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Lady Cats Steamroll into Postseason

by Ken Brown

HARDWICK – The Hazen Union girls' basketball team officially ran the table last week by discarding Division II Milton at home, winning every game on their schedule since an opening season loss to Enosburg in December.

Junior point guard Caitlyn Davison poured in a career-high 31 points, including six 3-pointers to power the Lady Cats to a 60-31 win over Milton last Tuesday on Senior Night. Senior back-court mate Alexis Christensen added eight points and fellow seniors Haley Michaud and Ella Gillespie combined for eight more in the win. Hazen Union jumped out to a 31-13 lead at the break and never looked back for their seventeenth straight victory. Grace Williams led Milton with seven points and Marlie

Bushey and Abby Garran tallied six apiece in the loss. The Lady Yellowjackets wrapped up their regular season at 12-8 and will be ranked twelfth in the upcoming Division II tournament. Davison also grabbed eight rebounds to add to her impressive stat line. She spoke glowingly about her senior teammates, how Christensen, Michaud, and herself have grown together the last two years, and the seamless transition of Craftsbury Academy's Ella Gillespie into their potent starting lineup.

"Our three seniors are the rock and the drive of this team. Alexis always steps up and hits some huge shots to keep our heads up and our momentum strong. Haley always brings good energy to practice and her work ethic to get

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Hazen Union ninth-grader Isabelle Gouin, drives toward the basket followed by teammates Caitlyn Davison (center) and Haley Michaud (right) during action February 14. At left is Marlie Bushway (No. 23) and Kendalyn Mason (third from left) of Milton. The Lady Cats beat the Yellow Jackets 60-31.

Board Discusses Snow Plowing, ARPA Funds

by Gazette Staff

GREENSBORO – At the February 8 regular meeting, members of the Greensboro Select Board discussed topics ranging from plowing snow during winter storms, emergency medical services, and allocation of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.

The first meeting topic was Liz Steel's comments on the town website. Liz said that while she appreciated the improvements made to the town website, she questioned why the town meeting warning wasn't available there. Town Clerk Kim Greaves said that as soon as she receives the electronic version from the printers, she'll upload it to the website.

Next, Fire Chief Dave Brochu's report was reviewed by the board. All fire trucks were

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Hazen Union junior Xavier Hill (No. 11) drives the ball up the court past Graden Conger (No. 2) of Lamoille during a home game February 15. At left in the back is Jadon Baker (No. 4). The Wildcats defeated the Lancers 63-52.

Rivard Powers Wildcats to Third Straight

by Ken Brown

HARDWICK – Most humans would exhale after reaching a career milestone with an improbable 40-point 22 rebound performance, but senior center Tyler Rivard did the exact opposite this past week, combining for 68 more points and 37 rebounds in leading his Hazen Union boys' basketball team to a pair of wins over Division II Lamoille and Lake Region.

Rivard pumped in a game-high 30 points and hauled in 18 rebounds to help the Wildcats outlast a pesky Lamoille team at home last Wednesday 63-52. Sophomore Brendan Moodie (12 points) connected on four 3-pointers to help fuel a 28-6 run by the Wildcats to start the game, but the Lancers fought back to cut the lead to 10 at the break. Junior point guard

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Select Board Review Town Meeting Details with Moderator

by Gazette Staff

WOLCOTT – At its February 15 regular meeting, the Wolcott Select Board's agenda topics included planning for town meeting, the status of a tax sale property, and the condition of North Wolcott Road.

The first topic for discussion was a review of town meeting with the moderator, Joe Hester Ingram. The board reviewed the warning for next month's meeting with Ingram and noted that though the meeting will be in-person at the elementary school, town officers will be elected via Australian ballot. The vote on the town budget will be a floor vote. The meeting will be live-streamed and a recording will be available on YouTube, but the video coverage will not be interactive.

Article 4 asks voters whether the board should start negotiations with Champlain Oil Company regarding the purchase of a 0.34-acre parcel along Route 15. If purchased, the site would likely be used for additional parking.

The next topic for discussion featured Seth Jensen, deputy director of Lamoille County Planning Commission (LCPC). Jensen has been working with the Wolcott Village Wastewater Committee. He stated that it is time to renew the grant application to the State Intended Use Plan for water and wastewater. Wolcott needs to apply each year to ensure it is in line for funding should the town go forward with the wastewater project. The board approved renewal and submission of the grant application as discussed.

In the project manager's report, vice chair Kurt Klein summarized the board's concerns

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Wesley McLain, 5, left, and his sister Leah McLain, 7, right, play hockey on the Cabot skating rink February 18.

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about the deteriorating condition of North Wolcott Road due, in part, to the heavy truck traffic on the road. The board would like the state to take over maintenance of the road, but VTrans declined to change the road's classification. The board has asked LCPC to conduct a road study in the spring and will look at accident reports. According to board chair Linda Martin, Craftsbury is interested in joining this initiative, since it would like to have the state take over its portion of the road. Bruce Urie, co-chair of the Craftsbury Select Board, has been invited to attend the March 1 meeting to discuss the issue. If no resolution can be reached with the state, the board may have to consider closing North Wolcott Road to tractor trailer traffic.

Klein also provided an update on the status of the property located at 74 School Street that contains a vacant mobile home. The current owner resides in California and has never lived in Wolcott. The property went to tax sale and was purchased by another individual. Then the California owner sought a tax abatement, claiming the mobile home was open to the public and was being used as a church parsonage. That claim was denied. Then the California owner applied for property tax assistance through the State of Vermont. The town has

notified the state that the owner does not live on the property and, does not qualify for state assistance with the property taxes.

The town will apply again this year for a Class 2 Highway Grant. It is anticipated that funds would be used to complete patching North Wolcott Road.

Martin contacted Vermont Fish and Wildlife to see if they were interested in purchasing the East Hill property owned by the town. The agency claims they do not have the funds to buy it. Martin reported that she has written to the Vermont River Conservancy to see if they may be interested in owning the property, but has not heard back. The board expressed interest in protecting the property, and feels the property should be retained.

Martin reported that the paperwork for the Brook Road culvert project has been sent to FEMA for reimbursement. The total was \$552,920.45. FEMA is responsible for 90%, the town \$38,700, and the state \$16,500.

Martin has been seeking quotes for the purchase of green, reflective 911 signs and posts. Work Safe can provide signs for \$14.95 each. With six-foot posts, the total cost would be \$29,298, assuming 942 signs are ordered. Martin will let Work Safe know that the town is interested, and to prepare a contract. Additional bids will be sought.



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Rivard

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Xavier Hill chipped in with seven as Hazen played Lamoille even the rest of the way to gut out another tough Capital League win. Gabe Locke paced the Lancers with 14 points and Malcolm Ernst added 12 in the loss as they fell to 4-13 on the season. Rivard was coming off a historic performance Monday night, where he reached 1,000 career points in a huge divisional win over Thetford Academy.

"We suffered from both mental and physical fatigue going into this match-up with Lamoille. Our intensity and execution as a team were not where they usually are. Our free throw percentage isn't where I want it to be yet, but I'm less concerned with our percentage than I am about how many we are shooting throughout the game. We need some of our players other than Tyler to get to the line more often. We need to attack the basket more as a team, which should get us to the line more frequently," said head Coach Aaron Hill.

Rivard capped off his historic week with 38 more points and 19 rebounds through just three quarters of work in an 83-32 road rout of Lake Region on Friday night. Senior Jadon Baker added

eight points, eight assists, and four steals and Hill complimented with 11 points and five assists in the win. The Wildcats took a 41-16 advantage into the break and opened the second half on a 23-11 run to leave little doubt of the outcome. Schuyler Butterfield led the Rangers with 11 points in the loss as they fell to 2-15 on the season.

"After a slow first quarter, we bounced back nicely and played much better. As we get ready for the playoffs, we want to clean up our zone offense and defensive rotations," said Hill.

Rivard has averaged 36 points and just under 20 rebounds during the Wildcats current three game winning streak and they have cemented themselves as the No. 2 seed in the Division III rankings behind undefeated Winooski. His 25 point 16.5 rebound average this season has made his senior campaign truly legendary. He has set several school records along the way this winter and his upcoming Senior Night this week with his fellow teammates in front of the Wildcat faithful will undoubtedly be one to remember.

Hazen Union traveled to rival Williamstown on Monday and will wrap up the regular season at the Cat Den against Randolph on Senior Night.

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POLICE REPORT

Hardwick Police

Online Fraud, Outstanding Arrest Warrant

On February 8, Hardwick Police received a report of online fraud. Scammers had managed to take approximately \$4,000 in Venmo, PayPal, and gift cards. This is still under investigation.

On February 8, a white Toyota Scion XB was reported missing, allegedly stolen. Hardwick Police located the same vehicle at 1795 Hopkins Hill Road in Hardwick.

On February 9, at approximately 1:33 p.m., Anissa Geno of Hardwick was picked up on High Street in Hardwick for an outstanding arrest warrant for failure to appear. Geno was transported to the Caledonia Superior Court, Criminal Division. Upon arrival, the court issued Geno another citation to appear back in court on Monday, February 13.

On February 13, at around noon, Hardwick Police and Vermont bail bondsmen located Danielle

Lowe, of Morrisville, at 1795 Hopkins Hill Road in Hardwick. Lowe had a \$50,000 outstanding warrant. When Hardwick Police took Lowe into custody, she was in possession of illicit drugs. Lowe was transported back to Hardwick Police Department for processing and then to Vermont Superior Court, Lamoille Division. Lowe was ordered held and was transported to the Northeast Correctional Facility. Lowe was found in possession of additional illicit drugs at the correctional facility.

On February 18, Jennifer Thoma of Hardwick was arrested for criminal contempt of court for five counts of violation of conditions of release out of Lamoille Superior Court. Thoma was processed at the Hardwick Police Department and released on a citation to appear in Lamoille Superior Court – Criminal Division on March 15, 2023.

Vermont State Police

Assault, Juvenile Problem

On February 13 at 12:30 p.m., the Vermont State Police and Orleans County Sheriff Department received a call about an assault which occurred in Craftsbury. Investigation revealed Francis Huard caused physical bodily harm to a household member. Huard was later taken into custody without incident and lodged at Northern State Correctional. Huard was scheduled to appear in court at the Orleans County Superior Court.

On February 17 at 8:35 p.m., the Vermont State Police received a call regarding a juvenile problem. Information was provided that Bryonna Lamell was last seen on February 17 walking with her boyfriend Ayden Jestice towards the Maplefield's gas station in Plainfield. Bryonna ran away from her

mother's vehicle at Ayden's residence, and the two took off on foot. Bryonna was last seen wearing a pink sweatshirt, light blue jeans and white converse sneakers. Update: Juvenile was found and is safe.

On February 17 the Vermont State Police was notified of a Domestic Disturbance on Maple Hill Road in the town of Marshfield. Subsequent investigation revealed that Alan Christiansen caused fear and pain to a household member over the course of the weekend of the 11th and 12th. Christiansen was arrested and transported to the Berlin Barracks for processing before being released with a citation to appear in Washington County Superior Court – Criminal Division on February 21 at 12:30 p.m.

AWARE Report

HARDWICK – AWARE served 21 people from February 12 through February 19. 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.



photo by Vanessa Fournier
Hazen Union Lady Cat Caitlyn Davison (center) looks for an opening to pass guarded by Maeli Rutherford (right) of Milton February 14. Davison scored 31 points during the game. Hazen won 60-31.

Steamroller

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get better throughout every season is definitely an inspiration to us all. We welcomed Ella in with open arms and never regretted it. She is a huge contributor to our team, cleaning up rebounds and bringing big energy on defense. Overall our seniors are tremendous role models to our underclassmen. They help make everyone better in practice and it shows on the court during games. Myself, as well as the team couldn't be more grateful to have them for teammates," said Davison.

First year head coach and former Wildcat great Randy Lumsden has brought a championship mindset to the Lady Cat program and Davison has taken her game to a new level as well under her uncle's tutelage. Davison and Christensen led the Wildcat offense a season ago, averaging 13 points per game

apiece. Her junior campaign is on pace for one of the best in school history, scoring over 20 points per contest. She was a Vermont Dream Dozen selection in '22 and is a lock to land on that list once again as one of the top scorers and rebounders in the state at the guard position. It's no longer a matter of if, but when Davison will be the next 1,000 point scorer for the Lady Cat program.

Hazen Union will enter the Division III tournament this week with an 18-1 record as the No. 2 seed behind Windsor. They will welcome No. 15 Winooski to the Cat Den on Wednesday night in the opening round. The Lady Cats swept the season series with the Lady Spartans by an average of 46 points. If they advance, they will host the winner of seventh seed Oxbow and tenth seed Bellows Falls in the quarterfinals on Saturday at 1 p.m.

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Area 4-Hers Compete in Two Horse Contests

WATERFORD – 4-Hers from Caledonia, Essex, Lamoille and Orleans counties gathered in Waterford, February 12, to match wits on everything equine.

Thirty-seven 4-H club members, ranging from Cloverbuds (ages 5-7) to 4-H teens, took part in the 2023 Northeast Region 4-H Horse Quiz Bowl and Hippology Contest at Waterford Elementary School. Up to six rosettes were awarded in each age group for both hippology and quiz bowl. Participants, ages 8-18, who did not place in the top-six earned a blue or red Danish ribbon based on their score with the Cloverbuds receiving rainbow rosette participation ribbons.

The afternoon event got underway with the hippology contest, which included a written test, tack identification, measuring a girth and hippology boards. The latter are skill-a-thon stations on different horse-related topics that involved matching a picture to an answer in a provided word bank on the board.

Placements of local participants were: Juniors (12-13) Makenna Amadon, Cabot (second); Juniors (8-9) LeighAnn Judd, Wolcott (first); Bailey Tallman, Wolcott (fifth)

All participants also competed in the horse quiz bowl, earning points for being the first to buzz in

with the correct answer to questions relating to horse breeds, colors, anatomy, nutrition and other equine topics.

Local winners were: Juniors (12-13): Makenna Amadon, Cabot (fourth); Juniors (8-9): Bailey Tallman, Wolcott (third); LeighAnn Judd, Wolcott (fifth)

The event was sponsored by University of Vermont (UVM) Extension 4-H and coordinated by UVM Extension 4-H educators Lindy Birch and Holly Ferris. Several adult volunteers and parents assisted with the competitions.

Serving as room moderators to read quiz bowl questions and

keep score were Kristi Acheson, Troy; Jillian Dargie, Danville; Emily Harvey Lacroix, Barre; Barb Kristoff, St. Johnsbury; Michelle Morin, Wolcott; and Jennifer Wood, South Kirby.

Assisting with registration and test scoring were Miranda Achilles, North Woodstock, N.H.; Sam Franco, Wheelock; Michelle Lemieux, Cabot; Erica Tattersall, West Burke; and Amanda Turgeon, St. Johnsbury.

To learn more about 4-H in Caledonia and Lamoille Counties, contact Holly Ferris at (802) 751-8307. For Essex and Orleans Counties, contact Lindy Birch at (802) 334-7235.

Funds

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recently inspected at Hill Group Garage and only minor repairs were required. The furnace at the fire house needed work, but repairs were completed prior to the recent cold snap. Greensboro Fire Department members re-elected Brochu as chief during their last meeting, and he submitted his name to the board for approval at the March select board meeting.

Roads were the next agenda item. Laura Hill submitted a letter to the town expressing concern about impassable snow drifts during a recent snowstorm with dangerous wind chills. She had to go out to care for animals, as well as travel to her job as an evening caregiver, and she and others got stuck in the drifts. Laura added that emergency services wouldn't have been able to get through had they needed to.

Board chair Peter Romans said that the situation was exceptional, with drifting going on all night, and the road crew does the best it can, given manpower and budget. While it is a priority to make the roads as safe as possible for the majority of drivers, there will be times when some roads may be impassable. It's not practical or cost effective to have a road crew member out all night clearing drifts every few hours. Romans added that the town's personnel policy requires road crew members to take a break after working a certain number of hours, which may have played a part in the gap in plowing coverage that evening. However, he said the town could have done better in this situation, and the board will work on solutions such as investing in high-quality snow fence.

Board member Tracy Collier felt that the town could have done better and said she is in support of having passable roads no matter what it takes, and wondered if there's extant town policy that

would clarify plowing procedures. If a road isn't passable, Tracy felt that signage should be put out to alert residents. She added that the morning after the drifting, the road crew spent a number of hours clearing drifts with the bucket loader. In effect, costs saved by not plowing the drifts were spent the next day on clearing them.

Board member Ellen Celnik noted that in mud season there are some roads that aren't passable, and residents accept that as a temporary, seasonal inconvenience.

A number of those present thanked BP & Sons for their diligent and responsive driveway plowing this winter.

Next was a discussion of two letters received from Glover EMS (GEMS), one detailing their intention to bill the town for certain calls when they're covering for Hardwick Rescue (HR), the other soliciting the town to sign a year-long contract for ambulance services.

Michael Lew-Smith, representing HR said HR was shocked by the letters, and is hoping this is simply a big misunderstanding. He said squads typically work out such issues among themselves, and questioned why the Town of Greensboro was brought into this. Lew-Smith said that HR intended to send a letter to the Greensboro Select Board in response to the GEMS letters, but for some reason it never got sent.

Lew-Smith said HR has a contract with Greensboro to provide rescue services, and that HR will continue to provide this service. HR responded to 92% of calls received, which shouldn't raise any red flags about coverage issues. He said that HR has had staffing issues at times, but things are improving.

Adam Heuslein, Chief of GEMS, said the two letters were sent because GEMS found themselves going out on a

significant number of calls for HR. These weren't mutual aid calls, which GEMS wouldn't consider billing for, but were calls due to either HR being out on other calls, or HR lacking sufficient staffing to provide coverage. Chief Heuslein said the problem is when HR doesn't have a full crew it must rely on other area squads for coverage. When rescue calls in the area start increasing, often in springtime, GEMS has found itself responding to numerous calls for HR, while not being notified to expect this. Chief Heuslein said GEMS is responsible for the towns that contract with them and covering for HR in this way takes a toll on the system as a whole. Other towns' taxpayers shouldn't be subsidizing Greensboro calls, he said.

Both Lew-Smith and Chief Heuslein agreed to work towards better communication between the squads, and made it clear that despite the issues discussed, there wouldn't be any interruption of services.

Town Clerk Kim Greaves said that the town report should be out next week. Everything is set for town meeting at Highland Center for the Arts and Greaves asked everyone to help spread the word about the 9 a.m. start time.

On the topic of ARPA funding, NEK Broadband submitted a request to increase its ARPA allocation. The select board previously approved spending \$24,000 of ARPA funds on the NEK Broadband proposal, as recommended by the ARPA Committee. Mike Metcalf explained that the actual amount of ARPA funding needed was \$32,000, which would leverage \$63,000 in other funding to get the first broadband build-out under way on Shadow Lake Road. While

this first phase will only serve 17 residences, it gets things moving and is expected to speed up the build-out throughout the rest of town.

Board member Collier said that she is in full support of the project, adding that the board had intended to provide the necessary ARPA funds for the broadband project and hadn't realized the \$24,000 request was not the amount required. After discussion, the board approved allocating the additional \$8,000 in ARPA funds to NEK Broadband.

Under ongoing business, Romans reported that he met with architects Coe & Coe about the new town garage. Preliminary drawings of the site and buildings have been created, and he asked board members to comment about building configurations and locations on the lot. Inflation in the construction industry is staggering, Romans said, and noted that Glover's garage, which is somewhat smaller than the proposed Greensboro garage, was built a few years ago for around \$650,000. The new Greensboro garage, along with other structures and site work, may cost upwards of \$1.5 million.

On the topic of hiring a grant writer, board member Ellen Celnik said that in order to get applicants, the town needs to be clear about the time commitment the job entails, as well as how much it pays. One grant writer she talked to charges \$60 per hour. While the job will evolve once someone is hired and begins work, initial job parameters are needed, she said.

Romans has talked to Craftsbury Select Board co-chair Bruce Urie, who said the town is also looking for a grant writer and that perhaps the two towns could share a person.

OUR COMMUNITIES

Initial Certification Offered for Pesticide Applicators

BURLINGTON – University of Vermont (UVM) Extension and the Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets have scheduled training sessions at two locations for pesticide applicator initial certification.

A review session will be offered, beginning at 9 a.m., with the required written examination from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Dates and venues are April 18 at the Fireside Inn and Suites, 25 Airport Road, West Lebanon, N.H., and April 20 at the Robert Miller Community Center, 130 Gosse Court, Burlington.

Anyone in Vermont who uses, supervises, recommends or sells pesticides and/or trains Worker Protection Standard handlers and workers is required by law to pass the written exam to become certified. The exam is based on the “Northeast Pesticide Applicator Core Manual” (third edition), which covers state and federal pesticide laws and regulations, ecology and environmental considerations, pest identification and management, pesticide formulations, equipment calibration, protective equipment, personal safety and proper handling of pesticides, among other topics.

Manuals and required inserts

(pdf downloads) cost \$43 and must be obtained in advance in order to study for the exam. These can be ordered online from the Vermont Agency of Agriculture at [//bit.ly/2QvR7MT](http://bit.ly/2QvR7MT).

After passing the core exam for initial certification, anyone requiring commercial or non-commercial certification is required to take additional exams for specific categories. These may be scheduled for a later date through the Vermont Agency of Agriculture by calling (802) 461-6118.

Preregistration is required. The \$40 registration fee increases to \$50 after April 1. No walk-ins will be allowed. Licensed pesticide applicators also may attend to receive four Vermont recertification credits but do not need to take the exam.

To register, go to [//go.uvm.edu/core23](http://go.uvm.edu/core23). To request a disability-related accommodation, contact UVM Student Accessibility Services at access@uvm.edu or (802) 656-7753.

For more information about the pesticide applicator program, visit uvm.edu/extension/psep or contact Sarah Kingsley-Richards at (802) 656-0475 or sarah.kingsley@uvm.edu.

Conservation District’s Annual Plant Sale Offers Variety of Species

ORLEANS COUNTY – The Orleans County Natural Resource Conservation District (OCNRC-D) is hosting its annual plant sale. The fundraiser is an opportunity for community members to purchase quality bareroot trees, shrubs, berry bushes, and other plants, while supporting the district’s conservation programming. One of the goals of the sale is to encourage individual self-sufficiency and land enhancements to private property.

New this year, customers can purchase rainbow and brook trout for stocking private ponds. Also available are wildflower starts, grown by students in the Future Farmers of America (FFA) organization at North Country Career Center. This NCCC student-led organization is the largest FFA organization in the USA. FFA supports agricultural education and leadership.

Plant supplies are limited. Orders are due by Friday, April 14. Orders can be placed online at the OCNRC-D website at vacd.org/conservation-districts/

orleans-county/. Orders are picked up by customers on Saturday, May 6, at the Orleans County Fairgrounds in Barton.

For over 20 years, the Vermont Conservation Districts have been offering their communities a variety of bareroot plants for sale, including fruit and nut trees, evergreens, and a selection of native wetland plants and shrubs. Planting a property can provide the benefits: food for the birds, beauty to the land, vegetation for wet areas, shade, habitat for wildlife, carbon sequestration, and erosion control on lake shores and riverbanks. Some of the species for sale, such as ferns, dogwood, Indian currant, willow and plum trees, are helpful for stabilizing soils, gullies and riverbanks. Planting along streams, rivers and shorelands can help prevent soil erosion. Land erosion can lead to the build-up of nutrients and phosphorus in our waterways, which negatively impacts water quality.

Contact OCNRC-D for a catalog and order form: Sarah Damsell, (802) 334-6090 ext. 7008 or sarah.damsell@vt.nacdn.net

Free Event Teaches Youth About Healthy Living

BURLINGTON – Youth, ages 8-15, can learn about healthy living at a free University of Vermont (UVM) Extension 4-H-sponsored event on March 25.

The Health H.E.R.O.E.S. (Health Education Resources for Outreach, Engagement and Service) Showcase will take place at UVM from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

UVM Teen Health and Wellness Ambassadors will share tips and tools for better health and wellbeing with participants through hands-on learning activities including a Health Jeopardy game. They will present information on nutrition, self-advocacy and mindfulness and sports, among other topics. A healthy snack will be provided.

The 4-H Health H.E.R.O.E.S. program helps promote health and wellbeing for youths through hands-on programming.

Ambassadors are teens, ages 14-18, who are invested in healthy living and receive experiential training on health promotion tools such as mindfulness, nutrition, movement and understanding of brain science and behavior. They use their knowledge and experience to create unique educational programs for youths.

The deadline to register is March 23, but space is limited and may fill earlier. Enrollment in 4-H is not required to participate. Parents and guardians are welcome to attend.

Go to [//go.uvm.edu/heroes](http://go.uvm.edu/heroes) to fill out the registration form. If requiring a disability-related accommodation to participate, please contact UVM Extension 4-H educator Margaret Coan at margaret.coan@uvm.edu or (802) 651-8434, ext. 505, by March 3.



photo by Vanessa Fournier
Paula Hanson (left) and Cathy Besch (right) discuss the many choices of soups, breads and baked goods made by members of the community that filled the gazebo for the Winter Festival at the Jaquith Library February 18.

Twinfield School District Kindergarten Registration

Twinfield Union School would like to register and welcome kindergarten students for the 2023 – 2024 school year. Registration will be held March 20-24, from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Please come to the main office to pick up and complete registration packets. Your child’s immunization record and a copy of his/her birth certificate are mandatory at the time of registration. No appointment is necessary.

In order to be eligible for kindergarten, your child MUST be five (5) years old on or BEFORE September 1, 2023.

OBITUARIES

RICHARD J. AUGERI

GREENSBORO BEND – Richard Joseph Augeri, 82, took his last breaths on the peaceful evening of Saturday, February 4, in the company of his children and loved ones.

Dick was born to Salvatore and Maria Augeri of Rockfall, Conn. Dick was raised in a large family and learned at an early age the value of land, farming, gardens and hard work. At some point in the mid-60s he found Greensboro Bend, fell in love with the area, and decided Vermont was home. Dick bought his property in 1969 and moved his family in 1977 making Walden his home for 46 years. He was a master of his trade, a mason of brick, block, stone and dry stone. His work dots our landscape and our homes. Dick was an axeman, woodsman, horseman, scytheman and a fine steward to land, family, and friends. He was an honest, one of a kind man of many talents. He will be deeply missed by many.

Dick is survived by his many friends and his children, Lynn Augeri, Joe Augeri and Sally, Dan Augeri, Jon Augeri and Kim, Rick Augeri, Sarah Augeri and Eric Kittredge, his son-in-law with whom he was close. He leaves behind his grandchildren, Sophia, Owen and Simon Kittredge, Cecilia Nardi, Seth, Andrew and Kerriann



Richard J. Augeri

Augeri, Tim and Kyle Twing, Caleb and Gracie Villareal, his siblings, John, Sal, Mike and Gloria Augeri, as well as many nieces and nephews. Dick was predeceased by his parents, his wife Cynthia, sister Esther and brother Manny.

Following Dick's wishes he was interred on his property by his children. A memorial get-together is planned for July at his home. His friends are all welcome. More details will be published at a later date.

His family extends gratitude to Caledonia Home Health and Hospice for their expertise and caring hands. We are asking anyone who wishes to make a donation in his honor to consider them.

RICHARD CLARK COYLE

SEATTLE, Wash. – On February 15, Richard Clark Coyle died at the age of 75 from glioblastoma. He was surrounded by his family in the home he loved in Seattle.

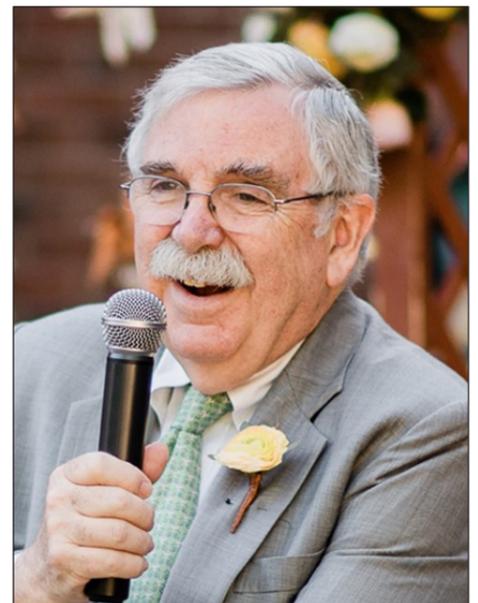
Rich was born in 1947 in Providence, R.I. He attended Bishop Hendricken High School, and in 1968 received his Bachelor of Arts in History from Cornell University. Until the very end of his life, he remained a dedicated student of history, particularly of the American Revolution.

Rich graduated from Columbia University Law School in 1972 where he was an editor of the law review. As an attorney, Rich worked at Foley, Hoag and Elliott in Boston and later at Perkins Coie in Seattle from 1976 until he retired in 2016. Rich's engaging sense of humor and his booming laugh often filled the halls of his workplace. He loved studying and arguing the law. He specialized in aviation law and learned much about aviation engineering on the job. He enjoyed explaining to anyone who would listen how lift worked to make airplanes fly. He was widely considered the aviation group's scholar, and everyone came to him for advice on strategy.

At Perkins Coie, Rich met his wife of 37 years, Sherilyn Peterson. They married in 1986 at Epiphany Parish and settled in the Madrona neighborhood of Seattle.

Rich had a passion for sports of all kinds, with a particular love for the teams of Cornell University, the Red Sox, Mariners, Seahawks, Canucks, and the Kraken. Every year he picked football road games to attend with Sherilyn for her alma mater, Northwestern University. Rich played ice hockey into his 50s, and eagerly took his family to skate on the occasions that ponds would freeze in the Arboretum. His passion for sports was epitomized in the fall of 1975, when he hosted friends to watch the Red Sox play in the World Series, as he was the only one among them who owned a color TV. He did this despite having just broken both arms playing basketball.

Rich loved traveling the world with Sherilyn and his children.



Richard Clark Coyle

Together they experienced Australia, Morocco, Southern Africa, the Galápagos Islands, and more. He enjoyed crossword puzzles, cross-country skiing, frequenting his eldest daughter's bakery, and pretending to be annoyed with the family cats. But most important to Rich was his family. He spent hours at 5 a.m. hockey practices, hot and dusty weekends at horse shows, and many afternoons playing board games with his grandchildren. Rich and Sherilyn's second home in the rural Vermont village of Craftsbury Common was the site of many happy family gatherings, in every season, for over 30 years.

Rich truly loved life. His relentless optimism stayed with him to the end and continues to inspire those who knew him best. Rich is survived by his wife Sherilyn and their children Max and Emily; by Rachael and Tom, his children from his prior marriage to Mary Jane Ferguson; by his grandchildren, Chloe, Leif, Wynn, and Mia; and by his sister, Dorothy. He was predeceased by his brother, Robert.

A memorial service and reception to celebrate his life will be held May 12, at 2 p.m., at Epiphany Parish, 1805 38th Ave, Seattle, WA 98122. Donations in his name may be made to the Glioblastoma Multiforme Translational Center of Excellence at the University of Pennsylvania: pennmedicine.org/cancer/cancer-research/translating-research-to-practice/gbm-tce

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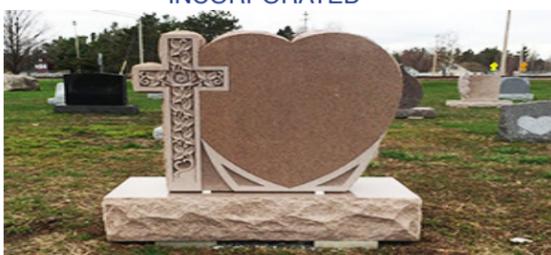
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Events

Thursday, February 23

COMMUNITY DINNER, noon, United Church of Hardwick. Eat-in or Take-out. Call Sharyn Salls, 472-6566 to reserve your meal. Hosted by members of the Church Mission Team and other volunteers. Donations are welcome and volunteers are always needed.

GAME NIGHT, at the Village Restaurant, Hardwick, Thursdays, 6 - 8 p.m., unless there is a home basketball game. Lynn is offering a limited menu of burgers and appetizers. Hosted by Sarah Tewksbury. First come, first serve event, with room for roughly 10 teams.

TAI CHI CLASSES, Thursdays, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Tai Chi for Health & Fall Prevention (no experience needed, including seated Tai Chi and remote options via Zoom), United Church of Christ, 165 Wilson St., Greensboro. Sponsored by Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging. Classes taught by Norma Spaulding, (802) 472-8724, nspauld@gmail.com and Paul Fixx, (802) 441-4599, pfixx@pfixx.net.

Friday, February 24

STORY TIME AND PLAYGROUP: Fridays, for kids birth to age 5, 10:30 a.m., Jaquith Public Library, 122 School St., Rm. 2, Marshfield. Information: 802-426-3581.

Tuesday, February 28

TAI CHI CLASSES, Tuesdays, 9:15 - 10:15 a.m, Qigong & Tai Chi

Forms (some experience recommended), 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Tai Chi for Health & Fall Prevention (no experience needed, including seated Tai Chi), Hardwick Area Health Center, 4 Slapp Hill, Hardwick. Sponsored by Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging. Classes taught by Norma Spaulding, (802) 472-8724, nspauld@gmail.com and Paul Fixx, (802) 441-4599, pfixx@pfixx.net.

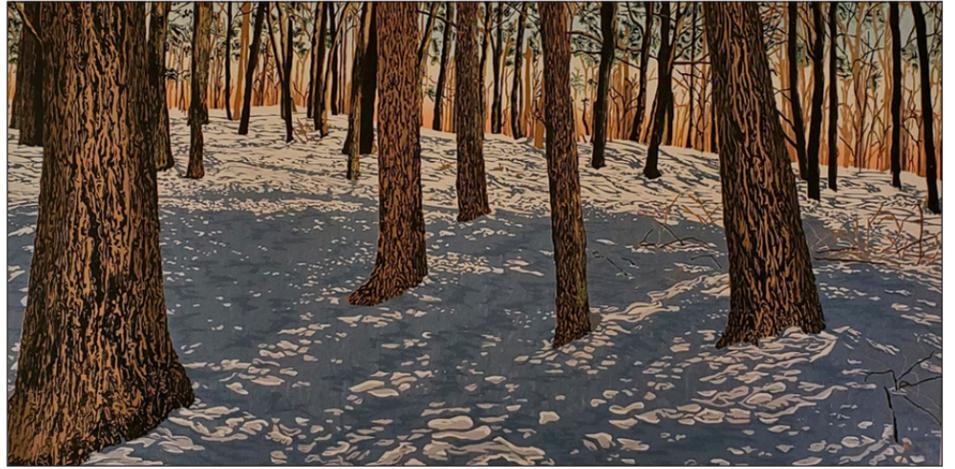
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Exhibits

VICTORIA MATHEISEN: Recent oil paintings of the Northeast Kingdom and Beyond, Parker Pie Gallery, 161 County Rd., West Glover, through February 28.



"The Quiet Place" by Jeanne Amato

Catamount Arts Announces Juried Art Show Winners

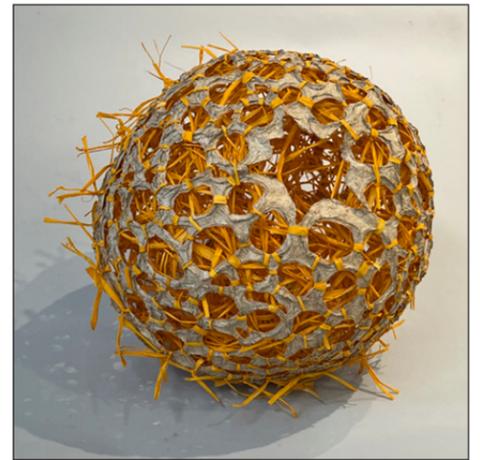
ST. JOHNSBURY – On December 17, Catamount Arts welcomed artists and patrons to a reception and awards ceremony for its seventh annual juried show Arts Connect at Catamount Arts. Juried by Devon Zimmerman, associate curator of Modern and Contemporary American Art, at Maine's Ogunquit Museum of American Art, the exhibition is open through March 12, and showcases work by emerging and established member artists.

The Robert Manning First Prize was awarded to Dennis Edwards, of Fayston, for "seated-nude-armrest." Jeanne Amato, of Sharon, won Second Prize for "The Quiet Place," and Lian Brehm, of Walden, won Third Place for "Contained Chaos."

The quality of work submitted was consistently high as evidenced by the following Honorable Mentions: Arthur Hynes for "New Haven River 5 Views," Steve Imrich for "HAZY 24 PYM," Ford and Melinda Evans for "Lidded Vessel," Ann Young for "Gardenia," Cindy Blakeslee for "#205," and Robert Chapla for "First Flight."

First Prize winner Dennis Edwards says that his pastel piece, "Nude with Armrest," is a "creation of in-the-moment unconscious action guided by many years of experience and disciplined study." Edwards credits "studying old masters like Caravaggio and inspiration from newer masters like de Kooning and Bacon" for the nature of his work, which he hopes is "a synthesis of those sources and the possibilities they hint at."

Second Prize winner Jeanne Amato said of "The Quiet Place," her woodcut piece, "Choosing a title



"Contained Chaos" by Lian Brehm

for a new image can sometimes be difficult but I knew exactly what I was going to call this image before I even finished the piece as it is of a special location I often walked with my children. We would hike to this stand of pines and sit, quietly, while carefully listening to the sounds all around us."

Third Prize winner Lian Brehm has worked mainly with paper for the past eight years and writes, "I love the duality of paper, its fragility and incredible strength. Responding to the material and its limitations is a constant experiment." Brehm's winning piece, "Controlled Chaos," made of kozo and raffia, "seeks to bring attention to the stresses we confront daily, only to be reminded of the fragility of our lives on this planet."

The Arts Connect at Catamount Arts Members Juried Show is on exhibit now through March 12, at the Fried Family Gallery and Rankin Gallery, both located in the Catamount Arts Center at 115 Eastern Avenue in St. Johnsbury. For more information about this exhibit and other arts events, visit catamountarts.org.

Winter Blossoms Exhibit Through March 11

ST. JOHNSBURY – The Northeast Kingdom Artisans Guild continues with Greenhouse Floral Art In the Back Room Gallery through March 11.

Sachiko Yashida, Benjamin Barnes and Robert Chapla are enchanted by painting the world of flowers, capturing the beauty of the plant world in oils, acrylics and watercolor. Barnes is well known for his landscapes, as well as his passion for bringing outside in. Chapla's paintings range from realistic to abstract, developed either in his studio, or en plein air to capture the living essence of growing, worked on again in the studio to rejuvenate, and freshen with the colors of memory. He finds this way adds a more fluid effect. Yashida paints from life, capturing in watercolor the fluid transitory beauty of flowers. She finds the difficulty of control of her medium often greets her with a surprise opacity or clarity that enhances her work. Her oriental style reflects not just her



Iris by Robert Chapla

heritage, but the sensual grace of the flora, that seem to remain alive, even behind glass, in a frame.

The Back Room Gallery is located at 430 Railroad St. For more information, see nekartisansguild.com, on Instagram and Facebook, or call during open hours at (802) 748-0158.

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ANOTHER OPINION

A Thumb Drive?

by Ross Connelly

HARDWICK – Books. Shelves and shelves of books. Rooms and rooms of shelves and shelves of books. Historically, such a place, often found on a college or university campus, is known as a library.

Plans are under way to rid the various campuses of the Vermont State College system, soon to be renamed the Vermont State University, of their libraries. To rid them of —see-on-a-shelf, pick-up-and-read, stumble-across-and-be-drawn-in-curiosity-driven — real books, periodicals and other items, to be replaced by all digital access.

Perhaps, a *thumb drive* is a new definition of a library. Perhaps, upon enrolling, future students at Vermont State University will receive thumb drives containing the collections of the former libraries.

From preschool to the graduate level, public education always has the task of “doing it on the cheap” or “doing it right.” Students, faculty and staff at the various locations of Vermont State University should not be relegated to “doing-it-on-the-cheap” campuses.

The new president of Vermont State University owns up as the author of the plan. He is also the person taking push-back.

One has to wonder whether he knew what he was getting into when he took the job? One has to wonder whether he knew he was getting set up to take the blame when the ship sinks?

The push-back should also be directed at the Vermont State Legislature, present and past. The Vermont State College system has been the long-floundering stepchild of higher education in this state.

The legislature ponied up tens of millions of dollars the past three years for the state colleges, and pledges more in the next few years. The campuses are still underfunded.

Thus, according to the university’s new president, cost cutting is mandated. So, the libraries get the axe, along with NCAA membership for athletic teams at Johnson.

Gutting libraries and dropping NCAA membership may save a little money in the short run. In the long run, however, that won’t solve the problem because costs will continue to rise, year after year after year. The ongoing need will remain until the Vermont State University receives ongoing, increased and adequate state support.

Imagine the reaction if the president of the University of Vermont announced he was going to get rid of its library? Imagine if the presidents of Norwich University, Middlebury College or Dartmouth College announced the collections in their libraries were going to be deep-sixed? Imagine if the director of the Library of Congress decided to take its vast collection, digitize it and then discard all those books that line its thousands of feet of shelves?

Hard to believe any of those in charge would see such change as “cutting edge,” leading the wave of the future for higher education. Hard not to believe they would be told to change their plans post haste or take the plans elsewhere, with no delay.

The current plan to revamp the Vermont State University is a continuation of the long-standing practice of maintaining a two-tiered system of higher education in Vermont: the flagship university gets the plums, the state college system gets what’s left of the squeezings.

From preschool to the graduate level, public education always has the task of “doing it on the cheap” or “doing it right.” Students, faculty and staff at the various locations of Vermont State University should not be relegated to “doing-it-on-the-cheap” campuses. The legislature needs to step up and fund education for a better society for all, not for some more than others.

[A Hardwick resident, Connelly is an avid reader and member of his town’s library Board of Trustees. He has undergraduate and graduate degrees from several universities, at which he spent many productive hours in their libraries and none of which are in or near Vermont.]

An Open Letter to the Vermont General Assembly Chairs on Education, Institutions and Appropriations

by Joe Benning, former State Senator from the Caledonia District

Dear All:

Frankly, as a former legislator, I’ve been reluctant to become involved in your work. However, I feel an urgent need to contact you to add my name to the growing list of those extremely upset over the decision to close physical libraries in the new State University system. As chairs of your respective, pertinent committees, I believe you have the power to reverse this decision.

One of my first jobs in high school was to work stocking shelves in my local town’s public library. From that time forward I have appreciated how integral a part libraries are to a sense of community, no matter where or under whose authority they may exist. I’m sure I don’t need to elaborate for any of you what that means.

Parochially I join those already speaking out loudly against the loss of a physical library in a three county area that desperately needs to retain such facilities. In 1975 I entered what was then called “Lyndon State College,” formerly the state’s first teacher’s college. It became immediately apparent that the college library was not just a wonderful asset for the college community, it was a vital component in the town/gown relationship. Students “from away” frequented a library often populated with citizens from around the Northeast Kingdom (and beyond) for research, forums, classes and the like.

Additionally, our library in Lyndon became a repository for Vermontiana, especially under the guidance of my political mentor, the late State Senator, Professor Emeritus and Vermont historian Graham Stiles Newell. The collection of books he amassed, which still exists today in the library room dedicated to his memory, is quite sizable for such a small college. My greatest alarm in this controversy is the real possibility that valuable collection is somehow lost to public access and/or dispersed.

I read some time ago that this decision is motivated, at least in part, to an alleged downturn in circulation numbers. I

don’t know if that is true or not, but it is not relevant to the discussion. In my four years at the college and going on nearly 50 as a resident of Lyndon, I cannot recall ever taking out a book from our library. On the other hand, I spent countless hours in that library as a student, probably more so after graduating, to expand my education and community fellowship.

I also read that college officials believe digital, online volumes can meet the students’ needs adequately. With the introduction of personal computers during my lifetime, I’m cognizant of the promise technology brings. But now able to compare both the before and after, my generation can attest that no technology can replace the quiet solitude and person-to-person educational learning experiences found in a library environment. As legislators during COVID-19’s remote meetings, you know full well that Zoom meetings did not, and cannot, compare to in-person conversations. Digital technology is meant to compliment, not replace, our person-to-person interactions.

The final argument I’ve heard is that this move will save money. Alumni and current students strenuously disagree. Do the current trustees seriously believe elimination of the central gathering place so critical to student campus life will attract more students? Have they even considered the possibility that current students, disgusted by this move, will decide to go elsewhere? I was the first student elected to the Vermont State College Board of Trustees back in 1978. That board and the current one have always had the same problem: lack of money from a legislature statutorily required to foot the bill. But libraries have never existed to make a profit. Allowing the current board to eviscerate the soul of these institutions is simply intolerable.

I’ll close with a quotation from a leather book mark I received years ago when I ordered the six volume treatise on Thomas Jefferson by Dumas Malone. It should serve as a rallying cry for this discussion. Said Jefferson: “I cannot live without books.”

Thanks for listening.

IN THE GARDEN



courtesy photo

Organic Corn from my Garden never gets treated with chemicals.



courtesy photo

A selection of my homegrown tomatoes.

Benefits of Organic vs. Chemical Soil Treatment

by Henry Homeyer

CORNISH FLAT, N.H. – On a cold and snowy day I paused to think back a few years to a conference I attended run by the Ecological Farming Association in Pacific Grove, Calif. There were several sessions by scientists presenting research confirming what organic gardeners have always known: organic techniques yield plants that resist disease and insects better, and produce better quality and healthier vegetables. There was even data presented indicating that organic practices can reduce weed pressure. I dug out my notes, and would like to share some of what I learned.

Dr. Larry Phelan, a research scientist at Ohio State University, explained that he wanted to see if organically grown plants attracted insect pests differently than those grown using conventional techniques. He collected soil from two farms that were across the road from each other. The soils were identical except for how they had been tended for the past several years. One farm was organic, the other conventional.

To reduce other variables, Dr. Phelan brought the soil to his greenhouse, and potted it up in large containers. He then grew corn in containers, adding chemical fertilizers in some, fresh cow manure in some, and composted manure in others, using both types of soil for each method. When the corn was at the appropriate size, he released corn borers into the greenhouse, and watched what happened.

Not surprisingly, the corn borers preferred the corn grown conventionally. Not only that, the long-term history of the soil mattered. The soil from the organic farm had higher levels of organic

material in it, and consistently was less attractive to the borers, even if used with chemical fertilizers.

Why should this occur? Dr. Phelan explained that plants evolved over the millennia getting their nutrients through the soil food web, depending on the symbiotic relationships between plants and microorganisms. Chemical fertilizers are imprecise, providing nitrogen for fast growth, but often giving too much nitrogen, or providing it all at once. Soils rich in organic matter provide nitrogen and other needed nutrients in a slow, steady stream the way Mother Nature does it.

He said that when a plant gets too much nitrogen, the excess is stored in the form of amino acids, the building blocks of protein. For insects, this is like candy for kids or drugs for addicts: they can detect it, and go to the source.

In another experiment, Dr. Phelan grew soy beans hydroponically, varying the amount of nutrients present. The soy bean loopers preferred plants that were out of balance nutritionally. But not just nitrogen mattered. Iron, boron and zinc levels were important, too. And of course, those elements are not present in conventional fertilizers. Chemical fertilizers only offer nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium. Good soil enriched with compost should have everything your plants need.

Dr. Autar Mattoo of the United States Department of Agriculture Research Station in Beltsville, Md., also presented some very interesting findings. He compared the health of tomatoes grown with chemical fertilizer on black plastic versus that grown organically using a mulch of hairy vetch, an annual cover crop. He found that tomatoes grown with hairy

vetch was dramatically better at resisting fungal diseases, especially those that cause blackening and dropping of leaves, which is often the bane of gardeners.

Dr. Mattoo explained that the vetch fixes nitrogen when growing. Which is to say, it extracts nitrogen from the air and turns it into a form that plants can use. It was mowed down before flowering and allowed to stay on the surface of the soil, producing a considerable biomass to nourish soil microorganisms.

Compared to chemical fertilizer and black plastic, Dr. Mattoo found a 25% to 30% increase in yield using vetch. He explained that eventually the organic tomato plants would develop fungal diseases, but that for the first 84 days after transplant (late August for us), there was virtually no leaf blackening. At the same time, the tomato plants grown conventionally were severely damaged.

He attributed much of the difference to hormone signaling.

Anti-fungal proteins can be produced when specific genes are activated, protecting leaves. He explained that depending on the environmental conditions specific genes are turned on or off. He was able to show this by photographing specific genes in the leaves of the tomatoes to see their size and thus their levels of activity. It appears that something in the vetch stimulated the tomatoes to produce those anti-fungal proteins.

What does all this prove? Being an organic gardener has many benefits, and scientists are just catching up with us. So as you plan your garden projects for the spring, think about giving up your use of chemical fertilizers. There are plenty of organic fertilizers made from natural, biologically-created ingredients like oyster shells, peanut hulls, cotton seed meal and naturally occurring minerals like rock phosphate and green sand. And of course, compost is a terrific way to increase biological activity in your soil.



courtesy photo

This artichoke from my garden was grown without chemicals.

THE OUTSIDE STORY

Winter Wonders: Icicles, Snow Doughnuts, and Hair Ice

by Susan Shea

BROOKFIELD – A few winters ago, I snowshoed along a trail that led below a series of cliffs with rows of huge, hanging icicles. These icicles were up to 40 feet long, with colors ranging from blue-green to yellowish-brown. In some spots, the icicles extended from clifftop to base, forming thick columns of ice. This spectacular display was created by water from melting snow and underground seeps dripping off the cliffs, refreezing, and building up over time. Minerals leached out of rock and soil can contribute to the colors of icicles.

Although less spectacular, icicles on buildings form in the same way. When sunlight or heat emitted through the roof of a poorly insulated building melts snow in subfreezing temperatures, the water refreezes as it drips. Because of the influence of sunlight, more icicles tend to grow on sunny, south-facing sides of buildings and cliffs than on shaded north sides.

An icicle begins its life as a single drop of water hanging from an object in cold air. As the drop starts to freeze, a thin outer shell of ice forms. Water continues to flow down the sides in a thin film, creating more freezing and allowing the icicle to lengthen over time. Actively growing icicles have liquid drips at the tip and a narrow, liquid-filled tube inside. Naturally-occurring salts

and other minerals in the water cause ripples on the outside of an icicle. Icicles also develop when rain falls in air slightly below freezing, and rainwater dripping from branches and wires creates an accumulation of small icicles. The rate of growth of an icicle in length and width is a function of air temperature, wind speed, and water flux. Icicles can grow as fast as one centimeter per minute.

While icicles are a common seasonal sight, other winter weather phenomena are more unusual. On warmer winter days, I've occasionally seen long tubes of snow, either hollow or filled, on steep slopes. These are snow rollers, or snow doughnuts. For these unique shapes to form, there must be a top layer of fresh, sticky snow, a substrate such as ice or powder that the top layer doesn't adhere to, a temperature just above freezing, and a wind. On hillsides, gravity aids in their formation. Snow rollers can also occur in fields and on frozen lakes where a strong, sustained wind does the work. As a strip of snow rolls down a hill or is blown across a field, it turns over, accumulating more snow and creating a layered, cylindrical, shape.

"The Vermont Weather Book," by David Ludlum, describes hundreds of snow rollers in fields near Burlington, that were up to 13 inches in diameter and 18 inches long. The National Weather Service once reported a large occurrence



Snow Doughnuts

of snow rollers on an Idaho prairie that were up to two feet in diameter. Most snow rollers are smaller, some as small as a tennis ball. The weather service considers snow rollers a rare meteorological event because they need a specific combination of conditions to form.

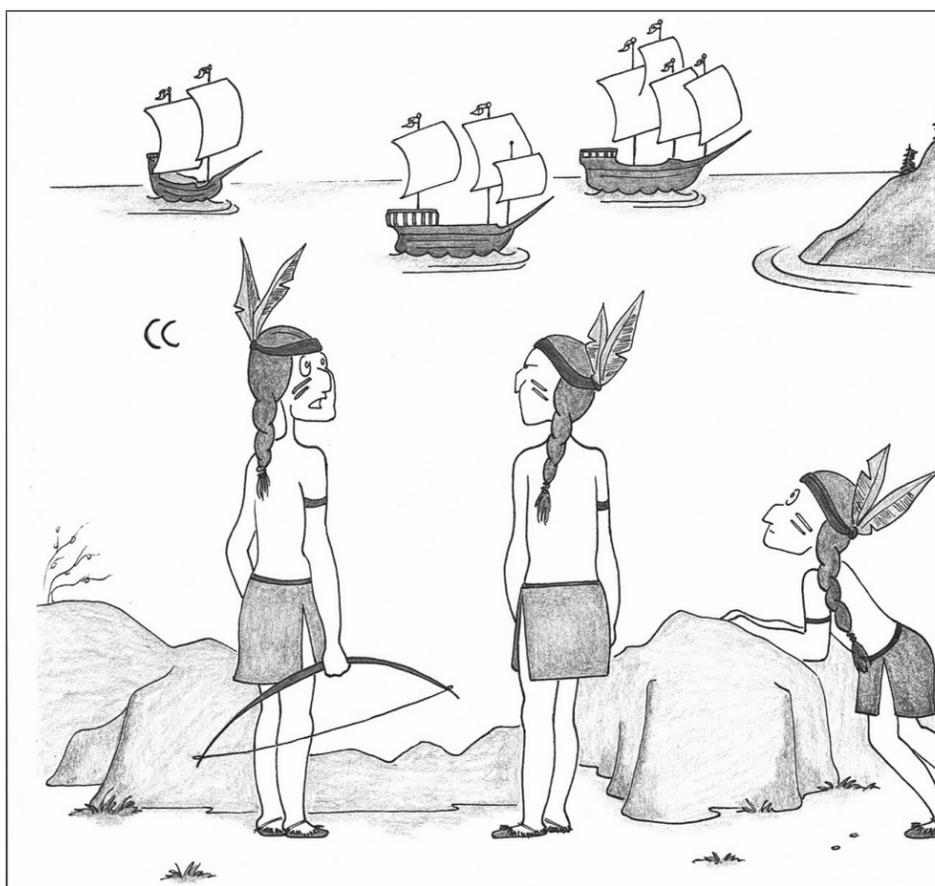
Another interesting, uncommon cold weather phenomenon is hair ice, also called ice wool or frost beard. These are thin filaments of ice that grow out of rotting logs and are packed together in soft curls and waves resembling human hair. Hair ice occurs on humid nights in northern forests when the temperature is slightly below freezing. This ice often melts in the morning, although it some-

times maintains its shape for days. In 2015, Swiss and German researchers discovered a species of fungus that grows on dead tree bark and can cause hair ice to develop. When ice forms on the surface of a log, and the water inside the log remains liquid, the temperature difference produces suction that draws water out of the wood pores and grows the "hair." Chemicals released by the fungus shape the ice into strands.

Along with the challenges of icy roads and snow shoveling, winter offers a host of wonders if you take the time to look.

[Susan Shea is a naturalist, writer, and conservationist based in Brookfield. Illustration by Adelaide Murphy Tyrol.]

Woodsmoke by Julie Atwood



"MAYBE WE SHOULD BUILD A WALL!"



photo by Vanessa Fournier

Liza Earle-Centers (fourth from back left) of Montpelier led a sing-a-long around the fire Saturday during the Winter Festival held at the old Schoolhouse Common, February 18. The event was sponsored by the Jaquith Public Library.

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IN THE GARDEN

Tomatoes: From the Wild to Domestic

by Deborah J. Benoit,
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NORTH ADAMS, Mass. – Tomatoes (*Solanum lycopersicum*) have been on our tables and in our gardens for so long, it's nearly impossible to think of them as growing in the wild. Once upon a time they did just that.

That's not to say that a typical supermarket tomato or a tasty, red Mortgage Lifter or Big Boy could be enjoyed back then. Tomatoes have undergone centuries of cultivation and hybridization and have changed much during that time. Today, there are more than 10,000 varieties of tomatoes.

Hundreds of years ago, long before Europeans had set foot in the New World, tomatoes grew wild in the Andes of western South America. The indigenous people cultivated them, eventually bringing the plant northward through Central America and into Mexico. When the Spanish arrived in the early 16th century, they found the inhabitants growing a food crop called "tomatl" in the native language.

Tomato seeds were brought from Mexico to Spain by those early explorers. From there the plant spread to Italy by the mid-1500s where it began to be incorporated into regional cuisine. Over the following decades, tomato plants were cultivated throughout Europe, but primarily as an ornamental plant.

Along the way, the tomato was known by a number of names, including wolf peach and gold apple. In France, it was called a love apple (pomme d'amour) and thought to be an aphrodisiac. Because the tomato was mistakenly considered to be poisonous by many, it was referred

to as the "poison apple."

It's a fact that the leaves, stems and roots of the tomato contain solanine, a neurotoxin, and thus should not be eaten. The tomato also is a relative of deadly nightshade (*Atropa belladonna*).

The apparent proof of the tomato's poisonous nature was based on a false assumption. While it was true that upper class Europeans did die after consuming tomatoes, the fault was not with the tomato but with the pewter dinnerware used. The high level of acidity in tomatoes leached lead from the pewter, and those wealthy enough to afford to dine on pewter dinnerware died from lead poisoning after consuming tomato-based dishes.

In the early 1700s, the tomato returned to the Americas with European colonists. At that time it was still grown primarily as an ornamental plant in the northern colonies but grown for its fruit in southern regions. Its popularity continued to increase.

Thomas Jefferson reportedly grew tomatoes in his vegetable garden at Monticello and enjoyed eating the fruit. It wasn't until the early 1900s that tomatoes' popularity became widespread throughout the United States.

Today, tomatoes are grown around the world and are a star of international cuisine. They are grown in home gardens and on commercial farms.

They are eaten raw, served cooked in a variety of dishes and processed into products that line our supermarket shelves. Tomatoes are the most popular home-grown vegetable crop in the country.

However, are tomatoes really a vegetable?

While botanically a fruit (actually a berry), due to their sugar



photo by Tom Herman

Tomatoes, which were first discovered growing wild in the Andes Mountains of South America, are the most popular home-grown vegetable crop in the United States today.

content being well below that of other fruits, tomatoes are used as, and popularly considered, a vegetable.

In addition, legally speaking, as a result of the case of *Nix v. Hedden*, which was decided by the U.S. Supreme Court in 1893, tomatoes are considered a vegetable according to the Tariff Act of March 3, 1883.

The real question isn't whether it's a fruit or vegetable.

The question is, with so many choices, what type of tomato will you choose to grow in your garden this year?

For more information on the history of tomatoes, see <https://go.uvm.edu/tomato-history>.

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YANKEE NOTEBOOK

I Can't Reach Very Far

by Willem Lange

EAST MONTPELIER – During the 1950s I had a friend who was kind of quirky. We were both aspiring mountaineers and did some really nice hikes and climbs together. But there was this about him: He took the label off all his possessions because he didn't want to provide free advertising to people he had paid already. He also tried to do everything with his left hand (he was right-handed) so that in the case of a calamity involving his right arm he'd still be able to operate efficiently. I always thought that was a stupid idea – that in the event of said calamity, he could then start practicing with his left hand. Our paths diverged: I stayed East and he went West, and shortly afterward he was killed in an avalanche. So much for all that practicing with his left hand.

It's a little, I suppose, like being in prison. Stuck in the same room day after day, you find ways to come to terms with your situation. You can be gloomy, depressed, and withdrawn or you can look for bright ideas to occupy your time. And besides, this isn't prison. It's a place of healing and I must say I'm blown away by the speed with which mine is progressing.

At the moment I am doing exactly what he did: using mostly my left hand because my right arm is in a full-arm cast. I can't scratch my nose with my right hand, I can't put in my right hearing aid with my right hand, and I can't reach very far with it.

Breakfasts are a trial. In addition to eating left handed, I'm lying on my back, and conveying, for example, scrambled eggs on a fork or drippy oatmeal on a spoon across the horizontal space between my tray and my waiting mouth is perilous in the extreme. I console myself, however, with the thought that I am beginning to eat like a European and will soon rank with the classiest of French gourmets. if, that is, French gourmets end up with oatmeal all over their bibs.

Everything here is done sort of in miniature. Lying in bed, I

want to adjust its angle. The control panel is on my left, by my left hand, which is free, but to push the button you also have to put the other fingers behind it to ensure not to knock it on to the floor. Ask me how I know. So I very, very carefully roll over in bed to my left (which, thankfully, has gotten less painful every day, now that the injury that landed me here in the first place has begun to heal.) Then in the semi-gloom of midnight I attempt to discern which of the six possible buttons is going to produce the effect I desire. I think I'm beginning to get it.

Then there are other more mundane problems. I've always brushed my teeth with my right hand. My teeth are used to it. Now it's my left hand, and what a mash it makes of it. Very unsatisfactory. On top of which, here's a challenge for you: Try flossing your teeth with one hand. And don't tell me to get some of those flossers. They probably work fine, but I'm sick of finding them on the ground like cigarette butts and I'm damned if I'll use them. I believe my cast is coming off shortly, which will make the problem moot.

It's a little, I suppose, like being in prison. Stuck in the same room day after day, you find ways to come to terms with your situation. You can be gloomy, depressed, and withdrawn or you can look for bright ideas to occupy your time. And besides, this isn't prison. It's a place of healing and I must say I'm blown away by the speed with which mine is progressing. From a pain-racked sack of protoplasm that entered here not long ago to my present upbeat attitude: today I walked 200 feet with Hershel, and tomorrow I'm going for 560 around the interior track of the building. If there is not a column next week, you may assume I didn't make it.

Meanwhile, outdoors the weather is springlike, at least for the moment, and I can see it coming. My daughter even sent me pictures from her game camera of Eastern Bluebirds who have returned early. So, although I'm sort of getting used to this mini-universe with its tricky buttons and mini-movements, I can hardly wait to be shuffling around my own house again with Hershel Walker and John McCane and finally some sweet day pushing down with both feet upon the clutch and brake pedals of my sweet Helga who is currently shrouded in her winter blanket in the barn. I've said it before, and I'll say it again: Fings are wookin' up!

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•Twinfield Union School Special Informational Budget Meeting, 6 p.m., Twinfield Union School Library.

Wednesday, March 1

•Wolcott Select Board, first Wednesday of month, 6 p.m.

Thursday, March 2

•Hardwick Select Board, first Thursday of month, 6 p.m.

Monday, March 6

•Danville School District Special Informational Meeting on Budget, 7 p.m., North Danville

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At their February meeting, Nicole Mann, Skip Hoblin, Jenny Stoner, Erika Karp, B.J. Gray, Jen Thompson and Amelia Circosta of the Greensboro Historical Society had pizza delivered by Jen Thompson of Smith's Grocery in Greensboro Bend.

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SPORTS

Chargers Notch Second Win of Season

by Ken Brown

CRAFTSBURY – The Craftsbury Academy (CA) boys' basketball team beat Trinity Baptist last week for their second win of the season as head coach Sean Ryan's young team continues to improve and play better fundamental basketball.

The Chargers celebrated Senior Night with a bang last Monday by racing past Trinity Baptist at home 60-20. Junior Dylan Washer continued to power CA's offense with a game-high 17 points. Senior Dalton Gravel had one of his best games of the season with 11 and Will Patnoe celebrated with his first four points of the year.

"It felt good to get another win under our belt on a night where we were honoring our hard-working seniors. We're still a very young team and our seniors have been an important part of our growth through a challenging season.

Trinity is probably a smaller program than we are, so it was a nice opportunity for us to try and execute some things we've been working on in practice and get everyone some valuable varsity experience on the court. We ran some set plays really well and boxed out better in this one and it was nice to get the win," said Ryan.

Freshman Landon Miller continued his strong play in the second half of the season with 10 points. Washer has led the Chargers in scoring the past two seasons and is averaging north of 15 points per game this winter. The junior captain is still learning how to not put a young team on his back at times and Ryan commends him for continuing to try and get his teammates involved for the team to play their best basketball.

"It has been an up and down year and that is to be expected as we try to build a program. Dylan has been our only offense at times, but he is starting to see that we all play our best

basketball and have the best chance to be successful when he makes others around him better. That is a very tough thing to do as a captain, but he has come a long way in learning that this season. The development of Landon this season is a good example and having those two be able to score next season will make us that much further along in our growth. I like the direction we are going and if we can keep working at cutting down our turnovers and rebound, we'll have an opportunity to be successful. Stowe is fast, athletic, and likes to trap a lot to try and get some easy buckets off of turnovers. We've been working on that a lot the past week and hopefully we can go out and execute it," said Ryan.

CA welcomed Stowe to the Common on Monday night and are scheduled to wrap up their regular season at BFA-Fairfax on Thursday. Pairings for the upcoming Division IV tournament are expected to be out next Monday.

Mixed Week for Trojans as They Ramp up for Postseason

by Ken Brown

DANVILLE – Head coach Chris Hudson's young Twinfield-Cabot boys' basketball team showed both sides of themselves last week in a disappointing road loss to division rival Danville, before rebounding as a totally different team in a resounding home win against Oxbow.

Senior Christian Young poured in a game-high 21 points to help Danville break open a close game in the second half in a 74-41 home win over the Trojans last Wednesday. Andrew Joncas complimented his backcourt mate with 16 and Arius Andrews did the dirty work inside with eight points and 10 rebounds. Sam Russell led Twinfield-Cabot with 18, including 10 in the second quarter to keep his team within striking distance at the break. Trojan point guard Meles Gouge connected from long range early in the third quarter to make it a two-possession game, but three consecutive 3-pointers from Young, Joncas, and freshman Cole Guinard (12 points) flipped the momentum. The Bears would end the quarter on a 22-3 run and the rout was on. Freshman Tej Stewart fought through an early ankle injury to finish with eight points in the loss. It was the seventh straight win for the Bears as they improved to 13-5 and moved into the third spot in the current Division IV rankings.

"Give credit to Danville,

they came out in the second half and punched us in the mouth, but it really caught me by surprise that we had no fight or response," said Hudson. "We flat out played selfish basketball, pouting, complaining about calls, and just couldn't get out of our own heads. I understand that we are a very young team, but 15 games in I thought we had overcome that stuff. This team has fought back from adversity several times this season to come back and win ball games and unfortunately in one of our biggest games of the season we reverted back to being a young and inexperienced ballclub," added Hudson.

A team meeting seemed to recalibrate the Trojans Friday as they celebrated Senior Night with a dominant 78-47 home win over Oxbow. Meles Gouge led Twinfield-Cabot with 20 points, Sam Russell added 18, and Stewart chipped in with 16 as they rained down 15 three-pointers on the Olympians. Braxton Adams led Oxbow with 10 points in the loss as they fell to 3-14, near the bottom of the Division III standings. T.J. Bernatchy was celebrated on the night and Hudson couldn't say enough about his senior big-man's growth over the past two seasons and the leadership he has brought to such a young team.

"We all had a 'heart to heart' as a team after the Danville game and I'm proud of the way they came out and responded

Friday night. It could have gone one of two ways after a talk like that, but the guys came out and did the little things on both ends of the court and I'm proud of them. Brayden Cushing got his first start and played well and we got out in transition and played the style of basketball that we're capable of. T.J. didn't play much last year, but he put in a lot of work on his game over the summer and he's everything a coach could want in their senior leader. He's asked to do a lot of the hard things inside for us, executes his roll night in and night out, and he's become more vocal

defensively for us. I just couldn't be any prouder of that kid. Our seeding probably won't change this week so I'm just looking for that same kind of energy to finish out our regular season. If we play unselfish basketball like we did tonight, we can play with anyone in our division," said Hudson.

Twinfield-Cabot currently sits at 10-6 and is ranked sixth in the Division IV standings. They travelled to Richford on Monday and will wrap up their regular season with a home matchup against defending champion Blue Mountain on Thursday night.



photo by Vanessa Fournier
Hazen Union senior Jadon Baker (right) looks to pass around Malcolm Ernst (left) of Lamoille in the Wildcat den February 15. Hazen outscored Lamoille 63-52.

SPORTS

KEN BROWN'S HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP

Undefeated Junior Varsity Season

The Hazen Union girls junior varsity basketball team ended with a perfect season, undefeated at 19-0. Front row (left to right): Sadie Gann, Elizabeth Hess, Mya Lumsden, Bri Holbrook, Madeline Kaiser. Back row (left to right): head coach Alison Blaney, manager Taylor Thompson, Ella Renaud, Carrie Gonyaw, Kelsie Rivard, Emma Rowell and manager Autumn Dailey.

photo by Vanessa Fournier



Hazen JV Girls Finish off Perfection

HARDWICK – The Hazen Union junior varsity girls' basketball team defeated Milton last week to finish off a perfect 16-0 season under head coach Alison Blaney.

Blaney coached a talented group in her first season that blew past its opposition all winter and many of her players will be at the varsity level sooner than later. After attending Craftsbury Academy, Blaney finished her high school career at Hazen Union and was a member of the '94 Lady Cat team that were state runner-up under head coach John Sperry. The 2023 undefeated JV Lady Cat roster includes: Mya Lumsden, Kelsey Rivard, Ella Renaud, Sadie Gann, Brianna Holbrook, Emma Rowell, Carrie Gonyaw, Elizabeth Hess, Madeline Kaiser, and eighth grade contributors Taylor Thompson and Autumn Dailey.

Lady Trojans Limp into the Playoffs

WINOOSKI – A hobbled Twinfield-Cabot girls' basketball team fell to Winooski, Mount Anthony, and Williamstown before forfeiting to Blue Mountain last

week to finish the regular season at 3-17.

The Lady Trojans have lost 12 straight since losing 80 percent of their starting lineup to season ending injuries over a month ago. First year head coach David Conover brought his underdog squad to fourth seeded Arlington on Tuesday as they tipped off the first round of the Division IV tournament. Arlington finished the season at 14-5 and are currently on a 13-game winning streak.

Baker Retirement from Coaching Ends an Era

HARDWICK – Hazen Union junior varsity boys' basketball coach Mike Baker will retire at the end of the season after 23 years on the sidelines.

He has coached and helped develop all the Wildcat greats over two plus decades, as well as his two sons. Senior Jadon Baker is a starting guard for Hazen Union and they currently sit at 15-3 on their quest to defend their '22 Division III state championship. His oldest son Isaiah will go down as the best long-range shooter in

Wildcat history if not the state, holding countless 3-point records, as well as the second most points scored in a career at Hazen with 1,474. Baker's team currently sits at 11-5 with two games remaining this week.

"Mike has been at the heart of this program for the last 23 years. I cannot express how grateful and fortunate we are to have had Mike for all of those years. He is currently the longest serving JV coach in the state and has had one of the most successful runs ever. In his 23 years he has helped countless kids both on and off the court. His impact will be felt in our community and this program for many years to come," said head coach Aaron Hill.

Vikings Move up to Eighth

BRATTLEBORO – Hazen Union's Andrew Menard and the Lyndon Institute boys' hockey team raced past Brattleboro and Woodstock last week, before falling to Stowe to improve to 8-9-2 on the season.

The junior defensemen recorded an assist in the Vikings 3-0 win on the road over

Brattleboro last Monday. Lyndon Institute has climbed up the division II standings after winning six of their last eight games. They inched ahead of Milton last week for the pivotal #8 spot in the current rankings and will do battle with a 12-6 Rutland team at Fenton Chester Arena on Wednesday to wrap up their regular season.

Hilltoppers Finish Fourth in States

ESSEX – Hazen Union's Lydia Hall and the St. Johnsbury Academy (SJA) gymnastics team finished fourth overall last weekend at the Vermont State Gymnastics Meet at Essex High School.

Hall finished seventh in the beam event and fourteenth in the all-around. Freshman teammate Lydia Ruggles claimed the uneven bars title and finished third overall. Burr and Burton won the team championship and Robin Tashjian from Burr and Burton also won the individual all-around title. Hazen's Emily Mollieur and Hall are independents who compete for SJA under head coach Beverly McCarthy.

Chargers Claim First Bowling Title in School History

by Ken Brown

BARRE – After four runner-up finishes this season, the Craftsbury Academy (CA) bowling team finally cracked the code over the weekend, defeating top-seeded Central Division rival Randolph to claim their first varsity title in their final regular season match at Twin City Lanes.

Freshman Jacob Marquis threw three straight strikes in the tenth frame of the championship match and Randolph could not answer as the Chargers took home their first title in school history on

Saturday afternoon. CA started the individual portion on the day seeded second, behind Marquis' (198, 181), a 198 from Joe Wilcox, and a 170 from senior Will Patnoe. The Chargers swept tournament host Twinfield-Cabot in the opening round 189-100, 160-70. Next up was Randolph, who is ranked fourth in the state and has had the Chargers number this season. CA set the tone early in the opening game, running away 180-52 and setting up Marquis' heroics to sweep the Galloping Ghosts 158-147 to capture their first-ever title.

“Craftsbury bowling finally got over the hump,” said head coach Connor Bean. “We did a good job of sweeping Twinfield-Cabot and setting up a rematch against a very good Randolph team and this time the result was different. Jacob forced Randolph’s Blake Bliss to equal his three strikes in the tenth and when he left the 10 pin in the first frame we knew we had our first title in Craftsbury Academy Bowling history. The win also moved us ahead of South Burlington in the standings and we’ll be the only team in the state to bring our entire starting five to the state tournament. We have the week off to recharge and get ready

for Rutland,” added Bean.

The win moved CA past S. Burlington by one point to take over the sixth spot in the state rankings out of 12 teams. Randolph will go into the state tournament ranked fourth behind top-seeded Brattleboro. The top 32 bowlers in the state will compete at Rutland in the State Individual Tournament on Saturday. Will Patnoe is currently ranked sixth in the state with an 182 average, Jacob Marquis 16th (163 avg.), Matt Wilcox 26th (156 avg.), Jason Brown 31st (151 avg.), and Joe Wilcox 32nd with a 150 average. The team state championship tournament will be held at Twin City Lanes on March 4.

SKI REPORT

BY ERIC HANSON

Three Craftsbury Ski Club Skiers Named to New England U.S. Junior National Cross Country Team

DUBLIN, N.H. – Amelia Circosta, Claire Serrano, and Charlie Kehler of the Craftsbury Ski Club (CSC) are all headed to Fairbanks, Alaska, to compete at the U.S. Junior National Cross Country Ski Championships in March as part of the New England team. After eight races from December to this past weekend, the points were tallied from each skiers top four races. Circosta placed first in the Under 16 (U16) division and Claire Serrano was fourth. Serrano secured her spot this past weekend by winning the 6 km classic race, the final race of the series. Kehler grabbed the sixth and final spot in the boys U16 division by placing second and third in skate sprint and 6 km classic races, respectively, this past weekend. Three other CSC skiers finished just outside the top six with Ruth Krebs, ninth, and Anika Leahy 10th in the girls U16 group and Sisu Lange 10th in the boys U16 division. Leo Circosta was the 13th U18 skier in New England.

Craftsbury Green Racing Project Skiers Go Second and Third at SuperTour

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. – In a 20 km mass start freestyle race, pacing and patience are the keys to success. In the seven-lap race, a group of nearly eight skiers in the front pack were waiting for someone to take off and try to break free. It was Alayna Sonnesyn of the Stratton Mountain team that made the move. Craftsbury Green Teamers (GRP) Alex Lawson and Margie Freed went with her but after the sixth lap, Sonnesyn had opened up a 10-second gap. Lawson and Freed paced each other in the chase and were 15 seconds ahead of the next skier. They closed the gap to five seconds in the final lap but Sonnesyn held on for the win. Freed out-sprinted Lawson in the final stretch by 0.3 seconds finishing in 59:17.2. Braden Becker of the men’s GRP team had one of his better races of the year finishing eighth. Michaela Keller-Miller and Annika Landis (both GRP) finished 12th and 13th. These skiers head to northern Wisconsin next week to compete in the American Birkebeiner, the largest marathon in North America with over 10,000 racers.

Vermont Girls Basketball Playdowns and Tournament Schedule

DIVISION III

Playdowns

Tuesday, Feb. 21

Game 1: No. 10 Bellows Falls (6-14) at No. 7 Oxbow (11-9), 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 22, (games at 7 p.m.)

Game 2: No. 9 Green Mountain (7-13) at No. 8 Vergennes (5-15)

Game 3: No. 13 Woodstock (3-17) at No. 4 White River Valley (16-4)

Game 4: No. 12 Stowe (4-14) at No. 5 Peoples (13-7)

Game 5: No. 15 Winooski (2-17) at No. 2 Hazen (18-1)

Game 6: No. 14 Randolph (2-18) at No. 3 Thetford (15-5)

Game 7: No. 11 BFA-Fairfax (4-16) at No. 6 Richford (13-7)

Quarterfinals, Saturday, Feb. 25, (games at 2 p.m.)

Game 8: Winner Game 2 at No. 1 Windsor (18-2)

Game 9: Winner Game 4 vs. Winner Game 3

Game 10: Winner Game 1 vs. Winner Game 5

Game 11: Winner Game 7 vs. Winner Game 6

Semifinals at Barre Auditorium

Thursday, March 2

Game 12: Winner Game 8 vs. Winner Game 9

Game 13: Winner Game 10 vs. Winner Game 11

D-III championship at Barre Auditorium

Saturday, March 4

Game 14: Winner Game 12 vs. Winner Game 13, 7:30 p.m.

DIVISION IV

Playdowns

Tuesday, Feb. 21, (games at 7 p.m.)

Game 1: No. 9 Mount St. Joseph (8-12) at No. 8 Danville (9-11)

Game 2: No. 13 Twinfield-Cabot (3-17) at No. 4 Arlington (14-5)

Game 3: No. 12 Mid-Vermont Christian (5-12) at No. 5 Long Trail School (14-6)

Game 4: No. 11 Northfield (5-14) at No. 6 Poultney (14-5)

Wednesday, Feb. 22, (games at 7 p.m.)

Game 5: No. 10 Proctor (7-12) at No. 7 Williamstown (12-7)

Game 6: No. 14 Rivendell (1-19) at No. 3 Leland & Gray- (15-5)

Quarterfinals

Friday, Feb. 24 (games at 7 p.m.)

Game 7: Winner Game 1 at No. 1 West Rutland (20-0)

Game 9: Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 2

Saturday, Feb. 25, (games at 2 p.m.)

Game 10: Winner Game 5 at No. 2 Blue Mountain (17-3)

Game 11: Winner Game 4 vs. Winner Game 6

Semifinals at Barre Auditorium

Monday, Feb. 27

Game 12: Winner Game 7 vs. Winner Game 9, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 1

Game 13: Winner Game 10 vs. Winner Game 11, 6:30 p.m.

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