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Sandy Scott, co-owner of the Galaxy Bookshop in Hardwick, logs in some books for customers. The book store, which had to vacate its Main Street location last summer after a flood, relocated Monday to temporary quarters in the former Buffalo Mountain Co-op building on Main Street. Scott and co-owner Andrea Jones are taking in-person, phone and website orders for customers. For additional information, call 802-472-5533, email galaxybookgals.com or go to galaxybookshop.indielite.org

Bend Revitalization, Craftsbury Saplings Among Local Grant Recipients

NORTHEAST KINGDOM – The Northeast Kingdom Fund at the Vermont Community Foundation announced \$117,219 in grants to support area nonprofits.

Local organizations receiving grants include the Bend Revitalization Initiative, which received \$5,000 to hold community forums, engaging youth and families in designing programs and events at Greensboro Bend Park in anticipation of the new Rail Trail, which is scheduled to open in 2023.

The Center for an Agricultural Economy (CAE) received \$5,000 to support Produce to Pantries, a partnership between CAE, farms, and food pantries, to purchase over 30,000 lbs. of locally grown produce for distribution at sites in Hardwick, Craftsbury, and Albany.

Craftsbury Saplings received \$5,000 to support work with an architect to create a conceptual design for an expanded child care

center. The center's expansion seeks to support job growth, families, and community vitality.

The John Woodruff Simpson Memorial Library received \$5,000 to offer a series of workshops and programs to support and benefit families and child care providers in the Craftsbury area.

Rural ARTS Collaborative received \$5,000 to support, educate, and empower youth through group mentorship, introducing skills and concepts that excite them to try new things and develop confidence.

The Civic Standard received \$5,000 to bring together Hardwick residents to reflect and rejuvenate cultural life by operating a centrally located space for community-driven events and programs.

The Northeast Kingdom Fund at the Vermont Community Foundation grants were

See RECIPIENTS, 2

Vermont's Ironman Competitors Finish High in Standings



photo by Lee Gruenfeld
Donna Smyers of Adamant is the women's world champion Ironman for the 65-69 age group. Smyers went the full distance at the Kona Ironman Triathlon on October 6.

by Jim Flint

CALELLA, Spain / KAILUA-KONA, Hawaii – Half a world apart, a former Sterling College student and an Adamant physical therapist competed in full Ironman Triathlon championship events last week. The grueling Ironman includes a 2.5-mile swim, 112-mile bike, and 26.2-mile mara-



photo by Amy Tomasso
Lance Parker was the top American male finisher at the Barcelona Ironman Triathlon on October 2. Parker is a former Sterling College student who lives in Moretown.

thon, plus two transitions.

For Lance Parker, 28, Ironman Barcelona was his first full triathlon. He qualified for Barcelona at the Ironman Maine 70.3 Triathlon on July 31. The Ironman 70.3 event is half the distance of a full Ironman.

Parker placed 23rd of 1,214 finishers at the Augusta event. His time of four hours, 28 minutes, and

nine seconds ranked sixth in the M25-29 age group. That punched his ticket for the October 2 race in Barcelona.

The Barcelona Ironman field included 2,222 starters from dozens of countries. Among the 1,820 finishers, Parker was the top American. He broke the ten-hour barrier, completing the event in 9:50:45.

Coming out of the swim leg, Parker ranked 742nd in the race. His time was 1:16:56. Parker went on a tear in the bike leg, moving up to 98th place. He pedaled 112 miles in 4:53:13. His strong marathon leg of 3:31:37 pulled him into 59th place, good for 12th place in the M25-29 age group.

Smyers, 65, has 37 years of triathlon races under her belt. She has coached dozens of triathletes, including Parker. In 2018, she was inducted into the USA Triathlon Hall of Fame.

Ironman Kona is the world champi-

onship event for full triathlons. Smyers competed in her first Ironman Kona in 1993, placing third in the F35-39 age group. She won age group world championships at Kona six times between 1997 and 2009.

Smyers last competed at Kona in 2012, when she placed second in the F55-59 age group. She qualified for the 2022 Kona World

See IRONMAN, 2



photo by Vanessa Fournier
Steve Gorelick (left) of The Small Farm Guild, pours cider he just made for Zeldia Scrivenner (center), 7, of Cabot and Wolf Bandit (right), 11, of Hardwick. Cider pressing was one of several activities held at the Harvest Festival during the Farmers Market in Hardwick October 7.

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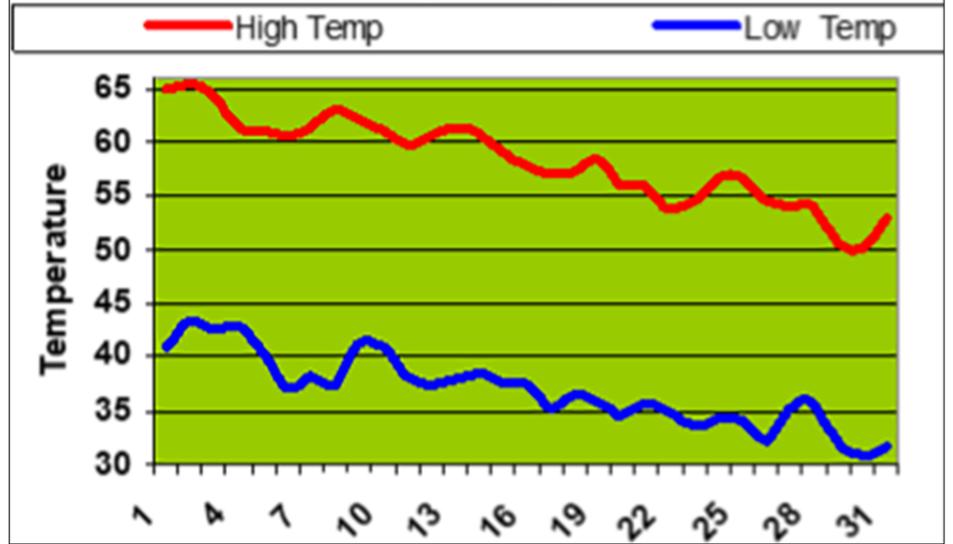


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October is the heart and soul of Autumn. The polar regions are cooling, and as that cold expands, the storm track shifts south. But the warm ocean waters still favor fair-weather high pressure systems building off the coast, sending the spells of "Gossamer" Summer warmth and haze. Snow often frosts the mountains, and occasionally teases skiers. October Records and Averages: warmest, 56.1 F in 2017; coldest, 39.1 F in 1925; wettest, 8.60 inches in 2005; driest, 0.29 inches in 1924.

Ironman

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Championship by competing in the Ironman 70.3 Hawaii Triathlon on June 4. Smyers placed 224th of 1,211 finishers. Her time of 5:42:02 ranked first in the M65-69 age group.

The Kona Ironman women's world championship was on October 6. Smyers was in 1,541st place after the swim leg. Her swim time of 1:20:52 ranked fifth in her age group.

Like Parker, bicycling is Smyers' best event. She overtook her age group competitors and moved up to 1,334th place overall. Her time on the bike was 6:16:42.

Smyers' marathon time of 4:31:33 was the second fastest in her age group. She ended the race in 1,223rd place among 2,318 Ironman finishers of diverse ages

and genders. Her bike leg created enough gap to secure the F65-69 age group world championship. Smyers crossed the Ironman finish line in 12 hours, 22 minutes, and 38 seconds.

Parker's and Smyers' Ironman experiences are much richer in detail than their times and finish places. Watch for the stories behind their stories in upcoming issues of the Hardwick Gazette.

Recipients

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awarded to 24 organizations in its 2022 competitive grant round. The awards will support nonprofits and municipalities in Caledonia, Essex, and Orleans counties. The grants include support to organizations working with youth and families, education, and community enhancement.



October 12 - October 18

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POLICE REPORT

Hardwick Police Media Log Summary

September 26: Directed Patrol, S. Main St.; Theft, Church St.; Medical, Woodbury St.; Medical, Vt. Rte. 16; Motor Vehicle Complaint, S. Main St.; Traffic Stop, Spruce Dr.; Welfare Check, Highland Ave.; Assist – Agency, Spring St.; Traffic Stop, S. Main St./N. Main St.; Accident – Property Damage Only, S. Main St./N. Main St.; Suspicious Event, N. Main St.; Alarm, N. Main St.

September 27: Directed Patrol, S. Main St.; Fire, Pumpkin Ln.; Theft, Vt. Rte. 15 W; Alarm, Town Farm Rd.

September 28: Accident – Injury to Persons, Vt. Rte. 15 E/Fishers Folly Dr.; Fingerprints, High St.; Motor Vehicle Complaint, Glenside Ave.; Traffic Stop, Vt. Rte. 15; Traffic Stop, Vt. Rte. 16/Catamount Rd.; Traffic Stop, Vt. Rte. 15; Alarm, Vt. Rte. 15 W; Traffic Stop, Vt. Rte. 14; Traffic Stop, Wolcott St.; Welfare Check, Highland Ave.; Suspicious Event, Daniels Rd.; Animal Problem, Center Rd.; Tobacco Offense, Hazen Union Dr.; Traffic Stop, Vt. Rte. 16.

September 29: Juvenile Problem, S. Main St.; Animal Problem,

Central St.; Traffic Stop, Vt. Rte. 16/Catamount Rd.; Information, Highland Ave.; TRO/FRO Service, High St.; Motor Vehicle Complaint, Vt. Rte. 15/Bunker Hill.

September 30: Traffic Stop, Main St.; Traffic Stop, Mackville Rd.; Citizen Dispute, Vt. Rte. 15 W; Traffic Stop, Mackville Rd.; Theft, Highland Ave.

October 1: Traffic Stop, Vt. Rte. 16; Traffic Stop, Wolcott St.; S. Main/Lower Cherry St.; Traffic Stop, Wolcott St.; Traffic Stop, Wolcott St.; Theft, Craftsbury Rd.; Traffic Stop, Vt. Rte. 14; Traffic Stop, Vt. Rte. 14.

October 2: Abandoned Vehicle, Vt. Rte. 15; Suspicious Event, Craftsbury Rd.; Assist – Public, Vt. Rte. 15/Vt. Rte. 16; Traffic Stop, Benway Dr.

October 3: Directed Patrol, S. Main St.; Accident – LSA, Mill St./N. Main St.; Suspicious Event, Vt. Rte. 14; Assist – Other, Wolcott St.; Assist – Other, Wolcott St.; Traffic Stop, Wolcott St.; Traffic Stop, Wolcott St.; Traffic Stop, Vt. Rte. 14, Motor Vehicle Complaint, Vt. Rte. 16; Suspicious Event, Dimick Rd.

operator, Ashlea Bigelow, of Wolcott, was intoxicated and there was a 2-year-old child in the back seat unsecured. Bigelow was arrested and brought back to the Hardwick

Police Department for processing. Bigelow was charged with DUI and Cruelty to a Child and cited to appear before the Vermont Superior Court on October 17, at 0830.

Orleans County Sheriff No Inspection Sticker

On October 6, at approximately 1203 hours, Deputy Justin Lindor with Orleans County Sheriff's Department observed a gray Honda sedan traveling south on Vt. Rte. 16 with no inspection sticker, which is a violation of Title 23 V.S.A. 1222, Inspection of registered vehicles. The vehicle also failed to display the front registration plate, which is a violation of Title 23 V.S.A. 511, Manner of

display. Deputy Lindor initiated a traffic stop at 4133 Vt. Rte. 16 and identified the operator as John Kawalec of Newbury, who was currently under criminal suspension in the State of Vermont and had an active state warrant. Kawalec was subsequently taken into custody and transported to Vermont Superior Court Orleans Criminal Division and received a citation for the above offense.

State Police Single-Vehicle Crashes

On October 5, at approximately 2141 hours, Troopers from the Vermont State Police Berlin barracks responded to a single vehicle roll over on US Rte. 2 in E. Montpelier. Upon arrival the operator was still inside the vehicle with serious injuries. The operator was identified as Kristie Ferguson, of Plainfield. There were no other occupants in the vehicle. Ferguson was immediately transported to UVMMC for her injuries. Upon further investigation, it was suspected that Ferguson was impaired

while operating the motor vehicle. Ferguson was cited to appear in Vermont Superior Court Washington Criminal Division to answer to the charge of DUI.

On October 8, at 5:12 p.m., State Police responded to Orange for the report of a single vehicle crash. Upon arriving on scene, Benjamin Watson, of Plainfield, identified himself as the operator of the vehicle and while speaking with troopers he showed signs of being under the influence of intoxicants. Watson was taken into custody and transported to the Berlin Barracks for processing. He was issued a citation to appear in Orange County Superior Court – Criminal Division on October 26, at 8 a.m., to answer to this offense.

Hardwick Police DUI and Cruelty to a Child

On October 2, in the early morning, Hardwick Police received a complaint about a silver Subaru

broken down on Vt. Rte. 15 by the intersection of Vt. Rte. 14. Hardwick Police arrived and learned the



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AWARE Report

HARDWICK – AWARE served 22 people from October 2 through October 9. AWARE is a nonprofit organization, established in 1984, dedicated to resolving the causes and effects of domestic violence and sexual assault in the greater Hardwick area.

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Talk on Woman Suffrage in Vermont on Oct. 19

HARDWICK – “Why Not in Vermont? The Long Campaign for Woman Suffrage in Vermont,” a talk by Marilyn Blackwell, Ph.D., will be presented on Wednesday, Oct. 19, at 7 p.m., at the Memorial Building.

In 1908, members of the Vermont Equal Suffrage Association noted, “Women Vote for President in Wyoming, Colorado, Utah and Idaho, Why Not in Vermont?” In a state with a long history of respect for individual rights, Vermont lawmakers were resistant to women’s voting rights. Through the stories of three Vermont suffragists, Blackwell will outline the shifting debate over women’s full citizenship from the 1850s until 1920.

Blackwell co-authored a biography of Clarina Howard Nichols

of Brattleboro. Nichols was a journalist, lobbyist and public speaker involved in all three of the major reform movements of the mid-19th century: temperance, abolition, and the women’s movement. Blackwell has published many articles on nineteenth-century women and the social history of Vermont. Her most recent article, “Vermont and the Equal Rights Amendments: A Case against Exceptionalism,” appeared in Vermont History in Summer/Fall 2019. She is currently researching the woman suffrage campaign in Vermont.

The program is sponsored by the Friends of the Jeudevine Library. The Memorial Building is Hardwick’s Town Office building across from the library. For more information call 472-5948.

Healthy Lamoille Valley Fall Coalition Meeting

MORRISVILLE – Community members of all ages may join Healthy Lamoille Valley for the Fall Coalition Meeting on October 20, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The event will celebrate their 2022 Prevention Honorees and our Live Your Why and TimeWise programs.

A family-friendly, interactive community event at River Arts, 74 Pleasant St., will include special guest speaker and honoree, Dr. Linda Caldwell. Educators are

invited to come early for a special reception from 5 p.m. to 5:45 p.m., for appetizers and an opportunity to meet Dr. Caldwell, author of the Timewise Curriculum.

Pizza, cookies, and fruit will be served. Those who wish to attend should RSVP, although walk-ins are welcome. Learn more and RSVP at healthylamoillevalley.org/fall-coalition-meeting. Contact jessica@healthylamoillevalley.org if child care is needed.

Ham Dinner Benefit on Oct. 23

CRAFTSBURY – A ham dinner will be held Sunday, Oct. 23, from noon to 1:30 p.m., at Our Lady of Fatima Church, 21 Creek Road. The menu includes ham, mashed potatoes, beans, squash, cole slaw, pickled beets, rolls, dessert and beverage. Live music will be provided by Bernie Lussier and friends.

The event is sponsored by Catholic Financial Life Chapter N443. Catholic Financial Life will match a portion of the net proceeds to benefit Our Lady of Fatima Maintenance.

For more information, contact Jeannine Young at cfl443@gmtmom.com or (802) 586-2899.

Tenant and Fair Housing Workshop Online on Nov. 2

MORRISVILLE – “Know Your Rights: Tenant Skills & Fair Housing 101” happens Wednesday, Nov. 2, from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., online on Zoom as part of Lamoille Housing Partnership and the Working Community Challenge’s 2022 Housing Summit series.

This free workshop hosted by the Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity (CVOEO) is for tenants, landlords, and the broader community covers the fundamentals of renters rights and responsibilities and fair housing protections. The interactive session includes a discussion of Vermont’s

housing landscape, basic tenant skills, landlord obligations, state and federal fair housing protections, access requirements for people with disabilities, where to find more information and resources, and what to do if you are treated unfairly in your housing. You’ll learn valuable information and have plenty of time for questions.

The workshop is free and open to the public. For more information and access to the Zoom link, visit lamoillehousing.org/2022-housing-summits or call Lamoille Housing Partnership’s office at (802) 888-5714.

Used Garment Swap on Oct. 15

HARDWICK – There will be a used garment swap on Saturday, Oct. 15, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Hazen Union gym. An entrance fee of \$1 entitles each person to select any clothing wanted.

Clothing may be donated on Friday, Oct. 14, from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. Clothing must be usable, and separated into bags and labeled appropriately. Footwear, boots, skates,

accessories, handbags, costumes and coats are also accepted. It is requested that no items should be boxed or on hangers.

Masks are optional and young children must be accompanied by an adult. For more information call (802) 472-5284 or email deborah.hartt@gmail.com. The event is sponsored by Buffalo Mountain Market and Civic Standard.

Free Youth STEM Event to be Held Nov. 5

BURLINGTON – STEM Showcase 3.0, November 5 in Burlington, features a morning of hands-on learning activities for youths, ages 8-14.

Registration is required by November 3 for this free event, which will take place on the University of Vermont (UVM) campus from 10 a.m. to noon.

Each participant may choose two of the six workshops, which will be led by UVM STEM ambassadors. Workshops will focus on various STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) topics.

Options include the Hurricane-Proof House Challenge (environmental and civil engineering); Let’s Make Robots Go (LEGO robotics and coding); Engineering Helping Hands

(biomedical building challenge); What is Nanotechnology: Getting Patients the Medicine They Need (biomedical engineering); A Berry Cool DNA Extraction (DNA science); and Discover the Natural World Through a New Lens (using microscopes).

To register, go to go.uvm.edu/stem-showcase. To request a disability-related accommodation to participate, please contact Chittenden County 4-H educator Margaret Coan at mcoan@uvm.edu or (802) 651-8343, ext. 505, by Oct. 24.

The STEM Ambassadors program is a collaboration between UVM Extension 4-H and the UVM College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and UVM College of Engineering and Mathematical Sciences.



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Hardwick Trails Pumpkin Walk to be Held Oct. 16

HARDWICK – The Annual Hardwick Trails Pumpkin Walk is back, beginning at 6 p.m., on Sunday, Oct. 16. The walk is on woodland paths lit with faces of pumpkins carved by the artist-students of the Hardwick Elementary School.

The Friendly Witch (Lesa Cathcart) will tell stories and the Great Bonfire will light the night where all may gathers after the walk for cider and donuts.

Walkers may begin at the Hazen Union parking lot and follow the pumpkin signs to the trail. All are welcome.

The walk is organized by the Hardwick Trails Committee with assistance from art teacher Beth LeCours who makes it possible for all the elementary school students to show off their masterpieces.



courtesy photo
The Hardwick Trails Pumpkin Walk features lit pumpkins and a friendly witch on October 16.



photo by Hal Gray
Five of the November election candidates who appeared October 8 in Crafts-bury Common were (left to right) Katherine Sims (Vermont House), David Zuckerman (lieutenant governor), Sarah Copeland Hanzas (secretary of state), Mike Pieciak (treasurer) and Bobby Starr (Vermont Senate).

EDUCATION

CCV Summer Student Honors List

MONTPELIER – The following student at the Community College of Vermont (CCV) was named to the summer 2022 Student Honors List. This honor recognizes part-time students with a 4.0 grade point average: E Calais, Sebastian Morland.

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OUR LADY OF FATIMA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, 21 Creek Road, Craftsbury. Our Lady of Fatima is part of Mary Queen of All Saints Parish in Hardwick. Please call 802-472-5544. email: Mary_queenofallsaints@comcast.net. Christmas Eve Mass, Dec. 24, 6:30 p.m.

East Craftsbury
EAST CRAFTSBURY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. 1097 Ketchum Hill Rd., Craftsbury, VT 05856. Sunday Service, 11 a.m. (Handicapped accessible.) Masks required. Worship led by Rev. Deborah McKinley, Pastor and music director John Rowell. Tel. 802-586-7707. Email: epcvnt@gmail.com. Website: www.eastcraftsburypresbyterianchurch.org.

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Wolcott
WOLCOTT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, Route 15, will have worship Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. Information: 802-888-2248.

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UNITED CHURCH OF MARSHFIELD. Pastor Carlyle Pierce, Tel. 802-684-2114. Sunday, 8:30 a.m. Worship Service and Sunday School.

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UNITED CHURCH OF CABOT. Tel. 802-563-2278. Sunday Service at 10:00 a.m. Light refreshment and fellowship immediately following service. All welcome.

Walden
WALDEN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - Noyesville. Evening Worship Service. 7 p.m. Information: 802-684-1201.

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WEST DANVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, Rt. 15, (across from Joe's Pond). Pastor Pam Smith. Sunday Service 9:30 a.m.
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ALL SAINTS ANGLICAN CHURCH. Danville. Our service book is the 1928 Book of Common Prayer. For information on worship service day and time, please call 802-755-6341 or 802-472-3324.

St. Johnsbury
BETH EL SYNAGOGUE, Hospital Drive, St. Johnsbury. Meeting both in-person and on Zoom. Information: 802-748-5683 or www.congregationbeth-el.org.

Johnson
THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST of Latter-Day Saints, Rte. 15 W, Johnson. Sacrament Mtg. Sundays, 9 a.m. Visitors Welcome. Bishop Erik Worthington, 802-326-3035, www.mormon.org.

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Derby Line
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Harvest Festival



photo by Vanessa Fournier
 Bethany Dunbar (left), Center for an Agricultural Economy community programs manager, gives Otto McLean (right), 4, of Sheffield a face painting Friday at the Harvest Festival held at the Hardwick Farmers Market.



photo by Vanessa Fournier
 Dave T. Hall of East Hardwick provided the music October 7, for the Hardwick Farmers Market Harvest Festival.

OBITUARIES

CHERIE FISHER

HARDWICK – Cherie Fisher, 75, of Hardwick died October 4, at Copley Hospital in Morrisville. A complete obituary will appear in a later edition.

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

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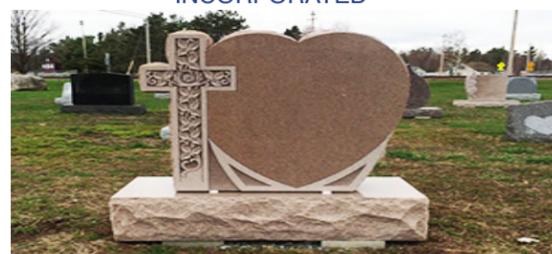
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Events

Wednesday, October 12

BONE BUILDERS/Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program at Twin Valley Senior Center, 4583 US Rte. 2, E. Montpelier, Mon. and Wed., 9 a.m. Zoom and in-person. Mon., Wed. and Fri. 7:30 a.m. Zoom only.

DEATH CAFE, 6 p.m., the Albany Public Library. Tea, cake and conversation about death. All welcome. Information: albanypubliclibraryvt@gmail.com or 802-755-6107.

Friday, October 14

BONE BUILDERS/Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program at Twin Valley Senior Center, 4583 US Rte. 2, E. Montpelier, Mon. and Wed., 9 a.m. Zoom and in-person. Mon., Wed. and Fri. 7:30 a.m. Zoom only.

HARDWICK FARMERS MARKET, Fridays, 3 - 6 p.m., Atkins Field, 140 Granite St., Hardwick. Vegetables and herbs; plants starts and flowers; meat, cheese, eggs, milk; bread and baked goods; artisan goods; music and more. Information: hardwick-farmersmarketvt.com/

HARDWICK H.U.G.S. GARMENT SWAP DROP-OFF, 2 - 7 p.m., Hazen Union School Gym. Taking both usable clothing and rags. Label all bags appropriately (Women, Men, Kids, Linens, Rags). Also accepting footwear/winter boots, skates, accessories, handbags, costumes and coats. Information: Deborah at 802-472-5284 or deborah.hartt@gmail.com.

Saturday, October 15

HARDWICK H.U.G.S. GARMENT SWAP, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Hazen Union School Gym. \$1.00/adult entrance fee for all the clothes you want. Sponsored by The Civic Standard and Buffalo Mountain Market. Information: Deborah at 802-472-5284 or deborah.hartt@gmail.com.

Monday, October 17

CHAIR YOGA, at Twin Valley Senior Center, 4583 US Rte. 2, E. Montpelier, Mondays at 3 p.m. Call (802) 223-3322 for information.

BONE BUILDERS/Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program at Twin Valley Senior Center, 4583 US Rte. 2, E. Montpelier, Mon. and Wed., 9 a.m. Zoom and in-person. Mon., Wed. and Fri. 7:30 a.m. Zoom only.

Tuesday, October 18

SUN STYLE TAI CHI, at Twin Valley Senior Center, 4583 US Rte. 2, E. Montpelier, Tuesdays at 10 a.m. Call (802) 223-3322 for information.

Wednesday, October 19

BONE BUILDERS/Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program at Twin Valley Senior Center, 4583 US Rte. 2, E. Montpelier, Mon. and Wed., 9 a.m. Zoom and in-person. Mon., Wed. and Fri. 7:30 a.m. Zoom only.

Thursday, October 20

COMMUNITY DINNER, noon, United Church of Hardwick dining room. Eat-In or Take-Out. Call (802) 472-6800 to reserve a meal. Leave your name and phone number and how many meals you want and if you need them delivered. Donations appreciated. Volunteers are always welcome. Hosted the third Thursday by Hazen Union students.

Saturday, October 22

EAGLEMANIA, at the Barre Opera House, 7:30 p.m., Eagles tribute show. Tickets and information: 802-476-8188 or barreoperahouse.org.

Sunday, October 23

HAM DINNER, noon - 1:30 p.m., Our Lady of Fatima Church, 21 Creek Rd., Caitsbury. Sponsored by Catholic Financial Life Chapter N443. They will match a portion of the net proceeds to benefit Our Lady of Fatima Maintenance. Scheduled to appear, live music with Bernie Lussier and Friends. Information: Jeannine Young at cfl1443@gmtmom.com or 802-586-2899.

Exhibits

EXHIBIT AT MAC Centre for the Arts, 158 Main St., Newport. Featuring works of Vermont artists from Caspian Arts, in Greensboro. Bronze, wood and stone sculpture, bird and animal carving, quilting, printmaking and more. Through Saturday, Oct. 29. Hours: Tues. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sun. 11 a.m. - 4. Closed Mondays. Artist Reception will be announced for late September. Information: 802-334-1966, maccenterforthearts.com.

VERMONT SUPREME COURT GALLERY, 111 State St., Montpelier. Exhibition: through Dec. 20. Gallery Hours: 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Mon. - Fri. Opening Reception and Montpelier Art Walk: Friday, Oct. 7, 4:30 - 7 p.m. Additional Montpelier Art Walk: Friday, Dec. 2, 4:30 - 7 p.m. Artist's Website: Axel Stohlberg.

ANN CREAVER: New Photographs, Parker Pie Gallery, West Glover. Through November 15.



photo by Hal Gray

The Greensboro United Church of Christ Early Music Consort performed on September 25, in Greensboro United Church of Christ. Consort members were (left to right) Tom Anastasio (viola da gamba). Hal Parker (harpsichord), Sonia Dunbar and Gina Jenkins (recorders).

Greensboro Church Celebrates Early Music

by Hal Gray

GREENSBORO – The Early Music Consort of the Greensboro United Church of Christ (GUCC) performs during Sunday services at 10 a.m., on the last Sunday of every month. Early music as performed at GUCC consists primarily of music of the Renaissance (1400-1600) and the Baroque (1600-1750). The four musicians and their instruments were Hal Parker (harpsichord), Tom Anastasio (viola da gamba), and Gina Jenkins and Sonia Dunbar (recorders). These musicians and their instruments provide a unique sound harking back to the beginning of Western classical music.

The harpsichord has a keyboard similar to a piano, but whereas with a piano the strings are struck by “hammers” allowing for a range of dynamics (soft as well as loud tones), harpsichord strings are plucked as with a harp, which limits dynamics. The harpsichordist uses keyboard techniques to provide a sense of dynamics. Harpsichord technique is very similar to organ technique, and organists find it much easier to switch to harpsichord than pianists do. The harpsichord was widely used in Renaissance and Baroque music, but with development of the piano in the 1700s, there were fewer performances using the harpsichord, although it has made a resurgence in the 20th century. GUCC’s instrument is a copy of Flemish harpsichords which are noted for their bright sound and fit well in the excellent acoustics of the GUCC sanctuary.

The viola da gamba, also called a “viol” or “gamba,” is a member of the viol family and in its bass version superficially resembles a cello, which is a member of the violin family. The viol family is different in many technical respects from the violin family, which, being louder became more popular around the end of the 1600s. The cello has an end pin

which rests on the floor to support its weight, whereas the viola da gamba is held off the floor between the legs, thus giving its name translated from the Italian “viol for the leg.” The bass viol usually plays a supporting role in GUCC services, sustaining the notes of the harpsichord: the “continuo” part.

The recorder is a form of flute, in the family of woodwind musical instruments. Sound is produced by blowing over a built-in knife-edge. Recorders were traditionally made of wood or ivory. Modern professional instruments are almost always of wood, while student recorders are commonly of molded plastic. First documented in Europe in the Middle Ages, the recorder continued to enjoy wide popularity in the Renaissance and Baroque periods, but was little used in the subsequent Classical and Romantic periods. It was revived in the 20th century and became a popular amateur and educational instrument. Recorders are made to reflect various vocal ranges, with most common sizes today being soprano, alto, tenor and bass. Generally, altos are played in GUCC services, but soprano and tenor recorders are played as well.

Dunbar related a brief history of the GUCC Consort, how Jenkins on her recorder began accompanying Parker on the piano and they realized how difficult it was to balance the two instruments. Then one day when Anastasio joined the two in practice, Parker commented how much better they would sound with a harpsichord. This led eventually to GUCC’s purchase of a harpsichord. Dunbar had learned to play the recorder years earlier from Bronwyn Potter, GUCC’s previous organist, who had played recorder with Jane White, Jenkins’ mother. Dunbar had gone on for a Bachelor’s degree in pre-classical instrumental music and joined the Consort in December 2014, a year after the harpsichord’s purchase, when she realized how comparable in ability the four musicians were.



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“EagleMania” performs a tribute to the Eagles on October 22 at the Barre Opera House.

Eagles Tribute at BOH on Oct. 22

BARRE – “EagleMania,” the world’s greatest Eagles tribute band, appears at The Barre Opera House on Saturday, Oct. 22, at 7:30 p.m.

The Eagles’ ballads and rock anthems with their vocal and guitar harmonies has positioned them as one of the most successful and popular acts in music history. One of the world’s best-selling bands, they have sold more than 200 million records, including 100 million albums sold in the U.S. alone. They were ranked number 75 on Rolling Stone’s 2004 list of The Greatest Artists of All-Time.

“EagleMania” has evolved

into a nationally touring tribute, performing to sold-out audiences everywhere they go. They perform all of the hits of the Eagles, as well as Don Henley, Glen Frey, and Joe Walsh’s solo albums. The band consists of an ensemble of veteran musicians whose goal is to faithfully reproduce the Eagle’s repertoire.

Tickets for “EagleMania” may be ordered online at barreopera-house.org or call the Barre Opera House at (802) 476-8188. The Opera House, located at 6 North Main Street in Barre, is handicapped accessible and equipped for the hearing impaired.

Woodsmoke by Julie Atwood



LETTERS FROM READERS

The People Will be Listened To in Montpelier

To the editor:

Good morning from Stannard, Vermont. I am writing this letter in support of our Representative Chip Troiano, who will be on the ballot for re-election this November. I trust, that as long as he is in the Statehouse, the people who work and live here will be listened to in Montpelier, because Chip listens.

His work there is relevant to our needs, in regards to the comfort of our older citizens, in regards to our youth and their educational needs, in regards to our small farms and the sustainability of our ever threatened environment.

He is aware of the support families need in crisis, the number of children in foster care, the devastating impact that addiction has had in our small towns, the lack of affordable housing for people who are trying so hard to get their lives together, but always seem to come up short.

Politics have gotten crazy, there are people who want to get

involved in governing, yet have no idea of how legislation works, no idea of what keeps the wheels on the bus. All they know is that if they yell loud enough about single issues and make people afraid, they may get elected. There are a lot of showboats out there, Chip is not a showboat. He has the experience, he knows what matters at the end of the day, after all the bluster is over. Experience matters, all of our citizens matter, employment matters, housing matters, thriving farms matter, the security of our families matter, opportunity matters.

His service to this country has been verified, from his youth, he did not hide from it or run away from it or seek excuses to avoid it. He still wants to serve. Please encourage him by re electing him to the Statehouse this November. Please Vote For Chip Troiano, if you, too want to be heard.

Elizabeth Hook Stannard

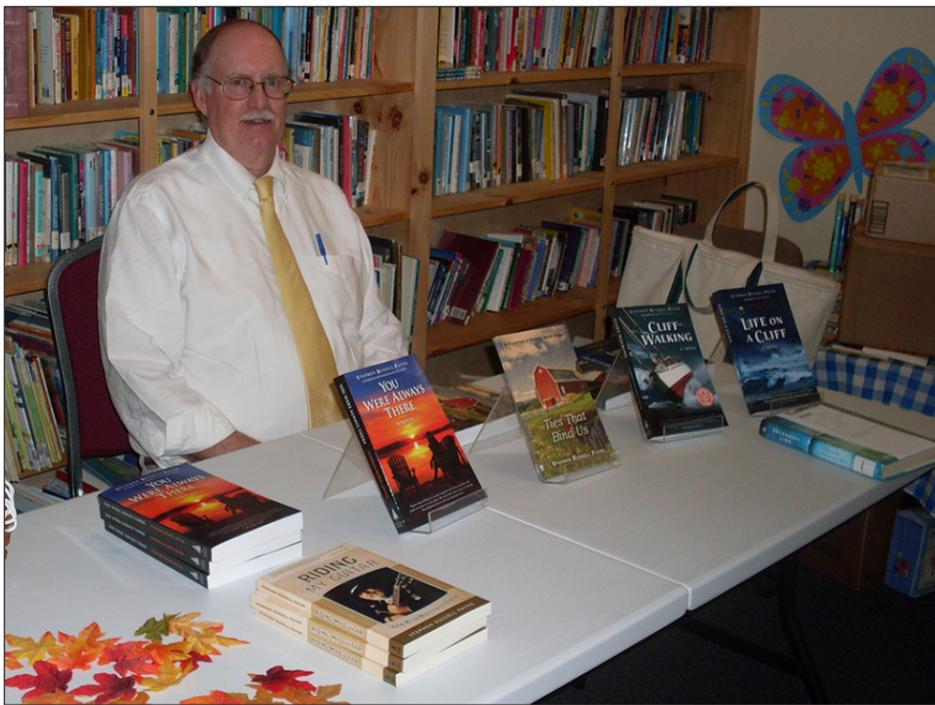


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Author Stephen Payne is seated with the many books he’s written including “You Were Always There” about which he spoke October 6 at a crowded Greensboro Free Library author event. Reviewed in the September 21 Hardwick Gazette, the book features a coming-of-age love story set on Caspian Lake in the 1970s.



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THE OUTSIDE STORY

The Tangled Tale of The Ash-Tree Bolete

by Rachel Sargent Mirus

DUXBURY – If the enemy of my enemy is my friend, then surely the friend of my enemy is my enemy. This inverted cliché is one way to characterize the tangled relationship between ash trees and the ash-tree bolete.

The ash-tree bolete (*Boletiniellus merulioides*) is a fan-shaped brown mushroom with an off-center stem. It grows in association with ash trees throughout eastern North America; however, that association is an odd one. Typically, when mushrooms consistently pop up near a particular species of tree, the fungus that produces those mushrooms has either a symbiotic or parasitic relationship with that tree species. Yet when researchers took a close look at the ash-tree bolete fungus, they didn't find either type of relationship. Instead, they discovered a secondary, symbiotic connection between the fungus and an ash enemy: an aphid that feeds exclusively on ash trees.

In 1987, mycologists Mark Brundrett and Bryce Kendrick, then at the University of Waterloo in Ontario, Canada, surveyed ash roots during a field study and found abundant ash-tree bolete sclerotia. Sclerotia are a hardened form of mycelia (the root-like structures which allow fungi to absorb nutrients). In the ash-tree boletes Brundrett and Kendrick found, the sclerotia were small hollow balls. They partially enclosed the associated roots and were also distributed in the nearby soil. Although hollow, these sclerotia were not all empty. Those attached to roots contained multiple wax-covered leafcurl ash aphids (*Prociphilus fraxinifolii*).

Leafcurl ash aphids are tiny, semi-transparent green insects found only on ash trees. Like many other aphids, they alter the growth form of their host to create safe feeding and breeding platforms. As the name suggests, leafcurl ash aphids cause leaf curling in new leaves. The crumpled leaves provide both food and shelter for a growing aphid colony. While the

damage caused by aphids can be an unsightly nuisance – the curled leaves drop prematurely, and the honeydew and wax the insects excrete leave a mess beneath infected trees – they rarely pose a serious threat to a healthy ash tree.

But why were these aphids sheltering below the trees, with the boletes? Every summer, female aphids drop from the trees and into the soil, where they can live and reproduce parthenogenetically – in other words, without requiring fertilization – to form their own underground aphid colonies. These clonal colonies suck nutrients from roots from midsummer to late fall, often while enclosed in an ash-tree bolete sclerotium.

What Brundrett and Kendrick discovered is that the aphids use sclerotia for housing and protection. The aphids pay rent in the form of the honeydew they excrete, which contains sugar, amino acids, and minerals that they acquired from the tree. Researchers believe that ash-tree bolete gains a nutritive benefit because this fungus is more prolific than other mushroom-forming fungi in the same habitats.

Ever since learning of the tangled story of ash, aphid, and fungus, I'd been on the lookout for ash-tree boletes. When I finally stumbled upon the mushrooms, it was within sight of my house. They ranged from two to four inches wide and had spongy sepia caps. Digging around their bases I found tiny, hollow spheres that matched Brundrett's pictures of sclerotia, but were empty of aphids. We've never seen evidence of aphids on our ash trees: it seems the mushrooms on our land must make do without their insect partners.

As with any symbiotic relationship, a threat to one partner may mean a threat to the other. The ash-aphid-bolete connection demonstrates the ecological losses – no doubt, some of them passing unknown and unnoticed – that come with the spread of an invasive insect, emerald ash borer (EAB), and the subsequent decline of native ash species. "I am concerned about the future of the



Ash-Tree Bolete

ash bolete," said Brundrett. "The last time I was in Canada, ash trees were in very serious decline, and the fungus is likely to follow."

Brundrett's point is a valuable reminder that threats to ash trees also threaten all the species that have ecological relationships with

these trees. To put it another way, the friend of my enemy may be my enemy, but in the face of a major ecological threat, all fates are entangled.

[Rachel Sargent Mirus lives in Duxbury. Illustration by Adelaide Murphy Tyrol.]

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IN THE GARDEN

Putting the Garden to Bed

by Henry Homeyer

CORNISH FLAT, N.H. – Frost has already lightly brushed my garden, and hard frost is not far behind. Even in warmer spots it is good to start getting ready for winter. Let's look at some of the key activities for all of us.

First, remember to visit and support your local garden center. They want to unload as many plants now as they can: perennials, shrubs and trees. So they are discounting plants, often 25% or more. I recently got some big burr oaks at a 50% discount, a considerable saving. And it is not too late to plant.

I have read that woody plants store up food all summer when the sun is bright, and use some of it now to extend their roots out away from the main stem. So I like to plant trees in the fall especially since it is cooler and more rain is falling now than in mid-summer. Planting in spring and summer is good, too, since a tree has longer to get established before winter, and some gardeners insist that fall planting is risky. If you plant a tree, be sure to spread two inches

will help you to get rid of eggs and adult aphids, though a few elude me every year. Watch for aphids or their sticky droppings on leaves. If you see some, spray with Safer Soap to dehydrate the aphids and knock them dead. Repeat as necessary.

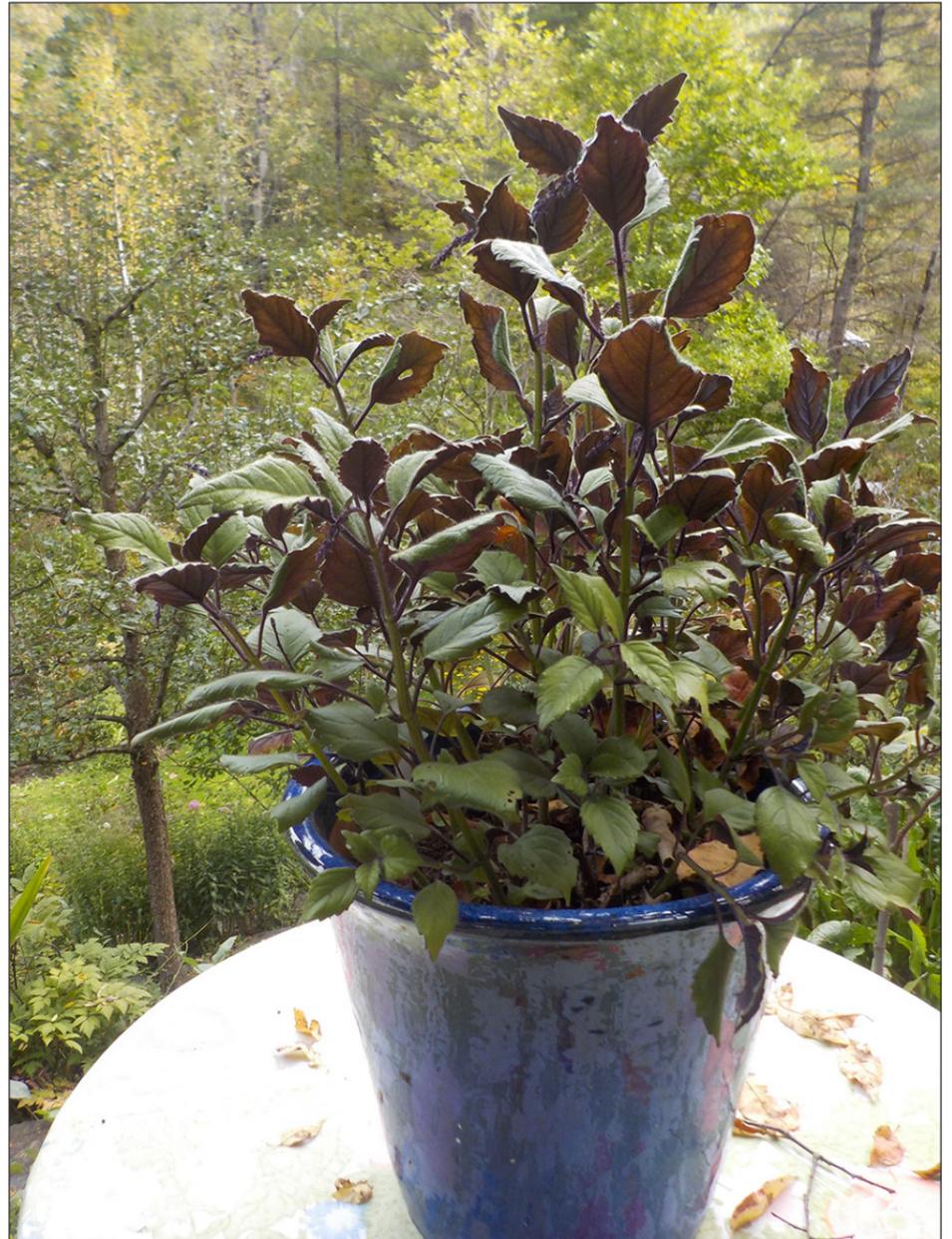
Your least favorite fall activity may be weeding and plant cleanup, though I kind of enjoy it. It is very important to remove rotten fruit, stems and leaves of tomatoes, potatoes, and vine crops as they often have mildew or fungus by now. Be sure to get them out of the garden ASAP. And if you have had bugs on any plants, put them in the household trash or on a burn pile. You don't want them wintering over in the garden or the compost pile. You don't have to wash tomato cages, their diseases won't winter over on them.

Getting rid of weeds now is important, but so is covering the soil with leaves or mulch so those seeds blowing in the wind don't land on bare earth and settle in, ready to grow in early spring, even before you have thought about planting next year's veggies.

Fallen leaves are the best mulch available, and free. You can compact them and make them easier to move to the garden by running them over with the lawnmower. Or you can just rake them up and onto a tarp. They will settle in and not blow around if you do this just before a nice rain. But you can use grass clippings now, before leaves have all fallen. And if you use a mowing service, ask them to leave the leaves and grass clippings for you to use. But do that only if they do not use any chemicals on the lawn. You don't want any chemicals in your garden.

Cutting back the flower gardens is hard work and time consuming if you have extensive flower beds as I do. Many gardeners use their hand pruners and clip away, stem by stem. Not me. That is very hard on your paws. I like to use a curved serrated knife or small "harvest sickle" to do so. I grab a handful of stems with my left hand, then slice them off with my right. One motion, and no work for my fingers the way pruners would do.

You might also consider using a string trimmer to cut back big beds. I've done it, but don't usually do so. It's fast, but less precise. And I like to leave some flower stalks standing, things with seed for winter birds like



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Wash houseplants with hose before bringing them inside to get rid of aphids.



courtesy photo

Save your fall leaves for use as mulch.

of mulch around the tree to keep the roots warm as late into the fall as possible.

You may have already done so, but let me remind you anyhow to bring in your houseplants that have summered outside. Do it now, not after frost even for plants like rosemary that can sustain a temperature down to 25 degrees or so. Aphids are the biggest pest on houseplants. Outdoors they are eaten up by other insects or washed off by heavy rains, but indoors a plant that is already sulking is ripe for an infestation.

Use your hose to wash not only the tops of leaves, but the underside as well. And wash the surface of soil in the pot – do this by laying the plant on its side. This

chickadees and finches. I leave black-eyed Susans, purple cone flowers, sunflowers and anything else that looks tasty from a bird's eye view.

The most radical way of cutting back flower beds is to use a lawnmower. I have one long, wide bed that is full of aster, Joe-Pye weed, goldenrod, giant foam flower and turtle head. In late fall I used to put the blade of my riding lawnmower up as high as possible and ride over it, mowing it all down. Now I no longer have a riding mower, and I doubt my battery mower would chomp through it. I will have to use the string trimmer, I guess. It's a bed about 75 feet by 10 feet, so a motorized tool helps.

If you have dahlias and other tropics growing in the ground and want to save the tubers for next year, only dig them up after a frost or two. Bring them into the basement or barn after you have shaken off most of the soil. I don't wash the tubers, as a little soil will help keep them from drying out too much.

I store my dahlia tubers in a cold basement that doesn't

freeze. I put them in a box or tub with some sphagnum moss that is lightly moistened, and spray some moisture on in February. You can also store them in a plastic bag with holes punched in it and some bedding sold for gerbils in it, lightly moistened.

I love winter, but I'm always sad the morning after the first hard frost. Most of my annuals will have fallen, like wounded soldiers. But I also know that at my age, a season of rest from the garden will be good, too.



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This harvest sickle will slice through stems quickly and easily.

IN THE GARDEN

It's Decorative Gourd Season

by **Andrea Knepper**

BOLTON – It's the time of year when strangely-shaped, multi-colored, warty gourds begin to appear in gardens, markets, CSA boxes and on front porches. If you planted any type of gourds in your garden this year, enjoy peeking under leaves now to see what variations have developed.

Decorative gourds belong to the cucurbit family and can be classified into two types. Miniature pumpkins, warty varieties, winged and others with soft shells belong to the genus *Cucurbita*.

Those with hard shells, such as bottle, birdhouse and Calabash gourds, are members of the genus *Lagenaria*. Both types are easy to grow at home and share some basic harvesting and curing strategies to extend their decorative life. *Lagenaria* gourds, however, require an additional step to fully utilize their unique characteristics.

Gourds can be harvested when the stem begins to turn brown. Clip the stem a few inches from the gourd. Gourds can be left on the vine to dry

completely but should be harvested before a frost.

Fully ripe gourds will have a tough skin that cannot be pierced with your fingernail. Underripe gourds can still be used but will begin to rot sooner.

To extend the life of your mature gourds, they also need to be dried to prevent decay. Wash the surface of harvested gourds and dry thoroughly.

Place gourds somewhere out of direct sunlight to continue drying. They can be set on a screen to increase air circulation or hung with string tied around their stems. Be sure to check regularly for moisture and prevent mold growth if you are drying the gourds on a solid surface.

The skin of *Cucurbita* gourds will be dry and hard in a couple of weeks. Now that your gourd is dry, it will last on display throughout the season. Gourds can be polished with vegetable oil for an attractive shine.

You may also choose to wax, shellac or paint your gourd at this point. If you do, remember that some decorative treatments should not be composted.



photo by Andrea Knepper

Gourds come in a variety of shapes, sizes and colors, making them an ideal choice for both autumnal displays and crafts.

Lagenaria gourds require additional drying time to dry out the interior flesh as well as the outer skin. This drying process can take several months.

These varieties will be ready to use for displays or crafts when you can hear the seeds rattle inside. Historically, fully dried gourds of this type have been used for art or as musical instruments, utensils and

containers.

Compost your gourds when they begin to show signs of deterioration or when you are done with them. You may find a surprise in your compost pile next spring. Gourds love the warm, nutrient-rich environment of the compost.

[Andrea Knepper is a UVM Extension Master Gardener from Bolton.]

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

by Katherine Sims, State Representative, Orleans-Caledonia

Voting on Amendments to the State Constitution

This year, in addition to electing candidates, voters will vote on two amendments to the Vermont state constitution: Proposal 2 (“Prop 2”) and Proposal 5, the Reproductive Liberty Amendment (RLA). With ballots arriving in folks’ mailboxes, I want to provide background on the amendments, address questions about the language and illustrate how these amendments move our state closer to liberty for all.

What is Prop 2? Vermont is the only state that has a constitutional provision permitting involuntary servitude to pay a debt, damage, fine, or cost. Prop 2 would add language to the Vermont Constitution that says, “slavery and indentured servitude in any form are prohibited” and repeal language stating that persons could be held as servants, slaves, or apprentices with the person’s consent or “for the payments of debts, damages, fines, costs, or the like.” This language from the eighteenth-century no longer makes sense in the context of our state’s commitment to the fair and equal treatment of ALL Vermonters.

What is Prop 5 or the Reproductive Liberty Amendment? The

Reproductive Liberty Amendment (RLA) would add new language to the state’s constitution through a new article, Article 22, enshrining reproductive liberties in our state’s constitution.

Legislators have debated the RLA for four years. The final language has been extensively vetted by legal and medical experts. Its wording, though awkward, was developed to align with previous U.S. Supreme Court decisions and follow what is referred to as the “plain meaning rule.” It is intentionally inclusive—the amendment would protect every person’s right to make their own reproductive decisions. That includes whether and when to become pregnant, use temporary or permanent birth control, choose or refuse sterilization, or seek abortion care.

What would change related to health care with passage of Prop 5? The RLA does not expand or change the way reproductive health care is delivered in Vermont today. Though reproductive health care is currently unrestricted by state law, health care practitioners follow strict standards of ethical medical practice and help patients make decisions about reproductive

health care based on their health status, personal situations, and core values.

Currently more than 92% of abortions in Vermont occur during the first 12 weeks of pregnancy. A pregnancy termination beyond 21 weeks, six days only occurs in a hospital after a complete medical and ethical review of very specific circumstances, including severe fetal anomaly, a fetal condition incompatible with life, or a dangerous, possibly life-threatening maternal health issue. Abortions at that stage in pregnancy are never performed as elective procedures.

Why does Prop 5 refer to a “state interest” if it is meant to reduce the chance of future government restrictions? The RLA uses the language: “a compelling state interest achieved by the least restrictive means.” This language is known in the legal world as “the strict scrutiny test.” It offers the strongest constitutional protection possible against efforts to restrict our rights. The strict scrutiny test requires the government to prove that: 1. the interest served by the law is “compelling” or important enough to justify infringing on a fundamental right, and 2. that any

infringement on rights is done in the least restrictive way possible.

This is the standard already applied to the most serious cases in which the government infringes on our core liberties, like restricting the right to free speech or explicitly discriminating based on race. Without the language of strict scrutiny, a judge or court could limit someone’s right to personal reproductive autonomy based on their own personal beliefs or preferences.

What happens if Prop 5 fails to pass? If Prop 5 is not approved, Vermonters’ reproductive freedoms will continue to depend on the politicians in office at any given time. A future legislature could repeal the Freedom of Choice Act or otherwise restrict access to reproductive health care and abortion in our state.

The RLA would ensure that restrictions on abortions continue to be made by medical professionals, hospitals and the Board of Medical Practice. Not legislators or judges. Voter approval of the RLA assures Vermonters long-term access to reproductive health care and reproductive liberty as a fundamental human right.

YANKEE NOTEBOOK

We Possess an Unbelievably Beautiful Homeland

by Willem Lange

EAST MONTPELIER – During what's turning out to be a relatively long life so far, and in spite of generally straightened financial circumstances, I've had the opportunity to travel in some of our country's most beautiful places. The first that comes to mind is the Wind River Range of Wyoming, where a friend and I, the late Paul Kelley, packed in several miles to a pair of glacial lakes, set up our tiny tent, and next day made a magnificent, but abortive attempt on the highest mountain in the range, Gannett Peak. The Adirondacks, green, moist, and rugged, still hold my heart (and eventual grave plot). And Mount Katahdin, whose fabulous Knife Edge I'll never even reach again, let alone hike, often floats across the screen of my imagination.

There was the arid limestone, mesquite, and prickly pear Permian Basin of Texas; the Big Sur, far below our light plane, as we sought majestic soaring condors nesting near the tiny national park called Pinnacles; the plains of Kansas, so utterly flat that, on a ten-mile jog, I could see the turnaround point five miles away; the Great Smokies, with their long-abandoned settlers' cabins and still-active wild hog wallows far off the trails; the almost other-worldly coast of Maine and its spruce-crowned islands in the fog.

We possess – almost all of us through no virtue or efforts of our own – an unbelievably beautiful homeland.

From the Everglades to the Olympics, and from the Sonoran desert to Eastport, we're more variously blessed, I'd say, than any other nation on earth. And yet we often treat our blessings the way a child treats a toy of which it has temporarily grown tired.

All this treasure that's been given us is protected (where it has been) by a compact forged from a coalition between our better selves and our Constitution. We've written and enacted our laws during our rational and conscientious moments to protect ourselves from our occasional irrationality. Our problem, increasingly, is that we often assume our republican system, like the carelessly discarded toy, is unbreakable. It's not. As the Gospel of Matthew warns, "Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees."

For some decades now I've felt that the seeds of our self-destruction have been baked into our DNA. The current national news makes that feeling seem eerily prescient. If ever there was a dramatization of the old trope, "rearranging the deck chairs on the Titanic," this is it. The watchers on our towers have seen

it coming, and blown their trumpets as best they've been able. While ever-larger fires turn our wild lands to ash and blacken the sky, biblical droughts dry up our rivers and reservoirs, and violent floods scour the valleys where our most defenseless brothers and sisters live, thousands of our fellow citizens, in a seemingly suicidal frenzy, are actively planning to rupture the fragile compact that protects the things we hold most dear.

Ronald Reagan planted the seed some years ago by remarking memorably, "Government can't solve your problems; government is the problem." The idea lay more or less dormant, though hardly forgotten, until just a few years ago a real estate magnate identified by his New York City peers as a con man and a grifter brought it to life by opening, as skillfully as a medieval leech ever opened a vein, the deep-seated fears and frustrations of the reflexively anti-establishment and anti-intellectual among us. They were captivated and energized by the constantly repeated claim by the losing candidate that the election was stolen. His evidence: that if it hadn't been, he'd have won. It took very little to move a mob of them actually to attack the national Capitol in a bizarre attempt to prevent the certification of the winner of the last presidential election.

A recent article by David Leonhardt in The New York Times limns ominously the possibilities ahead of us: "In 11 states this year, the Republican nominee for secretary of state...qualifies as an election denier....In 15 states, the nominee for governor is a denier, and in 10 states, the attorney general nominee is."

If you feel the ground shifting beneath your feet, it's not the San Andreas Fault or the Yellowstone Caldera that's causing it. It's thousands of little hammers, wielded by little people with no more appreciation of the natural magnificence amid which they were raised than would a stone, chipping away at the foundations of the structure that protects all of us from chaos – for what? Can state legislatures literally annul the results of an election with which they disagree? Is there a plan beyond defeating their imagined foes?

As Sinclair Lewis wrote the year I was born, it most definitely can happen here. Confidence in the strength of our Constitution is misplaced; confidence in the Supreme Court has never, or for better reasons, been lower. The more our government institutions fail to reflect the popular will – the abortion decision and veiled threats against the LGBTQ folks will do – the closer we are to the sort of cataclysm that brought us nearly to our knees 160 years ago. Our votes must be as sacrosanct as our lives, or what's life here for?

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Monday, October 17

Caledonia Central Supervisory Union, Full Board of Directors' Regular Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Peacham School and remote access also available.

Tuesday, October 18

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

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

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

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

Wednesday, October 19

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

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LETTERS FROM READERS

She is One of the Hardest-working Members

To the editor:

I am writing in support of Katherine Sims' reelection to the Vermont House of Representatives for Orleans District and I encourage you to vote for her in this upcoming election.

I have served in the Vermont House with Katherine for the past two terms. Katherine and I have had occasion to work together on a number of issues that have benefited the citizens of Vermont.

Katherine is a pleasure to work with, she has a great understanding of the issues and always

comes down on the side of our most needy Vermonters. We collaborated on school funding, when I was focused on our committee bills I went to Katherine to consult on a bill for education funding. She and I sat and she was a wealth of information on the pupil weighting study and we both supported the bill that passed to bring more funding to school districts with the greatest need.

Katherine is one of the hardest working members in the building.

**Rep. Chip Troiano,
Caledonia 2
Stannard**

We're better off with Rep. Sims

To the editor:

Dinner, diapers, laundry, dishes, baths, bedtime stories, and songs. Each evening our home bursts with activity as my husband and I orchestrate, wrangle, and negotiate with our sons. Some evenings, after both are asleep, we stay up and talk about what we want for our future. Lately, we've had a lot of questions. Housing, climate change, education, employment... we're not policy wonks, we just care about this place we've chosen to raise our family.

The challenges facing our community are numerous and complex. We need a leader that chooses the discipline of hope over the ease of cynicism, someone who

knows and fully represents the heart and will of this community. These are the qualities Rep. Sims has brought to Montpelier. Katherine is a hard worker and smart. She's also right on the issues and committed to the process of representing us. That means listening and practicing accountability.

This November I'll be voting for Rep. Sims because Katherine fervently wants what I do: a future where everyone has an opportunity to thrive. This isn't just a nice idea, it's good policy – our success and well-being as individuals have always been connected to the success and well-being of others.

**Natashea Winters
Greensboro**

She Deserves the Support of the Community

To the editor:

I am voting for Katherine Sims for State Representative and I urge you to do the same. Katherine deserves the support of the community in her effort to serve the people of Albany, Barton, Craftsbury, Glover, Greensboro, Sheffield and Wheelock after her many years of service to the community.

Katherine is tenacious and an undeniably hard worker. During the 2019 Legislative Session, I worked as a committee assistant for the House Committee on Energy and Technology. During this time, I had the privilege to work with Katherine as she organized Northeast Kingdom Day at the State House. Her level of organization was unmatched. Katherine was able to rally community members from across the NEK to come into House Energy and Technology to talk about their experiences with broadband in

rural areas. Her planning was strategic and allowed for each committee member to be directly addressed through the narrative those testifying brought before the group.

Katherine has a proven record of listening to the constituents of the NEK and then acting accordingly to bring resources and solutions that will directly support individuals. She knows how to hear a person's concerns and then transform that into action. That is the kind of person I want representing me in Montpelier.

I urge folks to vote for Katherine because I know that she will always fight for her community. Once she's in the State House, representing our beautiful region, I have faith in the knowledge that Katherine will uphold the values of our community and work to make Vermont a better place.

**Sarah Tewksbury
Craftsbury**

Thank You, Chip Troiano

To the editor:

Thank you, Chip Troiano, for stepping up yet again to represent all of us in Montpelier. More than ever before in these challenging times we need your voice in the mix as Vermont navigates to a better future.

Year after year, Chip has used his stellar listening skills and an experienced understanding of community needs to bring about steady, positive change. Chip understands the

wide view on everything from childcare and education and on through jobs, housing and infrastructure issues.

We're certain we don't need to tell anyone how rare this is.

Whether you vote early or on Tuesday, November 8, vote for Chip as Representative for Hardwick, Walden and Stannard!

If only all of life's decisions were this easy!

**Robin and Ken Leslie
Hardwick**

A Tireless Advocate for Vermonters

To the editor:

Rep. Chip Troiano is a tireless advocate for Vermonters of all walks. Whether it's housing, veterans, childcare, the environment, small businesses and more, Chip is well informed and well spoken. He is respected at the Statehouse as well as in the communities he represents, Hardwick, Stannard and Walden.

Chip is very approachable and eager to hear your thoughts and concerns. If your issues are something other than what can be addressed through the state legislature, he is well connected to

people, offices and organizations in Vermont that cover a broad range of help, guidance or assistance.

Chip makes himself available to his constituents by attending the farmers market in Hardwick on Friday afternoons, at the pocket park beside Positive Pie on Saturday mornings (weather permitting), or at Front Seat Coffee if the weather is more indoorsy. You can also contact him by emailing ctroiano@leg.state.vt.us.

Chip has my vote. I hope he has yours!

**Robyn Cook-Hubner
Walden**



Library Director Jeudevine Memorial Library (Hardwick, Vermont)

The Jeudevine Memorial Library in Hardwick, Vermont, is seeking a library director. Under the direction of the library board of trustees the library director is responsible for strategic leadership to develop and nurture the library as a vibrant community center. The library director must have a deep commitment to community engagement and to collaboratively provide programs, services and collections that meet the needs of all members of the community.

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Interested candidates should submit a resume and three professional references to: Director Search Committee, Jeudevine Memorial Library, 93 North Main St., PO Box 536, Hardwick, VT 05843 or email to jeudevinelibrary@hardwickvt.gov

This position will remain open until filled. Initial review of applications will begin at 5 p.m., on Monday, Oct. 24. For additional information as to the position requirements, please refer to the Library Director Job Description at www.jeudevinememoriallibrary.org

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photo by Netdahe Stoddard
Hazen Union's Gabriel Aubuchon raced at the Northern Vermont Athletic Conference meet in St. Johnsbury. The Wildcat junior had a personal best time of 30:01 on the hilly 5k course.



photo by Mike Levangie
Craftsbury Academy's Matt Califano (left) and his twin brother Alex Califano (right) climb a steep hill on St. Johnsbury Academy's 5k cross country course. They placed ninth and eleventh, respectively, in the field of 95 varsity boys.

Local Harriers Reach Mid-season Form

by Jim Flint

ST. JOHNSBURY – St. Johnsbury Academy hosted the Northern Vermont Athletic Conference Mountain Division on October 4. The league meet brought together friendly competitors on a beautiful fall day. The venue offered runners a mid-season tune-up, testing their strength on a challenging course with dips, climbs, and turns.

The SJA Hilltoppers won the boys' and girls' divisions. Craftsbury Academy edged out U-32 High School to place second among 13 varsity boys teams. U-32 and Lyndon Institute placed second and third respectively among 10 varsity girls teams.

Bennett Chance of SJA edged out McKenna Knapp, 22:07 to 22:11, to win the girls varsity race. U-32 junior Amy Felice, from Calais, placed fifth of 80 finishers. Her time was 23:06. SJA junior Ava Purdy, from Greensboro, finished 18th in 24:22. Brooklyn Maxfield, a ninth-grader from Twinfield Union High School, placed 22nd, in 25:08. Craftsbury Academy senior Rachel Bjerke, from Wolcott, placed 25th, in 25:19.

The top 12 boys varsity runners finished within a minute of each other. Andrew Thornton-Sherman (17:52) and Carson Eames (17:56) of SJA topped the 95-runner field. SJA senior Charlie Krebs, from Craftsbury, placed third in 17:59. U-32 High School senior Sargent Burns, from Calais, was fourth in 18:00.

Freshman Charlie Kehler, from Greensboro, led the Craftsbury Academy boys with a sixth-place finish. His time was 18:04. Matt Califano (18:36), Alex Califano (18:42), Alan Moody (19:54), Silas Hunt (20:04), and

Freshman Charlie Kehler, from Greensboro, led the Craftsbury Academy boys with a sixth-place finish. His time was 18:04. Matt Califano (18:36), Alex Califano (18:42), Alan Moody (19:54), Silas Hunt (20:04), and Linden Stelma-Leonard (23:01) rounded out the Charger boys.

Linden Stelma-Leonard (23:01) rounded out the Charger boys.

Twinfield Union High School senior Ethan Parrish continued his run of solid performances. He placed 14th in 19:32. Sam Sainz finished 69th for the Trojans, in 24:58. Tobias Benson (27:34) and Gabe Aubuchon (30:19) competed for the Hazen Union varsity boys.

Stig Donaghy, from Craftsbury Academy, placed 17th of 90 runners in the 1.5-mile Middle School boys race. His time was 10:38. Evelyn Molina represented Hazen Union in the Middle School girls race. She placed 49th of 63 finishers, in 15:44.

St. J Boys and U-32 Girls Compete at Iconic Invitational

BRONX, N.Y. – Van Cortlandt Park is hallowed ground. With more than 1,000 acres, the park is New York City's third largest. Established in 1888, the land is an urban oasis containing forested ridges, grassy meadows, a freshwater lake, trails, playing fields, courts, and two public golf courses.

The Manhattan College Invitational draws elite high school runners to Van Cortlandt Park each fall. The runners come from

across New York and the Northeast to race on the "old school" 2.5-mile course. This year's invitational was the 50th annual meet, featuring nearly 8,000 runners competing in 41 different races across all genders and experience levels. The meet is the largest in the country.

The St. Johnsbury Academy boys are the defending D-I champions. They are currently the top-ranked cross country team in Vermont. In the combined results of 193 teams and 1,342 boys varsity runners, the Hilltoppers placed 17th with 735 points. Among other Vermont teams, Champlain Valley Union High School (1045 points) placed 25th followed by Bellows Free Academy – St. Albans (2582 points).

Matthew Servin of CVU was the fastest Vermont finisher. He placed 14th in 12:47. Andrew Thornton-Sherman led SJA with a 48th-place finish, in 13:12. Carson Eames (108th, 13:32) and Charlie Krebs (117th, 13:35) finished in the top 10% of runners for the Hilltoppers. Krebs is a senior transfer from Craftsbury.

The CVU girls finished fifth in the team competition among 153 teams and 1,158 girls varsity runners. Alice Kredell of CVU was the top Vermont finisher. She placed 11th in 15:06. Amy Felice led the U-32 High School girls to a 20th-place team finish. Felice, from Calais, placed 107th in 16:12.

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photo by Vanessa Fournier
 Sam Russell (No. 6) of Twinfield-Cabot and Winooski's Nuru Mami (No. 6) charge the ball up the field during home action October 8. The Spartans defeated the Trojans 3-0.



photo by Vanessa Fournier
 Twinfield-Cabot's Meles Gouge (No. 5) keeps the ball from going out of bounds past Kitete Selemani (No. 25) of Winooski, while playing at home October 8. Winooski won 3-0.

Hobbled Trojans in Survival Mode

by Ken Brown

RICHFORD – The Twinfield-Cabot boys' soccer team survived a split last week with Richford and Winooski, despite being without most of their offensive weapons and depth.

Darshan Eddleman and Eli Russell supplied the offense and the defense did the rest as the Trojans eked out a gritty 2-0 road win over Richford last Wednesday. Eddleman gave Twinfield-Cabot a 1-0 advantage heading into the break and Russell provided a much-needed insurance goal midway through the second half. Neil Alexander made five stops, including a pair of crucial ones down the stretch to record the sixth shutout of the season for the Trojan defense. Oliver Pike made nine saves for Richford in the loss as they fell to 4-3 on the season. Head coach Peter Stratman was without his two leading goal scorers in junior All-stater Meles Gouge and freshman phenom Tej Stewart, as well as multiple bench players and starters due to commitments and injury. Eddleman was also lost late in the second half of this match after suffering a broken nose.

"We're kind of in a state right now and we're just trying to survive and fight through it. I never thought we'd be in a situation this season where we only had one sub to play in a match with 19 boys on the roster, but here we are. Our defense did a really nice job of scrambling to fill the holes and keep Richford's quality scoring chances down and Neil made a couple of really nice stops in key moments. We feel for Darshan suffering that injury late and we'll probably be without him for a couple of weeks or so as well. Hopefully this is just a rough patch we have to grind through, but the boys kept playing, executing well, and earned a good

road win," said Stratman.

Abdoul Lailati and Biladi Tresor scored a goal apiece to lead Winooski to a 3-0 road win over a depleted Trojan squad on Saturday. Janvier Mufaume added an assist and Ahmad Abdilah made one stop to earn the shutout as the Spartans improved to 6-2. Neil Alexander made six saves in the loss. In what was thought to be a premiere showdown between two of the top teams in Division IV just two weeks ago, turned into a one-sided affair as an injured Trojan squad never threatened a healthy Spartan defense.

"Unfortunately we knew going in that we just were not going to have the personnel to generate an attack against a high quality team like that. Overall though, the boys did a great job of executing defensively, they just ended up scoring a pair of extremely high level goals. I'm really proud of how our team played and kept their composure throughout the match and to compete that well against that team with all of our injuries was very impressive. Winooski is experienced, fast, and is a high-quality program that can probably compete in any division. The championship probably goes through them and hopefully we get another chance to match up

with them at full strength. That is way down the road however, we have another challenging week ahead of us and hopefully we can continue to execute, stay disciplined, and trend towards getting healthier as a team," said Stratman.

Twinfield-Cabot traveled to Oxbow on Tuesday, will welcome a high-powered Division II Hartford squad to town on Thursday, before ending the week with a tough road trip to BFA-Fairfax.



photo by Vanessa Fournier
 Jola Otten (No. 9) of Twinfield-Cabot advances to steal control of the ball against Winooski's Emmanuel Omar (No. 7) October 8 at Twinfield. Following the play in back is Cooper Bernatchy (No. 14). Winooski prevailed 3-0.

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Chargers Cruise on Championship Course

by Jim Flint

NORTH SCITUATE, R.I. – Craftsbury Academy's boys cross country team traveled to the Ocean State on Friday with head coach Mike Levangie. The team arrived just in time for a late afternoon shakeout run on Ponaganset High School's 5k course, followed by dinner and an early-to-bed night.

The six-hour road trip brought the Craftsbury boys to the Ponaganset Covered Bridge Classic. The Chargers competed with athletes from 21 high schools, mostly from Rhode Island. The meet gets its name from a handcrafted covered bridge that runners cross twice during the race.

Seven Chargers lined up Saturday morning for the Varsity One Race. The top-seeded group included 102 fleet-footed high school boys. The runners started in an open field. After the first half-mile, they segued to a two-mile gravel trail through woods. The athletes emerged back onto a grassy field for the final kilometer of the race.

Mile one was flat. Mile two featured a short steep hill and gradual downhill. Mile three included a grinder climb to the 2-1/2-mile mark, followed by a quick descent to the final flat section of the course.

Coach Levangie encouraged the Craftsbury boys to be patient for the first mile, putting themselves in position to move up during the last two-thirds of the race.

After winning the Varsity No. 2 race the week before at Thetford, Charlie Kehler was ready to take on the Varsity No. 1 race at Ponaganset. Coming out of the woods, the sophomore galloped with a fast group of sub-17-minute 5k racers. Kehler propelled himself forward from the back to the middle of the pack. With 200 meters left in the race, he rounded the hairpin turn and headed for the football field finish.

"Charlie is doing a good job of maturing as a racer," said Coach Levangie. "He got nipped at the line but was in full flight. He is still learning what he is capable of at his fitness level and how to extract performance when there is more in the tank."

Kehler finished 18th and set a new personal record of 16:38 for the 5k distance. His previous PR was 17:26 set on October 9, 2021, at the Peoples Academy Invitational. Alexander Califano and Matt Califano placed 44th and 45th for Craftsbury. The twins' respective times were

17:30.2 and 17:30.9; both were personal records.

Silas Hunt (18:37), Calvin Cacciamani (20:21), and Linden Stelma-Leonard (21:14) rounded out the Chargers' strong team performance. Hunt and Cacciamani, who also play soccer for Craftsbury Academy, notched personal record 5k times at Ponaganset. Stelma-Leonard had a season's best 5k time.

"Silas, Calvin, and Lenny raced above their current fitness levels," said Coach Levangie. "They are learning how to race effectively when people around you are faster."

The Ponaganset Covered Bridge Classic was a preview of the 2022 New England Cross Country Championships venue. The Charger boys have set their sights on being one of the top six Vermont teams to qualify for the New England championship meet on November 12. The meet will include the top high school boys and girls cross country teams from Vermont, New Hampshire, Connecticut, Maine, and Rhode Island.



photo by Victoria VonHessert

Charlie Kehler led the Craftsbury Academy boys to an eighth-place team finish Saturday at the Ponaganset Covered Bridge Classic. Kehler placed 18th of 102 runners in the Varsity One Race. He broke the 17-minute barrier for the first time in a 5k race, finishing the hilly course in 16:38.

Murphy Leads Wild Wildcat Comeback

by Ken Brown

WILLIAMSTOWN – A freshman saved the day for the Hazen Union boys' soccer team last week as they battled back from an early deficit to beat Paine Mountain (Williamstown-Northfield) in overtime, improving to 4-5-1 on the season.

Seville Murphy scored his first career varsity goals in the absolute biggest moments last Tuesday as the Wildcats clawed out a gutsy 3-2 overtime win at Paine Mountain. Down 2-0, Cody Trudeau pulled the visitors within a goal, with a blast from long distance in the second half. With two minutes left in regulation, Morgan Michaud fed Seville for the improbable equalizer, sending the

match into overtime.

"We were fortunate to have another fully benched game and the guys came in with a good deal of enthusiasm and ambition. We did a good job of possessing the ball and dominating play for much of the match and Seville played his first full match at the varsity level and did not disappoint!," said head coach Allison Paradee.

Hazen Union road the momentum from Murphy's equalizer right into overtime as the freshman buried a feed from Jadon Baker two minutes in for the game-winner. Baker finished the day with two assists and Tyler Rivard made five stops in net. The loss dropped Paine Mountain to 1-9 on the season.

"The boys created a number

of scoring opportunities on top of Seville's equalizer and game-winner, with some good combinations from Cody, Jadon, and Sullivan Laflam. As our regular season wraps up, I'm able to think ahead to what next season may look like and while we'll have a young roster, I see a lot of potential. Some of our freshmen are becoming incredibly strong soccer players already, as well as good sportsmen, and leaders on the field," said Paradee.

Unfortunately for Paradee's squad, the week ended on a low note as they were forced to forfeit a very winnable home match against Spaulding on Saturday. Due to the excessive amount of yellow and red cards Hazen players have received this fall, the Vermont Principal's

Association (VPA) requires Hazen to have no less than two administrators on property for every match. They did not meet the requirement, resulting in the forfeit. First year Hazen athletic director Jared Cushing views this as a problem that has greatly improved over the last few matches.

"We had 25% of all yellow and red cards issued in all soccer matches through the first six games in the entire state of Vermont...it was a problem. The team has not had a single card issued since the action was taken by the VPA," said Cushing.

The Wildcats will welcome a powerhouse Stowe team to Hudson Fields on Wednesday and will end the week with a road trip to Lake Region on Friday.

SPORTS

Lady Cats Blank Winooski for Second Win

by Ken Brown

HARDWICK – After playing to a draw earlier in the season, the Hazen Union girls' soccer team played well on both sides of the ball to best Winooski at home, before falling to Division II power Missisquoi Valley to end their week.

Junior Caitlyn Davison scored a goal and added an assist to power the Lady Cats to a 3-0 home win over Winooski last Tuesday. Maverick Murphy fed Davison with a beautiful through ball with six minutes left in the first half to give the home team the advantage heading into the



photo by Vanessa Fournier
Hazen Union junior Caitlyn Davison (No. 10) traps the ball ahead of Kasandra Reynolds (No. 14) of Missisquoi during a game on Hudson Field Friday. The Thunderbirds won 3-0.

break. Alexis Christensen buried a feed from Davison five minutes into the second half to make it 2-0. Issabelle Gouin ended the scoring on the day with an assist from eighth grader Taylor Thompson. Ella Renaud made three stops on the day and the Hazen Union defense stiffened for their second shutout of the season. Ashlyn Parris made 17 saves for Winooski in the loss.

“We had a disappointing September and it was a hard fought battle with two teams trying to start off October with a positive result. We did a nice job of dominating play when the ball was on the ground, but they had a lot of success winning the 50-50 balls out of the air. The girls were resilient and positive and Caitlyn showed great composure and cool touch on her through ball from Maverick. Alexis and Isabelle both hit the post and crossbar multiple times before finding the back of the net in the second half to seal it. The girls had much to smile about with the win, celebrated with the fans who came out to support them, and then they all sprinted to the Hazen Bell to give it a loud ring to let the town know about their hard earned win,” said head coach Harry Besett.

Ava Hubbard kept Missisquoi Valley near the top of the Division II standings with a goal and an assist as they blanked Hazen at home on Friday 3-0. Hubbard gave the home team a 1-0 advantage midway through the first half, but the Lady Cat defense stiffened the rest of the way before Destinee Pigeon buried a feed from Alaigh Wilson five minutes into the second to make it 2-0. Abby Raleigh ended the scoring on the day with a pass from Hubbard as the Lady Thunderbirds improved to 8-2 on the season. Ella Renaud was solid again for Hazen, making 16 stops in the loss. Shannell Unwin made two



photo by Vanessa Fournier
Hazen eighth grader Taylor Thompson (No. 20) aims to pass the ball followed by Missisquoi's Lillianna Fournier (No. 7) during action in Hardwick October 7. Missisquoi topped Hazen 3-0.

saves for Missisquoi Valley's defense, recording their seventh shutout of the season.

“Both teams played a sloppy match in sloppy conditions, but the girls did a good job of pushing back in the first half to keep it at 1-0. Both teams shifted tactics after the break and they overloaded the far post, creating new mismatches that they capitalized on. We created some good scoring opportunities, but couldn't find the back of the net. Ella did an outstanding job in goal, making five or six crucial saves. We'll look to start a run of wins in our next match and finish strong as we prepare for the playoffs,” said Besett.

The Lady Cats hosted Rivendell Academy on Monday and will travel to Craftsbury Academy on Wednesday.

KEN BROWN'S HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP

Lady Trojans Post Second Straight Shutout

BRADFORD – The Twinfield-Cabot girls' soccer team battled to a double overtime scoreless draw with Oxbow last week to improve to 1-6-1 on the season.

Ida Astick and the Lady Trojan defense recorded their second straight shutout last Tuesday, earning a hard fought 0-0 draw on the road at Oxbow. Astick continued to play well in net for Twinfield-Cabot, making six stops on the day. MaKenna Simmons made five saves for the Lady Olympians as they improved to 1-4-3 on the season.

“All in all it was a good effort for us as it took a little bit to get into a rhythm. They were defending us aggressively, but it was a well fought match from both sides,” said head coach Seth Wilmott.

The Lady Trojans will welcome Danville to town on Wednesday as they recognize the high school careers of Ginger Klarich,

Aleacya Moshinskie, and KimLinh DeBona on Senior Day.

Wildcat Golf Season ends at Sectionals

BRANDON – The Hazen Union golf team's rain shortened season came to an end last week at Neshobe Golf Club, falling short of qualifying for next week's state tournament.

The Wildcats team total of 420 placed them twelfth last Thursday in Division II sectional qualifying. Xavier Hill led Hazen Union with a 99, followed by Tyler Rivard (101), Brendan Moodie (109), Jadon Baker (111), and Andrew Menard (112). Joseph Barwood of Hartford was the Division II medalist with a low round of 75. Stowe's Isaiah Thomas (77) and Peoples Academy's Ty Whyte (80) will join Barwood next week as state qualifiers at Orleans Country Club. Hartford, Otter Valley, Stowe, Harwood, Woodstock, and Peoples Academy will compete in the team

competition next week for the right to claim the Division II state championship.

“Our team played well at sectionals, they had some rough holes to start and then all recovered nicely. For the year we had some rain-outs so I'm glad we were able to get five players to qualify for sectionals. Xavier, Jadon, and Andrew all improved their score from last year and I'm glad Jadon got to play for us for all four years, making it to two sectionals, and earning a medalist honor in his career. Tyler and Brendan had great rounds for their first sectionals and Tyler put in extra effort this year to qualify and also earned his first medalist honors in our last home match. Xavier, Brendan, and Andrew should all be back for next year's sectionals with a chance to try to lower their scores some more. Eliot and Gavin will also be back with a chance to qualify. We want to thank Mountain View for letting us practice and host matches again this year,” said head coach Jason McArthur.

SPORTS

Chargers Drop Three out of Division

by Ken Brown

RICHFORD – The gauntlet of the highly competitive Mountain League didn't get any easier for the Craftsbury Academy (CA) boys' soccer team last week as they dropped decisions to Richford, Winooski, and a red-hot BFA-Fairfax team.

Carter Blaney netted a hat-trick to lead Richford to a 5-1 home win over the Chargers last Monday. Dalton Raymo put the home team up 1-0 midway through the first half with a rocket outside the 18 yard line. Blaney gave Richford a two goal advantage 90 seconds later and made it 3-0 with his second goal of the match, just before halftime. Blaney completed his hat-trick five minutes into the second half. CA converted a penalty kick to make it 4-1 and Carson Steinhour converted one of his own to end the scoring on the day. Oliver Pike made seven stops on the day as Richford improved to 4-3 on the season.

Emmanuel Omar found the back of the net three times and Joseph Abdallah twice to power Winooski to a 9-1 home win over CA on Wednesday. Calvin Cacciamani scored the lone goal for the Chargers and Dylan Washer made five

saves in the loss. Ahmad Abdilah made one stop for the Spartans as they improved to 6-2 on the season. The perennial division III powerhouse is enjoying its new home in Division IV with their only losses of the season coming to Rice and Vergennes.

Luca Chayer, James Benjamin, and Chris Dukeshire powered the Bullet offense on Friday, leading BFA-Fairfax to a 10-1 road win over the Chargers. Following a narrow 1-0 loss to Winooski two weeks ago, the Bullets have reeled off five straight wins to improve to 7-4, emerging as a sudden contender in Division III. The loss dropped CA to 2-7 on the season.

"Roean McClellan has been out with an injury and we were missing some players in what was a tough week facing some very good programs. Evan Lamare, Dalton Gravel, and Dylan Washer played very well in our last match, with Dalton executing some very strong slide tackles on the defensive end. We are looking forward to getting back into action this week," said head coach William Garske.

The Chargers hosted Blue Mountain on Tuesday and will welcome Danville to town on Friday for Homecoming Weekend.



photo by Vanessa Fournier
Hazen goalie Ella Renaud punts the ball against Missisquoi action October 7. The freshman made 16 saves. The Thunderbirds beat the Wildcats 3-0.

SPORTS CALENDAR

Wednesday, Oct. 12

4 p.m., Craftsbury Academy Varsity Girls Soccer vs. Hazen Union, at Craftsbury (homecoming).
4 p.m., Hazen Union Varsity Boys Soccer vs. Stowe, at Hazen Union.
4 p.m., Hazen Union Varsity Girls Soccer at Craftsbury.
4 p.m., Twinfield-Cabot Girls Varsity Soccer vs. Danville, at Twinfield (Senior Recognition Day).

4 p.m., Hazen Union Middle School Girls Soccer (seventh grade) at North Country.
4 p.m., Twinfield-Cabot Girls Varsity Soccer at Missisquoi.
4 p.m., Hazen Union Varsity Girls Soccer at Richford.
5 p.m., Hazen Union Middle School Boys Soccer (seventh grade) at North Country.

Thursday, Oct. 13

4 p.m., Craftsbury Academy Middle School Soccer vs. Twinfield, at Craftsbury.
4 p.m., Hazen Union Middle School Girls Soccer at Lamoille.
5 p.m., Hazen Union Middle School Boys Soccer at Lamoille.

Wednesday, Oct. 19

4 p.m., Craftsbury Academy Varsity Boys Soccer vs. Twinfield-Cabot, at Craftsbury.
4 p.m., Hazen Union Varsity Boys Soccer vs. Peoples, at Hazen Union.
4 p.m., Twinfield-Cabot Boys Varsity Soccer at Craftsbury Academy.

Friday, Oct. 14

4 p.m., Craftsbury Academy Varsity Boys Soccer vs. Danville, at Craftsbury. (Homecoming).
4 p.m., Hazen Union Varsity Boys Soccer at Lake Region.

Thursday, Oct. 20

4 p.m., Craftsbury Academy Middle School Soccer at Twinfield.

Friday, Oct. 21

4 p.m., Craftsbury Academy Varsity Girls Soccer vs. BFA Fairfax, at Craftsbury (Senior Dsy).

Saturday, Oct. 15

11 a.m., Craftsbury Academy Varsity Girls Soccer at Blue Mountain.
11 a.m., Twinfield-Cabot Boys Varsity Soccer at BFA Fairfax.

4 p.m., Hazen Union Varsity Girls Soccer vs. Twinfield-Cabot, at Hazen Union.

4 p.m., Twinfield-Cabot Girls Varsity Soccer at Hazen Union.

Saturday, Oct. 22

11 a.m., Craftsbury Academy Varsity Boys Soccer vs. Richford, at Craftsbury (Senior Day).
11 a.m., Hazen Union Varsity Boys Soccer at Lyndon.



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Hazen ninth grader Sullivan Laflam controls the ball ahead of Sebastian Krueger (No. 41) of Lamoille during soccer action September 30 in Hardwick. Number 25 for the Lancers is Lucian Padulo. Hazen topped Lamoille 3-0.

Tuesday, Oct. 18

4 p.m., Craftsbury Academy Varsity Girls Soccer vs. Enosburg, at Craftsbury.