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Ripton gets extension on school deadline

By JOHN FLOWERS

MIDDLEBURY — The Vermont State Board of Education (VSBE) is giving Ripton a two-month extension to negotiate an agreement that could avert the town's planned exit from the Addison Central School District.

Ripton and ACSD officials had been scheduled to update the VSBE on Nov. 17 about their talks toward a compromise that could keep the town in the fold. Ripton has already met statutory requirements to withdraw from the ACSD, a path the community has charted as a way to keep its local elementary school open. The ACSD has flagged the Ripton School as a candidate for closure in light of declining enrollment and the rising costs of education.

But, as the *Addison Independent* reported on Oct. 28, preliminary talks between the ACSD and Ripton have failed to bear fruit. Ripton officials will soon meet with the ACSD board's executive committee in a further effort to find common ground.

Meanwhile, Ripton's withdrawal effort has also stalled. Nearby supervisory unions have declined to partner with the town to provide it with the transportation, special education and central office services it will need if it's to achieve independence. Ripton would be hard-pressed to provide those services for itself as an independent school district.

All of this has led to Ripton requesting an extension of time to report back to the VSBE on the progress of its re-integration talks with ACSD. Oliver Olsen, chair of the VSBE, announced on

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By the way

Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour before you go to bed this Saturday, Nov. 6. Daylight saving time officially ends at 2 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 7.

So enjoy that extra hour of sleep that you'll lose next March when the clocks spring forward and Daylight saving time resumes.

Here's a reminder that snow can't be far away. The town of Middlebury wants to remind folks that its winter parking ban took effect on Nov. 1, and will last through March 31. During

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Shy gourd

LOOKS LIKE THIS little pumpkin isn't entirely sure what to do during trick-or-treating at this past Sunday's Spooktacular celebration in downtown Middlebury. Perhaps it was the shock of being out and about on Halloween for the first time. See more photos on Pages 4A and 8A.

Independent photo/John S. McCright

It's been a sweet season for apples

County orchards see bumper crop

By CHRISTOPHER ROSS

ADDISON COUNTY — It was a good year for apples across Addison County.

Trees in Bridport, Middlebury, Monkton, New Haven and Shoreham produced a bumper crop in 2021, and in some cases those trees are still giving.

"It was a very good season for apples," said Genevieve Boyer of Boyer's Orchard and Cider Mill in Monkton. "And the weather was really good, too, except for these last few days, when it rained. But we needed that anyway."

Boyer's grows more than 50 varieties of apples, plums, pears and tart cherries, and while in season makes pressed sweet apple cider and hot cider doughnuts.

Each season, in addition to its pick-your-own operation, the orchard hires two seasonal workers from Jamaica to help with the picking and other work.

The 12-acre operation saw a lot of out-of-state folks this year, Boyer noted, including leaf-peepers and vacationers.

And a business decision she made in 2020 really paid off this year.



HUNDREDS OF RIPE, sweet apples wait to be pressed into cider at Happy Valley Orchard in Middlebury this past Tuesday. County orchards reported a bumper crop this year — and great turnout for pick-your-own season, especially during September's mild, inviting weather.

Independent photo/Steve James

"We added credit card capability last year and noticed that people were willing to spend more money if they could use their card."

And spend they did — on

Honeycrisps, Russets, Strawberry Delicious, Jack-of-Reds, Fujis and Blondies.

"The Honeycrisps were really producing this year," Boyer said.

"And the Bosc pears, too. We have about four acres of those."

The PYO (pick your own) season at Boyer's (boyersorchard. See Apples, Page 11A)

MUHS students raise BLM flag

Two-year effort comes to fruition

By JOHN FLOWERS

MIDDLEBURY — More than 80 Middlebury Union High School students stood shoulder-to-shoulder during a picture-perfect Friday afternoon to witness the raising of the Black Lives Matter banner on the MUHS flagpole. It was a ceremonial event almost two years in the making.

"I want to say this moment is really, really important for us and is a step toward much of the work we need to do today, tomorrow and into the future, as we look at ways to make our district and our communities more open to all



people," ACSD Superintendent Peter Burrows told the assembled crowd of students and school

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COVID vaccinations for kids finally here

Clinics offered for children ages 5-11

By MEGAN JAMES

VERMONT — Finally, after 20 months of the COVID-19 pandemic, the largest remaining group of those at risk — our kids — will be able to get the protection of a vaccine.

Vermont opened registration Wednesday morning for children ages 5-11 to get their first dose of Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccine, after

the CDC gave its final approval on Tuesday night. Parents can register their children on the Vermont Health Department website: healthvermont.gov.

Here's what we know so far about Vermont's plan to vaccinate school-age children: State-run community vaccination sites, schools and some pharmacies will

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Middlebury group hailed for efforts during rail construction

By JOHN FLOWERS

MIDDLEBURY — It began modestly five years ago through St. Stephen's Episcopal Church: a grassroots effort to lessen the anticipated impacts of a \$72 million tunnel construction project that would soon envelop downtown Middlebury.

Now that the tunnel project is done, one can say the efforts of

the citizens' group Neighbors, Together were anything but modest. It successfully recruited dozens of stakeholders and volunteers who created and implemented scores of programs that steered commerce to cash-strapped businesses and helped locals and tourists navigate an at-times barricaded and pock-marked landscape.

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Birdsey offers insights on how students learn

By JOHN FLOWERS

RIPTON — Educator Tal Birdsey is always encouraging his students to write, with an emphasis on making themselves the focal point of their stories. It's an exercise he believes encourages introspection, creativity, emotional well-being and honesty.

And Birdsey — the longtime director and head teacher of Ripton's North Branch School (NBS) — has been doing a lot of writing of his own these days. True to form, he's made himself and his students the subject matter of a self-imposed assignment that won't sit in any desk drawer.

Rather, Birdsey has condensed a collection of real stories that occurred inside and outside the classroom over a span of 10-12 years into a new book titled, "Hearts of the Mountain: Adolescents, a Teacher, and a Living School." The just-released tome provides a window into the intellectual and emotional growth of 27

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City sewer upgrade costs rise

Needed repairs could force bond request of up to \$20M

By **ANDY KIRKALD**
VERGENNES — Users of the Vergennes sewer and wastewater collection system might have to support a bond between roughly \$14 million and \$20 million to pay for the badly needed overhaul, according to the latest estimates provided to the city council last week.

Vergennes City Manager Ron Redmond and civil engineer Jennie Auster from Hoyle, Tanner & Associates on Oct. 25 presented councilors with a chart showing the project could cost between \$25.5 million to \$32 million, while their conservative estimates for state and federal support come in at \$11.75 million.

Five days after that discussion, the system experienced its latest overflow of a mix of sewer and wastewater, underscoring the need for a systemic overhaul of the city’s sewer system.

According to treatment plant operator Rick Chaput, the system on Sunday dumped 667,000 gallons of mostly stormwater, but also septic waste, into Otter Creek between 12:15 a.m. and 11:45 p.m.

During those hours, Chaput said, 2.26 inches of rain were measured in Vergennes. That triggered operation

of the 200 or more city sump pumps that Hoyle Tanner engineers have fingered as the major problem in overwhelming the collection system.

But at the Oct. 25 council meeting, councilors were concerned that system user rates, which have not substantially increased in a decade, could double in a worst-case scenario — if the sewer bond came in at the high end of the estimates.

Councilor Sue Rakowski wondered if any elements could be postponed through a piecemeal approach, but acknowledged the city had to act given the longstanding state order to stop the system from dumping combined sewer overflows into Otter Creek after heavy rains.

“We know that doing nothing is not an option,” Rakowski said.

Councilors asked Auster if more money might be available. She said Hoyle Tanner’s estimates for one source, the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Rural Development branch, could be low.

But in general, Auster said more pollution-control funding is available for the collection system, including the \$3 million Congressional in directed spending earmarked for the Macdonough Drive pump station — the source of the overflows.

But while \$10.5 million to \$14 million is needed for the collection system and that pump station, according to the estimates, the approximate price tag to overhaul the failing treatment plant is \$15 million to 18 million.

Councilors discussed making the collection system a priority.

“That’s one of the biggest issues. We have to address the overflow,” said Councilor David Austin.

A recent tour of the treatment plant given to the *Independent* by Chaput revealed a long list of deficiencies, including under-performing and ineffective treatment equipment, design flaws and other inefficiencies.

The plant’s treatment of waste is so ineffective, Chaput said, that holding tanks designed to treat effluent with chlorine after it has passed through the plant must also be used as settling tanks for sludge — not their intended purpose. Items could be seen floating in those tanks during the tour.

“Normally, the chlorine tanks would have negligible amounts of sludge, but because very little sludge is removed by the fabric filters, the chlorine contact tanks are used as additional sludge settling, and have to be manually cleaned out weekly (See Sewer upgrade, Page 3A)



NINE ADDISON COUNTY high schoolers came together this past summer to form the Middlebury Mountain Goats volleyball team. They are, from left, front row, Maggie Klingensmith, India Danyow, Georgie Kiel and Ronan Young; and back row, Margaret Orten, Emma Morrissey, Sienna Rubright, Sara Kent and Aven Frankovic.

New volleyball team excels

Middlebury Mountain Goats chalk up victories

MIDDLEBURY — In the summer of 2021, the U.S. women’s volleyball team swept Brazil in three sets to win the American’s their first-ever Olympic gold medal in the sport. They inspired a nation and gave credit to the fact that volleyball is now one of the most popular sports in the world and the second-most popular sport for girls in U.S. high schools and colleges.

Playing volleyball, or any sport for that matter, gives young athletes the opportunity to develop critical life and character skills, respect, leadership, teamwork and communication.

This past fall, nine Addison County teenagers gathered after school at the Middlebury Recreation gym to better understand what this volleyball craze is all about. They formed a team (the players named themselves the Middlebury Mountain Goats), practiced regularly and played a spate of competitive games that culminated in a third-place finish at an Oct. 23 tournament against peers from other Vermont high schools. The team features eight Middlebury Union High School ninth-graders and one sophomore.



DURING A RECENT practice of the Middlebury Mountain Goats independent girls’ volleyball team at the Middlebury town gym, Sara Kent, right, makes a play at the net while Margaret Orten readies for the next play.

Vermont currently has 15 girls high school teams for volleyball competition with a fall season of game schedules. The independent Middlebury team hustled early to earn spots on junior varsity schedules and was a gracious guest at schools like Colchester, Champlain Valley Union, Essex and Mid Christian High School. The local girls bonded early in their season with a successful fundraising car wash to support the purchase of uniforms, balls and start-up equipment. They have had generous support from the administrative team at the Middlebury Recreation Department to find them time in the gym with a net and a safe place to learn valuable skills. The first official home match was Sept. 17 against Vermont Commons and was well attended by loyal fans and friends. The contest gave the Middlebury Mountain Goats their first — but not last — win.

Embarking on any new journey can be unnerving, but the team has been supported by parents, teachers, administrators, school friends and coaches Bethany Morrissey and Amanda Young, which smoothed out

some of the bumps.

“Volleyball has been about challenging myself with a new skill and connecting with friends on the court in a unique way,” Ronan Young, who plays setter. “In volleyball, every touch on the ball counts and the whole team has made incredible improvements since the beginning of the season, which is fun to be a part of.”

The season finished on Oct. 23 at the JV Girls Volley for the Cure Tournament in Essex. The Middlebury team was 3-2 at the tournament, collecting wins from South Burlington, Harwood and Vermont Commons. They were seeded first heading to the playoff round. Nine players coming together with no volleyball experience in eight weeks morphed from a team just trying to get the ball over the net to a team serving aces, passing, setting and putting the ball away. Knee pads were dirty and torn, a testament to their tenacity.

A special thanks needs to go out to a few people who have helped volleyball arrive in Middlebury. Peter Goff, a volleyball enthusiast and head of the Vermont Volleyball association gave time and energy for a 2021 summer clinic in Middlebury, and

he is currently working on a winter clinic specifically for middle school skills development in this coming winter. Scott Bourne and Dustin Hunt at Middlebury Rec have been incredibly instrumental in securing the team gym space for practices and were cheerleaders from the very start. The staff at Mitchell’s Tees were very responsive and creative in helping us get uniforms designed and made in time for our matches. Terry Phelps has been gracious in her sharing of the gym space/time with her young gymnasts.

And finally, the Middlebury community has been reaching out through social media and private emails to lend their support of this athletic adventure, which is truly inspirational and motivating for this young team.

Any MUHS girl who wants to participate next year should contact coach Morrissey at email baqmorrissey@gmail.com. She will give girls and their families notifications about open gym opportunities this winter as well as information about next fall.

Editor’s note: This story was provided by Bethany Morrissey and Amanda Young.

Learn about city truck bypass Nov. 4

By **ANDY KIRKALDY**
VERGENNES — In advance of a major public forum set for the evening of Nov. 4, an Agency of Transportation official in charge of overseeing the planning, design and engineering process for an alternate commercial truck route around downtown Vergennes offered the city council an update at its Oct. 25 meeting.

VTrans Project Manager Joe Segale said that even though VTrans and a consulting firm had done a preliminary study in 2019 — one that came up with the outline of a preferred route through northern Vergennes — this more thorough look will reboot the process, reconsider all options, and include more public outreach.

Segale told the council this study phase of the process is not expected to conclude until early in 2024, and is also necessary to satisfy criteria for federal funding.

He said outreach has begun with a series of meetings with the council and selectboards in the other six communities: Addison, New Haven, Weybridge, Ferrisburgh, Pantton and Waltham. They could all be potentially affected by any alternative, including sending trucks along Route 17.

The current process, which VTrans describes as a Planning and Environment Linkages Study, will be explained in greater detail at the Nov. 4 meeting at the Vergennes Opera House, which will run from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Masks and COVID-19

vaccinations are required.

It will also be available on Zoom at us02web.zoom.us/j/84988527586, or by phone at 646-558-8656. The Webinar ID is 849 8852 7586.

According to a VTrans press release, the meeting will “address the issue of through truck traffic in downtown Vergennes,” and “describe the study, discuss the study Purpose and Need, and gather community input to help inform the final Purpose and Need Statement to help reduce the impact of large truck traffic on Route 22A and downtown Vergennes.”

It will be co-hosted by the Addison County Regional Planning Commission.

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Truck route

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At the Oct. 25 council meeting, Segale outlined the “Planning and Environment Linkages” study. He listed a number of priorities for the study:

- Looking at the burden the city faces of handling the through truck traffic and “protecting the economic vitality of downtown Vergennes.”
- Maintaining freight service in Vermont while “thinking of its connection of land use” and considering “land use vision.”
- For example, this priority refers both to the impact of trucks on downtown Vergennes, as well as the potential benefits of opening up vacant land in northwestern Vergennes and surrounding land in Panton and Ferrisburgh to development — possibly residential development.
- Minimizing the impact of through truck traffic on people. Segale referred to “environmental justice,” the growing movement not to site unwanted development next to the economically challenged or historically discriminated against.
- Minimizing the impact on businesses.
- Minimizing the impact on the environment.

Segale made it clear all options would be re-examined, including the rough draft of a route on the walls at city hall through northern Vergennes; the alternative of Route 17 from Addison to New Haven Junction, and along Route 7 north from there; and expanded railway use.

The effort will include more extensive outreach, he said, including focus groups, interviews with stakeholders identified by civic leaders, and forums such as the one

scheduled on Nov. 4.

“There are lots of other public meetings and workshops throughout the whole schedule,” Segale said. “We’re going to take the time to do this right.”

Councilors had questions for him. Mel Hawley acknowledged a conflict of interest, at least with the potential route as outlined by the 2019 study — it would run through or right past his city home near the Panton line.

But Hawley noted he’d have the wherewithal to sell his home and move elsewhere, unlike the residents of the nearby mobile home park owned and operated by the Addison County Community Trust (ACCT).

“People who live in there don’t have the same option I do,” he said.

Segale said VTrans and the state have a commitment to environmental justice, and would make sure ACCT and park residents are “at the table” during the process.

Councilor David Austin wants to make sure VTrans properly evaluates the Route 17/Route 7 option properly. He made two points: First, that Route 22A through Vergennes has never met state or federal standards for through truck traffic, and its designation as a major truck corridor was improper.

Secondly, Austin said the 2019 study looked at the cost to upgrade Route 17 from its current condition to meet those standards, when the highway already needs work just to meet regular traffic standards.

The true cost of the upgrade to truck standards should be estimated as the difference between Route 17 as an already acceptable highway and a route that meets truck standards, he said.

“It’s not where it is, it’s where it should be,” Austin said.

Sewer upgrade

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at times,” Chaput explained to the *Independent*.

Chaput recommended Vergennes officials take the time to inspect the operation of the city’s single most expensive asset.

Councilors made no decisions on Oct. 25, but it looked clear they will have difficult calls to make in the future.

“It’s tough to establish a priority when everything feels like a priority,” said Mayor Matt Chabot.

New Folklife Center project focuses on schools

Locals asked to contribute stories, time

By CHRISTOPHER ROSS

MIDDLEBURY — A new project undertaken by the Vermont Folklife Center could have significant impact on current public discussions about schools and the communities they’re situated in — and the Folklife Center is hoping Addison County residents will help get the ball rolling.

The Vermont Town Schools Project aims to foster conversations among community members to create an oral history collection exploring the relationship between towns and their schools.

It was launched at the suggestion of Lincoln resident Coco Moseley, who had noticed that as people engaged in conversations about school district issues they often told stories as a way of communicating what they thought and felt about Lincoln’s elementary school. Moseley wondered about creating a project to harness and document that impulse, seeking out diverse voices from a wider geographic area.

The Folklife Center thought it was a great idea.

“The future of community schools is on people’s minds right now,” said Vermont Folklife Center Education and Media Specialist Mary Wesley, who directs the project and who grew up in Lincoln. “This is important to them and they have a lot to say about it.”

Located in downtown Middlebury, the Vermont Folklife Center (VFC) is a cultural research organization with a mission to foster a wider understanding of Vermont and its diverse communities, act as a repository for the collective memories of those communities, and forge connections among Vermonters.

“Our work is to try to learn from, and learn alongside, Vermonters, using the expertise of community members,”

Wesley said.

A constantly growing archive at the VFC consists of more than 100 collections, with more than 4,000 audio interviews, 200 video tapes and 25,000 slides, photos, manuscripts and other documents.

The Town Schools Project, like the VFC itself, takes an ethnographic approach to its subjects, using interviewing, participation and observation.

Not only are Wesley and her team looking for people to tell their stories, but they’re also looking for volunteers to conduct the interviews.

The act of listening and recording is an important part of the process, Wesley said.

“It’s not just about treating community members as subjects, but also as listeners, so connections can be made,” she said. “Our role is to facilitate that process.”

VLC will provide technical training to volunteers and orient them to the process of conducting oral history interviews, which focuses not only on the stories people tell but also on trying to understand their points of view by exploring their life histories and backgrounds, Wesley said.

The first batch of interviews for the Town Schools Project was conducted during the VFC’s Summer Institute, an education course that draws people from all over the country.

Addison County residents Eugenie Doyle (Monkton), Alice Leeds (Bristol), Amaia Perta (Lincoln) and Nathan Richardson (Lincoln) participated.

Leeds, a retired Lincoln Community School teacher and former student at the VFC Summer Institute, initially volunteered to help with the interviews, she said, but Wesley, who happens to be one of Leeds’s former students, recruited her to be interviewed.

“I was interviewed by Danna Guttman, who lives and works in the D.C. area and came to the



VERMONT FOLKLIFE CENTER Education and Media Specialist Mary Wesley is heading up a new effort at the center, the Vermont Town Schools Project, which aims to create a community-led oral history collection exploring the relationship between small towns and their schools.

Photo courtesy of Mary Wesley

institute with prior experience interviewing,” Leeds said. “She started with an open-ended question and let me explore the topic freely. I actually invited her to ask another question when I felt I was getting off on a tangent.”

Interviewees not only tell their stories, but they’re also included in the editing and revision process, which Leeds enjoyed, she said.

“It was fun giving suggestions and seeing how Danna worked with them,” she said. “She really did a superb job with the recording, I thought. I tend to go on and on when speaking about education, which was my passion for a 40-year career, and she was able to condense all of that effectively into a short interview.”

Leeds also found it fascinating to listen to the other recordings. Now she’s looking forward to helping with future interviews.

“I learned how satisfying it is to create an auditory presentation and how effective it can be in offering the public a felt sense of individual perspectives on an issue.”

VFC has posted the four interviews online at tinyurl.com/TownSchools. The page also contains information about the Town Schools Project, as well as a link to a survey for prospective volunteers.

While the VFC hopes eventually to expand the Town Schools Project statewide, for now it is focusing on Addison County residents.

Folks from all 23 county communities are welcome — and encouraged — to participate.

Wesley emphasized that the Town Schools Project wants to hear from a wide variety of people with diverse backgrounds and points of view. The VFC is not aligned with any movement or campaign and is acting only as a facilitator of the oral history process.

To learn more about the Vermont Folklife Center and its projects and archive visit vermontfolklifecenter.org.

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Editorial

George Jaeger: ‘Education must be better & much deeper’

A dear friend to many of us Middlebury-area residents in the 60-plus crowd, George Jaeger led a fascinating life. Born in Vienna, Austria in 1926, he and his family survived the Nazi takeover of Austria, even though at 13 he was sent out of the country to safety as part of the famous Kindertransport operation. He landed in England where he attended school; later moved to the U.S. where he eventually got his undergraduate degree in Pennsylvania. He joined the war effort, receiving his basic training in 1944, became a U.S. citizen in 1945, and boarded a ship that took him and his soldier compatriots to Europe where, as his obituary says, “he came face to face with the horrors of the concentration camps.” Post-war he attended Harvard studying International Affairs, which launched him into a long and productive career in the U.S. Foreign Service. He served in Liberia, Yugoslavia, Germany and Washington, D.C., before his marriage to his beloved wife, Pat, in 1970. Afterward, his work postings took him to Paris, Quebec (as U.S. Consul General), Ottawa and Brussels, where he worked with Lord Carrington at NATO. His final work assignment was as Diplomat-in-Residence at Middlebury College from 1987-89, after which he remained in Middlebury, building a house on Munger Street and filling his time, as his obituary on Oct. 28 reported, “with writing, lecturing (both as an invited speaker and to anyone who showed the slightest whiff of interest anywhere, anytime), traveling (including lecturing on cruise liners), and carrying on a vigorous social life.” (Surely, George wrote that.)

At age 95, George died peacefully at home on Oct. 20, after a short illness. For anyone fortunate enough to be attuned to his willingness to share his knowledge about world and current affairs, a luncheon date with George was an encyclopedic journey into a region’s complex history, brought up to date with a sharp analysis of the day’s politics and what the vital American interests should be. Over the past 20 years, I was fortunate to have had my share of lunches with George, at which I learned a great deal in a short amount of time.

George lived a life worthy of a novel, and in an interview for the Library of Congress conducted on July 9, 2000 by Robert Daniels, he concludes what is a 505-page biographical report with a two-page summation of what is most needed in today’s America to cope with the challenges we face.

In a tribute to George, here’s that question and his answer — an answer that he would frequently champion at almost every opportunity: the country needs to provide a more stringent and purposeful education!

THE KEY IS EDUCATION!
Q from Mr. Daniels: At the end of this long and fascinating discussion let me ask this: Looking back on your career was it worth-while, would you do it over again and what do you think is needed most to provide this country with first-rate people managing our foreign affairs?

A: JAEGER:
“On the first two questions an unqualified ‘yes.’ It was an enormously rewarding experience to play a small part in our successful operation of containing the Soviet Union. We really were the ‘city on the hill’ confronting a deeply flawed, dictatorial system whose destructive ideology, if imposed in Europe and elsewhere, would have made for a very somber world.

“Revisionists argue that we could have reached a modus vivendi with the USSR. We certainly did make major progress on arms control. Even so, it was a system held together by fear, fear of military force, torture and deportation, which only collapsed when Gorbachev (president of the Soviet Union from 1974-84) refused to use force to continue to hold it together, as had been done in Hungary and Czechoslovakia in earlier times. Containment took 40-some years to bring Moscow to this point. It was an enormous success, not only because we won, but because we won without using major force and wide-spread war and destruction.

“As to what we need to do to provide America with “a sufficiency of men (or women) to meet the problems of the day,” as Burt Marshall was apt to say, the answer, I think, is *much better and much deeper education.*

“I sometimes told students in recent years that diplomacy is so terribly important because it’s about blood, it’s about human blood. You make little decisions in meetings, you give advice in memoranda and in telegrams, you give or deny a visa. If the decisions are wrong, somebody pays for it with their property, their freedom or, in some cases, their lives. Of course, you walk away and go to lunch. In the short term you are untouchable.

“But the moral responsibility of dealing unsoundly with major and even minor international issues is very large. *To get it right, our schools, at every level, need to teach history, not just the flag-waving kind, but the starker reality: That nations and civilizations rise and fail, usually because of their own short-sighted behavior; that failure isn’t pretty; and that carrying on at others’ expense, as we did during slavery and the extermination of our Indians, is really worse. (Italics added.)* We are still doing it today, for instance, by keeping agricultural prices up and disadvantaging cheaper producers in some of the poorest countries of the world.

“So our students need to learn from the past, a discipline our schools have watered down almost to extinction. They must also regain a moral compass by reflecting on philosophy and religion and the whole meaning of life; since the unjustified use of force (most recently in Iraq), abuse and resort to torture, or our broad indifference to the suffering of the world’s poor and underprivileged, can only be put in correct perspective if students are taught to recognize the value and dignity of all human life. (This was) an idea which was still central to our founding fathers when they asserted that “...all men were created equal...”

“Lastly, there is a lack of rigor, almost an epidemic of frequent sloppy thinking. We are moving into harder times, where global warming and its related crises will require us to tighten belts and be much sturdier than has been necessary recently. Whether this and future generations will meet that test remains to be seen, but will determine whether we and the rest of the world will succeed or fail. The stakes are very high.”

As George would often note, the stakes are even higher 21 years later. Rest in peace, George.

Angelo Lynn



Mother and cub
MAMMA BEAR JANE Snyder of Charlotte came down to Middlebury on Sunday for a picnic with her baby bear Chiara, but it poured rain, so they went trick or treating at the Spooktacular downtown, where the shire town’s business owners, church volunteers, firefighters and good souls were handing out candies for good little bears.

Independent photo/Steve James

Forest shows way of cooperation

Walking through the forest as these late fall days lingered with unnatural warmth, I found the woods filled with life and light. Slow-moving bees crawled upon the remaining flowers; chipmunks scurried up trees; a grouse flushed unseen, its wings thrumming the air. With lack of frost and instead the late summer’s damp, the range of fungus seemed greater than usual:

one like a bit of white coral, another a moss-green saucer, and other curious shapes exuded from tree trunks and fallen logs. A mosaic of leaves covered my path, with cones scattered on top like a garnish. The deer tracks in the soft earth and the bear scat I stepped around assured me that this world was widely and wildly inhabited.

I have passed through other woods before. In the far west of my childhood, ancient cedars towered, their trunks so great that in earlier times people thought it clever to cut a tunnel wide enough to drive a car — at least a Model T — through the hole. Moss draped their branches, young trees pushed up out of the rich peat of decaying logs, and ferns almost as tall as me flourished beneath. This was the rainforest of the Pacific Northwest, and it felt somehow mysterious and sacred to me, even as a young child. Fast forward a few decades and I visited again. Driving down the highway,

a thin row of trees barely screened the vast stretches of clear-cut land, while trucks passed carrying the felled logs, each with centuries of growth.

Within the National Park old growth forests remained, an echo of how vast their presence once had been. We learned — my age peers and I — about survival of the fittest, competition, and who is “on top” in this world of ours. (Answer: human beings, especially certain select human beings).

The world was our oyster if we were strong enough and clever enough and perhaps ruthless enough to pry it open. What we thought worked for us surely worked for everything else, so why not cut down all those old trees whose wood was worth vast amounts of money? Plow up the ground and pop in some seedlings and more trees would grow. Not the same trees, of course, because who wants to wait around a couple of hundred years for the next crop? No, some kind of fast-growing variety. Make sure you plow out all the riff-raff from the soil and spray herbicides around, so only the trees you want will be growing. You certainly don’t want your new “crop” to have to compete for sun, water, nutrients.

Some years later these lumber crops were not (See Ways of Seeing, Page 5A)

Ways of Seeing

By Laurie Cox



Complex process will fill Vt. court

On Monday, the United States Senate confirmed Vermont Supreme Court Justice Beth Robinson’s nomination for a seat on the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. What is the process that will be followed to replace Justice Robinson on Vermont’s highest court?

The judicial selection process in Vermont is much less political than in many other states. In 22 states, judges are elected in contested elections. In eight of those states, persons seeking judgeships run as partisan candidates. In the remaining 14 states with elected judges, the elections are non-partisan. In another 16 states, judges are first appointed by the governor and then must run for election in unopposed retention elections.

Vermont is among the 12 states where judges are appointed rather than elected. Two of the important features of Vermont’s appointment process are the use of a Judicial Nominating Board to prepare a short list of candidates from whom the governor makes an appointment, and the requirement that judges, after their initial appointment, must be re-confirmed by the Legislature every six years.

Vermont’s Judicial Nominating Board consists of 11 members. Three are selected by members of the Vermont Bar from among its own members. Two members,

neither of whom may be an attorney, are appointed by the governor. The House and the Senate each elect three of their own members to the nominating board. In each case, no more than one of the three may be an attorney, and the members from each legislative chamber cannot all be from the same political party. The members of the nominating board choose their own chair from among themselves.

When there is a vacancy for a judge on the Supreme Court or the Superior Court, the Judicial Nominating Board solicits applications from those who would like to be considered for the position. The board reviews the applications, and sends a short list of candidates to the governor. The governor then interviews the candidates and appoints one of them to the judicial vacancy. In rare instances, the governor may decide to appoint none of the candidates, and instead can ask the nominating board to submit more names, or to reopen the application process.

While federal judges serve for life once confirmed by the Senate, most states have a mandatory retirement age for state judges. In 31 states, that age is somewhere between 70 and 75. In Vermont, the mandatory retirement age for judges is 90. Most Vermont judges retire in their 60s or 70s, but the requirement that judges (See Davis, Page 5A)

Letters to the Editor

BES, all schools deserve support

Save Community Schools supports the staff, students and families of Bristol Elementary School. Providing the help and resources needed to create and sustain a safe learning and teaching environment is something that must be heard by the board and administration and addressed in a timely manner. Teachers’ and families’ concerns for the social and emotional well-being and academic recovery of students is paramount to investments in building infrastructure.

To that end, ESSER (Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief) recovery funds should be used as a worthwhile and reasonable expenditure in addressing students’ and teachers’ direct needs in the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

We believe that as a 5-town community, we all aspire to healthy and vibrant community schools, in each of our towns. We believe that success is gained by listening to teachers, staff and principals in those schools, and the issues and needs articulated by those professionals. Strong and healthy ties among communities, school board members, local community schools, and the administration enables us all to cohesively and collaboratively serve the academic, social and emotional needs and development of our 5-town students.

We extend our heartfelt support to the efforts and concerns raised by the staff, students and families of Bristol Elementary School.

Sincerely,
Save Community Schools
James Warnock, Jeanne Albert, Erin Warnock, Karen Lueders, Andrew Furtsch, Coco Moseley, Su White, Mary Gemignani and Christie Sumner
And also Sarah McClain, Mary Beth Childs, Bill Jesdale, Nathan Richardson, Sadie Brightman, Wendy McIntosh, Keely Henderson and Tristan Mayshark

Editor’s note: Save Community Schools is a group based in Lincoln.

Vehicle making scary sound

My car has been very scary. When I close its door, It says: TRUMP
Peter Grant Bristol

Memory Tree needs backers

It’s time to pass the torch. For 30 years, a small group of ladies and gents have seen to getting lights up on the Memory Tree and lighting it. We have decided that we need to “pass the torch.”

We will NOT be lighting the tree this year if we do not find someone to take over.

Please consider this community service. Contact Lynda at lynda_05753@yahoo.com.

Lynda Bushman Middlebury

Consolidation an issue at MUMS

I recently retired (June of 2020) from MUMS after 31 years as the school’s guidance counselor and am very saddened by the recent article in the *Addison Independent* as well as the presentation that Fawnda Buttolph made to the ACSD board.

My practice each fall was to interview half of the newly-arrived 7th-graders to see how their experience was going. The majority loved their new school. Many were anxious about this major change but were pleasantly surprised with how positive an experience it was. I attribute this to the wonderful facility that the community built in the late 1990’s and more importantly the wonderful educators who work at MUMS. They believe in high academic standards, knowing (See Murawski letter, Page 5A)

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Murawski letter

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their students well and having a strong understanding of the unique developmental needs of this age group

I worked with Fawnda Buttolph as a parent, foster parent and substitute teacher and respected her in all of these roles. Consequently I respect her report on the climate at MUMS to be one that I trust. The comment that she made that she will no longer sub at MUMS saddens me.

The explanation from Dr. Burrows in response to Ms. Buttolph’s concerns is that these difficult behaviors are the result of a shortage of substitute teachers, paraprofessionals and the return to in-person learning after the COVID-19 pandemic. Certainly all of these are factors influencing the challenging situation at MUMS, but he failed to mention the most significant change that has occurred at MUMS this year, the addition of the 6th grade. This increases the student population by 50%, moving from around 230 students to 378.

When this change was made it was planned that there be no additional classroom space and no increased staffing. Consequently, in previous years there were two subject area teachers per grade or four for the school. Currently there is one teacher for each subject per grade or three for the school. For example, last year there were four science teachers for 230 students, now there are three for 378. A

teacher who previously had 65 students that they were responsible to know and understand, now has up to 130. At the middle level, having each student have a personal relationship with one adult is essential. I would think that this has become increasingly more difficult due to the increased number of students.

At first the plan to move 6th-graders to MUMS was a part of an overall plan to reduce per-pupil costs as directed by ACT 46. I understood that the consolidation of the elementary schools would occur in conjunction with the 6th-graders moving to MUMS. The consolidation of elementary schools was postponed this year as I understand due to the disruption of COVID-19, however the move of the 6th-graders to MUMS moved forward as originally planned. Dr Burrows explained in an article in the *Addison Independent* this fall that the move of the 6th-graders to MUMS enabled the district to have all students in the International Baccalaureate Program’s (IB) Middle Years Program (MYP, grades 6-10) to all be at MUMS or MUHS. Not to mention that increase in enrollment has occurred during the middle of the COVID-19 pandemic.

I am confused by the district’s direction. Are the district’s goals to reduce costs, or fully implement the IB program? I do know that there are at least four new coordinator/tech positions to

support IB. These are not student teaching positions and make the reduction in the number of classroom teachers concerning. In my opinion the district has placed what I believed were some of our most talented classroom teachers in these positions.

I imagine that I should have spoken up about these concerns when I was working at MUMS, but I assumed that others knew best and I know that these concerns were raised by others.

At this point, all of this change and expense does not seem to have made for a better educational experience for students. I also find this very hard to understand with the prospect of closing the smaller elementary schools. I do believe that the board should look past the explanations of “all schools are having these problems” and that there is a shortage of subs/ staff. MUHS does not seem to be struggling with the level of behavioral problems that MUMS is experiencing. After watching the video of the last several board meetings I am surprised that none of the board members have raised these concerns. Since the board is entering the budgeting period for the 2022-2023 school year and any future planning would need to happen soon, I encourage the board and administration to evaluate both staffing and space concerns at MUMS.

Jeffrey Murawski
Cornwall

Davis

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be reconfirmed by the Legislature every six years presumably acts as a check on someone wanting to remain on the bench beyond the age at which she or he has the ability or capacity to perform the duties of the position.

The Legislature almost never refuses to reconfirm a Vermont judge, and most reconfirmations are without controversy. However, the mandate that the Legislature review a judge’s performance every six years does provide an opportunity for members of the

House and Senate to discuss with those jurists whose judicial temperament or courtroom manner has been criticized by litigants and members of the bar ways in which their professional practice may be improved over the next six years.

Three of the four continuing members of the Vermont Supreme Court — Justices Harold Eaton, Karen Carroll and William Cohen — served as trial court judges before being named to the Supreme Court. Only Chief Justice Paul Reiber had spent his entire career in private practice before being named to the

state’s highest court. Robinson also spent her career in private practice — and one year as former Gov. Shumlin’s legal counsel — before being named to the bench. Whether the next Vermont Supreme Court Justice will be a current judge on the trial court, or will come from the ranks of the state’s practicing attorneys, is perhaps the biggest question associated with the replacement of Justice Robinson.

Eric L. Davis is professor emeritus of political science at Middlebury College.

Ways of Seeing

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working out so well, and new foresters studied other aspects of trees and soil and began to find some surprising results. It turns out that trees are more cooperative with each other than competitive. Not simply with their own variety, but also with other kinds. For instance, firs and birches have an active symbiotic relationship. And the connections between the trees, the sharing of their resources, the aid during stressful times and fending off of diseases, is facilitated by a vast network of root-to-root fungi. Other plant life contribute to the relationships that support what we call a forest, which turns out to be a very complex community tapestry.

Who are we then, we humans, we on the top of the pyramid? These forest communities have the ability to work together for the health of

the whole. They somehow know who needs what and when to share it. They support not just their own kind, but totally different species.

Meanwhile humans all too often flinch at even supporting or sharing with each other. We are all one species, but we constantly look for ways to divide ourselves apart. Our competition and exclusion, our sense that there is something God-given about our winning (or losing) makes us greedy and grabby. Along the way, we not only inadequately support each other, we actively work to plow up or poison out aspects of our environment that we later find are needed for our health and survival.

Our cleverness, our ruthlessness that we thought was putting us on top is actively carrying us to our downfall, to a world that will no longer be able to sustain us. I’m not

sure exactly what we thought our model should be: the lone, male lion, king of the jungle, fiercely roaring as it tears into its vanquished prey? That is also a myth, of course, as it turns out that lions live in prides and most of the hunting is done by the females. Maybe we need to look to the forest for our model: a place of interdependency, of connections. We can reach out our tendrils, our roots, to reach and sustain each other, and together to sustain our community and our world.

Laurie Cox is a retired school counselor and longtime Ripton selectboard member. Besides occasional writing, she sings with Maiden Vermont, pursues art, takes long hikes with her dog(s) and seasonally gardens. She also is about to become more actively involved in things political, environmental and just.

Letters to the Editor

Democratic agenda in Washington called essential

For many who don’t pay attention or aren’t interested in what’s going on in Washington, the Democratic agenda trying to further some transformational, very-much-needed and overdue legislation is important. We all need to pay attention to what’s going on and be supportive of it. Addressing the effects of catastrophic climate change, expanding medical coverage, providing paid family leave (the U.S. is only one of six developed countries that doesn’t have it), providing more assistance for college, etc., are critical, and all of these things being considered are very important.

It’s disappointing that the original bill supported by Bernie Sanders has been scaled back to about half of what it was, due to the reluctance of some members of the House and Senate to take

the bold steps that are needed to see this through, but even getting some of this done will still be monumentally significant. OK, high-income earners will pay more, but isn’t that just since they got huge tax breaks under the previous administration? So, even though this whole process has been taking a long time, I’m confident that Congress will eventually pass something that will help this country immensely. Also, according to polling, most people in this country are supportive of this.

Let’s consider that if the Trumpublicans controlled even one branch of government now, that nothing to address any of these issues would even be considered at this time, and we’d be slipping even farther into the abyss that the former corrupt and inept president and his cronies threw us into.

Parents of 9-11 victims working for a better future

Every evening, I light a candle that is standing in a protected lantern. I place the lantern on our front porch. I offer this light to send healing, soothing thoughts to all those in mourning.

On Sept. 11, 2021, I had the chance to view a documentary about Phyllis and Orlando Rodriguez. That documentary is called, “In Our Son’s Name.” September 11th Families for Peaceful Tomorrows made the viewing possible.

On Sept. 11, 2001, Phyllis’s and Orlando’s lives were radically shifted. Their son, Greg, left a phone message, his last message, that there had been a terrible accident at the World Trade Center, that he was “all right” and to please call his wife, Elizabeth, and relay the message. Orlando wrote his letter entitled, “Not in Our Son’s Name,” to President Bush, on Sept. 15, 2001:

Dear President Bush:

Our son is one of the victims of Tuesday’s attack on the World Trade Center. We read about your response in the last few days and about the resolutions from both Houses, giving you undefined power to respond to the terror attacks. Your response to this attack does not make us feel better about our son’s death. It makes us feel worse. It makes us feel that our government is using our son’s memory as justification to cause suffering for other sons and parents in other lands.

It is not the first time that a person in your position has been given unlimited power and came to regret it. This is not the time for empty gestures to make us feel better. It is not the time to act like bullies. We urge you to think about how our government can develop peaceful, rational solutions to terrorism, solutions that do not sink us to the inhuman level of terrorists.

Sincerely,
Phyllis and Orlando Rodriguez

Since 9/11/01, Orlando and Phyllis have chosen to reflect and act with intention. In November of 2002, human rights groups brought together the mother of Zacarias Moussaoui and families of victims

of 9/11. Zacarias is an avowed 9/11 conspirator. Aicha el-Wafi is the mother of Zacarias. Phyllis and Orlando were a set of parents there at that meeting. Phyllis and Aicha bonded very quickly. Their bond was one of motherhood and having lost their sons. Phyllis lost her son, Greg, when the World Trade Center was attacked. Aicha lost her son to al-Qaeda and the terrorist movement. They wept together. In 2006, Orlando testified for Zacarias at his trial and asked that the defendant be spared the death penalty. Both, Orlando and Phyllis opposed the death penalty for Zacarias. They were NOT seeking revenge. So far, Zacarias Moussaoui is the only person convicted in a U.S. court, in connection with the Sept. 11 attacks. Zacarias is currently serving life imprisonment.

In addition to teaching sociology at Fordham University, Orlando chose to teach night school at Green Haven Prison. Also, both Orlando and Phyllis wanted to interact with prisoners who had gone through an experience of facing what they had done wrong and wanting the chance to talk with someone who had suffered the violent loss of a loved one. A Peace Circle at Sing Sing Correctional Facility happened. Orlando and Phyllis participated. Convicted felons participated. Pain and suffering can yield a common human experience. Pain and suffering can be transformative. Phyllis has this to say, “To me, forgiveness means recognizing the full humanity of the person.” Is it possible for our prison system to support the process of healing through penitence? Can our prison system revisit the root of the word,

The only things that that party accomplished in four years was to appoint more ultra-conservative judges and push through a disastrous tax bill in 2017 that only benefited the wealthy and increased the deficit by a huge amount.

Get real, folks. Joe Biden may not be the most charismatic or youngest guy. But thank goodness we finally have someone back in the White House with some degree of intelligence and decency. He continually strives to work for the country to make it a better place for all of us. You can’t deny this. We’re all entitled to our opinions, but to those continuing to worship a narcissistic, divisive, mean-spirited, ignorant loser and are too stuck in the stupid-verse of Fox News and it’s ilk that maga-morons seem to be in, please wake up!

Bruce Acciavatti
Salisbury

penitentiary?

Orlando and Phyllis turned their reflections into actions. They have kept their minds and hearts open to human beings who have caused others to suffer. Their compassion is immense. I thank them for their intentional work. Our world is a better place.

Consider watching the documentary “In Our Son’s Name.” It was released in 2015. Orlando and Phyllis shared their story in this documentary. Go to peacefultomorrow.org/nyc-screening-of-in-our-sons-name-september-20-2015.

Consider watching a TED Talk from December 2010. The title of the talk is “9/11 healing: The mothers who found forgiveness, friendship.” Listen to Phyllis and Aicha speak.

Consider reading “September 11th Families for Peaceful Tomorrows: Turning Our Grief into Action for Peace” edited by David Potorti. This book of essays, poems, songs and art about pacifism as a response to tragedy was published in 2003.

Phyllis and Orlando also became founding members of September 11th Families for Peaceful Tomorrows. Consider making a donation to this organization. The address is:

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Thank you for reading and listening.

Patricia Heather-Lea
Bristol

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Obituaries

Mary Barnes, 84, Brandon native

PITTSFORD — On Wednesday, Oct. 20, 2021, at the age of 84, Mary Gertrude Barnes took her last gentle breath as her daughters and niece held her.

Mary was born in her childhood home in Brandon, Vt., Sept. 28, 1937, the last of five children. She was the daughter of Jack Jeffery and Nina Iola (Cunningham) Barnes. She spent a happy childhood on the Goodnough Farm, where her father (always her hero) was a hired man for many years.

After her three children were born, Mary went to nursing school and got her LPN, and returned to NHTC at age 50, where she earned her RN and graduated valedictorian.

After retiring from nursing Mary spent much of her time knitting mittens and hats, which she donated to the United Methodist Church of



MARY BARNES

Rutland, where she was a member, to be given to anyone in need. She was happiest in her little house in Pittsford, Vt., near her family.

Mary was predeceased by her

parents; two brothers, Jack Barnes Jr. and Charles Barnes, and sister Nina Josephine Barnes.

She is survived by son Donald Pearsons and wife Linda; daughters Barbara Pearsons and husband Wayne Savage, and Victoria Reed and partner Stephen Picknell; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; two great-great-granddaughters; four nephews and a niece.

As Mary neared the end of her earthly life she remained joyful and positive. Her many visitors were often amazed at her attitude towards life and death and were comforted by Mary's words of hope.

Mary's wishes were to give to the charity of your choice. And for all of us to show our loved ones how much they mean to us. There were no calling hours.◇

Carolyn Brown Myhre, 76, of New Haven

NEW HAVEN — Carolyn Brown Myhre, 76, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, Oct. 27, 2021, after a long illness. She enjoyed the constant love and support of her family until the very end.

Carolyn was born in Bel Air, Md., the daughter of Clarence and Helen Brown. She grew up in Street, Md., and graduated from Bel Air High School. Soon after graduating, Carolyn started working at the Edgewood Arsenal Army Base (Md.), where she met the love of her life and future husband, Stephen Taber Myhre. Her working career included being a secretary, bank teller, customer service representative, business owner at Electronic Lab and Country Village Campground, then most recently billing at Counseling Service of Addison County, from where she retired.

She was an avid Bingo player and loved watching sports in person and on television. Her



CAROLYN BROWN MYHRE

favorite teams were the Baltimore Orioles, New England Patriots and Notre Dame.

Carolyn will be remembered for her kindness and goofy sense of humor. Carolyn and Steve had a special relationship, enjoying 51 devoted years together with their children. They were a very close

family, as their beloved "Mimi" loved to feed them with Sunday dinners, big holiday meals and birthday celebrations.

She leaves her son, Stephen Jr., and his fiancée Lesley Bessery and grandchildren Justin and Andrew; daughter Helen and her wife Lisa Bessette; grandchildren Drew and Megan, stepgrandchildren Megan (Lyman), Sara and Dylan; and step great-grandchildren Addy and Kasey; son Dan and wife Kate and grandchildren Mason and Madeline; and her siblings Betty Brown, Sharon Funk (Dennis), Anthony Brown (Tanya) and Michael Brown (Shelia). She was predeceased by her parents, husband and sister Miriam Reno and brother Robert Brown.

Funeral services will be held at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Middlebury on Oct. 30, 2021 at 10 a.m. with Father Luke officiating. A reception will follow at Helen and Lisa's home at 1263 Dog Team Road, New Haven.◇

Joseph Gill, 89, of Addison

ADDISON — Joseph Gill, 89, of Addison, Vt., formerly of Starksboro, died on Oct. 29, 2021.

At his request, there will be no funeral services. He will be buried later at the Vermont Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Randolph, Vt.

He was born on March 4, 1932, in New Jersey, but was raised in New York until he settled in Vermont in 1968. Joe enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1951. He served in the 82nd Airborne Division from 1951-1954.

Joe married Edna Caroline Schmitt of New York. They were married for 45 years before Edna passed away in February of 2002.

Joe had many hobbies and talents over his lifetime. He was very talented in photography. After settling in Vermont, Joe became an auto mechanic at Goss Dodge in Burlington and retired after 25 years of service. Joe also spent his time volunteering for the town of Starksboro. He spent many years coaching Little League, volunteering on the fire department and rescue squad, and in his late



JOSEPH GILL

seventies he volunteered four years at the Hinesburg Elementary School as a mentor.

Joe is predeceased by his wife, Edna Gill, and leaves behind his three children: Lance Gill of Grand Isle, Cookie Danyow of Addison, and Scott Gill of Ferrisburgh. He also leaves behind his brother, Earl Gill and his wife Pat Gill of Florida, eight grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. ◇



REGINALD J. SWENOR

Reginald J. Swenor, 83, of Bristol

BRISTOL — Funeral services for Reginald J. Swenor, who died Monday, Nov. 1, at Helen Porter Nursing and Rehabilitation in Middlebury, will be held Friday, Nov. 5, at 11 a.m., at Brown McClay Funeral Home in Bristol. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Bristol American Legion Post 19 Scholarship Fund, 10 Airport Drive, Bristol, VT.

To send online condolences to his family please visit brownmcclayfuneralhomes.com. A full obituary will be in next week's paper.◇

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Thomas A. McCormick, 85, of Bristol

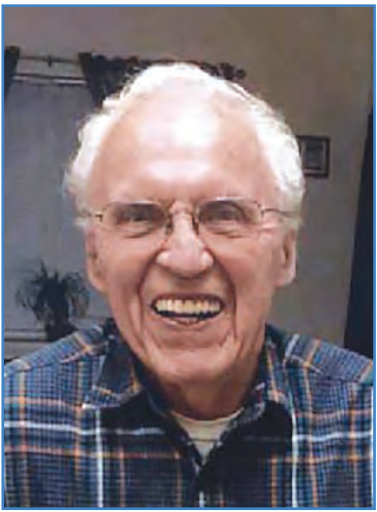
BRISTOL — Thomas A. McCormick, 85, passed away on Friday, Oct. 29, 2021, at University of Vermont Medical Center in Burlington from complications after an accident.

Tom was born on Dec. 7, 1935, in Burlington, the son of Robert and Almora (Shanks) McCormick. As a teenager Tom spent time on his aunt's farm in Vergennes and graduated from Vergennes High School.

Tom was enlisted in the Navy from 1955-1959 and based on the submarine tender U.S.S. Fulton in New London, Conn., Philadelphia, Pa., and various ports worldwide. His aptitudes channeled him into pipe fitting, and he went on to additional plumbing and heating studies after the Navy and became an apprentice plumber.

Early in Tom's career he worked for Rossignol Ski Company as a facilities manager in their plant in Burlington, and worked his way up through journeyman to master plumber. He then ran his own plumbing and heating business, Mid State Plumbing, for thirty years. Tom loved plumbing, had many happy clients throughout his career, and was well-liked by his business associates.

Always one to embrace the outdoors, Tom loved deer hunting and the hikes and "drives" through



THOMAS A. MCCORMICK

the woods or the quiet of watching from a stand. He enjoyed the camaraderie of playing cribbage and King Pied at his own camp in Ripton and neighboring camps of family and friends. He loved taking care of his home and yard. He got things done, whether maintenance or varied projects. He and Jeanette were often lucky on their excursions to casinos. He enjoyed having family visit, playing card games at home, and watching college sports and westerns on TV.

Tom is survived by his wife and soulmate of 40 years, Jeanette (Faubert) McCormick of Bristol; his daughter, Darlene McCormick

Evelyn N. Adams, 90, of Bristol

BRISTOL — Evelyn (Rollins) Adams, a four-year resident of Ringer's Home Care of Vergennes, Vt., departed our earthly home for her heavenly home on Oct. 30, 2021, at the age of 90, with her daughter and granddaughter by her side.

Evelyn was born Sept. 16, 1931, at the New England Hospital in Stoneham, Mass. She had an older brother and three younger sisters. Evie moved from Enfield, N.H., to Barre, Vt., in 1947 and married the love of her life, Clifton Adams, on Aug. 9, 1947. They made their home in Barre until they moved to Bristol in 2009 to be closer to their children.

Evie enjoyed being a homemaker and taking care of her family. She loved to spoil her family and friends with her fresh prize-winning homemade donuts and muffins along with her many special homemade meals.

At the young age of 13 she started her working career as a chambermaid. After she married, Evie worked for many years at the Reddy Plastic Company in Montpelier, Vt., where products such as novelty diaper pins were made. Evelyn later worked many years at National Life Insurance Company until her retirement.

Over the years Evie enjoyed baking, picking berries, traveling around the country, camping, snowmobiling, square dancing and spending winters in Zephyrhills, Fla. Evie had a life-long love of playing cards, especially cribbage. She loved the challenge to try



EVELYN N. ADAMS

to beat her dear friend, Allison Dayton.

Evie is predeceased by her parents; her husband, Clifton Adams; her brother, Harold Rollins; and her sisters Eleanor Smith and Nancy Vincent.

Evie is survived by her three children, Clifton Adams Jr. and partner Liz MacFarlane of Monkton, Vt.; Steven Adams and wife Mary Lynne Isham of Berlin, Vt.; and daughter Bonnie Clark and husband Ray of Bristol, Vt. She is also survived by her sister Mary Wheeler of Vernon, Conn., and brother-on-law Larry Vincent of Lebanon, N.H. She leaves behind many special nieces and nephews. Evie was proud of her grandchildren: granddaughter Tanise Adams-Wade and husband John; granddaughter Kim and children Kerry and Cody Cyr; grandson Alan Adams and wife Julie Frank and daughters Sage and

and husband Woody Dugan of Fayston; three sisters Shirley, Janet and Mary Lou; numerous nieces and nephews, many in the local area; Jeanette's son, John Chamberlain and partner Linda Barrows, and daughter, Susan and husband Mike Paquin; five step-grandchildren Kelly, Katie, Cody, JP, and Peyton; eight stepgreat-grandchildren Aurora, Wesley, Duncan, Brayden, Eleanor, Michaela, Brooke, and Waylan; and sister-in-law Madeline and husband Gary Barclay. Tom was predeceased by three brothers and a sister, Donald, Robert, James, and Betty.

Visiting hours will be held on Thursday, Nov. 11, from 5 to 8 p.m. at Brown-McClay Funeral Home in Bristol. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 12, at the Brown-McClay Funeral Home. (Masks will be required at both services regardless of vaccination status.) In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Bristol Area Rescue Squad, 45 Monkton Rd, Bristol, VT 05443.

To send online condolences to his family please visit www.brownmcclayfuneralhomes.com. For those who can't attend the funeral service, a video of the service will be available at the bottom of the obituary.◇

Jaia; and granddaughter Karyn and husband Brett Wells and children Lucas, Hailee and Avery. Evie took great pride and joy in being the senior member of five generations: Evie, Bonnie, Kim, Kerry and great-great-granddaughter Raelyn.

A special thank you to Father Yvon Royer for your many visits and prayers. Thank you to Art Cyr for a special relationship maintained with your caring visits.

In celebration of Evie's life, a mass will be held at St. Ambrose Catholic Church in Bristol on Saturday, Nov. 13, at 1:30 p.m. Immediately following the church service a luncheon will be held in the church hall. Burial will be held at a later date for Evie and Cliff at the Vermont Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Randolph, Vt.

The family wishes to thank Marlene and Jim at Ringer Home Care and the loving and caring staff — special thank you to Christina, Shelby and Ashley for making Mom's final days brighter and filled with love. Thank you to Addison County Home Health and Hospice for the friendly and professional care they provided, Dr. John Matthew for the years of quality care, and most recently Dr. Daniel Huber of Middlebury.

For those who wish to honor Evie's memory, donations may be made to St. Ambrose Parish, 11 School St., Bristol, VT 05443, Addison County Home Health and Hospice, PO Box 754, Middlebury, VT 05753, or Project Independence, PO Box 581, Middlebury, VT 05753.◇

Dawson McGrath, 22, of Addison

ADDISON — Dawson McGrath, age 22, of Addison, died unexpectedly Wednesday evening, Oct. 27, 2021.

Dawson is survived by his daughter, Annabella Mayo; his parents, Michael and Sarah McGrath; and his siblings, Heather Davio (David), Brittany Ouellette (Jacob), and Shane McGrath. He is also survived by his grandmother, Patricia Steele, and grandfathers, James McGrath and Rene Tougas; his nephews, Dustin and Andre Davio, as well as many close aunts, uncles and cousins.

Dawson was born Jan. 6, 1999, in Middlebury, Vt. He dedicated

himself to living life to the fullest. Dawson could always be found working on a demo car, driving around on something with a motor or helping a friend in need. He enjoyed being outdoors hunting, fishing and snowmobiling. Dawson is best known in the community for being someone to always lend a helping hand no matter who needed it, how long it would take or how far away they were.

Calling hours were held from 5-7 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 2, at Sanderson-Ducharme Funeral Home on South Main Street in Middlebury. A funeral service was held at Sanderson's on Wednesday,



DAWSON MCGRATH

Nov. 3, at 11 a.m. Following the service, a burial took place at the North Ferrisburgh Cemetery (Old Hollow Road).

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Obituaries

Bernard “Bernie” Gevry, 75, Weybridge native

SHELBURNE — Bernie Gevry passed away peacefully at home on Oct. 29, 2021, after a battle with ALS. He was born in Weybridge, Vt., on May 31, 1946, the son of Lawrence and Cecile Gevry.

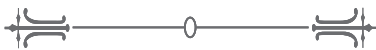
Bernie grew up on a dairy farm, attended Vergennes Union High and then Vermont Technical College, where he studied engineering. His professional career spanned 36 years at Simmonds/Goodrich working to improve the quality of electronic aircraft systems as a technician, test engineer, and engineering labs manager. Bernie always loved a good engineering project, from stress-testing aircraft landing gear components to designing and setting up the family dock on Lake Champlain every year.

One of Bernie’s biggest passions was the New York Yankees. He watched the games religiously. Bernie loved to play golf and spend time boating on Lake Champlain



BERNARD “BERNIE” GEVRY

with his wife Jennie. They travelled cross- country in their camper as well as took trips to Maine and Hawaii. Every winter they spent time enjoying their Florida home on the Manatee River with close friends.



Ric Wheeler, 73, of Middlebury

MIDDLEBURY — Ric Wheeler, 73, of Middlebury, passed away peacefully on the morning of November 1st. He was the youngest son of local bandleader/musician Howard Wheeler and M. Virginia Wheeler (George) of Poultney.

Ric’s hobbies were too numerous to name, but at the top of the list was golf and gambling (and specifically: gambling on golf). An accomplished musician, he graduated from the Hartt School of Music at the University of Hartford, served in the Army National Guard band, and began his career as a music teacher in Vergennes High School in the early ‘70s. From there, his wide career spanned everything from racing stock cars in NASCAR North to owning the popular Champlain Farms convenience store in Middlebury



RIC WHEELER

in the 1990s.

A successful small business owner and Realtor, Ric later developed a passion for helping the emotionally disturbed and

developmentally delayed enter the workforce as a part of the Counseling Service of Addison County (CSAC).

He is predeceased by his older brother, George Wheeler, and is survived by his wife, Barbara Hammerlind, his son Austin Wheeler, stepsons Casey and Erick Costello, stepdaughter Emma Costello, and perhaps most importantly, his two goldens Ginger and Rose.

Services will be held this Saturday, Nov. 6, at 11 a.m., at Grace Baptist Church, 52 Merchants Row, Middlebury. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to his department of CSAC, by selecting “Employment Services” from the “please direct my gift to” menu at csac-vt.org/careers/donate-now.html.

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Submissions must be received by 11 a.m. on Wednesday for publication in the Thursday paper and 11 a.m. on Friday for Monday’s paper. Email obits@addisonindependent.com or call 802-388-4944 for more information.

Rose Marie (Kittredge) St. Cyr, 77, of Vergennes

VERGENNES, — Rose Marie (Kittredge) St. Cyr, 77, of Vergennes, passed away on Thursday, Oct. 21, 2021, at Porter Hospital in Middlebury, Vt.

She was born Aug. 16, 1944, in Framingham, Mass. She was the daughter of John Joseph Kittredge and Ann (Janovich) Polack, stepdaughter of Chester “Chet” Alfred Polack, who was her true father.

Rose grew up in Clinton, Mass., and graduated from Clinton High School Class of 1962.

She is survived by three sons: Scott St. Cyr, Chet St. Cyr, and Harry St. Cyr.

She will be laid to rest in Clinton, Mass., with her parents.

Jennifer Turner celebration of life

STARKSBORO — Join us for a community celebration for the life of Jennifer Sherwood Turner. We will meet on Saturday, Nov. 6, at 2 p.m., at the Robinson Elementary School in Starksboro. The event will be held outside. Masks are encouraged. Come to share some stories, a little food, and to gather for her and for us. Dress warmly, bring a chair, and, if you’re inclined, a musical instrument. If you can’t make it in person, contact Robert (rjtco@gmavt.net) for a zoom link.

Robert G. Bulley, 65, of Marcy, N.Y., and Addisn

MARCY, N.Y. — Robert G. Bulley, 65, died Oct. 19, 2021 in Marcy, N.Y. He was born in Rutland, Vt., July 26, 1956, to George Bulley and Ramona West.

He married Carolyn Naaktgeboren Aug. 23, 1980, and was a farmer in Addison.

He is survived his wife, Carolyn; children Nathan Bulley and Ty Bulley; sisters Barb, Pat and Lori; and brother David. He also leaves cherished brother-in-law and sister-in-law, nieces, nephews, cousins, daughter-in-law Michelle and granddaughter Lexi.

Vaccinations

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be the first to start giving the shots to kids, followed in mid-November by pediatrician offices.

Shoreham Elementary School has already alerted the Shoreham and Bridport communities that students can get their first dose of the free vaccine at their schools on Nov. 16 and their second on Dec. 7. Middlebury Union Middle School is hosting a clinic for its students on Dec. 21 and Jan. 11, and Mary Hogan Elementary School plans to host clinics for its students on Jan. 13 and Feb. 3.

Students of those schools don’t have to wait until these clinics to get their shots, though; they can register for something sooner on the health department website, or at a pharmacy or doctor’s office.

At the school clinics, nurses from the Vermont Department of Health will administer the Pfizer vaccine, and school staff will be on hand for support. School nurses will be onsite monitoring students for side effects. Parents or caregivers may accompany their child during the shot, but only students may be vaccinated at the clinic.

The dose for children ages 5-11 is one-third of the adult dose, but it is administered on the same schedule: two shots, three weeks apart. Some 4,600 children were involved in the trials during the Delta surge, and according to Dr. Rebecca Bell, president of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Vermont Chapter; no serious adverse effects were reported.

At Gov. Phil Scott’s Tuesday press conference, Bell said Vermont pediatricians are overwhelmingly in favor of and excited about this vaccine.

“We unequivocally recommend this vaccine for every Vermont child age eligible,” she said. “We believe the benefit of this vaccine will provide protection for every Vermont child.”

Do you have questions about the vaccine? The AAP Vermont Chapter is hosting a series of conversations with Vermont pediatricians on Zoom, starting Nov. 8. Find details at aapvt.org.

Bell, who has two unvaccinated children of her own, said she is really looking forward to getting her 6-year-old vaccinated as soon

as possible. Her younger son, who is only 4, will have to wait.

“The story of his life,” she said, acknowledging that for some parents of babies and toddlers, the wait goes on.

The vaccine for 5-to-11-year-olds comes at a time when that age group is one of the most affected groups in the Delta surge. Children in that age range have a much higher COVID case rate than adults, and a higher rate than children under 4 or over 11 years old, according to data from the Department of Financial Regulation.

In general, the latest COVID data is mixed. Cases statewide are down 8% from 14 days ago, but up 12% in the past seven days, said Mike Pieciak, commissioner of the financial regulation department. He said the latest COVID trajectory suggests that deaths should decline in the coming weeks, but not all forecast models share the same predictions about the future of the state’s fatalities.

Editor’s note: VTDigger’s Erin Petenko contributed to this story.

Walk-in COVID vaccine site now open

By JOHN S. MCCRIGHT

MIDDLEBURY — A new COVID-19 vaccination clinic has opened in Middlebury.

The site at 55 Middle Road — in the big green building behind the One Dollar Market — saw more than 200 people come in and get COVID vaccine boosters on Monday, said Kate Rothwell, the director of Middlebury Regional Emergency Medical Services, which is running the site.

The news clinic offers free Moderna booster shots, in addition to Pfizer boosters, which were the first third-dose injection approved by federal health authorities. Rothwell credited the availability of the Moderna vaccines for some of the rush at the site.

The clinic would prefer that people make an appointment for the vaccination — whether that be a first, second or booster shot — on the Vermont Department of Health website at healthvermont.gov. Those wishing to get vaccinated may come without an appointment, but might have to wait.

Anyone age 18 and older and at least six months past their second dose of Moderna or Pfizer vaccine, or two months past their single does of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, is eligible if they feel they

are “at increased risk of exposure to COVID.” The DOH offers a long list of medical conditions that put people at high-risk of getting severely ill from COVID-19. These conditions include current or past case of cancer, diabetes, being overweight, pregnancy, being a current or former smoker, substance use disorder and more. See the list on the DOH website.

The state also lists jobs that put people at an increased risk of exposure to COVID-19. Among these are first responder, people who work in schools, food and agriculture workers, grocery store workers and more.

Rothwell said the list of things that put people at higher risk and make them eligible for a booster now is quite extensive. She pointed to DOH booster shot eligibility guidelines that included people who live or work in congregate settings, college students who live in dorms and people who work next to others in an indoor setting.

“We don’t want to turn down people just because they think they won’t qualify,” Rothwell said.

The DOH site notes that the U.S. Centers for Disease Control defines risk as “working in a job that increases your risk of COVID-19 because you are indoors, exposed to

the public and to other workers.”

The DOH site notes that “you will have to state that you meet the eligibility requirements (but) you will not have to show proof.”

People getting a booster shot should bring their vaccine card.

The Middle Road clinic is open daily except Sundays and Tuesdays, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 a.m.: Walk in or make an appointment. The last appointments will be set for 4:15 each day; the last walk-in will be 4 p.m. because it takes a little longer to process walk-ins. Everyone must wait on-site for 15 minutes after their shot to ensure there are no immediate adverse reactions.

Booster vaccines are also available at other sites around Addison County, including at Walgreens and Kinney pharmacies. There are Kinney Drugs stores in Vergennes and Middlebury and Walgreens outlets in Bristol and Brandon.

Addison County Home Health and Hospice, which is located on Route 7 in New Haven just north of the Middlebury town line, also is administering COVID-19 vaccinations and booster shots. Sign up on the DOH website.

Many health care providers and family physicians also are offering vaccinations. Call your doctor’s office to see if they are offered.

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It rained on Sunday — gently but constantly. But that didn't stop children and their parents from getting dressed up in some fantastic costumes and tromping through the walk-up trick-or-treating stations in downtown Middlebury, and 12 drive-up stations throughout town. It was the partial return of the annual Spooktacular celebration, which was held as a drive-through-only event in 2020 because of the pandemic. Costumes included pirates, vampires, witches, animals of all sorts, a robot/car thing, a complete cast from The Incredibles cartoon and a whole contingent of firefighters; hey wait, those actually WERE real firefighters handing out candy. Addison County Home Health & Hospice sponsored the event and Shaw's Supermarket donated candy.

Independent photos/Steve James and John S. McCright



community calendar

nov 4 THURSDAY

Light Detection and Ranging (LiDAR) virtual lecture. Thursday, Nov. 4, noon, Zoom. Will Amidon, Middlebury College Geology Professor will discuss a new technique to visualize landscapes using high-resolution topographic images of Earth's surface — Light Detection and Ranging (LiDAR) — which collects data by firing a laser from an aircraft and uses the reflection to estimate land surface elevation at a spatial resolution of roughly 1 meter. Presented by the Henry Sheldon Museum in conjunction with the exhibit "Sightlines — Picturing the Battell Wilderness." \$5 pre-registration required. Register and more info at henrysheldonmuseum.org/events.

"An Issue of Mercy: Exploring the Life of Phillis Wheatley Peters Through Documents & Poetry" webinar. Thursday, Nov. 4, 7 p.m., Middlebury College online. In this online lecture, poet, essayist and novelist Honoree Fanonne Jeffers will discuss the research and practice that led to her latest book of poetry, "The Age of Phillis." This collection is based upon 15 years of research on the life and times of Phillis Wheatley Peters (1753–84), a formerly enslaved person who was the first African American woman to publish a book. Free. No registration required. Go to middlebury.edu/academics/amst/news/american-studies-go-links.

nov 5 FRIDAY

Age Well grab-and-go meal in Starksboro. Friday, Nov. 5, 3:30 p.m., Starksboro Baptist Church, Route 116. Drive up, check-in, and stay in your car for contact-free pick up. Menu: pot roast with gravy, mashed potatoes, carrots, dinner roll, chocolate raspberry cake and milk. Call Michelle to reserve by Saturday, Oct. 30, at 802-377-1419. Open to anyone age 60 and up and their spouse of any age. Free ride or pick-up and delivery may be provided. Call TVT at 802-388-2287 to inquire. TVT requires a 48-hour notice.

Knights in Italy walk-up/dive-up spaghetti dinner in Bristol. Friday, Nov. 5, 4-5:30 p.m., St. Ambrose Parish, 11 School St. Menu: spaghetti with sauce, garlic bread, salad and dessert. Please pull around to the School Street side of the church building, place your order and your meal(s) will be brought out, packaged up for you to bring home. All proceeds will go toward furthering the Knights of Columbus mission of aiding the community. Cost \$10 adults/\$5 for children 12 and under/\$25 family.

nov 6 SATURDAY

Annual Holiday Bazaar in Middlebury. Saturday, Nov. 6, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Congregational Church of Middlebury UCC, 30 North Pleasant St. A wide variety of gift and personal items: Hand crafts; fashion and fine jewelry, ties and scarfs; theme gift baskets; rooms full of books, toys, puzzles and games. A garden table will offer a wide variety of indoor and outdoor plants and other garden-related items. Also choose from a delicious variety of homemade foods for take-out: Soups, pies, cookies, cakes, breads, candies, jams, and more. Masks are required for all. More info at midducc.org.

Rummage sale/bag sale in Vergennes. Saturday, Nov. 6, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Champlain Valley Christian Reformed Church, 73 Church St. All items are overstock clearance from Your Turn Resale Shoppe in Vergennes. More info call 802-877-3915 or email yourturnresale@gmail.com.

Pottery Sale in Middlebury. Saturday, Nov. 6, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Middlebury Studio School, 2377 Route 7 South. The clay studio will host MSS's annual pottery sale; get that holiday shopping done early. Support Studio School artists and find something handcrafted and truly unique. Proceeds go towards supporting MSS Arts Education programs.

St. Peter's Annual Penny Fair in Vergennes. Saturday, Nov. 6, 10 a.m.-7 p.m., St. Peter's Parish Hall, 85 South Maple St. Doors open at 10 a.m., drawings begin at 6:30 p.m. Come for a fun-filled day and a chance to win a variety of great prizes for pennies a chance. Fun for all ages.

Salute to Veterans parade in Vergennes. Saturday, Nov. 6, 11-noon. Downtown. Boy Scout Troop 539 plays host to this annual parade, with representation from Scout Troops across the state. The route starts at the Vergennes Union High School, moves to Main Street and turns left and then heads down Green Street toward Vergennes Elementary. Come line the streets. The Vermont National Guard's 40th Army Band will take part with other surprises being planned.

Local author Christina Caniyo in Vergennes. Saturday, Nov. 6, 1-3 p.m., Community Room, Bixby Memorial Library, 258 Main St. Come to the author talk and book release gathering Caniyo's her new novel, "Doors of the Dreaming God." Copies of her book will be available for sale and light snacks will be served.

nov 7 SUNDAY

Pancake breakfast in Middlebury. Sunday, Nov. 7, 8-10 a.m., VFW, 530 Exchange St. Menu: pancakes with Vermont maple syrup, sausage, gravy and biscuits, bacon, hash, sausage, hash browns, French toast, eggs, toast, coffee and orange juice. Tickets \$10 adults/\$5 children. All are welcome. Proceeds to benefit veterans' programs.

nov 8 MONDAY

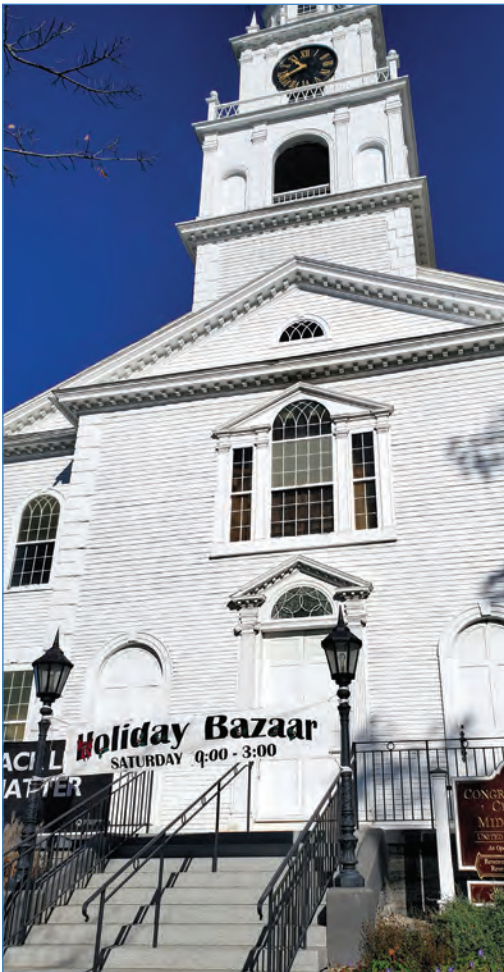
Sheldon Museum virtual annual meeting. Monday, Nov. 8, 6 p.m., Zoom. The Henry Sheldon Museum invites the public and Sheldon Museum members to its virtual annual meeting, featuring special guest speaker Alexander Wolff, journalist and historian, and author of the recently acclaimed "Endpapers: A Family Story of Books, War, Escape, and Home." At 6:45 p.m. Wolff will present his talk titled "Riddling Out Endpapers." Free. Register online at henrysheldonmuseum.org.



Shop early, shop local

TWO MIDDLEBURY INSTITUTIONS will be holding their annual holiday sales this coming Saturday, Nov. 6. The Congregational Church of Middlebury's annual Holiday Bazaar is back with a broad variety of hand-crafted items, housewares, food, plants and more. The Middlebury Studio School's annual holiday Pottery Sale will offer pottery made by local potters at the school, along with other artwork by local artists. The sales support the church and Studio School programs, and are a great way to get some early holiday shopping done while supporting our community.

Photos/Ruth Penfield and Middlebury Studio School



nov 9 TUESDAY

American Red Cross Blood donation in Middlebury. Tuesday, Nov. 9, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., American Legion, 49 Wilson Rd. Despite ongoing appeals to donors and the public, the American Red Cross emergency blood and platelet shortage continues. Additional donors are needed heading into the busy holiday season. Donors of all blood types — especially type O — and platelet donors are urged to make an appointment to give now to help meet the needs of patients. Schedule an appointment now by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Book club for adults in Vergennes. Tuesday, Nov. 9, 6 p.m., Bixby Memorial Library, 258 Main St. Readers will discuss "The Bluest Eye" by Toni Morrison. More info on reserving the books and how to participate, call the library at 802-877-2211.

nov 10 WEDNESDAY

Age Well grab-and-go meal in Shoreham. Wednesday, Nov. 10, 11 a.m.-noon, Halfway House, Route 22A. Honk once at back door, meals will be brought out. Menu: meatloaf, mashed potatoes, roll, vegetables and dessert. Open to anyone age 60 and up and their spouse of any age. Call the restaurant to reserve at least 24-hours in advance. 802-897-5160. Free ride or pick-up and delivery may be provided. Call TVT at 802-388-2287 to inquire. TVT requires a 48-hour notice.

ACORN Annual meeting (virtual). Wednesday, Nov. 10, 5:30-7 p.m. This year's meeting will feature a virtual conversation with a panel of four women who work in different aspects of the Champlain Valley's food system, covering a wide range of topics such as food access, education, farming, labor and procurement. Speakers include Anna Freund, Local Foods Coordinator at HOPE; Samantha Langevin, head chef at American Flatbread-Middlebury Hearth; and Pauline Stevens, second-generation farmer of Golden Russet Farm in Shoreham. Registration is required at acornvt.org. More info at info@acornvt.org.

"The Elephant in the Room" virtual lecture series in Middlebury. Wednesday, Nov. 10, 7 p.m., henrysheldonmuseum.org/events. Graham C. Boettcher of the Birmingham Museum of Art will give the second lecture, "Aesthetic Addictions: Psychological Perspectives on Collecting from Rudolf II to Charles Foster Kane," as part of the Sheldon Museum's year-long virtual lecture series.

nov 12 FRIDAY

Age Well grab-and-go meal in Starksboro. Friday, Nov. 12, 3:30 p.m., Starksboro Baptist Church, Route 116. Drive up, check-in, and stay in your car for contact-free pick up. Menu: roast pork, with gravy, mashed red potatoes, butternut squash, roll, carrot cake and milk. Call Michelle to reserve by Sunday, Nov. 7, at 802-377-1419. Open to anyone age 60 and up and their spouse of any age. Free ride or pick-up and delivery may be provided. Call TVT at 802-388-2287 to inquire. TVT requires 48-hour notice.

Pizza Bake fundraiser in Ripton. Friday, Nov. 12, 5-6:30 p.m., Ripton Elementary School, 753 Lincoln Road. The Friends of Ripton School will offer hand-made, wood-fired pizzas cooked to order. Proceeds support enrichment activities for Ripton Elementary School students. Choices include Cheese \$12, Pepperoni \$15, or Harvest Special (roasted root veggies, onion, and goat cheese) \$15. Gluten free crust available. Call 802-388-2208 or email riptonoffice@acsdv.org before noon on Friday, Nov. 12, to place your order.

nov 13 SATURDAY

Monthly Wildlife Walk in Middlebury. Saturday, Nov. 13, 8 a.m., Otter View Park, Weybridge St. and Pulp Mill Bridge Rd. Otter Creek Audubon and the Middlebury Area Land Trust invite community members to help survey birds and other wildlife at Otter View Park and the Hurd Grassland.

Birders of all ages and abilities welcome. Please take common sense COVID-19 precautions. Stay home if you are feeling ill. Wear a mask if you are unvaccinated. For more information call 802-388-6019.

Youth book club in Vergennes. Saturday, Nov. 13, 11 a.m., Bixby Memorial Library, 258 Main St. Delve into "Brown Girl Dreaming" by Jacqueline Woodson. More info on reserving the books and how to participate, call the library at 802-877-2211.

Local history field trip in North Ferrisburgh. Saturday, Nov. 13, 1-3 p.m., 710 Old Hollow Rd. Jean Richardson and Silas Towler will lead this Ferrisburgh Historical Society tours in conjunction with their Nov. 12 presentation on the history of North Ferrisburgh.

Take out only lasagna supper in Vergennes. Saturday, Nov. 13, 5-6 p.m., Vergennes United Methodist Church, Main Street, (across from Vergennes Opera House). Menu: lasagna, tossed salad, vegetable, roll and dessert. Adults \$12. Take out preorder only. Must place order by 7 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 11. To order call 802-877-3150.

nov 14 SUNDAY

Ferrisburgh Historical Society meeting in Ferrisburgh. Sunday, Nov. 14, 2 p.m., Ferrisburgh Town Hall and Community Center, Route 7. Come hear a family-oriented talk by Jeanne Richardson and Silas Towler about North Ferrisburgh Village from 1792 to present. The Village provides a classic example of an early Vermont settlement. More info: contact Silas at 802-425-3380.

nov 16 TUESDAY

Age Well Holiday grab-and-go meal in Bridport. Tuesday, Nov. 16, 11:15 a.m., Congregational Church, 54 Middle Rd. Menu: Roast Turkey with gravy, mashed potatoes, stuffing, carrots, cranberry sauce, roll, pumpkin pie and milk. If saving for Thanksgiving, please plan to freeze the meal. Pre-order by Nov. 11. Call Michelle at 802-377-1419. Open to anyone age 60 and over. Call Tri-Valley Transit (TVT) at 802-388-2287 if you need a ride or a meal delivery. TVT requires a minimum 48-hour notice.

"Afghan Women's Songs: Lament and Resistance" virtual presentation. Tuesday, Nov. 16, 4:30 p.m., Middlebury College online, Zoom. Tabasum Wolayat, a 2012 alum of Middlebury College, will discuss her research in North Afghanistan into the significance of folk songs to Afghan women. Registration and Zoom link at tinyurl.com/Midd-afghan-women.

Tome Talk in Middlebury. Tuesday, Nov. 16, 6 p.m., Ilsley Public Library, 75 Main St. Join Renee for a discussion of this month's title, "Sin Eater." The library is currently offering a hybrid meeting. Meet in person in the library lobby or join the group via Zoom. To register visit the Adult Programs page on Ilsley's website.

"Homelessness and Affordable Housing — Observations from an Emergency Shelter and Outreach Service Provider" in Middlebury. Tuesday, Nov. 16, 7 p.m., Ilsley Public Library, 75 Main St. Heidi Lacey, executive director of Charter House Coalition, will provide an overview of the challenges faced by persons experiencing homelessness in correlation to the inadequate housing opportunities in Addison County. Masks required, regardless of vaccination status.

nov 17 WEDNESDAY

Age Well Holiday grab-and-go meal in Middlebury. Wednesday, Nov. 17, 11:30 a.m., VFW, 530 Exchange St. Menu: roast turkey with gravy, mashed potatoes, stuffing, carrots, cranberry sauce, roll, pumpkin pie and milk. If saving for Thanksgiving, please plan to freeze the meal. Pre-order by Nov. 11. Call Michelle at 802-377-1419. Open to anyone age 60 and over. Call Tri-Valley Transit (TVT) at 802-388-2287 if you need a ride or a meal delivery. TVT requires a minimum 48-hour notice.

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Matthew Whitaker Quartet in Middlebury. Saturday, Nov. 6, 7:30 p.m., Mahaney Arts Center.

The Dissipated Eight in Brandon. Saturday, Nov. 6, 7:30 p.m., Brandon Town Hall.

Downtown Bob Stannard and Those Dangerous Bluesmen in Vergennes. Saturday, Nov. 6, 7:30 p.m., Vergennes Opera House

Kalos in Lincoln. Saturday, Nov. 6, 7:30 p.m., Burnham Hall.

Steve Hartmann in Brandon. Saturday, Nov. 6, 7:30 p.m., Brandon Music

Christopher McWilliams in Middlebury. Thursday, Nov. 11, noon, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church.

Schumann Quartet, Diana Fanning, Piano, in Middlebury. Thursday, Nov. 11, 7:30 p.m., Mahaney Arts Center.

The Revenants in Lincoln. Saturday, Nov. 13, 7:30 p.m., Burnham Hall.

Emily Sunderman quartet in Middlebury. Thursday, Nov. 18, noon, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church.

Ferrisburgh

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NEWS

FERRISBURGH — Rock & Roll is alive and well in Vergennes! The Vergennes Union High School Music Department presents “Bye Bye Birdie” on Nov. 11, 12 and 13 at 7 p.m. A loving send-up of the 1950s small-town America, teenagers, and rock & roll, “Bye Bye Birdie” remains as fresh and vibrant as ever. Teen heartthrob Conrad Birdie has been drafted, so he chooses All-American girl Kim MacAfee for a very public farewell kiss. Featuring a tuneful high-energy score, plenty of great parts for teens, and a hilarious script, Birdie continues to entertain audiences around the world. Tickets are on sale now and available online for in-person performances, live streaming and scheduled content viewing. Go to www.showtix4u.com and search for Vergennes Union High School. For more information and questions call the school at 802-877-2553.

On Sunday, Nov. 14 at 2 p.m., Jean Richardson and Silas Towler will present highlights from the history of the village of North Ferrisburgh from 1762 to the present day at the Ferrisburgh Town Hall and Community Center. Jean and Silas will also lead a short (optional) field trip on Saturday Nov. 13, from 1-3 p.m., to showcase the historic (1830) Hazard House, where Jean lives, the three dams on Lewis Creek, the foundations of the mills by the river, and the 1860’s J.L. St. Peters Grist Mill. Those interested in this tour should meet at 710 Old Hollow Road.

The presentation will highlight North Ferrisburgh village as a classic example of an early Vermont settlement at the junction of the waterfalls on Lewis Creek and a through-road to Lake Champlain. Imagine what it was like for Sarah and Robert Hazard to travel slowly up from Rhode Island on the snow-covered roads in winter 1792-1793 with their six children and a few farm animals to arrive at a rough built cabin by the river. Sarah and Robert also had four more children born in North Ferrisburgh. The family married into other local Quaker Families (such as Holmes, Robinson, Fish), and the village thrived as the merino sheep farming and clothmaking industry flourished.

By the time of the Civil War, the (See Ferrisburgh, Page 14A)



THE SANCTUARY GARDEN at St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church in Middlebury is a peaceful and lovely new addition to downtown Middlebury now that the bridge and rail project is complete. The Middlebury Garden Club agrees, and gave the garden one of four Roadside Awards handed out this year.



THE WAYBURY INN’S multi-hued shade garden and landscaping created a peaceful and cooling spot open to all during the pandemic, and received a Roadside Award this year as a result.



HEARTY AND INDIGENOUS plants along with an eye-catching sculpture are features of Jason and Sarah Robart’s gardens in Cornwall. The gardens were one of four the Middlebury Garden Club selected for this year’s Roadside Awards.

Photos courtesy of Patti Marrinan

Area gardens receive recognition

MIDDLEBURY — With COVID-19 restrictions in place, appreciating beautiful gardens has brought joy to many. Judges from the Middlebury Garden Club traveled many roads looking for gardens expressing great pleasure and happiness that were able to be viewed by the roadside. Four earned the club’s Roadside Awards.

St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church, 3 Main, St., Middlebury, is surrounded by peace, grace, and beauty. In collaboration with the Town’s Bridge and Rail Project, Ben and Susan Anderson-Ray coordinated with St. Stephen’s garden ministry to create a welcoming, joyful, and reflective space for all to enjoy. The newly designed gardens include many woody ornaments as well as sun and shade perennials carefully planted with the community in mind. One can see the gardens from all sides of the church and they are also viewable from Triangle Park. St. Stephen’s integrated hardscape and landscape welcome all to sit, relax, and meet new friends in the shire town of Middlebury.

The Waybury Inn, 457 East Main

St., East Middlebury, is a jewel of color and provides a sense of relaxation. Owners Joe and Tracey welcome the community and travelers to the Green Mountain State with a beautiful setting cared for by the entire staff. The Waybury “family” understood the unique situation that the pandemic was creating for the community. They knew that sharing their beautiful, serene gardens may provide comfort. One cannot drive by the Waybury Inn without noticing the variety of color, plants, and shapes. A stroll through the gardens is a visual banquet for not only the eyes, but also other senses to enjoy. Bon appetit!

Have you ever driven past 546 Fern Lake Rd. in Leicester at the very beginning of spring and smiled at the sight of pink flamingos? During the pandemic, Hilary Hatch masked her flamingos in hope of a healthy spring. Return later in the seasons as her beautiful English gardens provide a palate of glorious colors, birds, and various wildlife. You may see Hilary with a shovel in hand installing a new border and



REGISTERED NURSE HILARY Hatch created a whimsical and inviting garden at her home in Leicester, to the delight of the Middlebury Garden Club and other passers-by. Hatch’s gardens were among the four to receive the club’s Roadside Award this year.

creating her Zen space through years of experience. Hilary knows which plants are deer “favorites” and moves them to provide a scavenger hunt for the deer. A retired violinist from the Vermont Symphony Orchestra and a Middlebury Registered Nurse, she knows how to care for not only the environment but also the souls of her community.

Jason and Sarah Robart purchased this historic property at 339 Parkhill Rd., Cornwall in 2016. They enlisted the assistance of landscape architect Eric Blair to bring new life to this

glorious property. Mr. Blair’s plan was to incorporate plants that were hearty for the Vermont environment and indigenous to the region. Some of the plants include day lilies, Veronica, and cat mint. Sarah, a Registered Nurse in Middlebury, maintains the gardens using pine straw, which is more acidic and weed-controlling compared to traditional mulch. It is worth a drive down Parkhill Road off Route 30 to enjoy the vision the Robarts and Mr. Blair share with the community.

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STUDENTS OF THE WEEK FROM AREA HIGH SCHOOLS

Mt. Abraham Union High School

Jessie Nault

Mount Abraham Union High School has selected Jessica Nault of Lincoln as its Student of the Week. Jessie is the daughter of Jennifer Smith and David Nault. She has three older siblings, Jack, Amy and Elizabeth.

Jessie is recognized by her teachers as a strong and conscientious student who is willing to put the work in to achieve academic excellence. Her French teacher lauded Jessie’s exceptional attention to detail and unwavering work ethic as well as the kindness and positivity she radiates. Jessie has made high and highest honors throughout high school taking challenging subjects. This year she is enrolled in AP Studio Art and Design, AP Calculus and French 5. She is a member of the National Honor Society for High School Scholars.

Jessie says her high school experience has taught her to be more flexible and not feel so attached to the outcome of certain things — a difficult task in her opinion, since school and society focus so much on grades. “Yes, it’s important to work hard and learn,” she says, “but working hard and learning looks different for everyone and the most important thing in life is experience, which isn’t always reflected in your grades. I think advice that I can give to other students is that grades don’t matter as much as we think they do.”

During 9th grade and the beginning of 10th grade, Jessie provided after-school child care, and then the pandemic began and she had to stop. She started volunteering at the Lincoln Library toward the end of 11th grade, and has continued to do so since then. Jessie has a creative side that she channels into playing the piano, crafting and baking. She also loves to travel when possible.

Before heading to college somewhere on the West Coast, Jessie plans on taking a gap year to travel and learn about different cultures. With her characteristic determination and positivity she is sure to flourish in her post-high school plans. We at Mt. Abe will miss her very much.

Jessie Nault
MAUHS

Otter Valley Union High School

Hayden Bernhardt

Hayden Sessions Bernhardt is Otter Valley Union High School’s Student of the Week. The son of Hannah Sessions and Greg Bernhardt, Hayden lives in Leicester with his parents. His older sister, Livia, goes to Bates College.

Hayden is known for his good-natured disposition and, as one of his teachers says, “his high expectations of himself and his desire to achieve.” His name appears consistently on OVUHS’s honor roll. He challenges himself with advanced classes and is in the top five of his class. Hayden is a member of the National Honor Society, has received the Susan B. Anthony and Frederick Douglass awards as well as the Clarkson Award and attended the Hugh O’Brian Youth Leadership conference in grade 10. He has been given excellence awards in four subject areas.

Hayden is also a year-round athlete, playing soccer, basketball, lacrosse and golf. He has captained both the soccer and lacrosse teams. He was named to the all state 2nd team for lacrosse last year. He also was a Unified Basketball team partner in grades 9 and 10.

Hayden enjoys volunteering for Green Up Vermont each year and at Leicester Central School during the summer. He also coordinated two basketball tournaments, bringing together teams for a fun tournament in August. He earns his keep at the family business, Blue Ledge Farm, and at Wood’s Market Garden. In his free time Hayden loves to play sports of all types and hang out with his family and friends.

Hayden has learned to connect with many different types of people in high school, always striving to keep an open mind and loving heart everywhere he goes and with everyone he meets. “You never know what other people could be going through, so it’s important to give everyone the respect they deserve,” he says. “If I had to give advice to other students I would tell them to be confident in who they are because it’s much more enjoyable to be yourself than to cover up in a fake persona.”

Post high-school Hayden wants to attend a small liberal arts college in the Northeast and major in Political Science and minor in Psychology, Sociology or Rhetoric. He aims to work in government/politics and help bring people together, but could also see himself becoming a professor at a college or university. Good luck, Hayden. We at Otter Valley will miss your generous spirit..

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Apples

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com) wrapped up last weekend. Looking back over the previous two months, Boyer said she most enjoyed visiting with longtime customers, many of whom spoke fondly of Boyer’s late husband, David, with whom she grew the orchard business.

MIDDLEBURY, NEW HAVEN

“So many apples!” said Mary Pratt of Happy Valley Orchard, which grows on 12 acres in Middlebury and 20 in New Haven. “This was probably our best year ever for McIntosh.”

Overall the season was good, Pratt said, though it did have its moments.

“October was more rainy, so it was harder to get some of the picking done, and some apples dropped in a recent windstorm.”

And as with many other orchards around the state, Happy Valley’s four Jamaican pickers arrived a few weeks late, the result of unexpected national and international delays.

In addition to traditional varieties like McIntosh, Empire, Cortland, Honeycrisp and Red Delicious, the orchard grows many heirlooms and lesser known varieties, like Northern Spy, Spitzenburg, Rhode Island Greening and Newtown Pippin.

Most of the apples that aren’t PYO are sold to Citizen Cider in Burlington, Pratt said.

The season for Happy Valley (happyvalleyorchard.com) also wrapped up this past weekend.

“We used to stay open until Thanksgiving, but we would only really get business right before the holiday, and there’s no heat in the farm stand, so a few years ago we started closing at this time of year, and it’s worked out well for us,” Pratt said.

In addition to apples, this year’s Happy Valley farm stand featured cider doughnuts, a variety of produce from local growers and apple cider pressed at the orchard. Unlike in previous years, the latter was available exclusively onsite.

“We used to sell to some local stores, but we’re no longer doing wholesale,” Pratt said. “Now, for the two months that we do it, we only sell it at our farm stand.”

SHOREHAM, BRIDPORT

When asked about this year’s apple season, Bill Suhr of Champlain Orchards in Shoreham said simply, “We’ve been very grateful.”

Champlain Orchards, which acquired nearby Douglas Orchard last year, maintains 300 acres of tree fruit, including 70 at the old Giard Orchard in Bridport, which Suhr purchased six years ago.

“We had what I think is a record crop this year,” Suhr said. “It’s the largest crop we’ve ever brought in.”

Champlain hit its 2021 target of 150,000 bushels of apples, peaches and cherries — and counting.

“We’re still harvesting,” Suhr said Wednesday morning, noting in particular the Pink Lady variety, which is still going strong.

“They’re known for being able to withstand temperatures down to 25 degrees, and we’ve been fortunate with this long, benign fall, so they’re looking really beautiful right now,” Suhr said. “This is our third time picking through those trees.”

Champlain hired 57 Jamaican pickers this year, many of whom arrive before and stay after the apple season. Still, some of the seasonal pickers experienced the travel delays seen at other orchards.

Because COVID-19 is still with us, staff from Jamaica were tested before leaving home, tested again upon arrival in Vermont, and then received vaccinations through the Open Door Clinic, Suhr explained.

Last year, before vaccinations were available, things didn’t go as

smoothly, and Champlain Orchards experienced a brief outbreak of COVID-19 that ended up affecting 27 workers.

As the 2021 PYO season comes to a close, other kinds of orchard work and planning have begun.

“We’re preparing to plant stone fruit at Douglas Orchard next year, and we’ll be looking to add odd and unique apple varieties to expand our season.”

More immediately, the orchard (champlainorchards.com) will be attending to nursery digging, with an eye toward making some of those trees available for sale next spring, Suhr said.

Looking back over this year’s season, Suhr said he feels good about Champlain Orchards’ place in the community:

“I’m enthusiastic that people are committed to sourcing their food locally, and we’re grateful for our customers’ loyalty.”

And the orchard is always looking for ways to learn from those customers and the wider community. One of the ways it does this is through an end-of-season survey. (This year’s can be found at tinyurl.com/ChamplainOrchards.)

“We’ve gotten a lot of constructive feedback on what people would like to see,” Suhr said.

In the past, Champlain Orchards has been prompted by survey results to diversify its varieties, for instance. The orchard now grows more than 140 varieties of apples.

“We think there’s a tremendous opportunity to help foster a community around local food — it’s our passion, our mission,” Suhr said. “And it’s not a one-way street.”

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By the way

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that time, parking is prohibited on any town highway between midnight and 6 a.m., except where specifically permitted and signed. Vehicles parked in violation of the winter ban may be towed and impounded at the owner’s expense by order of Middlebury police. Also, vehicles are barred from parking on sidewalks during the same winter timeline. If you’re leaving garbage and/or recycling bins at the end of your driveway for pickup, please remember to place them well out of the town right-of-way in order to avoid damage from snow plows and to keep plow drivers safe. Vergennes and Bristol also have winter parking bans.

The Vermont Brain Bee is an annual event for high school students who are interested in learning about the inner workings of the brain. The public can help support the program by taking part in the Hannaford Community Bag Program. The group told us that for every \$2.50 reusable community bag people buy at the Middlebury Hannaford supermarket, the company will send a \$1 donation to the Brain Bee. More info is online at hannafood.bags4mycause.com and vermontbrainbee.com.

For those who wish to know more about how women are making their mark in STEM fields, Norwich University on Monday will host an online roundtable called “Celebrating Women in Science.” The impressive list of speakers will include Tara Kulkarni, director of the Center for Global Resilience and Security at Norwich; sport and exercise authority Amy Welch; parasitologist Allison

Neal; Page C. Spiess, an inaugural fellow of the Norwich Institute for Innovation in Teaching and Learning; mathematician Darlene Olsen; and others. Of course, all of the panelists have the appellation “Dr.” before their names. The event is free and open to the public. Register online at bit.ly/3vzyEVZ. If you are jazzed after taking part in the roundtable and want to head to Northfield, Norwich on Nov. 9 at 7 p.m. will host an in-person screening of “Picture A Scientist,” a documentary film that chronicles the groundswell of researchers who are writing a new chapter for women scientists. Learn more about both events at norwich.edu/cgrs.

The Five Town Friends of the Arts is accepting applications for a round of fall grants. The organization is interested in supporting projects that promote the arts in the 5-Town area of Bristol, Starksboro, Lincoln, New Haven and Monkton. Potential applicants can go to the website at Stownfriendsofthearts.org to find out more and to access the application. The Nov. 15 deadline has been extended to Nov. 20. Five Town Friends of the Arts grants support fine and performing arts education, fine and performing arts events for the community, and projects or activities designed to promote understanding of and appreciation for our local cultural heritage.

Here’s an extra reminder that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has approved a COVID-19 vaccine for children ages 5 to 11, and the state of Vermont on Nov. 3 began

allowing parents and caregivers to register their eligible children. The dose in question is made by Pfizer. Families are able to make appointments for state-run sites through tinyurl.com/pkpb7eky. The state has also arranged for clinics in nearly 100 schools across the state — including some in Addison County — over a six-week period. In addition to these, families can get vaccinated at pharmacies or some pediatricians’ offices and family practices. Appointments for both the school-based and state-run clinics can be made at healthvermont.gov/KidsVaccine or by calling 855-722-7878. Vermont was slated to receive 6,000 pediatric doses by the end of Tuesday, and a total of 23,400 doses for children by the end of this week. Of that amount, 15,900 doses will be for the state-run clinics. The remaining 7,500 will be allocated to pharmacies and health care partners. More doses are expected to become available after the initial allocation. For more information about COVID-19, vaccines and testing, visit healthvermont.gov/covid-19.

The town of Monkton is looking for candidates to join its Development Review Board. The DRB reviews land development including conditional uses, planned unit developments, waivers, variances and appeals of decisions by the zoning administrator. The DRB meets two times a month. Applicants do not need to be Monkton residents but do need to be familiar with the Monkton Town Plan and its zoning bylaws. Interested candidates should email selectboard@monktonvt.com.

Ripton

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Oct. 31 that the board will grant the extension, leading to a VSBE review of Ripton’s case on Jan. 17.

Achieving an agreement will be challenging. Ripton officials lament the town’s lack of power in controlling its public education destiny. The town has in the past pushed for changes in the ACSD’s articles of agreement that would allow townspeople final say on school closures, and more of a say in how their school board members are elected.

As it stands, the ACSD board can close a school by supermajority vote — at least 10 of total 13 members. Board members are currently voted on by district residents at-large, as opposed to by their respective communities.

The ACSD board late last month affirmed its commitment to maintain the district’s articles of agreement as written.

Olsen, in his letter, said other communities considering independence bids should keep an eye on Ripton’s case. Locally, Lincoln residents have voted to withdraw from the Mount Abraham Unified Union School District, with Starksboro considering such a move.

“Other communities contemplating similar activity should view Ripton’s experience as a cautionary tale and should consider postponing any withdrawal actions until the (Vermont) General Assembly has had the opportunity to consider updates to the statutory framework governing withdrawal and re-assignment of school districts,” Olsen said.

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County chamber recognizes tops in the business community

By ANGELO LYNN

MIDDLEBURY — The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic played a big role in who received year-end honors at the annual Addison County Chamber of Commerce awards celebration this past Thursday morning. Three local leaders were honored:

- Karen Duguay was named the Buster Brush Citizen of the Year for her tireless efforts to bolster downtown Middlebury through the pandemic and its four years of construction related to the railway tunnel and bridge reconstruction.

- Fred Kenney, executive director of the Addison County Economic Development Corporation received the Community Achievement Award for his nonprofit's work to help dozens of businesses process aid and grant submissions.

- Dr. Mark Basol of the Vergennes Animal Hospital received the Business of the Year Award to recognize the community service provided and exceptional growth of the firm over the past few years.

The awards were made to about 50 chamber members following a breakfast meeting at the Middlebury Inn. Phil Summers, who took over as the chamber's executive director this month, introduced the awards.

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Duguay's numerous accomplishments and activities to boost Middlebury's downtown were outlined by Nancy Malcolm, who, along with Linda Horn and Duguay, spearheaded the community action group called Neighbors, Together.

"For the past seven years Karen has helped lead Neighbors, Together as they worked to help mitigate the negative effects of the downtown rail and bridge project," Malcolm said. "In her role as executive administrator of the Better Middlebury Partnership, she took on the challenge of being the Neighbors, Together administrator and was a valued 'leg' of the three-legged stool that oversaw the stakeholder group."

"In this capacity she administered/managed/organized the grant monies as well as many of the group's programs and initiatives, including overseeing a visitor-driven regional marketing campaign that reached millions, shopping and dining incentives that conservatively yielded over \$615,000 in direct economic impact on local businesses, community-building

events including block parties, outdoor concerts, movies, and the Bundle pop-up event space.

"Over 1,500 volunteers donated thousands of hours of time to ensure our community's continued vibrancy. To say that this could not have happened without Karen would be an understatement. She continually went above and beyond duty to make it a success."

Malcolm also lauded Duguay's efforts over the past year-and-a-half during the uncertainties of the pandemic.

"Throughout the pandemic, Karen adapted events, (calling audibles, as we say), brought forward new ideas and engaged partners from around the region and the state to better meet the needs of our community," Malcolm said. "She supported businesses by hosting business roundtables and connecting businesses with opportunities for direct financial assistance. In early 2021, Karen gathered local business owners, community members and economic development professionals together to launch 'Kick Start Middlebury,' a recruiting program to offer new businesses a monetary incentive to fill empty downtown storefronts. That program awarded grants to six businesses; all of which are now in various stages of launch."

"One of the core objectives of the Better Middlebury Partnership," Malcolm continued, "is to create opportunities for people to feel connected to their community. Throughout her nearly nine years with the organization, Karen has proven herself invaluable at building partnerships and creating those connections. She is deeply invested in the success of her community and continually seeks to inspire others to feel the same. She understands that the community is larger than just our immediate geography and she approaches all challenges with professionalism."

Equally importantly, Malcolm said, "Karen is always willing to share her time, ideas and to give a helping hand ... She understands the need for collaboration amongst organizations and the towns in Addison County and the state. She knows just about everyone and people want her involvement. It is commonplace to see her having coffee with Lloyd Komesar, a meeting with Amey Ryan, a chat with Brian Carpenter, a phone

conversation with Gary Halloway, or an off-the-cuff television interview downtown — all to better promote our community. She knows when to ask questions and to seek advice. She knows the value of person-to-person contact. Her enthusiasm is contagious, her smile lights up a room. We are indeed fortunate to have her in our community."

Malcolm concluded, "She truly loves this community."

BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

In an impressive feat of growth during the pandemic, the Vergennes Animal Hospital added five new employees this past year and is making plans to build a 1,100-square-foot expansion to its existing building and hire another four to five employees in the near future.

Bob Feuerstein, owner of the Kennedy Brothers Building in Vergennes, made the presentation of the Business of the Year award to Dr. Basol, recalling the practice's history since its start in 1940.

"Dr. Mark Basol came to the practice in 1987 — a flatlander from Iowa who came to Vermont for its skiing — joining Dr. Joe Klopfenstein as a partner," Feuerstein recalled. "As the demand for specialty veterinary services grew, the business was split into two entities in 2005 with Dr. Basol taking over the VAH name and operation the small animal practice as it is today. Dr. Greg Carlton joined VAH in 2013 and has since become a partner in the practice. In addition to Drs. Basol and Carlton, three full-time associate veterinarians — Drs. Rebecca Sevy, Carrie Olsen and Roberta Hemmer — are employed as well."

"A steady increase in pet ownership has led to increased employment opportunities for professional, administration and technical staff. The practice has grown from a staff of eight in 1994 to now employing 18 people, five of whom were added just this year. With an annual payroll that exceeds \$1 million, VAH adds to the local economy through employee patronage and purchasing power for all area businesses ... and is a long-time supporter of the Addison County Chamber of Commerce, the Vergennes Partnership, the Bixby Memorial Free Library and the Vergennes Opera House."

COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

For many businesses most affected by the pandemic, federal and state aid was an important factor in helping those businesses stay afloat throughout the pandemic when much of the economy was shut down. Kenney and the nonprofit Addison County Economic Development Corporation was there to provide critical services for many.

Addison County Regional Planning Commission Executive Director Adam Lougee presented the Chamber's Community Achievement Award to Fred Kenney, which is given to a nonprofit organization "for outstanding leadership to the community."

Lougee outlined some of the highlights Kenney and his team provided, including:

- In addition to ACEDC's members, borrowers, and regular list of businesses with whom they communicate, ACEDC added a list of more than 260 small businesses that received regular relief updates



THE ADDISON COUNTY Chamber of Commerce last week recognized some of the individuals and businesses that linked the business community with vital aid to get them through the lowest lows of the COVID-19 pandemic. Pictured from left are Fred Kenney of the Addison County Economic Development Corp., which received the Community Achievement Award; Better Middlebury Partnership Executive Director Karen Duguay, named the Buster Brush Citizen of the Year; and Dr. Mark Basol of the Vergennes Animal Hospital, which reaped the Business of the Year Award.

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regarding state and federal grants and loans, state mandates and guidance, availability of personal protective equipment, and local resources.

- ACEDC acted as intermediary, passing information to Addison County businesses and partners and regularly brought regional concerns to the state legislative delegation, federal congressional delegation, and program administrators.

- ACEDC provided direct assistance to at least 30 businesses, including project development, project management services, financial consulting, and grant writing assistance.

- 15 grant applications were written to state and federal programs, with 12 successful grants bringing \$374,000 to the region.

- Successful application to USDA/Rural Development bringing \$500,000 to Addison County to recapitalize the ACEDC Revolving Loan Fund.

- Developed several successful regional partnerships.

- Worked with the county regional planning commission on a four-region Comprehensive Economic Development strategy process, and

- Did research and grant writing for Maple Broadband, the communications union district

that plans to spread availability of broadband internet.

Lougee also noted that Kenney is chair of the Middlebury Economic Health Committee, and did "extensive business advocacy at Congressional, Vermont Legislature and municipal levels, including testimony in several committees."

What was extraordinary, Lougee added, was that Kenney worked much of the year on his own, enduring the labor shortages many are facing, and is just now bringing on new staff.

Saying that "ACEDC is Fred Kenney," Lougee recalled that "he brings over 30 years of business and public administration experience at the state and federal levels, including 20 years in economic development."

After running an inn, restaurant, pub, and working in real estate and construction in the Sugarbush area, Fred served on Sen. Patrick Leahy's staff for 13 years, including Sen. Leahy's office in Washington, D.C., and as assistant clerk on the Senate Appropriations Committee staff.

"Fred then moved his family back to Vermont and provided constituent services in Sen. Leahy's Burlington office and provided outreach in the areas of business, economic development, housing, and transportation from the senator's

Montpelier office. In 2001, Fred was appointed as executive director of the Vermont Economic Progress Council, providing statewide economic development strategic planning, and administering the Vermont Employment Growth Incentive Program, the Tax Increment Financing Program, and other programs for the Vermont Agency of Commerce.

"Fred has served as executive director of ACEDC since November 2017, served on the Bolton School Board, including several years as chair, and is currently president of With Love from Vermont, a Vermont nonprofit that since 2012 has partnered with Feed My Starving Children to pack and send over 1.3 million meals to starving children around the world and collect tons of non-perishable food for local food shelves."

In comments applicable to all award winners at the event, Kenney thanked the chamber for the award.

"We all did what we could to assist individuals, the community and businesses" to get through the past year and survive, if not thrive, he said. "But the true heroes are those in our community who came together to help each other and the business owners and entrepreneurs who persevered. ACEDC is proud to have been a part of those efforts."



COUNTY PLANNER ADAM Lougee, right, presents Addison County Economic Development Corp. chief Fred Kenney with the Chamber of Commerce's Community Achievement Award at the chamber's Oct. 28 gathering.

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village was a bustling industrial and mercantile hub, part of a fast-expanding nation tied together by ribbons of railroads, fast-moving coaches on improved roads, and dozens of canal boats and steamers. The village changed, but not radically, as it adapted to the 20th century. Today it is still a thriving community. Come with your questions and Jean and Silas will try to help you find answers.

The Bixby Library has received enthusiastic feedback to its recently expanded evening hours (until 7 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays). More evening hours means that you can stop by after work or school to grab a new book, study, use a computer, or meet up in one of our reservable rooms. There are several great offerings at Bixby in November, so please check its website (bixbylibrary.org) and social media regularly to keep updated.

Bixby's Book Clubs are held for both youth and adults. The adults meet monthly on every second Tuesday at 6 p.m. On Tuesday, Nov. 9, the readers will discuss "The Bluest Eye" by Toni Morrison. The Youth Book Club will delve into "Brown Girl Dreaming" by Jacqueline Woodson on Saturday, Nov. 13, at 11 a.m. To learn more about reserving the books and how to participate, call the library at 802-877-2211.

Local author Christina Caniyo will be holding an author talk and book release gathering at the Bixby for her new novel, "Doors of the Dreaming God." Meet the author in the Community Room on Saturday, Nov. 6, from 1-3 p.m. Copies of her book will be available for sale and light snacks will be served. Caniyo says her stories were inspired by living in Vergennes and its old homes, historic churches, and cemeteries. Her first novel, "Death and the Underhouse," came out in 2017 and is the first in a trilogy. The plot of "Doors of the Dreaming God" begins with the protagonist, Kira, learning of a strange seed

planted in her yard that leads to her inadvertently forcing open the gates between Earth and the magical world of Gardin. This creates a dangerous imbalance in the spiritual world that could tear apart both realms.

A reminder that it is now very easy to get COVID vaccinations and also boosters. Vaccine clinics are conveniently located throughout Vermont and are organized by the Vermont Department of Health or held in pharmacies and other accessible sites. Please be sure you and your family are vaccinated as appropriate following medical guidelines. Information on vaccines for children ages 5-11 years old will be coming in early November — parents can ask their physician or school nurse about the times and locations of the clinics for children. To learn more visit healthvermont.gov/covid-19.

Kristina MacKulin, Ferrisburgh resident and Clerk of the ANWSD Board of Directors, reminds us that it is easy to stay current on the meetings and actions of the board. The most up-to-date information about the status of COVID-19 and school announcements is on the ANWSD website: anwsd.org/covid-19-and-recovery-.php. The agendas, reports and minutes are available at tinyurl.com/3ezp7c7d. The board's next regular meetings begin at 6 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 8, at the Ferrisburgh Central School and on Monday, Nov. 15, at the Vergennes Union High School Library. The ANWSD/MAUSD Merger Study Committee Meeting will hold a virtual community event on Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. For more information email Kristina at kmackulin@accessvt.com.

NOTE: We are always interested in including a variety of Ferrisburgh-related news in this column, so if you have events that would be of interest, contact Sally Kerschner at smwkersch@comcast.net. You are also able to access these columns by viewing the Ferrisburgh Town Website at ferrisburghvt.org.

ACSD takes a stand on BLM flag

Editor's note: The Addison Central School Board agreed on this statement regarding the flying of the Black Lives Matter flag at Middlebury Union High School, and board Chair Mary Cullinane read the statement at this past Friday's flag-raising ceremony.

After considerable debate and deliberation, on Oct. 11, 2021, the Addison Central School District (ACSD) Board unanimously voted to fly the Black Lives Matter flag on the government flag pole in front of the Middlebury Union High School through the end of the 2021/22 academic year. The board has issued the following statement in support of its action:

The Addison Central School Board recognizes the academic disparities that exist between white students and non-white students, as well as the increased rates of exclusionary discipline for students of color in public schools, both in Vermont and across the nation. The board also acknowledges physical and mental health disparities that exist between white and non-white populations in Vermont, and the impact of health and well-being on a student's access to learning.

We believe that diversity, equity, and inclusion are critical to achieving ACSD's vision and foundational goals. We recognize that much more work is needed to create a more inclusive and equitable environment for non-white members of our learning community, and the ACSD Board is committed to that work.

To publicly demonstrate this commitment and to stand in solidarity with the Middlebury Union High School Student Coalition On Human Rights, the ACSD Board will fly the Black Lives Matters flag from the MUHS government flag pole in our support of those members of our community who have been and continue to be impacted by racism.



ADDISON CENTRAL SCHOOL District Superintendent Peter Burrows, above, joins ACSD board Chair Mary Cullinane and students Ivy Doran, below right, and Fairly Olson, below left, in raising the Black Lives Matter flag in front of Middlebury Union High School on Friday, Oct. 29. Doran and Olson are members of MUHS's Student Coalition On Human Rights, which requested the BLM flag-raising almost two years ago.

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BLM flag

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officials. The Addison Central School District board on Oct. 11 endorsed a new policy that that allows the flying — for a limited time — of banners other than just the U.S. and Vermont flags on the primary flagpole at the entrance of any ACSD school. This new policy then allowed the ACSD board, at the same meeting, to unanimously approve a student request for the BLM flag to fly in front of MUHS for the duration of this academic year.

It was in early 2020 that MUHS's Student Coalition On Human Rights, known as SCOHR, requested permission to fly the BLM flag. The outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic and the absence of a district flag policy delayed the ACSD board from promptly acting on the request.

The adoption process for the new



policy proved anything but easy. Board members found themselves divided into two camps: one asserting the primary flagpole at school should be reserved for governmental emblems, and the other arguing the flagpole is an important messaging hub that should be harnessed to project support of causes compatible with ACSD policy and core values — in this case, to draw attention to historically oppressed people.

ACSD board Chair Mary Cullinane noted the historical context of flying of the American flag as a way to honor citizens who have died in service to the country — including for free-speech causes. But she also acknowledged the prevailing inequalities in how white and non-white children are able to access education, healthcare and other critical services.

"We recognize that we as a country have work to do," she said.

"We believe that diversity, equity, and inclusion are critical to achieving ACSD's vision and foundational goals," Cullinane said, reading a statement from the school board. "We recognize that much more work is needed

to create a more inclusive and equitable environment for non-white members of our learning community, and the ACSD Board is committed to that work."

See the full statement on this page.

Students cheered as the BLM flag went up, with SCOHR members Ivy Doran and Fairley Olson reading a joint statement.

"Flying the BLM flag at MUHS helps uphold the school's core beliefs — to provide welcoming and safe classrooms and to promote purposeful teaching and learning," they said. "Displaying the flag welcomes conversations that are essential in order to have a greater understanding about racial inequity that persists throughout our society."

Like Cullinane, Doran and Olson stressed raising the BLM flag was the easy part; now comes the heavy lifting of pursuing racial justice in and outside of the school building.

"Although this is a monumental step in fighting against racial injustice, it's not the only step that can be taken," they said.

Reporter John Flowers is at johnf@addisonindependent.com.

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Neighbors

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“I don’t think (the Vermont Agency of Transportation) had any idea we would pull this off,” said Nancy Malcolm, who co-chaired Neighbors, Together (NT) with Linda Horn.

“They trusted us, and we took that trust.”

A final report from the volunteer organization shows that when the construction dust settled, NT had:

- Organized a series of community forums to identify ideas for preserving and supporting the most important qualities of the downtown during the more than two years of widespread construction. Those forums helped generate more than 700 ideas for how Middlebury could weather the disruption.
- Spearheaded more than 110 different events and promotions to help the community thrive.
- Invested \$303,000 in state grant money in diverse programming that included block parties, pop-up ventures and Middlebury Money that could be redeemed at local stores. The group’s initiatives resulted in a direct economic impact of at least \$615,000, according to state and local officials.
- Helped change the narrative the community’s response to the project from negative to accepting.

The keys for success, according to Better Middlebury Partnership Executive Director Karen Duguay, included getting community stakeholders invested in the NT effort, and having a paid administrator to coordinate messaging and activities. Duguay served in the part-time administrator’s role — around 15 hours a week.

“You can only expect so much from volunteers,” explained Duguay. “I think it’s really important to have the accountability there of someone who’s saying, ‘I’m responsible for seeing this through, and I’m being paid to do that.’”

It also helped that Duguay was spending the balance of her workweek on BMP matters, which dovetailed nicely with NT priorities.

“At the end of the day, it worked

out fine to have that cohesion,” she said.

But there were bumps and potholes along the way — including a major, unexpected headache from COVID-19.

Indeed, communities girding for major construction projects in the future probably won’t face the extra challenge that Middlebury faced during its tunnel tribulations: a worldwide pandemic. So NT had to suddenly scrap a bunch of program ideas early on because of social distancing mandates driven by COVID-19.

“There was no blueprint for us,” Duguay said of the COVID curveball. “We were creating it as we went.”

Malcolm recalled spending a lot of time getting a handle on downtown parking, knowing many spaces would be temporarily lost to construction. She worked with Tri-Valley Transit to establish a shuttle bus system in anticipation of shoppers needing to park farther away from stores. In the end, many of those stores closed for several weeks or limited hours due to COVID.

“It was like, ‘Are you kidding me?’” she said of her frustration.

So NT learned to be nimble in allocating resources and revising programs.

“We called audibles,” Malcolm said, using a football metaphor for improvising.

Further complicating matters was that NT officials learned that none of the VTrans grant money could be used for COVID-related programs.

“(But) almost everything became a COVID-related thing,” Duguay lamented. “It was so hard working within those parameters last summer. Everything had to pass the straight-faced test: ‘Can you say this (program) would have happened, regardless?’”

GIVEAWAYS, PROMOTIONS

Fortunately, many programs on the NT list — including Middlebury Money giveaways and various downtown promotions — had already been conducted in 2018 and 2019, and could thus pass the non-

COVID test, according to Malcolm.

Some of Duguay’s and Malcolm’s favorites included:

- Bundle, a pop-up market venture that was staged at several storefronts and an outdoor venue. Bundle allowed merchants to safely and prominently showcase their wares, resulting in around \$250,000 in direct economic impact during the challenging time.
- The aggressive marketing of Middlebury, online and in various publications.
- The use of “Middlebury Money.” The number of businesses that redeem Middlebury Money has grown to 121.

“It morphed into the community supporting local businesses,” Malcolm said.

- Downtown block parties, featuring free food and fun for adults and children. This gave people an extra reason to come downtown and shop and dine at local restaurants that really needed a boost.

“There were so many touch points around that one event that created feeling of engagement and investment back into the community,” Duguay said.

Ultimately, the pandemic’s timing proved a double-edged sword, according to NT officials. It made more severe the dearth of customers downtown merchants had anticipated. But at the same time, COVID relief funding — including grants from a new local charity called “Table 21” — helped limit lost revenues.

“Our businesses would have likely suffered the same — maybe a little bit less — with just the downtown construction, as opposed to the one-two punch,” Duguay said. “I think having money available for direct financial assistance to these businesses actually softened the blow a little.”

The success of NT has prompted some to call for it to remain active to tackle other community challenges. But Malcolm and Duguay don’t believe that’s a good idea.

Duguay believes one of the keys to NT’s success was that its mission had



KAREN DUGUAY, LEFT, part-time administrator for the group Neighbors, Together, and Nancy Malcolm, the group’s co-chair, helped keep downtown Middlebury businesses vital during the years long rail tunnel construction project,

Independent photo/Angelo Lynn

a beginning, middle and end.

“We really stuck to it and built up a box around our activities to keep them focused,” she said. “At no point did the people involved think that this was going to morph into something else down the road.”

Organizers are instead happy to see new volunteer groups emerge to take on other specific tasks.

“We’re done,” Malcolm said of NT. “We had a mission and we followed it all the way through — which was to mitigate the negative effects of the rail and bridge project. That project is done. We had a lot of busy, dedicated stakeholders. Everyone put in their time, it was appreciated, and we don’t want to overstay our welcome.”

That said, NT officials believe their programming and strategies could be replicated in other communities contending with lengthy, disruptive infrastructure projects. Duguay and Malcolm acknowledged having learned much from the experiences of Barre and Bennington, which staged their own programs to help citizens and businesses weather massive construction projects.

Both Malcolm and Duguay are thrilled with the results of the tunnel

project. One of the highlights, for them, is the new plaza created at Triangle Park, between St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church and Merchants Row.

“I can’t describe how happy I feel going downtown and seeing all the people on the plaza — having a cup of coffee, chatting with each other,” said Duguay, who’s also gratified to see long-vacant storefronts filled.

“That was what we were working toward — bringing that vitality and energy back into the downtown.”

It’s a far different and improved landscape than when NT first formed.

“It’s turned out better than I ever anticipated,” Malcolm said.

Middlebury selectboard Chairman Brian Carpenter said the community owes a debt of gratitude to Neighbors, Together.

“The transformative downtown bridge and rail project that we just completed would have felt different without the volunteerism, spirit of cooperation, and focus on our downtown businesses that Neighbors, Together carried the torch for,” he said. “The positive synergies of all parties working together they helped energize were remarkable.”

BMP plans downtown markets

By JOHN FLOWERS

MIDDLEBURY — The town of Middlebury will host a series of weekly outdoor markets during five months next year, thanks to a \$25,000 grant supplied by a local charity.

Table 21, a nonprofit organization created last year to help Middlebury-area farms and businesses hit hard by the COVID-19 pandemic, is supplying the grant. The Better Middlebury Partnership will use the grant to organize a series of weekly outdoor markets in the downtown, to be held on a designated weekday evening from May through September, according to BMP Executive Director Karen Duguay.

She noted the markets would be open to vendors selling food, crafts and other items in an atmosphere that will include music and perhaps other entertainment. Organizers are hoping to stage the markets on the newly created plaza between Merchants Row and St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church.

“We want to create a fun atmosphere,” Duguay said of the markets, which are also intended to draw people downtown to shop and dine.

Duguay stressed the new market won’t compete with the long running Middlebury Farmers Market held every Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at the Middlebury VFW off Exchange Street.

The \$25,000 grant will provide seed money for the new markets, and participating vendors will be charged a nominal fee that will allow the offering to continue in future years.

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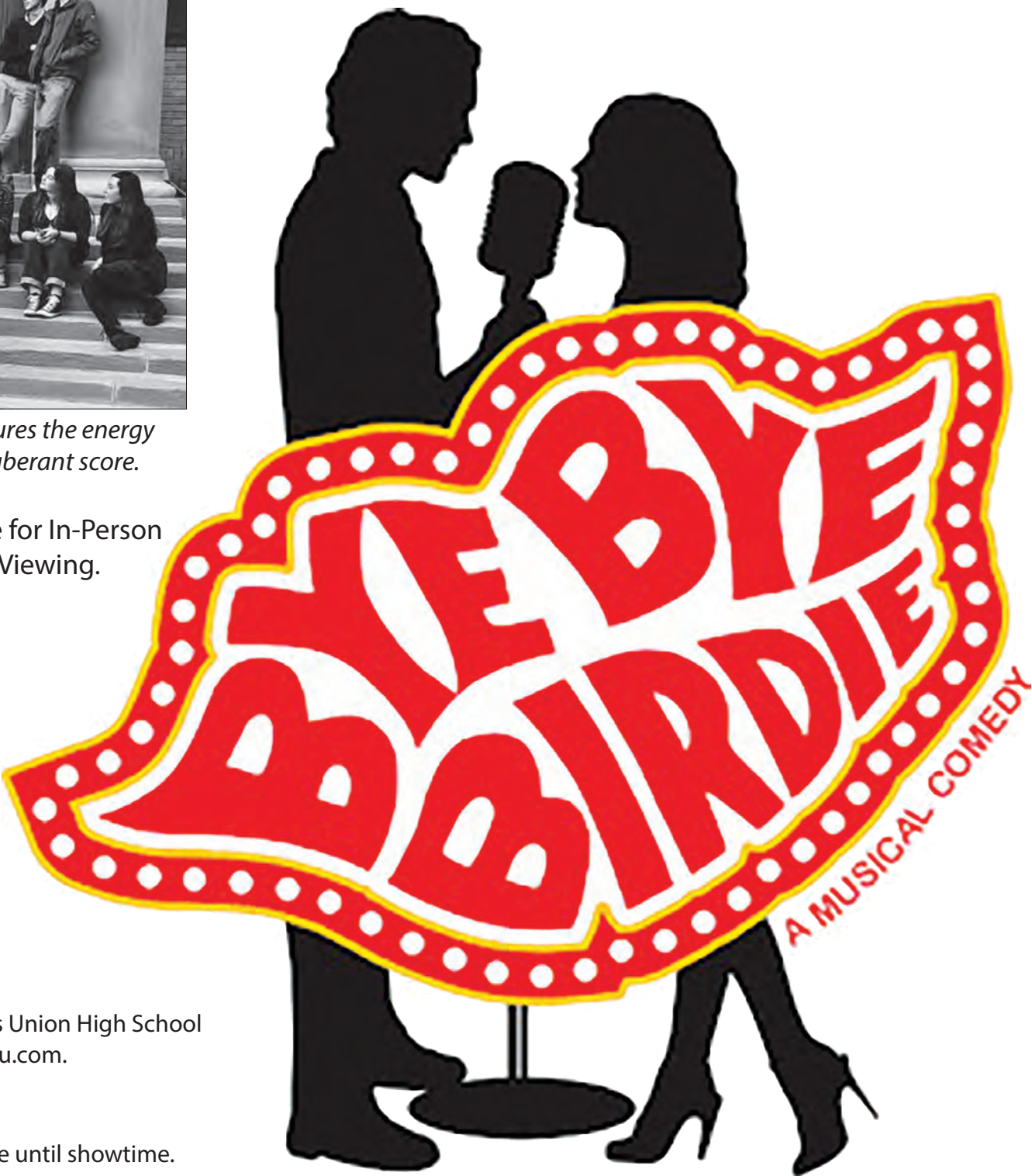
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Ducks on a pond, and other memories

We parked the Jeep on the edge of the old unmaintained Class VI road running through the town forest. Down a slight slope across the meadow was the pond Jerry had brought me to see, where he hoped to find ducks. Sure enough, we'd taken only a few steps away from the car when we caught sight of a dozen of them cruising the middle of the pond, 150 yards across the meadow.

All summer, I'd been looking forward to whitetail hunting with my uncle-in-law Jerry on his New Hampshire homestead. I'd been told that I could use a Vermont hunting license or proof of my Vermont hunter education course to get a New Hampshire license. That turned out not to be the case. To get a hunting license in New Hampshire, one needs to take a New Hampshire hunter safety course. And (because of the pandemic) in 2021 those courses were limited to residents of the state. The steps I'd need to take to get a license were beyond what I could do in a busy year.

So my hunting trip on opening weekend of muzzleloader season turned into a scouting trip, and a visit to some of Jerry's favorite haunts, in which he has been hunting for seven decades. One of them was this duck pond.

As soon as we saw the ducks, Jerry crouched down and motioned for me to come along behind him. He began to move stealthily across the meadow, keeping a low profile and staying behind brush as much

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Division I Playoffs		
10/30 #3 CVU vs #6 MUHS.....	35-12	
Division III Playoffs		
10/30 #3 OV vs. #6 Mill River.....	12-6	
Field Hockey		
Division II Playoffs		
10/27 #7 St. J vs #12 MUHS.....	6-1	
10/29 #1 Mt. Abe vs #4 Woodstock...	2-0	
10/29 #5 Spaulding vs #4 OV.....	2-1	
11/3 Mt. Abe vs Spaulding.....	3-1	
Girls' Soccer		
Division II Playoffs		
10/27 #1 Harwood vs #16 OV.....	7-0	
10/27 #11 Mt. Abe vs #6 Stratton.....	2-0	
10/28 #8 MUHS vs #9 U-32.....	1-0	
10/29 Mt. Abe vs. #14 Milton... 2-1 (OT)		
10/30 Harwood vs MUHS.....	2-0	
11/3 No. 2 Woodstock vs Mt. Abe.....	3-1	
Division III Playoffs		
10/27 #3 Fairfax vs #14 VUHS.....	3-0	
Boys' Soccer		
Division II Playoffs		
10/28 #5 MUHS vs #12 Mt. Abe.....	3-1	
10/30 MUHS vs #13 Rice.....	3-2	
11/2 #1 Milton vs MUHS.....	2-0	
Division III Playoffs		
10/29 #4 VUHS vs #5 Peoples... 3-2 (OT)		
11/2 #1 Green Mt. Union vs VUHS.....	3-1	
COLLEGE SPORTS		
Field Hockey		
NESCAC Quarterfinal		
10/30 #1 Midd vs #8 Bates.....	4-0	
Men's Soccer		
NESCAC Quarterfinal		
10/30 #4 Midd vs #5 Wesleyan.....	0-0; Midd wins on PKs, 5-4	
Women's Soccer		
NESCAC Quarterfinal		
10/30 #4 Midd vs #5 Conn.....	2-1	
Football		
10/30 Midd vs Bowdoin.....	42-35	



EAGLE FORWARD OLIVIA Campbell, No. 26, and her teammates celebrate her go-ahead goal in the third quarter of their 2-0 victory over visiting No. 8 Woodstock on Friday in a Division II quarterfinal. The top-seeded Eagles will host No. 5 Spaulding on Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. in a semifinal.

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MOUNT ABE FORWARD Txuxa Konczal moves around a Woodstock defender during the top-seeded Eagles' quarterfinal victory on Friday. The Eagles moved on to a Wednesday semifinal vs. No. 5 Spaulding. They will host the game at 3:30 p.m.

Independent photo/Steve James

Eagle field hockey advances in D-II playoffs

Mount Abraham rusty in first round after a week-long break but still downs No. 8 Woodstock

By ANDY KIRKALDY

BRISTOL — The top-seeded Mount Abraham field hockey team shook off a few flakes of rust and then took care of business in a Friday quarterfinal, getting past

visiting No. 8 Woodstock, 2-0. The Eagles improved their record to 13-1-1.

Although their offense didn't get on the board until the second half, Mount Abe controlled play,

piled up a 15-0 advantage in penalty corners and did not allow the 8-8 Wasps to launch a shot at their goalie, Maddie Donaldson, although she did come out to kick the ball out of harm's way three

times.

The Eagles were set to host No. 5 Spaulding (11-2-2) on Wednesday after the deadline for this edition; the *Independent* will report on that game on addisonindependent.com.

The time and site of the D-II final, during which the Eagles would be seeking their fourth straight title if they get past the Tide, will be announced after Wednesday's (See Field Hockey, Page 5B)

Tiger runners, Laird excel at the state meet

By ANDY KIRKALDY

THETFORD — The Middlebury Union High School boys' and girls' teams finished second and third, respectively, in Division II at the Vermont high school cross country championships in Thetford on Saturday, while North Branch School ninth-grader Estella Laird claimed the D-III individual title.

Laird's time of 20:28.1 over the 5-kilometer course in cool, damp conditions was about 20 seconds faster than the runner-up and was the fifth-fastest of female competitors in all the three divisions.

Laird, who trains with the Mount Abraham team, and Tiger senior Ella Landis, who was fifth in D-II in 21:37.38 and 22nd overall among female runners,

both qualified for the New England championship race.

That event will be back in Thetford on Nov. 13. The top 25 male and female runners regardless of division qualified, and Laird and Landis were the only local runners to make the cut.

The Tiger boys were led by senior Nat McVeigh and sophomore Baxter Harrington, who ran 12-13; McVeigh showed a wicked kick in the final straightaway to eclipse his teammate. Freshman Baker Nelson was not far behind in 16th, and two more freshmen rounded out the scorers, Haaken Olson in 22nd and Matthew Berg in 32nd.

U-32 ran away with the team race, sweeping five of the top six (See Runners, Page 4B)



TIGER RUNNERS BETH McIntosh, left front, and Ella Landis join a Harwood competitor in leading a pack of runners during the Division II girls' championship race in Thetford on Saturday. Landis and McIntosh led the Tigers, who finished third overall, by taking fifth and eighth places, respectively.

Photo by Joe McVeigh



TIGER MIDFIELDER GREG Wilhelm makes a successful sliding tackle on dangerous Eagle striker Jake Lucarelli during the Tigers' hard-fought first-round Division II playoff victory on Thursday.

Independent photo/Steve James

Tiger boys' soccer outlasts Eagles in first-round match

By ANDY KIRKALDY

MIDDLEBURY — The rubber match between the Middlebury and Mount Abraham boys' soccer teams came on Oct. 28 in the first round of the Division II tournament, and the host No. 5 Tigers pulled away in the second half to claim the win over the 12th-seeded Eagles, 3-1.

During the regular season, each team had won by 1-0 scores on the other's turf.

After that setback, the Eagles slipped to 5-9-1, while the Tigers went on to win a quarterfinal on Saturday before falling to Milton in a closely contested semifinal on Tuesday. They finished 10-6-1.

Vs. the Eagles, Tiger striker Ronen Silberman snapped a 1-1

tie at 20:36 of the second half. Silberman beat Eagle goalie Creed Stillwell to a long serve from Oliver Anderson, tapped it around the charging keeper, and popped a 15-yard shot into the open net from the right side of the box.

Forward Zack Wilkerson clinched the win at 7:50 when he lobbed a 35-yard shot from the center of the field over the goalie.

Both teams had their chances, and Mount Abe arguably carried play for a stretch in the first 20 minutes. Although the Tigers had their share of the ball, the Eagles piled up an early advantage of 10-4 in shots at goal, including one by striker Eli Burgess that rang the (See Soccer, Page 5B)

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MUHS FRESHMAN FORWARD Lily Dame touches the ball past a U-32 defender during the Tigers' 1-0 first-round Division II playoff win on Thursday. Tiger defender Amelia Quesnel is in the background.

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Tiger girls win one before ouster

By ANDY KIRKALDY

MIDDLEBURY — The No. 8 Middlebury Union girls' soccer team edged visiting No. 9 U-32, 1-0, in a first-round Division II playoff game on Thursday, but were unable to knock off the top seed in the next round and finished the season at 8-7-1.

The Tigers had dropped two games the week before while shorthanded due to COVID contact-tracing, but were back at full strength to defeat U-32, the defending D-II champion, which finished its season at 6-7-2.

The Raiders carried play in the early going, but the Tigers slowly asserted themselves and scored 17 minutes into the second half.

Cady Pitner put MUHS on the board. Hannah Turner sent Pitner in alone on Raider goalie Evie Moore, who came out to cut down the angle. But Pitner found the lower right corner with a left-footed shot.

MUHS Coach Reeves Livesay acknowledged the team overall took

some time to hit its stride, but said defense was a constant throughout.

"I think the whole game we defended hard and defended well. Certainly at the beginning of the game it took us a little well to settle in," Livesay said. "But once we did I think we did a nice job of finding the feet of our forwards, which was very helpful in allowing us to play out of the back and go forward."

While the Tigers only cashed in on one chance, Livesay said they created several.

"We had a number of good opportunities. That was certainly the best opportunity we had. I thought as the game went on we generated a couple stronger opportunities," he said.

Livesay praised his defense for not allowing high-percentage looks on goalie Julia Bartlett. He said the Tigers used an alignment with three defenders in the middle, seniors Ivy Doran and Zoe Noble and ninth-grader Elsa Burrows, and those three

in particular did well in shutting down the Raiders. Bartlett finished with seven saves, as did the Raiders' Moore.

"We did a real good job of limiting their chances. They like to get shots from outside, and we really only allowed one really dangerous shot from that space, 20 to 25 yards out, where they score a lot of their goals," he said.

"Ivy was super solid in the back line, as she always is. It was nice to have Zoe back there with her, and I think they along with Elsa really did a great job."

On Saturday, the Tigers played a competitive match against No. 1 Harwood (14-1-1), limiting the high-octane Highlander offense, but they weren't able to find the net themselves in a 2-0 setback.

A half-dozen Tigers played their last soccer in an MUHS uniform on Saturday: Doran, Turner, Noble, Bartlett, Sophie Larocque and Genevieve Dora.

OV field hockey upset in playoffs

BRANDON — The title dreams of the No. 4 seeded Otter Valley field hockey team came to an end on Friday afternoon, when visiting No. 5 Spaulding edged the Otters, 2-1, in a Division II quarterfinal.

Both teams had entered the game with 11-2-1 records, but it was the Tide who advanced to a Wednesday semifinal at No. 1 Mount Abraham (13-1-1), a 2-0 winner on Friday over No. 8 Woodstock.

The Otters came up short on their

soggy home turf despite forcing 18 penalty corners to eight for the Tide.

Spaulding snapped a scoreless tie a minute before halftime with a goal from Eden White, set up by Bella Bevins. Then Bevins put the ball past OV goalie Lily Morgan to make it 2-0 with 3:51 gone in the third quarter.

Alice Keith put OV on the board with eight seconds to go in the third period, with an assist from Mackenzie McKay.

But the Otters could not again get the ball past Tide goalie Abigail Geno for the equalizer as the clock ticked down on what was an outstanding OV season that included a Southern Vermont League B Division championship.

Friday's quarterfinal was the last OV field hockey game for seniors Brittney Jackson, Riley Keith, Alice Keith, Madison Colburn, Josephine LaRock and Marissa Connors.



EAGLE FORWARD MAIA Jensen smiles as she gets a big hug from teammate Piper Guillmette, who set up Jensen's double-overtime game-winner against Milton in a D-II quarterfinal on Friday. Teammate Lucy Parker runs to be next on the scene.

Independent photo/Steve James

Eagle girls' soccer wins quarterfinal competition in double overtime

By ANDY KIRKALDY

BRISTOL — The Mount Abraham girls' soccer team started the season with five straight losses.

But then things started looking up, particularly in the postseason playoffs. The No. 11 seed Eagles advanced to take on No. 2 Woodstock in Division II semifinal on Wednesday — a game played after the deadline for this edition.

The immediate reason the 7-8-1 Eagles made that trip is junior forward Maia Jensen's double-overtime game-winner in a Friday quarterfinal against visiting No. 14 Milton, which gave the Eagles a 2-1 victory over another team enjoying a late-season surge.

Jensen's goal game came 49 seconds before the end of the second extra 20-minute session, with a penalty-kick shootout looming large. Sophomore Piper Guillmette

set up the score. Guillmette controlled the ball while moving from left to right across the top of the Milton box and fed Jensen, cutting in from the right.

Jensen took a couple of touches forward before drilling a sharp-angled 15-yard yard shot low into the far corner and triggering an Eagle celebration.

The larger story of how the Eagles reached the semifinals is how they handled an 0-5 start to the season. All those setbacks came to D-I teams, and Coach Dustin Corrigan said the Eagles did not get discouraged. Rather, he believed they simply treated them as learning experiences and kept plugging.

Friday's win means the Eagles are 7-3-1 since the tough start, and 5-0-1 in their past six games.

"I am so proud of this year's group," Corrigan said. "They have

so much grit. It's not always how we get it done, but they just grind it out. They outwork opponents. They stick together."

And they had to do all that on Friday in a game of shifting momentum. Milton came out hard, but the Eagles began to assert themselves after the first 10 minutes wore on. Their pressure paid off in the 17th minute.

Senior Illia Dennison made a strong run down the middle and was fouled as she approached the box. She took the ensuing free kick from 28 yards out and drilled it high into the net over the wall to make it 1-0. Milton goalie Grace Williams, who made five saves, had no chance.

The Eagles continued to carry play for most of the first half, but Milton (4-10-2) dominated long stretches of the second half, including the final 15 minutes, forcing Eagle goalie Jo Toy to make most of her seven saves in the period. But Toy couldn't stop Anna Grasso's shot with seven minutes to go, and it was on to overtime.

In the extra sessions the Eagles regained their footing and had the edge, but neither team had a golden chance until Jensen sealed the deal.

"Milton definitely came to play," Corrigan said. "There were times when we were having the run of play. There were times when they were having the run of play. It certainly wasn't easy."

Friday's win followed the Eagles' first-round 2-0 win at No. 5 Stratton on Oct. 27. Dennison scored both goals in that game, one on a similar free kick and one with an assist from defender Annie Dufault. Toy made five saves, as did goalie Pip Greenberg for Stratton (10-4).

Corrigan said the Eagles would be confident heading into their semifinal.

"Our defense is strong. We're confident in that, and our goalkeeper is outstanding ... And we're starting to score some goals now, as well," Corrigan said. "We're starting to believe maybe we can do it."



EAGLE SOPHOMORE DEFENDER Patty McNeerney beats Milton midfielder Karissa LeClair to the ball during Mount Abe's double-overtime home quarterfinal win on Friday. The No. 11 Eagles improved to 7-8-1 and are 5-0-1 in their past six games.

Independent photo/Steve James

VUHS girls' soccer is out of postseason

FAIRFAX — The season came to an end for the Vergennes Union High School girls' soccer team on Oct. 27, when the 14th-seeded Commodores dropped a first-round Division III playoff game to No. 3

Fairfax, 3-0.

The Bullets improved to 8-6-1, while the Commodores concluded a rebuilding campaign at 2-13. Emma Spiller and Ava Ardovino scored for Fairfax, and VUHS also

surrendered an own goal.

Seniors who played soccer for the last time for VUHS were Felicia Poirier, Allie Croke, Ella Hameline, Mykenzie Duffy, Anna Carr and Ila Collette.

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Soccer

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right post.

But others were off target, in part because of good work from Tiger backs Eddie Hodde and Toby Spackman-Wells in the middle and Trey Bosworth and Henry Hunsdorfer on the flanks. Despite those 10 first-half shots, Tiger goalie Luke Bleich — playing because of an injury to starter Owen Lawton — had to make only one first-half save; he finished with two.

First-year Eagle Coach Rider MacCrellish wasn't unhappy with his team's play, particularly the ball movement, but credited the Tigers for finishing

"They capitalized on some opportunities," MacCrellish said. "Overall I thought we played a good possession game when we had it. They got the ball forward and they scored."

He agreed that if the Eagles had been able to take a lead when they had more of the ball in the first half, things could have gone differently, but MacCrellish looked at it philosophically.

"That's the game. It goes back and forth, and sometimes it goes your way, and sometimes it doesn't," he said.

Instead, the Tigers gradually asserted themselves — they took the final six shots of the first half — and took the lead on a Henry Carpenter goal at 15:49 of the first half. Carpenter beat a defender on the left side and broke in on Stillwell, who came out to meet him and tried to knock the ball away. But Carpenter was bearing

down and blocked the clearing attempt back into the net.

An Eagle defense led by Henry Cogswell and Chance Denecker limited the other Tiger chances, and the teams went into the break at 1-0.

In the second half, Mount Abe knotted the score in the fourth minute. On a ball send into the box, Bleich came out and called for it, and a defender tried to play it safe and clear it. But the ball went straight to Eagle midfielder Judah Jackson, about 20 yards out from the right post, and he one-timed it into the empty net.

But the Tigers had the better chances the rest of the way, outshooting the Eagles, 10-7 in the second half, with Silberman and Wilkerson doing the damage on the scoreboard.

Tiger first-year Coach Chris George praised the Eagles.

"They played us real tough. Credit to them. They came out and had a plan," George said.

MacCrellish praised his team for showing steady improvement, consistent effort and a positive approach this season.

"I'm proud of the guys, and that's all I care about," he said. "They show up, and they have energy, and they have good character."

George said his team proved it can be dangerous on the attack.

"We've got a ton of quality in the box. If we get it in there, we score," he said.

He also praised his defenders for the quality of their play and for keeping their poise after miscues, such as the one that led to the goal.

"What it's really about is what do you do after you make that mistake," he said. "They believed in each other and they got through it."

QUARTER AND SEMI

In a Saturday semifinal, the Tigers earned a 3-2 win over No. 13 Rice, which had upset No. 4 Stowe in the first round.

MUHS opened the scoring on an Ollie Anderson strike off a rebound. Middlebury went up 2-0 on a Carpenter free kick with around 10 minutes to go in the first half.

Rice got one back two minutes later on a Garret Micciche conversion of a Michael Pelletier free kick, and at 22:30 of the second half, the Green Knights equalized when Pelletier bent another free kick around the Tiger

wall.

The Tigers responded quickly, however, with another Silberman game-winner about a minute-and-a-half later; he finished a Ben Seaton service.

Eliot Schneider played in goal for the Tigers and made six saves, and Nate Degraff-Murphy made seven for Rice (5-11).

But the Tigers' season came to an end on Tuesday with a 2-0 loss at undefeated Milton. The Tigers have lost three times to Milton by two goals this season, and were the only team that have played the 17-0 Yellowjackets that closely.

Caden Button scored in the first half and set up Riley Zeno's goal for Milton, and Milton goalie Braeden Caragher made six saves.

Schneider stopped 10 shots for the Tigers.



RONEN SILBERMAN IS in the middle of a joyous Tiger celebration, including airborne teammate Eliot Schneider, after scoring the second-half go-ahead goal against Mount Abe in Thursday's first-round Division II playoff game at MUHS.

Independent photo/Steve James

Tiger football falls to CVU

HINESBURG — The Middlebury Union football season came to an end in a Division I quarterfinal on Saturday, when the No. 6 Tigers lost at No. 3 Champlain Valley, 35-12. The Redhawks improved their record to 7-2, while the Tigers wrapped up at 4-4.

The Tigers found themselves trailing immediately when Angelos Carroll bolted for an 80-yard touchdown on the game's first play from scrimmage.

CVU added a one-yard run by Jack Sumner and a touchdown catch by Alex Provost before the Tigers got on the board in the third period.

Scoring for MUHS were Penn

Riney, on a 31-yard pass, and Brian Whitley, on a 20-yard run. In all, the Tigers rushed for 150 yards on 38 attempts, led by Whitley (eight carries for 41 yards) and Nikolai Luksch (37 yards on nine carries). Nick Austin-Neil caught four passes for 31 yards.

CVU QB Max Destito completed 12 of 15 passes for 169 yards and two touchdowns, both to Provost. Carroll rushed eight times for 114 yards and two scores and also caught four passes for 64 yards.

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11/7 Final..... Noon

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NESCAC Final Four at Conn

11/6 #4 Midd vs #3 Tufts 1:30 PM
11/6 #7 Colby vs #1 Conn..... 11 AM
11/7 Final..... Noon

Women's Soccer

NESCAC Final Four at Amherst

11/6 #4 Midd vs Amherst..... 11 AM
11/6 #3 Hamilton vs #4 Wesleyan..... 1:30 PM
11/7 Final..... Noon

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VUHS boys’ soccer team advances in playoffs, but falls in semi-finals

By **ANDY KIRKALDY**
VERGENNES — It took eight minutes of overtime and a rally from a two-goal deficit, but the No. 4 Vergennes Union High School boys’ soccer team prevailed over defending champion and No. 5 seed Peoples Academy in a Friday Division III quarterfinal at home, 3-2.

Unfortunately, the Commodores’ outstanding 10-win season came to an end on Tuesday, when host No. 1 Green Mountain Union rallied for a 3-1 victory.

QUARTERFINAL

Friday’s game-winner came from senior Jonah Mahé late in the eighth minute of overtime, with help from both Jack Wyman and Jade Edwards at midfield.

According to Coach Kevin Hayes, Edwards broke up a play in the Commodores’ end and moved the ball to Wyman in transition. Wyman carried for about 20 yards before slotting a through-ball to Mahé, who blew past the last Peoples defender and drilled a shot past Wolf goalie Chandler Follensbee high into the right side of the net.

The victory avenged the Commodores’ 1-0 home semifinal loss to Peoples in 2020, improved their record to 10-3-2, and sent

them to a Tuesday quarterfinal in Chester at No. 1 Green Mountain Union (13-1-1).

Peoples (10-5-1) had taken a 2-0 lead on a pair of first-half goals by Ollie Nigro. Hayes said he made two adjustments for the second half and overtime that paid off. One was assigning Edwards, a defensive midfielder, to shadow Nigro, an assignment Edwards fulfilled successfully.

“Jade negated him totally in the second half,” Hayes said.

The other was moving Mahé from central defense into the attack, something Hayes often does during games when the offense needs a spark, while Oakley Francis joined Michael Serpico and Hayden Bowen on the back line in front of goalie Abram Francis. Francis finished with nine saves, while Follensbee made seven for Peoples.

Ten minutes after halftime, Shamus Rooney made it 2-1 with an assist from Wyman. Eight minutes later, Mahé sent Gebo into the box from the left side, and Hayes said Gebo did the rest, beating one defender and lacing a right-footed shot inside the far post to tie the game.

Then in overtime, Edwards, Wyman and Mahé capped the comeback and kept the

Commodores’ title hopes alive.

Hayes praised the Commodores for “the character they showed to come back.”

SEMIFINAL

On Tuesday, top-seeded Green Mountain Union scored three times in the final 18 minutes to erase a 1-0 Commodore lead and advance to the D-III final. All three Chieftain goals came from 100-goal scorer Everett Mosher, two on penalty kicks. GMU improved to 14-1-1.

The Commodores finished 10-4-2, with their only losses to undefeated No. 1 D-II seed Milton, the Chieftains, and D-II No. 5 seed Middlebury.

On Tuesday, the Commodores took a 1-0 lead in the 12th minute on a 25-yard blast from Edwards, but were unable to expand the lead despite an 8-7 advantage in shots on goal.

In the second half’s 23rd minute, Mosher headed in an Elias Stowell-Aleman direct kick to tie the score. Mosher then found the net with penalty kicks in the half’s 33rd and 35th minute to send GMU to the final.

Chieftain goalie Evan Hayes made seven saves, and Abram Francis made four for the Commodores.

Runners

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places to score 17 points, led by Carson Beard in first (16:43.05). The Tigers were second in a 14-team field with 95 points, followed by Montpelier (109) and Harwood (121).

Mount Abraham, led by senior Noah Engvall’s 30th-place effort, finished 11th (266), and Vergennes, paced by sophomore Calvin Gramling in 46th, was 12th (299).

The Tiger girls scored 75 points in finishing third behind Harwood (27), which placed five runners in the top 10, including winner Ava Thurston with an all-division-best time of 19:29.4; and U-32 (51). Lamoille (125) and Burr & Burton (130) cracked the top five in a 10-team girls’ D-II field.

The Tiger girls’ combined effort was good for seventh overall among teams in all divisions, one place short of qualifying for the New England meet.



SENIOR NAT MCVEIGH and sophomore Baxter Harrington helped the Tiger boys take second place at the Division II cross-country meet in Thetford on Saturday by scoring 12th- and 13-place finishes, respectively. They were the top runners for the MUHS boys’ team.
Photo by Angela Landis

Engvall, 20:08.06; 57. junior Gus Hill, 21:38.74; 58. sophomore Abel Atocha, 21:40.40; 60. junior Norman Benoit, 21:49.39; and 61. senior Hugh Ball, 21:49.53.

C o m m o d o r e boys: 46. Gramling, 20:53.75; 48. freshman Grey Fearon, 20:51.27; 49. sophomore Calder Rakowski, 20:55.41; 77. sophomore Riley Gagnon, 23:16.16; and 79. senior Christopher Therrien, 23:39.05.

Tiger girls: 5. Landis, 21:37.37; McIntosh, 21:43.16; 13. Dowgiewicz, 22:03.12; 15. Schneider, 22:09.71; 35. Olson, 25:53.53; 37. senior Megan Balparda, 26:01.21; and 40. junior Ari Graham-Gurland, 26:26.91.

Eagle girls: 27. Johnson, 23:59.06; 29. ninth-grader Kayla Friend, 24:35.37; 60. junior Maisey Hill, 27:46.69; and 69. junior Ruby-Jean Hall, 29:31.25.



NORTH BRANCH SCHOOL 9th-grader Estella Laird won the Division III girls’ cross country race at Thetford on Saturday by more than 20 seconds. Laird, who trains with the Mount Abraham team, was fifth overall among runners from all three divisions.

Photo by Joe McVeigh

Mount Abe fielded four runners, one short of the five needed for a team score. Senior Abigail Johnson led the Eagles by taking 27th. Ninth-grader Torrey Hanna was the only Commodore runner; she finished 62nd in 28:23.43.

Otter Valley’s Sara Loyzelle ran in the D-III girls’ race, taking 46th in 27:57.43. She was her school’s only competitor on the day.

Local finishers were:

Tiger boys: 12. McVeigh, 18:41.62; 13. Harrington, 18:42.06; 16. Nelson, 19:11.48; 22. Olson, 19:33.30; 32. Berg, 20:09.07; 35. junior Aidan Chance, 20:14.10; and 47. freshman Ethan Spritzer, 20:53.81.

Eagle boys: 30:

Tiger field hockey falls in postseason

ST. JOHNSBURY — Host No. 7 seed St. Johnsbury on Wednesday, Oct. 27, ousted the No. 10 seeded Middlebury Union High School field hockey team from the Division II playoffs, 6-1.

Five Hilltoppers scored, led by Taylor Farnsworth with two goals and an assist. St. Johnsbury

improved to 10-5 and advanced to meet No. 2 seed Hartford this past Saturday; Hartford prevailed, 1-0.

In St. Johnsbury, Kailyn LaDuke scored for the young Tigers, who failed to break through for a win for the second straight season, but showed

more offensive promise this fall after struggling to score in the shortened 2020 campaign.

The Tiger seniors were Cassie Bettis, Alex Bonavita, Hannah Cameron, Talia Cotroneo, Viviana Hammond, Patience Hanley, Kailyn LaDuke and Kenene Otis.

WELLNESS Directory

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Dickerson

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as possible. Not that the ducks were fooled. We weren’t halfway across before they started moving toward the far shore.

When we were almost to the water, four of them took flight. Wood ducks. They took off across the pond to our right, and then circled back over our heads. They provided an easy shot, if Jerry had wanted one. But the diminutive ducks weren’t his target. He’d also spotted some larger mallards. Five of them. And they were still on the water. When he stood on the shore, he made a loud noise and raised his 12-gauge to readiness. At the startling sound, the mallards took off across the water, following almost the same line as the wood ducks had taken. Except when the mallards reached the far side of the pond, instead of circling back over us they continued on. We walked back to his jeep and continued our four-wheel adventure.

Jerry, was born in eastern Vermont. But, as he says, Vermont was too cold, and the winters too long and hard. So when he was still a young child his family moved away. In this case, “away” wasn’t to Florida or Arizona. It was across the Connecticut River to New Hampshire — the western part in the hills and ridgelines above the Connecticut River within sight of Vermont’s Mount Ascutney.

I started to get to know Jerry and his wife Karen at Thanksgiving of 1988, when I was newly wed to his niece. My wife and I spent our first Thanksgiving holiday with Jerry and Karen, their daughters Meredith and Allison (the latter of which had been one of our flower girls), and his mother Fran (my wife’s grandmother). Over the next three decades, we would spend nearly every Thanksgiving there. I pretended to my wife that it was a concession since we usually had Christmas with my family, but the truth is that I always looked

forward to Thanksgiving in New Hampshire.

From that very first visit, I was taken by my new uncle. Although he held a day job selling cars, at the core he was an outdoorsperson — of the sort of I aspired to be. He hunted and fished and owned a boat (which he used to chase bass and pike on the Connecticut River) as well as ATVs and snowmobiles and an impressive collection of hunting gear. Plus Jeeps. Often more than one, outfitted for off-roading. Because even his day job was with a Jeep dealership.

More important than his cool gear was his impressive amount of outdoor knowledge, especially about large wild animals — knowledge attested to by the impressive collection of trophies and photos on the walls of his house. And that house was an old farmhouse on a property that would be a dream for anybody who hunts.

His western windows look out toward Ascutney across a private meadow surrounded by oak trees. The meadow is large enough that you want to use an ATV or snowmobile to cross it. Large enough for a really long sledding run (which my sons would later take advantage of). Large enough that pretty much every evening you can look out and see deer or turkey wandering along one edge or another, or sometimes right down the middle and up to his house. The fact that the bottom side of the meadow is edged by an old orchard with dozens of old apple trees and a small pond doesn’t do anything to keep the deer away. And the meadow out the eastern window of his house isn’t too small either.

Hunting that property had been the plan. Instead of hunting, however, since I couldn’t get a license we were driving his Jeep through the woods in a wide loop around his property getting the lay of the land and seeing some of the other places Jerry had hunted or

lived, including his childhood house from when they had first moved from Vermont to New Hampshire. Memories — mostly of hunting — came out as we drove.

Jerry’s father died in a logging accident at the age of 37, and Jerry was largely raised by his mother Fran. That little bit of his history I knew, since it is shared by my wife’s mother. But many of the details of his growing up were new to me.

Despite the loss at an early age of a father who was both his hero and mentor, it can still be said that Jerry came by his love of the outdoors naturally. His childhood New Hampshire home was not only surrounded by whitetail habitat and remote duck ponds, but had a trout stream running past it. After leaving the duck pond we drove past that home and along the stream.

Jerry recalled the summer when his father put up a makeshift dam to create a trout pond. And then built another the following spring when the winter runoff washed the first one away, only to see the following winter take that second dam also. As we drove past where that dam had sat seven decades ago, we saw a beaver dam in almost the same spot, creating the pond Jerry’s father had once envisioned.

I left the tour with a deeper understanding of how and why Jerry knows the land so well, and the habits of its creatures equally well. He is really rooted there. And he has taken the time to learn, to watch, to listen, to explore. He told stories not only of his past adventures, but of the people who lived around him as well.

That night when I got home to Vermont, he texted me to tell me that there were four deer under the stand that he had planned to put me in that evening. So I’m now planning my trip for 2022, hoping the pandemic will have subsided enough to let me get a New Hampshire license. But even if it hasn’t, I’ll still go over and spend the weekend with Jerry.

Panther squads have big weekend

MIDDLEBURY — The Middlebury College field hockey and men’s and women’s soccer teams all advanced to NESCAC tournament final fours this past weekend with home quarterfinal wins, while the Panther football team picked up a high-scoring home victory.

FIELD HOCKEY

The top-seeded Middlebury field hockey team (16-0) shut out Bates 4-0, extending its home winning streak to 43 victories. The Panthers, top ranked in NCAA Division III, will host No. 4 seed Trinity on Saturday at 11 a.m. in a NESCAC semifinal, while No. 3 Bowdoin and No. 2 Tufts will square off at 1:30 p.m. in the other semi. The winners will meet on Sunday at noon for the NESCAC title.

Erin Nicholas scored twice vs. Bates, moving into fifth on the school’s all-time list with 142 career points. She opened the scoring late in the first quarter with an assist from Meg Fearey, and made it 2-0 early in the third with an assist from Grace Murphy. That score was her 19th of the season.

Isabel Chandler cashed in the rebound of an Audrey Lazar shot, and Lazar tipped the ball home in a scramble for the Panthers’ final two goals. Middlebury earned advantages in shots (14-4) and penalty corners (7-1).

MEN’S SOCCER

The Panther men’s soccer team needed to make all five of its penalty kicks in a shootout to get past visiting Wesleyan and advance in its quarterfinal after the two teams battled to a scoreless tie through two overtimes. Jordan Saint-Louis pounded a left-footed shot inside the right post to clinch the win, and goalie Ryan Grady stopped the first Cardinal penalty kick. Both teams ended the game with 10-3-3 records.

The fourth-seeded Panthers on Saturday will take on No. 3 Tufts in a 1:30 p.m. semifinal bout to be played at top-seeded Connecticut College, which will earlier face No. 7 Colby. The winners will

square off at noon on Sunday.

In regulation of this past Saturday’s game, Grady finished with five saves, while Liam Devaney made eight stops for the Cardinals, including on a partial Brandon Reid breakaway and on a Reid penalty kick.

Middlebury outshot Wesleyan, 16-12.

WOMEN’S SOCCER

The No. 4 Middlebury women’s soccer team had to rally past No. 5 Connecticut, 2-1. The Panthers improved to 12-3-1 and will take on top-seeded host Amherst in a Saturday semifinal at 11 a.m. No. 3 Hamilton and No. 2 Wesleyan meet in the other semifinal, and Sunday’s final is at noon.

All the goals came in the second half this past Saturday. The Camels scored in the ninth minute, when Claire Mulvihill gathered a loose ball and tucked it into the left corner.

Middlebury equalized 1:25 later. From the right side Joely Virzi cut across the top of the box and fired a shot that hit off a defender and deflected into the net.

The game-winner with 13:57 left was more decisive. Right back Ellie Bavier hit a long, hard serve through the box, and Eliza Robinson drilled it back inside the right post with a one-timer.

Panther keeper Sydney Poppinga made three saves, while Sarah Hall finished with five for the Camels. Middlebury outshot the Camels, 14-9, in avenging an earlier 2-0 loss.

FOOTBALL

The Panther football team held off a late surge from visiting Bowdoin and prevailed, 42-35. Middlebury, which visits Hamilton this weekend, improved to 2-5, and Bowdoin dropped to 1-6.

Middlebury quarterback Will Jernigan accounted for 403 yards (203 rushing and 200 passing) and five touchdowns.

Middlebury took a 17-0 lead by 9:37 of the second period on two Jernigan runs and a 37-yard field goal from Zach Levy. Bowdoin

answered on a TD pass from Andrew Boel to Colton Fahey, but Anson Clough blocked the extra point and Finn Muldoon recovered the ball and ran 98 yards for the two-point conversion to make it 19-6 at the half.

The Polar Bears made it 19-13 to open the second half when Andre Eden took a direct snap and ran 64 yards for a touchdown. A Levy field goal and another Eden run after a blocked punt made it 22-20 five seconds into the fourth quarter.

Middlebury made it 28-20 on its next play, as Jernigan ran 75 yards for a touchdown. Following an interception by Jack Pistorius, the Panthers made it 35-20 when Jernigan found Greg Livingston from nine yards out. After a Bowdoin fumble, Jernigan scored from a yard out with 10:17 remaining.

Another Eden run capped a Bowdoin drive, and with 1:05 remaining the Polar Bears added a Boel 15-yard TD pass. Bowdoin then recovered an onside kick, but Muldoon picked off a Boel pass to seal the win.

Middlebury racked up 611 yards of total offense, setting a new school record with 384 yards on the ground. Muldoon also broke a school mark by breaking up four passes in the game.

Jernigan completed 13 of 26 passes for 200 yards, and picked up his 203 yards rushing on 23 carries. Peter Scibilia added 127 yards on the ground on 16 carries, and Donovan Wood caught six passes for 159 yards.

Boel completed 22 of 42 passes for 243 yards, and Eden gained 160 yards on 23 carries.

VOLLEYBALL

The Panther volleyball team swept Williams and Hamilton 3-0 at home this weekend. With the triumphs, the Panthers complete a perfect 10-0 at home in Pepin Gym, while eclipsing the 20-win plateau for the first time since 2012. Senior Corley Doyle averaged 3.67 kills per set and hit .405 in the pair of matches and earned 14 kills and hit an even .500 in a victory over Hamilton.

On Friday Panther volleyball will play Amherst in a NESCAC quarterfinal.

Big truck gets big fine in Little City

VERGENNES — Vergennes police recently ticketed two commercial trucks, with one of them proving to be a particularly costly for a person caught driving a significantly overweight vehicle on Monkton Road without a permit.

That came on Oct. 28, when police stopped an eastbound truck taking a shortcut on Monkton Road and discovered it was 33,700 pounds over the legal weight limit. Police assessed an \$8,600 violation to the company that owns the truck.

Police ticketed another commercial vehicle for speeding on West Main Street on Oct. 25.

Also between Oct. 25 and 31, Vergennes police conducted 16 patrols in cruisers and four on foot, performed one property watch and one VIN inspection, responded to one false alarm and one 911 hang-up call, and:

- On Oct. 25:
 - Escorted the annual Vergennes Union High School senior class charity walkathon through the city and parts of Waltham and New Haven.
 - Calmed a Valley Vista client who was upset about being asked to leave the 1 Alden Place program.
 - Asked unauthorized people at the 45 Armory Lane affordable housing complex to leave the area; they complied.
 - Took a report from an employee at a city business that one of her co-workers had threatened to slash her car’s tires. Police said the woman promised to call back if further problems arose.
 - Were told that a lawn mower and snow blower had been taken from an East Street residence; another family member told police the report wasn’t true.

On Oct. 27, dealt with a student who was truant from school and had made up a story about an assault.

On Oct. 28, were told by VUHS officials a troubled student had threatened a staff member. School administrators said they’d work

with the Department for Children & Families and counselors to resolve the issue. Police attempted unsuccessfully to reach the student’s family.

On Oct. 29:

- To 1 d the owner of a truck blocking the entrance to the Vergennes-Panton Water District office to move it.
- Calmed a neighbor dispute sparked by one’s brush fire causing ashes to land on the other’s car and home. Police asked that the fire be extinguished.
- Picked up a syringe that a

Shaw’s Supermarket employee reported to be in the store’s parking lot.

Looked unsuccessfully for a motorcycle that had reportedly been speeding on South Maple Street.

On Oct. 30, received two tips about alleged illegal drug activity in the Vergennes area.

On Oct. 31:

- Responded, along with Vergennes Area Rescue Squad officials, to the overdose case at Valley Vista at 1 Alden Place.
- Along with city firefighters, handed out flashlights to trick-or-treaters, and helped out at the American Legion Post 14 Trunk-or-Treat event.



EAGLE FORWARD SARAH Heath redirects a Madison Gile drive home for the insurance goal in the third period on Friday in Mount Abe's 2-0 quarterfinal field hockey victory over No. 8 Woodstock. Next up for the top-seeded Eagles is a Wednesday D-II semifinal vs. No. 5 Spaulding at 3:30 p.m.

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Field hockey

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semifinal round. No. 2 Hartford and No. 3 U-32 were set to square off in the other semifinal.

During this past Friday’s first half vs. Woodstock the Eagles were not at their sharpest moving the ball, moving to the ball, or finishing in the circle, although they still dominated possession and forced Wasp goalie Audrey Emery to make seven of her 10 saves. Mount Abe finished its regular season on Oct. 21 and got a bye in the first round of the playoffs, so they had more than a week between games.

Coach Mary Stetson agreed her team was not firing on all cylinders.

“I’m not sure the layoff was to our advantage. Let’s put it that way,” Stetson said.

But good teams find ways to win. Stetson said the Eagles re-emphasized their short-passing game in the second half, and the coaches also asked their forwards to back away from the goal front, where the Wasps were parking the bus, and thus create more room to create chances in the circle.

Those tactics paid off with second-half goals by Olivia Campbell and Sarah Heath.

“We made good adjustments at

the half and executed the game we wanted to execute,” Stetson said.

And, she said, the back line of Peyton Vincent in the middle and Natalie Chase and Natalie Adams on the flanks once again did its job.

She noted Woodstock received no penalty corners; dangerous Wasp forwards Lily Gubbins and Norah Harper at times got past one defender, but help was always there; and the Eagle trio did a good job of triggering transition while working with midfielders Madison Gile, Molly Laurent and Carly Rougier.

“Kudos to my defense. No penalty corners. They did an excellent job settling the ball, composing it, and then going out on the break,” Stetson said.

Woodstock’s persistent fouling might have also thrown the Eagles off their game, as the contest lacked flow in the first half. Still, Gile and Heath put dangerous shots on Emery early on.

The Wasp goalie in particular came up big midway through the second period. On a corner Emery stopped an initial outside shot from Morgan Barnard, and then denied both Heath and Txuxa Konczal from point-blank at the right post on rebounds.

In the second half the Eagles

broke through at 5:51 of the third quarter. On a corner, good work by Gile and Konczal forced a scramble in front of the Wasp goal, and Campbell tucked the ball home.

Heath got the second goal two minutes later on another corner. Gile controlled near the stroke line and carried about 10 feet to her right before firing back toward the far corner. Heath got her stick on the ball to tip it in to the cage’s left side.

The Wasps got the ball into the Eagle circle only twice in the entire second half, both in the fourth quarter. At about the eight-minute mark Vincent and Adams teamed up to break up a play and clear the ball, and Donaldson kicked the ball out at about 3:30. A little later Gubbins tried to carry in, but Vincent picked her pocket.

Stetson expects the competition to get tougher, and said she and the Eagles will review self-correcting a little more quickly after slow starts.

“The discussion is to come out and make adjustments in-game. You can’t wait 15 minutes for it to happen,” Stetson said. “How to talk to one another and be able to make those adjustments is what we’re going to talk about.”

OV football moves ahead in D-III

BRANDON — The third-seeded Otter Valley Union High School football team outlasted visiting No. 6 Mill River, 12-6, on Saturday in a Division III quarterfinal and will play at No. 2 Fairfax in a semifinal this coming Saturday.

Game time will be 1 p.m.; the teams did not face one another during the regular season.

Fairfax (8-1) defeated No. 7 Oxbow, 42-12, on Saturday, in another quarterfinal. No. 1 Windsor and No. 4 Woodstock also advanced and will meet in this coming Saturday’s other D-III semifinal.

This past Saturday, the Otters improved to 6-3 against the 3-6 Minutemen, but the victory did not come as easily as did their regular season home clash with MRU, a 37-6 decision.

But the OV defense three times held the Minutemen without points after they reached the OV 20, and the Otters forced three turnovers. Richard Lafontaine picked off two passes, Isaac Whitney recovered a fumble, and Keevon Parks had a big game defensively.

The Otters took a 6-0 lead at 8:29 of the second period, when

quarterback Caleb Whitney tossed a 16-yard touchdown pass to Brady Diaz.

OV made it 12-0 at 1:46 of the third period, when Diaz scored on a sweep from 25 yards out, dodging tacklers on the way.

MRU tightened the game at 6:49 of the fourth, when Ross Badgley broke a 44-yard scoring run. The Minutemen got one more possession, but turned the ball over on downs in OV territory. Dylan Anderson made a key defensive play for the Otters in the fourth quarter.



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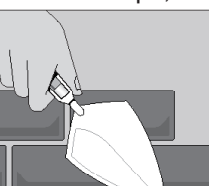
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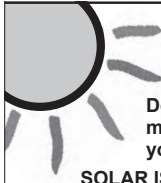
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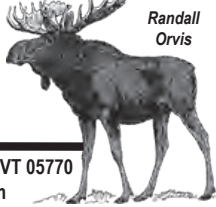
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ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS in person meetings are suspended until further notice. For a list of local virtual meetings visit <http://bit.ly/district9aa>. For more information visit <https://aavt.org/> or call the 24 hour hotline at 802-388-9284.

THE TURNING POINT CENTER of Addison County is temporarily closed. Due to COVID-19 we are now holding our meetings online. For up-to-date information on how to access recovery services remotely please visit <https://turningpointaddisonvt.org/covid-19-page-2/>.

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Bilingual volunteers needed

Vermont Adult Learning has the following needs:

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Addison County Parent/Child Center

JOIN THE ADDISON COUNTY PARENT/CHILD CENTER TEAM!

Childcare staff position: We are seeking a childcare worker who will work with children and parents in our therapeutic program. This is a full-time position with generous benefits, total hours negotiable. We are a therapeutic childcare program that supports children birth through 5 and their families. Strong candidates must have knowledge of child development, family systems, excellent communication skills, and want to work with young families. Flexibility and collaboration are a must. Experience with children and families wanted: a minimum of a Bachelor's degree preferred.

Nurse: We are seeking a nurse to work as part of our Outreach team with a focus on pre-natal care with young parents. The position has a public health focus and includes providing pregnancy prevention services in our community. Role includes supporting young people in schools, at home and in community. A nursing degree is required.

Outreach Position: We are seeking a staff person to be a part of our Outreach team providing support to young families through center and home-based services. Position includes individual and group work opportunities, collaboration with community agencies and home visiting. MSW or a minimum of a Bachelor's degree in a related field is required.

Great working environment and benefits!
Total are hours negotiable.

Please send a resume and cover letter, along with 3 references to **Donna Bailey** at dbailey@addisoncountypcc.org

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Sales for 10/28 & 11/1, 2021

		COST	
BEEF	LBS.	/LB	\$
Wilcon Farm	1730	.70	1211.00
Vorsteveld	1790	.675	1208.25
Nop Bros & Sons	1825	.65	1186.25
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Vaughan Farm	1625	.64	1040.00
M+L Quesnel	1530	.60	918.00
Woodnotch Farm	1735	.60	1041.00

		COST	
CALVES	LBS.	/LB	\$
Kayhart Bros	108	2.10	226.80
C. Gowdy	116	2.00	232.00
UVM Cream Farm	83	2.00	166.00
Conants Riverside	86	1.80	154.80

Total # Beef: 180 • Total # Calves: 346

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Case Street home is site of break-in

MIDDLEBURY — Middlebury police on Oct. 25 were informed of a burglary at an unoccupied Case Street residence. Police said someone forced their way into the home to steal, among other things, tools and heating oil.

In other action last week, Middlebury police:

- Cited Steven T. Browne, 36, of Shoreham for violating a court-ordered curfew on Oct. 25.
- Responded to a report of a cow on the loose on Route 7 North during the late afternoon of Oct. 26. Police said the owner retrieved the cow.
- Removed a downed cable line from the intersection of Abby Pond Road and Case Street on Oct. 26.
- Were informed of the theft of a ladder from a Court Street residence on Oct. 26. Police located the ladder and returned it to its owner.
- Investigated a noise complaint in the South Pleasant Street neighborhood on Oct. 26.
- Assisted Middlebury College Public Safety with the report of prowlers in a parking lot off Shannon Street on Oct. 26. Police said they found nothing damaged or stolen.
- Investigated an allegation on Oct. 27 about people staying overnight at the town's recreation facility off Creek Road. Police found no evidence of such behavior.
- Responded to an illegal dumping complaint in the Case Street area on Oct. 27.
- On Oct. 27 interviewed representatives of a Court Street business that had been victimized,

Middlebury Police Log

to the tune of \$2,000, by an email scam.

- Helped New York State Police on Oct. 28 identify a suspect in a crime in the Empire State.
- Responded to a vandalism complaint in the Shannon Street neighborhood on Oct. 28.
- Helped a person reunite with a cell phone lost in the North Pleasant Street area on Oct. 28.
- Checked on a report of a student who had talked about bringing a weapon to Middlebury Union Middle School on Oct. 28. Police said the report was unfounded.
- Helped a Munson Road resident on Oct. 29 who had been a fraud victim.
- Assisted a local resident who had reportedly received threatening phone calls on Oct. 29.
- Consulted with a local resident on Oct. 29 who was concerned he might have purchased a stolen weapon.
- Received a report that a MUMS student had left campus without permission on Oct. 29.
- Assisted a person experiencing a mental health crisis off East Main Street on Oct. 31.
- Assisted in removing a person who had been sleeping overnight at an Exchange Street business on Oct. 31.
- Received a complaint on Oct. 31 about the theft of cleaning supplies from a Cedar Court home.



Mostly cloudy with snow geese flurries

SNOW GEESE FLY over Dead Creek Wildlife Mangement area in Addison last week. Reportedly there are about 1,100 geese in the refuge right now, with more coming over the next 2-3 weeks. If you're heading out to see them, take good binoculars. It's a thrill to see them by the hundreds filling the sky.

Photo/Dale Cockrell

Help available to help low income Vermonters pay thier water bills

WATERBURY — The Vermont Department for Children and Families has announced the launch of a new program, the Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP), to help eligible households pay their water and wastewater bills, avoid shutoffs, and ensure their services stay active.

LIHWAP is a temporary program established under the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 to help families experiencing financial

hardship during the Coronavirus pandemic. Funds have also been provided through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

Vermont has been allocated a total of almost \$2.1 million in one-time funding to provide this LIHWAP assistance.

- A household is eligible if:
- They pay for water or wastewater services, and
 - Its gross household income is below 60% of the state median

income.

Payments will be made to water and wastewater utilities on behalf of

eligible clients.

To learn more go to dcf.vermont.gov/benefits/water-assistance.

Lincoln

Have a news tip? Call Dawn Mikkelsen at 453-7029

NEWS

LINCOLN — There will be an after school craft session on Friday, Nov. 12, from 3 to 4 p.m. at the Lincoln Library. Crafters will be making a talking stick. This workshop will encourage kids to consider the things for which they are grateful. Everyone will create a “Talking Stick” with paint, yarn, and other collage embellishments for use in expressing gratitude. Thanksgiving is just one day in our modern culture, but gratitude is a helpful and essential mindset for daily living as well. All materials and a snack will be provided.

The Revenants will be performing as part of The Burnham Music Series on Saturday, Nov. 13, at 7:30 p.m. at Burnham Hall. Bluegrass Gospel Project alums Taylor Armerding, Andy

Greene, and Kirk Lord have come together to present original, time-honored, and contemporary Americana music. Tickets are \$10 for adults. Teens and kids are free. Refreshments will be served. Masks are required for this event.

The library will be highlighting Indigenous awareness this month, through novels, history, artwork, films and other media. Join the email group to receive links for talks, movies, book reviews and more. Contact the library at lincolnlibraryvt@gmail.com and put Native American Heritage month in the subject line.

Until next time ... Rest And Be Thankful. There Is Always Something To Be Thankful For. Gratitude Is The Inner Feeling Of Kindness Received.

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Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will sell, to satisfy lien of owner, at public sale by closed bidding on November 6, 2021 at 9:00 am, at Bristol Stor Mor Storage Facility, located at 508 Burpee Road, Bristol, Vermont, the personal goods stored therein by the following:

Name and Address: Don Morgan, 2837 Mount Philo Rd, Charlotte, VT 05445
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Purchase must be made with cash only and paid for at the time of the sale. **Minimum bid required.** All goods are sold as is, where is, and all items to be removed from unit at time of purchase. Sale is subject to adjournment. A \$50.00 deposit will be required and refunded to bidder when ALL items have been removed from the unit and broom-cleaned.

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PROPOSED STATE RULES

By law, public notice of proposed rules must be given by publication in newspapers of record. The purpose of these notices is to give the public a chance to respond to the proposals. The public notices for administrative rules are now also available online at <https://secure.vermont.gov/SOS/rules/>. The law requires an agency to hold a public hearing on a proposed rule, if requested to do so in writing by 25 persons or an association having at least 25 members.

To make special arrangements for individuals with disabilities or special needs please call or write the contact person listed below as soon as possible.

To obtain further information concerning any scheduled hearing(s), obtain copies of proposed rule(s) or submit comments regarding proposed rule(s), please call or write the contact person listed below. You may also submit comments in writing to the Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules, State House, Montpelier, Vermont 05602 (802-828-2231).

Meals and Rooms Tax Regulations.

Vermont Proposed Rule: 21P036

AGENCY: Agency of Administration, Department of Taxes

CONCISE SUMMARY: The 2010 Regulation has been superseded by statute in some respects. The amendments updated the regulation consistent with law enacted from 2010 to 2021, and provide clarity to the Department's interpretation of the tax.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Will Baker, Department of Taxes, PO Box 249, Montpelier, VT 05602 Tel: 802-828-2506 Fax: 802-828-5875 Email: will.baker@vermont.gov. URL: <https://tax.vermont.gov/tax-law-and-guidance>.

FOR COPIES: Rebecca Sameroff, Agency of Administration, Department of Taxes PO Box 429 Montpelier, VT 05602 Tel: 802-828-3763 Fax: 802-828-5875 Email: rebecca.sameroff@vermont.gov.

Public Notices

can be found in this
ADDISON INDEPENDENT on **Pages 10B and 11B.**

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN SERVICES

John Graham Housing & Services (JGHS) requests Architectural Firms to submit proposals for design services related to the concurrent rehabilitation of **JGHS RENTAL PROPERTIES, Addison County Supportive Housing**. The project consists of several buildings it owns, with the potential of an additional property to be identified. Current properties are located at 74/76 Green Street, Vergennes (6 apartments); 3/5 East Street, Vergennes (3 apartments); 24 Mountain Street, Bristol (3 apartments); and 42 N Pleasant Street, Middlebury (4 apartments).

This proposal requests services to determine overall project feasibility. Project feasibility includes determining the scope of work for the rehabilitation, producing schematic designs arriving at a construction cost estimate with an independent cost estimator. Qualified applicants will have comparable experience including historic preservation projects, knowledge of affordable housing, and experience working on publicly funded projects.

JGHS intent is to review architect proposals and negotiate a contract with the selected firm for pre-development design work with the intent and option to contract with the selected architect for design development and, subject to feasibility and final HUD Environmental Clearance, through the construction administration phase of the project.

To obtain a Request for Proposal RFP and specific project information, contact Susan Whitmore, Executive Director, JGHS at susan@johngrahamshelter.org (802) 257-6771. Complete proposals must be submitted electronically and received by 3:00 PM, Thursday November 18, 2021. A mandatory site visit will be required, as detailed in the RFP. Minority-owned, women-owned, Section 3 businesses, and locally-owned businesses are strongly encouraged to respond and should identify and document themselves as such. JGHS is an equal opportunity employer.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION REVISIONS AND AMENDMENTS TO THE BRISTOL WATER USE ORDINANCE

Notice is hereby given that the Town of Bristol Selectboard voted to adopt substantial revisions and amendments to the Bristol Water Use Ordinance at its meeting on October 25, 2021. The ordinance will become effective 60 days after its adoption, or at such time following the expiration of the 60 days from the date of its adoption, as determined by the Town of Bristol Selectboard per 24 V.S.A. § 1973. If a petition is filed under 24 V.S.A. § 1973, that statute shall govern the taking effect of this ordinance.

The purpose of the ordinance is to: regulate the installation, operation, and use of water service connections; protect and ensure the efficient operation of the Water System of the Town; provide potable water to buildings occupied by users in the Bristol Water District; and to promote and protect the provision of water for fire protection.

- 1.0 Definitions
- 2.0 General Authority, Administration, and Effect of Application
- 3.0 Service Connection Operation, Requirements, and Restrictions
- 4.0 Application for Service Connection
- 5.0 Installation of Water Service
- 6.0 Construction Specifications
- 7.0 Temporary Service
- 8.0 Extension of Water System to New Service Locations
- 9.0 Prohibitions
- 10.0 Assessment and Collection of Water Service Fees
- 11.0 Fire Hydrants
- 12.0 Sprinkler Systems
- 13.0 Town Responsibilities and Limitations of Liability
- 14.0 Enforcement
- 15.0 Miscellaneous
- 16.0 Effective Date

Appendix A: Water Supply Emergency Rules and Regulations

Appendix B: Schedule of Rates and Charges

Appendix C: Construction Specifications

The full text of this ordinance is available at www.bristolvt.org, the Town Office, Lawrence Library, Holley Hall, Shaw's, and Bristol Beverage. An ordinance or rule adopted by a municipality may be disapproved by a vote of a majority of the qualified voters of the municipality voting on the question at an annual or special meeting duly warned for the purpose, pursuant to a petition signed and submitted in accordance with subsection (b) of 24 V.S.A. § 1973: "A petition for a vote on the question of disapproving an ordinance or rule shall be signed by not less than five percent of the qualified voters of the municipality, and presented to the legislative body or the clerk of the municipality within 44 days following the date of the adoption of the ordinance or rule by the legislative body."

Comments or questions should be directed to Town Administrator Valerie Capels at (802) 453-2410, townadmin@birstolvt.org, or Town of Bristol, Box 249, 1 South Street, Bristol, VT 05443.

Mt. Abraham Union Middle High School Bristol, Vermont

Lobby and Bathroom Renovation Project Request for Qualifications TXC #A2021007.10

REQUEST FOR GENERAL CONTRACTOR QUALIFICATIONS RENOVATIONS TO MT. ABRAHAM UNION MIDDLE HIGH SCHOOL

Notice is hereby given that the Mount Abraham Union Unified School District is soliciting Qualification Statements from General Contractors interested in bidding for a renovation project at the Mt. Abraham Middle High School in Bristol, Vermont.

The main components of the Project include renovation of the lobby and (4) first floor group bathrooms. The project includes insertion of a partial second floor, railings new curtain wall and storefront and new entry canopy. The bathroom renovations will include new floor and wall tile, new doors, plumbing fixtures, piping, ceilings, and lighting.

The estimated construction budget is approximately \$1.5 to \$2m. The project is expected to bid in March 2022. Construction is to commence May 2022 and is to be completed by August 15, 2022.

Interested General Contractors may obtain information packets containing submission requirements by contacting Joel Fitzgerald, Facilities Director, at joel.fitzgerald@mausd.org

Five copies of completed Qualification Statements addressed to Joel Fitzgerald, Facilities Director, must be received no later than 3:00 PM, December 6, 2021 at the offices of Mount Abraham Union Unified School District, 72 Munsill Ave, Suite 601, Bristol, VT 05443

One additional copy should be addressed to Stephen Poston, Project Manager, TruexCullins, 209 Battery St., Burlington, VT 05401 and must be received by the same deadline.

Email questions only concerning the RFQ may be directed to Stephen Poston at sposton@truexcullins.com.

Based on the review and evaluation of the qualification statements, a short list of General Contractors will be selected for inclusion in the bid process. Selected General Contractors will be notified by December 13, 2021.

STATE OF VERMONT

SUPERIOR COURT

ADDISON UNIT

DITECH FINANCIAL, LLC

PLAINTIFF

VS.

CAROLINE M. MARINI AND OCCUPANTS of 1836

MUNGER STREET, MIDDLEBURY, VT 05753

DEFENDANT(S)

NOTICE OF SALE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Gary P. Marini & Caroline M. Marini, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Mortgagee, as nominee for Home Loan Center, Inc., dba LendingTree Loans, dated April 6, 2009, and recorded in Book 242, at Page 339, of the City/Town of Middlebury Land Records, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder by Assignment of Mortgage recorded in Book 274, Page 850, as corrected by Assignment of Mortgage recorded in Book 279, Page 566, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at November 19, 2021 at 02:00 PM at 1836 Munger Street, Middlebury, VT 05753 all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

To Wit:

Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Gary P. Marini and Caroline M. Marini by Warranty Deed of Michael C. Visconti dated June 15, 2005 and recorded June 16, 2005 in Book 216, at Page 327 of the Middlebury Land Records and further described therein.

The description of the property contained in the mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

The public sale may be adjourned one or more times for a total time not exceeding 30 days, without further court order, and without publication or service of a new notice of sale, by announcement of the new sale date to those present at each adjournment or by posting notice of the adjournment in a conspicuous place at the location of the sale. Terms of Sale: \$10,000.00 to be paid in cash or by certified check by the purchaser at the time of sale, with the balance due at closing. The sale is subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.

The Mortgagor is entitled to redeem the premises at any time prior to the sale by paying the full amount due under the mortgage, including the costs and expenses of the sale.

Other terms to be announced at sale

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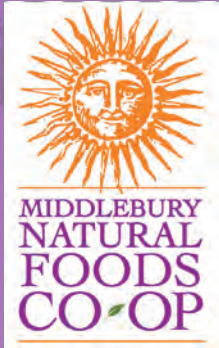
2021 Halloween Coloring Contest Winners!

**Congratulations to the winners of the
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... and many thanks to all the participants!**

We received 95 colorful, creative, and spooky submissions.

All participants are welcome to stop by our office to pick up their artwork and/or prizes, along with a tasty treat before 4pm on November 19th.

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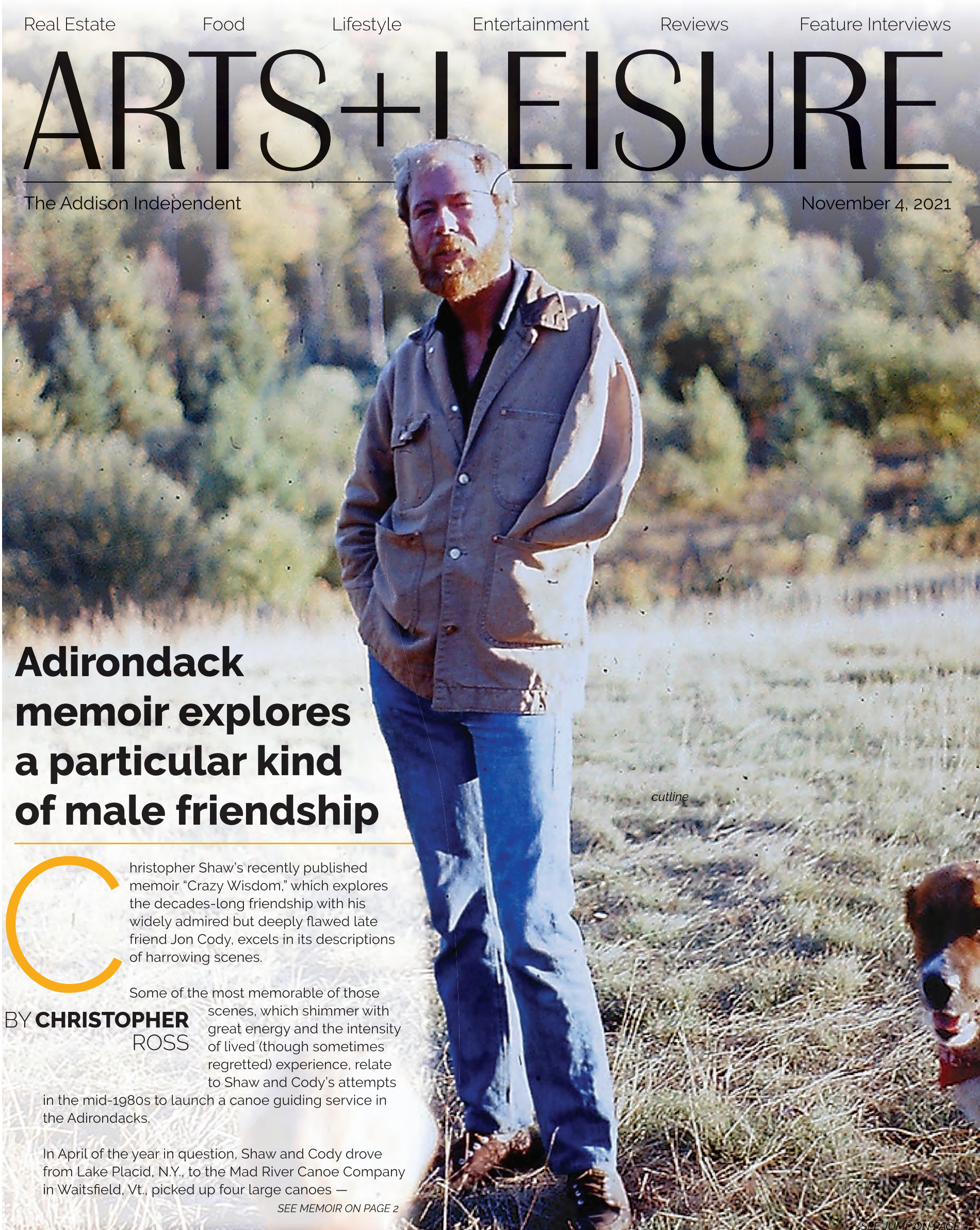


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ARTS+LEISURE

The Addison Independent

November 4, 2021



outline

Adirondack memoir explores a particular kind of male friendship

Christopher Shaw's recently published memoir "Crazy Wisdom," which explores the decades-long friendship with his widely admired but deeply flawed late friend Jon Cody, excels in its descriptions of harrowing scenes.

Some of the most memorable of those scenes, which shimmer with great energy and the intensity of lived (though sometimes regretted) experience, relate to Shaw and Cody's attempts in the mid-1980s to launch a canoe guiding service in the Adirondacks.

BY **CHRISTOPHER
ROSS**

In April of the year in question, Shaw and Cody drove from Lake Placid, N.Y., to the Mad River Canoe Company in Waitsfield, Vt., picked up four large canoes —

SEE MEMOIR ON PAGE 2

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MEMOIR

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including two 18-footers — lashed them to the roof of their car, two atop two, and drove back over the Appalachian

Gap ... into an April snowstorm.

With Cody rolling joints the whole way, Shaw "white-knuckled it down the western side in the slushy wet snow," he writes, then "drove west through Bristol and out across the Dead Creek flats of the Champlain Valley, through forty-mile-per-hour gusts, the boats acting as a sail as we got blown all over the road."

Somehow they managed to get the canoes home "without a scratch."

But a few months later, as Shaw describes in fascinating detail, the friends found themselves in another pickle, this time while trying to navigate the rapids of the Raquette River.

One of the images that will forever be seared into Shaw's memory, he writes, is of "the canoe filling with water and slamming with a dull crack against a rock while the stern line tightened around my fist."

A few months after that, a disagreement about who (or what) was at fault in the river incident served as a pretext for an already simmering conflict that ended up working itself out with the help of alcohol (and maybe some other substances) at a bar.

The conflict rose and fell and rose again, culminating in yet another harrowing scene,



which follows Shaw's attempts to drive Cody home.

Shaw, a Bristol resident and retired Middlebury College writing teacher, grew up an aspiring writer in Schenectady, N.Y. He moved to the Adirondacks in his early 20s with the dream of becoming "the Gary Snyder of the East," met Cody in 1975.

At the time, Shaw was feeling lost.

"I thought I was a back-to-the-lander, but I was a bad gardener, a worse carpenter," he writes. "I didn't even know the names of a lot of tools or what they did. The vocabulary of the manly practical skills had a music I had never heard —

"ONE THING I KNOW ... IS THAT
THERE IS LOVE BETWEEN MEN."

— Jon Cody

kerf, swage, and plumb — and I learned it with the interest of poetic rather than mechanical craft."

He was equally lost behind the bar or waiting tables, and he couldn't change his own sparkplugs.

"None of this made me a desirable hire."

In contrast, Shaw writes, Cody's "big wide open face beamed like the hopeful spring twilight that had stunned so many of us into wandering out."

By then Cody had already become something of a legend in the region, "consorting with the rabble who then haunted West Stony Creek, trappers and outlaws whose Thunder Road-type melodramas and comedies somehow, one way or the other, over thirty-five years, never quite ended with Jon either being arrested or put in jail."

Fascinated, Shaw was drawn into Cody's orbit.

Telling the story of their friendship was not always easy, he told the *Independent*.

But, he noted, "the only way to tell the story of a person's life, ethically, to be read by people who are still living, is to be as open and honest and vulnerable as possible."

Often in "Crazy Wisdom" it seems that Shaw's trying to reach this state through a kind of relentless self-scrutiny, especially when he compares himself to Cody.

Other times, it is a genuine affection and curiosity that draws the reader in.

During the tense scene at the bar mentioned above, Cody, "pretty far gone but not yet knee-walking," said something that caught Shaw off-guard.

"One thing I know ... is that there is love between men."

"I knew about the phenomenon, obviously, from books and from life, its nuances platonic, filial, and erotic," Shaw writes. "I knew we loved each other in our ways, and that Cody



Jon Cody with Thurman Town Supervisor Edward Baker, c. 1970.

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By the author of *The Power Line*
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CHRISTOPHER SHAW THE CRAZY WISDOM

CHRISTOPHER SHAW

sometimes saw directly and clearly into complex and troubling subjects. But to hear the words coming from his mouth three or four months after our near-death experience (on the river) and after tearing me a new asshole for being a whiny

sniveling ... sponging artsy-fartsy wannabe and lousy father left me momentarily speechless. It had no element of sexuality or proposition in it — though perhaps it was tinged with longing, the unbridgeable gulf separating us, and a sadness around knowing he was losing me to this mysterious occupation (of writing)."

"I know," Shaw said to Cody. And he left it at that.

It is scenes like this one that provide the real action of "Crazy Wisdom," which is the act of unpacking such wisdom, which makes Shaw's memoir feel less indebted to Kerouac or Cassady or Ginsburg than to Coleridge and Wordsworth.

Of the latter, William Hazlitt once wrote, "Coleridge's manner is more full, animated, and varied; Wordsworth's more equable, sustained, and internal. The one might be termed more dramatic, the other more lyrical."

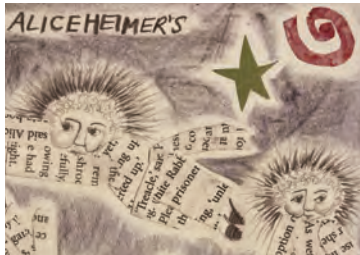
So it was with Jon Cody and Christopher Shaw, both poets in their own ways, and so it is still — lively and flawed and miraculous — in these pages.

"Crazy Wisdom" is available at the Vermont Book Shop. For more information about Christopher Shaw visit cshaw.net.



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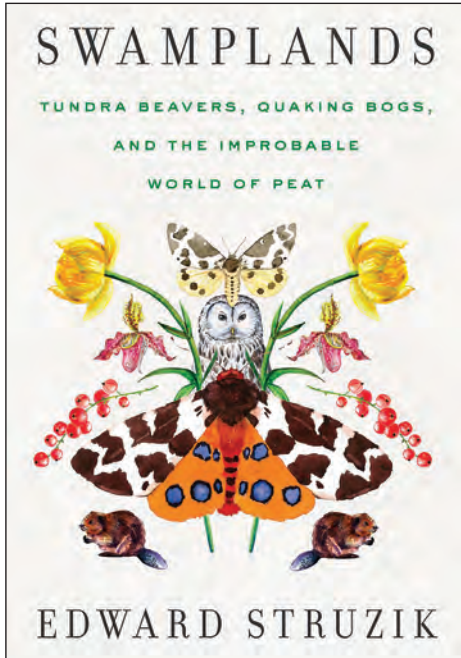


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REVIEW BOOK

SWAMPLANDS: TUNDRA BEAVERS, QUAKING BOGS, AND THE IMPROBABLE WORLD OF PEAT — BY EDWARD STRUZIK

(Island Press)



Tamarack trees, which grow in peatland forests and also on islands of mounded peat, need 300 years to reach seven feet in height. Red wolves, like the mountain bog turtle and the southern bog lemming, are relics of the Last Glacial Period, and shared the tundra-like environment of the Albemarle region of North Carolina, near the Uwharrie Mountains, with mastodons, mammoths, bison and 17-foot-long sloths. The Great Dismal swamp was once a refuge for legions of escaped enslaved peoples. If facts like these fascinate you, then Swamplands is the book for you. A book that starts off with a naturalist's observations about the flora and fauna of fens and bogs, becomes a sweeping cultural exploration as well, exploring the history of the Great Dismal Swamp and the draining of Central Park. I fell in love with this book from the introduction with Scottish poet Donald S. Murray's poem opening line, "Sphagnum moss remembers..." Readers will come away with a vivid understanding of and new appreciation for the swamps, fens, bogs, peat, peat lands and wetlands of this country and their critical importance in the ecosystem. You'll have to read it to find out about tundra beavers...

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Bald Mountain Theater presents *La Rue Chagrin*

Stories filled with biting humor, longing and heartbreak, paired with live music and vocals embodying spontaneity and charm, are ideal fare for atmospheric November.

The lives of the two great French artists, Guy du Maupassant and Germaine Tailleferre, overlapped for just one year, but their works serve as perfect counterpoints.

Maupassant is known as one of the fathers of the modern short story and one of its most skillful producers. His stories are famous for putting a spotlight on the foibles and meanness of upper-class society with blistering insight and wit.

Tailleferre overcame sexism and abuse to become France's most celebrated female composer.

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Where: Spice Studio, 482 South Main Street, Rochester

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Bald Mountain is thrilled to welcome performers Ruth Wallman and Susan Bushnell to the BMT stage, joining company members Ethan Bowen, Killian White and Erica Furguele.

Catch the show on Nov. 12-13, at 7:30 p.m., and Nov. 14, at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$15 and are available at the door or online at baldmountaintickets.ludus.com. All performances will be held at Spice Studio, 482 South Main St., Rochester.

Sheldon Museum hosts virtual lecture: 'Aesthetic Addictions'

The Henry Sheldon Museum presents a lecture by Graham C. Boettcher, Director of the Birmingham Museum of Art on Nov. 10, at 7 p.m., via Zoom. This is the second talk in the "Elephant in the Room: Exploring the Future of Museums" series organized by the Stewart-Swift Research Center.

Collections are the foundation of museums, and behind every collection lies the story of a collector. In his talk, "Aesthetic Addictions: Psychological perspectives on Collecting from Rudolph II to Charles Foster Kane," Dr. Boettcher will focus on some of history's greatest collectors — actual and fictional — exploring what motivates these passionate gatherers and separates them from hoarders. He will also discuss how the ethics of collecting have changed, and touch on some of the new challenges and obligations collectors — both individual and institutional — face today.

Graham C. Boettcher, director of the Birmingham Museum of Art, received his B.A. and Ph.D. from Yale University, and an M.A. from the University of Washington. Last year, when the BMA closed due to the pandemic, Boettcher launched a weekly series of live-streaming tours of the museum's collection galleries, which was named a recommended "quarantstream" by Good Morning America and ABC News. To date, his virtual tours have garnered more than 43,000 views.

This talk is free and open to all. To learn more about the "Elephant in the Room" series and to register for the talk, visit: henrysheldonmuseum.org/elephant-in-the-room.



Porcelain Collector (detail), by Alfred Stevens, 1868. North Carolina Museum of Art.



ARIES: March 21-April 20. Aries, someone is appealing to your softer, more sensual side lately and you're not quite sure how you feel about it. Showing emotions is not a sign of weakness. Enjoy the attention.

TAURUS: April 21-May 21. Taurus, if you've been tasked with motivating others and getting them on track, it may be a tough go of it. Despite your encouraging words, some don't want to budge.

GEMINI: May 22-June 21. Gemini, identify those people who stick around even when the chips are down. These are the people you want in your corner to offer comfort and support.

CANCER: June 22-July 22. You are pushed up against a wall even though you are not up for any more pressure, Cancer. Find a physical activity to blow off steam and any pent up energy.

LEO: July 23-Aug. 23. It may be difficult to avoid internalizing the opinions of others, Leo. However, that's just what you have to do this week. Brush off comments that get in the way of your productivity.

VIRGO: Aug. 24-Sept. 22. Virgo, get in touch with a distant relative or old friend. This person may be in need of company and a simple phone call or text could be just what the doctor ordered.

LIBRA: Sept. 23-Oct. 23. Don't be surprised if someone rubs you the wrong way this week, Libra. You don't have to feel compelled to like everyone, but you will have to get along.

SCORPIO: Oct. 24-Nov. 22. It's difficult not to take things personally when someone disagrees with you about something, Scorpio. Resist the urge to get into a heated debate. Focus your energy elsewhere.

SAGITTARIUS: Nov. 23-Dec. 21. Sagittarius, this is a time for plenty of communication between you and your loved ones or coworkers. Listen and contribute to discussions as much as you can this week.

CAPRICORN: Dec. 22-Jan. 20. Capricorn, your slow and steady nature will be appreciated and acknowledged by others, particularly those who have been paired with you on a project.

AQUARIUS: Jan. 21-Feb. 18. Aquarius, you may find out something surprising about your family that you didn't know before. Even if it comes as a shock, delve deeper for the story behind the situation.

PISCES: Feb. 19-March 20. Emails are going back and forth, the phone is ringing off the hook and video conferences are booming. Try to find a quiet place to unwind.

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NOV. 5 — Vandana Shiva, physicist, philosopher, writer, activist (69)
NOV. 6 — Emma Stone, actor (33)
NOV. 7 — Marie Curie, physicist (d)

NOV. 8 — Kazuo Ishiguro, author, nobel laureate (67)
NOV. 9 — Benjamin Banneker, author (d)
NOV. 10 — Russell Means, Native American rights activist (d)

CALENDAR

NOV. 4-11
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THURSDAY, NOV. 4

LIGHT DETECTION AND RANGING (LIDAR) VIRTUAL LECTURE. Thursday, Nov. 4, noon, Zoom. Will Amidon, Middlebury Geology Professor will discuss a new technique to visualize landscapes using high-resolution topographic images of Earth's surface — Light Detection and Ranging (LiDAR) – which collects data by firing a laser from an aircraft and uses the reflection to estimate land surface elevation at a spatial resolution of roughly 1 meter. Presented by the Henry Sheldon Museum in conjunction with the Sheldon's current exhibit "Sightlines — Picturing the Battell Wilderness." \$5 pre-registration required. Register and more info at henrysheldonmuseum.org/events.

"AN ISSUE OF MERCY: EXPLORING THE LIFE OF PHILLIS WHEATLEY PETERS THROUGH DOCUMENTS & POETRY" WEBINAR. Thursday, Nov. 4, 7 p.m., Middlebury College online. In this online lecture, poet, essayist, and novelist Honoreie Fanonne Jeffers will discuss the research and practice that led to her latest book of poetry, "The Age of Phillis." This collection is based upon 15 years of research on the life and times of Phillis Wheatley Peters (1753-'84), a formerly enslaved person who was the first African American woman to publish a book. Free. No registration required.

Go to middlebury.edu/academics/amst/news/american-studies-go-links.

NOON CONCERT SERIES IN MIDDLEBURY. Thursday, Nov. 4, noon, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, on the green. St. Stephen's free concert series returns with with Fred DeHaven at the organ, playing Bach's great Passacaglia and Fugue in C minor and the Finale from Mendelssohn's Sixth Organ Sonata.

SATURDAY, NOV. 6

GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB HIKE IN FAYSTON. Saturday, Nov. 6, Stark's Nest, Mad River Glen. Strenuous, 5-mile round trip, 2,000 foot vertical gain. The Stark Mountain Trail (2.5 miles) trail follows a wide, well established "work road" up to the summit of General Stark Mountain. It meanders up the ski trails, past a large waterfall. Well-mannered dogs on leash welcome. For details contact trip leader Morris Earle at morrisearle@gmail.com or 802-734-0984. More at gmcbreadloaf.org.

LOCAL AUTHOR CHRISTINA CANIYO IN VERGENNES. Saturday, Nov. 6, 1-3 p.m., Community Room, Bixby Memorial Library, 258 Main St.. Come to the author talk and book release gathering Caniyo's her new novel, "Doors of the Dreaming God." Copies of her book will be available for sale and light snacks will be served.

THE DISSIPATED EIGHT IN BRANDON. Saturday, Nov. 6, 7 p.m., Brandon Town Hall, 1 Conant Sq. Middlebury College's famous a capella group returns for their 5th performance with great harmonies, and a unique touch of comedy. They sing a range of songs from modern day pop to traditional barbershop. All tickets \$5.

"UNDERDOG" VERMONT FILM PREMIERE IN MIDDLEBURY. Saturday, Nov. 6, 7 p.m., Town Hall Theater, 68 S. Pleasant St. "Underdog," a film created by Middlebury College alum Tommy Hyde, profiles the curiously optimistic tale of Doug Butler, a hardscrabble Vermont dairy farmer who risks losing the only home he's ever known to chase his dreams of dog mushing in Alaska. Hyde and Butler will offer a post-film Q&A after the premiere screening. Tickets and info at townhalltheater.org or call 802-382-9222.

MATTHEW WHITAKER QUARTET IN MIDDLEBURY. Saturday, Nov. 6, 7:30 p.m., Robison Hall, Mahaney Arts Center, 72 Porter Field Rd. or live-streamed. 20-year-old jazz keyboardist Matthew Whitaker is a once-in-a-generation musical talent. Since he opened for Stevie Wonder at the Apollo Theater at age 11, he has raked in honors and turned heads whenever he and his talented bandmates command the stage. Tickets: \$25/20/10/5; Streaming-only tickets: \$15/5. In-person attendees must have

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MCTV SCHEDULE Channels 1071 & 1091		MIDDLEBURY COMMUNITY TELEVISION: P.O. Box 785, Middlebury, Vt. 05753		Please see the MCTV website, www.middleburycommunitytv.org , for changes in the schedule; MCTV events, classes and news; and to view many programs online. Submit listings to the above address, or call 388-3062.					
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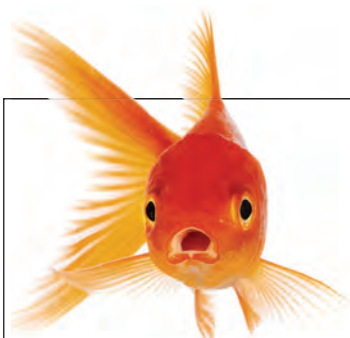


Meet Indy!

Indy is a happy Golden boy who settled into our family immediately when we brought him home in April 2020. He is exuberant and attentive and always makes others feel that they are his "favorite" with his unconditional love and the way he "talks" and greets people with a toy when they arrive. He seems

happiest when spending time on Lake Champlain — swimming, observing his humans' fishing adventures, and chilling on the boat. Indy is an amazing and intuitive companion and we are thankful for him each and every day!

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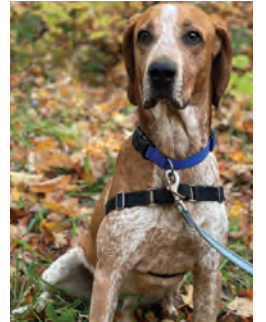
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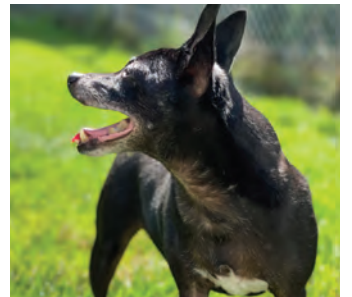
Radke is an older guy who came to us after living a very limited life. He had low exposure to the world due to a sheltered lifestyle and is startled by loud noises and fast movements. For this reason, homes with small children wouldn't be appropriate for him. He needs a calm and relaxing retirement with lots of love and yummy food to make up for his previous lifestyle. Another calm dog may be okay for him, but he doesn't have clear dog-to-dog experience. He lived with a cat, but spent most of his time on a front porch. He is very timid, but loves nothing more than human affection.



Vader and Pie are senior buddies who have been left homeless and need loving new digs to spend the rest of their lives in together. They lived their whole lives together, are incredibly bonded and we can't stand to split them up now. They are sweet and love each other. They are used to having a home with some land to play on and besides wanting love and to be together, they are pretty simple. They are okay with other dogs and cats. They prefer no

little children because fast movements make Pie nervous. Pie is a lady and Vader is a handsome boy. Let's help these guys find their forever happy! Reach out to meet them today!

Mickey came to us when his owner recently passed away. He is 15-years old and seeking a loving family to retire with. He loves relaxing and hanging out with humans he can trust. He will bark if he needs something and due to his age, can struggle with some incontinence. Mickey, like so many old buddies, needs an end of life home filled with all the sweetness possible.



Baba is an absolute stud. He is a lover and a great companion. He loves food and is crafty when it comes to getting extra treats. He was previously an indoor/outdoor cat and would like to continue this lifestyle. We are unsure about his interest in cats and other dogs, but he adores his humans for sure.

Miss Butters is 8-years old. She came in with her pal Caesar (14). Butters loves to be pet and wants all the attention she can get. She likes playing with feather toys and loud jingly balls! She would do well in a home by herself or if 2 is better than 1 in your eyes, we would be happy to see her go home with Caesar!



This guy here is Caesar. At 14-years old this friendly guy finds himself in shelter at no fault to his own. He's made himself very cozy here in "Senior City". He resides in a room with other senior cats including his friend Butter, who he came in with. Caesar enjoys sleeping in his cat hut, sitting in the windows watching the birds, or munching on some treats! He will play for short periods of time and take a quick cat nap to regain his energy for another round. Have

you been looking for a little Caesar in your life? He does not have to go home with Butter, however that is an option!

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The arrival of November means that this year's Garden Game has come to an end. It was yet another record-breaking competition!

Warmer than average fall temperatures led to a longer growing season and our local green thumbs absolutely made the most of it. We can't wait to see what you'll grow for the 2022 Garden Game!

Congratulations to all the winners
and enjoy your Agway gift cards!



Asparagus
Pam Thomas



Beet
Steve Reigle



Broccoli
Pam Thomas



Cabbage
Steve Reigle



Cantaloupe
Barbara Pelton



Carrot
Gary Miller



Cauliflower
Barrie Bailey



Corn
Pam Thomas



Cucumber
Julie Lonergan



Eggplant
Ted Foster



Fennel
Dotty McCarty



Green Bean
Gary Miller



Kohlrabi
Barrie Bailey



Leafy Greens
Pam Thomas



Leek
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Pam Thomas



Onion
Ed Blechner



Parsnip
Ted Foster



Pepper
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Potato
Kelley Mills



Pumpkin
Julie Lonergan



Radish
Pamela Thomas



Rhubarb
Ann & Peter Demong



Rutabaga
Sue Galipo



Summer Squash
Enea Ancarani



Sunflower
Julie Lonergan

2021 GARDEN GAME WINNERS

- **Asparagus** (length x circumference) - Pamela Thomas, 29.75" x 2.75"
- **Beet** (circumference) - Steve Reigle, 19.5"
- **Broccoli** (diameter) - Pamela Thomas, 15.5"
- **Cabbage** (circumference) - Steve Reigle, 31.25"
- **Cantaloupe** (circumference) - Barbara Pelton, 22"
- **Carrot** (length x circumference) - Gary Miller, 20" x 7"
- **Cauliflower** (diameter) - Barrie Bailey, 18.25"
- **Corn** (length x circumference) - Pamela Thomas, 9" x 6.75"
- **Cucumber** (length x circumference) - Julie Lonergan, 24" x 9.25"
- **Eggplant** (circumference x circumference) - Ted Foster, 22.25" x 18"

- **Fennel** (length x circumference) - Dotty McCarty, 13" x 32"
- **Green bean** (length) - Gary Miller, 28.5"
- **Kohlrabi** (circumference) - Barrie Bailey, 15"
- **Leafy greens** (length x width - leaf only) - Pamela Thomas, 24" x 20"
- **Leek** (length x circumference) - Ted Foster, 50" x 3.75"
- **Melon** (circumference) - Pamela Thomas, 34"
- **Onion** (circumference) - Ed Blechner, 14"
- **Parsnip** (circumference) - Ted Foster, 10"
- **Pepper** (circumference x circumference) - Gary Miller, 13" x 15"
- **Potato** (length x circumference) - Kelley Mills, 8.5" x 11"
- **Pumpkin** (circumference x circumference) - Julie Lonergan, 71"

- **Radish** (circumference) - Pamela Thomas, 11.5"
- **Rhubarb** (length) - Ann & Peter Demong, 24.5"
- **Rutabaga** (circumference) - Sue Galipo, 16"
- **Summer squash** (length x circumference) - Enea Ancarani, 13" x 14.75"
- **Sunflower** (diameter) - Julie Lonergan, 18.75"
- **Tomato** (circumference) - Julie Lonergan, 19.5"
- **Turnip** (circumference) - Mike Chicoine & Vera Bergeron, 16"
- **Winter squash** (length x circumference) - Pat Anderson, 23.5" x 25.75"
- **Zucchini** (length x circumference) - Sebastian Ancarani, 22.75" x 19"



Tomato
Julie Lonergan



Turnip
Vera Bergeron
and Mike Chicoine



Winter Squash
Pat Anderson



Zucchini
Sebastian Ancarani



ACROSS

- 1. Nuclear undersea weapon
- 5. President of Syria al---
- 10. Partner to flows
- 14. "Snow" in Welsh
- 15. Famed Mexican painter
- 16. Song
- 17. ticks outward from the crown
- 18. Doddering
- 19. Resist authority (slang)
- 20. Antsy
- 22. Wrath
- 23. Spills the beans
- 24. Past
- 27. The woman
- 30. One has 24 hours
- 31. Talk
- 32. It can sting
- 35. Astronomy unit
- 37. Halfway
- 38. Chinese dynasty
- 39. Australian river
- 40. Software to transfer audio (abbr.)
- 41. Fabric
- 42. Crucifix
- 43. Defunct European economic group

- 44. "Hotel California" rockers
- 45. Michael Knight's car
- 46. Actress Ryan
- 47. A digital tape recording of sound
- 48. Insecticide
- 49. Scientific instrument
- 52. Golden-__ corn
- 55. Israeli city __ Aviv
- 56. Sword
- 60. Ottoman military title
- 61. Aromatic plants
- 63. Cold wind
- 64. Large, semiaquatic reptile (slang)
- 65. Political unit
- 66. Indiscreetly reveal secrets
- 67. Comfort food dish
- 68. Actress Zellweger
- 69. Romanian city

DOWN

- 1. One point east of southeast
- 2. Italian monetary unit
- 3. Warship prison
- 4. Tropical American tree
- 5. Alias
- 6. Normal or sound powers of mind

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- 7. English county
- 8. Not compatible with
- 9. Female deer
- 10. Not late
- 11. La __ Tar Pits, Hollywood
- 12. "Jupiter's Legacy" actress Leslie
- 13. Impudence
- 21. Advises
- 23. Founder of Babism
- 25. A baglike structure in a plant or animal
- 26. Male parent
- 27. A type of plug
- 28. Capital of Vietnam
- 29. Fungal disease
- 32. Shelter
- 33. Finished
- 34. Excrete
- 36. Unhappy
- 37. Partner to cheese

- 38. Coffee receptacle
- 40. Spend time dully
- 41. Makes full
- 43. Snakelike fish
- 44. Take in solid food
- 46. __ student, learns healing
- 47. A way to take away
- 49. Impart a lesson to
- 50. "Transformers" actress Fox
- 51. Spiritual leader
- 52. Every one of two or more things
- 53. Indian city
- 54. 17th stars
- 57. Weapon
- 58. Amounts of time
- 59. Isodor __, American Nobel physicist
- 61. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 62. Witness

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Sudoku

Each Sudoku puzzle consists of a 9x9 grid that has been subdivided into nine smaller grids of 3x3 squares. To solve the puzzle each row, column and box must contain each of the numbers 1 to 9. Puzzles come in three grades: easy, medium and difficult.

Level: Medium

This week's puzzle solutions can be found on Page 15.

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UPCOMING MUSIC

BOB STANNARD PLAYS HIS FINAL CONCERT OF FAREWELL TOUR IN VERGENNES ON NOV. 6

Bob Stannard has played at the Vergennes Opera House before, plenty of times, and each time he, and his merry band of "Dangerous Bluesmen" have put on an unforgettable show.

"It is like watching a bunch of kids playing on the playground," said Gerianne Smart, President of the all-volunteer Friends of the Vergennes Opera House. "Their enthusiasm is only seconded by their incredible musicianship, and we are proud and honored that Bob chose to have his final show in our historic theater."

Another hallmark of Stannard's concerts is the parade of guest artists who seem to leap at the chance to play on stage with the band. His final show is no exception to this rule with no

less than seven guests slated to join Stannard and the band on stage throughout the two-plus hour long show.

Joining Stannard on stage will be Ian Koeller, drums; Kenny B, bass; Bradford Morgan, keyboards/vocals; Joe Moore, sax/vocals; and John Falk, guitar/vocals. Special guests will include Dennis Willmott, guitar/vocals; Gina Coleman, vocals; Bill Carruth, guitar; Bob MacKenzie, harmonica/vocals; Chuck Eller, keyboards/vocals; and Ernie Belmont, bass. Opening the show will be special guest Nick Charyk, grandson of Arlo Guthrie.

"I couldn't be happier than to end my stage career at the opera house and to have some of my favorite people join me on stage," said

Stannard. "We've had a terrific run these past couple of decades and it is nice to slide out of the concert-producing business and into retirement with a few of my musician friends by my side, and at one of my favorite venues."

Organizers are also live streaming (courtesy of Ned and Lauren Pike) the production to allow for as many people as possible to enjoy this final performance.

Tickets for both the live show and the live stream are available at VergennesOperaHouse.org.

The final Bob Stannard and Those Dangerous Bluesmen concert will take place on Saturday, Nov. 6, at 7:30 p.m. Audience is limited to 150 people to allow for more spacing and there will be a dance floor set up as well as a bar, courtesy of Bar Antidote and Hired Hand Brewery. Attendees must be vaccinated (and show proof, either vaccine card or image of it on their phone) and agree to wear a mask between sips and bites. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

SCHUMANN QUARTET PERFORMS WITH PIANIST DIANA FANNING NOV. 11

On Nov. 11, rising stars join forces with an established virtuoso, the Middlebury Performing Arts Series will present the Schumann Quartet and pianist Diana Fanning at the Mahaney Arts Center's Robison Hall.

Alumni of the Bowers Program at the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center, the young Schumann Quartet has been lauded as "one of the most exciting string quartets of the present day" (Fono Forum) and as BBC Music Magazine's 2016 Best Newcomers of the Year. They will make their Middlebury debut with a program including Mendelssohn's Quartet in A Minor and Ravel's Quartet in F Major. The second half of the concert will find the quartet collaborating with acclaimed Vermont pianist and Middlebury Affiliate Artist Diana Fanning in Schumann's Quintet in E-flat Major. Fanning is beloved by local, national, and international audiences for her nuanced, lyrical playing.

Professor of Music Larry Hamberlin will offer a free pre-concert lecture at 6:30 p.m.



The Schumann Quartet and pianist Diana Fanning will perform at Middlebury College's Mahaney Arts Center on Thursday, Nov. 11.

PHOTOS / (SCHUMANN QUARTET) KAUPU KIKKAS; (DIANA FANNING) TAD MERRICK



Audiences from both on- and off-campus are welcome. Vaccinations (or valid medical or religious exemptions) and masks are required. The concert will also be streamed. Tickets are \$25 for the general public; \$20 for Middlebury College ID card holders; \$10 for

youth; and \$5 for Middlebury College students. The concert will also be streamed, both live and for 48 hours after the show; streaming tickets are \$15, or \$5 for Middlebury College students. For tickets, health and safety protocols, and information, call (802) 443-MIDD (6433) or visit middlebury.edu/arts.



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Spending several years in the restaurant & service industry, Brittany has been recognized for customer service. Brittany thrives in keeping busy and organized - holding multiple jobs while attending school full-time. She continues to volunteer with the "Big Change Round-Up" benefitting Vermont Children's Hospital.
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COVID vaccination and wear masks. More info at middlebury.edu/arts.

BOB STANNARD AND THOSE DANGEROUS BLUESMEN IN VERGENNES. Saturday, Nov. 6, 7:30 p.m., Vergennes Opera House, 120 Main St. See story on page 11.

KALOS LIVE AND STREAMED CONCERT IN LINCOLN. Saturday, Nov. 6, 7:30 p.m., Burnham Hall, 52 E. River Rd. Ripton Community Coffee House goes on the road. A trio of master musicians, Kalos consists of Ryan McKasson (fiddle), Eric

McDonald (guitar/vocals), and Jeremiah McLane (accordion) playing traditional music that purposefully explores the dark corners floating on its edges. Doors open at 7 p.m. Proof of Covid vaccine required. Masking for all indoors. Refreshments available. Tickets \$10 general admission/\$15-\$20 generous admission. More info at 802-388-9782.

STEVE HARTMANN IN BRANDON. Saturday, Nov. 6, 7:30 p.m., Brandon Music, 62 Country Club Rd. Singer-songwriter and guitarist Steve Hartmann returns to Brandon Music with special guest and friend, bassist Drew Breder. Concert tickets \$25. \$25. Pre-concert dinner available for \$35. Reservations required for dinners and recommended for the show and can be made on-line .at brandon-music.net/ Venue is BYOB. More info at 802-247-4295 or info@brandon-music.net.

SUNDAY, NOV. 7

NO STRINGS MARIONETTES "THE SNOWMAIDEN" IN BRANDON. Sunday, Nov. 7, 1:30 p.m., Brandon Town Hall, 1 Conant Sq. Returning with another incredible performance of marionette magic, Barbara and Dan present a story that has been told in Russia for hundreds of years. Mythical figures, animals and humans populate this production. All tickets \$5.

"ALICEHEIMER'S" NEW OPERA PREMIERE IN MIDDLEBURY. Sunday, Nov. 7, 7 p.m., Town Hall Theater, 68 S. Pleasant St. Town Hall Theater and Opera Company of Middlebury present a premiere showcase performance of "Aliceheimer's," the new chamber opera by composer Erik Nielsen and artist, writer and anthropologist Dana Walrath.

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The opera, based on Dr. Walrath's graphic memoir of the same name, tells the story of Walrath's mother Alice, and her dementia journey, from her perspective. Tickets and info at townhalltheater.org or call 802-382-9222.

THURSDAY, NOV. 11

NOON CONCERT SERIES IN MIDDLEBURY. Thursday, Nov. 11, noon, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, on the green. St. Stephen's free concert series continues with pianist and organist, Christopher McWilliams, who will present a recital entitled "Pictures at an Exhibition." He will start with his own composition at the organ and end with that of Mussorgsky at the piano.

CONTEMPORARY ART OPENING IN GRANVILLE. Thursday, Nov. 11, 5-7 p.m., The Corner School Resource Center, 75 Old Post Office Rd. Mary Sky Fine Art & Residency of Hancock will host an opening night for their exhibit "Salve Art Show" Featured artists to include Clare Walker Leslie of Granville, Andrew Fenlon of Stowe, and more from around the world. For more info, contact Macrina: info@marysky.co. Viewings available through Jan. 31 by appointment.

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