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## School Enters Second Week Under Pandemic Protocols

by Doug McClure

HARDWICK – Last week began the soft opening for area schools, with reopening procedures that varied for each school. At Hazen Union, students returned in shifts based on grade. Craftsbury Academy (CA) also opened with a staggered schedule. When asked if the re-opening has gone well, multiple students, faculty, staff, and administrators, all of whom asked to remain anonymous, gave mixed responses.

Several applauded the newly-available programming, both through the schools and the Orleans Southwest Supervisory Union's (OSSU) expansion of its partnership with the Vermont Virtual Learning Cooperative (VTVLC).

Beyond the VTVLC, at Hazen Union, two new programs are in their early stages — one in collaboration with the Highland Center for the Arts, and another led by teacher Anja Pfeffer. Hazen Union's new Makerspace is expected to see

increased use this year, as part of what one person described as a concerted and optimistic effort at Hazen Union aimed at "seeing this pandemic as an opportunity to shift how we do things." Many, however, stated those reopening plans have thus far sometimes worked better in theory than in reality.

The OSSU's partnership with the VTVLC is just getting underway. OSSU Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Amy Massé said that Hazen Union, Hardwick Elementary, and CA are using several available options from the VTVLC. Whereas some schools in Vermont are reportedly running into a "logjam" and waiting lists as the VTVLC accommodates a sudden, massive boost in enrollment, Massé said, "Most of our kids are getting in. It will all shake out more completely this week so we will know more." One structural difference between the VTVLC and the OSSU, she said, is that in the VTVLC, sixth grade is considered middle school.

The first VTVLC option is



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Twinfield High School art teacher Jeneane Lunn made this sign to welcome students as they arrived on the first day of school.

a Collaborative School Option (CSO), which the OSSU is taking advantage of for the first time this year. The CSO program is an exchange program, said Massé,

with enrollment based on teacher participation. She said the ratio works out to "one teacher equals approximately 25 full-time

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photo by Anne-Marie Keppel

Artist Crystal Stokes (left) painted a portrait of George Washington Henderson, early superintendent of Craftsbury Academy. Harry Miller, president of the Craftsbury Academy School Board, accepted the portrait, which will be displayed in the school.

## Portrait of Historic Principal Unveiled

CRAFTSBURY – Artist Crystal Stokes of Worcester was recently commissioned to paint the historic principal of Craftsbury schools, George Washington Henderson. Henderson was a central figure in Craftsbury when he served as principal at Craftsbury schools from 1877-1880, and again from 1886-1888.

Anne-Marie Keppel, who had discovered the story of Henderson through the Craftsbury Historical Society, commissioned the artist to paint the portrait. The community raised the money for the painting and the framing.

Stokes said that "As a biracial female artist of Vermont, I am incredibly honored to have been commissioned to paint this important figure in Vermont's history."

Henderson was born in Clark County, Virginia, enslaved at birth, and was largely illiterate until age 14 or 15. After the Civil War he followed a Vermont infantry officer to Vermont, where

he attended school and graduated with a Master's Degree from the University of Vermont, completed a Bachelors of Divinity from Yale Divinity School and later attended university in Berlin, Germany. He was the first African American initiated into Phi Beta Kappa, the oldest collegiate academic honor society in the country. After his wife died in childbirth and his child died thereafter, he became a well-respected minister (Reverend Henderson), author of several literary works, and an accomplished professor of Theology, Latin, Greek and Ancient Literature.

The painting will be displayed in one of the main corridors inside Craftsbury Academy. Harry Miller, school board chair, accepted the portrait on behalf of the Craftsbury schools. Merri Greenia, principal of Craftsbury schools said that, "Craftsbury Academy is very proud to have a portrait in our school of one of the first African-American principals in the state of Vermont."

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enrollment seats." Students grades K-5 use a remote learning platform called Maestro, and students in grades 6-12 use the Canvas program.

Massé said the OSSU has about 32 students using the K-6 CSO program and provided VTVLC with "one elementary-level teacher and 2.5 middle/high teachers and one reading interventionist." Hazen Union is using the CSO option, she said, as well as "possibly other ways."

CA is primarily working with the VTVLC through a "Partnership Program," which she described as "a way for schools to access enrollment seats for their students based on their own teachers teaching through VTVLC. Partnership schools get 40 traditional enrollments and 10 school year on-demand enrollments. There is more to learn about this model," she said.

CA Principal Merri Greenia said that beyond the eight high-schoolers enrolled in the Partnership Program, the school has three K-8 students in the CSO program: two at the elementary-school level, and one in middle school. Eight CA high schoolers are enrolled in the Partnership Program. Greenia said that CA has provided the VTVLC with two teachers teaching one course each, "which gives us all of the seats we need for our high school students."

She said that "70% of Craftsbury students are attending full-time, and another 15% are currently on a hybrid schedule." As much as possible, Greenia said, students are spending their school days learning outdoors and the school is exploring ways to increase that outdoor time. "We have two

large tents, six picnic tables, and several benches on the Common, and one large tent and six picnic tables at the elementary school," Greenia said. Distancing is working very well in the classrooms, but recess, outdoor classes, and lunch are "more of a challenge," she said. CA painted "spacing markers on the grass" to help students understand the six-foot rule.

She said morning health screenings are "going well", adding that "we have enough screeners, the traffic flow is good, students are coming off buses from seats spaced apart, and they stand on white dots on the sidewalk spaced six feet apart waiting for the morning check."

*"They thought they could keep kids distanced. That did not work," the student said.*

When asked how they felt the restart was going, one Hazen student responded with an Edvard Munch "Scream" emoji. Another said the physical distancing measures fell apart the instant kids went into the school. "They thought they could keep kids distanced. That did not work," the student said.

Another person, who wished to remain anonymous, agreed. That person said that because students did not always adhere to mask and distancing protocols, other students, faculty, and staff got freaked out, and the result was an increased overall stress level. "Everyone [socializing] is colliding and we're all coming from such different places. Those exercising less caution make others uncomfortable, but of course, are unaware they are having that impact." The effort to get students to comply with mask requirements was "a struggle" that got worse, said one person, compounded by "athletes who claim that they haven't had to wear masks on the field when practicing" and therefore shouldn't be required to wear them during normal outside classes.

Another described the re-opening among staff as "very controversial," with some members saying they hoped that the union would back them up and help keep them safe; others felt duty-bound to educate students, despite the risks.

As of last week, the Vermont Department of Health said that there was no evidence of community spread of the virus anywhere in the state and that no town in the OSSU district had more than five COVID cases.



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## Hardwick Police

### Media Log Summary

Suspicious Event	5
Citizen Dispute	3
Traffic Stop	7
Animal Problem	4
Directed Patrol	8
Noise Disturbance	2
Burglary, Theft	2
Other	27
Total	58

### No Proof of Insurance, Use of Cell Phone

On Sept. 8, at 9:30 p.m., Timothy J. Ricciardello, of Wolcott, was stopped on Wolcott St. in Hardwick. Police issued a ticket for \$162 for Use of Portable Electronic Device (cell phone).

On Sept. 8, at 10:00 p.m., Tiffany A. Densmore, was stopped on Wolcott St. in Hardwick. Police issued a ticket for \$76 for No Proof of Insurance.

On Sept. 12, at 5:31 p.m., James Biggam, of E. Montpelier,

was stopped on W. Church St. in Hardwick. Police issued a ticket for \$162 for Use of Portable Electronic Device (cell phone).

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

## Vermont State Police

### Truck Hits Bicyclist, Computer Equipment Theft

On Sept. 8, Troopers with the Vermont State Police Middlesex barracks responded to the intersection of U.S. Route 2 and Packard Rd. in the town of East Montpelier for a report of a motor vehicle collision with a bicyclist. Investigation revealed Robert Boisvert, of Graniteville, was traveling west on U.S. Route 2 in a truck towing a trailer. Boisvert saw Stephanie Rieke, of Plainfield, on a bicycle and assumed they had enough time to complete the right turn onto Packard Rd. Boisvert did not realize that Rieke was a bicycle with an electric motor which was traveling faster than anticipated.

Boisvert stated when he realized how close Rieke was, they attempted to accelerate. Rieke struck the passenger side fender and tire of the trailer Boisvert was pulling. Rieke stated they were traveling East on U.S. Route at 21 mph when they looked down for a brief moment. Rieke stated when they looked back up Boisvert was directly in front of them.

Boisvert was wearing their seatbelt, airbags were not deployed, and was uninjured. Rieke was wearing a helmet and suffered suspected minor injuries. She was transported by East Montpelier EMS to Central Vermont Medical Center for eval-

uation of injuries.

The Vermont State Police would like to remind motorists to use caution when approaching and turning in front of bicycles. Bicycles powered by electric motors, commonly referred to as "E-Bikes," are able to move more quickly than traditional bicycles and are becoming increasingly popular, thus motorists are urged to use more caution. Similarly, users of this new mode of transportation are advised to use caution when operating in traffic, as motorists may not be aware of the speed at which they are traveling.

On Sept. 11, mid-day, Vermont State Police Middlesex barracks received a report of several pieces of computer equipment and accessories taken from a residence located on Balentine Rd. in Calais. The burglary occurred sometime between the morning and early afternoon on Friday, Sept. 11. Anyone with information is asked to contact Trooper Casey Ross at the Vermont State Police Middlesex barracks.

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The flags at the Hardwick Fire Station fly at half staff on September 11 in observance of the 19th anniversary of the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and Flight 93, which crashed outside of Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

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# Gray Hosts Community Forum



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Democratic candidate for Lieutenant Governor Molly Gray spoke at a community forum on Sunday, September 13 with incumbent NEK legislators Robert Starr (D), left, John Rodgers (D), center, both of Essex-Orleans District, and Democratic candidate for the Orleans-Caledonia District Katherine Sims (right).

by Doug McClure

CRAFTSBURY – On Sunday, September 13, Democratic lieutenant gubernatorial candidate Molly Gray hosted a forum with two of the Northeast Kingdom's Democratic legislative contingent, Senators Bobby Starr and John Rodgers, both of the Essex-Orleans District, and Democratic candidate Katherine Sims who is vying for the Orleans-Caledonia seat left open by Sam Young, who will not seek re-election this year. The forum was the first of eight such planned events. Gray's challenger for lieutenant governor, Republican Scott Milne, was invited but did not appear, according to the campaign.

Sims is one of four candidates competing for two Orleans-Caledonia seats. Republican incumbent Vicki Strong is up for re-election this year. To fill out the general election slate, Democrat newcomers John Elwell of Craftsbury Common, and Republican Craftsbury Town Moderator Jeanine Young are competing, as is Republican-turned-independent Frank Huard. Strong and Sims won their respective primaries.

Starr is up for re-election, and Rodgers is running as an independent rather than a Democrat in 2020 due to a missed filing. Also competing for the two seats are Democrat Ron Horton from Jay, and Republicans Jonathan Morin of Holland and Russ Ingalls of Newport, who won the primary vote.

The forum was for many their first introduction to Gray, a political newcomer who works as an assistant attorney general and, according to her website, teaches night classes at Vermont Law School. Gray's family is from Newbury, "descendants of Irish immigrants who came to

Vermont for a better life in the 1800s," where she was "born and raised on a farm," according to her profile. She attended UVM on an athletic scholarship and competed in Division I cross-country skiing. After graduation she helped elect Representative Peter Welch to Congress and moved to Washington to serve as a Congressional aide. She spent three years at the International Committee of the Red Cross working on humanitarian issues and led field missions to Haiti, Uganda, and the Western Balkans, among other places. Gray then returned to Vermont and graduated from Vermont Law School.

#### Senator Bobby Starr

The first speaker was Senator Starr, who began by addressing the question "What planet did you come from?"

"I come from where real Vermonters come from. We do things properly and politely," he said.

Senator Starr is widely known in the Kingdom, having served as a representative from 1978-2004 before being elected in 2005 to his current senate seat. He said he feels "good about where and how voted on the issues" throughout his years of service. Senator Starr said he is chair of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and is also on the Senate Committee on Appropriations. According to the State of Vermont, he participates in the Legislative Study Committee on Wetlands and the Vermont Milk Board. He described the committees as "important committees that mean a lot to the people I represent." He spoke only briefly, closing out his speech with a polite dig at his colleagues in the House of Representatives. While the Vermont General Assembly has just 30 senators, 150 people make up its House of Representatives,

which makes physical distancing requirements due to COVID-19 a bigger challenge.

"They're in the House [of Representatives]. I don't even know if they know where they're going to meet, maybe out on the front lawn? In a big tent?" he asked.

#### Senator John Rodgers

Clad in a white T-shirt emblazoned with the words "Rodgers for Vermont," Senator John Rodgers spoke next. He began with a self-deprecating remark about his face mask. "My son and I went to the supply store this morning to get some supplies, and I left my good masks in the other truck," he said. "I had to make this one out of something, so it's not very fashionable." Like Senator Starr, Senator Rodgers is well-known due to his years of legislative service, first in the Vermont House from 2003-2011 and in the Vermont Senate since 2013. He spoke of his commitment to lake water quality, stating that one of the first things he accomplished after being elected to the Vermont House in 2003 "was to get funding for signage for all the Vermont waterways that had aquatic nuisance species." Senator Rodgers said he owns a camp on Shadow Lake and was concerned that boats from nearby Crystal Lake were unknowingly bringing milfoil with them. "I saw this as the huge threat as it is," he said, "and since that time I've written several pieces of legislation dealing with aquatic nuisance species. I'm trying to cut down on the transportation [of species] and trying to educate people more." Shadow Lake is apparently now free of milfoil, said Rodgers, with the caveat that its unique status might change if people become careless. "It took us over five years to get the milfoil in control, and we are extremely happy. I think we're only the second lake in the state that



photo by Doug McClure

Molly Gray is the Democratic candidate for Lieutenant Governor. She headlined a community forum in Craftsbury on Sunday, September 13.

eradicated [milfoil], or we think we've eradicated it [because] we haven't found any."

Senator Rodgers continued listing his pro-environment track record, pointing to his successful defeat of proposed COVID-19 legislation that would have allowed municipalities in the Designated Downtown program to bypass Act 250 and "dump raw sewage into our lakes." He said development should not take place until towns "can prove that they are reducing the amount of raw sewage."

#### Candidate for

#### Representative, Katherine Sims

Sims started by noting the "strange election cycle where opportunities to connect with voters have been so limited," and thanked the roughly two dozen attendees for "taking your time on what has remained a beautiful day to come here and talk about the issues that matter to Vermont." Sims is not as widely known as Senators Starr or Rodgers and took the opportunity to introduce herself. She said she lives in Craftsbury with her husband and two sons.

"While I moved up here for a job, what I found was so much more than I ever could imagine," she said. "I found real community. I love living in a place where, when I go to the General Store, everyone knows my name. And when I got stuck in a snowbank last winter, a random stranger drove by and pulled me out. I love that my family gets to enjoy outdoor recreation in all of Vermont's seasons -- all five of them," she joked. She explained her decision to run for office stemmed from her belief that "our rural towns are the heart of Vermont, and yet too often state policies leave our rural communities

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## Forum

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behind. She added that “too many [people] in our districts struggle to access housing, high-speed internet, childcare, healthcare,” and the path to recovery for small businesses affected by COVID-19 was “uncertain.”

Sims spoke of the “recent challenge to Northern Vermont University” and said the school’s near-death experience earlier this year is evidence that “access to affordable higher education in our communities is threatened.”

### Molly Gray

Gray began by re-emphasizing COVID-19 safety precautions. As with all public gatherings, the event required a sign-in sheet for contact tracing in the event of a COVID outbreak. Gray said she had last been in Craftsbury in 2006, ski racing for UVM. “It’s great to be back,” she said, “it’s obviously been a bit of time.”

She covered a wide range of topics followed by a Q-and-A, and described the current cultural moment as punctuated by “justifiable social unrest, not only nationally but here in Vermont.” She said Vermont’s economy was being “challenged and pulled and poked in every way imaginable.” State demographics continue to present a challenge, Gray said, adding, “We see more deaths than births in a majority of Vermont counties.”

Gray described Governor Scott’s plan to lure out-of-staters to Vermont with a \$10,000 payment as the wrong approach.

“We shouldn’t be paying people \$10,000 to move to Vermont,” she said. “We need to invest in this Vermont that we want.”

Of the “three strategic areas” of focus she cited, broadband drew the biggest audience response. “I think [broadband] is one of the best investments we can make right now for Vermont,” Gray said. “It’s access to telemedicine, it’s access to online learning, it’s access to remote work, it’s access to economic opportunity for our communities.”

Some in the audience likened broadband to electrification in the 1930s. Elon Musk’s efforts with satellite internet through Starlink were mentioned, as were other potential private partners.

“If you imagine 70,000 homes without water or heat, we’d be [saying] ‘outrageous.’ And the internet’s sort of like the modern-day equivalent of electricity.” Gray said, characterizing it as an “equity issue.” She suggested it was time “to invest a

little bit more in broadband and a little bit less on roads.” Senator Starr said it was key to find “the best bang for our buck” and move forward with it. “You can’t expect people to come and live here and work from home with crappy internet,” he said.

Gray said her focus was on “making Vermont the best place to raise and support families,” including investing in childcare. She spoke of “putting our communities [and] people before politics,” and added that “from our greatest challenges come our greatest opportunities.”

UVM Applied Economics Development professor and former “farm kid from Stannard” Travis Reynolds moderated the forum and asked Gray the majority of questions. He pressed her for specifics on childcare, a system whose weaknesses he felt had been exposed by the pandemic.

Gray responded that childcare was “probably one of the best economic opportunities we have right now in the state.” She said childcare is a major issue for parents in light of school shutdowns and partial re-openings. Gray described childcare as “the best economic investment” and stated that “universal access to childcare and equity” can have a lasting impact on a child’s future. She explained that in reviewing legal histories of defendants she had prosecuted as assistant attorney general, she observed a link between childhood neglect and later troubles with law enforcement.

“Investing in childcare is also investing in prevention. We know that,” she said.

She segued from a discussion of childcare to her ideas for tackling Vermont’s demographic crisis. She said there was promising economic development potential in paid family leave, adding “it’s the right thing to do, and it’s going to create a Vermont that’s more economically viable, inclusive, and sustainable for the future.”

Reynolds asked about recent shifts in demographics, including “COVID refugees coming from big cities... hiding out in Vermont,” and the “actual refugee population, international migrants” that had settled in Vermont in the past year. “What is your strategy?” he asked Gray. “What are your priorities?”

Gray replied it would be “interesting to see what the population shift is in the state over the next year,” and there has been “a lot of investment, a lot of growth” in Chittenden County. The same could not be said for Orange County, Cale-



photo by Vanessa Fournier

Democratic candidate for Lieutenant Governor Molly Gray (right), formerly of Newbury, visits with Tom Guare (left) of Greensboro during a concert/fundraiser hosted by Kelly Robinson and her husband David Kelley. The event was held under two large tents in the backyard of their home in Greensboro on Sunday.

donia, Essex County, Orleans or southern Vermont, which did not show significant growth, she said. She pointed to broadband as a major factor. “Who wants to move to a community where there’s no internet during a global pandemic?” she asked. “If you have children, or you’re thinking about remote work, or just basic access to safety and health information.” She said broadband access is “one area where we can make a strategic investment to draw people to our state.” She added that Vermont offered “one of the best K-12 education systems” but “once our graduates get through high school, 41% on average do not go on to any additional training.” Compounding the issue, she said, was a lack of government-funded financial support to state colleges, which resulted in fewer qualified people to fill higher-level jobs.

Inclusivity was another concern raised by Gray. “We see a city like Rutland which tried to encourage more Syrian refugees to move to the community, but then the mayor was not re-elected just because of that,” she said. “We know Vermont is the whitest state in the country, but we also have an environment that’s not always welcoming, that’s not always inclusive.” Gray described inclusivity as another “strategic investment” to be made in Vermont’s future.

Reynolds pressed Gray for details on where the money would come from to build the future she envisioned. Gray cited the currently booming real estate market, and reports of “houses being sold sight-unseen across the state.” She suggested that

with so many houses being sold, “why not capture a small amount of that real-estate transaction, possibly 1%, and have that go into an investment in childcare or affordable housing?” She admitted that Realtors “don’t entirely like this idea,” adding, “I think we need to create a Vermont that is extremely inclusive, but also figure out how do we ensure we can access housing, child care, and we can have good-paying jobs?”

When the moderator opened questions from the audience, a recent graduate from Hazen Union School with plans to attend college in Boston asked Gray “are there any women in government you look up to, or are particularly inspiring for you?” Gray said Governor Madeleine Kunin, “Vermont’s first and only female governor,” has “been a mentor.” Gray also mentioned Speaker Mitzi Johnson (D) as “an incredible woman” and an example for young women looking to get involved.

Gray spoke of how she envisioned her role if elected to office. “If we continue to have the same people at the table, you may continue to see the same outcomes,” she said. “That’s not to fault our policymakers.” She explained that listening to the voices of “those who are most greatly impacted by our decision-making” would result in “better outcomes.” Gray said as Lieutenant Governor it would be her responsibility to ask “who is not here?” when we’re talking about discrimination in housing, “who is not here?” when we’re talking about discrimination that’s existed with to access to education, employment,” and bring those voices to the table.

# OBITUARIES

## LYNETTE AINSWORTH

A private committal for Lynette Ainsworth, who passed away on April 16, will be held on Saturday, Sept. 19 at Fairview Cemetery in Hardwick. The complete obituary can be found at [dgfunerals.com](http://dgfunerals.com).

## VERETTA M. VANCE

**HARDWICK** – Graveside services for Veretta May Vance, who died February 16, will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, September 26, in the Fairview Cemetery in Hardwick. Rev. Dr. Evelyn Lavelli of the United Church of Hardwick will officiate.

Due to COVID-19, masks will be required, as well as social distancing.

Arrangements are in the care of Dian R. Holcomb of Northern Vermont Funeral Service, 60 Elm Street, Hardwick.

## LEON S. MCALLISTER

**HARDWICK** – Leon Stanley McAllister, 76, of Hardwick died peacefully in the comfort of his home on Thursday, September 3, with family at his bedside.

He was born November 10, 1943, in Lowell, the son of the late Stanley W. and Solange (Pion) McAllister. He attended Lowell and West Danville public schools.

He was first married to Coral Chaplin. He later married Patricia Ann Machia on September 28, 1990, in Hardwick.

In his earlier years, he worked as a farm hand. He cut trees and trucked logs to the mill. He worked for Clarence Hale in the woods, Bert Frye in Danville driving a dump truck. He later owned McAllister Trucking, hauling logs and for more than 20 years he was employed by Salvas Paving in Stowe.

Leon was a member of the Bronson Council # 1568, Knights of Columbus and the Sons of the American Legion Post # 7, both in Hardwick. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping, and tinkering. He was known to his family as a jack of all trades.

Survivors include his wife, Patricia “Pat” McAllister of Hardwick; children, Leon McAllister of Greenbrier, Tenn., Michael McAllister of Zebulon, N.C., Tina McAllister and partner, Denis Poirier of Barton, Donna Blight and husband, Robert of Greensboro, Laurie Parish and husband, Paul of South Carolina and Timothy



Leon S. McAllister

Hooker and wife, Kelly of Sheffield; 11 grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren; five siblings, Raoul McAllister, Wilfred “Willey” McAllister and his wife, Claudette, Russell McAllister and his wife, Cheryl, all of Hardwick, Conrad McAllister and his wife, Juanell of Winter Park Fla., and Gloria McAllister and her husband, Richard Leidenfrost of Crescent City, Fla; as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins.

To honor Leon’s request, all gatherings will be private at the convenience of his family.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to the Lamoille Area Cancer Network, 198 Farr Avenue, Morrisville, Vermont 05661.

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Cumulus clouds, puffy clouds that appear to look like pieces of cotton, contrast a beautiful blue sky on September 5 as seen from Center Road in Hardwick.



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A bright red sunset seen from South Walden Road in Cabot.

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A drive-by pie fundraiser was held for the Greensboro Nursing Home (GNH) outside at the Greensboro Grange Hall on September 12. Forty-five pies made by GNH board members, employees, and volunteers from the community, sold in 1 1/2 hours. All proceeds will go to the nursing home. As a second fundraiser for GNH, a coin drop will be held on Wolcott Street in Hardwick on September 19 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Pictured from (left to right): Mary Hall, volunteer; Rosann Hickey, member of the GNH Board of Trustees; Donald Duck, volunteer; Paula Harmon, member of the GNH Board of Trustees; Gina Jenkins, President of the GNH Board of Trustees; Bobbie Nisbet, Vice President of the Board of Trustees and Brian Labelle, GNH administrator.

## Applications Sought for Farmers' Grant Program

**BURLINGTON** – The Northeast Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program (SARE) is accepting applications for its Farmer Grant Program. Up to \$15,000 is available per project. Applications are due online at 5 p.m. on November 17.

The Farmer Grant Program funds farmers to enable them to explore new concepts in sustainable agriculture on production, marketing, labor, farm succession, social capital and other areas through experiments, surveys, prototypes, on-farm demonstrations or other research and education techniques. Grants may not be used to help start or expand farm businesses.

Application materials, including detailed instructions and supporting documents, are posted on the Northeast SARE website at [northeastare.org/FarmerGrant](http://northeastare.org/FarmerGrant). Questions about the grant program should be directed to Northeast SARE grant coordinator Candice Huber at [candice.huber@uvm.edu](mailto:candice.huber@uvm.edu).

A webinar that explains the program will be held on October

6, from noon to 1 p.m. Register at [go.uvm.edu/farmergrantwebinar](http://go.uvm.edu/farmergrantwebinar). Anyone requiring a disability-related accommodation to participate should contact the Northeast SARE office at [northeastare@uvm.edu](mailto:northeastare@uvm.edu) or (802) 651-8335 by September 29.

Farmer Grant projects address issues that affect farming with long-term sustainability in mind. There are no restrictions on the topics that may be addressed as long as the proposed project leads to

new information that enhances Northeast agriculture. Reviewers look to fund projects that are well-designed to meet the objectives and promise significant benefit to farming communities.

All commercial farm business owners and farm employees in the Northeast region are eligible to apply.

All projects must enlist a technical advisor that provides support to the farmer applicant. The technical advisor can be an Extension educator; Natural Resources Conser-

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## Albany Methodist Church Fall Sale Oct. 3

ALBANY – This year’s Albany Methodist Church Fall Sale will take place on Saturday, October 3 from 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on the Church lawn. The luncheon menu includes homemade Beef Stew, Corn Chowder, Cornbread, and local pies. The food sale will include homemade donuts, baked beans, pies, fudge, homegrown relishes, pickles and much more. We will have local

veggies, pumpkins, potatoes, squash etc. Attic Treasures will include home goods, crafts, kitchen treasures, children’s clothes, games, and something for all. Please join us. Please bring your mask and we will supply plastic gloves for handling clothes to keep everyone safe. We are not able to have our harvest dinner or November sale. We look forward to seeing you!

## Free Prescription Drug Mail-back Envelopes

MORRISVILLE – Healthy Lamoille Valley has a supply of free prescription drug mail back envelopes. Proper disposal of unused, unwanted, or expired prescription medications is a one way to keep a home, community, and environment safer.

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Email [jessica@healthylamoillevalley.org](mailto:jessica@healthylamoillevalley.org) to request an envelope.

To learn more ways to prevent substance misuse visit [healthylamoillevalley.org/prescription-drugs](http://healthylamoillevalley.org/prescription-drugs).

## Seeking Youth Entries for Collaborative Art Project

MORRISVILLE – The Photo-voice project of Healthy Lamoille Valley (HLV) is seeking photo projects from youth in the area. The project’s goal is to amplify youth voices through original art and creation to share a unique perspective into life as a young person today.

to be submitted along with the photograph, each photo must be submitted along with a substance misuse fact about underage substance misuse that is independently researched by using one of the sources below.

A \$20 gift card to a local merchant will be awarded to the first 20 youth who submit a photo project that meets the following submission guidelines: the submitted photo must be an original picture taken by the submitter, participants must be under 18 or be a high school student in the Lamoille Valley area, participants must provide a signed release to participate in any photo display, photographs must depict something relating to substance use and liquor mixed messaging observed in the communities, photo must include a brief write up or a short explanation of the photo

Recommended fact and data sources (share which one is used): 2019 Vermont Youth Risk Behavior Survey ([healthvermont.gov/sites/default/files/documents/pdf/CHS\\_YRBS\\_statewide\\_report.pdf](http://healthvermont.gov/sites/default/files/documents/pdf/CHS_YRBS_statewide_report.pdf)), National Institute of Drug Abuse (NIDA) for teens ([teens.drugabuse.gov/](http://teens.drugabuse.gov/)), and The Truth Initiative ([truthinitiative.org/](http://truthinitiative.org/)).

Learn more at [healthylamoillevalley.org/photovoice-2020](http://healthylamoillevalley.org/photovoice-2020).

Artwork submissions will be accepted from now until Friday, October 2, at 5 p.m.

Contact Ashley Hill, HLV’s youth prevention coordinator, at [ashley@healthylamoillevalley.org](mailto:ashley@healthylamoillevalley.org) to submit photos or if you need assistance.

## Online Course Helps Vermonters Eat Healthier

BURLINGTON – A free distance learning series, “Eat Smart, Move More” by the University of Vermont (UVM) Extension’s Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program is available for limited-income Vermont families to eat healthier and be more food secure.

The self-paced course includes six interactive, online video lessons with tips for planning, shopping, and budgeting for healthy meals plus recipe tutorials. Each 30-minute lesson also features daily physical fitness and wellness strategies and simple workout exercises to do at home.

In addition, participants will take part in a live video or phone chat with a UVM Extension nutrition educator after every two lessons, or as needed for support throughout the course. The conversations will be tailored to each family’s needs and will allow ample time for questions.

Anyone who is eligible for SNAP/3SquaresVT, ReachUp,

WIC, free or reduced-price school meals or similar programs may participate. To register, or to determine eligibility if not enrolled in one of these programs, contact one of the UVM Extension nutrition educators listed below. Or go to [uvm.edu/extension/distance-nutrition-education](http://uvm.edu/extension/distance-nutrition-education) to complete an eligibility survey and register.

Nutrition educators and the counties they serve are: Addison and Washington Counties: Susan Bodette ([susan.bodette@uvm.edu](mailto:susan.bodette@uvm.edu)); Caledonia and Essex Counties: Bernadette Bessette ([bernadette.bessette@uvm.edu](mailto:bernadette.bessette@uvm.edu)); Lamoille and Orleans Counties: Katie Black ([katie.black@uvm.edu](mailto:katie.black@uvm.edu)).

Upon successful completion of the course, participants will receive a certificate of graduation, nutrition reference book with recipes and menus and a strength training band by mail.

For questions, or to request a disability-related accommodation to participate, contact Amy Davidson at (802) 656-2311 or [amy.davidson@uvm.edu](mailto:amy.davidson@uvm.edu).

## Day of Mourning and Reflection Sept. 20

CRAFTSBURY COMMON – On Sunday September 20, there will be a day of mourning and reflection on Craftsbury Common.

This is a day to recognize our individual, community, collective and world-wide losses, including deaths of loved ones and pets, job losses, events canceled due to the pandemic, environmental disaster and deaths caused by racism. Attendees are encouraged to bring

photos, poems, flowers, and to stop by to name loss and add to the shrine.

Events will include a labyrinth, open all day. There will be a gathering, vigil, central fire, and hot cocoa at 6:30 p.m., and tightwire walking from 6 p.m. until dark.

The event will be held rain or shine and is appropriate for all ages. For more information, call (802) 533-7721.

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### NOTICE OF TAX SALE TOWN OF WALDEN

The resident and nonresident owners, lien holders and mortgagees of lands and personal property in the Town of Walden in County of Caledonia are hereby notified that the taxes assessed by such Town for the year 2018 and 2019 (and/or prior years if unpaid) remain, either in whole or in part, unpaid on the following described lands in such town to wit:

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And such lands will be sold at public auction at the Walden Town Clerk’s office, a public place in such Town, on October 2, 2020, at 1 p.m., unless previously paid.

Dated at Walden, Vermont, this 28th day of August, 2020.

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### CARD OF THANKS

The Demers family would like to thank all family and friends for their love and support during our time of loss of our mother, Antoinette Demers. We would also like to give special thanks to the des Groseilliers Funeral Home for the kindness and care of their beloved grandmother.

### CARD OF THANKS

The Board of Trustees of the Greensboro Nursing Home wish to thank those who generously donated pies and monetary contributions for our Drive By Pie sale. The sale was a great success. The Coronavirus prevented us from holding our Pie Breakfast. We look forward to 2021 when we can all gather again.



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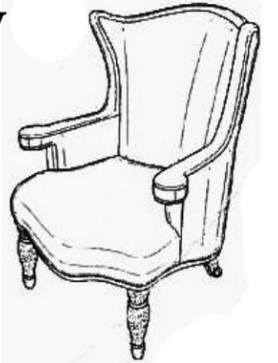
On Sunday, Sept. 13, the small park in front of the Hardwick Veterinary Clinic was dedicated to Floyd Fleaflicker for his dedicated service to the community. Pictured are (left to right) Clint Howard; Dr. Andrea Gilbert, DVM; Theresa Howard; and Scot Richard, the artist who created the sign for Floyd Fleaflicker Park. Floyd Fleaflicker passed away on August 21 and was the force behind the Floyd Fleaflicker Fix 'Em Fund, a private fund created in 2013 to spay and neuter stray and feral cats.

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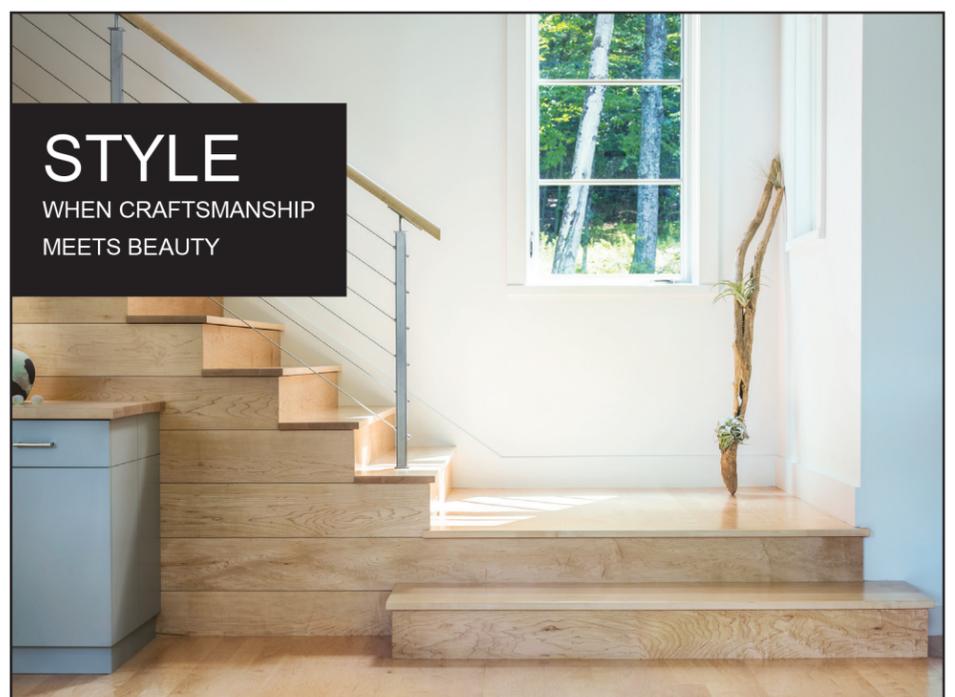
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# Composite Photographs Win Judge's Favor

by June Pichel Cook

GREENSBORO – The one-page Judgment Order rendered by Environmental Division Superior Judge Thomas S. Durkin on September 3 was amplified with a 22-page Decision on the Merits explaining the court's rationale. Durkin concluded the reconstruction of an accessory building on the Marian Wright/Greg Boester property at 151 Birch Lane will not have an undue adverse effect on the Caspian Lake shoreline or character of the area.

He stated: "No evidence or legal arguments presented at trial convinced this Court to reconsider and change this pre-trial determination."

Wright and Boester had applied to reconstruct an existing building using the same footprint on their Black's Point property, adding a third level which increased the building height 10 feet. The non-conformed building is 18 inches from the lake and 8.5 inches from a neighboring property boundary. The Development Review Board (DRB) allowed reconstruction of the building, citing it was a lawful, nonconforming building and reconstruction would not increase its "nonconformity." However, the board denied increasing the building height and adding a third level because of its adverse

effect on the character of the area.

Wright/Boester appealed the town's decision. Day Patterson, Janet Showers, and Phillip Patterson, neighbors, are intervenors in the matter.

Judge Durkin ordered the town to allow reconstruction of the building as presented in exhibits at the Lamoille Superior Court hearing last October. The court had ordered mediation between the parties before going to trial; mediation and negotiations were unproductive. Although the proposed reconstruction differs from what was presented to the development review board in 2018, Judge Durkin stated the changes were not so "material and substantial" to require "remand of their application to the DRB."

The changes made to the plans submitted to the DRB moved the footprint back from the lake three feet and angled the building to move it slightly further from the Patterson's boundary to ameliorate an encroachment. The existing dock extends several inches onto the Patterson property. The height of the building was reduced by 3.5 feet from the original proposal. The building height, as now proposed, is 26.5 feet.

The judge's decision relied heavily on testimony by Milford B. Cushman and his composite of photographs depicting properties along the southerly shore

of Black's Point. His composites showed what the proposed property would look like from the lake vs. the existing property. The judge felt the photos "provide insight on the general character of the area."

"The Court found that these photos, including the rendering of what the reconstructed Structure will look like from the Lake, provide a credible foundation for determining the composition of other nearby structures, and the impact of the proposed reconstructed Structure on the area and its nearby structures."

The judge noted that Cushman provided credible testimony concerning homes and structures around the lake and character of the area. Durkin took issue with the suggestion that the evaluation of the proposed reconstruction be limited to a "comparison only to other accessory structures or boathouses."

The decision notes there are larger homes around the lake and many which "present themselves as three-or even three and a half story structures."

He cited many buildings (even two-story buildings) "that are set father (sic) back from the Lake appear higher in elevation than the top of the proposed Structure." Judge Durkin noted "Many of the

existing Lakeside structures are readily perceived as taller than Applicants' proposed structure." Given the proposed landscaping proposals, he concluded "that the height of the proposed Structure will not adversely affect the character of the area."

"Caspian Lake provides an eclectic array of residential structures and uses on the surrounding properties."

The judge applied the town plan and zoning by-laws in rendering his decision. The Shoreland Protection District, into which the property falls, is "established to protect surface water resources on Caspian and Eligo Lakes and to retain the mix of residential/summer homes as well as the recreation uses traditional to these lakes."

He felt the renovations do not add new bathrooms or bedrooms, doesn't increase impervious surface or runoff into the lake, and retains the mix of residential/summer homes as well as traditional recreational uses. It would have no adverse impacts on storm-water, erosion, water quality, or recreation opportunities.

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# Fauci Calls Vermont a “Model for the Country”

by Mara Brooks

MONTPELIER – White House Coronavirus Task Force lead member and infectious disease expert Dr. Anthony Fauci appeared via live video at the Governor’s press briefing Tuesday where he praised Vermont’s handling of the pandemic as “a model for the country” and an example of “how you get to such a low positivity rate that you can actually start opening up the economy in a safe and prudent way.”

If Vermont continues its success at containing the virus, the state may not see an expected “second wave” this winter, Dr. Fauci said.

“I don’t think you inevitably are going to have a second wave,” he said. “It’s going to be challenging as you get into the fall and the winter, but it doesn’t necessarily mean that you’re going to have a problem if you do the kind of prudent public health measures

that you’ve been doing.”

Dr. Fauci, who is also director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), said Vermont safety protocols as put forth by Governor Scott echo “what I have been trying very hard over the last several weeks and months to communicate to the nation” on how to successfully open up the economy and “get our children back to school and people back to work in a safe, measured, prudent way.”

Dr. Fauci said as state schools reopen it is “inevitable” that some children will be infected with the virus, but “you have to have a plan of how to respond so it isn’t an all or nothing phenomenon.”

“When you get a minor setback, you don’t have to turn the clock back,” he said.

While he noted that Vermont is a small state, the steps it has taken to keep the virus from spreading still serve as an example for the rest of the country, Dr. Fauci

said.

“These public health principles don’t really change,” Dr. Fauci said. “I believe strongly that if we do what you’ve been doing in Vermont in the rest of the country, we can come out on the other end better off than when we went in.”

He referred to the “four or five fundamental principles” guiding COVID safety protocols.

“Where you’re in a situation where there’s active infection in the community, universal wearing of masks, keeping physical distance, six feet being the parameter with some variation, avoiding crowds, doing things outdoors as much as you can, and washing hands as frequently as possible,” he advised.

“Whether you are in Vermont or in New York City downtown, those things work. They work in states with small numbers like Vermont and they work in states with big numbers like New York and Texas and California.”

The challenge, Dr. Fauci said, will be maintaining consistent safety standards throughout the fall and winter seasons.

“The fall and the winter will be a challenge because there will be much more indoor activity,” he said.

When asked what Vermonters can do to maintain its low COVID positivity rates throughout the winter months, Dr. Fauci recommended doing “the kinds of things that you are doing.”

“Even when you are as in good shape as Vermont is, you got into good shape by certain things that you’ve done,” he said. “Don’t get careless -- and I don’t expect that you will because there’s no indication of that -- but be prudent and careful in your interaction in the community.”

He cautioned that those traveling to Vermont from other states with higher rates of test positivity could pose a risk to the state if

Vermonters “let your guard down.”

“Vermont is certainly a very popular place to visit, particularly in the fall,” Dr. Fauci said. “I think that the hospitality [industry] should demand the kind of care to public health measures you have been,” he said.

“You want to be courteous and welcoming, but you also want to have a degree of protocol,” he said. “So, I think a good degree of caution without being over restrictive would be the way to go.”

When asked if following Vermont’s lead should include issuing a nationwide mask mandate, Dr. Fauci said doing so would be challenging at best.

“Obviously, the successful experience we have here could be a model for the country,” he said. “One of the issues is that there is such a degree of variability of accepting mandates throughout the country.”

He explained in certain regions of the country there is “considerable pushback” on any government mandate perceived as “an authoritative statement to the citizenry.”

“If the citizens of a particular state or city or county are really in lockstep with the authority, there’s not a big problem, as you’ve seen with the success in Vermont,” he said. “However, there is a great deal of variability throughout our country.”

The bottom line, he said, is that a national mandate “would probably not work.”

“I want to congratulate you and all of the officials in your state who have been responsible for this plan and the implementation of it in a very prudent way,” Dr. Fauci said of Vermont’s COVID-19 guidelines.

Governor Scott announced at the Tuesday briefing that Vermont continues to have lowest COVID positivity rate in the country, at two tenths of 1 percent.

## State of Emergency Extended Until October 15

by Mara Brooks

MONTPELIER – Governor Phil Scott announced at a press briefing Friday, Sept. 11 that he will extend the state of emergency until October 15, admitting the virus “is going to be with us until there’s a safe vaccine.”

While COVID numbers in Vermont remain the lowest in the country, Governor Scott said current measures associated with the state of emergency “have helped keep it that way,” and extending it “probably comes as no surprise” to Vermonters.

“This is the vehicle that allows us to manage and continue to suppress the virus,” he said.

Governor Scott acknowledged that for many Vermonters “the thought of doing this for another month, and likely a few more, is disappointing,” but “if the numbers remain good once we get through school reopening and college return, we’ll open that spigot a little more.”

The hospitality industry would be the first to benefit from relaxed

safety protocols, Governor Scott said.

“We’d be focusing on the hospitality sector,” he said. “It’s the one that has been the most greatly affected and is most at risk at this point in time.”

He said government assistance in helping the hospitality industry reopen will include “anything we can do to help, as long as it’s safe and the numbers warrant that.”

He will be reviewing the matter “this week” and is hopeful to loosen restrictions on hospitality industry in time for foliage season, he said.

Despite Vermont’s success in containing COVID-19, the governor said that until a safe vaccine is found the state remains vulnerable to outbreaks.

“This is going to be with us until there’s a safe vaccine in place that’s been widely distributed,” he said. “At that point we should be able to manage this just like we do the flu rather than with the drastic steps we’ve had to take over the last six months.”

## DeWees to Appear in Gazebo Shows

ELMORE – Vermont-based entertainer Rusty DeWees is producing himself as The Logger at three town greens this fall. The first show is September 19, at Craftsbury Common.

Other shows will be held at Danville for two shows, September 20 and September 27. All shows start at 3 p.m., rain or shine.

DeWees will tell stories old and new, play guitar and sing, and get you going with his rhythmic

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## Friday, September 18

**BLACK LIVES MATTER/Peace and Justice Vigil**, 5 - 6 p.m., Fridays, Peace Park, Hardwick. All welcome.

## Saturday, September 19

**BLACK LIVES MATTER/Peace and Justice Vigil**, 4 - 6 p.m., Saturdays, South Main at Wolcott Street, Hardwick. All welcome.

**FALL PREVENTION TAI CHI**, 9:30 - 10 a.m., for beginners, 10:15 - 11:15 a.m. for continuing practice. Twin Valley Senior Center, 4583 US Route 2, E. Montpelier. Reservations required by calling Susan at 223-6954. Information: twinvalleyseniors.org or call 802-223-3322.

## Sunday, September 20

**DAY OF MOURNING & REFLECTION**, on Craftsbury Common. Events include a Labyrinth, open all day, a gathering, vigil, central fire and hot cocoa at 6:30 p.m. Tightwire walking from 6 until dark. A day to recognize our losses individually, as a community and collectively world-wide. Bring photos, poems, flowers, and stop by to name your loss and add to the shrine. Appropriate for all ages. Rain or shine. Information: 802-533-7721.

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## Exhibits

**CATHY DELLINGER:** Imagined & Real. Watercolors inspired by the flow of water and color. Parker Pie Gallery, West Glover, through Sept. 29.

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photo by Vanessa Fournier  
Brent and Maya McCoy, as British super-secret circus agents Honeymoon and Butterfly, juggle fire torches during "Her Majesty's Secret Circus" held outside at the Highland Center for the Arts September 12.



photo by Vanessa Fournier  
Karna Lynn of Marshfield performed original acoustic music during a mini concert held before the drive-in movie at the Old Schoolhouse Common on September 10. The free concert and movie are supported in part by the Vermont Humanities Council and hosted by the Jaquith Public Library.

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# YANKEE NOTEBOOK

## What's Hidden by Second-Growth Forest?

by Willem Lange

EAST MONTPELIER – Traveling around this part of New England, you're often flanked on both sides by thick, inscrutable woods. If you didn't know better, you might think it was the forest primeval. But after almost four hundred years of invasive European habitation, it could hardly be that. Hidden by the dense second growth are old farms, stone walls, logging roads, breached dams, abandoned villages, and even tumbledown mills and camps.

If you drive east from Lebanon on US Route 4, you're shortly presented with an option: route 4, or N.H. Route 4A, which heads in the same direction and, in fact, rejoins Route 4 about forty miles farther on. Both are about the same length. I generally take 4A because it's bushier and quieter.

The first bit is hardly bushier; it passes through the camps squeezed between Mascoma Lake and Shaker Mountain. Then, a break, followed by the La Salette shrine and the impressive stone buildings and magnificent restored barn of the former Shaker community. Then bushes.

But about a mile east of the Shaker Museum, there's a white sign (parallel to the road; I missed the turn initially) that indicates parking for the Smith Pond Shaker Forest. It's obviously pretty new: fresh, well-graded crushed stone, with a kiosk and a gated trail leading away southward. After a brief diversion – I locked my car key, dog, and cellphone inside my car (a nearby garage rescued us) – we were ready.

I'd been here before – kind of. During a tour of the Shaker settlement some years ago, we took a look at the pond that had fed their big mill. It was empty; but the guide mentioned that the Shakers had dug a canal and built dams to bring water from higher ponds during dry seasons. I've been wanting ever since to see them. Another time, seduced by a Fish and Game Department description of a pristine fly-fishing-only pond south of the area, I drove in from I-89 on the west side and bushwhacked through the woods to reach

it, only to find it surrounded by ATV tracks, beer cans, and empty worm boxes. I won't do that again. Couldn't, even if I wanted to.

The three-man film crew from Hew Hampshire Public Broadcasting was ready to go. Jason Berard, the stewardship director of the Upper Valley Land Trust, was our guide, along with Alan Strickland, a very pleasant, laid-back guy who's been wandering this property for more than thirty years. They led us along the canal, dug by the Shakers beginning about 180 years ago with only hand tools, horses, oxen, and pure grit.

The trail came up against a massive earth-filled stone dam. The dam had blown out a few years back during a major storm, but the tunnel-like spillway was intact. A smaller dam nearby boasted a spillway of rot-resistant chestnut, which once dominated these woods. There are still a few young chestnuts here doing their futile best to grow up. Jason was keen to show us the so-called Da Vinci bridge that a land trust team of volunteers had built across a stream. That was a new one on me. The design is brilliant, naturally; you can Google it.

We hiked back to the cars and drove around to the western entrance of the 1,000-acre tract. It's always best to travel with someone with a key. Jason let us through a locked gate, and we were able to drive right to Smith Pond. Here we met Greg Baker, who owns the only in-holding on the pond and who, along with a friend, was responsible (it's hard to believe the red tape!) for replacing its failing dam with a spectacular new concrete one. "Nobody wants to own a dam," he confided. The liability is too great. It wasn't 'til he built the new dam and sold it to the land trust – for one dollar – that the trust was able to take possession of the land and watershed.

All the components have come together here: generous funding, an organization devoted to preservation of wild and historic places, volunteers, and a willingness to share the land with the public – but with restrictions enacted to preserve it. Recalling my long-ago anger at the despoliation of that nearby "pristine pond," I enjoyed reflecting that, with our worst impulses held in check by our best, we'll likely be able to continue to enjoy beautiful places like this.

## LETTERS FROM READERS

### We Appreciate Chip Troiano

To the editor:

I am writing to remind you to re-elect Chip Troiano for the Vermont House of Representatives. My family has known Chip for many years and we always appreciated his advice when needed.

In the Vermont House, Chip proved he is trustworthy, hard-working, and thoughtful. Over Chip's years in Montpelier he consistently supported recovery centers and medical assisted treatment centers.

Substance abuse disorder touches so many families around the state. He continued to support Meals on Wheels and Choices for Care to keep seniors healthy and in their homes.

During these difficult times it is important to have assurance that our needs are represented. Chip is the person to do the job. Please vote for Chip.

**Kathleen Mahurin-Volk  
Charlie Volk  
Hardwick**

### Sims and Elwell for a United Front

To the editor:

I am voting for Katherine Sims and John Elwell to be our next state representatives.

We have had a divided delegation to the Vermont House for the past decade whose influence has been limited. We need a united front in Montpelier in order to make an effective case for supporting rural Vermont.

Katherine Sims and John Elwell are the perfect team for the job. They both support job creation, small business and entrepreneurship advocacy, addressing

climate change, protecting reproductive rights, support for working families, rebuilding infrastructure, including expansion of broadband, and equal rights for all.

Please study the three opposing candidates' positions on these issues of critical importance. Their extreme positions are counter to the best value system for rural Vermont.

After careful research, I trust that you will join me and vote for Sims and Elwell.

**Dave Stoner  
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NETO Board of Directors, P.O. Box 584, Newport, VT 05855. Deadline to submit resume is October 15, 2020.

# IN THE GARDEN

## Getting Ready for Winter

by Henry Homeyer

CORNISH FLAT, N.H. – Like a conscientious squirrel, I put away food for the winter in August and September. I freeze and dehydrate lots of vegetables, and store some in my cool basement. Here are some tips on ways to save food for later.

I grew about a dozen kale plants this year. The workhorses are those that end in “bor” – winterbor, redbor, starbor and others. I get seeds from Johnny’s Selected Seeds of Maine to start my own indoors in the spring or find them at my local garden center growing in six-packs. Most of the kale I grow is for winter use because it freezes so well. This week I put up eight one-quart freezer bags of kale, and I still have more I may process later.

To freeze kale, I wash it first and make sure it is free of (ugh) slugs and bugs. Then I either pull the leaves off the midrib or slice it off. I chop the kale into one- or two-inch squares, prior to blanching in boiling water.

To blanch the kale, I submerge it in boiling water for 30 to 60 seconds. This will kill the “aging”



*courtesy photo*

*Blanching kale is worth the work.*

and will hold seven quart mason jars for canning tomatoes. I fill the canner half full, and bring to a full, rolling boil.

I have a special blanching pot that fits inside it: a metal pot with big holes in the bottom and sides, and handle for putting it inside my canning pot, and taking it out. You can buy a canner at any hardware store, but the inserts are harder to find. A restaurant supply store should have them.

and drop the kale into the cold water. I stir, then scoop it out with a colander or slotted spoon and put it into my salad spinner. The brand I prefer is Zylis, which has a pull string, not a crank. Sometimes I squeeze the kale to get some of the water out before spinning it.

don’t blanch at all. This week I put up 11 quarts of grated Romanesco zucchini for use in soups. Even big Romanescos are good if you remove the seeds. I use the grater blade on my food processor to grate it – it would take forever by hand. One bag of grated zucchini with an equal amount of tomato (which I freeze whole), some onions or frozen leeks, vegetable bouillon, and spices makes a great winter soup.

I grow a lot of leeks, in part because they freeze so well. I wash them, take off a layer or so of outer leaves, cut off the tops and quarter them lengthwise. I chop them, put them in freezer bags and suck out the air. They last forever in the freezer. I store lots of onions, but always run out before next year’s crop comes in. And onions don’t last forever, even in cool storage, so I use leeks in soups and stews when I run out of onions. I’ll put up a dozen quarts of leeks or more this year.



*courtesy photo*

*Cold water cools the kale and stops the cooking.*

enzymes in kale, allowing me to keep it frozen and good to eat practically forever, if need be. Normally I eat all the kale within a year of freezing it, which is recommended. I could freeze kale without blanching it if I were planning on eating it all in three months or so. But blanching also allows me to pack more kale in each bag.

For the blanching of kale and other veggies, I use my big black tin pot that is sold for hot water bath canning – it is roughly 14 inches wide and nine inches deep,

Then I drop in the kale; I do 15 leaves or so at a time. The water will just barely come to a re-boil in 60 seconds. Use a timer. If you use lots of water and not too many leaves, you can blanch for just 30 seconds.

Next, you want to cool the kale quickly. Some people prepare an ice bath, but I just fill the kitchen sink with cold tap water. I lift the blanching pot and let the water drain back into the canner. Then, with the lid of the canner under the pot, I move from stove to sink,



*courtesy photo*

*Leeks with leaves cut off and quartered before chopping and freezing.*

Lastly, I dump the damp kale out of the salad spinner and onto a clean dish towel on the countertop. I pat it and roll it in the towel to remove more moisture. I fill bags, squeeze out some air, and then suck out as much air as I can with a straw inserted into the bag when it is closed right up to the straw. Still sucking, I pull the straw and snap the zipper shut.

Other veggies I blanch include beans, beets, broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, corn, kale, peaches, spinach, and Swiss chard. But not all veggies need blanching. Things I don’t blanch include apples, berries, pears, peppers, leeks, and tomatoes. And I bake or steam winter squash, then freeze it.

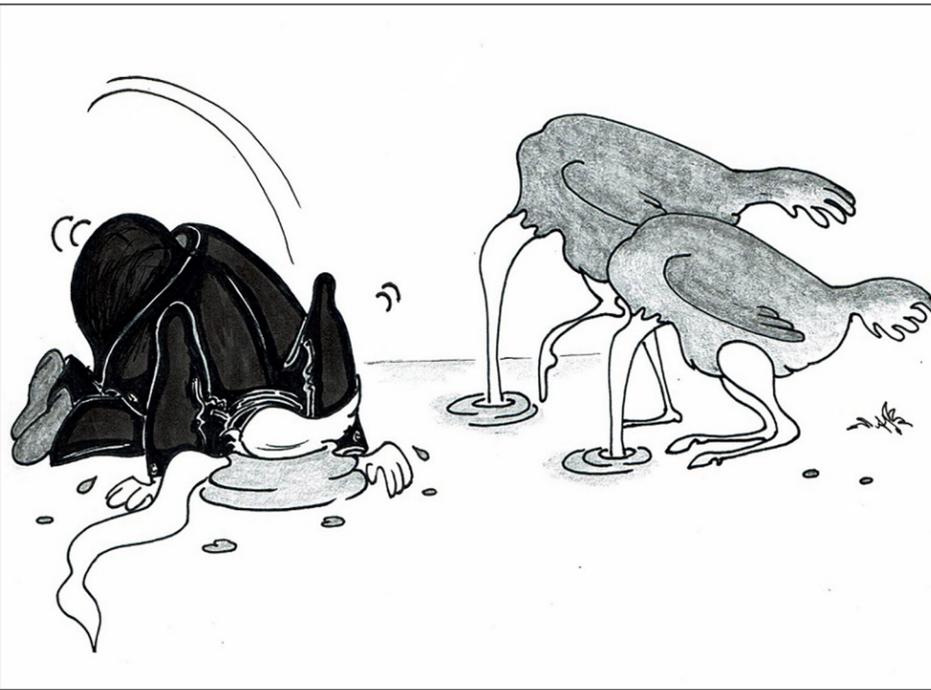
Summer squash for use as a side dish needs only 30 seconds of blanching, but squash for soup I

I haven’t harvested potatoes yet. I plant mine in June to avoid potato beetles. Didn’t have a single one this year! But it also means my potatoes are still growing now and are not ready to harvest. I have “stolen” a few by reaching under a plant and grabbing some, careful not to disrupt the others.

Potatoes store well in a spare fridge, or in a cement-block enclosure with a plywood lid in a cold space that stays in the 33- to 50-degree zone. Mice love them, so an old fridge really is best unless you are storing a lot of them. If I had to survive on what I grew, I’d grow a lot of potatoes and store them well.

So ... get to work. No point in growing a lot of produce and letting it go to waste. Of course, it’s fun to share with friends and the local food pantry.

# Woodsmoke *by Julie Atwood*



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## Concerned About University Closing

To the editor:

I was concerned about the proposal to close Northern Vermont University. Closing the NVU campuses would have created a vacuum in higher education opportunity for so many students of all ages. It's clear that higher education benefits not only the educated, but the community as a whole through societal enrichment. The loss of our college campuses also creates considerable economic hardships for our local college communities.

Chip Troiano fought for a budget that contains bridge funding for our Vermont State College system while not raising

taxes. Chip often takes on a role of well-respected tripartisan leadership at the statehouse that serves us well.

He is approachable to Vermonters of all stripes and is eager to engage in conversation about any concerns and the representation of the residents of Hardwick, Walden and Stannard.

I'm voting for Chip, and I hope you will, too! If you have any questions about voting this year, contact your town clerk in Hardwick at 472-5971, in Walden at 563-2220, or Stannard at 533-2577.

**Robyn Cook-Hubner**  
Walden

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**Monday, September 21**

•Caledonia Central Supervisory Union Full Board of Directors' Special Meeting, 5:30 p.m. Zoom Meeting, <https://ccsu.zoom.us/j/93472937700?pwd=a3M1cTZTeng1ZndaWFNFZFR2Vkt5dz09>. Meeting ID: 934 7293 7700, Passcode: 123873. Dial: 1-646-558-8656.

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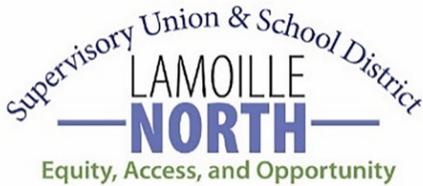
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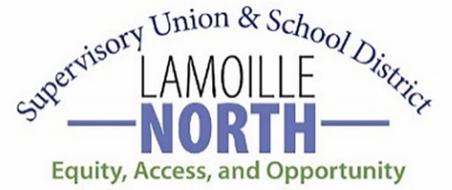
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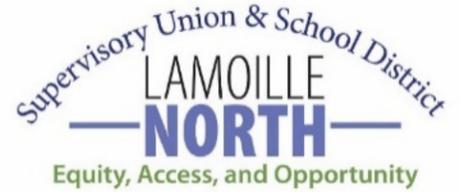
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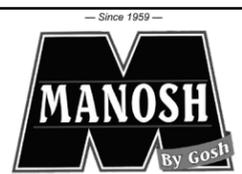
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# SPORTS



Members of the Twinfield girls team (from left) Delaney Fowler, Makayla Quintin, Kayla Green, Eva Hebert, Ginger Klarich, Lauren Luce, Aydyn Corbett, Julia Light, Aleacya Moshinskie, move the goal to a different spot on the field during their practice Friday.  
all photos by Vanessa Fournier



Twinfield players Lauren Luce (left), Kayla Green (center), and Nicole Gouge (right), work on a drill during practice last week.



Hazen Union players Gabe Michaud (left) and Jadon Baker (right) race up Hudson field during soccer practice Wednesday.



Hazen Lady Cat Natalie Geoffroy (right) looks to pass as Maverick Murphy (left) follows the play during practice September 9.



Twinfield Trojan Sam Russell (left) gets ready to pass the ball, followed by teammates Shea Winter (center) and Gavin Fowler (right) during the team's practice on September 11.

# SPORTS

## Throwing a Twist into the Mix

by Patrick Hussey

GREENSBORO -- Just to throw a twist into the mix, last week the Tuesday night golfers played a two-man best ball and ended up conducting a random draw of teams to produce a winning foursome.

It was another busy night at Mountain View Country Club (MVCC) last week as 38 golfers showed up and Mother Nature cooperated, producing sunny skies with temperatures near 80. Everyone partnered up in their foursome and there were some impressive rounds posted.

Once all the scores were posted, they were placed into two hats, one with the lower scores and another with the higher scores. A second random draw was also held because 43 was the middle score and five teams posted that number.

To make an even amount of teams in both hats, three 43s had to go into the low hat and two 43s had to go into the high hat. So that draw was completed first and those that made it into the high hat had a real advantage because it would be the low score in the high hat.

After a round of golf at MVCC on Saturday, several of the Tuesday night players participated in the random draw. Delton Davison was the first person to pick the first two teams and he paired Mike Clark and Gary Brochu (40) with Bill Richardson, Jefferson Tolman and Pete DesChamps (46) to start things off with a combined score of 86.

Dave Burnham next pulled Andre Deblous, Jim Bellavance and Randy Bellavance (48) and paired them with Nate Brown and Andrew Laggis (40) for an 88. Kip Doyon next drew and paired Ivan Menard and Rob Montgomery (43) and partnered them up with Andy Hunt and John Stone (38), and their combined score of 81 would eventually leave them in second place.

Dan Gauthier was next to draw teams and he hit the jackpot. He drew his own team of himself and Brad Ferland (43) and then pulled out Carl Edwards and Matt Kiley (37) for a winning combination of 80. Edwards shot the low round of the evening with his 38 and Kiley was right there with a 41, including a 35-foot putt on nine he drained for birdie.

Brad Ferland picked next and



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*The foursome of (left to right) Dennis Pudvah, Richard Coolbeth, Dave Campbell and Karl Ferland get ready to put their golfing skills to the test in Tuesday's two-man best ball event at Mountain View Country Club.*

drew out Richard Coolbeth and Dave Campbell (49) and he paired them with Joe Mulligan and Dan Miko (36) for an 85. Mulligan and Miko both shot a 39 and their combined 36 was the lowest combined score. But they would end up fourth.

Mike Clark picked the next team and he paired Kip and Rowdy Doyon (41) with Dennis Pudvah and Karl Ferland (50) for a 91. The draft went back to Delton Davison and he ended up picking out the third-place team. He paired Brian Niemi and Dan Hudson (38) with Ryan Hall and Joe Rivard (46) for an 84.

The other teams to get paired saw Mike Nixon and Dan Mencucci (43) get picked with John Sperry and Miles Etter (43), which was their regular foursome. Also, Pat Hussey and Richard Brochu (43) got picked with Dave Burnham and Bob Blake (46).

Sperry had a great drive on three, leaving his ball just 21 inches from the cup to win closest. Over on five, it was Nate Brown putting his drive to 13 feet four inches to win closest. There was a real battle on eight and Brian Niemi won closest by leaving his drive seven feet from the cup. Gary Brochu left his approach seven feet one inch away. Andy Hunt may have been closest, but he didn't have a tape measure.

The best of the bunch may have been Joe Rivard. He started the eight hole by slicing his drive to the right and it landed by the 150-yard marker on the seventh fairway. He had a blind 170-yard shot to the green, having to go over a 30-yard wide swath of forrest. But he went for it and amazingly landed it on the green, just 11 feet from the pin.

On nine, it was Dan Miko

beating out a host of good shots by landing just six feet six inches away. Edwards produced the rare feat of winning low round and low net round. He netted a 31 as did Dave Burnham (46) and Nate Brown (40), and they tied for the low net title.

It was interesting to note that two of the three 43s that ended up in the high hat placed in the final standings, just the luck of the draw.

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