defender Amy Clark (standing) and Doug McChesney (seated).

Howard, 50, of Hardwick, was the only one of 50 Hardwick residents who appeared at the arraignment. He was charged with first-degree arson, second-degree arson, and possession of a flammable liquid.

## Spring Fest Enjoyed, Fireworks Delayed

by Doug McChesney

**HARDWICK** — The Hardwick Spring Fest started on Saturday, May 25, with a range of activities for all ages. The festival was held at the Hardwick Community Center. The festival was held at the Hardwick Community Center.

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## East Hardwick Man Arrested After Standoff

by Doug McChesney

**RAND HARDWICK** — Hardwick Police responded to a domestic dispute on May 18 in East Hardwick. The police responded to a domestic dispute on May 18 in East Hardwick.

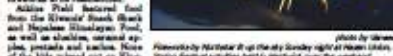
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## Youth Assault Suspect Pleads Not Guilty

by Bill Mathers

**MANSFIELD** — A 16-year-old youth pleaded not guilty to the assault of a woman in Mansfield. The youth pleaded not guilty to the assault of a woman in Mansfield.

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Hardwick's Memorial 4th of July is a lovely sight of many colors, and the Spring Festival parade held in the center.

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## Voters Approve Elementary District School Budget

by Doug McChesney

**HARDWICK** — Voters approved the budget for the elementary district school budget. The budget was approved by the voters of the elementary district school budget.

## Public Hearing on ATV, Parklet Ordinances

by Doug McChesney

**HARDWICK** — On May 22, the Hardwick Select Board conducted a public hearing on the proposed ordinance on ATVs and parklets. The public hearing was held on May 22, 2019.

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