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Seven Craftsbury Academy Skiers Gain All-State Honors



photo by Eric Hanson

The Craftsbury Academy boys' squad receiving their second-place medals in the state meet relay race were (left to right) Charlie Krebs, Leo Circosta, Charlie Kehler and (back row), Cormac Leahy.

by Eric Hanson

CRAFTSBURY – Four Craftsbury Academy (CA) skiers were named to the boys Vermont Division II all-state cross country ski team, including Cormac Leahy (11th grade), Leo Circosta (10th), Charlie Krebs (11th), and Charlie Kehler (9th). Alan Moody (11th) gained honorable mention status.

Ruth Krebs (9th grade) and Anika Leahy (9th) were named to the girls Vermont Division II all-state team. Times from the two skate and classic races at the state championships were combined to determine the top 10 skiers and the next five for honorable mention. Lamoille Union's Maggie McGee (12th) was also named to the team. The future looks bright for the CA squad as all the skiers are underclassmen.



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Skiers Ruth Krebs (left) and Anika Leahy (far right) of Craftsbury Academy were named to the Girls' Vermont Division II All-State team. Isobelle Serrano, U-32 (middle) trains with the Craftsbury Ski Club part-time.

Woodbury Elementary Represented at Vermont Iron Chef Jr. Competition

by Elizabeth Stratton
Community Journalist

WOODBURY – The “Cheddah Cheese Girls” represented Woodbury Elementary School at the Vermont Iron Chef Jr. challenge this past weekend.

Six sixth graders -- McKenna Durkee, Ursa Goldenrose, Jo Lander, Evelyn Molina and Ava Stratman -- have been training for the competition, made possible by the REACH program. The girls created their own vegetable cheddar soup recipe, modified an online recipe for homemade Naan, and have been perfecting their dish since the beginning of the year.

On Saturday, April 2, they made their competition debut at the Essex Fairgrounds against many other middle school (grades 6-8) teams

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photo by Rose Friedman

The “Cheddah Cheese Girls” assemble before a Vermont Iron Chef Jr. heat begins in Essex. They are (left to right) Jo Lander, Ava Stratman, McKenna Durkee (back), Ursa Goldenrose, and Evelyn Molina (front).

Cabot Receives Grant to Expand Trail Network

MONTPELIER – The Town of Cabot was one of the three communities along the Cross Vermont Trail to receive major grants to promote and improve access to trails and outdoor recreation.

Cabot received a \$62,500 grant to build connections between the Village of Cabot, the town's four-season trail network, the Cross Vermont Trail and the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail.

Governor Scott and the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation announced on March 28 the award of nearly 5 million dollars in funding to 24 outdoor recreation projects statewide, including three, in Groton, Cabot and Montpelier, that will help extend the Cross Vermont Trail network.

Cross Vermont Trail Association (CVTA) Board Chair Mike Thomas, from Wells River, was quick to offer congratulations. “This is what the Cross Vermont Trail Association calls a success story, when neighboring communities each

buy in to the larger dream of a connected four season multi use path across their respective boundaries, from Lake Champlain to the Connecticut.” CVTA supported each community's application, and is looking forward to working with them as the work is done.

These grants are a part of the Vermont Outdoor Recreation Economic Collaborative (VOREC). VOREC is a State program, guided by a steering committee made up of Vermont businesses and non-profits, including outdoor manufacturers, retailers, brand representatives, trail and user groups. The goal of VOREC is to support recreation in natural settings in order to help maintain a healthy outdoor economy that invites visitors to our State, while also promoting a good quality of life for residents.

The Cross Vermont Trail Association is a statewide, member-based nonprofit that works by collaborating with landowners, community

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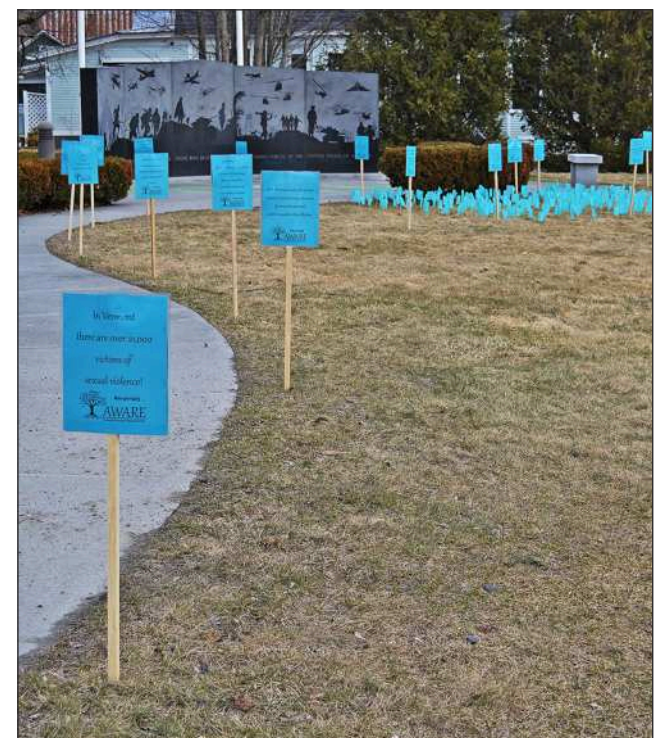


photo by Vanessa Fournier

Informational signs and flags display showing statistics on sexual and violence awareness were set up by AWARE volunteers in Memorial Park in Hardwick. The exhibit emphasizes the importance of offering support and assistance to anyone who is in need.

Children Can be Targets

by Anna Pirie

HARDWICK – April is Sexual Violence Awareness Month and many adults experience sexual violence and harassment. Unfortunately, children can also be targets for sexual abuse.

Child sexual abuse is any sexual act done to a child by an adult or another youth (when one youth exerts power over or manipulates another). These acts include all forms of sexual contact, including fondling, oral sex, intercourse and non-contact sexual acts including exhibitionism, exposure to pornography, voyeurism, and communicating in a sexual manner by phone or internet.

In most cases of child sexual abuse, the

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Quinn Selected to Operate East Calais General Store

EAST CALAIS – The East Calais Community Trust (ECCT) has announced that Jessica Quinn will be the future operator of the East Calais General Store.

Jessica Quinn is a resident of East Calais, and is an advocate for supporting local products, farmers, makers and artists. Her business plan includes a classic farm deli, providing easy meal choices, packaged food, cheeses, meats, pantry essentials, seasonal produce and convenience items.

Quinn grew up in the foothills of New York’s Adirondack Mountains in the Mohawk Valley in a home her father built on the farmland he grew up on. After completing Fine Arts school at PrattMWP, Jess worked and lived on a private estate, independently studying Cordon Bleu Institute-Chef de Cuisine while cooking full-time for a successful couple from New York City. After a few seasons, she went to Florida to continue cooking aboard various boats, pursuing

sailing and later completed her B.S. in Environmental Studies from Eckerd College in St. Petersburg, Fla. She continued to pursue art, work as a private chef on boats and traveled.

In 2013, she moved to Vermont to be closer to family. While in Vermont, Jess pursued catering, property management, farming and raising chickens and ducks. A unique opportunity presented itself and she opened North Creek Farm & Market, LLC in Phippsburg, Me. Later, after looking for a new location and relocating back to Vermont, she discovered the East Calais General Store and became inspired to dedicate herself to creating the new store.

Quinn is currently the facilities coordinator and volunteer curator at the Center for Arts & Learning in Montpelier.

For questions, suggestions or vendor recommendations, email Quinn at northcreekcafe@gmail.com or call (802) 272-8688.



photo by Vanessa Fournier
Water flows rapidly on Jackson Dam in Hardwick on April 1.

Celebrating Public Health Week 2022

In this Public Health Week 2022, **Craftsbury Community Care Center Board of Directors** recognizes the amazing **Staff, Volunteers, and Home Communities** that make our essential work possible. Once again you prove that **“We are all in this Together!”**

An Essential Part of our Health Care Community

Craftsbury Community Care Center has been an essential part of our community since 1995, providing a caring, homelike, affordable and safe residential option for elders in a setting that encourages independence, activities and involvement with families, friends and the larger community.

Homelike Independent Living in a Beautiful Setting

We are a level III residential care home located in the heart of Vermont’s Northeast Kingdom, surrounded by open fields, gardens, walking paths and stately trees. The Center accommodates 24 residents in their own spacious rooms, combining privacy and independence with the safety and security of knowing that dedicated, caring staff is always nearby.

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