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We all like to do business with people we know, and in a small community like ours it is easier to trade goods and services with folks who we recognize and can often call by name. And in a year that has been like no other that we have experienced, it has been comforting and genuinely safer to deal with our neighbors and friends.

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For more than three decades, the *Addison County Independent* has published this special section to help our readers know a little bit more about the people who play such a vital role in our communities. In this year's section, we reached out to scores of area businesses to gather their photos, introduce their teams and tell their unique stories. While everyone's story is different in the details, the general theme is the same — each story serves as a tribute to the hard-working employees and employers who make each business the success that it is.

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## Lindsay Houpt-Varner

### Passion for history leads to Rokeby Museum

By ANDY KIRKALDY

FERRISBURGH — The new director of Ferrisburgh historic site Rokeby Museum earned degrees in History and Government & Political Affairs at Millersville University in Pennsylvania, and then a PhD at Durham University in the U.K.

Maybe just as importantly Lindsay Houpt-Varner said she has a passion for history first developed as a youngster.

Houpt-Varner, a 34-year-old native of Carlisle, Penn., said her family helped her catch a history bug that teachers further nurtured.

“Whenever we would go on vacations we would go to museums, and we would travel around the Eastern Seaboard and visit different historic sites,” she recalled. “And then when I was in high school I had a series of teachers who encouraged me to pursue that and encouraged me to do National History Day and to take as many history classes as I could.”

As a Millersville undergraduate Houpt-Varner first planned to become an attorney, but had a change of heart. She became a dual major, adding History, and then headed off to the U.K.

for a four-year post-graduate career and work as community educator and administrator at an international historic site.

“I realized my passion really lied in history, so I stuck with that through grad school,” she said.

Houpt-Varner has worked as the Community Outreach Director for the Cumberland Historical Society and as the Greater Carlisle Heart & Soul Project Director in her hometown. She has received awards from Preservation Pennsylvania, PA Museums, and the American Association for State and Local History. She has also taught Early American and British History in Pennsylvania colleges.

The Rokeby board issued a statement on why it unanimously chose Houpt-Varner out of a field of 92 applicants:

“Lindsay stood out because of her impressive array of skills, and her successful projects and achievements as the Community Outreach Director for the Cumberland Historical

Society. Her academic studies and experience are particularly applicable to Rokeby, and the value she puts on inclusivity as a tenet of public history is very important to us.”

Houpt-Varner replaced Catherine Brooks on Sept. 21. Brooks signed on three years ago for a tenure planned to last just that long, but will stay on through Rokeby’s Oct. 25 seasonal closing date to help with the transition.

Of course, Brooks didn’t know the final eight months of her tenure would mean guiding Rokeby through a pandemic.

But she said the site, which bills itself as “a nationally significant Underground Railroad story tucked inside a quintessential Vermont experience,” has held its own through COVID relief aid, careful budgeting, and what Brooks said was reasonable attendance once the site could open on July 1.

“It’s held steady at about half of last year,” Brooks said. “All considered we feel like that’s pretty good.”

Also encouraging was a successful membership drive.

“We just had a recent membership push, and we got a great response, and membership is one of the ways we get support,” Brooks said.

After Oct. 25 Brooks, a Vergennes resident, can turn her attention elsewhere: “We have an old house, so I’m going to be working on some needed upgrades to that. I also have an idea of developing art curriculum for kids.”

Then Houpt-Varner will be full-time while Rokeby will be open only by appointment, mostly to groups. An anonymous donation will allow that full-time status for a Rokeby director for the first time, for at least the next three years.

Houpt-Varner plans to make good use of the time.

“It’s going to be a great opportunity for me to spend the winter getting to know the programming and the fundraising and museum exhibits,” she said.

But Houpt-Varner said her highest priorities early on would be listening.

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— Lindsay Houpt-Varner



NEW ROKEBY MUSEUM Director Lindsay Houpt-Varner took over for Catherine Brooks on Sept. 21. Thanks to a generous anonymous donation, Houpt-Varner will be the Ferrisburgh historic site’s first full-time director. Brooks, who leaves after a planned three-year tenure, will stay on through October to help with the transition.

Photo courtesy of Rokeby

“The first thing I’m really keen to do is get to know the volunteers, the staff that are there, the board members that are there, and then hear what they would like to see for the future of the site,” Houpt-Varner said. “Every single person I’ve talked to who knows about the site loves it. And they just have these incredible connections. I can’t wait to hear what their thoughts and ideas are.”

Houpt-Varner said a number of things attracted her to Rokeby, including her research focus on Quakerism, on which she wrote her doctoral dissertation. The Robinson family who owned Rokeby for generations were Quakers, and their faith informed their abolitionism.

She also sees moving to Rokeby as a continuation of her work at the Cumberland Historical Society, where she focused on the 19th century, including preservation work and research on a Black church that was founded in the 1870s, and the roles of “voices in our historical narrative.”

“A lot of the aspects of Rokeby and their

mission really hit on everything that I’m passionate about in the work that I’m currently doing, and it brought it all together,” Houpt-Varner said.

Houpt-Varner said she and her husband, Chris, are also excited about the move to Vermont. They are planning to restore the Monkton home they are buying and to enjoy running, cycling and gardening.

“We’re really looking forward to being in Vermont,” Houpt-Varner said. “We’re so excited for this. It just seems like a perfect fit for us.”

So, yes, that does mean she views Rokeby as a potential long-range fit.

“I do see this as a long-term position. I am very passionate about the mission of Rokeby,” she said. “I think there are so many fantastic opportunities to meld together conversations on the history of the site, whether it be agriculture or conservation or abolition or women in American history. I think there are some great topics we could talk about there.”



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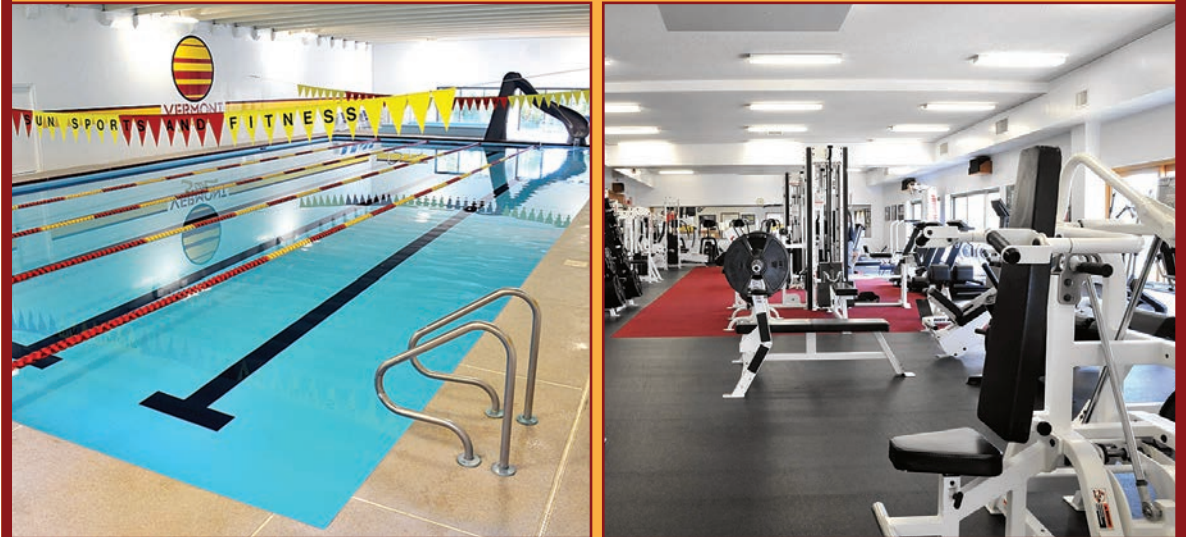
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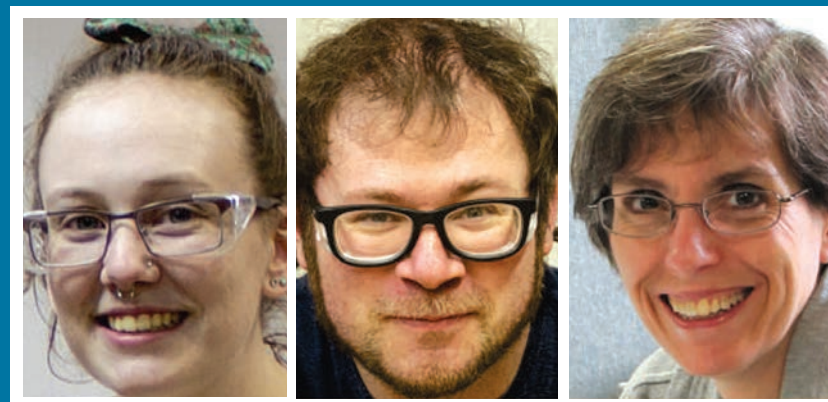
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## Glen Bartolomeo

### Lincoln bread baker finds his niche

By CHRISTOPHER ROSS

LINCOLN — When Glen Bartolomeo moved to Lincoln eight years ago, acquired a home baking license and launched Glen's Pride Breads as a semi-retirement project, he figured he'd bake a few loaves for a year or two and that would be it.

But his neighbors had other ideas. "It's taken on a life of its own, thanks to the community," Bartolomeo told the *Independent*.

It all began with a fellow Lincoln resident who learned about Bartolomeo's baking through word of mouth and started buying loaves from him. Then she suggested that he sell his bread at the Lincoln General Store.

Not artisan bread, the neighbor told him — people can get that anywhere. What was needed was really good sandwich bread.

Bartolomeo obliged.

Soon, in addition to the Lincoln General Store, he was selling bread to Lantman's Market in Hinesburg and Almost Home in Bristol. At his peak he was baking 60-75 loaves a week in his cozy Lincoln kitchen — honey wheat, maple oat, cinnamon raisin, potato white and the occasional New England anadama.

"There are a million breads on the market to choose from, so it's quite a compliment that people keep buying my bread," he said. "The locals have been really faithful."

Because of the pandemic, Bartolomeo now sells only to the Lincoln General Store — about 50-60 loaves a week, he said. He's been approached about expanding, but he's decided to keep things simple with his home baking license.

"I have a regular stove oven, which holds up to 12 loaves at a time. When I got the license I went out and bought the largest convection oven that was allowed," he said with a laugh.

Bartolomeo, 66, grew up watching "The French Chef," the iconic and groundbreaking cooking show hosted by Julia Child.

"When I was 15 I watched Julia Child baking French bread, and I told my mother, 'I want to do that,'" he recalled. "And she said, 'OK, as long as you clean up afterward.'"

When Bartolomeo was done, his father tried the finished product and was delighted.

"He raved about it," Bartolomeo said. "From then on he would say to me, 'Hey, make that French bread for me.' That's when I got into baking."

A few years later, Bartolomeo went off to art school with the hope of becoming an illustrator. But cooking beckoned.

"When I was looking for work someone told me you can always get work in a kitchen."

So he did.

"Back when I was learning cooking, in the '80s, chefs didn't care as much about education as they do today," he said.

Instead, he learned by doing.

In 1992 Bartolomeo and his partner purchased Phineas Swann Inn & Spa in Montgomery Center, Vt. There, in addition to making several improvements and additions, Bartolomeo made bread and teacakes and other baked goods.

He also baked for a while at Holiday House in St. Albans.

These days, Bartolomeo focuses mainly on sliced sandwich loaves, but he does take requests.

"I can do French and Italian and other artisanal breads. One customer gets dinner rolls once a month," he said. "I'll occasionally do pastries and wedding cakes, but I love bread the most."

Somehow Bartolomeo seems always to have known this.

On a high shelf in his kitchen, he keeps a faded photograph of himself as a child, standing in front of a shop window and pointing at a Sunbeam Mixmaster.

The photo was taken from behind so the expression on the boy's face is hidden, but there is another item on Bartolomeo's kitchen shelf that suggests young Glen was gazing into his future: the Mixmaster itself, white with a black handle, space-age in its design, a touch of sexy, a touch of NASA.

Bartolomeo has long since upgraded, of course. Now he uses a Swedish model that can

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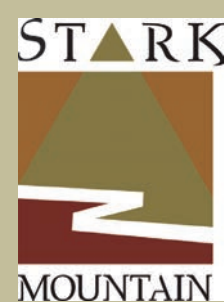
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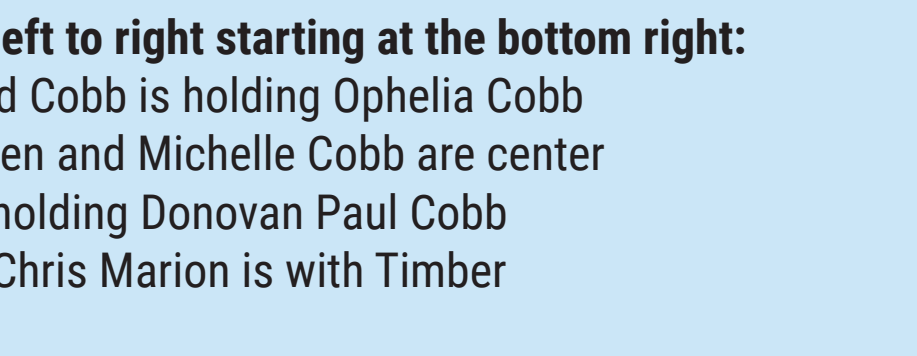
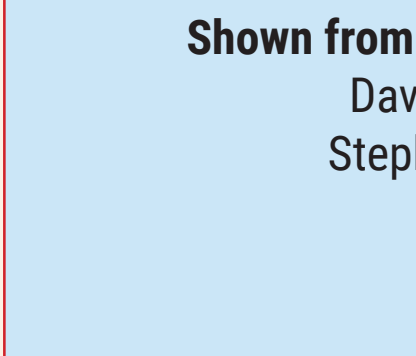
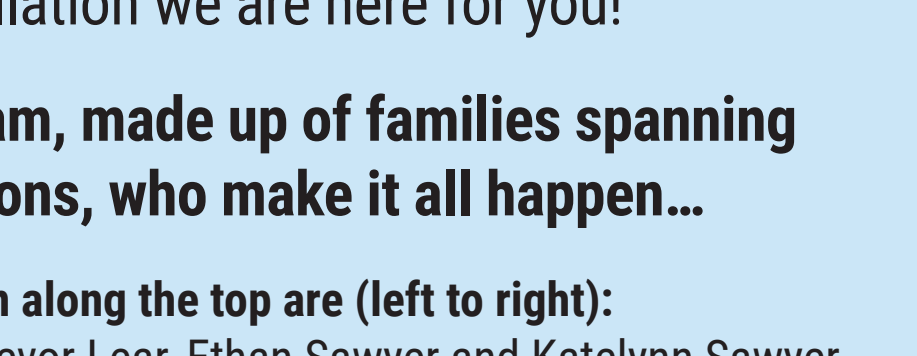
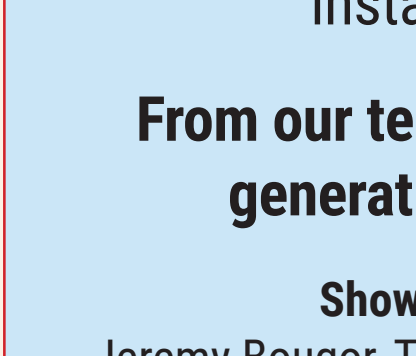
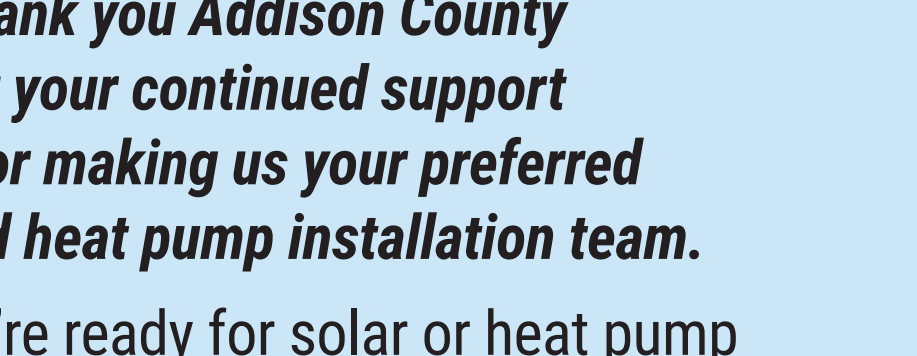
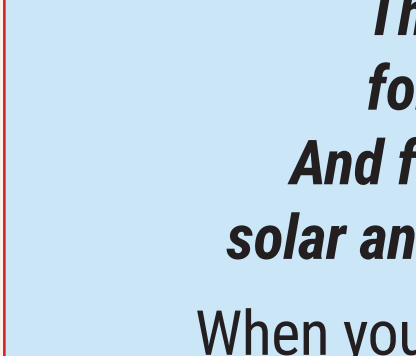
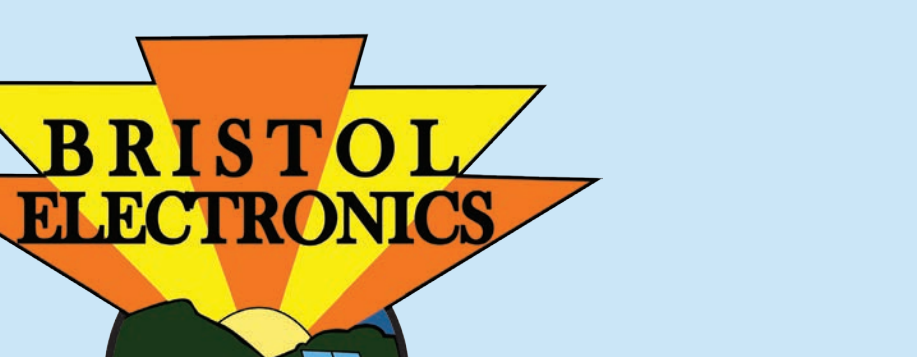

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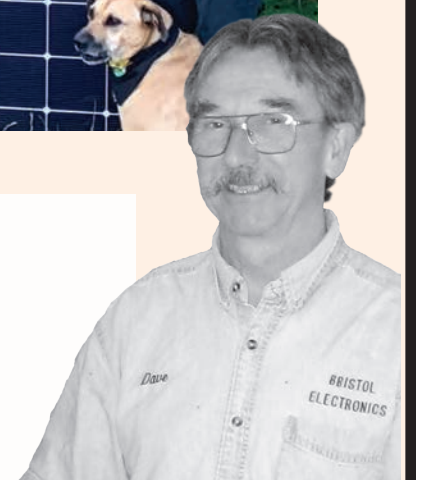
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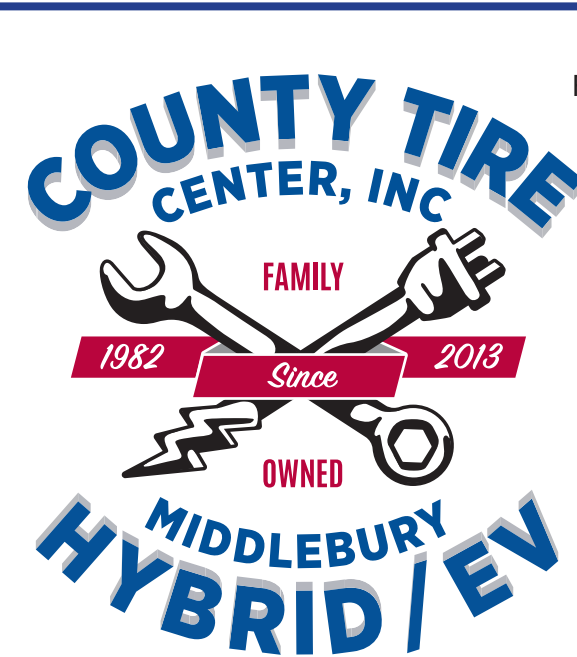
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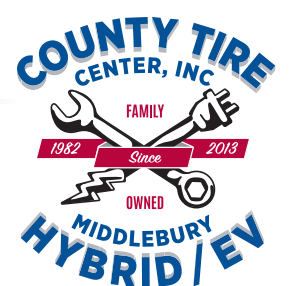
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# PROFILES *In the community* SPOTLIGHT

## Donna Audet

### Respect helped keep a positive office tone

By JOHN FLOWERS

MIDDLEBURY — Donna Audet was working at Burlington Savings Bank in Middlebury in September of 1980 when she received a call from the late Dr. Alan Ayer, who had taken her through her first pregnancy just six months earlier. Ayer this time wasn't calling to check up on Audet's child.

"He asked me if I might be interested in coming to work for him," Audet recalled.

She didn't have to be asked twice. Audet gave her notice at the bank and began working for Ayer on Oct. 1, 1980, running the front desk and scheduling patient appointments.

And the rest is history. A lot of it.

Jimmy Carter was in the last year of his presidency, and the U.S. men's hockey team had only eight months prior stunned the Soviet Union at the Olympic Games in Lake Placid.

The physicians' building on Porter Medical Center campus was still under construction. Ayer and Dr. James "Chip" Malcolm were part owners of the new structure, and initially ran separate practices at the facility before joining forces as "Addison Associates" in 1982. Porter Medical Center would eventually acquire Addison Associates in 2007.

"We started altogether on the same platform and worked in unison to create a practice that was not only serving women in Addison County, but a perimeter that would grow into Chittenden and Rutland counties, Warren and New York state," Audet said. "It was really impressive."

Addison Associates became more than a team; it was like family, according to Audet. Ayer and Malcolm had nurses that would stay with them for 25-plus years, she noted. And Audet would emerge as the much-respected organizational backbone of the practice, which continued to grow and adopted the name "Porter Women's Health" around five years ago.

"The longevity piece of it started from the beginning," she said.

As the practice grew to more than 6,000 total patients, so did Audet's duties. She retired this

past spring as "operations manager."

"It became busier as time went on," she said. "Health care is every changing, and women's health is 24/7, whether you're in the office, or dealing with women who need surgeries at the hospital."

With proficiency and seniority came respect. Practitioners often used Audet as a sounding board.

"The thing that was most important to me, as new people came into the office and the office continued to grow, was we all had to have respect for each other," she said. "That was the first and foremost thing — it was a requirement, and it held true. I think that helped put out a positive tone to the patients and the community about the practice."

Some patients would later become friends. Audet had a way of dealing with people that instilled goodwill, according to those who toiled with her.

"When you see folks often, especially following up on a pregnancy, there's a lot of times where the anxiety is elevated," she said. "Being able to offer general reassurance throughout is important. Sometimes it's a few-words conversation and sometimes it's ongoing. That was what was so great for me; knowing we all delivered the

same message ... The quality of care across the board was equal to all."

She saw many babies. During the course of 40 years, Audet welcomed three generations of some Addison County families into the office.

"You deliver their babies and they grow, and you get into the next generation," she said. "It's wonderful to see families grow. It's really quite wonderful."

#### TIME AND CHANGE

Audet has seen a lot of changes through the years, in both medical technology and standard procedures in the care of expectant women.

When she first started, patient information was pretty much confined to paper and hand-held patient charts. One of her last big tasks before retirement was helping Porter Women's Health transition to a new Epic electronic medical



DONNA AUDET, WHO recently retired following a 40-year career as office manager for Porter Women's Health in Middlebury, brought a special touch to her managerial responsibilities in a Middlebury medical practice. Photo courtesy Donna Audet

*"Donna ran a tight ship, and as the captain of that ship, she set the tone for how things were going to run — very professional but equally warm and embracing. In an office of over 20 women, it was a well-oiled machine with very little drama."*

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"That was probably the biggest challenge — probably because there was so much training," Audet said.

Obstetric techniques and testing have also evolved through the years, she noted. Surgeries tend to be more laparoscopic than open. There's more lab work, and diagnostic ultrasounds have become part of the care package. The ultrasounds are in part liability-driven, but have also become expected by clients, Audet said.

"It seems like there's more intervention now than there used to be," she said. "And many times, it's because if you have the technology at your fingertips, folks are anxious to find out as much as they can."

With many days of hard work now in her rearview mirror, Audet is ready to enjoy retirement. She and her husband, Rene, are preparing to relocate to North Carolina, where they'll get a break from Vermont winters. They'll be closer geographically

to their two grown children and grandchild, and they'll get a chance to bike, golf and hike year-round.

"Forty years seemed like a good mile marker," Audet said of her career.

What will she miss most about working at Porter Women's Health?

"The camaraderie and women in that office," she said unhesitatingly. "It's a very special place."

#### ATTRACTED MANY FANS

Meanwhile, Audet continues to hold a special place in the hearts of her former coworkers. News that the *Independent* was writing a story about Audet generated heartfelt testimonials from people with whom she worked.

Malcolm, of course, was a big fan. He retired back in 2014. He's disappointed that the COVID-19 pandemic precluded a big in-person retirement send-off.

"Donna was always professional, polite, (See Donna Audet, Profiles, Page 7C)



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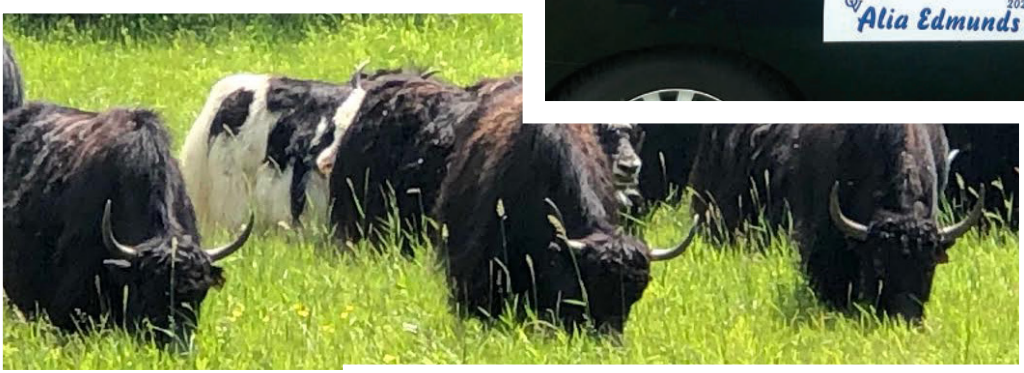
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# Donna Audet

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effective and very friendly," he said. "She was extremely supportive of Dr. Ayer, myself and the other people in the practice."

Dr. Jodi Brown, a Porter Women's Health provider, gave vivid perspective to Audet's tenure.

"She had been doing her job as office manager for literally as long as I have been alive as a person," she said. "In that time, if there was a baby born at Porter Hospital, over the previous four decades, in one way or another, she was involved in that woman's care in the background."

And she took her job very seriously, Brown stressed.

"She was omnipresent, aware of all the minutia, because she made it her business to know it," Brown said. "She ran a tight ship, and as the captain of that ship, she set the tone for how things were going to run — very professional but equally warm and embracing. In an office of over 20 women, it was a well-oiled machine with very little drama."

Audet, according to Brown, always made a point of asking co-workers about their families and interests.

"Not only was she the captain, in many ways she was also mom; making sure that everyone had a chance to eat, stocking the pantry in the break room, lending a listening ear and trying to find ways to make people's lives easier," she said. "She fiercely advocated for every person in the office for what she thought was best for them as well as the office as a whole."

Audet testimonials from other Porter Women's Health workers:

• Heather Kidde, CNM: "She is such a wonderful, classy leader who dedicated so much of her life to women and families in our community. We will never be able to replace the dedication, leadership, work ethic and kindness that she brought to her role as office manager. Donna always listened to our concerns and supported us through work and personal challenges."

"She is greatly missed."

• Lana L. Gingras, lead office coordinator: "She was the kind of leader that made you look forward to go to work, always with a smile, there to lend an ear, give advice, talk about your family. She set the example that we were here for our patients; greeting them with a smile and small talk to make them feel comfortable. She was a quiet leader who always encouraged us to run with an idea that would improve our efficiencies or patient care, always encouraging us along the way. We are so excited for her to enjoy her retirement, but her daily presence is surely missed as a leader and friend."

• Sarah Hale, office representative: "I learned a lot about discipline, strength and the ability to lead

a group of women with a strong but quiet leadership. She created a culture in our office where every employee's perspective mattered and we all had a voice at the table. With good communication, valued employees and clear guidance we were able to operate a successful practice through many changes at Porter. Donna was always the first person into the office and the last person to leave, as the manager's job was endless. Donna not only managed a successful practice, she was also our internal 'human resource' go-to person. There was rarely a time her office door was closed; she was always available to talk about work stressors, family stressors or just chat about the weekend. I think one of her greatest joys in her job was the connection with each one of us as a person, not just an employee. She knew that the root of a successful practice was to make us all feel valued, respected and to support the whole person. Donna is a gem of a woman: gritty, smart, fun, vulnerable, honest and hardworking."

**"Donna was always the first person into the office and the last person to leave, as the manager's job was endless."**

— Sarah Hale

every morning, she welcomed us as we walked down the hall toward the aroma of the coffee that she had brewing. Instinctively, she just knew what we each needed.

"It is the word integrity that has always come to mind when I think of, or describe, Donna. She always demonstrated a professionalism and calm that is unique in the medical field. She had high expectations of our team, but with those expectations came endless support and respect. She believed in the care that we provide the women and families of our community and she clearly understood what we needed in order safely, effectively and with the utmost kindness, provide that care."

• Liz Hammel, RN: "As a patient of Addison Associates in OBGYN, when it was just Dr. Malcolm and Dr. Ayer, and having appointments at the office frequently when I was having my children (1999 and 2002), I remember thinking how amazing it was that Donna always remembered me when I came to the office and made me feel like I was the most important patient in the building. Of course, after working with her (she hired me in 2014 as an RN) I realized that this is Donna's gift — the ability to put patients first and to base her decisions on what is best for them."

"I miss her. I'm also happy she is enjoying her retirement while she's still young."

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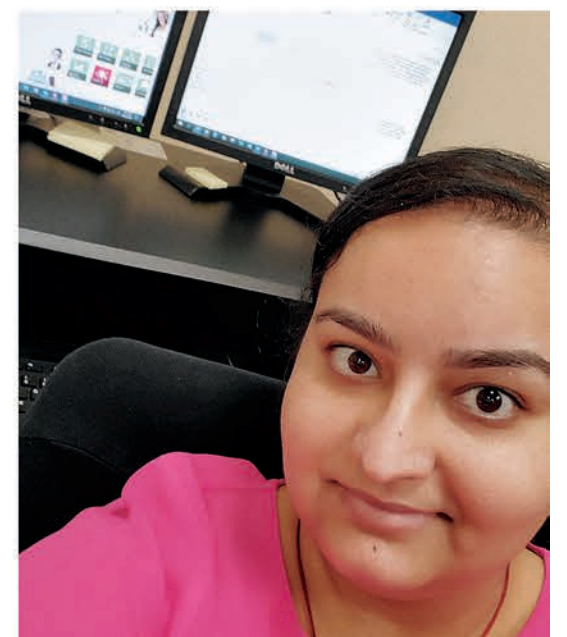
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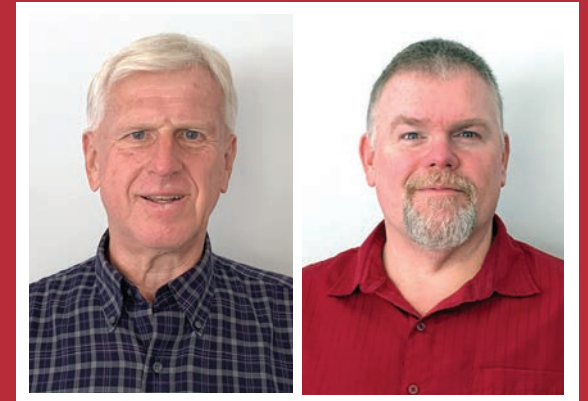
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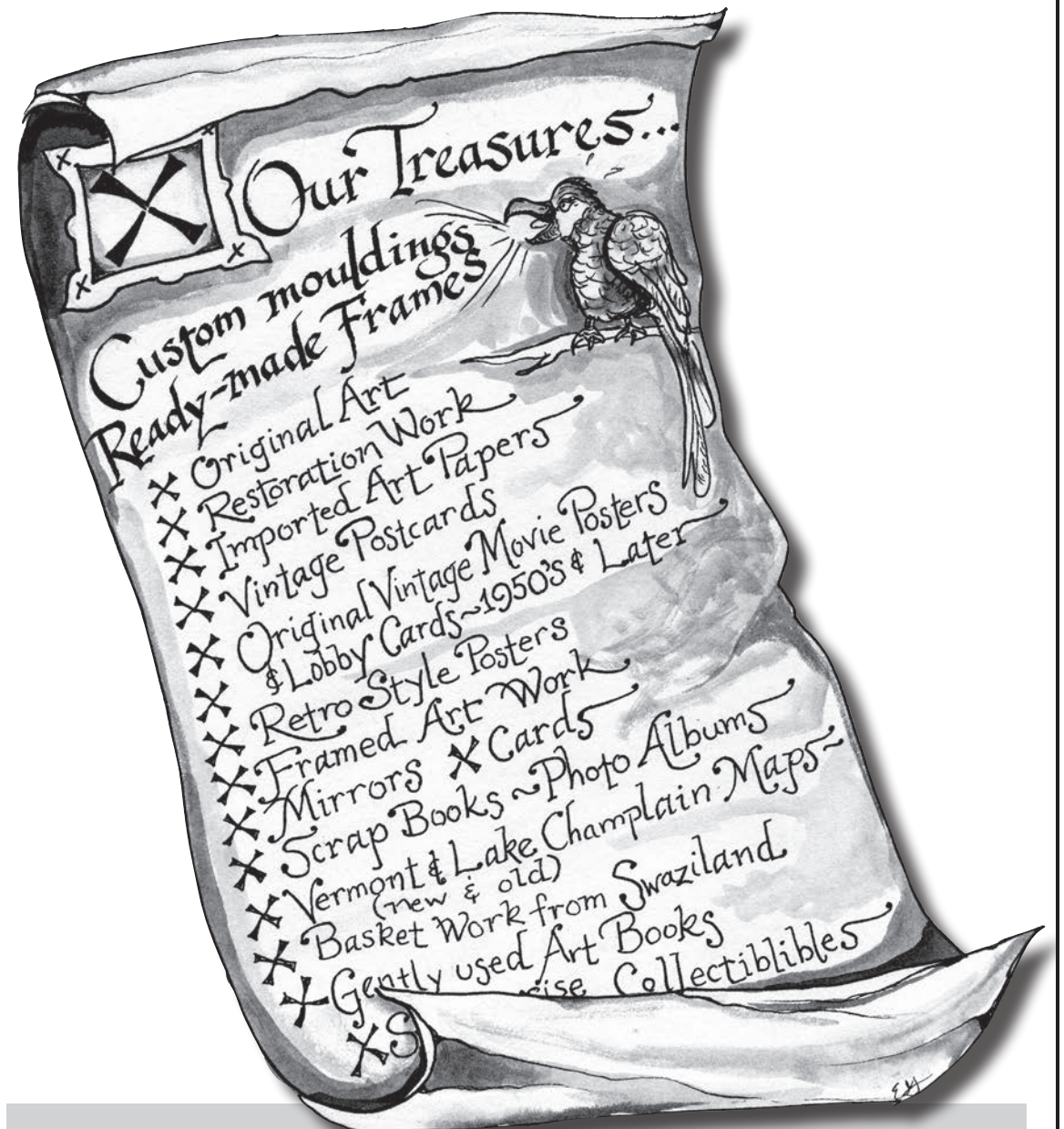
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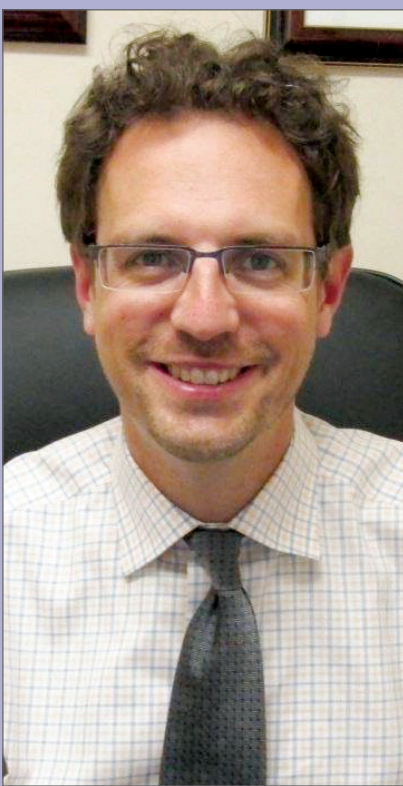


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