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Sperry Stabilizes Hazen Union Athletics in Wake of Tragedy



file photo by Vanessa Fournier
Former Hazen Union athletic director of 17 years, John Sperry, will be overseeing and advising Hazen's athletic program in the interim after the tragic passing of Jared Cushing.

by Ken Brown

HARDWICK – Former longtime Hazen Union athletic director John Sperry has returned to his post in an advisory role, bringing stability to the athletic program after the tragic passing of Jared Cushing last week.

Cushing, a standout baseball player at Blue Mountain Union and Husson University, was hired this past summer after Sperry called it a career after sixteen-plus outstanding years of service to the school and community. Cushing was hired in late June following a youth movement of newly minted A.D.s in their early twenties around the state, including Connor Bean (Craftsbury Academy) and Gabriela Silva (Peoples Academy). Cushing described the responsibilities of his new job as “what I was meant to do” and became Sperry’s successor as the youngest A.D. in the state. Last weekend Cushing took his own life; he was just 21 years old.

Athletic events were canceled on Monday and Tuesday, but on Wednesday during the Hazen boys’ soccer team’s Senior Day, there was a familiar voice

coming from the microphone as Sperry led the crowd and both teams in a moment of silence in remembrance of Cushing before the match. Hazen Union principal Jason DiGiulio said Sperry was one of the first people in the building after news spread of the tragedy.

“When we saw him walk into school that day, it just felt like a huge weight had been lifted and that he was going to see all of us through this somehow. Our main objective is to make sure the students and the student-athletes are okay here at Hazen first and foremost. We also need to stabilize the construct of the athletic department going forward so that the kids have all of the opportunities they deserve the rest of the sports season. John has agreed to advise us and guide us until we find a long-term solution and we cannot thank him enough for what he has done for this school and community in what is a very trying time and tragic loss,” said Di Giulio.

Sperry had been consulting Cushing the last few months when called upon and thought he was growing into his new job and its responsibilities nicely. He can’t speak to what Cushing might have been going

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HED Considering Rate Increase

by Gazette Staff

HARDWICK – At its October 20 regular meeting, the Hardwick Select Board received updates on grants the town has received, discussed challenges with the new parking space lines in town, and heard about Hardwick Electric Department’s plans to ask the Vermont Public Utility Commission (PUC) to approve a rate increase.

Town Manager David Upson gave the first report of the meeting. Upson said that Hard-

wick had received a nearly \$450,000 award for the wastewater treatment plant improvement project. The total award came from a \$197,738 allocation from state ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds and \$252,082 from state capital funds. The town also received a grant agreement from the Vermont Outdoor Recreation Economic Collaborative (VOREC) and Upson is working with the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation to finalize the details. The VOREC grant is a \$200,000 award

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Civic Standard Has Community at Heart



courtesy photo
The window on the front of the Civic Standard building on Hardwick’s South Main Street lists many October events.

by Patrick Hussey
Community Journalist

HARDWICK – A dream envisioned during the depths of the COVID outbreak saw the light of day in downtown Hardwick this past summer with the arrival of the Civic Standard.

Interesting name: The Civic Standard. So what is exactly the Civic Standard? Well, in a nutshell, it’s a venture started by three women who have the interests of the community at heart. They want the Civic Standard to be whatever the community wants it to be. There is no set direction, no mandate from its founders, it will go wherever the community wants to take it.

The three partners involved in the formation of the business, Rose Friedman, Tara Reese and Erica Heilman, confess the most difficult chore they faced was agreeing upon a name for their venture. What helped is they are all civic minded and want to serve the community any

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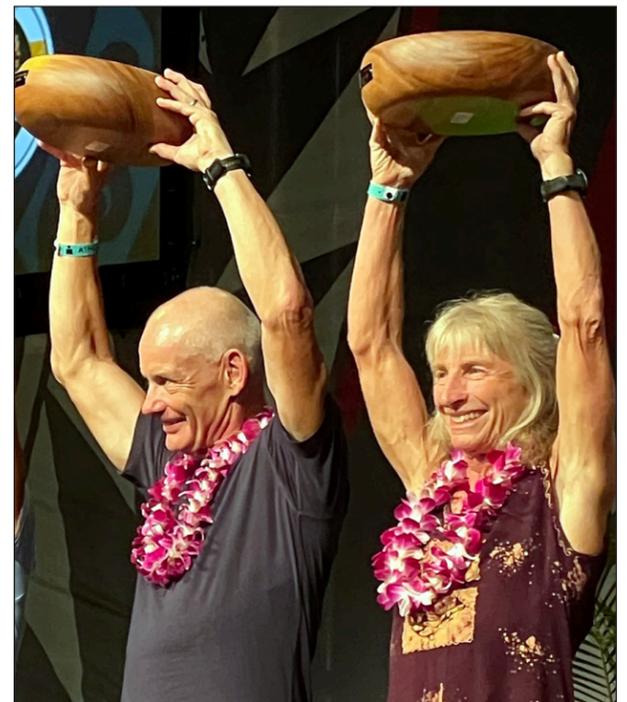


photo by Lee Gruenfeld
Donna Smyers (right) won the women’s 65-69 age group at the Ironman World Championships in Hawaii on October 6. The Adamant physical therapist completed the 140.6-mile triathlon in 12 hours, 22 minutes, and 38 seconds to set a new course record for her age group. As an Ironman age group winner, Smyers received a hand carved wooden Hawaiian bowl called a ‘umeke la’au. By tradition, the ‘umeke bowl is decorated with refined shapes and finishes that celebrate the deeds of its owner. At Smyers’ left is the men’s 65-69 age group Ironman world champion, Martin Gannon, from the United Kingdom. Smyers is in St. George, Utah this week to compete at the Ironman 70.3 World Championships. Before leaving Vermont, she shared a recap of her Ironman experience in Hawaii with Hardwick Gazette sports writer Jim Flint. Flint assisted Smyers in editing the first-person narrative which is included in this week’s issue. See page 22.

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way they can.

The second winter of COVID was basically a starting point for the venture. It was during that winter that Heilman did a podcast story on Friedman's free soup venture. Tara Reese and Friedman had developed a strong friendship by then and Heilman had done podcasts on both women, including her Peabody award winning podcast, "Finn and the Bell."

Friedman has a long history of community involvement as director of Modern Times Theater. In that winter of 2021, she and a few other volunteers started cooking free meals for the community. The group, with local donations of food and money, helped provide 50 to 100 free meals per week on Wednesdays, cooking them at a church in Greensboro and handing them out free to people from the Grange in East Hardwick.

Reese was involved in Friedman's effort. While cooking, the two had long conversations in the kitchen about what they could continue to do to serve the community. They shared a passion for community involvement along with Heilman.

In the intervening months that passed, Reese inquired about running a community project from the South Walden Church, but COVID got in the way. Friedman was also looking for a better space because the Grange in East Hardwick had limited parking and closes in the winter. Heilman supported them both, using her medium to help any way she could.

Their dreams and ideas, discussed over and over again, brought them to many places over the ensuing months. "We thought about how could we possibly have a space that we could sustain throughout the year," said Friedman. "We thought about how many shows would we have to do a week to pay the bills, you know, that kind of puzzle. But then Tara started talking about it being bigger than just an event venue."

"After, Tara and I started talking about it in a much bigger way, you know, food, shows, and just a place that people could come into," continued Friedman.

After missing out on the Brochu Citgo building, the three approached Ray Small about renting the Gazette offices after it closed. The ladies had several conversations with Small about the building and each one ended with a better outcome.

They first talked about leasing the building, but their limited budget couldn't afford it. Small wanted to sell the building to them, but again, not enough funds. Finally the group offered to cover the building's expenses to at least relieve Small of that burden.

They got together again later on and the group decided they would like

a two year lease on the building. More talks ensued, and eventually Small offered the group the building at no cost. "I think we annoyed Ray into just giving us the building" laughed Friedman.

The group is now in the process of setting up non-profit status. Until they finish that undertaking, they will lease the building. Once they establish the non-profit, Small will hand them over the building and take the tax deduction as payment.

Friedman couldn't stress enough how lucky they feel to land a downtown commercial location. They love the fact they are centered in the middle of town and are located between both the elementary and high school. They will oversee the venture from the Gazette office, but if needed, they will run their activities at various other locations.

The Civic Standard is in the business of building a united community. Their first project saw them handing out free cupcakes to elementary and high school students on the first day of school. They have also been invited to co-facilitate a class at Hazen Union with faculty member Reeve Basom entitled "The Recipe for Human Connection."

October was filled with events. Every Thursday during the month they held Halloween costume exchanges. They had Hardwick Town Manager Opie Upson in for informal discussions with the community, they hosted a stationary social where people were invited to write letters and had a paper mache day to help with Halloween costumes. These were all events suggested by members of the community.

November activities are also filling up fast: Turkey Bingo, knitting events and more afternoons hosting Upson at the Civic Standard.

"We like the openness of listening to other people's ideas," said Friedman about the venture's direction. "I don't think we would have come up with that letter writing thing if someone hadn't come in and asked us to do it. We really want to be open to the ideas that we can't imagine."

"It's nice to not only respond to people's needs," added Reese. "It's also nice to invite people into the process. And we are not chasing down volunteers, we feel like people are showing themselves in, which is very exciting."

Friedman said the venture "is a dream come true."

"I was just thinking the other day that this is what I was meant to be doing," added Reese. "I mean, I think I was just sweeping the steps or something, and I was just thinking to myself, this is just so great."

This group seems committed to bringing community involvement to a whole new level and are hopeful the participation of its residents will get them there.



October 26 - November 1

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POLICE REPORT

Hardwick Police Media Log Summary

October 17: Motor Vehicle Complaint, Rte. 15/Rte. 14; Welfare Check, Putnam Ave.; VIN Verification, High St.; Fingerprints, High St.; Animal Problem, Center Rd.; Traffic Stop, Vt. Rte. 14; Accident – LSA, N. Main St.; Traffic Stop, Wolcott St.; Suspicious Event, Benway Dr.

October 18: Motor Vehicle Complaint, Mill St.; Directed Patrol, S. Main St.; Traffic Hazard, Vt. Rte. 16; Fingerprints, High St.; Traffic Stop, Cottage St.; Traffic Stop, Mill St.; Traffic Stop, Vt. Rte. 14; Suspicious Event, Woodbury St.; Suspicious Event, Riverside Ter.

October 19: Suspicious Event, Riverside Ter. Directed Patrol, S. Main St.; Suspicious Event, Vt. Rte. 15 E; Motor Vehicle Complaint, Hardwick Lake Access; Suspicious Event, Industrial Park Rd.; Medical, Evergreen Manor Dr.; Juvenile Problem, Spruce Dr.; Suspicious Event, Maple St.; Alarm, Town Farm Rd.; Assist – Public, Hazen Union Dr.; Assist – Agency, Mini Mart Dr.

October 20: Directed Patrol, S. Main St.; Traffic Stop, Center Rd./Porter Brook Rd.; Traffic Stop, Mill St./S. Main St.; Traffic

Stop, Wolcott St.

October 21: Directed Patrol, S. Main St.; Accident – Property Damage Only, School St./Main St.; Motor Vehicle Complaint, Vt. Rte. 15; Assist – Agency, Waterbury; Traffic Stop, Vt. Rte. 14; Medical, Mill St.; Traffic Stop, Vt. Rte. 15; Fingerprints, High St.; Traffic Stop, Mackville Rd.; Traffic Stop, Vt. Rte. 15; Traffic Stop, Vt. Rte. 14.

October 22: Suspicious Event, Rte. 15/Quick Lane; Traffic Stop, S. Main St.; Parking Problem, N. Main St.; Motor Vehicle Complaint, Vt. Rte. 16; Traffic Stop, Vt. Rte. 14; Traffic Stop, S. Main St.; Traffic Stop, Vt. Rte. 14 S; Suspicious Event, Vt. Rte. 14 S; Traffic Stop, Vt. Rte. 14; Traffic Stop, Vt. Rte. 15; Traffic Stop, Vt. Rte. 15.

October 23: Assist – Other, Wolcott St.; Assist – Other, Wolcott St.; Lost Property, Rte. 15; Juvenile Problem, S. Main St.; Motor Vehicle Complaint, Main St.; Traffic Stop, Center Rd.; Traffic Stop, Vt. Rte. 14; Traffic Stop, Vt. Rte. 14/Benway Dr.; Assist – Agency, Orton Rd., Walden.

October 24: Traffic Stop, Vt. Rte. 15; Directed Patrol, S. Main St.

Hardwick Police Stolen Catalytic Converters Three-Vehicle Crash

On September 27 at approximately 0300, 15 catalytic converters were cut off numerous vehicles and stolen from Lamoille Valley Ford in Hardwick. One catalytic converter was cut off a bus from Dona's Car Store as well. This case is still under investigation.

On October 10 at approximately 1725, Hardwick Police were dispatched to a three-vehicle crash on Rte. 15 at the intersection of Bunker Hill Road. Major damage was caused to all three vehicles which caused Rte. 15 to be partially shut down while emergency crews worked to get two of the vehicles off the roadway.

The cause of the crash was determined to be as follows: traffic had stopped eastbound on Rte. 15 by vehicles wishing to turn left onto Bunker Hill Rd. The first vehicle did not slow down enough to avoid colliding with the second vehicle which in turn collided into the third vehicle. Two people were transported to the hospital.

No major injuries were reported.

On October 14 at approximately 1850 hours, Adam Rawson, of Hardwick was driving his 2020 Ford Escape westward on Vt. Rte. 15 in Hardwick and struck a deer that ran into the road, doing damage to the front of the car and killing the deer.

On October 15 on Rte. 15 West in Wolcott, Police arrived on scene to find Jaqueline Gilman's vehicle had sustained minor damage to the driver's side front bumper. Gilman, of Wolcott, advised that she hit an animal the size of a dog but no animal was found at the scene.

On October 16, at approximately 1815, Hardwick Police officers were advised that Kevin Fradette was walking on Wolcott Street. Fradette had three active warrants at that time. Hardwick Police located Fradette in the passenger seat of a truck parked on the side of Walgreens. Fradette was taken into custody without incident, brought back to the Hardwick Police Department for processing and transported to Northeast Correctional Facility.

State Police Single Vehicle Crash

On October 22 at approximately 2040 hours, Troopers from the Vermont State police – St. Johnsbury Barracks responded to a single vehicle crash off the road at Ferguson Hill and Cabot Road in the town of Walden. The operator of the vehicle was identified as Anthony McCarty, of Wolcott.

McCarty displayed several signs of impairment.

McCarty was taken to Copley Hospital for minor injuries and was later processed for DUI and issued a citation to appear in Caledonia County Superior Court – Criminal Division on November 7, at 0830 hours.

Orleans County Sheriff Improper Display of Vermont Registration Plate

Donald Billow, of Craftsbury, was driving a motor vehicle on a public highway in the town of Westfield. He was pulled over for

not properly displaying his Vermont registration plate. He has a court date for November 15, at 11 a.m.

AWARE Report

HARDWICK – AWARE served 17 people from October 16 through October 23. 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.

The 24-hour hotline is 802-472-6463.

Sperry

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through outside of work, but called his new “dream job” a happy point that he looked forward to every single day.

“Losing Jared so young is just such a shame and huge loss,” said Sperry. “I thought the job itself was a real positive for him and he seemed to be looking forward to implementing some of his own ideas next season. When I heard the news, my first reaction was just to head to Hazen and ask, what can I do? I think that is just what any human being would do. I told Jason that I’m here and I’ll

help as long as needed. I have a business to run and I coach on the side, but I’ll do as much as I possibly can and then see where they are at with their search for a more permanent solution. We’ve had a lot of tragedy run through this community the past few years and you can only hope that somehow something like this brings everyone together even more. The kids in this school and this community are good kids and they didn’t ask for or deserve any of this. Going forward we still have standards to be held to in our programs and I’ll help in any way to get us back to some sort of normalcy,” said Sperry.

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Fall Festival Celebration

Wolcott Elementary students Hailey Murray (left), Ellora Godin (second from left) and Izabelle Cochran (right) pose with some of the leaf people grades K-6 made for the school's Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports Fall Festival Celebration October 21.

photo by Vanessa Fournier



Rate

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award to assist with the construction of the pedestrian bridge and the creation of a Gateway Park on the Daniels Road side of the bridge. Upson also reported that some water meters have not been working. Notices have been sent to approximately 20 residences and businesses to schedule meter inspections. Upson asks anyone who gets a notice to contact the town manager's office to schedule an inspection as soon as possible. Upson noted that new parking lines have been painted in the village, but that not all motorists are respecting the new lines. He noted that violators could be ticketed and suggests that anyone who may be confused about where and where not to park should contact him or "one of our friendly police officers."

Next, Tom Fadden gave the road foreman report. Fadden mentioned feedback from residents about the new parking lines. He then reported that the gravel crusher has come and gone and that the town's gravel pit is estimated to last one more year.

Truck No. 4 has returned to service, so all of the town's trucks will be ready for winter. The road crew has been busy hauling gravel and have done work on Bayley Hazen, Dimick Road, Pumpkin Lane, Porter Brook Road, Dutton Road, Atkins Lane, Bunker Hill Road, West

Hill, and the Mackville Pond area. Fadden reported that there was a water line break in the Cooper Brook Drive area and that road crew members were able to locate the issue and fix it.

Interim Police Chief Mike Henry gave the Hardwick Police Department (HPD) report. He shared that he had accepted a letter of resignation from one of the part-time officers, and that Officer Andrew Force has finished his field training and is on his own. Henry said that Force is doing a great job. Henry also indicated that (HPD) has been using restorative justice for several cases and the department's use of restorative justice exceeds the guidelines on the topic from the state's attorney. HPD has been seeing a significant increase in scams. One of the scams uses the HPD phone number, with the scammer claiming to have a warrant for a person's arrest. Board vice chair Ceilidh Galloway-Kane asked if there is anything that HPD can do about this. Upson said that the calls can be traced, but many originate outside of the United States. Henry urged residents to be cautious about calls or emails that may be scams.

Henry also reported that thefts of catalytic converters have increased lately. There is tracking for stolen units in state salvage yards, but thefts cannot be tracked as readily outside of Vermont. Mike encourages people to be alert for suspicious activity around cars

at night when thieves have been removing the units from underneath vehicles.

The Hardwick Electric Department (HED) report was presented by HED commissioner Vince O'Connell, who started by sharing that HED is in the process of reviewing the acquisition of advanced metering infrastructure, which would replace current meters. O'Connell noted that HED has not had a rate increase in 13 years, even though labor costs, power supply costs, and equipment costs have all increased. The HED board is currently reviewing a rate increase, collecting the data that would be submitted to the PUC in support of a rate increase request.

Board vice chair Galloway-Kane asked if there was a sense of how much the rates were going to increase. O'Connell said that he is unsure. He noted that Stowe and Enosburg requested increases of about 13% and 11%, respectively.

O'Connell also mentioned that the H-11 solar project and Wolcott Hydro are both generating quite a bit of power, but water levels are down, so hydro is not generating as much as they would like to see. HED has entered a wind power contract with an entity in New York state, which could yield more than \$1 million in saving for HED over five years. Next, Heather Carrington of Carrington Community Devel-

opment Services (CCDS) gave an update on progress to getting Hardwick's Downtown Designation. Carrington presented draft by-laws for the formation of a Downtown Commission, as well as the resolution for the formal application and a map of the proposed Downtown zone. The board voted to approve the proposed boundaries and then approved the Hardwick Downtown Partnership Bylaws, as well as the Municipal Resolution to Apply for Downtown Designation. The board also voted to apply for a bylaw modernization grant for the Hardwick Planning Commission (HPC) and authorized the town manager to sign any necessary documents. The HPC would like to apply for a grant to take a broader look at the zoning bylaws. The grant would enable the commission to hire a consultant to work with the zoning administrator and the planning commission to review the bylaws to enable the development of additional housing in the town's walkable areas.

The board tabled the consideration of a member of the Cannabis Control Commission, opting to wait until more candidates come forward. Interested parties should email or write to the town manager. The town business manager provided an update on revenues and expenses for the first quarter of Fiscal Year 2023. The presentation showed that the town is on track with the budget as of this time.

OUR COMMUNITIES



photo by Vanessa Fournier

Wolcott Elementary paraprofessional Ashley Nunery (left) cheers on Hunter Whipple as he goes through the obstacle course during the school's Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports Fall Festival Celebration. There were six different events for the 110 K-6 students to enjoy.

Poetry and Pie on Oct. 30

On Sunday, Oct. 30, at 4 p.m., Poetry and Pie will be presented at the Albany Town Hall. All are invited to bring a poem or two to share (can be yours or another's), or you can simply come to listen. Poetry followed by a pie potluck. The event is free and all ages welcome.

Haunted Carnival on Oct. 31

HARDWICK – The Haunted Carnival will be visiting the Jeudevine Library on Halloween, Monday, Oct. 31. There will be games and treats outside the library for all who come by starting at 5 p.m. For information call the library at 472-5948.

Vaccination Clinic on Nov. 4

CRAFTSBURY – The Crafts-bury Public Library is hosting a walk-in COVID-19 and Flu vaccination clinic on Friday, Nov. 4, from noon to 4 p.m. People in need of their updated bivalent (Omicron specific) booster, or who are getting their first shot can drop in, no appointment needed. This shot is available for anyone aged 5 and older. The flu vaccination is also available for anyone under the age of 65. People can come for one or both shots. The library also has free COVID-19 test kits available in the foyer now. Questions? Contact Susan director@craftsburypubliclibrary.org or (802) 586-9683.

Free Advance Directives Workshop on Nov. 5

ALBANY – On Saturday, Nov. 5, at 3 p.m., there will be an advanced directives workshop to learn about the differences in end-of-life care documents to include DNR (Do Not Resuscitate), COLST (Clinician Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment), and Advanced Directive. The documents will be available to help with the process. The workshop is free and all are welcome, at the Albany Public Library, 830 Main Street.

Advanced Directives Workshop on Nov. 7

HARDWICK – The Jeudevine Library will hold an advance directives workshop on Monday, Nov. 7, at 10 a.m. The workshop will help participants plan for end-of-life care and will learn how to have those end-of-life care conversations and determine the best way to document and record those end-of-life care plans. The program is presented by the Vermont Medical Reserve Corps and a representative from the Vermont Ethics Network. For more information call the library at 472-5948.

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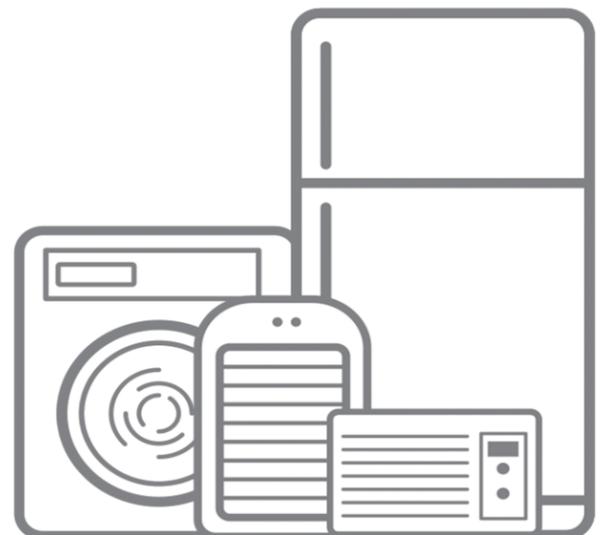
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OBITUARIES

MARION R. HOUGHTON

MORRISVILLE – Marion Ruth Houghton, 82, of Morrisville passed away peacefully, on Saturday, October 22, at Copley Hospital in Morrisville with her family at her side.

She was born October 6, 1940 in Walden, one of 12 children born to the late Albert and Elsie (Sheltra) Lanphear. She graduated from Peoples Academy in Morrisville.

On June 14, 1958, she married Harold Elwyn Houghton at St. Norbert's Catholic Church in Hardwick.

They made their home in St. Johnsbury for a short time while Harold attended barber school. In 1963, they relocated to Morrisville where they made their home and raised their children.

Marion was employed by Sweet and Burt Oil Company, for several years, and for more than 30 years, she was a bartender for the VFW, both in Morrisville. She retired in the early 2000s.

Marion was a member of the Most Holy Name of Jesus Parish; the VFW women's auxiliary and the American Legion women's auxiliary. She was an avid Red Sox Fan. Marion loved time with her family. Her great-grandchildren were her pride and joy. Other enjoyments include, dancing and watching older movies on television, such as "The Waltons" and "Little House on the Prairie."

Survivors include two daughters: Shelley Merriam and her husband, William of Morrisville and Karen Stephens of Ten Mile, Tenn.; three grandchildren: David McAllister and his wife, Kristi and Nicole McAllister, all of Morrisville, Jennifer Hartshorn and her husband, Tyler of St. Johnsbury; seven great-grandchildren: Kason Lang, Kai and Callum Hartshorn, Ella, Bayden, Brody, and Emberly McAllister; two step-great-grand-



Marion R. Houghton

children, Makayla and Morgan Krebs; as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Marion was predeceased by her husband, Harold E. Houghton on January 11, 2010; and eight siblings, Francese Cochran, Gloria Godfrey, Wayne Lanphear, Bud Lanphear, Alfred Lanphear, Dale Lanphear, Verlie Tillotson and Ruth Lamell.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m., on Thursday, Nov. 3, at Most Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Morrisville with Father Jon Schnobrich, Celebrant. Burial will follow in the Pleasant View Cemetery in Morrisville.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory may be made to the Lamoille Area Cancer Network, P.O. Box 828, Morrisville, VT 05661.

Arrangements are in the care of Dian R. Holcomb of Northern Vermont Funeral Service, 60 Elm Street, Hardwick. Online condolences are welcomed at: northernvermontfuneralservice.com

HESTER LOUISE FULLER

CRAFTSBURY – Hester Louise Fuller, 67, of Craftsbury, died on October 18. Hester leaves us after a long and fierce battle with cancer which she fought with grace and fortitude, without letting her illness diminish her enjoyment of life.

Born in Boston, Hester grew up Wenham, Hamilton and Boston, Mass. The beloved daughter of the late Joan D. and Alfred W. Fuller, Hester treasured her family and friends first: her dear brothers and sisters the late Bradbury Fuller and his wife Eileen, Jane Haynes, Tim, Sarah, Jon and Rebecca Fuller, and her nieces and nephews, Addie, Erin, Patrick, Sam and Carrie Fuller, Dylan and Travis McCoy Fuller and Jonathan Forman, her aunt Beth McGinty, uncle Tom Dignan, and beloved dog Toby and cats Charlie Buttons and Buddy. She was the eldest and leader of the Dignan cousins in her generation.

Hester was a fast friend, an unexpected chuckle and a warm presence for so many friends, family and beloved animals.

She graduated from the Winsor School, Radcliffe College, Harvard University and Columbia University School of Journalism. She then moved first to Boston, Mass., where she worked for a time at WGBH National Public Radio leading the charge on their first ever multimedia productions, and then to Vermont where she continued her broadcasting career at WDEV, culminating as program director for the station. She then switched to education, teaching broadcasting and inspiring young minds at Northern Vermont University (then Lyndon State College) and, after earning her doctorate in education at Harvard, at Colby Sawyer College in New London, N.H., finally serving as Dean of Vermont Community College. She shared her time

freely with educational and local community organizations, serving at various times on the Craftsbury Academy School Board of Directors and as the town's Justice of the Peace. She particularly loved working with the animals at the Vermont Dog and Boarding center. Aside from her formal activities, Hester raised livestock, wrote prolifically, pioneered the use of new media platforms, and gladly used her expertise to wrangle friends' and acquaintances' misbehaving computers into submission. Her many friends and family remember fondly her kindness, witticisms and keen insights, as well as her enthusiasm and considerable aptitude for the board game Trivial Pursuit.

A true Vermonter like her beloved father, Hester loved the outdoors, slopping through the rigors of mud season, cold and brilliant starlight on a winter night, the lovely soft feel of a summer evening, and all the wonder of nature so well reflected in Frost's famous poem and in her own life. While she sympathized with people's challenges, the small concerns of woodland animals moved her as much if not more than the turmoil of man's struggles (except, of course, the struggles of the Red Sox).

Her brilliant, understated, dry and spot-on humor left us shaking our heads and smiling time after time. Perhaps now Hester will take the path she did not choose and discover its unexpected twists, its wild bumps and its many wonders. Certainly, her brilliant mind and blithe spirit will be sorely missed and we will carry her love and acceptance of us all with us into the future. We wish her joy!

A Celebration of Hester's Life will be held at the Highland Lodge in Greensboro, Vermont on Saturday, November 19th at 2:00 p.m.

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OBITUARIES

ANDREW (ANDY) H. ROYER

DERBY – Andrew (Andy) H. Royer, 88, of Derby, passed away peacefully in his sleep, early on October 18, at his home in the midst of his family after a short battle with pancreatic cancer. He was born on March 22, 1934, in Irasburg, to Clement and Melvina (Poirée) Royer. On June 1, 1957, he married Bertha Piette, who predeceased him on May 23, 1993, after nearly 36 years of marriage. On December 20, 2008, he married Annette Tetreault (Voyer) who survives him.

Andy, fondly known as “Joe” in his early years, grew up at the Red Wing Dancehall, which was owned by his family. Here he developed his love of being around people and telling stories. In his early adult years, he worked on local farms before joining the United States Army and serving his country during the Korean War clean-up effort. It was during that time that he married Bertha.

Following his service, he worked a short time at the Ethan Allen Mill before purchasing a small farm in Holland, and then later acquiring a larger dairy farm in Newport Center. On these farms, he and Bertha taught their five children the value of faith and a strong work ethic. Andy developed a herd of high-scoring and high-producing Holsteins, which were admired by many in the dairy industry, and won many awards over the years.

Andy retired from farming in 1996. During his retirement, he married Annette and enjoyed nearly

14 wonderful years together, further growing his faith and circle of friends and family.

He was a member of Mater Dei Parish of Newport, a Fourth Degree member of the Knights of Columbus, Newport Elks Club # 2155, and the American Legion. He also served as select man and lister for Newport Center for many years. He developed a love for woodworking in his later years and enjoyed making bird and well houses. Watching the birds feed from the feeders brought him much joy.

Andy was a Boston Red Sox and New England Patriots fan, and an avid fan of wrestling, traveling frequently to Sherbrooke, Quebec, with friends for many years. He was fondly known as the kingpin for the McDonald’s breakfast club, where he and Annette formed many strong friendships. He was a proud and caring husband, father, brother, uncle, father-in-law, grandfather, stepdad, and devout friend. He will be missed by many.

He is survived by his wife Annette Royer of Derby, by his children: Daniel Royer and his significant other, Reene of Newport Center; Rev. Yvon Royer of Winooski; Fernand Royer and his wife Jennifer of Hardwick; Diane Hanson and her husband Dale of South Burlington; and Jacques Royer and his wife Roberta of Newport Center; as well as 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his stepchildren: Michael Tetreault and his wife Robin of



Andrew (Andy) H. Royer

Claremont, N.H.; Patrick Tetreault and his wife Holly of North Troy; Bernard Tetreault and his wife Sheila of Canaan, N.H.; and Lucille Tetreault of Newport; 17 step-grandchildren, 15 step-great-grandchildren, and two step-great-great-grandchildren. He is survived by his brother Raymond Royer and his wife Lucille of Orleans, numerous nieces and nephews and other extended family members. In addition to his parents and Bertha, he was predeceased by seven brothers, two sisters and his stepson Ronald Tetreault.

Friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m., on Thursday, Oct. 27, at the Curtis-Britch & Bouffard Funeral Home, 4670 Darling Hill Road, Derby. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m., on Friday, Oct. 28, at St. Mary’s Star of the Sea Catholic Church in Newport, where a Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated by his son Rev. Yvon Royer. Interment will follow at St. Ignatius Cemetery in Lowell. The family invites family and friends to then join them at the St. Ignatius Parish Hall in Lowell to share lunch and stories of Andy’s many adventures.

The family thanks Orleans Essex VNA and Hospice and Dr. Lagoy and his team, and many other specialists, for the dedicated care they provided to Andrew during the recent months.

Should friends desire, contributions in his memory may be made to the Mater Dei Parish, 191 Clermont Circle, Newport, VT 05855, or to Orleans Essex VNA and Hospice, Inc., 46 Lakemont Road, Newport, VT 05855. On-line condolences at curtis-britch.com. Arrangements are entrusted to the care of Curtis-Britch & Bouffard Funeral Home, and Cremation Service.

G. ANDERS “ANDY” DALES

GREENSBORO – It is with a heavy heart that we announce the passing of our father, Gardner Anders “Andy” Dales, on October 21, at the Greensboro Nursing Home. He died just 12 short days following the death of our mother, Judy Boyd Dales.

Our family is planning a Memorial Service in his honor next summer with a date, time and location to be announced.

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

OUR COMMUNITIES

Author Brown Introduces New Book Oct. 30

CRAFTSBURY – Author Nancy Marie Brown will be at the Craftsbury Public Library on Sunday, Oct. 30, at 6 p.m. She will be talking about her new book “Looking for the Hidden Folk: How Iceland’s Elves Can Save the Earth.”

Illuminated by her own encounters with Iceland’s Otherworld, in ancient lava fields, on a holy mountain, beside a glacier and an erupting volcano, crossing

the cold desert at the island’s heart on horseback, “Looking for the Hidden Folk” offers a conversation about how to look at and find value in nature. It reveals how the words we use and the stories we tell shape the world we see. It argues that our beliefs about the Earth will preserve, or destroy, it.

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As a Veteran exposed to Agent Orange while serving in Viet Nam, Chip is determined to avoid a similar disaster. He has worked for funding for free college tuition for National Guard troops and recruits, and supported the honorable interment of unclaimed remains of Veterans in our Veterans Memorial Cemetery.

I support Chip and hope you will too.”

Congressman Peter Welch

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Events

Wednesday, October 26

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 27

COMMUNITY DINNER, noon, United Church of Hardwick dining room. Take-out or eat-in. Call to reserve a meal at 802-472-6800. Leave your name and phone number and how many meals you want and if you need them delivered. Hosted by the Missions team of the church and community volunteers.

Friday, October 28

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/orah.hartt@gmail.com.

Saturday, October 29

HALLOWEEN STORYTIME, 4 p.m., Albany Public Library. Seasonal stories and songs, crafts and cider. Costumes welcome. All ages. Information: albanypubliclibraryvt.org.

Sunday, October 30

POETRY & PIE, 4 p.m., Albany Public Library. Bring a poem to share or come to listen. Poetry followed by pie potluck. All are welcome. Information: email albanypubliclibraryvt@gmail.com.

Monday, October 31

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

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HALLOWEEN STORYTIME, 10 a.m., Albany Public Library. Seasonal stories and songs, crafts and cider. Costumes welcome. All ages. Information: albanypubliclibraryvt.org.

Tuesday, November 1

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Wednesday, November 2

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Friday, November 4

SHADOWS OF THE 60s, 8 p.m., The Barre Opera House. A tribute to the Four Tops, Temptations, Supremes and others. Tickets and information: 476-8188 or barreoperahouse.org.

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. Information: 802-334-1966, maccenterforthearts.com.

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FRESH PAINT, New Work by Anne Davis, The Gallery at Central Vermont Medical Center, until December 9. 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. every day. Information or to purchase her work: anne@annemadecards.com.



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A salute to the artists of Motown will be presented on November 4, with "Shadows of the '60s" at the Barre Opera House.

Salute to Motown on Nov. 4 at BOH

BARRE – The Barre Opera House's Celebration Series continues on Friday, Nov. 4. at 8 p.m. with "Shadows of the '60s," a salute to the artists of Motown.

"Shadows of the '60s" pays tribute to Motown's super groups, including The Supremes, The Four Tops and Temptations in an interactive and stunning production. Featuring top industry musicians and singers dressed in exquisitely designed costumes and dazzling choreography, "Shadows Of the '60s" presents the music of Motown with the intensity of the original recorded performances.

The Shadows 12 singers and musicians were chosen for their musical similarities to the artists they cover and together they offer the audience the authentic feel of a live Motown concert circa 1964. The evening is capped off with a finale featuring the music of Motown's Smokey Robinson, Marvin Gaye, The Marvelettes, Junior Walker & The Allstars, Stevie Wonder,

Gladys Knight & The Pips, The Contours and more.

Founder/creator Dave Revels is an entertainer with over three decades of experience. In The mid- to late-eighties he was a member of the Hall of Fame group, the Drifters, which featured two original members, Charlie Thomas and Elsbeary Hobbs. He has toured world-wide and is currently the lead singer and record arranger/producer for internationally acclaimed a cappella group, The Persuasions. He is also an author and songwriter.

Tickets for "Shadows of the '60s" may be ordered online at barreoperahouse.org or call the Barre Opera House at (802) 476-8188. The Opera House is handicapped accessible and equipped for the hearing impaired. The Barre Opera House encourages everyone to wear a mask while attending performances. Currently, masks and proof of COVID-19 vaccination status are no longer required.



photo by Hal Gray

A witch teams up with George the Skeleton to greet trick-or-treaters during the 2020 Halloween in Greensboro. This year, Greensboro Village will celebrate Halloween with treats on village porches from 4:30 to 6 p.m., Monday, October 31. There will also be grilled cheese sandwiches at the church and the raffle of a 24-inch Trek mountain bike with the drawing at 6 p.m.

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The old fire escapes are down at the Hardwick Town House. Now the building will be sealed up for winter and work will proceed on the new enclosed egress.

Woodsmoke by Julie Atwood



"I'M ON A STRICT DIET OF EYE OF NEWT!"

BIRTHS

Aiden Alexander Wheeler

Ason, Aiden Alexander Wheeler, (Willis) Wheeler, of Hardwick, at was born to Ethan and Samantha Copley Hospital on September 24.

LETTERS FROM READERS

Chip is Authentic and Empathetic

To the editor:

I first met Chip in his role as Board member for Lamoille County Mental Health Services, the Designated Agency (DA) that serves children in the greater Hardwick area. In this setting of distinguished guests, Chip's authenticity, focused questions and empathy commanded attention.

Years later, having had the

privilege of seeing Chip in multiple venues, his compassion and genuine concern remain the drivers of his unwavering commitment.

When describing a person as king, it means he is best at doing a certain thing. Time and again, Chip has proven himself to be the greatest servant of his constituents.

Re-elect Chip Troiano.

Regina Wdowiak
East Hardwick

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THE OUTSIDE STORY

Eastern Red Bats are Migrating

by Conrad Baker

CASTILE, N.Y. – Swift and apparently silent, a lone bat traces the contours of the woods' edge at dusk, floating through canopy and meadow. In the last daylight, a sharp-eyed observer might catch a glimpse of white armpits, indicating that this is no barn bat or attic bat. This is an eastern red bat.

Eastern red bats (*Lasiurus borealis*) are mavericks. Where flocks of little brown bats huddle en masse in caves and human-made structures, eastern red bats roost in breezy treetops – and are mostly solitary. One of the few occasions that brings red bats together is migration. During their southward journey in October, two bats might suddenly find each other and engage in a brief aerial romance. The female will store the male's sperm through the winter, delaying fertilization until the following spring.

Mothers raise their pups alone. Twins are common, although litters may include up to five. The pups cling to their mother all day. She leaves them to catch flying insects in the early evening, returning frequently to allow the pups to nurse. After about a month, pups are flight-worthy. Another few weeks later, and they're weaned mosquito and moth killers themselves.

Throughout the summer, an eastern red bat consumes its weight in flying insects every night. This amounts to about 3,000 insects, including such pests as mosquitoes, spongy moths, and eastern tent caterpillar moths. Red bats are quick and agile and adeptly intercept flying prey. In common with other northeastern bats, they use echolocation, emitting extremely high-pitched "barks" normally inaudible to humans. The sound of a bat's bark reflects off nearby obstacles and flying insects, allowing the bat to

"see" through its ears.

When a promising insect echo catches the bat's ear, the bat barks faster, playing a high-stakes game of "Marco Polo" with the prey. The closer the bat becomes to potential prey, the more frequent its barks, allowing it to pinpoint the insect's movements. As the bat closes the gap, the barks become a brilliant vibrato – a "feeding buzz." The coup de grace comes when the bat either snatches the insect out of the air like a poodle receiving a frisbee, or reaches out with a wing to flick the morsel into its mouth.

Although most insects have poor odds against a bat that has locked onto them as prey, Tiger moths, including the parents of our beloved woolly bear caterpillars, have a remarkable defense. They have specialized tymbal organs, drumstick-like structures which vibrate madly when the moths detect a bat feeding buzz. The sudden noise from the tymbal organs disorients the bats just enough to give the moths a fighting chance of escape.

While many other bat species spend their winters hibernating in caves and other shelters, eastern red bats are adapted to cope with the cold. They have fully-furred tails, which they can partially wrap around themselves, like half an umbrella. Not only does this warm them, but it keeps their core dry in rain – and serves as camouflage. An eastern red bat dangling from a twig by one foot looks for all the world like a dead leaf, rattling in the wind.

But even eastern red bats have their limits. Starting in October, when days shorten and nighttime temperatures dip consistently into the low 30s, eastern red bats in the northern parts of their range head south. Surprisingly little information is available about their wintering grounds, but there seems to be a general consensus that bats from Canada and the northeastern United States head



Eastern Red Bat

south, with some of them traveling as far as Mexico.

According to journals and records from before the Industrial Revolution, swirling swarms of red bats were once common on the East Coast during the fall. Apparently, they share a similar migration route with many birds, including warblers.

Gone are the days of large-scale red bat migrations. Now, these bats are normally seen alone, or in small migrating groups. This might be due to light pollution and habitat

fragmentation spreading red bat populations out, however, rather than evidence of a steep population decline. Eastern red bats are listed as secure throughout their range in the northeastern United States, although the general decline in flying insect populations is a noteworthy change for all northeastern bats.

[Conrad Baker is an environmental educator at Letchworth State Park in the Genesee Valley in western New York. Illustration by Adelaide Murphy Tyrol.]



photo by Hal Gray

Vermont Lieutenant Governor candidate Joe Benning met October 14, at 7 a.m., in Hardwick's Village Restaurant for breakfast with some men from Greensboro. They were, (left to right) Tim Nisbet, Tim Brennan, Mike Metcalf, Karl Stein, John Schweizer, Tim Breen and Joe Benning.



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IN THE GARDEN

Planting Spring Bulbs



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Augers are sold to plant bulbs but most cordless drills are not powerful enough to work well

by Henry Homeyer

CORNISH FLAT, N.H. – As a boy I was surrounded by hundreds of spring daffodils every year. We lived in rural Connecticut, and the people we bought our house from had planted daffodils by the hundreds in our woods. The woods consisted of sugar maples, huge ones, with a sprinkling of ash trees, providing dappled sunshine. We had wide raked paths and all along the paths were daffodils in April and May. We would pick 50 or more at a time and bring them into the house and put them in vases everywhere.

So when I bought my house here in Cornish Flat in 1970, I started planting bulbs, too. Except for my years in Africa with the Peace Corps, I have probably planted some every year for over 50 years. It is now getting tough to find places to plant more, but somehow I manage. One trick I use is to put those little white plant tags pushed almost all the way into the ground (so I see less of them) each time I plant a new batch. That way I don't inadvertently dig up some while trying to find a blank palette.

The first step is to buy bulbs. My local feed-and-grain store has them, as do garden centers and most grocery stores. You can order bulbs on-line if you want things beyond the common ones. But I like to try first to buy locally.

Next, find an appropriate place to plant them. If you are planting small, early-spring bulbs like snowdrops or glory of the snow, you can plant them

in the lawn. Just poke holes in the sod for them. Their foliage dies back early. But if you plant daffodils or tulips in the lawn, you won't be able to mow the lawn until their foliage has replenished the energy in the bulbs, which for daffodils is July Fourth or thereabouts.

I like to plant a big splash of color in one place. Rather than dig small holes with a trowel or auger, I like to plant a minimum of 25 daffodils or tulips in a wide single hole. To do this, I lay out the bulbs on the ground where I want them, spacing them three inches or so apart. I like a planting of bulbs to be an oval or tear drop shape as opposed to a rectangle. That seems more natural, but do whatever pleases you.

Then I take a hand tool and draw a line around the space designated for the bulbs. I remove the bulbs, and dig out the soil. I don't dump it on the lawn – I put it in a wheelbarrow or on a tarp so I don't make a mess on the lawn. I discard any stones as I dig.

For depth, follow the directions on the package. Big bulbs like daffodils and tulips generally should be planted at least six inches deep. Little things like crocus only need to be three inches deep. If I dig down six inches, I then add some bulb booster or organic fertilizer in the hole and then loosen the soil for another two inches with my CobraHead weeder (or a three-pronged scratcher). If the soil is heavy clay or very sandy, I add a couple of inches of compost and stir that in.



courtesy photo

Lay out bulbs on the soil to determine the size of the hole you need to plant.

Next I place the bulbs in the hole in a somewhat random pattern, not straight lines. I wiggle the bulbs around so that the base of each bulb is near the bottom of the loosened and enriched soil. Finally, I shovel the soil from the wheelbarrow back into the soil, being careful not to dislodge my bulbs. If the soil is really crummy, I throw some away and mix in compost to replace it. Bulbs need good drainage.

What about hungry animals that want to eat your flowers before you can enjoy them? Squirrels and chipmunks love tulip bulbs, and have been known to watch from a distance as gardeners plant them and dig them up almost right away. Some sources claim that adding sharp crushed oyster shells on top of the soil, or near the top, will deter them. I doubt that. Oyster shells won't deter a tulip-hungry gray squirrel.

Wire mesh buried in the soil above the bulbs will deter squirrels, however. The problem is that when you cut it to size, the edges are razor sharp. When I interviewed the White House gardener at the end of the Clinton years, he reported that they kept squirrels away from their bulbs by feeding them all the corn they could eat. A well fed squirrel won't bother to dig for tulips, he said. That's not a good plan, in my view, it will attract more squirrels. I say, if you want tulips, plant them and hope for the best. Having a dog helps, too.

Deer are another problem. Deer love tulip buds and

flowers, and will often eat them just before they open. Although there are deer repellent sprays, I think the best solution there is to temporarily surround beds of tulips with wire fencing. Chicken wire comes in three-foot wide rolls that can easily be supported with thin stakes and will keep deer away from your tulips.

Lastly, if you want tulips on your table, you might consider buying them. Local greenhouses near me grow them by the thousand and sell them through my local food coop at a fair price in season. Then you can focus your bulb efforts on things that deer and squirrels won't eat.

The best bulb in deer country is the daffodil. They are mildly poisonous, so squirrels won't eat the bulbs and deer won't eat the flowers. There are over a dozen different named categories of daffodils, and a wide range of colors beyond yellow: white, orange, and even some with a green eye, or center. They will bloom early, mid-season or late in the spring. So buy plenty and enjoy a pest-free spring.



courtesy photo

Plant with the pointy end up.

IN THE GARDEN

Putting the Garden to Bed

by Deborah J. Benoit, Extension Master Gardener, University of Vermont

NORTHADAMS, Mass. – Just because the growing season is over doesn't mean work in the garden has come to an end. Almost, but not quite. There are still a number of chores that if done now will make you smile come spring.

If you haven't already done so, bring any houseplants or tender perennial plants inside that you plan to overwinter. Pull dead and dying annuals from the garden, including vegetables and any tender perennials you aren't going to overwinter indoors. Consider leaving flowers with seed heads in place until spring as food for the birds.

Weed for the last time this year. This is especially important if any of those unwelcome visitors have gone to seed. Remove the weeds, carefully disposing of the seed heads so the seeds aren't spread around the garden to create a greater weed invasion next year.

Empty pots, clean and store them, particularly terracotta or ceramic pots, which may break due to stress from freezing.

Prune any damaged or diseased plant material, but resist

the urge to prune spring and early summer flowering shrubs such as lilacs, forsythias and rhododendrons. If you do, you'll be cutting off next year's flowers.

If you don't already have a compost pile, start one. Compost is a healthy addition to garden soil and an easy way to dispose of prunings, grass clippings and end-of-season annuals.

Avoid adding weeds, especially those that have gone to seed, to your compost. See *The Dirt on Compost* (go.uvm.edu/dirt) for more information on starting a compost pile and what materials should and should not be added to it.

Leave the leaves. Clearing paths and walkways of fallen leaves, and either shredding leaves in place or raking those on the lawn are necessary chores.

Consider leaving fallen leaves in your garden beds until winter has passed. Come spring, they'll make a good addition to your compost bin. By leaving them in the garden now, you're providing a place for pollinators and other beneficial insects to survive the winter.

If you have perennial flowers, shrubs or trees you didn't get around to planting during the growing season, you can still plant



photo by Robilee Smith

In fall, damaged or diseased plant material may be pruned from shrubs with the exception of lilacs, forsythias and other spring and early summer flowering shrubs to avoid removing next year's flowers.

them as long as the ground hasn't yet frozen. Add a layer of mulch after the ground freezes.

Check young trees. If you haven't wrapped the trunks with a tree guard, it's a good idea to do so to discourage foraging critters from dining on the bark. Such nibbling can lead to girdling of the trunk, which can kill the tree. Flexible wraps that expand as the trunk grows are available at garden centers.

Cover roses and other plants that may need protection from winter's winds, but wait until their leaves have dropped. It's not always the cold that damages or kills plants. Exposure to winter's drying winds can desiccate stems and branches, severely damaging the plant.

Clean and store birdbaths and winterize water features and components that will remain outside. Drain and put away hoses,

sprinklers and drip irrigation systems. Pots, plant supports used for annuals and any decorative pieces also should be cleaned and stored for the winter now.

Finally, clean, maintain and store garden tools and equipment so they'll be ready when spring arrives and the garden begins to awaken from its long winter's nap. This is also a good time to take an inventory of what you have.

Do you need more tomato cages? Another trellis? Do your pruners need to be replaced?

And the best part about putting the garden to bed for the winter? It's the perfect opportunity to prepare for spring.

[Deborah J. Benoit is a UVM Extension Master Gardener from North Adams, Massachusetts, who is part of Vermont's Bennington County Chapter.]



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When putting the garden to bed for the winter, gardeners should pull up any dead and dying annuals, including vegetables and any tender perennials that won't be overwintered indoors.

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YANKEE NOTEBOOK

That Fuzzy Terrier Sprawled Snoozing

by Willem Lange

EAST MONTPELIER – Rain drips steadily from the eaves as the afternoon winds down to dusk. The thermometer slides slowly down into the forties. The house is warm enough, but I can feel the cold nibbling at the windowpanes. The firewood is all in the cellar; the snow tires are on the car; a small chicken thigh sits thawing for supper. It’s very quiet and serene. Except for one thing: I’m trying to type with a furry terrier sprawled snoozing across my lap. This is nearly a physical impossibility.

I don’t know what she sees in it; it isn’t much of a lap. During the summer, with all the windows open for the cross-draft, she finds a shady spot on the floor and barely raises an eyebrow at invitations to “come up here.” Now, with the dark and cold advancing – and who knows what else she senses encroaching from the woods out back? – she’s suddenly appointed herself the official groin-warmer. She may know this intuitively; but when we settle down like this, I can peek at my Dick Tracy wristwatch and watch my heart rate drop. I suspect hers does, too. People and their pets can grow marvelously attuned to each other.

One thing for sure: This place would be a lot quieter than it is without my constant companion. She arrived a few months before my wife died. While Kiki’s hardly a substitute for my companion of almost 60 years – I can’t, for example, look up from my newspaper and share my feelings about the metastasis defacing the road between Hanover and Lebanon – just the presence of another living, breathing (dare I say sentient?) mammal, usually between my feet in the kitchen, in my lap in my easy chair, and ranging through the woods all around when we walk, has been a blessing. It’s hard to imagine life here without her.

People who don’t feel a natural affinity for dogs have a lot of difficulty understanding what to them appears to be a simpering sort of relationship. I must admit that if we make transcripts of what we actually say to our dogs, we sound pretty stupid: “So who’s a good dog today. Hmm? Could it be you? Yes, of course it could! Aw, you’re just the best...” ad nauseam. It’s the tone of voice that counts. A friend of mine uses some epithets on her pets that, if her pets were her kids, would activate Child Protective Services. I do it myself now and then. But Kiki doesn’t hear the words; she picks up the affection.

Which, of course, she returns. Of all the creatures we deal with in the course of our lives, no other is as non-judgmental, forgiving, and sympathetic as our dogs. When I fall, for example (a not uncommon occurrence), Kiki is right there, muzzle in my face, to see if I’m okay. (At the same time, my wristwatch is expressing the same concern, and asking if I need help.) I reassure both of them, and then have to get the dog out from under me, where her efforts to help are actually a hindrance. But her concern is palpable, as is her relief when I start walking again.

In some ways, writing about dogs is like shooting fish in a barrel. But the stories about them stay with us. I read “Call of the Wild” and “White Fang” probably a dozen times. Albert Payson Terhune captivated me as a child with his tales of heroic collie dogs bred at his New Jersey estate, Sunnybank. And who can forget the “heroism” of Balto, the Siberian husky who was part of the team on the final leg of the 1925 relay of diphtheria vaccine to stricken Nome? His statue is a popular spot for kids in Central Park.

The relationship between me and Kiki, though we’ve by now learned each other’s moves and moods, isn’t perfect. She still sometimes chews cordy fabrics and synthetic fleece, and she makes a lot of noise when I let her out at night. She still chases the deer out of the yard – if they run. We’ll celebrate her sixth birthday this week. I doubt she’ll even notice the occasion.

I once asked my class of high school sophomores, during a section on poetry, to compose an epitaph for the gravestone of a dog. The results were fairly predictable. There were lots of garment-rending, tearful addresses to deceased pets with romantic names “Oh, Lassie, my Lassie, why do you lie so still?” But one of my favorite students (for his wit) came up with the best, which I remember still: “Had a dog named Clyde/ Who thought dogs flied./ Tried./ Died.” You may not think that deathless poetry, but it’s lasted me 54 years.

Among the commonest posts on Facebook are those expressing grief at the death of a beloved dog. It’s a terrible occasion, marking the loss of a family member and creature who gave without stinting, knew our faults and shortcomings and yet thought us the most wonderful thing in the world. As Kiki and I venture together into an uncertain future, I try to live life as she does: with enthusiasm, joy, appetite, and no thought for what problems tomorrow might bring. Worry is the thief of today. I’m awfully glad she’s here.

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LETTERS FROM READERS

Rep. Sims Supports Small Businesses

To the editor:

I'm voting for Rep. Katherine Sims because she supports small businesses. She's been advocating for our communities far longer than she's been a legislator.

The year before I opened the restaurant (Blackbird Bistro), Katherine invited me to share my experience and needs as a small business owner with legislators at NEK Day at the Statehouse, an event she organized for the NEK Collaborative. She helped create the children's center my son attended and rallied towns to join the NEK Communications Union

District to bring broadband to our community. Katherine has proven time and again that she knows how to bring people together and drive positive change for our rural economy.

The year after I opened the restaurant, COVID hit and things got really tough. Katherine voted for the COVID-19 relief funding to support small business. That funding helped us survive and today the business is thriving. Katherine's got my vote for state representative.

**Lee Kinsey
Craftsbury**

Vote to Make Your Own Decisions

To the editor:

Republicans talk a lot about freedom while at the same time trying to limit our access to reproductive health care. What is freedom if not the right to make medical decisions regarding your own body. When politicians try to implement laws that codify their religious beliefs on others it infringes on my religious freedom. I don't care if it is a fundamentalist Christian, Islamic, or Hindu religious belief: it has no part in what should be the secular decision-making of the government, or laws that I want to be governed by.

In the last two years, 20% of the laws sponsored by Rep. Vicki Strong were relating to restricting abortion or creating fetal person-hood. I want the difficult decisions relating to reproduction to stay a decision made by a woman and her doctor. I will be voting in support of Proposition 5/Article 22 amendment to the Vermont Constitution and casting my vote for Rep. Katherine Sims. Vote for the freedom to make your own decisions without religious intrusion.

**Sam Young
Greensboro**

He Understands This Corner of Vermont

To the editor:

I am writing to encourage the citizens of Hardwick, Walden and Stannard to re-elect Chip Troiano to the Vermont House of Representatives.

Chip knows and understands our corner of Vermont so well. He has lived in Stannard for decades. He spent his work life crisscrossing the Northeast Kingdom. Over the course of those many miles and many years, he witnessed the challenges that some Vermonters confront each day as they work to make ends meet. He took note of the struggle with low wage jobs, and the tragic impact of opiate addiction. He understands the daunting task of balancing employment while finding dependable day care for one's children.

Throughout his years of service as our representative, Chip has worked to improve the lives of

Vermonters and Vermont families. His goal is, and has been, to remove obstacles to success, to champion equality for all, to proactively address health care concerns: from access to opiates to womens' autonomy over their bodies, and to provide a leg-up for our neediest citizens.

I am grateful for the service Chip has given us in recent years. His work extends far beyond the four-month legislative session. He is so very approachable, and he welcomes conversation and respectful debate. I am pleased that he still harbors the passion to work on behalf of us all. Please join me in providing Chip with a resounding thank you this election season by returning him to Montpelier with his highest vote total ever.

**Brendan Buckley
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LETTERS FROM READERS

Send Him Back

To the editor:

Soon we will be voting for our representative to the state legislature, and I urge you to send Chip Troiano back to Montpelier for another term. He has made the issues affecting us and our communities his issues, including securing greater resources for child care and education and increasing access both to affordable rental housing and home ownership. As a board member of the Craftsbury Community Care Center, I know first hand of his support and advocacy for increased

funding for the care of older and disabled Vermonters, and his prompt attention to requests for help from his constituents. Chip studies the issues carefully and formulates his positions with integrity and care. He is always absolutely upfront in letting us know where he stands on the issues.

He has earned our support; please vote for Chip to remain our State Representative for Hardwick, Walden, and Stannard.

**Kathleen Hemmens
E. Hardwick**

Sims Benefits All Four Towns

To the editor:

Voters in Albany appreciate how we improve our lives by re-electing Rep. Sims who works tirelessly creating legislation after listening carefully to us. We know because she schedules regular on-line office hours, hears our needs and follows-up with care.

After hearing educators and parents describe financial inequities in Northeast Kingdom schools, Rep. Sims consulted with General Assembly peers to understand education bills. Her next step was to work hard to help passage of S.287/Act 127 that will increase pupil weighting for poverty: our schools will benefit from increased state funding. Similarly, Katherine Sims strongly promoted the forest products sector after recognizing

the need to develop our rural workforce: the Forest Future Strategic Roadmap resulted.

Voters see how Sims is an active player at the negotiating table for making legislation. Her two years of focused and relentless effort have benefited constituents in all Orleans-four towns in ways rarely seen in any district in Vermont!

Energetic, accessible, and persistent are characteristics of the leader that Albany voters need as our representative. Rep. Sims lifts up voices especially of those who have been underserved far too long here in the Northeast Kingdom. I urge you to vote for Sims on or before November 8.

**Scott Rhodewalt
Albany**

She Targeted Funding for the Rail Trail

To the editor:

Years have passed since a train whistle was heard echoing off the hills along the Lamoille Valley Railroad. Once running from St. Johnsbury to Swanton, the track bed is now a rail trail, some of it finished, some sections still to be completed.

The rail trail is used by hikers and bikers in warm months and by all manner of outdoor enthusiasts when snow covers the ground. Those who use the trail and those who benefit from the boost to local economies brought by the trail can give a nod to Sen. Jane Kitchel of Danville. As chair of the Vermont Senate Appropriations Committee, she was a key person to target funding for the completion of the rail trail.

Because of that, and her many other actions to help local communities, I'm casting my vote Nov. 8 for her re-election.

Throughout her service in the Legislature, and before that in state government, Jane has always kept people as her focus. Whether working to bring or keep jobs in Caledonia County and the Northeast Kingdom or to help towns address needed local projects, she was there.

Jane made sure Northern Vermont University, Lyndon, would remain open following its merger with other campuses. She helped

find funding for appraising hydro dams in several Connecticut River towns. She worked to see Hardwick ratepayers didn't have to pay property taxes on the Public Beach on Caspian Lake owned by the Hardwick Electric Department. Finding the money to buy the Depot Square Building in St. Johnsbury put the structure on the path to restoration. She sponsored legislation to keep the Ryegate Power Plant open, which continued power generation, property tax revenue and jobs. The Barnet village water system needed work. She found the money.

Vermont received about \$4.4 billion in federal COVID relief money. Under her leadership, the appropriations committee targeted long-term community needs for affordable housing, broadband, climate change, clean water and more.

Jane knows government must always keep the common good in mind as it taxes and spends. Good government helps to create and keep communities vibrant and vibrant communities foster good government.

I'm voting for Jane Kitchel to return to Montpelier to represent the Caledonia-Orange Senate District. I encourage other residents of the towns and villages in the district to do the same.

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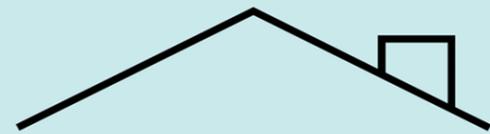
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IN THE GARDEN

Pondering the Odd Pumpkin



photo by Vern Grubinger

Farms, pumpkin patches and other venues offer a delightful array of pumpkin sizes, colors and shapes for sale during the fall season.



photo by Vern Grubinger

Pumpkins are an important crop on many diversified vegetable farms in the region.

by Dr. Vern Grubinger, Extension Vegetable and Berry Specialist, University of Vermont

BRATTLEBORO – The pumpkin is an odd vegetable. The more popular pumpkins get, the less people eat them.

Everyone wants to carve a jack-o-lantern, but few people make pumpkin pie anymore. In other words, the pumpkin was once a popular food but now it's just another pretty face.

When Europeans arrived in the New World, pumpkins and other squashes were widely cultivated by Native Americans who boiled, baked and dried them for nourishment. Pumpkins are one of the oldest domesticated food plants. Seeds many thousands of years old have been found in the highlands of Mexico.

Pumpkins come in all sizes and shapes. They're in the cucurbit plant family that includes squashes and cucumbers, but there are different species of pumpkins. Cucurbita Moschata includes pumpkins used for canning which tend to be oblong with tan skin. The jack-o-lantern and miniature pumpkins are Cucurbita Pepo. Cucurbita Maxima are the beasts of the pumpkin patch, giant pumpkins.

Henry David Thoreau wrote about growing a pumpkin weighing 123 pounds in 1857. By 1893 the record was 365 pounds, at the Chicago World's Fair. The 1,000-pound mark was reached in 1996 by a New York grower. Last year, a pumpkin in Italy weighed 2,703 pounds.

Pumpkins of any size start from a female flower. These open for a few hours in the morning, ready for insects to deliver pollen from a

male flower. Managed honeybees and native, ground-based bumble bees and squash bees are common pumpkin pollinators.

Once pollinated, pumpkins grow rapidly. They're ready for harvest when the skin is tough to puncture with a fingernail, and the seeds are ripe. Most pumpkins turn orange as they ripen, but there are varieties with blue, tan and white coloring.

The difference between pumpkins and other winter squashes is culinary rather than taxonomic.

Pumpkins are drier, coarser and strong-flavored compared to squash. They're used in pies rather than served as a baked vegetable. They typically have a harder, more jagged stem, too.

The average pumpkin meets its demise in October or November for Halloween or Thanksgiving, as a jack-o-lantern or for dessert. The tradition of carving vegetables for Halloween was brought to America by Irish and Scottish immigrants,

who previously used potatoes or turnips, but found pumpkins easier to carve. Halloween has its origins in an ancient Celtic event as well as All Saints Day, established by medieval popes.

The U.S. produces about 1.5 billion pounds of pumpkins annually. Much of that comes from Illinois for canning. In the Northeast, pumpkins are an important source of fall revenue for many diversified vegetable farms.

Pumpkins are fun, delicious and nutritious, too. Their orange color comes from beta-carotene, an antioxidant that converts to vitamin A in the body. One cup of pumpkin contains just 50 calories but has three grams of fiber and a lot of potassium. Pumpkin seeds are packed with protein, fiber, many minerals and healthy unsaturated fats.

[Dr. Vern Grubinger, who is based in the University of Vermont Extension office in Brattleboro, is the Extension vegetable and berry specialist.]



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To get a good crop, pumpkin plants require a lot of care, such as these grown by Keith Armstrong at the Armstrong Farm in Bennington.

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Craftsbury Academy's Dylan Washer (No. 14) charges the ball up the field with Isaiah Snider (No. 18) of Richford right there for the steal during play October 22. The Rockets won 5-4.



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Evan LaMare (left) of the Craftsbury Chargers and Mitchell Kane (right) of the Richford Rockets vie for control of the ball Saturday on Dustan Field. Richford got by Craftsbury 5-4.

Chargers Carry some Momentum into Post-season

by Ken Brown

BRADFORD – The Craftsbury Academy (CA) boys' soccer team earned their third victory of the season at Oxbow last week before wrapping up the regular season with hard-fought losses to Twinfield-Cabot and Richford.

Calvin Cacciamani buried

a feed from Silas Hunt in overtime to give the Chargers a 2-1 road win over Oxbow last Monday. Andrew Barret converted a penalty kick for the Olympians midway through the first half to draw first blood and the home team would protect that lead for a majority of the match. A penalty on Oxbow with a minute left in regulation gave the Chargers

new life and Cacciamani calmly converted the penalty kick to send the match into extra time, setting up the dynamic duos' game-winning heroics. Oden Schlager made eight saves for Oxbow in the loss as they finished the regular season at 2-11.

"Calvin played a beautiful feed from Silas and he won the match off an incredible shot to the side of the net on a fast break to the goal," said head coach William Garske.

Tej Stewart scored twice to lead a balanced offensive attack as Twinfield-Cabot outlasted the Chargers 5-2 on the road last Wednesday. Sam McLane, Meles Gouge, and Darshan Edleman each found the back of the net for the Trojans as they ended the regular season at 9-4. Silas Hunt continued his strong play for CA, scoring twice for the home team.

Carter Blaney netted a hat-trick to lead Richford's offense as they escaped with a 5-4 road win over the Chargers over the weekend. Dylan Washer and Calvin Cacciamani scored two goals apiece for CA, but couldn't find the equalizer down the stretch to pull the upset. Oliver Pike made seven stops in the win as Richford improved to 6-6-1.

Calvin had an incredible week with two more scores and Dylan gave our offense some nice balance with a pair of goals.

"Twinfield-Cabot is a strong program, but we managed to score a couple of goals against their defense with good play from Silas. Richford was a well fought match and we didn't have any substitutions in the second half, but still kept our offense going by scoring four goals against them. Calvin had an incredible week with two more scores and Dylan gave our offense some nice balance with a pair of goals. We have been playing really well as a team towards the end of the regular season and we are very much looking forward to the playoffs," said Garske.

The Chargers are the No. 13 seed in the Division IV playoffs and will get a rematch with Twinfield-Cabot in the first round on Wednesday on the road.



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Craftsbury Academy senior Calvin Cacciamani (No. 7) is sandwiched between Richford's Carson Steinhour (No. 10) and Coltin Kittell (No. 15) during action on Dustan Field October 22. Richford inched by Craftsbury 5-4.

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Lady Trojans Notch Hard-fought Second Win

by Ken Brown

MARSHFIELD – The Twinfield-Cabot girls' soccer team have gone through some growing pains this fall but earned a hard-fought win over Craftsbury Academy (CA) last week, before falling to Missisquoi Valley and Hazen Union to end the regular season.

Carly Mancini found the back of the net for her first game-winner of the season to lead the Lady Trojans to a 1-0 home win over CA last Monday. Ida Astick made one save to help the Twinfield-Cabot defense earn their third shutout of the season. The Lady Trojans won the shot battle 10-1, with Ella Gillespie making nine stops for the Lady Chargers in the loss.

"The girls played a solid match all the way around. They did a nice job of focusing on moving the ball and playing the style and tempo that we wanted to play," said head coach Seth Wilmott.

Destinee Pigeon and Abby Raleigh scored two goals apiece to lead Missisquoi Valley to a 5-0 home win over Wilmott's squad last Tuesday. The Lady Trojans battled the Division II powerhouse to a tight match through the first 50 minutes, but Ava Hubbard connected on a long range direct kick to give the home team a 3-0



photo by Vanessa Fournier
Twinfield Union's Aydyn Corbett (No. 11) runs the ball up Hudson Field followed closely by Caitlyn Davison (No. 10) of Hazen Union during a home game October 21. The Wildcats prevailed 3-0.

advantage and they would never look back. The Lady Thunderbird defense posted their ninth shutout

of the season, improving to 12-2. Ida Astick made seven saves in the loss for Twinfield-Cabot.

"This was a really good test for us going in and aside from the final score, the girls played some very good soccer. Unfortunately, we only had one substitution, so we were running on fumes by the end of the match. Ida was really tested in net and she came up big many times when we needed her. I was really proud of her and the girls' performance in this match against a quality program," said Wilmott.

Senior Alexis Christensen scored a goal and added an assist to lead Hazen to a 3-0 home win over the Lady Trojans last Friday. Ida Astick played another solid game, making 10 saves in the loss. Ella Renaud made nine stops for the Lady Wildcat defense as they earned their third shutout of the season.

"I thought overall we played a pretty good match. We've been struggling with numbers and injuries, so I have to bounce around the girls in different positions, but they are fulfilling their roles when called upon. I'm excited about the playoffs and I think we have the potential to catch some teams off-guard," said Wilmott.

The Lady Trojans are the fifteenth ranked team in Division IV and traveled to second seeded Proctor on Tuesday to open the first round of the playoffs.

Trojans Get Healthy for Division IV Playoff Run

by Ken Brown

CRAFTSBURY – The Twinfield-Cabot boys' soccer team snapped a two game losing streak with a win over Craftsbury Academy (CA) last week, but more importantly had a fully healthy roster for the first time in a month as they ready for a deep playoff run in the upcoming Division IV playoffs.

Freshman Tej Stewart scored two goals to lead the Trojans to a 5-2 road win over CA last Wednesday to wrap up both teams' regular season. The Trojans took a 2-0 edge into the break and would tack on with goals from Sam McLane, Darshan Eddleman, and Meles Gouge to put the match out of reach. Silas Hunt scored both goals for the Chargers as they fell to 3-11. Neil Alexander made one stop for the Trojans as they finished the regular season at 9-4. It was the first time head coach Peter Stratman had his full complement of weapons at his disposal for a match in weeks.

"It was really nice to be able to play a match with our full roster again and it took the guys a little bit to get back into sync with each other. There were moments where we moved

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the ball really well with speed, but other times we were slow and kind of sloppy. We made a few mistakes in the back, but also connected on a string of really nice passes at times and I suspect it will take some time for them to find their rhythm again," said Stratman.

Stratman led Twinfield-Cabot to their first Division IV Final Four in 21 years last fall, narrowly losing to eventual state champion Mount St. Joseph's Academy 3-2. The Trojans are 37-16-1 since he took over the program in 2019 and his talented squad has a chance to surpass the

school record (11 wins) that they set just last season. The road back to the Final Four will be through a pair of home matches in Marshfield for the Trojans, but Stratman isn't looking any farther ahead than his team's first round rematch with Craftsbury Academy this week.

"Soccer is a beautiful game where anything can happen on any given day. I've seen it happen, so we are focused primarily on preparing for Craftsbury. They have some talented young players, they play physical, and their goalkeeper did a nice job of keeping our match close. I like the side of the bracket we are on, but there are some very talented teams in our division. It is important that we build confidence and momentum one match at a time. We are excited for the opportunity to play in front of our home crowd and the atmosphere should be great," said Stratman.

The Trojans are the fourth ranked team in the division and will host CA on Wednesday in the first round of the tournament. If they advance they would host the winner of No. 5 Twin Valley vs. No. 12 Leland & Gray. That quarter-final match would take place in Marshfield on Saturday afternoon.

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photo by Matt Krebs

Alan Moody was Craftsbury Academy's third man at the NVAC Conference meet on October 22. The senior is slated to compete at the state meet in Thetford on October 29. The Chargers will seek to defend their 2021 D-III title and be one of six Vermont boys teams to qualify for the New England Championships.



photo by Matt Krebs

St. Johnsbury Academy's Ava Purdy was the third finisher for the Hilltopper girls at the NVAC Conference meet. Purdy is a junior transfer student from Greensboro. The SJA girls will compete at the state meet to be one of six high school girls teams to represent Vermont at the New England Championships.

Local Harriers Ready to Run at Saturday's State Meet

by Jim Flint

THETFORD – Suspense is building for Saturday's Vermont state cross country championships at the storied Woods Trail Course. A talented cohort of runners from towns covered by the Hardwick Gazette will be in the hunt for individual and team titles.

The action kicks off with the boys Division-III championship race at 10:30 a.m. followed by the D-I and D-II boys races at 11:00 and 11:30. The girls D-III, D-I, and D-II races follow in the same order beginning at noon. The event concludes with the Boys Challenge Race at 1:30 p.m. followed by the Girls Challenge Race at 2:15. Spectators are encouraged to arrive before 10 a.m. to secure parking.

The St. Johnsbury Academy (D-I), U-32 High School (D-II), and Craftsbury Academy (D-III) boys are favored to defend their 2021 state titles. The U-32 High School girls placed second to Harwood Union High School in 2021. The Raider girls are the favorite to win the 2022 D-II state championship.

The combined results for the three divisions will determine the top six boys and girls teams qualifying for the New England Championships on November 12. This is where the competition becomes more intense. In addition to the top six teams, the top 25 individual runners will also qualify for the New England meet.

For the boys, St. Johnsbury

Academy, Champlain Valley Union High School, and Essex are expected to occupy the top three spots. U-32 and Craftsbury will be fighting for one of the remaining three slots. For the girls, Champlain Valley, Essex, and U-32 are the top three ranked teams. The St. Johnsbury Academy girls are the seventh-ranked team in Vermont going into Saturday's meet.

In the D-I boys race, SJA senior Charlie Krebs will be shooting to finish in the top ten. Krebs, a transfer from Craftsbury Academy, placed second in last year's D-III championship race. SJA junior transfer Ava Purdy placed 14th for Craftsbury Academy in last year's D-III state championship. Purdy is currently the third-fastest runner for the Hilltopper girls. She is in the running for a top-25 finish.

The D-II division includes three U-32 runners from the town of Calais. Senior Sargent Burns runs best when the stakes are the highest. Burns played an instrumental role in U-32's victory, the first ever by a Vermont team, at last year's New England championships. Sophomore Tennessee Lamb and junior Amy Felice come from running families. Felice, who competed in last year's New England championship, is on the verge of breaking the 20-minute barrier for the 5k.

Craftsbury Academy is likely to face competition from Thetford Academy and Stowe High School in the D-III boys championship race. Though the Chargers have dealt

with injuries and illness this fall, head coach Mike Levangie expects the team to be at full strength on Saturday.

Craftsbury sophomore Charlie Kehler is the favorite to challenge Richford senior John Viens for the individual boys title. Viens placed third behind Cormac Leahy and Charlie Krebs at last year's state championship. Fortunately for Craftsbury, Leahy has returned to near-full strength after healing from a spring stress fracture. Craftsbury's "four horsemen," senior Alan Moody and juniors Matt

Califano, Alex Califano, and Silas Hunt, will be chomping at the bit as they stride out beside Leahy.

Twinfield senior Ethan Parrish is a dark horse in the D-III boys race. Parrish has shown steady improvement all season long. He set a new 5k personal record of 18:35 at the NVAC Conference Meet.

Craftsbury senior Rachel Bjerke is slated to complete four years of high school cross country at the state meet. Bjerke, junior Verna Stoddard, and sophomore Anika Leahy form the core of the Charger girls cross country squad.



photo by Matt Krebs

Craftsbury Academy's Rachel Bjerke had a season's best 5k time at the NVAC Conference meet on October 22 at St. Johnsbury Academy. Bjerke completed the hilly course in 25:13. The senior is poised to complete four years of cross country at Saturday's state meet.

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photo by Vanessa Fournier

Hazen Union's Seville Murphy stops the ball for a pass ahead of Ian Nolan of Peoples Academy October 19 on Hudson Field in Hardwick. Guarding the goal for P.A. is Chandler Follensbee. Peoples got by Hazen 1-0.



photo by Vanessa Fournier

Wildcat Lincoln Michaud (No. 16) races the ball up the field as a determined Max Kuhnle (No. 7) of Peoples Academy tries to gain possession during action in Hardwick Wednesday. The Wolves edged by the Wildcats 1-0.

Wildcats Finish Regular Season on High Note

by Ken Brown

HARDWICK – Following a pair of grueling and emotional losses to Peoples Academy and Lake Region last week, the Hazen Union boys' soccer team got their offensive rhythm going against Lyndon Institute to wrap up the regular season at 5-8-1.

Nathan Nolan converted a penalty kick midway through the second half for the only score of the match to power Peoples Academy past Hazen 1-0 on the road last Wednesday. A hand ball in the penalty box with 20 minutes left in regulation awarded the visiting team a penalty kick, in which Nolan calmly converted in the right corner. Tyler Rivard made 15 stops on the day in the loss. Chandler Follensbee and the Wolves' defense recorded their sixth shutout of the season.

Hazen Union seniors Jadon Baker, Cody Trudeau, Tyler Rivard, and Lincoln Michaud were recognized at halftime for their outstanding high school careers on the pitch. Former Hazen athletic director John Sperry led the crowd and both teams in a moment of silence before the start of the match to honor Hazen athletic director Jared Cushing, who took his own life only two days prior. An exhausted Wildcat squad would turn around on Friday for a road match against Lake Region, falling 5-1. Xavier Hill tallied the lone goal for Hazen.

"It's been a challenging season to begin with, but losing Jared last week was devastating to our team and the Hazen athletic community. The best thing about this community is how much we rally around and

lean on each other in difficult times and last week was proof of that. Peoples was a very tough match on Senior Night, but it was the best soccer my team has played all season. They played smart, possessed the ball, and worked together as a cohesive unit. Even though we lost the match, the way they played is what they are capable of and what I see at practice every day. It is proof that we can be competitive against good programs like this in the Capital League. After a physical and emotional match on Wednesday, I think the weight of losing Jared and a long week had the boys off their game a little bit against Lake Region," said head coach Allison Paradee.

Cody Trudeau busted out for a four goal performance on Saturday to power the Wildcats to a decisive 12-2 road win over Lyndon Institute. Jadon Baker also found the back of the net three times and Tyler Rivard moved out of the goal to score his first two goals of the season. Xavier Hill, Ari Jurkiewicz, and Gavin Stratton rounded out the scoring for Hazen.

"It was a fun match for the boys to play, allowing the kids to move around the field and make sure my younger kids got some more varsity experience. Our rematch with BFA-Fairfax this week will be a physical match and we'll have to work very hard against the excitement of the playoffs and their home-field advantage. We'll have to continue to possess the ball and move it up the field with smart passes, good communication, and the same intensity that I saw against Peoples Academy," said Paradee.

The Wildcats are ranked tenth in the Division III standings and will travel to No. 7 BFA-Fairfax on Wednesday to kick off the first round of the Division III tournament. Hazen Union won their season opener against the Bullets 3-2 back in September.



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Jadon Baker (No. 4) of Hazen Union and Noah Lynch (No. 15) of Peoples race for control of the ball from going out of bounds on Hudson Field October 19. Players in the back (from left): Gabriel Michaud of Hazen, Zander Waskoch of Peoples, Sullivan Laflam of Hazen and Max Kuhnle of Peoples. The Wolves won 1-0.

SPORTS

My Road to an Ironman World Championship

by Donna Smyers

ADAMANT – To get to the Ironman World Championships in Kona, Hawaii, an athlete must qualify at other Ironman-branded triathlons. Nearly all the qualifiers require winning your age group at a 140.6-mile Ironman race. An exception is one of the Half Ironman races held on the Big Island of Hawaii that offers slots to Kona. A Half Ironman is also called an Ironman 70.3.

In June, I traveled to Hawaii for the Kona Ironman 70.3 qualifier. I won the Ironman spot for my F65-69 age group. In October, I returned to Kona for my 13th Ironman World Championship.

My first world championship was in 1993; I finished in 10 hours and 41 minutes and placed third in the F35-39 age group. My best time was 10:26, when I was 48. My last time in 2012, I placed second in the F55-59 age group with a time of 11:11.

Counting 2022, I have placed first seven times, second four times, and third twice. This covered six different age groups. I missed competing in the F60-64 age group, but competed in all others from F35-39 to F65-69.

2022 was the first year with two days of racing. With the 2020 and 2021 races cancelled, people had won slots to the Kona Ironman since 2019. Instead of having the usual 2,600 qualified participants, there were 5,200 entries.

The expanded field led to all the women and one-third of the men racing on Thursday, October 6. The rest of the men, including the male pros, raced on the usual Saturday date. The two-day format gave the women much better media coverage, and for us age group competitors, it was much cleaner not having so many men crowding the bike course.

Thursday's conditions were quite different from Saturday's. Due to excellent wind conditions, the men broke the bike, marathon and overall course records. (The new carbon fiber plate shoe technology probably helped too).

The winning male ran a 2:36 marathon after finishing the 112-mile bike ride in 4:11. The new bike record of 4:04 averaged out to over 27 mph for the entire 112 miles! The women had more classic windy and hot conditions to compete in, resulting in no new records set for the pros.

Having been to Kailua-Kona many times, I've experienced different conditions but the heat is omnipresent. It is always about 85-90 degrees for the bike and for the run. Usually there is full sun. It occasionally clouds up or even rains in spots on the course to provide some relief.

Though 2022 was a full-sun year, it was the first time I finished after dark. The sun set at 6 p.m. It was dark for about the last 1:15 of my marathon.

The swim is a 2.4-mile out-and-back that parallels the shore of Kailua Harbor. There is never any surf or big waves here, but there can be swells and chop. This year was a choppy year for the swim.

My swim time of 1:21 was a minute or two



photo by Lee Gruenfeld
Donna Smyers (lower left, blue cap) of Adamant gets ready to begin the 2.4-mile swim leg at the Ironman World Championships in Hawaii on October 6. The swim leg was followed by a 112-mile bike ride and a 26.2-mile marathon. Smyers moved up from sixth place in her age group after the swim leg to first place after the bike leg. She held on during the marathon to win the F65-69 age group and set an age group course record.

slower than I had hoped for. I was pretty much where I wanted to be, exiting the swim in sixth place in my age group. (I was told my place by the people tracking me as I went out of town on the bike.)

The 112-mile bike is always long and has variable winds. The winds were not the best, but also not the worst. Trade winds have a habit of switching directions on the long Queen Ka'ahumanu Highway through the lava fields.

A section had headwinds on our way out and again on our way back, but they were not severe. My 6:16 bike ride was at the faster end of my targeted time. I ate a few Vermont UnTapped lemon maple waffles, some peanut butter pretzel nuggets, and two six-packs of Cliff Blocks, in addition to Gatorade and water. I wanted to have a Coffee Maple UnTapped packet, but couldn't get it open!

Getting off the bike and facing a marathon in 85 to 90-degree temperatures is extremely daunting, but I've learned to just take it one mile at a time. It helped that my friends and sister told me that I was winning by over a mile at that point.

I needed to run smart to hold onto the lead, because a few miles of walking can eat up the cushion very quickly. I used to try and run the whole thing, but lately have been doing more 30 to 45-second walk breaks. In my training marathon, I found that walking doesn't slow me down much and saves the legs.

Unfortunately, the fatigue and heat made my walks start getting longer and more frequent in the six to 13-mile stretch of the marathon.

After a long downhill section to the Energy Lab turnaround, the sun got lower and the heat became less intense. I needed more fuel for energy and had used up all the UnTapped products I was carrying. I started eating the Maurtens gels provided on the course even though

I did not like them. Coke, water, and salt supplemented the gels. That allowed me to run the rest of the way, only walking through aid stations every 1.5 miles.

I was running kind of scared because I thought a competitor was closing in. My 4:31 marathon leg held off the fastest marathoner in our group, Jane MacLeod from Ontario. She ran a 4:25 and placed second, 13 minutes behind me.

Jane was on my radar after winning our age group at Ironman Lake Placid this summer with a time that was close to my 2021 time there. One of my other motivators for running more consistently over the last 10 miles was that I knew the F65-69 age group record of 12:28 was in reach.

My calves were cramping the last two miles. I had it under control until the steep carpeted ramp up under the finishing arch. The steep ramp created calf cramps so uncontrollable and severe that they knocked me back a step. I had never experienced cramps like that before in my life.

It took me 12 seconds to complete the last four feet to the finish line. It was very frustrating to be so close to the finish and not be able to get across! As soon as I finished and started to walk down the ramp, the cramps subsided and I was fine. I was very happy to establish the new F65-69 Age Group course record of 12:22:38.

Although I was dehydrated at the end, I never experienced any significant gastrointestinal distress. GI distress from trying to stay fueled while competing so long in such extreme conditions has ruined countless races (mostly for other people, but occasionally for me).

I had some problems the last three times (2008, 2009, and 2012) that I competed in Hawaii and wasn't sure if I could figure it out this time. Pretzels and the Vermont UnTapped Maple products worked okay for me!



photo by Kiersten Ness
Donna Smyers runs up Palani Road during the 26.2-mile marathon leg of the Hawaii Ironman World Championship on October 6, (about 8.5 miles into the marathon)

SPORTS

Lady Cats Ride Momentum into the Postseason

by Ken Brown

RICHFORD – The Hazen Union girls' soccer team dropped a hard-fought match to Richford last week before wrapping up a stellar second half of the season with a blanking of Twinfield-Cabot for their fourth win in six matches.

Kyrielle Deuso and Ella Chagnon scored two goals apiece to power Richford to a 5-2 home win over Hazen last Tuesday. Dueso scored two first-half goals to put the home team on top 3-1 at intermission. Maddie Smith made it 4-1 early in the second half, but the Lady Cats would claw back to make it 4-2 before Chagnon tallied her second of the night to put the match out of reach. Madeline Pike tallied three assists and Aubrey Fadden made 12 saves for Richford as they improved to

“We had a slow start, but now our offense is really starting to click, scoring some beautiful team goals. As long as we keep that mindset and intensity, we’ve got a good shot to make a decent run in the playoffs.”

9-4. It was the fourth straight win for Richford to end the regular season and they will host Crafts-bury Academy in the first round of the Division IV playoffs.

Alexis Christensen celebrated her Senior Night at Hudson Fields on Friday with a goal and an assist to lead the Lady Cats to a 3-0 win over Twinfield-Cabot. Christensen buried a feed from fellow senior Maverick Murphy for the eventual game winner in the first half. Natalie Michaud and Caitlyn Davison added insurance goals for the home team. Lily Castle and Gabby Stanciu were also honored for their outstanding high school careers on the pitch. Ella Renaud made nine saves in the win to post the third shutout of the season for the Hazen Union defense. Ida Astick made 10 saves for the Lady Trojans as they finished the regular season at 2-10-1. Head coach Harry Besett's squad will roll into the postseason with a 4-0 record against division IV teams in the month of October.

“The whole season is designed as a set up for playoff success. We had a slow start, but now our offense is really starting to click, scoring some beautiful team goals. The defense has tightened up as well and we are conceding a lot less. One stand out difference in the team is a “never give up” attitude that was especially highlighted in our



photo by Vanessa Fournier
Alexis Christensen (No. 4) traps the ball during Wildcat versus Trojan action Friday on Hudson Field. Following the play (at left in back) is Maverick Murphy of Hazen Union and (at right) Alice McLane of Twinfield Union.

match against Rivendell Academy where we got behind twice and ended up coming back to win in overtime. As long as we keep that mindset and intensity, we’ve got a good shot to make a decent run in the playoffs,” said Besett.

The Lady Cats will travel to sixth seeded Arlington on Wednesday to open the first round of the Division IV tournament. The Lady Eagles ended the regular season winning nine straight matches.



photo by Vanessa Fournier
Hazen Union's Tessa Luther (No. 2) races for possession of the ball ahead of Talassa Howe of Twinfield October 21 on Hudson Field. Hazen Union won 3-0.

ANOTHER OPINION

Unfortunately, a Similar Feeling

by Ken Brown

I'm not going to lie. When I learned of the news of the passing of Jared Cushing last Monday, I was floored. I enjoyed following and interacting with him this past summer as he guided his Green Mountain Wild Babe Ruth team led by Hazen Union's Andrew Menard and Lyle Rooney to a state championship. I had just talked to Jared the week before about an article I needed his input on and in an instant, he was gone. It was unfortunately a similar feeling I experienced in the pit of my stomach when the Hazen community lost Finn Rooney and Dan Hill.

I wanted to give Andrew and Lyle a hug and tell them it was going to be okay, but that is impossible given where I live. Luckily, we have amazing people like Hazen head baseball coach

Spencer Howard and Super Sports Mom Brenda Menard in this community to carry out these acts of love in times like this.

I've dealt with a lot of loss in my life as I'm sure many of us have and as I approach the age of 50 I find myself to be much more self reflective in the face of tragedy. It makes me want to go back and tell my 17 year old self to be kinder and more compassionate. I was a chubby under-achieving athlete in high school, but just talented enough to make my varsity teams as a freshman. I was picked on by my teammates who were upperclassmen and regrettably I returned the favor when I thought I was “the man” as a junior and senior. I would do it different if I could go back, but you can't go back, so I can only share what I've learned.

Leadership in sports and life isn't always about your performance, but about how you treat people. I consider it a privilege that the

Hardwick, Crafts-bury, Twinfield, Cabot, and surrounding communities allow me to cover their student athletes, sons, and daughters every week. They don't know me and probably never will but, in a way, I feel like I get to know them and so I will offer this unsolicited advice. Try to be cognizant of the power you have to affect another persons day. Lead not only with your work ethic and performance on the field or court, but with your ability to observe, listen, and understand. Before you tear down a younger teammate that you feel doesn't belong, ask yourself first what that kid might be going through in life outside of school. That kid probably wants to be you someday and you have the power to shape how they might treat people in their lives. Life is an ongoing hard lesson and I am still learning. My thoughts and prayers go out to the Hazen and Blue Mountain communities. Rest in peace Jared Cushing.

SPORTS

Lady Chargers Hope to get Healthy for Post-season

by Ken Brown

MARSHFIELD – The Craftsbury Academy (CA) girls' soccer team hope to change their fortunes this week in the playoffs with a full roster of healthy players after struggling offensively last week in losses to Twinfield-Cabot, Enosburg, and BFA-Fairfax.

Carly Mancini netted the game-winner to lead Twinfield-Cabot to a 1-0 home win over the Lady Chargers last Monday. Ida Astick made one save to earn her third shut-out of the season. Ella Gillespie made nine saves for CA, playing well in her season debut in net. Twinfield-Cabot agreed to play the match 10 vs 10, so CA could play with a substitution.

"I thought we played as well as expected given our numbers due to injury. Sadie Skorstad came as close to the inside of the post as you can get without scoring and we hit the

post a couple more times, but just had some tough bounces. We knew we had a tough week of opponents ahead of us and injuries have a profound impact on a team of this size at this time of the season," said head coach Patrick Houle.

Gabby Spaulding scored twice as Enosburg pulled away late to escape with a 3-0 road win against the Lady Chargers on Tuesday. CA played to a 0-0 draw in the first 40 minutes with the Division II power before Spaulding broke through early in the second half for the eventual game winner. Mariah Lamoth made five stops on the day to earn the Enosburg defense their third shutout of the season. They improved to 7-6-1, winning three of their last four matches.

"We were shorthanded once again, but the girls did a great job of giving a very good soccer program a very tough match. The girls really

battled and won a majority of the 50-50 balls, played to space, and displayed some inspiring offensive moments in that first half especially. To see them create that kind of motion and movement on the field reminds me that they are learning to play the style that we aspire to play and one of the best matches they've played all season," said Houle.

Ava Ardovino continued to torch opposing defenses, scoring four more times to lead BFA-Fairfax to an 11-0 road win over CA to close out the regular season. Emma Spiller, Molly Dearborn, and Raegan Decker combined for six more scores for a Lady Bullet team that has tallied 89 goals on the season, while only giving up seven. They improved to 13-1 and will be the second seed in the Division III tournament.

"I have a lot of deep soccer ties in the community of Fairfax, I've seen that group of girls develop

into the players they are today, and we knew going in that it was going to be a big challenge against a very well coached program. As a young program, this was another opportunity for us to learn, experience, and apply that to our own program going forward. BFA is classy, skilled, and will go far in the tournament. We are happy to have some days off to recover after the gauntlet we went through the last nine days. We know our opponent well in the first round and we have had good matches against them this season. We have some advantages speed-wise we hope to exploit and hopefully we can be a healthier squad this week heading into that first round match-up," said Houle.

Craftsbury finished the regular season as the No. 13 seed and traveled to fourth seeded Richford on Tuesday to open the first round of the Division IV playoffs.

JIM FLINT'S CROSS COUNTRY WRAP-UP

St. J Boys and U-32 Girls Win NVAC Mountain Division

ST. JOHNSBURY – Local runners honed their racing strategies at the Northern Vermont Athletic Conference Mountain Division Championship on October 22. The Saturday meet included varsity, junior varsity, and middle school races for girls and boys. Runners from 18 schools participated.

St. Johnsbury Academy was in full race mode for the meet. In the boys varsity race, the host Hilltoppers captured five of the top eight spots. Montpelier High School's Avery Smart won the 5k race in 16:25. SJA's Andrew Thornton-Sherman placed second in 16:58. U-32 High School's Cyrus Hansen (17:14) finished third, followed by SJA's Carson Eames (17:20) in fourth place.

Charlie Krebs was SJA's third man. He edged out U-32's Sargent Burns, 17:41 to 17:48, to take fifth place. Charlie Kehler led Craftsbury Academy with a 12th-place finish in 18:17. Ethan Parrish (18:35) of Twinfield and Matt Califano (18:38) of Craftsbury placed 14th and 15th.

St. Johnsbury Academy ran away with the boys team title. The Hilltoppers' 26 points placed ahead



photo by Matt Krebs

Silas Hunt (No. 10) climbs a sharp hill on the St. Johnsbury cross country course. The Craftsbury Academy junior is a solid performer on the Chargers' cross country and soccer teams. His 5k time of 19:47 placed 26th of 86 runners at the NVAC Mountain Division Championships on October 22.

of Montpelier High School (65), U-32 High School (96), Harwood Union High (117) and Craftsbury (128).

The girls team competition was a closer contest. U-32 won the team title with 42 points followed by St. Johnsbury (53), Harwood (56), Lyndon Institute (105), and Stowe High School (117).

Charlie Flint (21:21) and Julia Thurston (21:26) of Harwood placed first and second. Stowe's Lydia Mattson (21:44) and SJA's

Bennett Crance (21:53) were third and fourth. U-32's Ginger Long (21:58) and Amy Felice (21:58) captured fifth and sixth place.

Ava Purdy (22:32) finished 11th for St. Johnsbury Academy. Anika Leahy (24:27) and Rachel Bjerke (25:13) led the Craftsbury Academy girls. Camryn Hoffman (24:26) and Gigi Guerin (28:56) were Twinfield's top two finishers.

Tobias Benson and Finn Burgess represented Hazen

Union at the Mountain Division Championships. Benson notched a personal best 5k time of 26:45 in the boys varsity race. Burgess's time of 32:53 was a personal best in the girls varsity race.

Stig Donaghy represented Craftsbury Academy in the 1.5-mile boys middle school race. His time of 10:27 placed 25th of 89 runners. Manny Fliegelman placed 32nd for Hazen Union. His time was 10:55.

Leahy Siblings Score Double Win

BRADFORD – Cormac Leahy and Anika Leahy ran to individual victories in a cross country meet at Oxbow Union School on October 11. Cormac won the boys varsity race in a season's best 5k time of 18:16. Anika was the girls varsity race winner in 22:48, her fastest 5k time this fall.

Cormac delayed starting the 2022 cross country season to provide recovery time from a spring stress fracture in his foot. He is on track to compete in the D-III state meet on October 29, with a shot at qualifying for the New England Championships.

Anika competes for Craftsbury Academy in soccer and cross country. The Oxbow races helped Anika and Cormac become eligible to compete in the Vermont state championships.