



**Loading For Down Country Delivery**

Ben Lesko, left center, and Paul Ferrari carry trees at Moffatt's Tree Farm in Craftsbury, as Randy Wells, top left, of Dean Wells Trucking picks them up with a log loader and places them into a trailer. At left, Jim Moffatt keeps track of the tree count as his son Steve Moffatt right, positions the trees into the trailer. The trees, ranging from 3 to 13 feet were delivered to Chappaqua, N.Y., and Pound Ridge, Conn., over the weekend by Warren Hill Trucking. (photo by Vanessa Fournier)

**Second Suit Filed Over Lakeview Inn Conditional-Use Permit**

by June Pichel Cook

GREENSBORO — A second court action has been filed with the Vermont Environmental Court by Nancy Sullivan and Leonard Schiavone versus the town, Lakeview Inn Enterprises, LLC; and Dov'e Enterprises, LLC. The recent court action stems from the Zoning Board of Appeal's granting a second

conditional-use permit to the Lakeview Inn on Sept. 2.

Sullivan and Schiavone's first court action, a Petition for Enforcement of the 1997 Town of Greensboro Conditional Use Permit granted to former owners of the Lakeview Inn, was filed in July 2009. At issue is the serving of evening meals, amplified music from outdoor events, traffic

and parking concerns. The petitioners contended serving evening meals violated the 12-year-old conditional use permit issued in July 1997.

In February, the Lakeview Inn was purchased by Drs. Scott and Catherine Donnelly who re-applied for a second conditional-use permit to clear up inconsistencies in the See **SUIT, Page Twelve**

**Police Officer Cleared In May Shooting Incident**

by Tommy Gardner

HARDWICK — A Hardwick police officer has been declared "legally justified" in firing his weapon at a truck that was allegedly trying to run him down on a West Woodbury road, in an incident that occurred in late May.

Officer Michael Gero was cleared Nov. 25 in the use of deadly force, following independent investigations by the Vermont Attorney's

General Office and the Washington County State's Attorney. Neither General nor Carey Bird—the Hardwick resident driving the vehicle—were injured in the May 29 incident.

According to a statement issued jointly by the two offices, in that incident, Gero was following up on information that Bird had violated a condition of parole by visiting a residence from which he had been ordered to stay away. Bird was re-

portedly suicidal and armed. According to police reports, Gero encountered Bird in his pickup truck in West Woodbury, Bird allegedly tried to run him down, and Gero fired two shots at the truck.

Although the state's attorney and attorney's general offices reached their findings separately, based on the state police investigation, they issued their findings See **SHOOTING, Page Three**

**Waste District To Vote On Budget, Sans Hardwick**

by Tommy Gardner

Tonight, the Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District will vote on its upcoming operating budget, and in so doing, will determine the fate of the district's recycling depots.

According to CVSWM executive director Donna Barlow Casey, the waste district, which covers 22 towns, has two different budget proposals on the table. Each presents a different scenario for the future.

If CVSWM adopts the smaller \$1.2 million operating budget, the district will cede control of its seven recycling depots to private industry, and will not have to raise the per-capita membership fees it charges

its member towns.

If the larger \$1.8 million operating budget is adopted, the district will maintain control of the depots and will nearly double the per-capita membership fee, from \$3.10 per person to \$5.10.

Barlow Casey said she thinks more communities will be inclined to vote for the lower budget. "I believe most communities do not wish to raise the per-capita rate," she said. "But we'll see how close the vote is."

Hardwick does not have a vote, even though the town belongs to the district. This is because the town does not currently have anyone sitting on the CVSWM board. Hardwick Select Board member Tod

Delaricheliere served on the waste management district's board for roughly eight years, but stepped down this summer. The person named to replace him vacated the post after a month.

This means that although Hardwick is one of the larger CVSWM member towns, it must join smaller communities such as Strafford, Marshfield and Woodbury, and watch to see how the budget vote pans out. Barlow Casey said she foresees the board using a weighted vote tonight, which gives one vote for every 1,000 residents in a town.

Delaricheliere said if he were See **WASTE, Page Twelve**

**A Year's Worth Of Work In Two Weeks**

by Tommy Gardner

"Twasn't quite there this past weekend, but 'tis the season this month for local Christmas tree farmers. At least a couple of them plan on being very busy the next few weeks.

Craftsbury tree wholesaler Steve Moffatt said roughly half his business is in-state and half outside Vermont; he also sells half his trees to nonprofit organizations such as the Boy Scouts and the Lion's Club.

Moffatt expects to move between 7,000 and 8,000 fir trees, some near and some far. At least he hopes he does; he already took them out of the ground.

"Obviously, I'd like to sell everything I cut," he laughed. "You can't stick them back in the ground after you cut them."

Moffatt is a third-generation Christmas tree seller, and his dad, Jim, runs the family choose-and-cut

business. There are about 100 acres of trees in various stages of growth.

When asked whether the economic recession will affect tree-buyers' habits, Moffatt said people may buy a smaller, less expensive tree, but they will still buy them. He said he won't see the results of this year's sales until next year.

One thing is for certain, no matter what size tree people buy, Moffatt just hopes they buy a real tree, "not

the kind that say 'Made In China.'"

"They say nationwide half the trees out there are artificial, which is somewhat alarming on my part."

Over in Cabot, Richard Hourihan said it's not enough to simply sell a real tree, but it has to be a Balsam or a Fraser fir tree. He said there is an old Canadian saying about "slipping someone a spruce" in order to rip off a customer.

See **TREE, Page Three**

**Property Owners To Fight It Out**

by June Pichel Cook

GREENSBORO — As much as it may wish not to be haunted by ancient roads, the Select Board faced another old road conundrum of what is, what was, what still may be roads or rights-of-way off Breezy Avenue and East Street.

The issue of Perrin Road between Willey's Store and the Greensboro Historical Society remains unresolved as to being a right-of-way or road. The Zoning Board of Adjustment's denial of the society's recent request for a sideline variance was based on viewing Per-

rin Road as a road, not a right-of-way. The society building project was revised to accommodate an earlier sideline variance that had been granted to it.

In October, Bill Smith and David Massey asked the board to not allow John and Lydia Makau to con-

struct a fence over a roadway that accesses the back of Smith's apartment house. The Makaus requested permission to install a fence adjacent to their 32 East St., property, which would block a roadway that intersects with East Street.

See **FENCES, Page Twelve**

**Same School Budget Would Boost Taxes**

by Will Walters

CABOT — A special informational meeting of the School Board was held before its regular meeting Nov. 30 to let the public have a first glance of next year's budget and to gauge public response to a possible 18.2 percent tax increase. Nearly 30 people attended the meeting.

The budget, which will have to be worked on by the School Board and adjusted over the next six weeks, kept spending the same at \$3,576,125. But a loss of revenue of \$280,000 is expected, of which \$180,000 is a decrease in state assistance.

Based on a homestead property

assessment of \$100,000, the tax increase would be \$256.

Board chair Chris Tormey handed out copies of the budget and began the meeting with a review of the budget and explanations of the increases and decreases included in it.

Tormey said "if we want to keep everything in our school, we

have to get it from taxes." He said to keep taxes the same as last year, it would be necessary to cut \$450,000 from the proposal, or a 12.5 percent cut.

Tormey said it would require five teacher positions to be cut to achieve this savings.

See **TAXES, Page Twelve**

**Budget Work Begins With Concerns**

by Will Walters

MARSHFIELD — A preliminary budget meeting of the Twinfield School Board elicited both frustration with the state's raiding of the education fund and the gloom of doom for the school's future.

Supervisory union business manager David Larcombe presented the board with a preliminary budget

that included an increase of \$486,337 over last year, which would require a tax increase of 13.4 percent. For Marshfield, this would equal an increase of \$180 and for Plainfield \$223 based on a homestead value of \$100,000.

"The good news part," said Larcombe, "is our debt service is none. The bond is paid up."

The budget itself is only a net increase of 5.9 percent assuming no changes in program personnel and no increase in the consumable part, according to superintendent George Burlison. He said two-thirds of the budget is salaries and benefits. "There's nothing in here for the facilities," noted board member Michael Nobles.

Burlison said to hold the line on increases "the board needs to be willing to take out of somewhere whatever they add in."

While the board was concerned with holding down the increase, or to consider a budget with no increase, the method the state uses to calculate local education property See **BUDGET, Page Twelve**

**Hazen Lauds Its Green Credentials Hoping For A Greenbacks Grant**

by Tommy Gardner

HARDWICK — Hazen Union School is hoping its reputation for embracing green technology and teaching students how to reduce their carbon footprints will work in its favor as staff apply for a grant to help explore solar power technology.

According to Jeff LeCours, the head of the school's buildings and grounds crew, the Vermont Department of Education is offering 10 grants, for \$50,000 each, to be used for the purchase and implementation of solar equipment. The grants are sure to be competitive, but LeCours

said Hazen can sweeten the pot by drawing attention to some of the work the school has done over the past decade.

"I'm fairly optimistic," LeCours said. "I think we have a good track record."

That record includes winning

the Vermont School Carbon Challenge this year, a contest that aimed to see which school could cut the most carbon out of its daily life. The school won \$5,000 for the efforts, which is meant to be applied toward some sort of green energy project.

See **GREENBACKS, Page Five**



**Pretty Near**

Snowy scenes could be found nearby Saturday as this one on Cabot Road. Anywhere from 5 to 10 inches were reported on Cabot Plains, Walden Heights and Stannard Mountain. See story, page two. (photo by Vanessa Fournier)



# School Collaborative To Address Long-Term Questions

by June Pichel Cook

CRAFTSBURY — The Craftsbury Schools Collaborative Steering Committee has changed the venue of tomorrow's Stakeholders' Committee meeting to the fourth grade classroom in the Craftsbury Elementary School. Following a presentation by principal Chris Young and School Board member Harry Miller, the group will tour Minden Hall and Craftsbury Academy.

Collaborative chair Anne Volmer said many questions were generated at the prior meeting relating to curriculum and facilities. Questions, such as, curriculum offerings, numbers of students enrolled in IEPs, and number of students home-schooled will be addressed by Young. She indicated part of the collaborative process is to give a snap shot of what exists currently. Miller will present information on the building status of the schools given the results of the recent bond vote.

At the previous stakeholders' meeting, topics were broken into categories: economics, physical plant, grade configuration, academics, in-school culture, school and community culture, and alternative models, and constraints. The group, breaking into smaller segments, rotated through each topic, posing questions and brainstorming for sources of information to find answers.

Facilitator Heidi Krantz noted the process was to look at the issues and not try to find solutions.

"As we get into this process," Krantz said, "there will be issues which are winnowed out. They are likely to be issues which we, as a community, have no control over."

Over the next two or three sessions, Krantz said, the steering committee would start to track down the answers to the questions being posed. Assisting the committee will be volunteers from the stakeholders' group.

The final sessions of the stakeholders' committee will process its findings into a format for a report to Town Meeting. Krantz indicated the process would most likely extend beyond Town Meeting.

"It is a big question for the town and we don't need to rush into answers," Krantz said about the task the collaborative set out for itself.

Questions raised under economics dealt with school models and costs, tuitioning grades nine-12 elsewhere and keeping grades K-eight in Craftsbury; renovations of the existing gymnasium versus rebuilding or building new; projections of state funding for education; educational pensions; special education; and small-schools' grants.

Questions raised under grade configuration dealt with numbers of students, average class sizes, social impacts on children when change is made, school choice versus designated choices, regulations pertaining to vouchers, magnet schools, charter schools, and/or private schools.

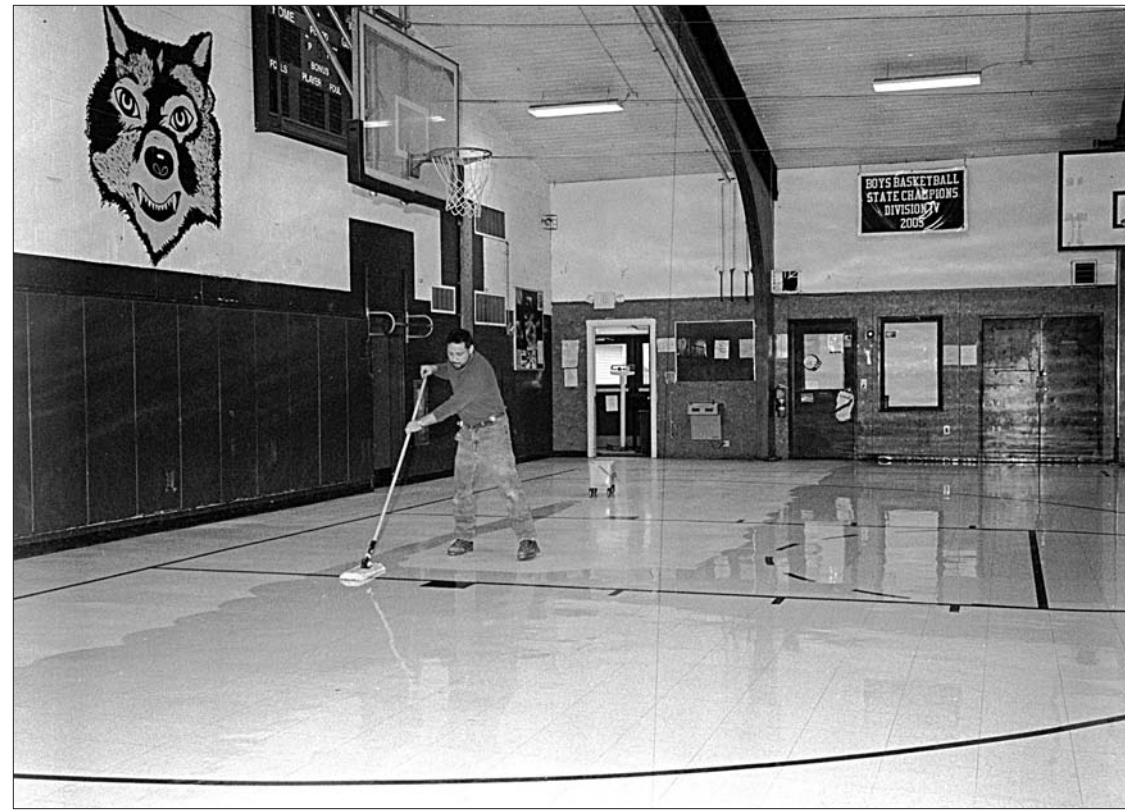
Questions raised under academics dealt with test scores, course offerings, course quality, college expectations, state requirements, cross disciplines, life skills, and experiential learning.

Questions under the in-school culture category dealt with perceptions of the school climate at the elementary, middle, and high school; what would it take to encourage students to attend Craftsbury schools; how do teachers model good behaviors; who keeps accountability; are there enough students for social peer groups; is bullying a problem; and what can yearbooks from the past bring to the present.

School and community culture covered issues relating to the school as the center of the community, are some grades more community oriented than others, how to better involve the community and volunteers, will a sense of community be lost if grades K-eight are in Craftsbury and grades nine-12 tuitioned elsewhere; and what is the impact of the schools on the local economy.

Under constraints, issues focused on the NECAPs and standardized expectations, union expectations, town population and grand list.

The meeting on Thursday, Dec. 3, will convene at 6:30 p.m. in the Craftsbury Elementary School and is open to the public.



Patrick Campbell, director of maintenance and transportation, at Cabot School, waxed the gymnasium floor last weekend in preparation for basketball season. The school's first varsity games are tonight with the girls at 5:30 and the boys at 7. (photo by Vanessa Fournier)

## Let The Games Begin

Patrick Campbell, director of maintenance and transportation, at Cabot School, waxed the gymnasium floor last weekend in preparation for basketball season. The school's first varsity games are tonight with the girls at 5:30 and the boys at 7. (photo by Vanessa Fournier)

# First Major Winter Storm Unloads On Specific Targets

by Tyler Molleur

Location, location, location — a term usually used in real estate — could have been applied to the Nor'easter that impacted the area on Friday and Saturday.

The storm, which brought heavy rain, high wind and snow to the area, was very selective about where it unloaded the white stuff. Weather forecasters in Vermont said the higher in elevation and the further north people were, the more snow would fall.

Many of the alpine ski resorts saw a significant amount of snow, with Jay Peak reporting over 10 inches. Cross country ski trails, however, still have a little more time to wait as many parts of Greensboro, Hardwick and Craftsbury reported bare ground.

Where there was snow, there were travel problems for people returning from a Thanksgiving dinner out of town. Walden received 11 inches and when the snow froze with the water from the earlier heavy rains, cars slid off roads.

In the Hardwick area, police reported no collisions or vehicles sliding off the roads. A secondary issue from the storm was wind gusts that exceeded 40 mph in areas. Brian Forant from the Hardwick Electric Department reported that 250 customers lost power at one time with most of the outages in Woodbury, Wolcott, North Greensboro, East Hardwick and Hardwick. Forant stated the

combination of heavy wet snow and high winds caused trees to snap, falling on power lines. Washington Electric also had about 1,000 outages reported at the height of the storm with the same causes. The state in general had 8,300 people out at one time, according to Barb Farr and Erica Bornemann of Vermont Emergency Management. They also reported the state fared much better than neighboring New Hampshire, which reported 50,000 outages.

The lull in the weather will not last long as another powerful storm moves into New England Thursday with more rain, wind and possible snow. Refer to WEATHERWATCH for the storm total snowfall amounts.

# Big City Paper Mentions Small Town Seeds In White House Veggies

by Tommy Gardner

WOLCOTT — The New York Times recently listed a trio of seed collections from High Mowing Organic Seeds as among the hot gifts for gardeners and foodies this holiday season. Some of those seeds were planted this year in the most famous garden in the country.

According to High Mowing founder and owner Tom Stearns, the White House gardener has not informed him exactly what vegetables President Barack Obama and his family are munching on, whether the president and the first lady enjoy Sugar Daddy Sugar Snap Peas, or whether their children think Astro Arugala is out of this world.

But those are some of the vegetables that were sent to Washington for Michelle Obama to choose from, and they could be growing in the garden on Pennsylvania Avenue.

To give people a taste of what the Obamas are serving at state dinners or as healthy snacks, High Mowing assembled a collection of 18 packets of its famous seeds and is selling them for the holidays as The White House Holiday Collection. Those seeds are among the same ones he sent to the White House, when its gardener came calling last winter.

There are two other collections he put together this year as gift ideas, too: the Kitchen Herbs Collection and the Heirloom Vegetable Collection.

Marian Burros, a frequent contributor for the New York Times (she wrote the 2008 story titled "Uniting Around Food To Save an Ailing Town," in which she detailed the Hardwick-area food movement), recently included the seed packages in her list of suggested gifts for under \$50. Such exposure can be an im-

mense boon for small market purveyors of specialty goods; a few years ago the Times mentioned some dish towels sold at The Willey's Store in Greensboro, and calls flooded the store from all over the country.

Stearns was interviewed on Monday — known as Web Monday, in recent years the single largest day of the year for online retail sales. He said he didn't know how well the seeds have sold since the story came out only this past weekend. Instead of talking about how the exposure bodes well for the small Wolcott seed purveyor, Stearns talked about the importance of exposure regarding the White House garden. He said he was pleased the First Family chose to serve a vegetarian meal for its first state dinner last month.

"The presence of the garden means the Obama's can be ambassadors of health," he said.

# Transfer Station Gets New Attendants

by June Pichel Cook

WOLCOTT — After interviewing three candidates for the part-time position of transfer-station attendant, the Select Board voted to appoint board member Mark Drew as the senior person on duty and Glen Clifton as second in command. The former transfer-station attendant, Bob Bovat, who passed away two weeks ago, resigned from the position in early November.

Drew has been working at the transfer-station with Bovat. The position requires the attendant to be aware of applicable permits, rules, regulations, safety procedures and codes. The board had authorized building a recycled shed earlier in the summer where items could be dropped off at a reduced fee. The recycled items are available to the public at no charge.

Board chair Fred Martin said the landfill needs to run like a business with a schedule, regular hours, and fees and small profit margin to cover landfill costs and unexpected expenses.

Landfill hours are scheduled on Saturdays, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., and Sundays, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. The senior attendant will work three weekends in a row and the secondary attendant, two weekends. The board felt it was important to have two individuals available to swap weekends if emergencies arise.

Drew said the recycling shed activity slowed down somewhat since it first opened in the summer. "It is a convenience for people," he noted.

The board voted unanimously to pay former road foreman Claude Cross his accrued vacation time in two installments. Members agreed to

review the current personnel policy, which indicates employees lose vacation time upon termination of employment. Cross said he took no vacation time last year.

Board member Arlo Sterner said he would like to see Cross be paid for his unused vacation time.

"For what you have done for the town, that is peanuts," Sterner said in reference to the vacation time accrual.

Board member Kurt Billings said employees should get what they have earned and vacation time is earned "as you go."

"It is not carried over from budget to budget year," Billings noted in commenting about other places of employment. "It is part of the year's budget, and each year should balance out the budget."

The board asked Cross about his willingness to help interim road foreman Harold "Skip" Patton. Cross said he would pinch-hit on the road crew as needed.

In other action, the board voted to replace the town hall boiler, which couldn't be repaired. Both the heat chamber and exhaust pipe going out had split. At an earlier board meeting, an instructor from the Wolcott Ballet, who was teaching a class, came to the town offices because the boiler sounded as if it had exploded.

Two bids were submitted for replacing the boiler: Bourne's submitted a \$5,693.55 bid with a time delay for installation and Village Builders submitted a \$3,500 bid and immediate installation. The board accepted Village Builders as the low bid and quicker installation. Board chair Martin recused himself from the voting; Vice chair Ryan Bjerke acted as interim board chair.



## Closed Until 2010

The Black River Road in Craftsbury will remain closed until next year. Tremblay Construction of Washington began construction in August on replacing the bridge on the road that goes from the North Craftsbury Road to Route 14. All that remains to be done is to install guardrails and put down asphalt on both ends of the bridge. (photo by Vanessa Fournier)

# Road Name Change Brings Naming Rights Change

by June Pichel Cook

GREENSBORO — Two months ago, Richardson Road was renamed to Bayley Hazen Road, and the Select Board members were bewildered as to how that occurred. At the November meeting, the board adopted a policy that places the authority to name new roads or rename existing roads into its domain.

Town Clerk Bridget Collier explained in an interview that a 911 Committee was established several years ago when street signs were installed and 911 numbers were placed on properties. The board at the time put the authority to name the town roads into the hands of a five-member 911 committee.

She explained a problem arises when people use old or familiar road names, such as, Bayley Hazen Road, in giving directions to emergency responders and don't use the 911 address name. People will use the road name they grew up with, rather than the 911 name.

The 911 Committee chose to re-name Richardson Road to the

familiar road name, Bayley Hazen Road, to prevent that confusion from re-occurring with Richardson Road.

Board member Peggy Lipscomb, in researching the road naming in Greensboro, said the Select Board at the time "didn't want to be bothered and roads had to be renamed quickly." The 911 committee was established to do the naming of roads; in other communities, the board took on the task; and in some communities, the town clerks did the naming.

Lipscomb confirmed the road was renamed because of emergency calls where some people called the road "Richardson Road" and others, "Bayley Hazen Road."

Board member Peter Gebbie suggested it might be "an outrageous thought" in the future to avoid naming roads after families but name a road for its location. He noted name changes should seldom be done.

The board unanimously adopted a policy stating the Select Board will name new town roads and reserves the right to rename existing town roads.

**WEATHER WATCH** by Tyler Molleur  
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Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday							
Partly cloudy with rain developing late Hi: 40 Lo: 35	Cloudy with rain changing to snow late. Snowfall up to 3" Hi: 43 Lo: 24	Mostly cloudy with 30% chance of snow showers Hi: 34 Lo: 21	Partly cloudy with 30% chance of snow showers Hi: 30 Lo: 15	Partly cloudy with 30% chance of snow showers Hi: 28 Lo: 18							
Date	High	Low	Rain	Snow	On grnd	Date	High	Low	Rain	Snow	On grnd
11/23	43°	38°	0.00"	0.0"	0"	11/27	39°	32°	1.23"	2.0"	2.0"
11/24	49°	29°	0.00"	0.0"	0"	11/28	35°	32°	0.01"	0.0"	1.5"
11/25	43°	36°	0.02"	0.0"	0"	11/29	40°	34°	0.29"	0.0"	1.0"
11/26	49°	32°	0.00"	0.0"	0"	Weekly	49°	29°	1.55"	2.0"	1.0"

**Storm Total Snowfall - November 27-28**

Town	Amount	Comments	Town	Amount	Comments
Walden	11.0"	Elevation 2250	Danville	4.0"	
Barton	6.5"	CoCoRaHS	Stannard	2.0"	Gazette Weather
Greensboro	4.2"	CoCoRaHS	Sheffield	2.0"	State Police

A weak bubble of high pressure will give us warm and dry start to our Wednesday day before a low pressure system with origins in the Gulf of Mexico brings heavy rains to parts of Vermont with wind gusts possibly exceeding 40 mph on Thursday. The rain will likely taper off and end a period of light snow or snow showers on Thursday night with little accumulation expected. Unsettled weather will continue through the weekend with temperatures actually falling below the normal high and low.

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# Help Available For Seniors In Choosing Prescription Plan

by Tommy Gardner

HARDWICK — Larry Renaud, Hardwick's pharmacist, recently shared a hypothetical situation: a man sits in an airline seat, pleased that he paid only \$300 for his \$500 seat. What he doesn't realize is the man sitting next to him paid only \$100.

With more than 40 different Medicare Part D plans available to Vermont senior citizens, Renaud said most people are enrolled in a plan that costs more than it should. The problem: navigating the government's website can be daunting for seniors.

Renaud will be at the Hardwick Area Agency on Aging Thursday to help seniors apply for the highly-individualized plan that saves them the most money and still provides full coverage for their medicines. He will be joined by Michel Richards, the regional coordinator for the State Health Insurance and Assistance Program (SHIP).

The help session runs from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., and is free and open to anyone over 65 who needs to enroll in Medicare Part D.

The Medicare Part D program, which went into effect at the beginning of 2006, subsidizes the cost of prescription drugs for Medicare recipients. According to Renaud, the government forces Medicare recipients to choose a plan each year, between Nov. 15 and Dec. 31. Most seniors pay more than they need to, by simply going with the default plans selected for them by the government's Medicare web site.

"There are about 5 percent

of people who have the right plan," Renaud said. "Being on the right plan, there's an average savings of \$500."

Renaud said he often snags seniors when they come into the pharmacy, and will march them to the computer, and walk them through the Medicare website (medicare.gov). The process takes about 10 minutes, he said. Some people have saved more than \$2,000 after having someone help them fill out the fields on the web site.

Why the discrepancy? Renaud said a lot of it has to do with the way the Medicare site uses the "typical" dosage amount for prescriptions as the default, when many seniors don't need as much. Another reason for discrepancies is some meds cost less than others, but achieve the same results. As a pharmacist, Renaud knows all the various drugs that perform the same tasks, although he is careful to note he contacts clients' doctors rather than just giving them a different prescription.

Richards, the SHIP coordinator, said while the government makes choosing a plan handy by putting the

forms entirely online, many seniors feel the crunch this time of the year when they have to choose a prescription drug plan, or choose to stick with a current plan. Plus, one person's tool of ease can be another's source of frustration.

"Not everyone is familiar with a computer. Not everyone has one," Richards said. "They would like some help so they don't make an arbitrary decision."

Richards also pointed out that while she is adept at showing seniors how to maximize their plans, having a pharmacist nearby who can suggest different drugs is doubly helpful. Renaud said he has helped walk about 750 seniors through the Medicare Part D process since the program was instituted, usually right there in the store, either here in Hardwick, or in the South Burlington pharmacy at which he worked before coming here this summer.

For seniors seeking help Thursday, all they need to do is show up with a list of their medications and their Medicare card. Renaud and Richards will help with the rest.

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# POLICE REPORT

## Hardwick Police Deer Season

HARDWICK—Two motor vehicles met deer last week, with damage to vehicles but no injuries to people. The deers' fates were not reported.

A 2002 Subaru Legacy, driven by a Hardwick juvenile, received \$1,500 worth of damage to the right front Saturday after it collided with a deer on Center Road.

The following day, around 5:30 p.m., a truck driven by Jaime Brochu, of Greensboro, received an unknown amount of damage as a result of the truck striking a deer on Breezy Avenue.

A motor vehicle crash on Craftsby Road in Hardwick is a mystery to solve. The vehicle was found unoccupied at 1:14 p.m., Nov. 26. No one has contacted police about the vehicle. Anyone with any information should call police at 472-5475.

Shortly after 11 a.m. on Nov. 30, police received a "frantic" 911 hang up call coming from a Sawmill Lane residence. Heather Hevert allegedly struck a person on the arm causing a very minor injury. Hevert

was arrested and cited to appear in Caledonia District Court in St. Johnsbury on Jan. 11, 2010 to answer the charge of simple assault.

Wiley's Store in Greensboro contacted police on Nov. 30 about an alleged shoplifter. Police looked into the matter and alleged a juvenile failed to pay for \$3 worth of merchandise. The case will be referred to the Hardwick Restorative Justice Program.

The Vermont Criminal Justice Waiver Committee reviewed the "waiver" application of Hardwick police officer Kevin LaPlante on Nov. 25. The committee will recommend to the Vermont Criminal Justice Council that LaPlante be granted full-time officer status contingent upon successful completion of a series of law enforcement training courses. The council will meet Dec. 8, to accept, modify or deny the committee's recommendation. LaPlante has 13 years of law enforcement experience in Massachusetts where he served as an environmental police officer.

## Vermont State Police Multiple Charges

MORRISVILLE — A Wolcott man and his Morrisville companion were nabbed in the latter's town at 2:45 a.m., Thanksgiving Day and charged with driving while under the influence, violation of conditions of release and underage consumption.

James Caldwell, of Morrisville, was stopped by state police for an alleged motor vehicle violation on Upper Main Street. He had been given an underage drinking ticket earlier in the evening at a party in the town and released to his parents. When police stopped him, they alleged he was intoxicated and arrested him for DUI as well as violating his court ordered conditions of release. He was also issued traffic tickets for a minor having a blood alcohol level over .02 percent and a minor being in possession of tobacco products. He also received another underage drinking citation and was cited to appear in Lamoille District Court in Hyde Park on Dec. 15.

A passenger in the vehicle, Wesley Adams, of Wolcott, was allegedly intoxicated and was also issued diversion paperwork.

**DUI**  
MORRISVILLE — Julianne Chase, of Craftsby, was stopped on Main Street in Morrisville at 11:11 p.m., on Nov. 26 for an alleged motor vehicle violation. Police alleged she was intoxicated and she was arrested

and charged with driving while under the influence. She was released on a citation to appear in Lamoille District Court in Hyde Park on Dec. 15. She was also given a traffic citation for having a blood alcohol content over .02 percent and a diversion ticket.

**Burglary**  
CALAIS — A Calais resident contacted state police at 11:49 a.m., Nov. 27 to report a burglary at the person's residence. A number of items were taken.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the state police at 229-9191 or crime stoppers.

**Barn Fire**  
ELMORE — The state police fire investigation unit is investigating a barn fire that occurred on Eagle Ledge Road on Nov. 21.

The Elmore, Wolcott and Hardwick fire departments went to the blaze that was reported at 1:49 a.m. Three buildings were in flames. The firefighters were able to save the house, which was located nearby. A storage shed, a large barn and a two bay garage were destroyed, but no injuries were reported. The cause of this fire is unknown, suspicious.

Anyone with any information is asked to contact Det. Sgt. Nally at 229-9191 or the Vermont Arson Tip Award Program at 1-800-32-ARSON.



Gretchen Casey, left, and Martha Demers, right, joined other Woodbury PTO members in making 100 wreaths as a fundraiser for Woodbury School students. Money raised will be used for grades K-six to go to Burke Mountain this winter for cross country skiing, snowboarding, snowshoeing and downhill skiing. (photo by Vanessa Fournier)

## Shooting

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concurrently. The officers "concluded that Officer Gero was reasonable in his belief that he was in imminent danger of death or serious bodily injury when he fired at Carey Bird's vehicle, which was being driven in an erratic manner, heading towards him at an increasing speed, despite commands to stop.

The incident happened near midnight, far from any significant population. According to Matt Levine, assistant attorney general, Criminal Division, state police interviewed five witnesses, including Bird and Gero. Bird is currently being prosecuted for motor vehicle offenses stemming from the incident so Levine would not disclose what witnesses saw.

Bird's half-brother Roger Howard was on the scene May 29, and he offered another version of the incident. In a telephone interview, and in a letter to the editor (see page four), Howard said he was standing

next to Gero when Bird approached in his truck. He said the cruiser's blue lights were not on, his brother was not driving erratically and Gero shot at the truck only after Bird drove past him.

"I don't know what they considered 'erratic,'" Howard said. "He (Bird) was driving on the road. There were vehicles on both sides and he didn't hit either of them."

Howard said a state police detective had him re-enact the event the next day. But he said authorities in the state's attorney's and attorney's general offices never called him back, nor was there any other follow-up regarding the incident. Last week, six months later, when Howard heard the shooting had been justified, he was "amazed at the outcome."

Levine said while witnesses disagreed on some points in their testimonies to state police, "there was significant agreement on other points." When asked about suggestions that investigators were giving a free pass to one of their own, Levine

noted the attorney's general office operates independently of state police.

"I don't accept the idea that it is a foregone conclusion" that Gero would be exonerated, Levine said.

Hardwick Police Chief Joe LaPorte said he was glad the state police investigated the incident, and that two separate state agencies looked over the findings.

"Having an outside agency investigating maintains transparency," LaPorte said.

According to police reports, Gero fired two rounds at the truck he felt was bearing down on him. Since it was what LaPorte called a "non-contact shoot," the Hardwick Police Department did not discipline Gero.

Howard said if he and his family could go back and do things differently, they might not have called police, and would have tried to handle things privately. He said he appreciated the police response to their distress calls, but said things got out of control.

"I think he overreacted, and was quick on the trigger," Howard said.

Washington County State's Attorney Tom Kelly said forensics experts investigating the scene reported nothing to cause him to conclude Gero had abused his power.

"It's sometimes too easy to second-guess officers when they are making a split-second decision," he said.

## Tree

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Speaking of Canada, that's where Hourihan got his start 31 years ago, shipping trees down from Nova Scotia. Back then, he said, trees weren't cultivated like they are these days; they grew wild, gnarly and misshapen.

"Back then they were all Charlie Brown trees," he said.

Three decades later, Hourihan estimates he has about 80,000 trees on his land, 20,000 of which he planted in 2001. Not all of those trees are ready to be cut and decorated, though. Hourihan estimates this year he will move 3,000 trees wholesale and have 7,000-8,000 at his place available for retail choose and cut.

"The last wholesale tree goes out Wednesday," he said. "After that it's all choose-and-cut, which is more fun and relaxing."

It is even more relaxing this year thanks to a group of Hazen Union forestry students who helped build a choose-and-cut sale shop. It is heated with a Franklin wood stove, and they will sell coffee and hot dogs. Hourihan said they also plan to sit in the shop and make wreaths for a little extra revenue.

Moffatt's customers, who are reselling his trees in New York and New Hampshire and Burlington, call him up this week most years, nervous that they aren't moving more trees quickly. But he said he always encourages people to wait until a couple weeks after Thanksgiving to get the tree into the living room, or else it will likely dry out by Christmas.

"I tell them the vast majority of people just aren't ready to buy a tree right after Thanksgiving," Moffatt said. "You wouldn't expect a bouquet of flowers to last a month, would you?"

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# Letters From Readers

## The Cost Of An Unfair Decision

To the editor:

I see that the Hardwick taxpayers will be upgrading the mythical Hardwick-Cabot Road and I expect we will want to learn exactly who is to benefit by this. We already know who will bear the expense and hardship of continuing to use their property.

The decision made is grossly unfair even on a neighbor to neighbor basis, and it will appear more so if we learn we are improving access to property, present and future, whose taxes go to the Town of Woodbury. Also, speaking now to the Carter

Quarry Group and their spokesman, I fail to see how this upgrade is a big win for Hardwick citizens. I can name dozens of citizens, myself included, who won't benefit one iota.

And if this decision stands and is not thrown out with the rest of the trash, will Steve Sampson help the Howards mend and build their fences, literally, physically and financially? Because that is exactly what good neighbors ought to do, following a decision as unfair as this.

**Victor Densmore  
Hardwick**

## Save The Farm

To the editor:

On Friday, Nov. 6, the McAllister farm burned, leaving behind a devastated family. All their dairy herd perished, along with other animals. Their barn was totally destroyed.

We would like to help them rebuild their farm. Please don't let another Vermont farm disappear.

We are having a benefit dance to help raise as much money as we can to help rebuild their farm. Please come and help make this a benefit

dance to remember! The dance will be held from 7 p.m.-midnight, Friday, Dec. 4, at the VFW in Morrisville. Adult admission is \$10 and children under 16 \$5. There will also be a raffle and a bake sale.

Please come and help and have some fun. Let's get the McAllister farm up and running again.

**Patty Fecteau  
Mary S. Johnson  
and families and friends  
Hardwick**

## Something Special

To the editor:

I wanted to write to invite and inform readers about the Hardwick Children's Holiday Project 2009. No one can do everything, but we all can do something. If folks are looking for that something special to do for the holiday season, please consider supporting families in our community who may be experiencing financial hardships that prevent them from providing their children with holiday gifts. The HCHP supports families in the OSSU school district towns of Woodbury, Craftsbury, Wolcott, Hardwick, Greensboro, Greensboro Bend, Walden and Stannard.

Please join us by whatever means you can; financial donations can be sent directly to the account for: Hardwick Children's Holiday Project, c/o Merchants Bank, P.O. Box 426, Hardwick, VT 05843. For other donations or more information you may call me at 472-3843 or email: marywheeler83@comcast.net.

Drop-off boxes for new or like-new toys, games, hats and mittens are located at: Hall's Market, Grand

Union, Gagnon's Video, Hardwick Area Community Coalition in Hardwick, Buck's Furniture in Wolcott or the Post Office in East Hardwick. A Giving Tree is located at the Merchant's Bank in Hardwick. People may pick up a "wished for gift tag" and purchase a gift for that child.

Families with children in the communities served by OSSU that would like to sign up their children and select gifts may contact me at 472-3843 to confidentially sign up.

The Hardwick Children's Holiday Project is a non-profit project that was begun over 10 years ago by PATCH to support families who have a tradition of gift giving. We encourage each family receiving gifts to commit and complete two hours of community service per family prior to the gift-giving day. The gift pick-up day will be Saturday, Dec. 19 from 1-4 p.m. at the Memorial Building in Hardwick.

In closing, we appreciate all who have and are helping.

**Mary Wheeler  
Hardwick**

## MEETING MEMO

Upcoming Public Meetings

### Wednesday, Dec. 2

- Agency of Natural Resources Agri-Mark Whey Permit Hearing, 6-9 p.m. Twinfield Union School
- Wolcott Select Board, 6 p.m. Town Offices
- Cabot Select Board, 7 p.m. Willey Building
- Calais Conservation Commission, 7 p.m. Town Offices
- Hardwick Electric Commission, 7 p.m. Hardwick Electric Department

### Thursday, Dec. 3

- Craftsbury Schools Collaborative Stakeholders, 6:30 p.m. Craftsbury Elementary School
- Hazen Union School Board, 7 p.m. Hazen Union School
- Hardwick Select Board, 7 p.m. Memorial Building
- Marshfield Development Review Board, 7 p.m. Old Schoolhouse Common

### Monday, Dec. 7

- Hardwick Trails Committee, 5:30 p.m. Hazen Union School
- Cabot School Board, 7 p.m. Cabot School
- Cabot Village Trustees, 7 p.m. Willey Building

### Tuesday, Dec. 8

- Craftsbury School Board, 6 p.m. Craftsbury Academy
- Twinfield Union School Board, 6:30 p.m. Twinfield Union School

### Wednesday, Dec. 9

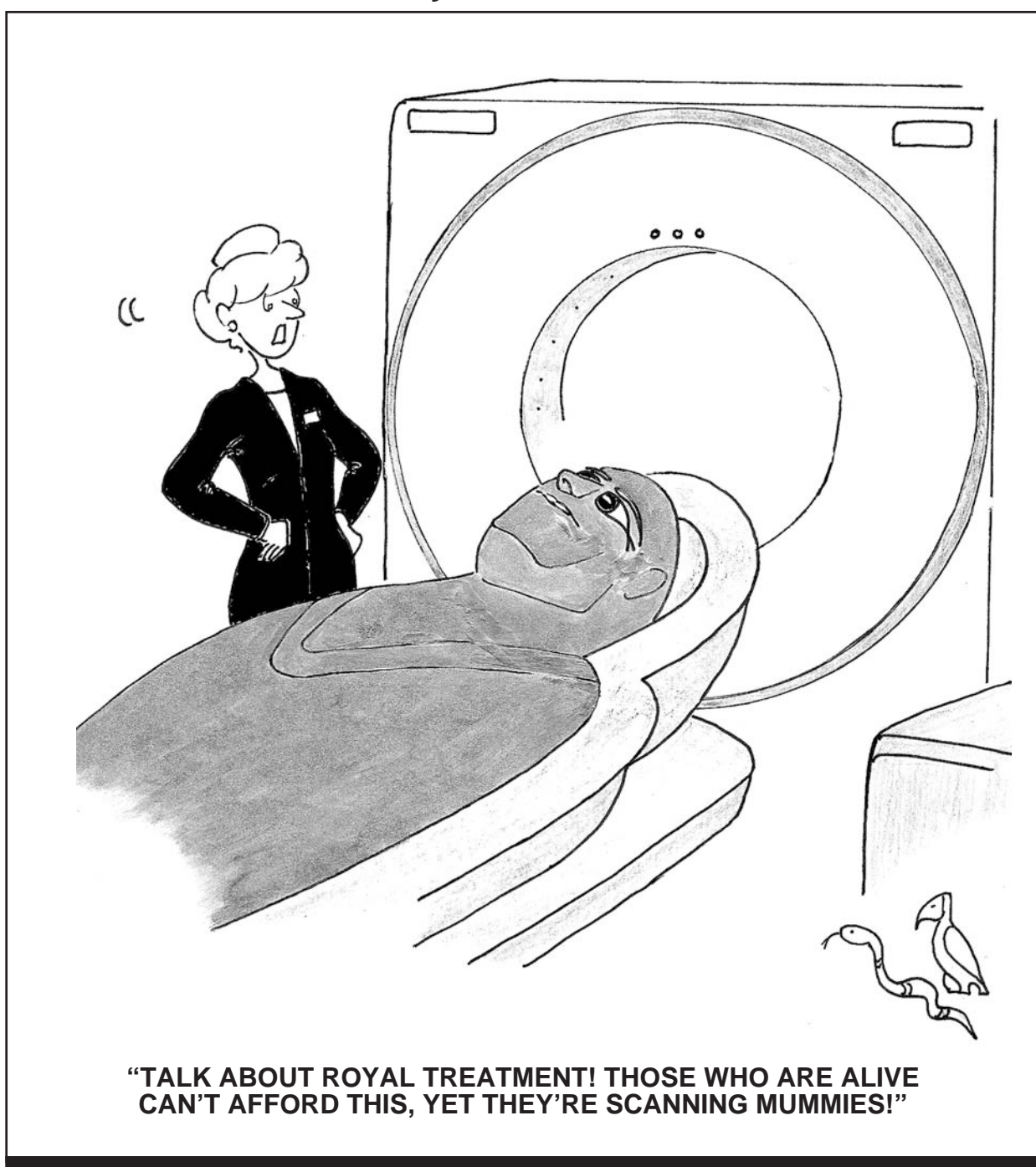
- Hardwick Area Food Pantry Board, 5:30 p.m. Hardwick Area Food Pantry
- Greensboro Select Board, 7 p.m. Town Hall
- Hardwick Electric Commission, 7 p.m. Hardwick Electric Department
- Wolcott Development Review Board, 7 p.m. Town Offices

### Thursday, Dec. 10

- Orleans Southwest Executive Committee, 5:30 p.m. OSSU Offices
- Cabot Library Trustees, 7 p.m. Willey Building
- Calais Historic Kents Corner, 7 p.m. Community Center
- Craftsbury, Greensboro, Hardwick Energy Committees and Efficiency Vermont Public Information Meeting, 7 p.m. Greensboro United Church of Christ
- Marshfield Planning Commission, 7 p.m. Old Schoolhouse Common
- Woodbury Historical Society, 7 p.m. Woodbury Community Library
- Cabot Conservation Commission, 7:30 p.m. Willey Building

Agenda for meetings are available prior to meetings, usually at the town clerk's or superintendent's office, or by calling a board or committee chair.

# Woodsmoke by Julie Atwood



"TALK ABOUT ROYAL TREATMENT! THOSE WHO ARE ALIVE CAN'T AFFORD THIS, YET THEY'RE SCANNING MUMMIES!"

# Letters From Readers

## Holiday Meal

To the editor:

It's time for the Kiwanis Seniors Appreciation Holiday Meal. About half hour after noon Sunday, Dec. 6 in the Knights of Columbus Hall on Route 14, the Hardwick Kiwanis club members and Hazen Key Club will begin serving their annual Hardwick Area Holiday Meal to area seniors. Turkeys and dressing prepared

and provided by the Kiwanis club members will be served up with fixings including Bear's gravy, locally grown and donated squash and potatoes, cranberry relish made from Vermont cranberries and plenty of side dishes and wonderful desserts. Bell Ringers will provide holiday music and table party favors will be available to take home. All area se-

niors are encouraged to attend—the dinner is free — we appreciate all that you have done for us all these many years!

Home delivery will be limited to only those who truly cannot attend. Take out will be available.

**Joe Wood  
Kiwanis Secretary  
Woodbury**

# RURAL RAMBLINGS

## Home "Attacked" By Two Partridges

by E. George Larrabee

WOODBURY — Peacefully minding our own business on Nov. 28, in our home above Greenwood Lake, my wife, Phyllis, and I were startled during Saturday's extremely windy morning, about 9:10, by a loud crash from the residence's north and east-facing enclosed porch. The sudden noise was followed by a fluttering of wings. Entering the porch, we found shards of glass all over the floor from a north-facing window. In a corner beneath a folded canvas chair lay the form of a plump partridge.

Apparently, the bird, winging by the house, had seen trees from across the way reflected in the window glass, and assuming the reflection was an avenue to some woods, had crashed into a lower pane, breaking its neck. Following hours of a badly leaking roof from Nov. 27 torrential rain fall, this was hardly a welcome development. After dressing out the grouse with a view toward adding its pakessooia - Abenaki for grouse meat - to the family larder, I weighed it on the bathroom scale and it still weighed a good 2 pounds.

After cleaning up the broken glass and taping cardboard over the broken pane, we traveled to Hardwick to buy a replacement pane. We went for Plexiglas because it's more flexible. If something hits it, it might crack, but not shatter. The fierce winds of Nov. 28 could have just as easily broken off and driven through a window a limb of the nearby north side maple tree.

On Sunday, Nov. 29, around 9 a.m., although Saturday's winds had abated, we were startled to hear another loud crash from the enclosed porch. Yet another pakesso (the Abenaki word for the ruffed grouse) had shattered another window! The partridge had not killed itself, and had flown to a windowsill next to the door to the porch's sun deck. When I reached for it to put it outside, the bird panicked and bolted to the opposite end of the room, trying to hide in the corner under the folded chair where the previous morning's grouse had died.

The attempt to hide in the confined space kept the bird's wings against its body and I was able to gently ease my hands over it and pick it up. With Phyllis opening the door, I took it out onto the sundeck and put it on top of the railing. This was not the first time I had held a living wild partridge in my hands. If you hold a captured partridge gently enough, I thought, it has a calming effect on the "captive." Before releasing the grouse, it occurred to me that I should get my camera and take a picture or two. Rather than attempt to hold the bird in one hand and the camera in the other, I left the grouse on the railing and went into the house to fetch my 35mm camera. I hoped the nonplussed bird would remain on the railing, untended, until I returned, which it did, until the noise and movement of opening the porch door alarmed it, whereupon it "jumped ship" and scurried off.

In 1970, I accompanied my uncle, the late

Edward Wierminski of Westfield, Mass., to Quebec Province on a fishing trip. We arrived at guides Bill and Annie Nevin's wilderness camp north of La Toque on the upper St. Maurice River. We, accompanied by one of the Nevin's boys, were hiking up a trail when we saw a meskagôdagihla - Abenaki for "black sprucebough bird," perched on the branch of a conifer, eyeing us curiously. The meskagôdagihla have little fear of humans, as in the vast Canadian wilderness they see people so seldom. The branch was too high off the ground to reach the grouse by hand, so, curious to see what it would take for the unperturbable partridge to take flight, we started throwing small stones in its direction. One of the pebbles grazed its head, stunning it. The bird fell to the ground and I pounced, grabbing it. The spruce grouse was taken back to camp, where a camera was obtained and photos were taken with me holding the "captive." The revived bird remained quite calm through the "photo shoot," after which it was released unharmed.

Nov. 29 "breaking and entering" necessitated another trip to the hardware store for another large pane of plexiglas. I think the reason why the second pakesso survived crashing through the second window is because there was hardly any wind on Sunday. Saturday's strong winds very likely drove the hurtling partridge with such force as to break its neck.

Nov. 28 and 29 were not our first experience with birds throwing themselves against a window of the house. A few springtime's ago, a kiuqueska, Abenaki for "whistle maker," a robin, repeatedly kept flying against the cellar stairway window. It was probably a cock robin attacking a "rival" that was actually its own reflection. Fortunately, the window pane wasn't broken. As a precaution, Phyllis used tempera paint to paint flowers on the pane so birds wouldn't easily see their reflection in the window. The enclosed porch windows are also now either daubed with tempera in floral designs or have a length of masking tape stretched across the lower panes to indicate to any passing lido oak - "those that fly" - that the windows are not passageways into the woods.

(In the Abenaki language the animate plural is usually expressed by the suffix "ak." Thus 'meskagôdagikhlak' is plural. The singular of lido oak, "those that fly" (winged ones, flying birds and bats) is lido. The common Abenaki word for birds today is "sipsak," but sips (seeps) is obviously derived from songbirds, not winged creatures in general, from hummingbirds to eagles. See the "Western Abenaki Dictionary," Gordon Day, Ph.D., Volume II.

(I give lessons in the rudiments of Alnôbiaui - the Abenaki Way - (language), so it is easy for me to come up with the words (and their interpretations in English), especially of birds and animals, many of which I know by heart.)

Larrabee is a resident of Woodbury.

# Letters From Readers

## A Different View Of Shooting

To the editor:

Recently, there has been a great deal of media reports on television, radio and newspapers about Hardwick police officer Michael Gero being cleared for a shooting in West Woodbury on May 29. What the articles fail to tell is there were three witnesses at the shooting, myself being one of them.

On the evening of May 29, my brother Carey Bird called family members and said he loved us and it would all be over soon. He moved back to the area in October last year and was distraught over not being able to find employment.

His wife called 911, and myself and a couple of family members went to find him as we believed he was in danger of taking his life. We own property that has a camper on it in West Woodbury and that was where we found him. My brother Ray was trying to convince him everything would be OK. Myself and another family member went to where we had cell coverage and we called his wife and she relayed the message to the Hardwick police.

We were at the intersection of Brown Hill and West Woodbury Road when Officer Gero arrived. He told me he was out of his jurisdiction and he was only there as a concerned citizen. He never went to the camper where Carey was. He and I were talking when my brother Ray drove out from the camper. A few minutes later Carey drove out and continued on between the three parked vehicles. I later told the detective I thought it was at a speed of 35 to 40 miles an hour. He did not speed up when he saw us, nor was he driving erratically.

I was standing beside Officer Gero when he yelled, "stop, police."

There were no blue lights on or any indication of the police cruiser's presence. Carey continued and Officer Gero ran behind his cruiser and shot twice at the vehicle after it passed, hitting the rear wheel well with one bullet. Gero then got in his car and went after him; he never found him. I followed, still looking for my brother and about 15 minutes later I was stopped by three cruisers and ordered out of my vehicle at gun point with my hands above my head, and then told to leave the area, which I did.

Carey drove out and gave himself up, he was unarmed, no weapon was ever found, he refused a breath test and was taken to Morrisville and the truck impounded.

The next morning, detective Lance Burnham called me and the other two witnesses. He came out and got mine, and my brother Ray's statements, which he recorded. The case was turned over to detective Michael Henry. I called him on June 1 to get the truck released and he told me it was still being held and that it had been hit, but I would have a hard time finding it. Detectives Burnham, Henry and I went up to the intersection and did a reenactment of the shooting. Detective Henry told me he thought the gun was in the camper, and he wished they had found a gun, but they never did a search of the camper.

In summary, Carey never swerved toward Officer Gero and myself, and Officer Gero shot at an unarmed, suicidal man after he had passed all of us. I guess when officer's investigate their own, we know what the outcome will be.

**Roger Howard  
Hardwick**

## Let Good Actions And Good Memories Fill The Season

To the editor:

The holiday season is supposed to be a time for family, friends, and festive celebrations, but it is, unfortunately, also a time when there is a tragic jump in the number of alcohol-related highway fatalities between Thanksgiving and New Year's.

That is why The Hardwick Area Community Coalition is joining with other national, state and local highway safety and law enforcement officials to remind everyone this holiday season to always designate a sober driver before each holiday party or event involving alcohol.

Remembering to designate a sober driver before the party begins is just one of several, simple steps to help avoid a tragic crash or an arrest for impaired driving during the holiday season. Other important reminders include:

- Never get behind the wheel of your vehicle if you've been out drinking;
- If impaired, call call a sober friend or family member to come and get you;
- Or, just stay where you are and sleep it off until you are sober;
- If you are hosting a party this holiday season, remind your guests to always plan ahead to designate a sober driver, always offer alcohol-free beverages during the event, and make sure all of your guests leave with a sober driver; and
- Friends Don't Let Friends Drive Drunk. Take the keys and never let a friend leave your sight if you think they are about to drive while impaired.

Impaired driving is one of America's deadliest problems. Nationally,

more than 17,000 people died in alcohol-related highway crashes during 2003. Every 30 minutes, nearly 50 times a day, someone in America dies in an alcohol-related crash. Hundred of thousands more are injured each year. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, about three in every 10 Americans will be involved in an alcohol-related crash at some point in their lives.

Since 1981, every president of the United States has proclaimed December "National Drunk and Drugged Driving (3D) Prevention Month" to help underscore the public's commitment to preventing impaired driving and promoting the use of designated drivers and sober ride programs. The month of December and the New Year's Eve holiday are also often highlighted by significant increases in state and local law enforcement efforts to combat impaired driving such as the use of sobriety checkpoints and saturation patrols.

Driving impaired or riding with someone who is impaired is simply not worth the risk. The consequences are serious and real. Not only do you risk killing yourself or someone else, but the trauma and financial costs of a crash or an arrest for driving while impaired can be really significant and not the way you want to spend your holiday season.

HACC wishes you a happy and safe Holiday Season.

**Karen Gates, Nicole Miller,  
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# Energy Savings Available

GREENSBORO — The energy committees in Greensboro, Hardwick and Craftsbury and Efficiency Vermont will hold a meeting Dec. 10 to inform the public of new possibilities for financing energy savings. The meeting, at 7 p.m. at the Greensboro United Church of Christ, will describe the benefits of the 2009 Vermont Energy Act.

This law enables towns to establish Clean Energy Assessment Districts (CEAD). A PowerPoint presentation by Peter Adamczyk of Efficiency Vermont will show how households and businesses can ob-

tain low-interest loans for energy-saving improvements through CEAD. Energy audits at the outset of the program will establish whether a taxpayer's energy cost savings can more than cover loan service payments. The payments will be financed by assessments on the property tax.

Fourteen states are now running such programs. Colorado's Boulder County completed 400 projects at a total cost of \$7.5 million.

For further information, contact Nancy Potak at 533-9206 or npotak@vtlink.net.

## Meadery

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Spirits, was a way to be closer to like-minded food producers, according to Hardie. Honey Gardens will remain in Ferrisburg, producing its line of honey products, such as the raw product, salves, syrups and candles.

Because of heightened concerns this year over the flu, particularly the H1N1 strain, Hardie said there has been an uptick in the sales this year of his elderberry syrup, a cold medicine made with raw honey, elderberries and propolis, a natural antibiotic that bees gather from pine trees and use to coat the inside of their hives. Hardie stores the propolis at the Vermont Food Venture Center in Fairfax. The VFVC is also coming to Hardwick, and will be located across Route 15 from the meadery.

The meadery was a much quicker project than the venture center, which will be housed in a larger building with a much more complicated structure, and which has about \$2 million of federal grant money at-

tached to it. By comparison, the Caledonia Spirits meadery roof and walls will mainly house tanks of fermenting honey and grains.

Hardie and Matthews praised the many people who support the move to Hardwick, from myriad subcontractors working on rapidly constructing the facility, to the town manager and Select Board.

"It's a very community-minded project," Matthews said.

Eventually, Caledonia Spirits will branch out to making more potent spirits, and research new ways to put a spin on ancient recipes. Matthews said they will make gin, and she would like to make a whisky as well, using local and regional grains and herbs. For the early part of 2010, she will concentrate on the honey wine, with a lofty goal of producing upwards of 30,000 bottles by this time next year.

"We might not sell them all right away," Matthews said. "But the nice thing about wine is it only gets better with age."



Ella Considine, 5, left, and Michelle Gao, 7, center, watch as Nancy Kish, right, of Agape Hill Farm, shows them how to make a felted Christmas ornament from llama fiber and sheep's wool. The workshop, which included seven other children, was held Saturday at the Jeudevine Library in Hardwick. (photo by Vanessa Fournier)

## Greenbacks

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Hazen science teacher Jay Modry has been working with LeCours the past couple weeks to put together the grant application, which needs to be mailed out this week. Modry said the \$5,000 award could be used to pay for monitoring software and hardware so students could measure the solar panel output.

There are two types of solar equipment Hazen could use if it is granted the Education Department money, said Modry. They are solar hot water heaters and solar voltaic panels. The voltaic panels work just like the tiny pieces on solar-powered calculators, by drawing power directly from sunlight. The solar water heaters have pipes running through them, which heats up water and

stores it in a pan, so water comes out the faucet almost immediately warm.

Modry said there are several ways solar technology could be implemented into Hazen's curriculum, some obvious (physics, chemistry, math), some less obvious but just as intriguing. For instance, economics classes could talk about the benefits or drawbacks on one's wallet of using solar power in certain circumstances. Or social studies classes could talk about the politics of alternative energies, something sure to be talked about a lot in the next couple of years.

"From an educator's perspective, there are a ton of possibilities," Modry said.

Classrooms have directly contributed to some decidedly practical school improvements. A few years ago, students in a class called science, technology and society performed an energy audit of the entire school. Their findings led the School Board to budget \$80,000 to replace all the lights in the school. Those lights were estimated to pay for themselves in four or five years. Another technology improvement that came about from the student-run audit was the replacement this year of the school's transformer and installation of an emergency backup power generator.

Not surprisingly, that audit also suggested solar power at Hazen.

# Documentary Focuses On Washington County

JOHNSON — The premiere of the historical documentary "Life in Washington County" by Bill Doyle, history professor at Johnson State College and state senator, will be held at 6:30 p.m., Dec. 10 at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Montpelier. The event is free and open to the public.

This is the sixth documentary produced as a collaboration between Doyle's Vermont government and history class at the college and Vince Franke of Peregrine Productions of Waterbury. In developing the documentary, Franke and the JSC students interviewed 18 Washington County residents, including Lola Aiken, wife of the late Sen. George Aiken, about life in the early 20th century.

In addition to Aiken, others interviewed for the film were Huguette Abbott, Gleason Ayers, Ernest Bankroft, Carlton Domey, Paul Gillies, Stan Fitch, Judy Knapp, Harry Monti, Conrad Ormsbee, Sally Pedley, Jay Pedley, Rebecca Peatman, Marilyn Piro, Ron Pitkin, Mary Reagan, Jack Smith and George Thomas.

The other five documentaries —

focusing on Grand Isle, Chittenden, Lamoille, Franklin and Orleans counties — also were developed with the help of students in Doyle's class. Like the other documentaries, "Life in Washington County" blends interviews and images of local people in the first half of the 20th century. More than 200 historical photographs provide a visual record of life

in the region. Free copies of the film will be sent to all the local schools, historical societies and libraries. DVD copies are \$15 and are available online at [www.peregrineproductions.com](http://www.peregrineproductions.com) or from Doyle at 802-371-7898. Proceeds from film will be donated to local historical societies.

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**Sheena** is a four-year-old Rott-Shepherd mix. She is adjusting to living indoors after spending most of her life tied outside. Sheena is hard at work learning the basic skills of obedience with staff and volunteers. She would do great in a home that will continue with basic obedience classes, not only will she learn to be a great indoor dog, it will also help her with bonding to her new human friend. Give Sheena a chance to show you how great a girl she can be!

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Take this opportunity to extend greetings to your customers, friends and neighbors — stop by to select your Season's Greeting Ad or call 472-6521 to see a salesperson!

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**Did You Know? A DEXA Scan is an exam that measures bone density.**

My grandmother's bones were fragile and often broke as she grew older, why? Years ago, the only time osteoporosis — a disease that causes bones to become more fragile and more likely to break — could be detected was after you broke a bone.

**What's different today?**  
Doctors can use a bone density test, called densitometry or DEXA scan, to determine if you have osteoporosis or are at risk of osteoporosis before you break any bones. The test uses special low intensity X-rays to measure the density of your bones. The results let your doctor know how you compare with other people of your age, gender and other similar characteristics. The higher the mineral content of your bones, the denser they are. The denser your bones, the stronger they generally are and the less likely to break.

**Who should get tested?**  
The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force recommends routine bone density screening if:  
• You're a woman age 65 or older  
• You're 60 and at increased risk of osteoporosis

**What is involved in being tested?**  
The test takes about twenty minutes. You lie on a table while the DEXA scanner scans from above your lower back and hip.  
Depending on test results your doctor may recommend diet changes, vitamin supplements or drug therapy.

Photo: Robert D. Johnson, MD, CVMC Radiology

Ask your primary care physician if you are a good candidate for a DEXA scan and he or she will make a referral to the Diagnostic Imaging Department at Central Vermont Medical Center.

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## Cooking For One

**HARDWICK** — Legendary editor and cookbook author Judith Jones speaks at 7 p.m., Tuesday about her new cookbook, *The Pleasures of Cooking for One*. This is a collection of recipes for the single cook. Following her reading and book signing, those who attend may continue the conversation at Claire's Restaurant in a small, informal reception.

Jones is a senior editor and vice president at Alfred A. Knopf. She co-authored several cookbooks with her late husband, Evan Jones, and wrote the best-selling memoir, *The Tenth Muse*. Her new cookbook grew out of a section of *The Tenth Muse* in which Jones spoke of the joy she discovered in cooking for herself. The recipes in *The Pleasures of Cooking for One* have all been tried and tested in Jones' kitchen.

For more information, call 472-5533 or go to galaxybookshop.com.

## GRACE To Hold Holiday Reception

**HARDWICK** — GRACE, Grass Roots Art and Community Effort, will hold its annual Holiday Reception and Art Sale from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday. There will be seasonal refreshments, music, affordable artwork, and a discount of 10-20 percent on artwork by Gayleen Aiken, Dot Kibbee, and Merrill Densmore.

over and will run through Feb. 3, 2010. This exhibit features works depicting Barre's world-famous granite industry as seen by Aiken.

GRACE conducts over 400 annual workshops in nursing homes and mental health agencies across northern Vermont and over 100 community workshops at its facility, The Old Firehouse.

For additional information, call 472-6857.

## Concert Pianist And Organist To Perform

**CABOT** — Isaac James, the organist at Christ Covenant Church in Marshfield, presents an organ concert at 4 p.m., Sunday at the Cabot United Church. The concert will include what he considers to be some of the most beautiful Christmas music ever composed, including "Walking in the Air" by Howard Blake.

His six siblings and both parents play instruments. His father is the pastor of Christ Church in Champlain, N.Y. He started playing piano at age 6 and began lessons at age 13. By the time he was 16 he was ready to compete in an international Chopin competition where he placed third. Rather than attend an institution, James continued studying directly with private teachers.

James is also a concert pianist who studied under some well-known performing artists, including Drs. Robert Auler, Andrew Russo, Jonathan Mann, Christopher O'Riley, and Andre Watts. In addition he studied organ under Kyle Ramey, Yitzak Rabinowitz, Robert Goldman, Israel Steinberg and John Scott, a famous organist from St. Paul's Cathedral in London.

James lives with his grandparents in East Calais where he is a piano technician and rebuilders as well as a performing artist. He is working on three "higher end" pianos, which will all be resold.

## Book Signings To Celebrate Vermont Culture

**HARDWICK** — The Galaxy Bookshop welcomes two Vermont authors Saturday. Leon Thompson whose first book, *Not Too Awful Bad*, is a humorous guide to Vermont and its citizens, will be signing books at 11 a.m. At noon, photographer Ethan Hubbard will arrive to sign copies of his new book, *Thirty Below Zero: In Praise of Native Vermonters*, which collects portraits from over 40 years of Hubbard's work.

From 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Throughout the day, there will be sales, prize giveaways, and refreshments. There will also be a vote to name the two kittens!

In addition to the book signings on Dec. 5, the store is holding its annual sale and open house celebration,

For more information, call 472-5533 or go to galaxybookshop.com.

## Thurston To Speak At Art House

**CRAFTSBURY** — Sam Thurston speaks at the ART HOUSE GALLERY from 6:30-7:30 p.m., Friday. He will talk about his artwork and answer questions.

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The gallery is located at 1146 North Craftsbury Rd, across the street from the Craftsbury Inn on the Common.

# THIS WEEK

### Thursday, Dec. 3

**FREE FAMILY LITERACY CLASSES** for parents of children under 8 years old. Work on your high school diploma, GED or other educational goals, while learning ways to help your young children succeed. Classes meet Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings. Help with childcare and mileage. For more information call Julia or Lucinda at The Family Literacy Center, 888-6810.

**AREA AGENCY ON AGING** for Northeastern Vermont's Hardwick Office, help with Medicare questions, 9 a.m. - noon and 1 - 3 p.m. Enter through the rear door of the Merchant's Bank Building. Call Michel for an appointment at 748-5182.

**DADS AND KIDS PLAYGROUP**, Thursdays, 6 - 7:30 p.m., Family Center of Washington County, 383 Sherwood Drive, Montpelier. Information: 262-3292 ext. 115.

**HEART AND SOUL SINGERS**, meet Thursday evenings 6:30 - 8 p.m., River Arts Council, Morrisville. Formal singing experience not required. Information: 586-9912 Rosemary or 476-8947 Donia.

**NATURALLY NICARAGUA**: Informational Session for those interested in learning more about the North Branch Nature Center's natural history and service learning trip to Nicaragua for teens this April. 7 p.m., North Branch Nature Center, 713 Elm St., Montpelier. Information: 229-6206.

**FARM TO PLATE** Regional Food Summit, Northeast Kingdom Area, 3 - 7 p.m., Lake Region Union High School, 317 Lake Region Rd., Orleans. Information: elena@hardwickagriculture.org.

### Friday, Dec. 4

**FREE COMMUNITY MEAL**, Fridays, 5:30 p.m., Holy Grounds, 28 Mill Street, Hardwick. Information: 441-4373.

**FREE LIVE MUSIC**, Fridays, 7 p.m., Holy Grounds, 28 Mill Street, Hardwick. Information: 441-4373.

**PRESCHOOL STORY TIME**, 10 a.m., Craftsbury Public Library. Stories, songs and art projects and fun! Information: 586-9683.

**HARDWICK PEACE VIGIL** every Friday, 5-6 at the Hardwick Peace Park. Come join us for any part of that hour. Sponsored by the Hardwick Area Peace & Justice Coalition. Information: 533-7175.

**STORY HOUR**, Greensboro Free Library, Fridays, 10 a.m. Stories, songs, games, crafts and fun. 53 Wilson Street, Greensboro. Information: 533-2531.

**BILL TOBIN'S** 40th Birthday Harp Concert, 7 p.m., North Congregational Church, St. Johnsbury. Information: www.billtobinharp.com.

**THE VERMONT PHILHARMONIC** annual Messiah Concert, 7:30 p.m., St. Augustine's Church, Montpelier. Tickets and information: www.VermontPhilharmonic.org, or at the Barre Opera House, (802) 476-8188.

**"MY THREE ANGELS"**, presented by The Lamoille County Players, 7 p.m., Hyde Park Opera House. Tickets: www.LCPlayers.com. Information: 888-4507.

**SAM THURSTON** speaks at the Art House Gallery, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m., 1146 North Craftsbury Rd., across from the Craftsbury Inn on the Common. He will talk about his artwork and answer questions.

**DANVILLE FAMILY CONTRA AND SQUARE DANCE**, 1st Friday, 8 p.m., Danville Town Hall, Chip Hedler, promoter, with music by David Carpenter and Hull's Union Victory String Band. Other musicians invited to join in. On Dec. 4, special guest band with Susannah Blachly, fiddle and George White, guitar. Everyone invited to attend. Information: 802-563-3225 or email samlyman@sover.net.

**20TH ANNUAL GLOVER CRAFT FAIR**, 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m., Glover Community School, Bean Hill Rd. Lunch served from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Santa appears at noon. Bake sale all day. Sponsored by the Parent's Club.

**37TH ANNUAL COLCHESTER** Holiday Show, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., Colchester High School, Laker Lane. Proceeds benefit Colchester students.

**SARI FASHION SHOW** and Indian Dinner, 6 p.m., Hazen Union School, Hardwick. Silent Art Auction and Craft Sale. All proceeds to benefit Child Haven International.

**40TH ANNUAL BURKLYN ARTS** Holiday Market, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Lyndon Town School, Lyndonville. Proceeds to support art programs in the local schools and scholarships for local students. 60 juried Vermont artists. Information: 802-626-6210.

**VERMONT FIDDLE ORCHESTRA** annual Holiday Concert, 7 p.m., City Hall Arts Center, City Hall, Main St., Montpelier. Information: 1-877-343-3531 or info@vtfiddleorchestra.org

**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FAIR**, 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Stowe Community Church. Wreaths, needlecrafts, baked goods and more.

**BURKLYN ARTS 40TH ANNUAL** Holiday Market, Lyndon Town School, Lyndonville. Information: 802-328-2683.

**"MY THREE ANGELS"**, presented by The Lamoille County Players, 7 p.m., Hyde Park Opera House. Tickets: www.LCPlayers.com. Information: 888-4507.

**GRACE HOLIDAY ART SALE** and Reception, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., at the Old Firehouse Building, Hardwick. Information: 472-6857, www.graceart.org.

**ANNUAL BISHOP MARSHALL SCHOOL** Christmas Fair, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Rte. 100, south of Morrisville. Seasonal foods and gifts, unique crafts and wreaths.

**32ND ANNUAL NORTH COUNTRY** Christmas Craft Show, Hyde Park Elementary School, Hyde Park, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Information: 888-3267.

**ANNUAL WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP**, 1 - 3 p.m., Woodbury Town Hall. Proceeds benefit the Woodbury Community Library.

**AREA AGENCY ON AGING** for Northeastern Vermont's Hardwick Office, 9 a.m. - noon and 1 - 3 p.m. Enter through the rear door of the Merchant's Bank Building. Call for an appointment at 472-6525.

**STORY TIME** at Jeudevine Memorial Library in Hardwick, 10 a.m. Call for information: 472-5948.

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**LOST NATION THEATER** presents "It's A Wonderful Life," a Radio Play on Stage Live at Montpelier City Hall. 7 p.m. Information: 229-0492, lostnationtheater.org.

**COMMUNITY FORUM** for all residents of Cabot, Marshfield and Plainfield to meet finalists for the position of Superintendent of Schools for the Washington Northeast Supervisory Union, 6 - 8 p.m., Cabot School.

**POETRY READING** with Charles and Robert Barasch, 7 p.m., Jaquith Public Library, Marshfield. Information: 426-3581 or jaquithpubliclibrary@hotmail.com.

### EXHIBITS

**HOLIDAY SEASON ART SHOW** at Studio Place Arts, 201 N. Main St., Barre, through Dec. 31. Gallery Hours: Tues. - Fri. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sat., noon - 4 p.m. Information: (802) 479-7069 or www.studioplacearts.com.

**MEMBERS ART SHOW** and Sale and The Festival of Trees and Light, Dec. 4, 2009 - January 8, 2010, Helen Day Art Center, 5 School St., Stowe.

### MISC.

**TWIN VALLEY SENIORS**, of Old Schoolhouse Common, Marshfield. Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. We cook on site every Monday, and meals are prepared by New England Culinary Institute on Wednesdays and Fridays. Suggested donation for each meal is \$3. We deliver Meals on Wheels to our homebound friends. Information: 426-3447.

**BOOK SALE**: Every day at the Jeudevine Memorial Library. Library hours: Mon. & Wed., 1-7 p.m., Tues. & Thurs., 1-5 p.m. Fridays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m. to noon. 472-5948.

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### COMMUNITY MEALS

**COMMUNITY DINNERS**, Thursdays, noon, Hardwick United Church, donation. Sponsored by the Buffalo Mountain Co-op. Information: 472-6020.

**FREE COMMUNITY DINNER**, Holy Grounds Coffee Shop, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m., Main St., Hardwick.

**FREE WEEKLY COMMUNITY SUPPERS**, Wednesdays, 6 - 7:30 p.m., Marshfield. Old School House Common.

**COMMUNITY POTLUCK DINNERS**, Plainfield Community Center, 4th Tues. of the month.

**FREE COMMUNITY SUPPER**, open to one and all, third Wednesdays at 6 p.m., United Church of Craftsbury, on the Common. Information: (802) 586-8028.

**HARDWICK AREA FOOD PANTRY**, West Church Street, adjoining St. Johns Church. Open Mon. noon - 2 p.m.; Thurs. and Sat., 9 - 11 a.m. Information: 472-5940.

**THIS WEEK** will publish announcements of events of general interest in the calendar. Information must be received by 5 p.m. Friday to be published the following week.

### Wednesday, Dec. 9

**MARSHFIELD PLAYGROUP**, Wednesdays, 6 - 7:30 p.m. Old Schoolhouse Common during Community Supper. For children birth to five and their adults. Information: 476-8757 x113.

**FREE FAMILY LITERACY CLASSES** for parents of children under 8 years old. Work on your high school diploma, GED or other educational goals, while learning ways to help your young children succeed. Classes meet Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings. Help with childcare and mileage. For more information call Julia or Lucinda at The Family Literacy Center, 888-6810.



The three convicts "infect" their help on the Ducotel family in a scene from the Lamoille County Players' *"My Three Angels."* The play is on stage at the Hyde Park Opera House Dec. 4-6 and 11-13. (courtesy photo)

## Convict Comedy 'My Three Angels' At Opera House

**HYDE PARK** — "My Three Angels," a witty comedy about three convicts who befriend a family in need at Christmas, will take the stage at the Hyde Park Opera House Dec. 4-6 and 11-13. Showtime is 7 p.m., except for the Sunday matinees at 2 p.m.

The story concerns the Ducotel family (played by Chris Demars, of Morrisville, Daphne Allen of Jeffersonville and Leanne Gibson, of West Glover) who manage a general store with great inefficiency. The shop is deep in debt, thanks in no small part to Mrs. Parole (Ginger Pierce, of Stowe), a customer who puts everything she gets there on account but somehow never gets around to paying off her bills!

This Lamoille County Players show was made into a movie in 1955, starring Humphrey Bogart and Peter Ustinov. Set in tropical French Guiana on Christmas Eve in 1910,

## Auction To Benefit Student Trip To France

**CABOT** — This year's Cabot School Auction will be held at 10 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 12. Thousand of dollars worth of new merchandise, local services and unique items have already been collected, with more

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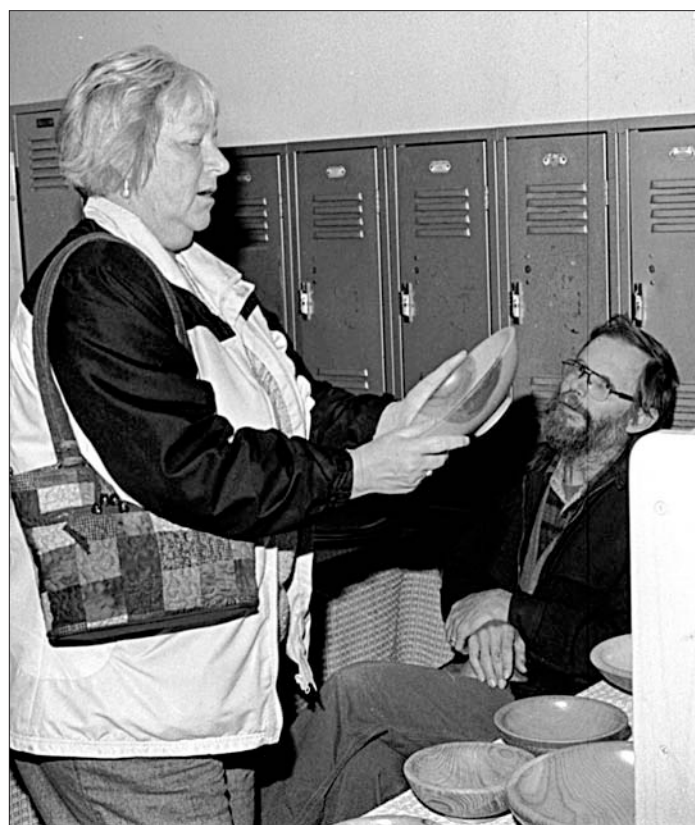


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(photo by Vanessa Fournier)

## Teens To Learn And Serve In Nicaragua

MONTPELIER—Two Montpelier non-profits have partnered to offer a new teen natural history and service learning trip to Nicaragua. While Planting Hope focuses on creating opportunities for education, development and cultural exchanges in Nicaragua, the North Branch Nature Center is experienced in leading teen ecology trips to the tropics. The partnership between the two has produced an international trip that integrates nature, culture, and service learning at all levels. The trip takes place from April 16-26, 2010 and is open to teens ages 13 and up.

Wildlife abounds in Nicaragua, with nearly 700 species of birds and other creatures such as sloths, monkeys, anteaters, and jaguars. Morning bird and wildlife walks will provide ample opportunities to observe wildlife. Day trips and overnights at eco-reserves such as "El Jaguar," a biological station for the study of the winter survival of neotropical migrants, will allow for interactions with local scientists. The teens will conduct their own comparative study on the migratory birds of several different coffee farms.

Much of the teen group's time will be spent with host families in the small village of San Ramon. From dining with host families to playing soccer in the streets, they will interact with the locals on all levels. The natural history aspects of the trip will integrate cultural activities by teaching Nicaraguans how to lead bird walks, presenting at elementary/high school classrooms, and by having San Ramon residents join on all the out-of-town excursions.

There will also be hikes to local swimming holes and majestic waterfalls. A full day will be spent unwinding at a volcanic crater lake where participants can swim, kayak, hike, birdwatch, or just lounge by the shore. The group will also visit the cities of Masaya and Granada and get a taste for the more urbanized areas of the country.

An informational session for interested teens is scheduled for 7 p.m., Thursday at the nature center. Experienced guides will be on hand to answer questions and fundraising/scholarship opportunities will be discussed.

More information, including a complete itinerary, can be found at [www.NorthBranchNatureCenter.org](http://www.NorthBranchNatureCenter.org) or by calling 229-6206.

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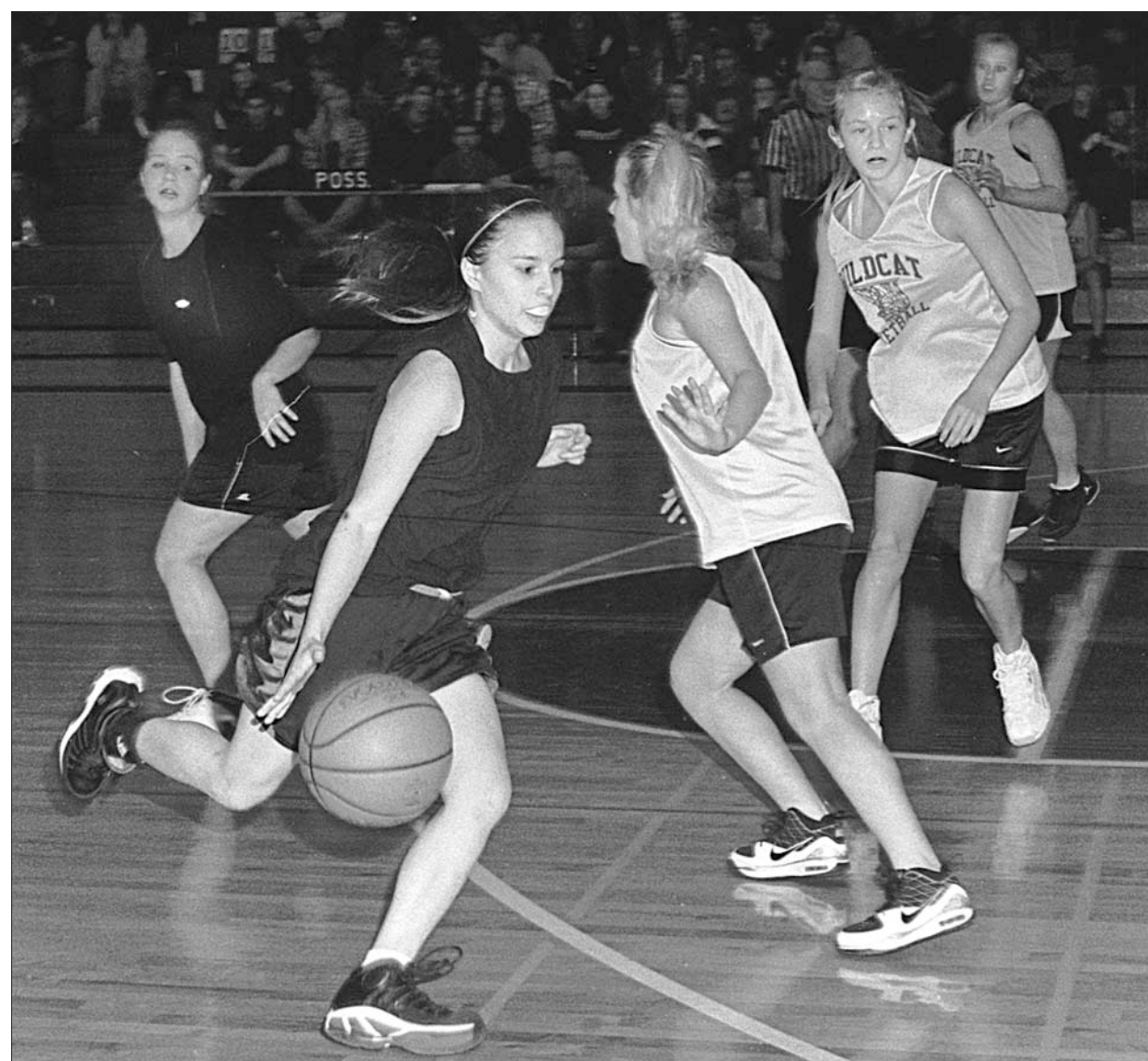
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# SPORTS



## On The Move

Jen Lafountain, center, advances the ball for Craftsbury Academy in a scrimmage with the Hazen Wildcats. At left is Amber Martin of the Chargers. The Wildcats are Alyssa Whitney, center, Erin Whipple and Katie LaPorte. Each team opens at home this evening, Hazen vs. Lyndon and Craftsbury vs. Richford at 6 and 7:30, respectively. (photo by Vanessa Fournier)

## Hazen Girls Hoops Monster Month For Wildcats

**by Dave Morse**  
**HARDWICK** — A monster month for the Hazen Union girls starts this evening against Lyndon Institute at 6 and 7:30 at home. After that, six of the next seven are on the road. "It will be a matter of getting the kinks out," said third year coach Gary Bellavance before putting the Cats through final preparations last evening. These Cats have been taking shape nicely under the guidance of Bellavance and Earl Kasper, and are now primarily a junior-unit. UVM

team camp and summer league have helped with the maturity. Bellavance can likely call on four returnees who were starters much of last season — Lydia Ducharme, Jessica Brochu, Erin Whipple and Maria Vasiliadis. The other six are Hayley LeCours, Katie LaPorte, Emily Barber, Sarah Brochu, Amanda Atwood and Alyssa Whitney rounding out the varsity. "They are supportive of each other," said the coach, and a fifth starter isn't likely to be named until just prior to game time.

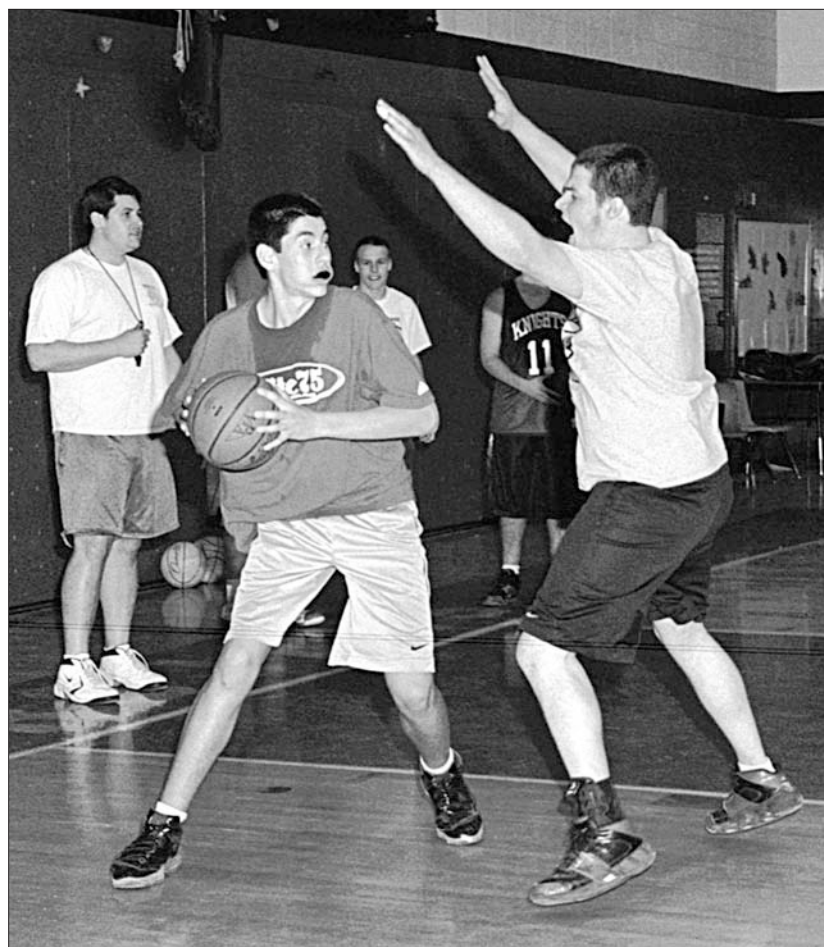
In addition to off-season preparations, the Wildcats have scrimmaged three times in as many days — against St. Johnsbury Academy, Craftsbury Academy and Lamoille Union. "We need to get our game legs," said Bellavance. "We will try to run once we are healthy." Jessica and Sarah Brochu are both nursing ankle injuries from soccer. LeCours could be a key as the tallest Cat at 5 feet, 11 inches, but is banged up to start. That's where the health and running comes in. "We need to get scoring," the coach continued, "because we can play defense."

## College Report Fast Start For Steph

**by Dave Morse**  
**LYNDONVILLE** — Steph Barclay, a junior guard from Hazen Union, leads the Lyndon State and NAC women in two categories, as the Hornets have started 4-0. LSC court teams both host Vermont Tech tomorrow evening at 6 and 8, the women first. The women are also at Norwich this evening at 5:30. Barclay has started all four games with 15 steals and 11 assists, while scoring 34 points (8.5) and 5-rpg. Naomi White, a sophomore teammate from Danville, was named NAC player of the week with 16/8.3 averages. Patrick McCarthy, a co-captain from Hazen, is filling a big gap for the LSC men now that fellow captain

Noah Fink from Twinfield Union is sidelined. They are the only seniors. Freshman Avery King fired in 34 points against Wheaton in a 97-84 loss last week and was an NAC rookie of the week. The LSC men, 2-2, also play host to Western New England, at 1 p.m., Saturday. **JOHNSON** — The Johnson State College men are at Skidmore's Hilton Inn tournament this weekend, Dec. 4-5, with Wells and York colleges while starting 0-4. They were at VTC last evening. Middlebury pounced on the Badgers, 88-60, on Sunday. Leandro Martinez led the Badgers with 15 and freshman Church Harper was an NAC rookie of the week.

That has been shown in Hazen's challenge of top seeds Windsor and Arlington in the past two first rounds of post-season. D-III also takes on a different look this season with only 14 teams. December may very well be a "month to remember." Williamstown on the road Saturday (4 and 5:30 p.m.) has dropped down from D-III and is always a formidable foe as is South Royalton, the only other home game of next week Wednesday in the first month. Montpelier High (Dec. 18) has been added, a return to LI (Dec. 11) and arch-rival Peoples Academy (Dec. 14) all come before the Wildcats enter to the Cory Plante Tournament at U-32, Dec. 29-30 for a third time. They draw the hosts the first day. That's where Bellavance believes the strong scrimmages come into play. After that it's the Mountain League.



Coach Ira Wheeler, left, prepares the Twinfield Trojans for another season. Chad Copeland, with ball, is guarded by Shawn Codling in early workouts. The Trojans are at Northfield tomorrow and return home for a Saturday matinee against Richford at 4 and 5:30 p.m. (photo by Vanessa Fournier)

## Twinfield Hoops Trojans Talk About 'That Great Building in Barre'

**by Dave Morse**  
**MARSHFIELD** — Coach Phil Carpentier has great motivation to carry the Twinfield Union girls forward with three straight Final Four appearances at "that great building in Barre" and the state D-IV title as recently as '08 at the AUD. Carpentier is stepping up for 20-year-veteran Deb Rathburn, who will continue as the JV coach. To opponents, the new Trojans may look like a clone of four years ago when the current program was set in motion. Among four returnees, Carpentier has two starters, three seniors and eight up the JVs. "There's a ton of talent," said the always positive father-figure. "They do have drive. That's no problem. "That great building," Carpentier talks about, "is great for motivation. It makes life easier for me." Carpentier has already tabbed returning starters Jessica Hurlbert and Dannika Dobrowski, "as potentially the best (forwards) in our division by season's end." Both are juniors. Kayla Potter and Crystal LeClerc bring experience and lead-

ership as seniors. Paige Ivey also returns after ACL surgery. Among the sophomores, Carpentier, says "they can act as one," while building for the future. Brianna DuPont brings plenty of heritage, "and is completely into the game," said Carpentier of his point guard. Kaitlyn Lyford and Myra Batchelder could both start. Brooklyn O'Rourke — (love that first name) — Brittany Bickford, Victoria Dickson and Amanda Durant are four more sophomores. The Trojans have things to work out from aggressive scrimmages with Northfield, Montpelier and U-32. "But that's to be expected," the coach continues. "We are small," said Carpentier, "with a few good forwards, so you are likely to see a lot of pressing. That kind of stuff." Twinfield's schedule has five D-III games among its first eight before falling back into the CVL. The first week, Peoples Academy comes to Twinfield this evening and Richford High also visits on Saturday at 1 and 2:30 p.m. The realigned divisions don't guarantee "open" playoffs of 16 with 23 teams in D-IV. The Trojans are

very familiar with Williamstown High down from D-III. Carpentier clicks off Arlington, West Rutland, Rivendell, Danville and Chelsea as other teams to beat. The Twinfield schedules: Girls — Dec. 2, Peoples; 5, Richford, 1/2:30 p.m.; 12, at Richford, 1/2:30 p.m.; 16, Danville; 19, at Canaan (V only), 1 p.m.; 21, Stowe; 23, BFA/Fairfax, 5/6:30 p.m.; 28, at Peoples, 6/7:30 p.m.; 30, at BMU. Jan. 5, '10, at Williamstown; 9, at Whitcomb; 11, Cabot; 15, BMU; 26, Concord; 28, at Concord; 30, Canaan (V only), 1 p.m. Feb. 2, Craftsbury; 4, at Craftsbury; 6, at Cabot; 11, Williamstown; 15, at Lake Region, 5:30 p.m. Unless otherwise stated, all JV/Varsity doubleheaders at 5:30/7 p.m., respectively. (Schedules subject to change.)

Jessica Hurlbert doesn't let jumping teammate Kayla Potter distract her in a Twinfield Union workout. (photo by Vanessa Fournier)

## Hazen Hoops Nothing Guaranteed For Champs

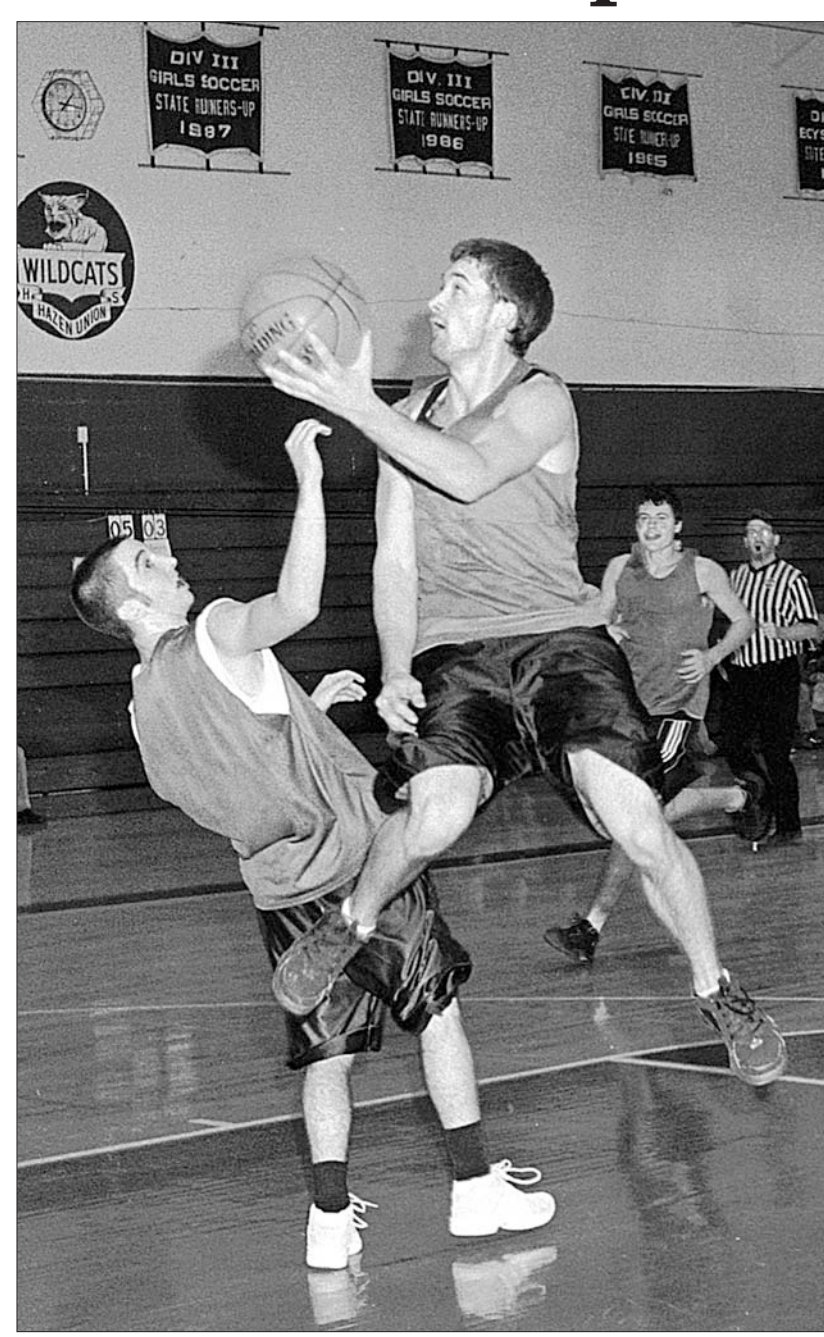
**by Dave Morse**  
**HARDWICK** — There's nothing guaranteed for Hazen Union's defending Division III boys state champions. Five of the first seven around the holidays are on the road and the first two at home are against programs that pinned a pair of three setbacks on the Wildcats a year ago. Anxiously awaiting the new season, the Cats draw D-II Lyndon Institute, Tuesday, Dec. 8 (6/7:30 p.m.) and the constant challenge of Lake Region Union, which has replaced Peoples Academy as an arch-rival for at least the time being in a special matinee, Saturday, Dec. 12 (1/2:30 p.m.). The next five will be on the road. Coach Aaron Hill had a better feeling about the Cats in a second tune up Saturday against D-I St. Johnsbury Academy than he did in an initial scrimmage at Harwood Union. Hazen is also at Lamoille Union on Friday in a third pre-season contest (5/6:30 p.m.). "I feel a lot better," said Hill, who admitted the Cats were "flat" for what ever the reason a week previous.

The Cats jumped on the Hill-toppers, 12-3, and finished off the visitors, 24-11, in the fourth of five quarters — 60-48, Hazen, overall. Hazen's strengths were apparent — the forecourt size of Billy Boyd and Ryan Tatro and the quickness of Tanner Benjamin — all counted on as the Wildcats make another run. Hill went with Adam Whitney and Ryan Hall again as the likely front five. The depth factor started to emerge — Alan Therrien as a very able back-up at playmaker guard and strong sophomore forward Andrew Laggis. Hill is still looking for defense to rise to the occasion and outside shooting if opponents pack it in. **CAT PAUSE** — Charles Lee

suiting up, but didn't see court action, still bothered by a gimpy ankle... Dylan Holbrook, SJA's all-state football lineman from Walden, isn't playing basketball his senior year. He has had school choice... The balance of the LI Vikings and the Lake Region backcourt of Richie Hackett and Emmitt Simpson threaten the Wildcats next week... The Rangers lost the D-III crown of '08 in a semi-final surprise last season and are still smarting from Hazen's soccer success... Hoop finalist BFA of Fairfax will take its shots at the Cats again... Theford Academy isn't on the regular season schedule... Hazen is the only D-III entry in the Cory Plante Tournament at U-32 and draws perennial D-II power Mount Abraham again in the first round Tuesday, Dec. 29 at 2:30 p.m. where the Cats have split the past two seasons. The finals/conci would be the next day TBD... Coach Hill is at 165 career wins, not 186 as stated in last week's issue. At the current pace, it will take the Hazen-UVM grad the better parts of two seasons to reach 200.

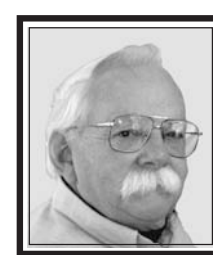
**First Supper**  
 The first of those popular spaghetti hoop dinners will come on the eve of the boys' opening contest, Tuesday, Dec. 8 between 5 and 6:30 p.m. in the Hazen Union School cafeteria. Reservations may be made by calling the school at 472-6511. The event will benefit Close Up and Yearbook projects, according to advisor Marvin Pritchard.

**Zig-Zag**  
 Hazen Union's Tanner Benjamin zig-zags to the hoop in a scrimmage against St. Johnsbury Academy. The Wildcats open defense of their D-III crown against Lyndon Institute on Tuesday, Dec. 8 at 6 and 7:30 p.m. (photo by Vanessa Fournier)



## Coach Kelleher Brings Jersey-ball To Craftsbury

Terry Kelleher, the new boys' basketball coach at Craftsbury Academy, feels right at home in the community and War Memorial gym. "Strong sense of community," said coach Kelleher, noting the banners and the names. "It has an identity."



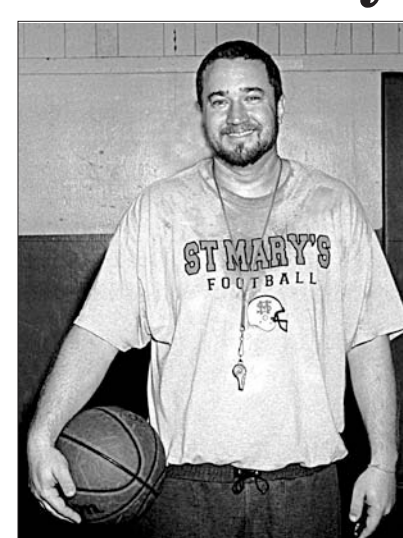
## The Morse Code

by Dave Morse

"It's like my parish gym (at St. Mary's, Rutherford, N.J.)," where Kelleher played in one of the toughest parochial conferences in the country. "They would let us use only one row of lights to practice. "I want to use the gym to our advantage. I hear people don't like to play here." Kelleher has seen plenty he likes from his perspective — even the commute from Groton to Craftsbury — if just to unwind. "There's good athletic ability," said Kelleher as the Chargers prepare for a 20-game schedule, opening Saturday at UCA in Newport (12:30 p.m.). "They just need experience." They are getting that already. Concord High threw a 2-3 zone at the Chargers in a scrimmage, which they hadn't practiced for such eventualities. "We did a good job of

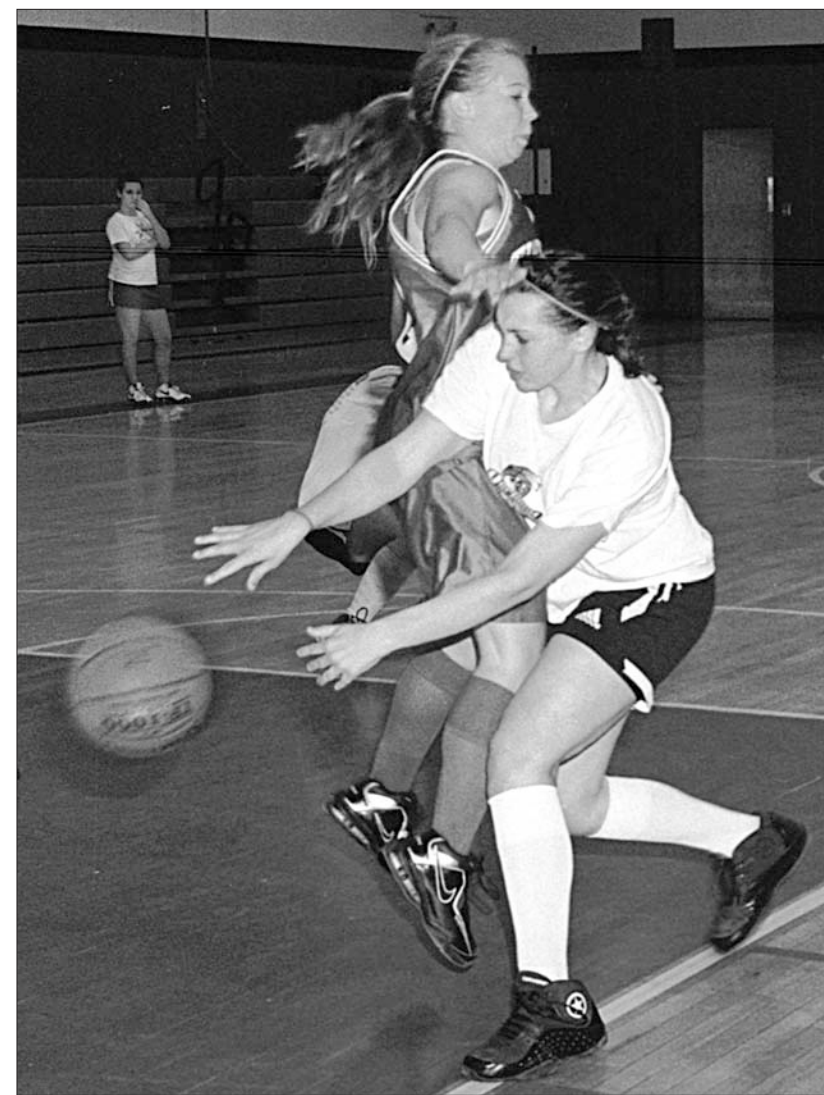
adjusting," said the coach in his first head assignment, after FDU in his hometown, an assistant-ship at his alma mater of St. Mary's and work in the Barre school system since arriving in Vermont. "We've put man-to-man in. We'll be ready." Kelleher will carry two seniors, three juniors and sophomores and one freshman. "I will give 100 percent. I ask them to do the same. They are the only ones that know, we can grow and mature." Basketball doesn't end in the gym, at practice, or game-time for Kelleher. "I want them thinking basketball. Watching it. Talking about it."

"The best thing that can happen is they come in, and say, 'coach, I saw a back door on TV.'" Kelleher isn't concerned about being on the other end of long scores until he gets his program in place. You see, Kelleher played against national champs at St. Anthony's of Jersey City, coached by the legendary Bob Hurley. His All-American sons, Luther Wright, David Rivers, Terry Duhon. "We took a 2-0 lead against 'em once," recalls Kelleher. "They scored the next 34. It was probably the only time they ever had to come from behind." The Chargers clash with D-III Winooski High twice, including the home opener Thursday, Dec. 17. Kelleher will have something in common with the Spartans' Tom O'Baggy since both are from the Garden State. O'Baggy thinks an overnight trip is Winooski to Craftsbury to Canaan. "Nothing but good things can come about through hard work," Kelleher said. "I see nothing but good things. Working hard. We are making strides."



Terry Kelleher...Craftsbury Coach. (photo by Vanessa Fournier)

Kelleher will be able to give O'Baggy a lesson in Green Mountain geography, too. When not making the commute to Craftsbury, Kelleher can meet up with the Chargers at such out-of-the-way places as Bethel, Chelsea, Twinfield, Williamstown from Groton.





## Huskies' Hoops Cabot Challenged, 'We Are Up To It,' Coach Bothfeld

by Dave Morse

CABOT — Coach Raymon Bothfeld knows the Cabot School boys will be "challenged" after losing seven seniors, but "we are up to it," said the former Husky. The team opened last evening vs. Chelsea High and is home Friday against West Rutland High.

In his first season, Bothfeld guided the Huskies to a 12-9 mark, a 7-10 first round D-IV playoff with Arlington that resulted in a 45-37 setback in a slow-down game.

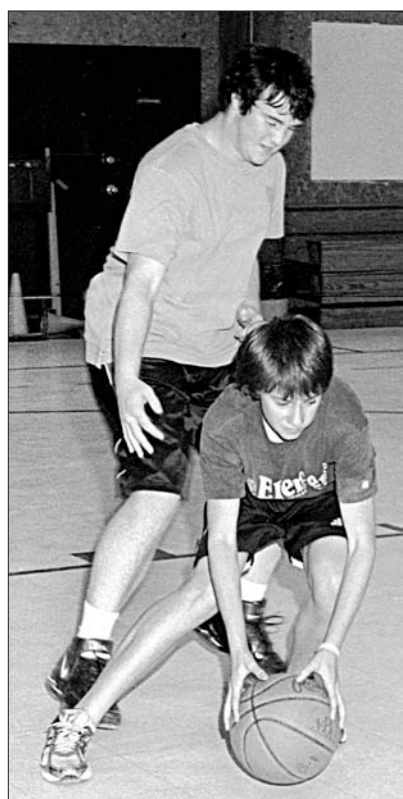
An eighth Husky from a year ago, Therrin Lay-Sleeper is also taking his senior year in Germany.

"We are definitely rebuilding," Bothfeld went on, and the Huskies may have to pack it in themselves.

That would be around the rangy Trevor Bannister. There are only three seniors this time around. There is a good mix with Ely Schumacher, Timmy Ksepka and Robert Lanphear.

Needing experience, Josiah Nunn, Ben Mattson, Josh Huff and Candon Celley will be tested early.

The CVL-D-IV has also taken on a new look with 23 teams and only 16 making the post-season. Bothfeld



Caleb Domey towers over Daniel Hoyne-Grosvenor in workouts for the Cabot School Huskies. Cabot clashes with West Rutland at home tomorrow. (photo by Vanessa Fournier)

is sure the Huskies can run with the Concord Wildcats, Rochester Rockets, Craftsbury Chargers, Canaan Eagles, etc., all CVL originals.

Twinfield remains the rival and very likely a strong D-IV contender. Williamstown High has been added to the mix and is an early pre-season choice.

The schedule — Dec. 4, West Rutland; 10, at Twinfield; 15, at Danville; 19, Concord, 11:30 a.m./1 p.m.

Jan. 2, '10, at West Rutland, 1/2:30 p.m.; 4, Craftsbury, 2:30 p.m.; 6, at Williamstown; 15-16, Cabot Tournament, with Canaan-UCA, 6:30 p.m.; Craftsbury 7:30 p.m.; finals, TBD; 23, Twinfield, 1/2:30 p.m.; 28, WBCS, 7 p.m.; 20, at Concord, 1 p.m.

Feb. 4, Canaan; 5, Williamstown; 10, at Craftsbury; 12, at Canaan; 13, at WBCS, 7 p.m.; 16, Rochester.

Unless otherwise noted, JV/Varsity doubleheaders at 5:30/7 p.m. starts.

## Weather Keeps Deer Totals Down

Warmer than usual weather at this time of year and heavy rains at times have kept the traditional Vermont buck season down more than 10 percent, according to some observers.

Others have pressed on with the hunt, going deeper into the woods where deer bed down.

One perfect example may very well be Greg Lowell, who has been scouring Wolcott ridges for years in search of the "Ridge Runner."

Lowell was sure he was the match this time for the 180-pound, 10 point monster.

Charlie Smith, nearing his 91st birthday, had another thrill in coming to the aid of Alan May in Hardwick on Saturday.

Smith came along side May while road hunting and helped with the loading of his buck.

RiteWay's totals in Hardwick reached 103 as of mid-Monday.

A year ago, Riverbend Store, North Montpelier, had 109 for the season, but is down to 59 this season.

A second archery season and muzzleloading will close out the fall deer hunts, Dec. 5-13.

**MadDog Meeting**  
BERLIN — MadDog Chapter

of Trout Unlimited will hold its monthly meeting tomorrow at the Steakhouse Restaurant on the Barre-Montpelier Road at 7 p.m. Damon Bungard will describe fishing on a budget on the Gaspé's famous York River. Contact Clark Amadon at 1-802-496-7971.

**MountainTammers**  
The Calais/Woodbury MountainTammers snowmobile club is accepting memberships. Call Eric Moulleur (Woodbury) at 472-3263, or Lori Scott (Calais) at 223-5420 for application or any other information.

### DEER REPORTS

**RiteWay Sports**  
Aaron Bailey, in Hardwick, 4 pts., 124.6 lbs.; Frank Roy, in Calais, 5 pts., 164 lbs.; Wade Decker, in Hardwick, 4 pts., 109 lbs.; Dean Mercier, in Cabot, 6 pts., 153 lbs.; Alan Mayo, in Hardwick, 8 pts., 138 lbs.; Fred Demag, in Greensboro, 8 pts., 169 lbs.; Dean Rogers, in S. Walden, 9 pts., 141 lbs.; Ronald Mercier, in Walden, 7 pts., 145.2 lbs.;

Steve Ferland, in Lowell, 4 pts., 145.4 lbs.; Charlie Brochu, in Walden, 4 pts., 137.3 lbs.; Ryan Hall, in Hardwick, 8 pts., 140.5 lbs.; Paul Council, in Woodbury, 7 pts., 176 lbs.; Tyler Therrien, in Stowe, 4 pts., 164 lbs.; Rob Montgomery, in Hardwick, 8 pts., 173 lbs.; Hannah Hodgdon, in Greensboro, 3 pts., 114 lbs.; Renae Hall, in Hardwick, 6 pts., 164.9 lbs.

**Wolcott Store**  
Jeff Wright, in Wolcott, 7 pts., 125 lbs.; Dan Gifford, in Hardwick, 8 pts., 122 lbs.; Marcel Gravel, in Waterford, 6 pts., 144 lbs.; Dale Ward, in Wolcott, 8 pts., 159.5 lbs.; Brian Williams, in Wolcott, 6 pts., 175 lbs.; Dallas Reed, in Lunenburg, 11 pts., 194 lbs.

**Smith's Store**  
Aaron Martin, in Hardwick, 5 pts., 136.5 lbs.; George Luther, in Woodbury, 6 pts., 145 lbs.; Clarence Judkins, in Greensboro, 3 pts., 112 lbs.; Vincent St. Amour, in Stannard, 5 pts., 123 lbs.; Robert Roy, in Stannard, 5 pts., 138 lbs.; Brent Richards, in Walden, 4 pts., 139 lbs.; Raymond Salls, in Woodbury, 4 pts., 189 lbs.; Joseph Parks, in Hardwick, 3 pts., 132 lbs.

**Sportsmens Edge, Morrisville**  
Michael Desrosiers, in Morrisville, 6 pts., 130 lbs.; Scott McCullash, in Woodbury, 6 pts., 144.9 lbs.; Kane Plante, in Hyde Park, 4 pts., 119 lbs.; Raymond Gilchrist, in Morrisville, 7 pts., 153.8 lbs.; Dana Douglass, in Morrisville, 3 pts., 122.5 lbs.; Charlie Pierce, in Morrisville, 7 pts., 153.8 lbs.; Allen Perkins, in Johnson, 4 pts., 123.4 lbs.; Tara Jones, in Eden, 4 pts., 123 lbs.

**Riverbend Country Store**  
Gary W. Powers, in Worcester, 5 pts., 130 lbs.; Jared L. Felch, in E. Montpelier, 4 pts., 134 lbs.; Neil E. Martel, in Berlin, 3 pts., 119 lbs.; Philip H. Bushey, in E. Montpelier, 6 pts., 142 lbs.; Joseph K. Bayne IV, in Calais, 7 pts., 145 lbs.; Dakota S. Cooke, in Berlin, 4 pts., 140 lbs.; Michael Jon Rus II, in E. Montpelier, 5 pts., 142 lbs.; Scott V. Powers, in Worcester, 4 pts., 130 lbs.; Nathaniel Tucker, in Woodbury, 4 pts., 112 lbs.; Kenneth Murray, in Calais, 6 pts., 118 lbs.; Carl R. French, in Middlesex, 8 pts., 181 lbs.; Edward H. Rowell, in Adamant, 6 pts., 125 lbs.; Donat S. Premont, in E. Montpelier, 4 pts., 98 lbs.; Cole V. Bliss, in Calais, 6 pts., 125 lbs.; Richard F. Dodge, in Middlesex, 6 pts., 135 lbs.; Bradley T. Greenough, in Ferdinand, 4 pts., 109 lbs.; William T. LaPorte, in E. Montpelier, 3 pts., 121 lbs.; Rich M. Stevens, in Berlin, 6 pts., 141 lbs.; Scott A. Phillips, in E. Montpelier, 4 pts., 151 lbs.; Ben Moffatt, in E. Calais, 5 pts., 125 lbs.



Dean Mercier, left of Hardwick, bagged this 153-pound, 6-pointer while hunting with cousin Chad Brochu in Cabot. (photo by Vanessa Fournier)

## Backcourt to Baseline

by Dave Morse

### October AOM

NORTHFIELD — Hannah Rowe of St. Johnsbury Academy has reaped her second VSSA athlete-of-the-month laurels in October as repeat state cross country champion. Rowe is joined by quarterback Kris Sabourin of Norwich's Eastern Football Conference champions.

They are the sixth pair selected by the Vermont Sports Writers and Sportscasters Association to be honored at the annual athlete-of-the-year banquet in the spring at Norwich.

Leaning toward Dartmouth College, Rowe, a senior and two-time Vermont champion, was also fifth in the New England. She had to withdraw from the Northeast regional meet at Kings Park, N.Y., this past weekend because of injury.

### ACT Announcements

WATERBURY — The American Canadian Tour will return to New Hampshire Motor Speedway for a second late model invitational, Saturday, Sept. 18, '10 on the only New England superspeedway. Thirty-six teams will qualify at selected regional tracks for the Sylvia 300 weekend at NHMS.

Fast Eddie MacDonald captured the inaugural event on the ACT schedule.

The first qualifier for the Sept. 17-19, '10 weekend will be April 18, '10 at Lee (N.H.) USA Speedway.

ACT has also announced it will help open the Devil's Bowl Speedway, Sunday, May 23, '10 at West Haven. A 300-lap event has also been scheduled for Waterford (Conn.) Speedway, Oct. 9, '10.

### 'Heaves on Tap

BARRE — The Vermont Frost Heaves will open training camp Dec. 14 for a fourth season and second in the Premier Basketball League after winning a pair of ABA championships.

The 'Heaves have the pre-season, Champlain Cup tournament scheduled for the Barre AUD, Dec. 17-18-19. Quebec and Manchester, N.H., are involved in the match ups. The 'Heaves also play at the Burlington Municipal Auditorium.

New teams in the PBL include former CBA champion, Lawton-Fort Sill, Okla.; Puerto Rico and the Maryland Green Hawks, along with Rochester, N.Y., Buffalo Stampede and Halifax Rainmen.

For complete information go to the 'Heaves website.

## SPORTS CALENDAR

### Girls Basketball

Wed., Dec. 2  
Lyndon at Hazen, 6/7:30 p.m.  
Peoples at Twinfield, 5:30/7 p.m.  
Richford at Craftsbury, 6/7:30 p.m.  
Sat., Dec. 5  
Hazen at Williamstown, 4/5:30 p.m.  
West Rutland at Cabot, 2:30 p.m.  
Craftsbury at UCA, 11 a.m.  
Richford at Twinfield, 1/2:30 p.m.

### Mon., Dec. 7

Craftsbury at Winooski, 5/6:30 p.m.  
Wed., Dec. 9  
S. Royalton at Hazen, 5:30/7 p.m.  
Cabot at Danville, 7 p.m.  
Craftsbury at Peoples, 6/7:30 p.m.

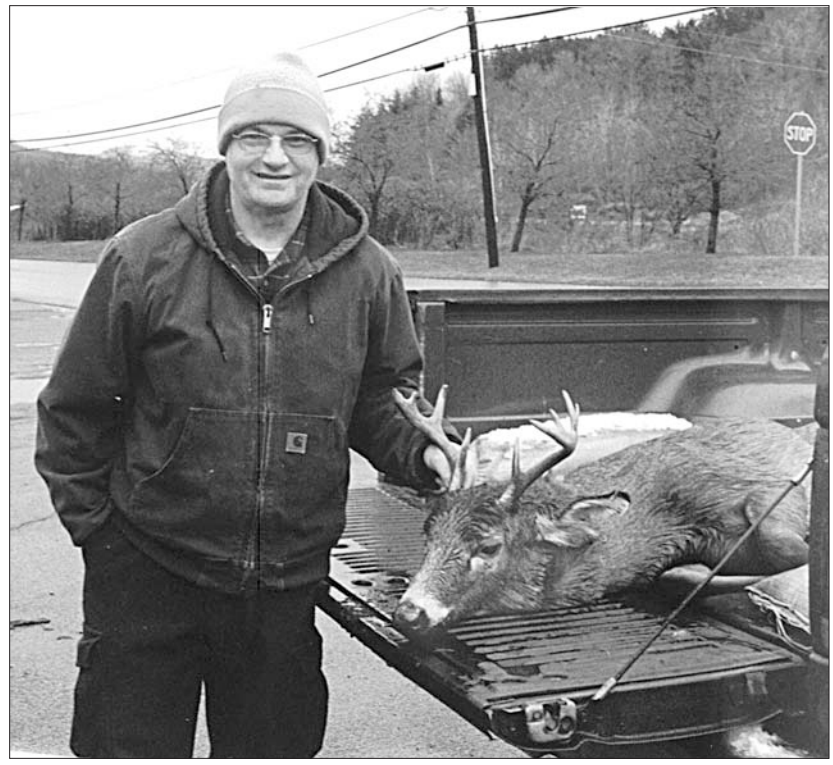
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Thur., Dec. 3  
Twinfield at Northfield, 6/7:30 p.m.  
Fri., Dec. 4  
Hazen at Lamolille (scrimmage), 5/6:30 p.m.  
West Rutland at Cabot, 7 p.m.  
Sat., Dec. 5  
Richford at Twinfield, 4/5:30 p.m.  
Craftsbury at UCA, 12:30 p.m.  
Tue., Dec. 8  
Lyndon at Hazen, 6/7:30 p.m.  
Craftsbury at Winooski, 6:30 p.m.  
Peoples at Twinfield, 5:30/7 p.m.  
Thur., Dec. 10  
Cabot at Twinfield, 5:30/7 p.m.  
Sat., Dec. 12  
Lake Region at Hazen, 1/2:30 p.m.

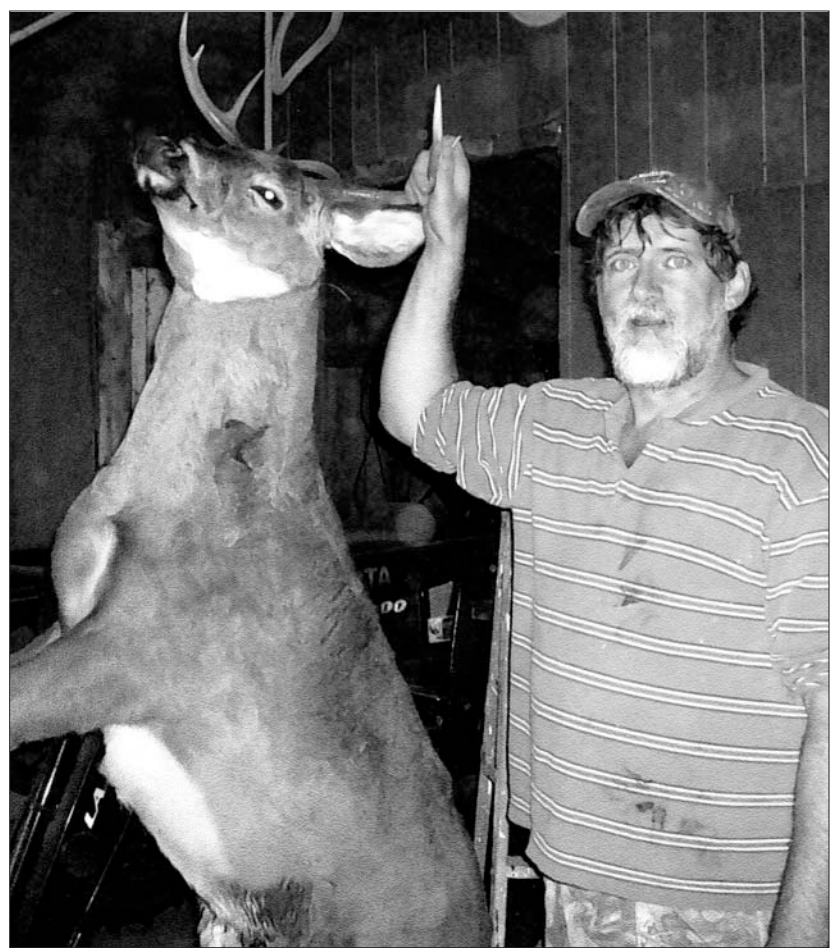
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Dean Rogers of South Walden reported this 141-pound, 9-pointer at RiteWay Sports, Hardwick. (photo by Vanessa Fournier)



Scott Douglas, 45, bagged his first buck Nov. 23. It weighed 135 pounds with 8 points and was taken in Wolcott. (courtesy photo)

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# OBITUARIES

## NEIL ROBERT STODDARD

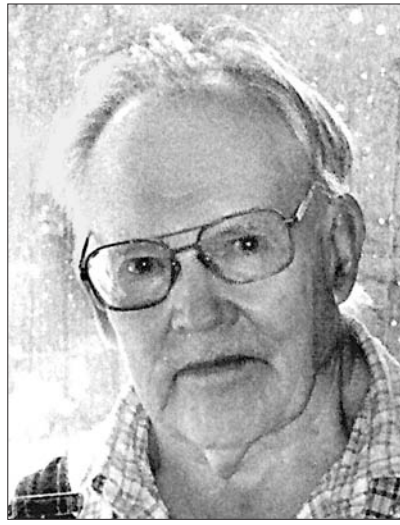
Neil Robert Stoddard, 88, husband and handyman, father and brother, logger and soldier, teacher and poet, has laid down his tools and gone to his eternal rest, Saturday, Nov. 27, 2009, in Morrisville.

He was born Sept. 20, 1921, the son of the late Albin and Myrtle (Hall) Stoddard.

He received his grade school education in Craftsbury and went on to serve his country in the U.S. Army from 1942 to 1945. During this war, he lost two of his brothers who were serving in the European Theatre, Vernon and Clifton.

In 1942, he married his wife of 67 years, Mavis Morey, in Temple, Texas. Upon his discharge from the Army he returned to Craftsbury where he worked on the Morey farm for two years prior to purchasing his own farm just down the hill, where he worked as a dairy farmer, maple syrup producer, logger and most importantly raising his family. Neil, who enjoyed sports and reading, found his gift of poetry in his later years and was also known as being very particular about his work. Loving the woods, he often said he was "born with an axe in his hand."

Besides his wife, Mavis, he leaves a son, John, and his wife, Jody, of Craftsbury; three daughters, Jane of Craftsbury; Joyce Stenger and her husband, Bill, of Brunswick, Ga., and Brenda Adams of Morrisville; a brother, Wayne Stoddard and his wife, Marjorie, of Craftsbury; three granddaughters; six grandsons; and one great-granddaughter.



Neil Robert Stoddard

He was predeceased by his parents, Albin and Myrtle Stoddard; three brothers, Vernon, Clifton and Kenneth Stoddard; and a daughter, Linda Usher.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 5 at the United Church of Craftsbury, in Craftsbury Common, with Pastor Alan Parker officiating.

Contributions in his memory may be made to The Manor Memorial Fund, 577 Washington Highway, Morrisville, VT 05661, where funds will be used for the rehabilitation department for the family wishes.

The Malcolm R. Davis Funeral Home of Craftsbury Common is in charge of arrangements.

## FELICITY AKIN

ROCKPORT, Maine — Felicity Victoria Akin, of Rockport Maine, died on Oct. 25 at Penobscot Bay Hospital in Rockport, following a determined 20 month battle against inflammatory breast cancer.

Mrs. Akin was born Felicity Ubbelohde on Sept. 25, 1944, at home in Martin Coronado, State of La Plata, Argentina. Her father was Belgian and German, and her mother is of English and Scottish descent. In 1950, the family moved to New Canaan, Conn., when Peron came into power. Felicity's father commuted to New York where he continued to work in the family's steel business.

Mrs. Akin attended the New Canaan Country Day School, which she said was very accepting of foreign students and where she felt comfortable and enjoyed a positive atmosphere. She followed her sisters to the Convent of the Sacred Heart in Noroton, Conn. Before the start of her junior year, her parents returned to Argentina, and Felicity attended school in Uruguay. Following her senior year at the Convent of the Sacred Heart Noroton, she spent two years at the Duchesne Residence School in New York. After her schooling, she moved to Paris to be with her family who were living there. Returning to New York City in 1969, she worked in advertising at AC&R, a subsidiary of Ted Bates. In 1971, she moved to Greensboro. She worked as the assistant to the headmaster of a small private boys school before launching her career as a fiber artist.

She successfully operated the Wee Weavery for many years. Knitting one-of-a-kind sweaters and vests with fine materials, she developed a small market for her unique designs. Her work was carried by several boutiques, including ones in Chicago, Ill.,

and Concord, Mass., and the shops at the Greenbrier Resort in White Sulphur Springs, W.Va., Top Notch in Stowe and the Old Forge in East Craftsbury.

Mrs. Akin first visited the coast of Maine and the Camden-Rockport-Blue Hill areas in 1979. She was convinced then that Maine would be a good place to live. She and her husband, John, acquired a second home in 2000 in Rockport. The house required remodeling, a challenge Felicity gladly faced. She had many happy days in her little house with her husband and her West Highland White Terriers.

When her disease had taken a firm hold, Felicity was asked how she was feeling. After a pause she said, "I really don't know. I have never died before."

Fluent in three languages, she had a wide range of reading interests with a concentration on history and biographies. One of her proudest moments was when she became a naturalized citizen of the United States. She will be remembered for her strong belief in the foundations and ideals of her adopted country, her unshakable loyalty to her family and friends, her artistic talent and the great affection she had for the West Highland White Terriers, of which she had five over a span of 37 years.

Besides her husband, John, to whom she would have been married 30 years in December, Felicity is survived by her mother, Elster Cameron Patterson Ubbelohde, who is 100 years old and lives with her daughters in France. Her father, Alberto Jules Ubbelohde, predeceased her in 1996 at the age of 90 in Courbevoie, France. In addition, she is survived by her three sisters and their husbands and her brother: Comte and Comtesse Ogier d'Ivry of St. Pavace, France; Comte and Comtesse Armand de Malherbe of Neuilly-sur-Seine and Marcon, France; M. and Mme. Christian L. Mermet of Levallois, France; and Fr. Jules Ubbelohde EP of Sao Paulo, Brazil. She also leaves 31 nieces and nephews and grandnieces and grandnephews.

A Mass conducted by her nephew, Fr. Brice de Malherbe was held in Paris on Nov. 28, 2009. A celebration of her life will be held in Rockport, Maine, during the summer.

## CARROLL EARL SHATNEY

Carroll Earl Shatney, 98, died Nov. 23, 2009, in Maple Lane Nursing Home in Barton.

Mr. Shatney was born March 3, 1911, in Greensboro Bend, the son of Arthur and Winona (Patch) Shatney. In 1943, Carroll married Anna Leona (Polly) Lamphere in Hardwick, and they were lovingly married for 65 years until she predeceased him in March 2008.

Mr. Shatney was a gifted herdsman and raised champion cattle, first Ayrshire dairy cattle, and for the last 42 years Scotch Highland Cattle, which he and his son Ray raise on their rocky, hillside farm on Route 16 in Greensboro Bend, now numbering nearly 90 head. Mr. Shatney was an avid trapper and fisherman and was well known and sought after for round-up and catching farmers' errant cattle, first on his own and then with the help of his loyal and well trained pit bulls. During his cattle catching days spanning nearly 30 years, from the 1940s through the 1960s, Mr. Shatney caught 468 head of wild cattle in the State of Vermont, of which he was extremely proud.

Mr. Shatney was also an avid gardener and had fine blueberry bushes, which yielded copious blueberries year after year. Mr. Shatney procured his first Highland cow, Scottie, from South Dakota in 1967 and over the past four decades enjoyed watching his cattle on the farm, observing them through binoculars by the hour, particularly his prized bull, Lance of Gordon's Fald.

Mr. Shatney was a lifetime member of the American Highland Cattle Association, and in 2002 he and his wife, Polly, were inducted into the American Highland Cattle Association's Hall of Fame, in recognition of the outstanding contributions they had made to the Highland Breed, having sold their Champion cattle all over the United States as well as Canada, New Zealand and Australia.

Mr. Shatney is survived by his sister Almy Perron of Glover, and by his sons: Earl and Wilma Shatney of East Hardwick, Leo Shatney of Greensboro Bend, Arthur and Laurie Shatney of Middlesex, Ray and partner Janet Steward of Greensboro Bend and Plainfield, Steve and Christine Shatney of Greensboro Bend; as well as 12 grandchildren, Kelly Foster and her husband, Matt, Stacy Stevenson and her husband, David, Sandy Thompson

## ROBERT D. RABOIN

POLAND, Maine — Robert D. Raboin, 83, of Poland, Maine, and formerly of West Danville, died Thursday, Nov. 26 at his residence in Poland.

He was born in Worcester, Mass., to Homer and Emily (Zottoli) Raboin. He faithfully served his country in the United States Navy seeing duty in the South Pacific during World War II.

He later married the former Nancy Oslund in 1951.

Mr. Raboin worked as a parts manager at Chaffins Garage for 28 years. After leaving Chaffins, he moved to Craftsbury in 1974 where he owned and operated Raboins Village Store for 13 years, retiring in 1987 and moving to West Danville. He was an active member of the North Country Iwo Jima survivors. In 2002 he moved to Poland, Maine.

He is survived by his wife, Nancy, with whom he was married for 58 years; son Donald and his wife, Bonnie, of St. Johnsbury Center; a daughter, Maria, of Poland, Maine; four grandsons; one granddaughter and one great-granddaughter. He was predeceased by a son Roger in 1990.

### CARD OF THANKS

The family of Yvonne Messier would like to express our appreciation for the many acts of kindness, words of comfort, messages of sympathy, and flowers received during our recent loss.

We wish to thank the Hardwick Rescue Squad for their assistance and the staff at Copley Hospital for all of the care and compassion shown during her stay.

We especially would like to thank Father Peter O'Leary for the prayers and the Funeral Mass and John des Groseilliers and the staff of the des Groseilliers Funeral Home.

Finally, we would like to thank the ladies from St. Norbert's and St. Michael's for the wonderful dinner served for our family and friends.

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Christy Aucoin reads to her children Mekiah Smith, 6, left, and Harper Smith, 2, of Cabot, at the Jaquith Library in Marshfield recently. Going to the library is usually a weekly event for them. A new Current Film Night is held at Jaquith every third Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m. (photo by Vanessa Fournier)

### Honor Roll

#### Walden School

WALDEN — Principal Martha Dubuque has issued the Honor Roll for the first trimester at Walden School.

#### Roll of Achievement

Grade 5 - William Marlier, Samantha Molleur, Daisy Reyea, and Alahini Wright; Grade 6 - Emily Luther, Kevin Doyon, and Dalaney Vaughn; Grade 7 - Jay Tilden, Dakota Holbrook and KaitLynn Lakus; and Grade 8 - Pamela Greaves, Kayla Davis and Richard William.

#### Roll of Excellence

Grade 5 - Natalie Jones and Lauren Lakus; Grade 6 - Matt Southworth, Jaxson Hussey, Noah Morris, Macie Mosher, and Sadie Tilden; Grade 7 - Maya Gershun-Half; and Grade 8 - Emily Cochran, Riley Hussey, and Victoria Foster.

#### Outstanding Effort Award

Grade 3 - Hailey Foster, Aliesha Sholan and Rachel Bellavance; Grade 4 - Katlyn Bashaw and Shalbee Richard; Grade 6 - Ashley Field; and Grade 7 - Seth Norman.

#### Student Improvement Award

Grade 3 - Mason Castle and Cindy Fournier; Grade 4 - Kolby Bourdeau, Chelsea Field and Merredith Degreenia; Grade 5 - Caleb Villarreal; Grade 6 - Jesse Bassett; Grade 7 - Kristi Hannett; and Grade 8 - Ashley Staib.

## Grange Holds Centennial Party

EAST HARDWICK — Harvest decorations of corn stalks and pumpkins greeted members and friends of Caledonia Grange in early November who gathered at the Grange Hall to cap their Centennial celebration. Displays of Grange memorabilia dating back to the 1872 founding of the organization were on display and the mice were chased from the piano. Grange Master Rachel Kane introduced Pastor Paul Chandler of the East Hardwick Congregational Church who offered a blessing for the food and future of the East Hardwick Grange.

The grange sponsors the East Hardwick Children's parade each June, hot cider and cookies for Halloween trick-or-treaters, hosts programs on area farms and farming, and for the first time this year invited community members to a cider pressing in October. Kane noted the addition of water and a working water closet over the past summer. State Master Erroll Briggs brought greetings and congratulations from the state organization.

Charles James Bell, of Walden, was instrumental in founding the Grange organization throughout New England and was the first Master of the East Hardwick Grange. Later, he became governor and died in September 1909 just before completion of the Grange Hall in October of that year. In his honor, members of Caledonia Grange 9 wore small bells on ribbons to recognize his legacy.

Paul Fixx read excerpts of the 1908 and 1909 grange minutes, with items pertaining to construction of the hall and noting some of the more humorous entries. In 1909 members travelled to a cobweb social in Greensboro, but no one this year was able to say what that might have been. Discussion topics at meetings in those days included such subjects as "The power of a wife over her husband and how it should be employed," and "Resolved: That a poor cook is a menace to mankind."

State Deputy Hiram Allen, who attended with his wife, Lois, presented a \$50 check with a certificate that read: "The National Grange congratulates Caledonia Grange 9 for receiving third place in the 2009 Community Service Program of your State Grange."



Matthew Shawn Fontaine and Nichole Leigh DeGoosh

## DeGoosh To Wed Fontaine

HARDWICK — Bonnie DeGoosh of Hardwick and John DeGoosh of Fairlee, announce the engagement of their daughter Nichole Leigh DeGoosh to Matthew Shawn Fontaine, son of Gilles and Lynette Fontaine of Hardwick.

The bride-to-be is a 2004 graduate of Hazen Union School in Hardwick and the Center for Technology in Essex in June 2005 as a dental assistant. She is currently employed by Northern Counties Dental Center in Hardwick.

Fontaine is also a graduate of the class of 2004 from Hazen Union School and a graduate of Vermont Technical College in 2007 with a degree in civil and environmental engineering. He is employed by Fairpoint Communications in Derby.

An Oct. 16, 2010 wedding is planned at Jay.

## Senior Companion Volunteers Needed

Area residents who have 20 hours a week or more to give in service to frail elders in the Northeast Kingdom are needed to be senior companion program volunteers. Volunteers help with activities such as visiting someone or taking them shopping, accompanying them to medical appointments or helping them get "out and about" in the community to combat isolation and loneliness.

People who are of modest income, 55 or older and looking for a way to give back to the community, consider joining the volunteer team, sponsored by the Area Agency on Aging for Northeastern Vermont. There is a non-taxable stipend, mileage reimbursement, and supplemental accident and liability insurance. Training is provided. Volunteers must pass a physical exam and a background check to enroll in the program.

For more information, call Carol at 748-5182 or email info@nevaaa.org.



Carol Entriiken, right, who coordinates the Senior Companion Program in the Northeast Kingdom for the Area Agency on Aging, and Gladys Myhre, left, previously of Hardwick, who served as a senior companion for many years in the Hardwick-Greensboro area, are looking for volunteers for the program. (courtesy photo)

### BIRTHS

#### Piper Quinn Horrigan

Leah Pontius and Donald Horrigan Jr., of East Hardwick, are the parents of a daughter, Piper Quinn Horrigan, born Nov. 14 at Copley Hospital.

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### Craftsbury Schools Community Collaboration

There will be a Stakeholders meeting Thursday, December 3, at 6:30 p.m. Please note the meeting place has changed to the Craftsbury Elementary School in the Village. The meeting is open to the public.

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**Waste**  
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still sitting on the waste district board, he would vote for the smaller budget. He said one of the most difficult tasks for him was explaining to his constituents and fellow Select Board members about the necessity of having taxpayers pay the \$3.10 per-capita fee. A higher per-capita rate could be a tough pill for taxpayers to swallow.

Still, being a member of CVSWMD is easier, and perhaps cheaper, than trying to go solo and form a waste management municipality.

"People ask, 'where's the money going?'" Delaricheliere said. "But it can be expensive to go it alone. You do get more bang for your buck" by joining a district.

The CVSWMD board will vote on three things tonight: which budget to adopt; which per-capita membership fee to establish for the next year; and whether to authorize the privatization of the depots.

The district sent out requests for bid proposals to various waste management companies, and received responses from five companies: Earth Waste Systems of Rutland; Bryan Perry & Sons of Hardwick; Casella Waste Systems; Cookson's Trucking Inc.; and D.J.'s Convenience Store in Montpelier. Of them, only Earth Waste Systems offered to operate all the depots, while the rest offered one or two depots and "fast-trash" pickup.

Barlow Casey said Earth Waste is the "preferred contractor, one we want to pursue earnestly."

With Hardwick on the sidelines, 18 of the 22 member towns will have an opportunity tonight to vote on the waste management district's operating budget. In fact, per CVSWMD's charter, members who can vote must, at least on the per-capita membership fee, which must be established by Dec. 15.

"The one thing board members cannot do is not vote," Barlow Casey said.



Working the kitchen during the hunters breakfast in Cabot's town hall are Lisa Celley, left, Mike Celley, John Hammer, Patty Younce and Sue Hammer. The breakfasts, held over three weekends, were fundraisers for the Cabot school eighth grade trip to Washington, D.C., this coming spring. Over 150 breakfasts were served, raising \$1,000 toward the \$1,200 goal. (photo by Will Walters)

**Budget**  
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tax rates may not guarantee a lower tax increase. The state is not expected to determine the rates for Plainfield and Marshfield until the end of December, and it may be different than what is calculated into the budget proposal.

Nobles was concerned with what he called marketing Twinfield. He wanted to know what could be done to prevent declining enrollment from students who wanted to go elsewhere, with the subsequent loss of state assistance. He asked about the effect of home schooled students who did not register with Twinfield.

"There is little we could do as a town," said principal Owen Bradley concerning the 40 or more home school students. "We're building relationships with the families. They have to register somewhere, but there are some privacy issues."

Larcombe said if the students "register for 10 days we get the full APM. You don't have to be present, just enrolled."

Board member Pat Romero-Boyle expressed frustration with the state saying "we're responsible adults and have been really careful with, I think, with how we fund this school and because we have no control over what the governor and Legislature are doing, playing with the ed fund instead of applying it where it belongs, we look like the bad guys."

The governor has proposed the state education fund, which is funded by local school property taxes, be used to pay for the state retirement fund for teachers to reduce the state's budget deficit.

Burlison said with the state's lessening support for local school districts he thought in a few years the only support local school boards may get from Montpelier is "large red apples."

Bradley was concerned that in the near future the district may have to consider some drastic options to address the increasing cost of education and decreasing state support.

He said the board will have to question if Twinfield should continue to be a pre-K school, since kindergarten and pre-kindergarten are not required to be offered. Only students age 6 and older must attend school. Another option the board may have to consider, in light of the state's interest in consolidation districts, is to close the school and tuition out students. In response to a question from the board, Bradley said this doesn't have to be considered this coming year.

Member Jack Hoffman asked the administrators to come back with a

no increase proposal and also a proposal with only one-half the increase in the current one.

Chair Judy Cyprian told the board members that starting Dec. 8 they would meet weekly, alternating meetings between budgeting and regular business. The meetings are open to the public.



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**Suit**  
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1997 permit issued to former owners John Hunt and Kathy Unser. In July, Dov'e Enterprises began hosting Sunday night suppers, which prompted the court action by Sullivan and Schiavone.

Sullivan and Schiavone, in their recent Notice of Appeal and Statement of Questions to the court, indicated the conditional-use permit granted in September 2009 is not in keeping with the policies, purposes or terms of Greensboro's town plan or zoning regulations. In September, the ZBA reaffirmed a conditional-use permit for the Lakeview Inn to operate as a restaurant that can host meals, cheese tastings, wedding receptions, and special food events.

Sullivan's and Schiavone's appeals states the ZBA erred in granting a second conditional-use permit by failing to review the application under the "successive-application" doctrine. They feel the applicants had failed to show a "substantial change of conditions has occurred or other considerations meriting a removal of prior conditions."

The appeal questions if the ZBA erred in granting a permit for a restaurant when "such uses" are not allowed under the Greensboro Zoning Regulations, Section 2.3(D).

Questions involve whether the ZBA failed to review a site plan before granting the permit and of

granting a permit without conditions relating to the level, intensity or duration of noise and impacts on neighboring properties, as well as parking and traffic.

In its September decision, the ZBA noted the Lakeview Inn has been in existence for over 50 years and has operated "on and off over that time as an approved and welcome establishment in the Greensboro Village District." They concluded its serving evening meals and hosting cheese tastings and other events would not have an adverse effect on the area.

The ZBA's decision concluded the Greensboro Village District, in which the Lakeview Inn is located, was established to protect and retain its current character as a "traditional Vermont village with a mix of residential and commercial uses."

Parameters of the first conditional-use permit issued 12 years ago have been under contention as to what was intended and have been clouded by a hand-written addendum attached to the minutes from the hearing that took place. The hand-written notes appear to clarify the scope of the original permit, but the notes were signed by the former chair of the board only and not other members.

A telephone conference is scheduled for 1 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 2. The court action was filed by attorney Daniel P. Richardson of Montpelier for the petitioners.

**Taxes**  
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The school saved some money because of the lower cost of fuel oil and the use of the wood chip furnace. Superintendent George Burlison also said Cabot and Twinfield are working together to save both schools money through combined purchasing and the sharing of some transportation equipment.

Burlison said there are four fac-

tors that affect the tax rate and three of them are set by the state. He said the School Board only controls one factor, spending.

After reviewing the budget, Tormey opened the meeting to questions and suggestions from the public.

Dean Deasey recommended the budget be posted on the school's website and be updated regularly to keep the public informed of the board's work over the next six weeks.

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A son, Bretten Keith Carboneau, on November 21 to Jennifer Jones and Matthew Carboneau.  
A daughter, Alexis Peyton Dodge, on November 14 to Kristin (Fontaine) and Chris Dodge.  
A son, Ryan Austin Gonyaw, on November 18 to Ashley Villella and Kasey Gonyaw.  
A daughter, Taylor Alison Sanborn Grandfield, on November 10 to Amanda Grandfield and Larry Sanborn.  
A son, Cole Alexander Hanson, on November 5 to Shayla Messier and Danny Hanson Jr.

A daughter, Makenna Marie Hedding, on November 16 to Janine Evans and Olaf Hedding.  
A son, Aiden Andrew Lange, on October 29 to Courtnie (Lanphear) and John "Andy" Lange.  
A daughter, Ella Marie Lee, on October 22 to Jessica Smith and Jayme Lee.  
A daughter, Ella Margaret Littlefield, on October 26 to Kelly (Lawlor) and Brian Littlefield.  
A son, Trent Dieter Loftus, on November 5 to Melissa Richardson and Seamus Loftus.  
A daughter, Hailey Ann Moreau, on November 6 to Ashley Wyatt and James Moreau Jr.

**CALAIS**  
A daughter, Calsey Ann Podgwaite, on October 31 to Freedom Dukette and Mark Podgwaite Jr.

**DUXBURY**  
A daughter, Cassidy Elizabeth Collins, on November 21 to Jennifer (Comstock) and Chad Collins.

**HARDWICK**  
A son, Liam Arthur John Quinn, on October 28 to Krysten Moffatt and Nathan Quinn.

**MONTPELIER**  
A son, Omario Christopher Knibb, on October 27 to Amber Miksic-Thomas and Richard Knibb.

**NORTHFIELD**  
A daughter, Alyanna Brinlee Crossett, on November 17 to Laura Nicklas and Timothy Crossett.

**ROXBURY**  
A daughter, Kamiryn Gracey Sargent, on November 17 to Sarah Davis and Jonas Sargent.

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**Fences**  
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Smith and Massey brought an old survey map to the October board meeting showing an old roadway splitting into a "Y," with one arm winding to The Bend Road and the other, crossing a bridge toward Perrin Road between the historical society building and Willey's Store.

The board received a letter from John Makau, reasserting his right to retain his "legal property rights" relative to an old town road and his property lines. The letter states when purchasing his property, he had visited the town offices to verify property lines. For added security, he hired a surveyor to affirm the lines. At that time, he discovered Smith had created a parking lot that covered the survey pin.

Smith, who owns the Houle building, stated for more than 15 years, his tenants have used an improved area on the westerly side of his building for parking.

Makau said he was advised by two attorneys "to close the property line," and had planned to do so when returning to Vermont in May. He indicated his understanding is the town road is no longer in existence and is not recorded on state road maps.

"The map which Mr. Smith showed you must have been of a historical nature prepared before the year 1800. Our building is from 1845," the letter states.

Board member Peggy Lipscomb noted two issues need to be resolved: the Greensboro Historical Society and Makau's.

The board, after discussion, felt the issues were between neighbors and not an issue for the town. Board member Warren Hill observed if the old survey map shown to the board in October is correct, then Massey has built a structure in the middle of the road.

It was noted Massey was granted a zoning easement years before "to put in a garage" where his building now stands.

Hill said, "The zoning board can't give someone the right to put a building in a town right-of-way. If that is still a town road, the zoning board couldn't do that."

Board member Anne Stevens, in referring to the Perrin Road, said it's important that it be a town road if the hydro penstock is to be laid through, when, and if, the energy committee's hydro project happens.

"It will make a difference for the hydro penstock," Stevens observed.

The board appeared to agree in having the town attorney review the issues "but to let the landowners fight it out."

Board chair Jefferson Tolman indicated he would follow up with the town attorney.

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