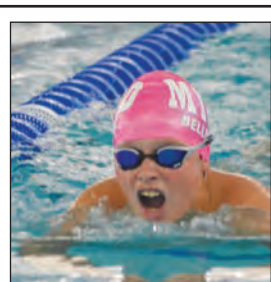




Take a hike

The Green Mountain Club has plans for Long Trail Day that rain won't spoil. See Arts + Leisure.



In the pool

Swimmers from Vergennes and Middlebury competed at the state meet. See results on Page 1B.



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THE QUICK AND plentiful rainfall on Thursday night — six inches in three hours — resulted in water flowing downhill everywhere in Middlebury. Here water flows across Seymour Street near the Pulp Mill Bridge last Friday morning destroying some property on its way down to fill a driveway before continuing on to Otter Creek.

Photo by Christopher Ross



A LARGE SECTION of Route 116 in Middlebury collapsed early Friday morning after water from a swollen Dow Pond near the former plastic plant flowed across the highway. Hydraulic pressure from the water blew out the underside of the road. The pond, which was still pouring a river under the roadway on Friday afternoon, receded by the weekend, and temporary pipes were set up to direct water over the closed roadway and to direct drinking water around the water main.

Independent photo/Angelo Lynn

This time the Vt. floods didn't spare Addison County

Middlebury roads, culverts and sewer system hit hard

By JOHN FLOWERS

ADDISON COUNTY — Middlebury continues to repair its roads, culverts and other municipal infrastructure — as well as private basements, driveways and yards — damaged by Aug. 3 & 4's torrential

rainfall. Gov. Phil Scott is asking FEMA to lump that event into a batch of Vermont storms in July that already qualified nine counties for federal aid for destruction of public and private property. On Wednesday, Middlebury

Director of Public Works Planning Emmalee Cherington said the town should definitely qualify for FEMA's Public Assistance Program, which extends federal aid for public property impacted by natural disasters.

"Just wastewater alone, we're looking at \$500,000 in repairs that will be needed, primarily to pump stations that got completely submerged during the flooding. We have (the stations) back together enough to limp us along, but we definitely need to pull pumps and motors, get them rebuilt or

replaced, to make sure we're in good shape for the future." The town's stormwater system was overwhelmed on Thursday, Aug. 3, when an estimated six inches of rain fell during a three-hour span. Floodwaters rolled over already-saturated soils and collected in gullies and other low-

lying areas, making large swaths of Middlebury, Ripton, Bridport, Hancock, Salisbury and other communities impassable. "It was a storm that came in and parked right over us," said Middlebury Police Chief Tom Hanley, who's also the community's (See *Flooding*, Page 8A)



PAIGE CHAMBERLIN, 9, snuggles between two cows in the 4-H Dairy Barn at the 75th Addison County Fair & Field Days on Tuesday. Like her father before her, Paige doesn't live on a farm so she leases a cow from Blue Spruce Farm to raise and show at the fair.

Independent photo/Sophia Afsar-Keshmiri

Field Days 2023 arrives on a wet note

4-H kids without farms borrow cows so they can show at the fair

By SOPHIA AFSAR-KESHMIRI

NEW HAVEN — For the second year in a row, Jonathan Chamberlin's daughter, Paige, 9, was able to show animals at the Addison County Field Days Fair through the same 4-H lease program that he participated in as a child.

In this day and age the majority of the 4-H'ers that lead their animals around the fairgrounds show pen are participating

as part of this animal leasing program, according to Addison County 4-H educator Martha Seifert.

The program gives Addison County kids who don't live on farms the opportunity to experience the animal husbandry lifestyle. It was initiated 25 to 30 years ago "because there's fewer and fewer of us that grew up on farms," Seifert said.

"And this gives kids the opportunity to work with large animals," she said.

The 75th annual Addison County Fair and Field Days kicked off at the county fairgrounds in New Haven on Tuesday, and will run through Saturday evening, which will be capped off with fireworks.

Rain always seems to come to the fair; this year it arrived on the first day (See *4-H leasing*, Page 13A)

Vermont's own 'Pirate' thrills crowds at the fair

By AMELIA SEEPERSAUD

NEW HAVEN — Each year, families flood into the show tent at the Addison County Fair and Field Days, and sit on the edge of their seats in anticipation of the beloved entertainer Pirate Man Dan.

Pirate Man Dan, also known as Daniel

Jolley, has been performing at the New Haven fairgrounds for almost a decade. He began his first show of this year's fair on Tuesday at noon, with a question: "Who here's seen my show before?"

Every hand in the tent shot straight into the air to which he remarked that this was

the only place where everyone's seen it before.

Elizabeth Curran from Whiting attended the show with her husband, son and visiting grandchildren. Curran and her family have been attending the pirate's (See *Pirate Man Dan*, Page 13A)

Local farmers are grappling with the changing climate

By MARIN HOWELL

ADDISON COUNTY — In the face of a year marked by damaging floods and a devastating spring frost, farmers in Addison County and beyond are exploring ways to protect their crops during future growing seasons.

Scientists have indicated that severe weather events like those that affected growers this year will likely become more common and more intense due to human-caused climate change, creating additional hurdles for farmers in the years to come.

Joshua Faulkner coordinates the Farming and Climate Change Program in the UVM Extension Center for Sustainable Agriculture. He said there are various measures that farmers can take to improve the climate resilience of

their operations, though ultimately, they are up against an unpredictable future.

"We can't think that there's any normal condition anymore. A normal May or a normal August is completely thrown out the window with climate change. We just need to be prepared for that and for extremes on both ends of the spectrum," he said.

One of the ways that climate change is affecting agriculture in Vermont and other parts of the country is by lengthening the growing season. According to the U.S. Global Change Research Program's Fourth National Climate Assessment, the average growing season has increased by nearly two weeks in the contiguous 48 states since the start of the 20th century.

(See *Farmers*, Page 9A)

Big THT expansion set for town review

By JOHN FLOWERS

MIDDLEBURY — The Middlebury Development Review Board (DRB) on Aug. 14 will begin its review of a proposed major addition to Town Hall Theater. It's a \$7.5 million project designed to accommodate the community's growing thirst for entertainment and educational programming while also transforming the facility into a regional arts hub.

The proposed 7,000-square-foot, three-story addition will be built onto the southwest end of THT at 68 South Pleasant St. It will extend onto an adjacent parcel now occupied by the former Diner restaurant, which is scheduled to be removed this Friday, Aug. 11.

The THT board acquired the Diner parcel in 2018, with the idea that the theater would eventually expand to satisfy the public's growing appetite for local visual and performing arts offerings.

A project narrative on file at the Middlebury town offices states the "Town Hall Theater Annex" will include studios for rehearsals, performances, receptions and arts education. It will host a scene shop on the sub-level, an educational studio and gallery on the plaza level, and a rehearsal studio and gallery on the stage level. Plans also call for a new outdoor plaza to host outdoor performances, celebrations and (See *THT*, Page 12A)



By the way

The Middlebury Planning Commission wants your input on improving bike and pedestrian connectivity and safety in the community. Please report spots that you believe are especially (See *By the way*, Page 16A)

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Farmers, landowners use plants to improve water quality

By MARIN HOWELL

MIDDLEBURY — Middlebury landowners and farmers are hopeful that vegetation planted along local waterways this spring will help keep the county watersheds healthy and vibrant for years to come.

In May, residents and a handful of volunteers from area organizations planted riparian buffers at Middlebury's Ledge Farm along a portion of Muddy Branch, a tributary of the New Haven River, and near a segment of the Barnes Brook that runs behind condos on Overbrook Drive. In upcoming years, the plants are expected to create wildlife habitats and improve water quality in the streams.

The plantings are also expected to reduce future flood damage, a welcome benefit in light of the abnormally heavy rainfall the county has received in recent weeks.

"Given the storms that we've had recently and the amount of rain, and how high that little (Barnes) Brook has been, which often times by August is little more than a trickle, we need to have plants and things in place that are going to help hold that bank along that stretch," said Revell Allen, whose condo on Overbrook Drive abuts Barnes Brook.

LEDGEND FARM PLANTINGS

One thousand trees were planted this spring at Ledge Farm, a fallow deer operation located on Middlebury's Munger Street. In 2022, owners Hank Dimuzio and Rhonda Roberts conserved the 420-acre farm with the Vermont Land Trust, protecting the land from non-farm development in the future.

Dimuzio said as part of that conservation easement, VLT had hoped to create a 50-foot buffer on either side of the segment of Muddy Branch that runs through the farmland. Riparian buffers filter pollutants from runoff while helping control erosion and providing useful habitat and nutrients for the watershed.

"That (buffer) took away about 2.5 acres of cropland and I said,

"Well, if we're going to do that, all the invasive species are going to come in, all the parsnip and buckthorn and what can we do to not make that happen?" Dimuzio recalled. "They said 'We can plant trees.'"

Dimuzio teamed up with volunteers from the Addison County River Watch Collaborative, ECO AmeriCorps members, VLT representatives and students in Middlebury College associate professor Jeff Howarth's conservation planning course to plant the trees this spring. Silky dogwood, tamarack, white pine and other varieties were planted during the multi-day effort, which was funded by the Addison County Regional Planning Commission (which serves as the Otter Creek Basin Clean Water Service Provider) and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.

Dimuzio said the trees are expected to provide a wildlife corridor and help improve water quality in the stream. He noted the farmland bordering Muddy Branch had been spared flooding despite excessive rainfall that has hit the county.

The full benefits of the plantings won't be realized until years down the road, after the trees have had time to grow. Dimuzio said the impacts of the plantings will also depend on how successful that growth is.

"What the (Natural Resources Conservation Service) people tell me is that you can have up to 40 or 50% loss of trees depending on how well the trees take, but it really depends on the year. I'm not sure what's going to happen because we planted about half of them in the rain, and then we had a drought and then we've had continuous rain this summer," he said. "I'm looking at maybe in 10 years that we'll hopefully see a robust filling in of the area, but it could be as soon as four or five years."

OVERBROOK PLANTINGS

A few miles southwest of Dimuzio, other Middlebury residents were also busy planting riparian buffers along local watersheds this spring. Allen said

she was inspired to create a buffer along a portion of Barnes Brook when she read a Climate Matters column in the *Independent* that urged readers to avoid mowing right along county waterways.

She thought she could apply that advice to her own backyard, which abuts a segment of the brook.

"I noticed for years how difficult it was for the people who we contract our mowing out to to mow down there because it's always wet and it's on a hill, and I thought, 'Why are we doing this?'" Allen recalled.

The Middlebury resident connected with the Addison County River Watch Collaborative to see what management options were available for the area. By the end of April, Overbrook landowners and the town of Middlebury (which owns a portion of land along the brook near the planting area) were on board with creating the riparian buffer. Residents and ACRWC volunteers began sowing elderberry plants and other plant varieties a month later.

The river watch group contracted with the Addison County Regional Planning Commission to conduct the work, due to the commission's status as the Otter Creek Basin Clean Water Service Provider. Through that contract, the ACRWC was able to organize a planting plan with collaborators and receive funding for the project.

"It's just amazing, there's tons of pollinator plants that are self-seeding that are there now because we're not mowing, that's just a side benefit. The plants themselves will be providing berries and additional shelter for birds," ACRWC Executive Director Matt Witten said of the plantings.

Plantings were targeted especially in a portion of land that has visibly eroded into Barnes Brook in an effort to stabilize that soil. The river watch group continues to visit the site regularly to observe and maintain the plants. Witten said part of that work includes keeping an eye on invasive species.

"There are invasives coming in, the wild parsnip is a really big problem and we've worked on limiting that," he said. "We're just going to have to stay on top of it."

In a way, the riparian buffer created behind Overbrook Drive is a test run for the ACRWC. Witten said the collaborative is hoping to establish buffers along other county watersheds in the future.



MIDDLEBURY FARMER HANK Dimuzio and volunteers from a variety of Vermont organizations plant trees along Muddy Branch, a tributary of the New Haven River that runs through Dimuzio's farm on Munger Street. The trees are expected to reap benefits for the watershed and help prevent the growth of invasive species along the stream.

Photo courtesy of Vermont Land Trust

He noted the effort is part of the river watch group upping its engagement with county landowners.

"(ACRWC) for almost 30 years

we've just done monitoring and sent out the information to various agencies in hopes that they would work with landowners to improve the water quality. Now, we're

doing more strategic monitoring and getting into the ball game of working with landowners," he explained. "We have several potential projects in the pipeline."



MIDDLEBURY RESIDENTS AND Addison County River Watch Collaborative volunteers plant vegetation along a segment of the Barnes Brook that runs behind condos on Overbrook Drive. The riparian buffer is expected to provide wildlife habitat and improve water quality in the Middlebury watershed.

Photo courtesy of Matt Witten

CORRECTION — A story that ran in our Aug. 3 edition under the headline "Abortion access continues to decline in the U.S." incorrectly identified Middlebury College Professor Caitlin Knowles Myers's personal stance on the ethics of abortion regulation; she is pro-choice.

Ferrisburgh seeks new treasurer

By ANDY KIRKALDY

FERRISBURGH — Pairs of Ferrisburgh selectboard members were set to interview up to a half-dozen candidates for a new town treasurer during the past week or

so.

But exactly how many hours a successful candidate will work and exactly what their job description will be remains up in the air, Selectboard Chair Clark Hinsdale said last week, after the board on Aug. 1 agreed to an interview schedule.

The board funded the treasurer position for up to 30 hours per week in this fiscal year's budget, with benefits, but if the new hire prefers, they could work as few as 20 hours.

However, Hinsdale noted, Ferrisburgh is also seeking a grant administrator. If a successful treasurer candidate wants to combine both the treasurer/grant administrator post, the job could

reach a full 40 hours.

"That's the range of the possibilities," he said.

Also, Ferrisburgh's personnel policy offers a sliding benefits scale, with the percentage of the benefits package offered based on the hours worked. For example, if the new treasurer works 30 hours, they'd receive 75% of full benefits.

Ferrisburgh has been seeking a new treasurer since early this year, when incumbent Deb Healey, whose work selectboard members have praised, announced she'd like to step down after Town Meeting Day.

Healey has agreed to stay on since then after Ferrisburgh's

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Middlebury College opens school in Taiwan Ferrisburgh

Amid growing political tensions, College creates new Chinese language program

By SOPHIA AFSAR-KESHMIRI

MIDDLEBURY — Three and a half years after Middlebury College abandoned in-person Mandarin Chinese language instruction in China due to COVID-19, the college is preparing again to educate language students in a place where Chinese is spoken by natives.

This time, however, the college is taking its education in China beyond the mainland Peoples Republic of China, and also starting a school in Taiwan. The May announcement that Middlebury will open a school abroad in Taiwan came after seven academic semesters of contending with COVID and continued international travel restrictions barring Mandarin Chinese language students from pursuing Middlebury's programs in China. The last time the institution's programs in Beijing, Hangzhou and Kunming hosted Middlebury Schools Abroad students was January 2020. Finally, though, Middlebury is scheduled to restart its school in Beijing this month.

The newest addition to the college's Schools Abroad program, a Chinese school housed at National Sun Yat-sen University in Kaohsiung, Taiwan, is due to start hosting students next spring.

"A delegation from Middlebury

visited Taiwan in late January/early February and met with administrators at several of the island's top universities," said Middlebury College Dean of International Programs Carlos Vélez-Blasini.

"After much deliberation, we decided to create a partnership with the National Sun Yat-sen University," he added.

"The Chinese Department has for some time been suggesting that Taiwan should be an option for their majors ... Taiwan is an amazing place with a rich and unique culture and top-notch educational institutions."

— Carlos Vélez-Blasini

The new school in Taiwan will host its first cohort of an estimated eight to 10 students in Spring 2024.

Although the official Middlebury School Abroad in Taiwan is new, the option to study abroad in that nation is not.

It was first introduced as a solution to both abide by China's COVID policies and maintain the college's "robust study abroad program in Mandarin to complement the offerings of the Middlebury Chinese Department and the Middlebury Language Schools."

"During that time, in consultation with and with the help of the Middlebury College Chinese Department, we allowed Middlebury students to enroll in study abroad programs and universities in Taiwan," Vélez-Blasini said.

"In fact, the Chinese Department has for some time been suggesting that Taiwan should be an option for

their majors," he added.

"Taiwan is an amazing place with a rich and unique culture and top-notch educational institutions. We are confident that our school there will be on par with our other schools around the world," Vélez-Blasini noted.

Middlebury's Chinese language students will benefit greatly from this new school, Associate Dean of International Programs Liz Ross said.

"Students will be able to immerse themselves into the Taiwanese culture through curricular and co-curricular programming," she said.

Vélez-Blasini said that during the pandemic, students of other languages — specifically Spanish — benefited from more than one study abroad option with Middlebury College.

"As borders around the world were slowly reopening after the pandemic, we were able to take advantage of having multiple sites for Spanish speakers, for example," he said.

Middlebury's announcement comes amidst heightened tension among the United States, Taiwan and China.

"We are well aware of the increased tensions among China, Taiwan, and the U.S. In light of these concerns, we have had several conversations with experts in this area, including, among others, our own faculty with knowledge of the region, members of the U.S. State Department, and our security team at Global Rescue," Vélez-Blasini said.

While implementing the program, he noted the possibility that Mandarin Chinese language students might be barred from attending the Middlebury School

Abroad in Mainland China due to international tensions and conflict.

Middlebury is prepared if heightened tensions demand more safety precautions, Vélez-Blasini said.

"What is important is for us to have clear contingency plans in place. Our current assessment is that our students in Taiwan will be safe," he said.

"The location is exciting. Taiwan is a modern, open, highly educated, technologically advanced society that has also managed to remain deeply grounded in its historical past," Ross noted.

"Within the confines of a relatively small island, one can find large, modern, cosmopolitan cities only one-to-two hours away from smaller, historically rich cities and towns."

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initial attempts to find a new treasurer failed. Hinsdale noted it's not only the service industry that's found it hard to fill positions.

"We're a couple steps up the food chain having trouble hiring people," he said.

But Hinsdale said this latest search for a treasurer to work for between \$25 and \$32 an hour produced "10-plus" applicants, the majority of whom "have significant qualifications."

The selectboard on Aug. 1 opted to arrange to meet with "four to six" of them, Hinsdale said the next day.

"We're very pleased by the pool, and we are going to start scheduling interviews today," he said.

Members of the board agreed to

take turns conducting interviews based on their and candidates' availability "over the next week or so," Hinsdale said, with no more than two members at a time speaking with candidates to avoid creating a warned public hearing.

"At least initially we're not going to use the entire board to interview," he said.

There's no specific timetable for the hire except, "It's ASAP," Hinsdale said.

He also noted Healey has not only stayed longer than she planned, putting off traveling, but has also agreed to work with the new treasurer.

"Deb has been wonderful about continuing to work," Hinsdale said. "She's a very civic-minded individual. We think the world of Deb."



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Reading Edward Said in Rwanda

Fourth in a series

An initial challenge for any teacher is the selection of texts. For students, texts can be daunting — too archaic, too emotionally and intellectually. Post-COVID teachers have found that students' concentration is strained by longer material, particularly if the text is online (online reading hinders retention, neuroscientists tell us).

But there is another critical consideration for me beyond texts: the lived experiences of Afghan students since 2005 have affected my selection of texts. The dramatic evacuation from Kabul to Qatar to Rwanda, a traumatic, history making journey, has profoundly affected students. In 2005, Afghans engaged in summer projects in Afghanistan — constructing water wells, for instance; this is no longer the case.

There is a foreboding moat around Afghanistan — it rejects and expels. And in this last violent expulsion following the U.S. withdrawal, the Afghan diaspora has grown substantially. The Russian invasion of Afghanistan in 1979 ignited the exodus from Afghanistan. Since, numerous local places around the world with a high concentration of Afghans have been dubbed "Little Kabul" — Centerville District in Fremont, Calif., is one.

How will texts connect with the emotionality of dissolution? I have to consider how the lived experiences of Afghan students are affected by the texts I select.

What then is the purpose and place for my teaching, my position? And at Middlebury College I also have to think about how my bearing with

Afghan students affects the region between other Middlebury students, Afghans, and me.

I've never sidestepped the realities of students' lives, no teacher can, and shouldn't — I could, however, work alongside students to locate their lived experiences in an academic setting, exposing them to the language of exile, and thus initiate an exploration of their place in an always changing, hostile world. All students, regardless of their background, can appreciate this reality. The setting in this classroom is a bridge across the diasporic divide between Afghanistan, Rwanda and Middlebury.



HECTOR VILA

Education in Exile: Afghans in Rwanda

What is my place in a world that has rejected me? This is the always-present question defining Afghan students' young lives, a drumbeat that never dulls. What role will I have in creating me? Has this already been determined?

A teacher has two important responsibilities: do no harm, foremost; and to create a safe, creative environment where, eventually, the teacher becomes invisible, and students learn on their own. To achieve this, following the tradition from Paulo Freire to Gloria Jean Watkins, better known by her pen name bell hooks, my only option was going beyond the limits of place as a way to transcend the absolutism of conditioning, suffering, and, as Theodor Adorno says in *Minima Moralia*, "the subjugation of life to the process of production" which "imposes a humiliation on everyone."

Edward Said's "Reflection on Exile" was the natural choice — Afghans led me here. To make

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Editorials

A different kind of flooding

The six inches of rain that fell within a couple of hours last Thursday night was a different kind of flooding.

Unlike the backed-up streams and rivers that flooded Montpelier, Waterbury and other Vermont towns that accumulated from excessive rains over several days in early July, the Middlebury onslaught simply overwhelmed the town's stormwater drainage system, sending rivers of water down from every road with even the slightest incline. It's what created in a flash a 3-inch-deep river on Seymour Street in front of Fire & Ice restaurant and onto the floors of County Tire on down to Elm Street at the intersection at Greg's Market where rushing rivers from both sides rapidly created a 100-foot-wide pond 11-feet deep under the railroad tracks, trapping at least one vehicle in its depths.

Driveways throughout town with any pitch were washed out. Culverts were overwhelmed. The flooded Dow Pond literally blew out a section of road along Route 116 from the hydraulic pressure created by the mass of water above. Town crews are still trying to find a culvert big enough to replace it, and hopefully prevent a repeat if similar rains fall again.

And that's today's quandary: Just how big do we need to go?

What size culverts or storm drains can handle a 6-inch deluge, let alone even more, in such a short time? How do we build stormwater systems to handle a changing climate that may make such rains frequent? With one of Middlebury's wastewater treatment pumps limping along and waiting for repairs, or replacement, will that be adequate? Is bigger better now, or do we wait for the next failure?

Homeowners face a similar conundrum. Flooded basements and rutted driveways were the most common kind of damage caused primarily from saturated soils aggravated by the huge amount of rainwater coming off roofs. And that's another difference: when damage is done just by rain coming off the roof of your house, it's not just those houses next to flooded streams or rivers or gullies that are damaged, it's almost everywhere.

How do you plan for that? Is there a solution?

Believe it or not, there are obvious solutions. First, believe the science, believe your eyes. Climate change caused by man-made actions that pour carbon dioxide into the atmosphere is real and what we're seeing is the beginning stages of what happens when the Earth warms too much. While each of us can try the best we can to minimize the ill effects that will have on us personally, the logical next step is to join with those who are advocating to reduce carbon emissions.

Groups for young adults, including 350.org that had its early roots right here at Middlebury College 16 years ago by author and environmentalist Bill McKibben (among others), are growing in numbers and power worldwide, while also spawning new groups such as Leaders We Deserve, a nationwide effort to elect young people to state legislatures and to Congress, and to support candidates of any age who champion their causes. Those nearing 60 should check out Third Act, as in the third act of your life. Their motto is: "We are building a community of Americans over the age of sixty determined to change the world for the better. Together, we use our life experience, skills, and resources to build a better tomorrow."

It's also founded by Ripton resident and activist Bill McKibben, who has travelled the world these past 30-plus years sounding the alarm about the changing climate, and whose one bit of optimism these days is finally seeing the political will to admit the problem in most countries (the Republican Party in the U.S. is one of the few exceptions) and begin to do something about it.

Not that climate change should be a partisan issue. On the contrary, it should be nonpartisan. It's everyone's concern, and to everyone's advantage to start to solve the many problems that are being created by a climate that spawns huge forest fires every summer, deadly heat waves, horrendous flooding, powerful storms, devastation to farms and the farming life, warming oceans killing marine life and rising seas that threaten coastal populations around the world.

But the first step, the very first step, is to get everyone on the same page, and the more Americans that at least admit the climate is changing, and not for the better, the faster we can all agree to do something about it.

It's difficult to imagine that happening within the current Republican Party, but if local chapters of Third Act, 350.org and other groups can work together at the community level, and if that can spread like the wildfires this summer in Canada, there's a chance the GOP will either get the message or be left behind for a new coalition of Americans who simply want to meet the problem head-on, stop the idiotic denials, and do the hard work necessary for the good of the country — and their own backyards.

At least that's a path of hope; there's no hope in denial.

Angelo Lynn

YOU make Field Days special

For those living under a rock, or hopelessly glued to a screen of any sort, break free and attend the final three days of Addison County Field Days. It's their 75th anniversary celebration (the *Addison Independent* is celebrating our 77th year, and like many of you, we've been avid supporters of Field Days for all those years) and this year, in a special twist, they've dedicated the event to YOU — the fair goers.

And right they are. Without attendees what's the midway, or the Children's Barnyard, the food stands or arcades? Without you to appreciate the hard work of those knitting, sewing, gardening, crafting, baking and creating works of art, where's the fun, and who would share the stories the antique enthusiasts tell of how things were done decades ago?

Without you, who would the young 4-Hers show off the year's work to? Who would the pullers and the demo drivers, the sheep shearers and wool-spinners, the hand-mowers and iron skillet throwers puff up their chests for?

Who would cheer the comedy acts, the daredevils, the magic shows and the Pirate Man Dan? For gosh sakes, who would cheer for the racing pigs! And be amazed by the skill of the young Annie Oakleys riding in the Gymkhana?

In short, YOU are what makes Field Days so special, but not if you're not there. The final three days are this Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Go. Only YOU can make Field Days the special event it is.

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Precious in pink

ATHENA PROVENCHER STRUGGLES with her Minnie Mouse umbrella on a rainy opening day of the Addison County Fair and Field Days in New Haven on Tuesday. But the three-year-old, whose parents came from Massachusetts to operate a craft stand at the fair, said she liked the feel of the wet earth between her toes.

Independent photo/Steve James

Feeling the loss of affirmative action

Walking through town the last month, I saw a white woman in fully traditional Mexican dress, the kind my grandmother used to bring back to me from Mexico when I was little. It was a hot day, and those dresses are cool, so it made sense for her to be wearing it. I wondered why it enraged me. After all, this person probably simply traveled to Mexico, purchased an item she found pretty, and was now wearing it. Was this cultural appropriation? Why was I so mad?

I was mad because people who have the resources to access anything they like from another culture can obtain it, wear it, use it, eat it, enjoy it — whatever it is — without a second thought. That is what privilege means. But when people of color start gaining access to that privilege via education, roadblocks appear. I was feeling that awareness keenly because our Supreme Court had just ruled that Affirmative Action — the practice of considering race for college admissions — is no longer constitutional.

In a scathing dissent on the Supreme Court's ruling Justice Sonia Sotomayor argued that the court had cemented "a superficial role of colorblindness as a constitutional principal in an endemically segregated society where race has always mattered and continues to matter." She went on to argue that the decision deepens racial inequality and destroys any progress made to reverse that trend.

Justice Kentanji Brown Jackson concurred, arguing in her own dissent that "gulf sized race-based gaps exist with respect to health, wealth, and well-being of American citizens. They were created in the distant past,

but have indisputably been passed down to the present day through the generations." The tossing of affirmative action, she argued, "will inevitably widen the gap, not narrow it. It will delay the day that every American has an equal opportunity to thrive, regardless of race."

I am a woman of color who attended our local, prestigious Middlebury College. My father, the son of a poor immigrant who earned citizenship in this country and proudly fought for it in World War II, grew up and started a small construction business as a bricklayer. He literally broke his back twice laboring in the Texas heat so that I could get an education.

I attended a poorly funded public high school literally located in the middle of several cornfields just outside of San Antonio, Texas. When I applied to college, I did so with an impressive record — excellent grades, placement in the top ten students of my graduating class, and countless extra-curricular activities. My SAT and ACT scores were good, though not perfect. I was accepted at Middlebury as well as several other prestigious schools.

As a Mexican-American public school student who grew up relatively poor, I probably was accepted for a host of reasons: because I was smart *and* because I was diverse. The two are not exclusive. I am fully aware that I am not a typical Middlebury admit, and I am okay with that, because I believe in this system and in myself. And I know the historical reasons why it's important to have this system in place.

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By Mary E. Mendoza



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Save me from the sound of silence

There are times when I need silence, such as when I'm falling asleep or concentrating. I can't take any distractions when I'm working or trying to thread a needle without my glasses on.

But otherwise, when I'm alone and doing something routine, I crave background noise. In my ideal world, I'd live in a café — or maybe just have people gather in my house, murmuring and clinking china without directly interacting with me.

I like to have sounds on from the moment I wake up: podcasts when I'm knitting or cooking, audiobooks when I'm gardening or driving, and music when I'm cleaning. I'm not addicted to constant sound. It's just that if I have to endure more than 30 seconds without it, I get antsy.

This is totally, perfectly normal.

I find comfort in the drone of noise because I have too many thoughts. But not in a bad way. The things I think about all day aren't disturbing or anxiety-producing. (I save those for my monthly 4 a.m. existential-dread sessions.)

I just have a lot of questions and observations that rattle around in my brain like marbles in a coffee can, and they're exhausting. A little external stimulus, even if I'm not paying attention to it, can drown out just enough of the rattling to keep me present.

I assumed everyone's brains worked like this. Then I read about a crazy theory: Not all people have internal monologues. Their minds are naturally quiet.

I can't imagine. If you looked inside my head, you'd see me trapped in a speeding Ford Festiva with five espresso-loaded auctioneers peppering me with trivia questions while the radio blared '80s music.

The other day I found myself standing in the kitchen wondering why I had gone in there. I know that forgetfulness, like watching birds, often happens with age. But this time it was because, in an unplanned hiccup of silence, I started wondering how Benedict Arnold died.

It paralyzed me.

Was he executed as a traitor? That seemed likely, but then again, maybe he died of smallpox or another popular disease of the day. Or maybe he lived to old age but wasn't welcome at parties anymore.

This is what I'm up against every minute of the day. When my mind is allowed to wander, it goes too far afield. Having other people's voices in the room, even if I'm not actively listening to them, provides just enough of a buzz to keep me on track.

I know some people who say they prefer silence. They insist that they enjoy going about their day without any (See *Jessie*, Page 5A)



Around the bend

By Jessie Raymond

Letters to the Editor

EVs offer cool summer driving

Here's good news for electric vehicle (EV) drivers who are afraid to use their air conditioning because it might reduce their EV's driving range. A recent study by Recurrent Auto showed that use of AC in an electric vehicle has minimal effect on range up to outdoor temperatures of at least 85 degrees.

EV drivers know that cold weather reduces driving range — by up to 35% on some models. What is different about using air conditioning to cool the passenger compartment of your EV? The main reason is that on 85-degree days, cooling your car to a comfortable 70 degrees requires a change of only 15 degrees. In the winter, if the outdoor temperature is 20 degrees, you have to raise the inside temperature by 50 degrees, obviously requiring more energy. Another factor is that electric motors don't generate waste heat, so your AC doesn't have to offset that factor.

You can also reduce the effect of air conditioning on EV range by pre-cooling your car — turning on the air conditioning while it's still plugged in. Parking in the shade helps, too.

So go ahead. If you are an EV driver, you can use your air conditioning to remain comfortable in the summer heat!

Spencer Putnam
Weybridge

Trump's flaws are obvious

As an intellectual failure, Donald Trump has a vast following of grammar school grads, who can identify with the knowledge gap and reject the smart elitism of their successful liberal enlightened neighbors. It's a not-so-apparent contradiction that has blindsided the well-meaning, comfortable 10% with retirement accounts, which of course, makes sane, useful conversation nearly impossible.

The inability to read, as a class distinction, turns fact, or alternate fact, into entertainment, while unequal opportunity morphs into anger, which is how democracies crumble. Picture a bull shark and a monkfish discussing who eats the flounder. Then spill some blood in the water.

Donald J., praising Jeffery Epstein, his friend and neighbor, said, "I've known Jeff for fifteen years. Terrific guy... He's a lot of fun to be with. It is even said that he likes beautiful women as much as I do, and many of them are on the younger side." Given their record, it's difficult to ignore (See *Lyall letter*, Page 5A)

Notes of appreciation

Dows thank THT, Anderson

We would like to thank Doug Anderson and the Town Hall Theater for the wonderful event they held this past Saturday to honor our former Steve's Park Diner business and the staff that worked there, prior to the diner building being demolished this coming week for the expansion of the Theater.

As the owners of the diner for over 25 years, it meant a great deal to see so many of our friends and former customers at the event, and to reunite with most of our long-time staff. We also want to thank Kevin Parizo, former Governor Jim Douglas, Jay Parini, Courtney Provoncha and some dedicated customers who spoke at the event about what the diner had meant to them and to the community.

Finally, thank you to all who attended the event, and for all the people who came into the diner for the 25 years we owned it, and for all the memories that will stay with us long after the building is gone.

Steve and Beth Dow
Middlebury

Ferrisburgh eyes shade tree plan

By ANDY KIRKALDY

FERRISBURGH — The Ferrisburgh selectboard is seeking volunteers to serve on an ad hoc Public Shade Committee intended to create a municipal shade tree plan.

After the board voted to create the committee on Aug. 1, selectboard Chair Clark Hinsdale said a relatively new statewide Public Shade Tree Statute takes away some authority from selectboards and tree wardens to protect trees in communities' road

rights of way.

"In order to exert control over trees in the right of way we have to have a proactive plan," he said. "If we don't have a public shade tree plan, basically then the landowners can then just cut down at their discretion."

On the other hand, he said, towns can protect trees that are defined as public shade trees in a municipal shade tree plan, or that they choose to plant as shade trees and define as such in that plan.

The plan could also "call for

priority areas to plant public shade trees," he added. "You don't want to plant a tree and not have it protected."

This committee will draft and recommend a plan, with guidance from Ferrisburgh Tree Warden Joe Nelson, Hinsdale said, and then will disband. The plan could recommend a permanent Public Shade Tree Committee, however, he added.

Contact the selectboard if you are interested in serving on the Public Shade Committee.

Homeward Bound bags \$5,000 grant

MIDDLEBURY — Country music performer Miranda Lambert uses her voice to change the lives of animals in need and, this summer, her reach extended to all the way to Homeward Bound, Addison County's Humane Society. This summer Homeward Bound was selected as a recipient of a Mutts Across America grant in the amount of \$5,000.

To acknowledge the high value they place on well-run shelters,

in 2014 Lambert's organization MuttsNation launched Mutts Across America in partnership with Tractor Supply Company to annually recognize an exemplary shelter in each of the 50 states with a surprise grant. This grant acknowledges the outstanding work each shelter does in an effort to promote animal welfare. Selection criteria include: high adoption rate, high volunteerism, fiscal responsibility, high activity/fundraising, specialty, community

presence, website and social media presence, and advocacy.

Homeward Bound's executive director, Jess Danyow said, "It's clear that Miranda Lambert's two biggest passions are music and shelter animals. We love what she's doing and are grateful to be the recipients of a MuttsNation grant. It was an amazing surprise and came during a very busy time of year when fundraising is traditionally slower."

Jessie

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auditory input at all.

I'm impressed. And baffled. Last week, I ran into an old friend and fellow background-noise lover, a guy who rarely took his earbuds out. He had recently decided to change his ways and was now taking long bike rides in silence. All he heard, I assume, was the wind whipping past his ears and the occasional ping of an insect off his forehead.

Seeing the horror in my eyes, he assured me it was a beautiful thing.

"When you don't have added sounds, you get to listen to your mind," he said in a psychedelic tone. I explained that this is exactly

what I try to avoid.

He told me I'd eventually hear my "true self" under all the chatter in my head. And, as icky as that sounded, I didn't want to reject his crazy notion outright. So, while making dinner the other night, I gave silence a chance.

As expected, hundreds of thoughts bubbled up instantly, such as whether it's just a myth that earwigs, unlike other insects, take care of their young; why the U.S. can't quit pennies; that my middle-school locker combination was 36-18-8; what day Christmas falls on this year; and how water bottles were not a thing when I was growing up.

On top of that, the theme song from "Beverly Hills Cop" played on a mental loop the entire time.

Did I hear my true self? No. But I did burn dinner.

Waving away the smoke, I lunged for my phone. With fumbling fingers, I turned on a podcast about proto-Germanic languages or something. The subject was irrelevant; I just needed the hum of voices.

Peace at last.

You may say that my brain would be healthier if I spent more time in silence. And you may be right. But please: Don't judge me until you've ridden a mile in my Festiva.

Lyall letter

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the implication. He molested little girls, and could get away with shooting someone "in the middle of Fifth Avenue."

Concubines, wives and mistresses are basically interchangeable and replaceable, something evangelicals seem to ignore. Would you leave him alone in a room with a child? He was a great consumer of abortions, until he wasn't. To assume he sees a constituency other than himself is a monumental illusion.

The doctor, whose office belonged to Fred, wrote the note, advancing a "Bone Spur" exemption, which allowed Donald to avoid the inconvenience of servitude and to cheat at golf. "Which foot," you might ask? "Can't recall," he says. Dodging the draft "proves I'm smarter than everyone else, a genius, in fact."

The employer of a man I know signed a Trump real estate deal, and was, in turn, defrauded. "An oversight on my part" the cheated man said. Defrauded a second time, he said, "Once should have been sufficient" Holding the Guinness record for bankruptcies and lawsuits does suggest something irregular.

General Mattis called the former president "a threat to the Constitution." Naturally, Donald called himself smarter than a

general. Our commander in chief conflated the 23rd Amendment with the 23rd Psalm, and 23 pardons.

A 127,000-pound, 43-seat Everyman personal jet is a basic necessity, and like yellow hair, should not be mistaken for arrogance. "I'm more brilliant than Jesus," he said. "Fascists [like Proud Boys] are also good people." "Hang Mike Pence." "Inject Chlorine Bleach...or Hydroxychloroquine." A 14-word vocabulary and 3-word sentence enable repetition, which is more effective than fact.

Prof. William T. Kelley, 30 years at the Wharton School, was quoted as saying, "He was the dumbest, goddam student I ever had...a fool." Can Donald name two countries that border the U.S.? Theoretically, yes. "Friends" say he has "possibly never read a book..." That's alarming to some or refreshing to others. There's a shared pride in not knowing how to read a stop sign, or who might be buried in Grant's tomb.

If you alter the definition of bigot, he might not be one. Note 19,000 misstatements in four years. Perhaps, a fact-checker would get to the truth. What happened in the Moscow Ritz-Carlton? The rumors are obscene; the possibilities practically treasonous.

His Supreme Court could be confused with a Trump Corporation, exempt from indictment. That's speculation, of course. A simple, reliable, reusable defense: Accuse the accuser of the same infraction. "Just find 11,780 votes." Elevate the utility, value and power of hate. Kim Jong Un, another great guy, can pardon himself.

His niece, Mary L. Trump, Doctor of Psychology, calls Don a "delusional psychopath," and "dangerous." Or disregard what he is, since image is everything.

It may not be accurate to say he threw his dog off the Trump Tower roof. As far as we know, he has never liked dogs. Insensitivity, however, would not be surprising. At 19, he was gifted \$19 million, which made him 30, like Lincoln.

Meanwhile, decency is free and available to anyone. Reasonable Republicans have a choice, a decision to make. Restore the Party or subjugate themselves and promote the Mussolini-model, thus placing democracy in a perilous position.

Were half these allegations proven false, there's always the other half. Unfortunately, persuading anyone of anything is next to impossible.

Alec Lyall
Middlebury

Stoicism: Arduous path to wisdom

15th in a series

Stoic philosophy took an opposite course from the Epicurean. The chief end of life, according to the Stoics, is moral autonomy, moral self-governance, which they took as the only reliable path to self-mastery. From this it follows that Stoics were indifferent to pleasure and pain. They believed that our primary duty in life is to do the right thing regardless of the consequences.

The founder of the Stoic school was Zeno of Citium (334-263 BCE), a Phoenician. He began life as a merchant, suffered shipwreck, and found his way to Athens, where he was converted to philosophy by Crates (pronounced Krah-tais) head of the Cynic school. The Cynics scorned social convention, fashion and respectability. To this end, Diogenes, one of its founders, practiced nudity, never bathed, and made his home in a barrel. The Cynic philosophers valued only the moral self. In this respect they were true heirs of Socrates, mixing "Socraticism" with a large measure of moxie and exhibitionism.

Zeno tread a more respectable but no less arduous and unconventional path to wisdom. He understood that the only way to achieve self-mastery was to "bear all things," and what made this possible was his belief that he existed in a moral universe in which everything happened for a reason. It is on this point that Stoic philosophy differs most radically from its Epicurean counterpart. Whereas Epicurus supposed that the universe is an arena of randomness and chance, Zeno believed that it is ruled by God, and hence by right reason. Most likely

Zeno invented the very notion of divine providence, and he made it the keystone of his philosophical system. His successors, Cleanthes (331-232 BCE) and Chrysippus (279-206 BCE) followed suit. Like Dr. Pangloss, the eccentric philosopher in Voltaire's "Candide," they believed that "everything happens for the best in the best of all possible worlds," for right reason empowered with omniscience must always do what is best. All Stoics were optimists.

Unfortunately none of the works of the early Stoics has survived. We have only fragments of them, quotations found in other classical works. There is one exception:

the writings of Lucius Annaeus Seneca (1 BCE-CE 65). His essay "On Providence" is essential reading. It is more of a sermon than a philosophical treatise. He preaches fortitude, bearing all things. "Scorn poverty, Scorn pain, Scorn death, Scorn fortune... endure them all with fortitude. In this you outstrip God, for he is exempt from enduring evil, while you are superior to it." This is the core of Stoic philosophy.

Seneca was a member of the Roman imperial court, and was tutor to the notorious emperor Nero (37-68 CE). Nero was a sociopath, and not even the wisdom of Seneca could save him.

The doctrine of divine providence entails that nothing happens by chance, that the course of human events is predetermined. But if all things are predetermined, then human freedom must be an illusion. The Stoics denied this, but in a limited sense. To be sure, we are often victims of blind circumstance, but we have the

power to rise above circumstance, and this power is human freedom. We are free only because we are moral beings, and in this respect only we outstrip even God.

Epicurus too affirmed human freedom, but he took a different route to it. He supposed that the course of events was determined as much by chance as by causal necessity. He imagined freedom to be a sort of spontaneous impulse. The contrast couldn't be greater.

Freedom in an Epicurean sense is the power to do whatever strikes your fancy, to act without reason or understanding, to act on impulse. Stoic freedom is just as spontaneous, but it is rooted in a knowledge of what is right. The philosopher Immanuel Kant (1724-1804 CE) retrieved this notion and framed it in his categorical imperative: "Act only in accordance with that maxim through which you can at the same time will that it become a universal law of nature," which is only a more elaborate version of the golden rule: do unto others as you would have others do unto you. He inferred from this rule that "ought implies can," which is to say, "If you know what you ought to do, then you are able to do it." This is the essence of human freedom according to the Stoics.

I have only touched on one part of Stoic philosophy. As one commentator put it, Stoicism is a complete philosophical system, which has become the framework of our current philosophical curriculum. Nevertheless, I believe I have dealt with the core of the system. It has lost none of its cogency.

Postscript: Anyone interested in Stoicism will find an excellent selection of Stoic writings in "The Stoic Philosophy of Seneca," edited and translated by Moses Hadas, published by Norton. And if you haven't read Voltaire's "Candide," read it now, or better still listen to Leonard Bernstein's rendition of "Candide."



The History of Philosophy by Victor Nuovo professor emeritus of philosophy

Ways of Seeing

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story of two students. One white, the other Black, both hoping to go to UNC. John is white, James is Black. In her long, and detailed dissent, she notes that they both have long histories in North Carolina and want to attend UNC, but John's family history is that he is a legacy student. James's is that he is descended from slaves and is a first-generation student. For seven generations, she notes "John's family was building its knowledge base and wealth potential on the university campus, James's family was enslaved and laboring in North Carolina's fields."

Affirmative action was designed to give James, me and my current and future students the opportunity to access the knowledge that our white counterparts have had access to for centuries. It was designed to allow Native communities that have been ravaged by the violence of settler colonialism, and African Americans who have historically been oppressed and held down by the weight and the damages of chattel slavery, and the Latinos and Asians who have faced horrific exclusionary practices through our immigration system to access higher education so that we might be able to compete for higher level

jobs or hold a few positions of power to make a difference in this country and in the world. It was not designed to give handouts to unqualified candidates.

Affirmative Action was one logical move toward righting so many historical wrongs. Quoting a previous case, Justice Jackson said, "A page of history is worth a volume of logic." The historical reasons for this program clarify why affirmative action must continue. Now that it is gone, I encourage you

to call your representatives and push for legislated programs to revive it. Moreover, I encourage each of you, in your own position of power, to push for diversification in your profession. Finally, I ask you to join me in using privilege for good. And when we do choose to access aspects of another culture's knowledge or heritage, let's do so with respect, appreciation and understanding.

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Obituaries

Barbara Lane, 93, formerly of Middlebury

SHELburnE — Barbara Lane, 93, passed away from heart failure on July 12 at the Arbors in Shelburne, Vt., in the company of her daughters following a long journey through Alzheimer's.

Barbara had a great love for the beauty of Vermont, her flowers, and always first, her family. She had a cheerful spirit and a ready smile for all.

Barbara was born in Holyoke, Mass., on Sept. 7, 1929 to Hazel and Bernard Duffy and was raised in South Hadley, Mass. She graduated from the Western Massachusetts Teaching Hospital in 1950. While studying there, she met and later married, Rawson "Bud" Myrick, her first husband and father of her three daughters.

Barbara and Bud moved to Middlebury, Vt., where Barbara became an ER and surgical nurse at Porter Hospital. Later in her nursing career she became a nurse for the VNA Home Health Agency and made the agencies' first nursing home visit.

Barbara was engaged in her



BARBARA LANE

community. She started the first nursery school in Middlebury in the basement of the Ilesley Library, was an active member of the Congregational Church, and helped raise money for hospice and battered women's services. She enjoyed tennis and golf, but her great gift — and her passion — was art. She was a lifelong member of the Middlebury Arts group and was

an accomplished and well-known watercolorist.

After Barbara's first husband passed away, Barbara married Frank Lane, M.D. He was also an artist, and they enjoyed many years making art and building a new and happy life together before he died in 1991.

Barbara leaves behind her three daughters and their husbands Bethany Myrick, Brenda Myrick (Jim Lienau) and Holly Myrick Svendsen (Bob Svendsen); four grandchildren, Brodie O'Brien, Casey O'Brien, Mariah Baker and Anna Lienau; as well as four great-grandchildren, Emmeline, Eliza, Addison and Thompson. She also leaves behind Stuart Lane and his family. She was predeceased by her son-in-law Tom O'Brien and sister, Eunice Watt.

There will be a gathering of family and friends to celebrate Barbara's life when the leaves begin to turn in the fall.

"Don't let anything take the joy out of your life."

— Barbara Lane ◊

Joseph "Joe" Lord, 73, formerly of Bristol

BEULAH, Colo. — Joseph "Joe" Lord, 73, passed away July 16, 2023, surrounded by loved ones and friends. He was born June 28, 1950, to Joseph and Esther Lord in Concord, N.H.

Joseph was a proud member of the Beulah, Colo., community for the past 20 years. He was very overwhelmed at the outpouring of the community for his retirement celebration from the Beulah post office.

Joseph joined the army after

graduation. Spending six months in the United States Army, he realized his true calling was the United States Air Force. He then spent the next 20 years traveling the world to serve the United States of America. He retired as a Senior Master Sargent (E8).

After serving our country, Jay spent seven years in Bristol Vt., with his mother, sisters and American Legion Family. Joseph was very proud to serve his brothers and sisters in the Legion, spending

countless hours and years helping to serve his fellow veterans.

Joseph moved to Colorado in 2001 to begin a new chapter of life after meeting Julie Boyer online. The couple married in 2003. They renewed their vows and got re-married in the catholic church in 2018. The couple have no kids but have had several pets that they affectionately call their kids. Spending the past twenty years in the Beulah community, they have enjoyed their time with the scenery and wildlife of Beulah Valley.

Joseph is survived by his loving wife, Julia Ann M. Lord (Boyer), and sisters, Virginia (Alton) Tibbles, Elizabeth Wisell, Kathy Tierney and Diana (Luis) Cabrera. He was preceded in death by parents, Joseph and Ester Lord; brother, Edward Lord; and brother-in-law, Bill Wisell.

Any donations in honor of his memory can be made to Combat Warriors/Cow Hill Outfitters or your favorite Veterans' organization. ◊

Seth Andrew Gurvitz, 64, of Middlebury

MIDDLEBURY — Seth Andrew Gurvitz, known to many as radio personality Jim Knight, passed away on July 29, 2023, in Middlebury, Vt., at the age of 64. He was born in Brookline, Mass., and lived in

Brockton, Mass., before attending Lyndon State College.

Seth is survived by his wife, Diane, of Middlebury; brother, Evan; sister-in-law, Lani and nephew Benjamin of Las Vegas,

Nev.; many beloved cousins; and brothers-in-law James and Timothy in Ohio. Seth was preceded in death by his father and mother, Bernard and Alice Gurvitz and brother-in-law Philip Glover.

Terri Lisa (Payne) Metcalf, 60, of Addison

ADDISON — On July 26, 2023, Terri L. (Payne) Metcalf passed away at the age of 60 years young at the UVM Medical Center in Burlington, Vt., due to complications from a Chronic Interstitial Lung Disease. She was surrounded by her children, family members and loved ones during her final moments.

Terri was born at Porter Medical Center, Middlebury, Vt., on Oct. 18, 1962, to Marvin and Jean (Leggett) Payne. She was raised in Bridport and Middlebury, where she graduated from Middlebury Union High School in 1980. During high school she was an active member of the FFA — her love for all living things was apparent from a young age. She was fascinated with learning all she could about any animal, no matter the size. Terri viewed life as something precious and sacred. Her love for community was apparent; she was an active 4-H leader for the Critter-Creek 4-H club of Addison, in which she continued to delegate and help throughout this past year of hospitalization.

Terri lived in Vergennes with Robert Hunt Jr. and oldest three children, Thomas Hunt, Jacqueline Hunt and Krista Hunt, while working at CPC of Middlebury. She moved to Middlebury, where she had two children, Raymond and Jarod Bushey, with Randall Bushey of Middlebury. She then moved to Addison with Neil D. Metcalf, where she completed her dream of having her own small farm.

She was an active member of the school communities and could always be heard on the sidelines cheering for her children. Terri was an employee of Middlebury College for some time before moving on to Charlotte Central School. During her remaining years in the workforce, Terri was employed at Middlebury Union Middle School, where she worked till the day she was sent to the hospital. She loved her job, her co-workers, teachers

TERRI LISA (PAYNE)
METCALF

and students. She was a fierce leader, easy going, and was able to get along with all personalities. Her loyalty, dedication and hard work was a reflection of the person she was.

Terri was an avid Addison County Fair and Field Days participant and 4-H leader. You would religiously find her in the sheep and goat tent tending to her animals, or at the poultry tent tending to all sorts of birds. You could find her working at the Dusty Chuck, the children's barn, 4-H display barn or in some fun competition, like who makes the best baked beans in the county! She loved marching in the parade with a goat or sheep. She worked diligently with her donkeys to prepare them for the cart pulling races at the fair. You could regularly find her at the Champlain Valley Fair and the Tunbridge World Fair and she was ecstatic when someone in her club qualified for Eastern States in Massachusetts.

Terri was a devoted mother, Gammie (grandmother,) sister, friend, co-worker and more. Her children and grandchildren were her world — her greatest achievements. They were her ignition that sparked her to fight for her life until her last breath. Words cannot justify the spunky, energetic,

compassionate, loving human she was. Many within our community will surely miss that brilliant blue-eyed, karaoke- and animal-loving lady.

Terri is predeceased by her husband, Neil D. Metcalf; her parents, Mavin E. Payne and Jean V. (Leggett) Payne; granddaughter Avalyn Jean Hunt; and nephew Evan Payne.

She is survived by her children, Thomas Hunt of Vergennes, Jacqueline Hunt and partner Jonathan Vermette of Chelsea, Krista Hunt and partner Ross Saunders of Bristol, and Raymond and Jarod Bushey of Addison/Middlebury; her grandchildren, Sadie Hunt, Aidyn and Elliot Hunt-Vermette and Declan Saunders; her sisters, Sharlena Payne of Cornwall and Traci Payne of Bridport; her brother, Kevin Payne and wife Lisa of Shoreham; her former husbands, Robert E. Hunt Jr. of Bridport and Randall R. Bushey of Middlebury; her uncle, Gary Payne and wife Christine of Bridport; her nieces, Apache J. Trudeau and husband Darcey and their children Alana and Thatcher; Mara Payne; Amanda Carpenter and husband David and their son Damien; nephews Maverick Payne, Dana Bent and his son Jackson, Christopher Payne, David Payne, Tyler Ballard and Tyler Malloy; as well as several aunts, uncles, cousins and loved ones.

A Memorial for Terri Metcalf will be held on Aug. 19, at 3 p.m., at the Middlebury United Methodist Church, 43 North Pleasant St., Middlebury, led by Rev. Stephen Payne, followed directly by a celebration of life at the Middlebury VFW, 530 Exchange St., Middlebury.

Donations in her name can be made to the Addison County 4-H Foundation at 23 Pond Lane, Suite 300 Middlebury, Vt., 05753 or the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation: 230 East Ohio Street, Suite 500 Chicago, Ill., 60611. ◊

Margaret A. (Byington) Bouvier, 91, of Bristol

BRISTOL — Margaret A. (Byington) Bouvier passed away, Friday, Aug. 4, 2023, just two months shy of her 92nd birthday. She was the daughter of Stanley Alfred and Katherine Augusta (Ross) Byington.

In high school, Maggie played basketball and worked on the high school yearbook, The Dear Leap, with her brother Stanley. She attended the Green Mountain Girls State in 1949, and she earned The National Society of The Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizenship Award, on June 13, 1950.

She married Lloyd George "Gus" Bouvier on June 15, 1957, and they resided in Bristol. They had two daughters, Katherine Bouvier (David) LaFleche and Mary K (Raymond) Wright.

Her early career was with the Van Raalte Company and then Simmonds Precision, now United Technology in Vergennes. While employed at Simmonds, she was asked to emcee their Holiday Party for several years. She had an outgoing personality and loved to tell jokes. When they put a "carpool" van into rotation, she was one of several drivers getting employees safely to and from

MARGARET A. (BYINGTON)
BOUVIER

work. She read voraciously and was a regular at the Lawrence Memorial Library.

Maggie was a stalwart Boston Red Sox fan and loved to talk about them with anyone who would entertain the conversation.

She was a two-time breast cancer survivor who never let it get her down. "Better days are coming" she would say. In her later years, she resided at Helen Porter Rehabilitation & Nursing, where she was well loved by all who knew her. She looked forward to

Bingo and having volunteers and residents partner up for bridge.

She is survived by her two daughters and their spouses; grandchildren, Brian, Jaime, Kory, Jennifer and Amy, Sarah (Chris), and David Jr. (Meredith). Several great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews and her sister-in-law Carol Byington also survive her.

She was predeceased by her parents; her husband, Gus; her brother, Gerald Byington; sister, Alice Lauritsen; and brother, Stanley Byington.

Visiting hours will be held on Thursday, Aug. 10, from 6 to 9 p.m. at Brown-McClay Funeral Home in Bristol. A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 11, at Mt. St. Joseph Cemetery in Bristol.

In lieu of flowers please make a donation in Maggie's name to Helen Porter Rehabilitation & Nursing, Activities Dept, c/o Nancy Durham, 30 Porter Drive, Middlebury, Vt., 05753, or Homeward Bound, 236 Boardman Street, Middlebury, Vt., 05753.

To send online condolences to her family, please visit www.brownmccclayfuneralhomes.com. ◊

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Rev. Christina Jane Del Piero, 65, of Cornwall

CORNWALL — The Reverend Christina Jane Del Piero of Cornwall, Vt., died on July 17, 2023, age 65, following a brief illness.

The eldest child of Mary Mossman Del Piero and Raúl Del Piero, Christina was born in Berkeley, Calif., into a life of global exploration and awareness, which she passionately pursued in physical, intellectual and spiritual planes. Christina was a soul who raised the consciousness of everyone she met and enriched us to be more than we were previously.

Of radiant smile, generous, enthusiastic, sensitive, joyous, passionate, courageous, kind, authentic, intuitive, Christina was always open to growing and learning new things, and she sought to share what she learned with everyone. She was an artist at heart, her medium being the written word, and was fueled by music, dance, theater and art. Christina was passionate about expressing herself in the most authentic way that she was able. When necessary, she had a relentless capacity to face pain, fear, grief and anger in herself and in others, which made her an extraordinary minister and friend. She knew how precious a life was and honored it in as many ways as possible.

Following her early years in Berkeley, Ellensburg, Wash., and Atlanta, Ga., Christina and her family made Vermont their lasting home. She graduated from Middlebury Union High School in 1975. In the course of her high school years, she was also a student of Spanish at Middlebury College's summer language school. Christina pursued her undergraduate degree in Spanish literature at Bryn Mawr, graduating in 1979. The 1980s



REV. CHRISTINA JANE DEL PIERO

brought travel and further studies in Argentine literature and arts at Universidad Nacional De Córdoba, as well as a degree in Practical Theology and Arts & Worship from Union Theological Seminary in New York in 1984. More time abroad in Brazil forged yet new friendships and gave Christina a proficiency in Portuguese in addition to her English and Spanish fluency.

Imbued with a fierce intellectual curiosity, a keen empathy for people of every walk of life, and an unapologetic willingness to call a circumstance exactly as she perceived it, Christina embarked on a life of ministry in the United Church of Christ. She led congregations in rural, suburban and inner-city churches throughout the Northeast, caring for their members and in turn gaining the love of many of them. As in any conversation with her, Christina's sermons nudged, urged and occasionally demanded that others reassess their own prejudices. But, far from summoning any imagery

of brimstone, Christina relied on peaceful symbols from the natural world, from art, literature, poetry, music, foreign lands and languages and their various religions to deconstruct society's questionable stances and reframe them stronger, clearer, more noble and more just.

Christina saw holiness everywhere. So full of life, and of love of life, she called our attention to holiness even where others may miss its presence.

Christina was more than a pastor by vocation; she was also a pastor by nature. She loved introducing everyone to the sacred universe around us, with the innocence of a child pleading to world-weary companions "look, look — look at this!" She particularly saw the divine in people, and so often in the most invisible and forgotten of people. Away from the church and away from the everyday bustle of society, her table set with homemade soup, salad and bread together with flowers from her garden was often the setting over which a rich exchange of these ideas was enjoyed.

Predeceased by her parents, Christina is survived by her brother David, her brother Paul, her niece Abigail, her nephews Will and Andrew, her cousins and their families.

She delighted in news of her family's triumphs and despaired of their challenges.

Donations in Christina's memory may be made to any worthy cause pursuing peace, justice and community.

A memorial gathering in her honor is planned for early summer 2024 in Vermont. Condolences can be placed at www.gregorycremation.com/obituaries/Christina-Del-Piero?obid=28639149.



TERRANCE EVARTS

Terrance Evarts celebration of life

WALTHAM — The family of Terrance Evarts invites you to join in a celebration of his life on Sept. 17 from 2 to 4 p.m. at Tourterelle Restaurant & Inn, 3629 Ethan Allen Hwy, New Haven. Please bring your fondest and funniest memories of our dad, who went to ride that great John Deere in the sky on June 7, 2023. If you would like a photo to be included in the memorial service, please email it to tmevartsmemorial@gmail.com before Sept. 10.

ADDISON COUNTY

School Briefs

CASTLETON — The following local students recently graduated from Castleton University and were recognized during the 236th commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 13:

Addison: Justin Connor, B.A., History.

Brandon: Molly Fisher, B.S., cum laude, Nursing; Timothy Kittler, B.S., magna cum laude, Biology; Julia Lee, B.S., cum laude, Nursing; and Miranda Stoutes, B.S., summa cum laude, Nursing.

Bridport: Mikayla Robinson, B.S., magna cum laude, Nursing.

Bristol: Jessalyn Murray, B.A., summa cum laude, Multidisciplinary Studies; Molly Murray, B.A., summa cum laude, Multidisciplinary Studies; Richmond Rathbun, B.A., Graphic Design, Media & Communication; and Marah Orvis, B.S.W., Social Work.

Cornwall: Brian Paquette, B.S. Nursing.

Middlebury: Lacey Greenamyre, B.S., Exercise & Sport Science; and Walker Whittemore, B.S., Nursing.

Whiting: Brandi Leno, B.S., cum laude, Nursing; and Jocelyn Noble, B.A., summa cum laude, Music Education.

Falcons done nesting

Cliffs again open to hikers and climbers

ADDISON COUNTY — Hikers and rock climbers can return to Vermont cliffs now that peregrine falcon nesting season has ended. The Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department has confirmed that all the young falcons have learned to fly and should not be disturbed by human presence on the cliffs.

"The young peregrines have fledged, and nesting data suggest many of Vermont's falcons had a successful year," said Vermont Fish and Wildlife's nongame bird biologist Jillian Kilborn. "The

falcon's nesting success is due to a combination of factors, including good weather early in the nesting season and cooperation from hikers and rock climbers who observe a respectful distance from nesting falcons during this critical period."

According to Audubon biologist Margaret Fowle, who coordinates the monitoring effort on behalf of the Fish and Wildlife Department, biologists and volunteers monitored peregrine pairs that occupied at least 50 Vermont cliffs in early spring and summer.

Volunteers teach hunting skills

VERMONT — If you or someone you know would like to go hunting this fall but have never taken a hunter education course, this is the time to act. Vermont's volunteer hunter education instructors are now holding a limited number of courses throughout the state.

A person must pass the basic hunter education course before they can purchase their first hunting license.

Most of these courses are held in August and September and are taught by volunteer instructors passionate about hunting.

Courses are available in basic hunter education, bowhunter education, trapper education, and

combination hunter-bowhunter education.

Beginning on Sept. 1, you must be 18 years old to take the online hunter or bowhunter education courses."

Courses will be listed as they become available on Vermont Fish and Wildlife's website www.vtfishandwildlife.com. On the Home page, click on Hunt and then Hunter Education and Find the Right Class for You. To register for a course, go to this link: <https://www.registered.com/programs/vermont>

A Vermont hunter education card entitles you to hunt in all 50 states, as well as some international locations.

Dead Creek hunt lottery to open

Waterfowl permit drawing set for Sept. 1

ADDISON — The Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department now has information on its website about the 2023 controlled waterfowl hunts at Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area in Addison.

Controlled goose hunting at Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area will be by lottery drawing with hunting zones assigned at the time of the permit drawing. Any vacancies due to "no-shows" on hunting days will be filled on the morning of the hunt with a self-check-in process. Standby permits will be available at the Dead Creek check-in kiosk.

Friday, Oct. 20, is junior hunter day at Dead Creek. Only hunters 17 years of age or younger on Oct. 20 may self-register. Junior hunters must have an adult present, and one additional guest is allowed for a total of three in the party.

A drawing to award hunting permits will be held Friday, Sept.

1, at noon at the Fish and Wildlife Department office at 111 West Street, Essex Junction. Attendance is not required. Successful applicants will be notified by mail.

Duck season opens on Oct. 7 in the Lake Champlain and Interior Vermont Zones. The Lake Champlain Zone has a split season: Oct. 7-11; Nov. 4-Dec. 28.

A statewide early hunting season to control Vermont's population of resident Canada geese will occur Sept. 1-25. A second Canada goose hunting season will be held Oct. 14-Nov. 27 in the Lake Champlain and Interior Vermont Zones.

Snow goose hunting is open from Oct. 1-Dec. 31 in the Lake Champlain and Interior Vermont Zones.

Be sure to read the 2022-2023 Syllabus of State and Federal Hunting Regulations for Migratory Birds available on Fish and Wildlife's website.

Said

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sure, I went to the Afghan scholars at Middlebury because we read Said together.

"Yes, do it," was the resounding response. I listened and, in my mind, established a throughline from Kigali to Middlebury.

Two of Said's ideas grabbed the students: "Against the large, impersonal setting, exile cannot be made to serve notions of humanism. On the twentieth-century scale, exile is neither aesthetically nor humanistically comprehensible..." and "...that exile is irremediably secular and unbearably historical; that it is produced by human beings for other human beings; and that, like death but without death's ultimate mercy, it has torn millions of people from the nourishment of tradition, family, and geography."

The students took "humanistically comprehensible" and coupled it to "unbearably historical," and the nature of exile — humans acting on humans — and agreed that sometimes it feels as if death is a better answer. They expressed how the West tends to view them as somehow fortunate for having "escaped," which is far from the truth. They felt that reading Said was as if they were speaking to themselves in front of a mirror, a profound confession; and, that exile leaves behind an empty heart.

I had to really sit with this, the notion that students had to also deal with ongoing heart-felt pain. Could a U.S. student identify with this sentiment? Would this be Afghans teaching U.S. students, much as Cornel West says about Black Americans teaching White Americans, as described in Race Matters?

Who has responsibility for this, since in Afghanistan's case, U.S. hands are far from clean?

If education is about hope, how then do teachers expose a student's heart, and really see it, which is what a teacher must do? How do we reach matters of the heart when teaching? This question is true for any subject, any discipline. From Race Matters to Heart Matters.

These ideas — loss of heart, and loss of hope — affect all marginalized students, a shadow that weighs heavily in a classroom, evident if we look.

Students felt that Said's idea that exile is like death was appropriate, and agreed that in death there is finality, but there's no finality in exile — not unless conditions improve, and a young student can return to her homeland. The only antidote for exile is returning to the scene of the crime, the

place where displacement began. Geopolitically we have set up structures hostile to reconciliation.

This too gave me pause: A solitary student's monumental effort to understand and transgress the barbarism of exile forced upon her body, trying to break free, and at the very least transcend, knows full well "ultimate mercy" will come from her own doing — no one else can do this. No one else will help.

Students also felt that strength depends on whether hardships are faced with smiles, which build resilience, slowly, from experience; that exile helps a person mature rather quickly to life's ups and downs — and to the vagueness of a future yet to come unexpectedly. This, students said, is the true future: that which you don't see coming. Plans easily dissolve.

Loneliness and resolve define students' voices at Middlebury and Kigali — as is dreaming of better days, a throughline. Alienation and desolation pave their way.

Said says that "Exiles feel...an urgent need to reconstitute their broken lives, usually by choosing to see themselves as part of a triumphant ideology or a restored people." These students are these words, and it's not lost on them that they're in Rwanda, a place reconciling a barbaric genocide that occurred between April 7 and July 15, 1994, where scholarly estimates say that around 500,000 to 662,000 Tutsi were brutally murdered; a place now welcoming refugees from many countries — Congolese make up 60.43% of the total refugee population in Rwanda while Burundians are 39.15%. Refugees are included in different initiatives including social-economic inclusion strategies, education, and health

— unlike in the United States, where immigration begins by rejecting and creative engagement is completely lost.

How can Rwanda, slightly smaller than Delaware, take in refugees and exiles and include them in their economy, while the United States works totally in the opposite direction? A tragic irony. A place that has experienced such horror is a welcoming place, safe — this is evident everywhere in Rwanda; there is space here to begin the slow, arduous move towards reconciliation. It's a psychological, emotional, and spiritual accord with injured histories, Afghanistan's and Rwanda's, Congolese and Burundian, at first blush strange and surreal, but a second look reveals an unbinding harmony that has traveled over time always transcending inhumanity.

Author's note: The full text of "Reflections on Exile" can be found here:

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Addison County Home Health and Hospice is hosting Grief Support Groups beginning on Sept. 20th continuing for eight weeks on Wednesdays until Nov. 8th.

These meetings will be held in person at the beautiful Champlain Valley Unitarian Universalist Society located at 2 Duane Court in Middlebury from 3:00pm-4:30pm.

We welcome all community members whether or not they or a loved one have had care from us in the past. Thanks to generous donors, the groups are being offered free of charge.

Rev. Stephen Payne, ACHHH Chaplain and Stephanie Corliss, LICSW, will lead the groups.

Healthy snacks and coffee will be provided.

Please call the ACHHH office at 388-7259 to complete a brief screening process and to sign up.

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Flooding

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emergency management officer.

The massive storm left portions of Court, Seymour and many other streets submerged under several feet of water.

"It was just a matter of once the rain stopped, the pipes were able to carry the water out and the (pooling water) receded," said Bill Kernan, director of Middlebury Public Works Operations.

Middlebury officials acknowledged the hardships created by Thursday's storm, but noted the story could have been much worse.

"We're lucky that the Otter Creek had at least receded to the point it had, once this (storm) hit," Kernan said.

The storms didn't even spare the town's first responders.

Rainwater permeated the Middlebury Police Department headquarters at 1 Lucius Shaw Lane, forcing officers and dispatchers to temporarily relocate. At one point, the water in the building was four inches deep.

"Our dispatchers were here last night with their pants rolled up, with bare feet," Hanley said on Friday morning, adding the station's community room "is a mess."

Things had improved by Friday morning, with fans and heaters working overtime to dry things out. Police are now inspecting damage.

The impacts of the Aug. 3-4 storm were still being felt this week.

Some parts of Middlebury — mostly notably along the Route 116 corridor — remained under a boil water order. A major culvert near Dow Pond on 116 was destroyed, triggering the boil water order for residents north from Jehovah's Witness Church, Butternut Ridge, Mead Lane and Lindale Trailer Park. The town continues to offer free water to affected residents at the Middlebury police department.

On Monday morning a large bay of the Middlebury Police Department garage was filled with

stacks and stacks of six-packs of cans bearing the large inscription "WATER"; they also advertised the Anheuser-Busch name. Workers were giving out trays with four six-packs each. Chief Tom Hanley said each tray was about a gallon of water.

Anna Cousineau, who lives on Case Street, stopped at the station to get three trays of water. She said she and her partner bought three gallons of water when the boil-order went into place, but it was already all gone.

"I don't realize how much I just go to the sink and turn it on for a little bit" to rinse dishes and brush teeth, she said. She has tied a string to the faucet to remind her and her partner not to drink the water straight from the tap.

The boil water order is unlikely to be lifted until the Dow Pond culvert is replaced, as both the culvert and water line replacement projects are being coordinated simultaneously by the Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTrans), Cherington noted. She reported on Wednesday that VTrans might have located an appropriately sized replacement culvert in New York state. But if that culvert won't work, it's likely a new one will have to be poured, meaning installation would be a month away, according to Cherington.

If there's a silver lining, it's that Middlebury had been sizing that culvert up for replacement anyway, so a project (that was supposed to go out to bid in January) is already designed.

Along with wastewater and Route 116 culvert repairs, Middlebury is looking at major fixes in numerous areas, including on Painter, Happy Valley, Halpin and Three Mile

Bridge roads. It's a list that could get longer, Cherington warned.

"We have a lot of road and culvert damage, sinkholes, and two landslides that have since been stabilized," she said. "The concern is there may be failures that aren't visible on the surface yet and it might take another rain event for them to appear. We are actively inspecting structures, all of our catch basins, stormwater and sewer manholes, to see if there are any compromised structures that we're unaware of. Pavement can 'float' for quite a while... It can appear stable when there's not actual material supporting it."

Police officer Ethan Jones waded into the flood pool under the railroad underpass near the intersection of Elm and Seymour streets, and smashed one of the car's windows to free the driver.

FEMA HOMEOWNER HELP?

While Middlebury is well-positioned for FEMA's Public Assistance Program, the town (and all of Addison County) had yet to qualify for the agency's Individual Assistance Program. This would extend federal aid to property owners who've sustained flood damage to basements, homes, washed-out driveways and eroded lawns. The program helps pay for disaster-caused expenses not covered by insurance or other sources.

Some folks residing in East Middlebury — particularly those residing near the Middlebury River — have logged extensive, flood damage to their homes and/or backyards.

The *Independent* reported this last Thursday that property owners along East Main Street were still dealing with washouts, basement flooding, damage to homes and other fallout from last month's storms.

The Aug. 3-4 rain event added insult to injury and spread the pain to other parts of town.

"We had more erosion on our side of the river," resident Doug Anderson said. "The river easily got to the high level we've seen in recent weeks, if not higher. We slept last night to the sound of boulders crashing into each other, a sure sign that the river is raging at dangerous levels."

Major private property damage wasn't limited to East Middlebury, however.

The rain was just starting to come down at around 6 p.m. on Aug. 3 when Cera Hurley was walking her two dogs around her yard at 83 Court St., across the street from the former Maverick service station and Middlebury Union High School.

She noted that the tiny Barnes Brook near her house was beginning to pick up steam, to the extent it was overflowing onto her lawn.

"I decided to go into the basement to unplug my dehumidifier, so it doesn't get ruined," she recalled. "As I was doing that, the water broke through the bulkhead and started pouring into the basement."

Hurley got even more nervous when the water crept up to within an inch of the electric circuit breaker box in her basement. She called Green Mountain Power and asked for her power to be shut off.

Water climbed past the breaker box and quickly overwhelmed her basement before making its way into the first floor of the house, climbing the first three steps toward the second floor.

Meanwhile, outside, waves of pooling water had ripped off her front porch and had virtually covered both vehicles parked in Hurley's driveway — hers, and that of her 16-year-old daughter.

Mom, daughter and pups at first huddled inside a second-floor bedroom, but wisely gave in to Mother Nature. Hurley is grateful to a Middlebury friend, Beth Stanway, who had enough space to take in an extra family — as well as a stranded Lincoln resident — Thursday night.

"Someone else had told (Stanway) it was flooding in our area, and she checked on us. After waiting for the water to go down a little, she picked us up," Hurley (See *Bristol*, Page 9A)

Ferrisburgh sees more speeding

By ANDY KIRKALDY

FERRISBURGH — Two locations in Ferrisburgh apparently are seeing a lot more speeders lately. One is roughly 2.5 miles of Route 7 running north from the town's fire station, and the other a bendy, smaller stretch of Basin Harbor Road along Otter Creek that runs through River's Edge Cottages & RV Park that is also a popular fishing area.

About 20 residents came to the Aug. 1 Ferrisburgh selectboard meeting to talk to the selectboard about that portion of Route 7, according to Board Chair Clark Hinsdale.

Hinsdale said speed was not the only issue on the table: Some also complained about poor roadside maintenance impairing their view when they try to pull out onto the state highway.

"We heard testimony about people where their sight distances coming out of their driveways or private roads is poor, and where residents feel like the state's management of the vegetation and the earth has reduced their visibility," Hinsdale said.

Another issue raised was that some areas marked as passing zones didn't allow enough room or visibility to safely do so. Hinsdale said several mentioned the dip in the highway where it crossed over Lewis Creek just north of the Dakin Farm store as an example.

"There are some highway design issues that could be low-hanging fruit to make some improvements," he said.

Hinsdale said the board will lobby the Agency of Transportation — hopefully with help from Rep. Diane Lanpher, D-Vergennes, an ex officio member of the Joint Transportation Oversight Committee — about those Route 7 speed limits and road improvements.

Hinsdale said a public hearing in Ferrisburgh including VTrans

officials is not out of the question. Board member and former Vermont State Police officer Chris Campbell will also speak with the New Haven barracks leadership about speed enforcement.

The Basin Harbor Road issue is one the town has dealt with before, and has more authority to act on directly than it does on a state highway.

It was brought to the board's attention by River's Edge General Manager Dianne Jackson, who asked for more Addison County Sheriff's Department enforcement due to speeding along a windy stretch with a good amount of pedestrian traffic.

"Traffic goes by here very fast around 7 a.m. — and then later in the afternoon into the evening," Jackson wrote in an email. "It's very dangerous to try to cross the road, even with the crosswalk (which the majority of cars will not stop for)."

The town installed that crosswalk in response to earlier complaints, Hinsdale said, and moving — or upgrading — its identifying sign is on the board's radar, as well as adding patrols.

The sign is now 75 feet away from the crosswalk and could be placed nearer or next to the crosswalk, he said. There is also "some talk of a blinking yellow light, just something to get people's attention," he added.

Hinsdale has asked Campbell and Road Foreman John Bull to evaluate options, adding it was not only the business and its customers the board was concerned about.

Many people fish that stretch of Otter Creek right near the roadside, and some bring their children along with them, he noted. Hinsdale asked for drivers' cooperation.

"Because of the amount of fishing that goes on along that road, you would think people would slow down," he said.

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Farmers

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While longer growing seasons can provide some benefits for farmers, Faulkner noted that warmer spring temperatures are likely why a mid-May frost decimated so much fruit in Vermont this spring.

“(We have) this kind of warmer weather in the spring and development of the tree fruits and then we still have a frost that is maybe not that late when we look at a historical perspective but is so damaging because we had an earlier warmer period prior to that late frost,” he explained. “It was very uncommon to have that damage from a late frost and this is just something to be expected and that will be more common in the future, especially as we transition from climate normals to climate uncertainties.”

Shelburne Vineyard, which owns and operates Lincoln Peak Vineyard in New Haven, was among the Vermont vineyards hit hard by the late spring frost. The vineyard experienced a 50% loss in its grape crops after the freeze, and in New Haven, some grape varieties suffered a 95% loss.

Shelburne Vineyards Tasting Room Manager Kate Cartwright said her business hasn’t made any decisions about future growing seasons but has discussed ways to protect its grape crops during future frosts.

“There were some initial conversations right after the initial freeze in terms of infrastructure we could invest in in future years, such as fans we could set up during a freeze,” she told the *Independent*.

Such fans are used on citrus groves and other farms throughout the country to protect crops during frosts. The large wind machines pull rising warm air in and push it down into growing fields, raising temperatures near the crops enough to save vulnerable blossoms.

Faulkner said such infrastructure could help Vermont farmers during a cold snap but comes at a cost.

“The trouble is that measures like that are fairly costly and are employed on larger citrus groves. Many of our orchards are on the smaller or medium scale so that would represent a large expense for our orchards,” he said.

Ferrisburgh’s Woodman Hill Orchard was also significantly affected by the mid-May frost, which destroyed around 80% of its three-acre apple crop. Co-owner Rob Rogers said the orchard has found the UVM Extension Program to be helpful in navigating ways to protect its crops from future frosts and other severe weather.

“Things like irrigation and drainage systems, air movement systems (picture a gigantic fan), and hail netting are employed by some growers, but mostly larger operations. These types of things can be cost prohibitive for little orchards like ours,” he said. “We have some great local resources though, such as the UVM Extension program, who provide us with the best possible advice, whatever Mother Nature brings. We appreciate these folks for offering sound advice for growers of all sizes and means.”

INCREASED RAINFALL

Heavy rainfall this summer damaged crops on farms throughout the state during peak growing season.



HEAVY STORMS LAST month damaged flower fields, driveways and a water diversion system at Lower Notch Berry Farm in Bristol. Growers throughout the county are exploring ways to protect their crops from similar deluges and other severe weather events during future growing seasons.

Photo courtesy of Olivia Glascoe

The U.S. Global Change Research Program reports that heavy precipitation events have increased in frequency and intensity since 1901, with the largest increases occurring in the northeastern United States. That trend is expected to continue.

“We should expect more annual rainfall, more annual precipitation as we move forward with climate change and it’s really a matter of what time of year we get that rainfall,” Faulkner said. “Some years that occurs in the winter and spring, this year it looks like it hit us in the summer, which is why it caused such widespread damage for farmers.”

In Bristol, Lower Notch Berry Farm was forced to close during peak season when storms on July 11 flooded the farm’s fields. Its berry bushes held up with minimal damage, though the flooding destroyed an acre of brand new annual flower fields and badly damaged driveways and a water diversion system on the property.

Lower Notch Berry Farm owners Olivia Glascoe and Matt Bryan were able to install a new water diversion at the farm, and Glascoe said the pair are contemplating additional ways to protect crops.

“We’re going to look to grow in our highlands out back. We have a higher elevation field out back that doesn’t seem to be impacted by these floods, so we’ll move our flowers out there next year,” she said. “If we do plant in the lowlands, we would put in some perennial fruit to help with flood resilience.”

Faulkner noted that there are several other ways farmers can prepare for future flooding events, starting with water management. Implementing management systems like tile drainage can help remove excess water from sub-surface soil in fields.

He added that the use of high tunnels can help smaller farms shield their crops from extreme rainfall. The hoop-like structures protect crops from drowning and diseases, which wet soil conditions can encourage.

Abigail Augarten, agronomy specialist for the UVM Extension’s Middlebury office, said improving soil health can also help farms

prepare for future storms.

“Building soil health through practices like reduced tillage and cover cropping can improve infiltration and drainage to make fields more climate resilient. However, even great gains in soil health won’t protect against extreme flooding events,” she said.

AVAILABLE RESOURCES

Though flood watch alerts have been the norm this summer, droughts could present another obstacle for farmers to wrestle with in future growing seasons. Climate projections suggest that growing season temperatures and the incidence of drought will increase in the decades ahead.

“No one is thinking about drought right now, but we’ve seen more and more interest from farmers in trying to plan for irrigation systems, especially for vegetables and fruit growers, to shield from the effects of climate change in the summertime,” Faulkner said. “No one is discussing those right now because it’s terribly wet, but that’s a big one.”

With the potential for future droughts and deluges in mind, Faulkner said there are a variety of state and federal programs and financial assistance available to farmers looking to implement climate resilient practices on their farms.

To get started, he recommends growers explore the Agency of Agriculture, Food & Markets website or reach out to their local Farm Services Agency office or conservation personnel to learn more about available programs.

In addition to improving farms’ resilience, Faulkner noted that adopting a similar mindset will be an important part of the work ahead.

“There are practices that farmers can adopt to become more resilient but really there’s a tremendous amount of financial and mental stress that comes with climate change. I think it’s important that we kind of approach climate change with a resilient mindset. Farmers, they are some of the most resilient people to start with,” he said. “There’s going to be challenges and obstacles but farmers, they are typically always up for the challenge.”

Bristol

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At this point, Hurley unfortunately has no backup plan for housing. She’s arranged to have her basement pumped and will then assess the damage before launching a repair plan.

“We don’t have (functioning) cars or a place to stay. Most of my friends live over the mountain in Rochester (Vt.) and Stockbridge,” she said. “And some of those roads are closed off right now due to flooding and mudslides.”

POWER OUTAGES, RESCUES

The heavy rain and numerous lightning strikes resulted in power outages around Addison County that Friday, particularly in Middlebury. The largest outage came around 8 p.m. when damage to some Green Mountain Power Equipment in East Middlebury resulted in at least 1,200 GMP customers being cut from electricity. The power company said if affected customers in Middlebury, East Middlebury, Salisbury, Ripton and Hancock.

Power was restored in a few hours.

Elsewhere, Route 7 was partially closed in Ferrisburgh; Route 125 in Hancock was closed between Route 100 and Tucker Brook Road, due to a bridge abutment washout.

In Ripton, Route 125 was down to one lane of traffic in two spots due to a mudslide into the road — near the Middlebury town line and also between Maiden Lane and Frost Road.

Chief Hanley said local police and firefighters received numerous reports of flooded basements and washed-out driveways Thursday evening. But emergency responders were in no position to help residents troubleshoot such problems; they

were out doing rescues and welfare checks on folks known to be residing in flooded areas.

Middlebury police heroically effected two rescues of people trapped in mostly submerged vehicles on Seymour Street and Three Mile Bridge Road. Officer Ethan Jones retrieved the driver of a vehicle that was almost submerged in a mini reservoir that had materialized underneath the rail overpass near the intersection of Elm and Seymour streets. Jones waded into the flood pool and smashed one of the car’s windows to free the driver, according to Hanley.

The massive water basin at Elm/Seymour temporarily cut off access to the also-flooded Marble Works complex and nearby rail platform. It was an otherworldly sight to those who witnessed it.

The town of Middlebury last week asked Gov. Scott to issue an emergency declaration for Middlebury. But Scott is trying to accommodate the town in another way, according to his spokesman Jason Maulucci.

“We continue to make the case to FEMA that all these events should be viewed as the same incident and fall under the original declaration,” he told the *Independent*. “However, we are also running on a parallel path if that does not work. State Emergency Operations officials continue to work with municipal officials to calculate damage and see if it meets the threshold for a separate declaration request if needed.”

BRISTOL & LINCOLN RAINS

Even as Middlebury cleans up, other parts of Addison County are still battling the rain.

Lincoln and Bristol on Wednesday were working to clean up damage caused by recent storms, following heavy rains that hit the two towns

on Tuesday. Town officials in Lincoln were still assessing the damage on Wednesday morning, though Town Clerk Sally Ober told the *Independent* that initial reports included damage to newer paving on Quaker Street and flooding in parts of the village.

“We had quite a bit of flooding in the village last night and quite a few people, including the general store, had flooding in their basement, due to a backed up culvert,” she said.

The Lincoln Library’s driveway was also damaged by the storm and had a river running through it, which had receded by Wednesday morning. Ober added that many places in town were passable but had sustained damage.

“I was here kind of at the height of it last night, and the New Haven River did not seem to jump its banks in the village, but I would not be surprised if it jumped its banks further down,” she said. “It feels like Lincoln finally had our turn with the excessive water that we couldn’t really avoid.”

Tuesday’s storms also affected roadways in Bristol, overwhelming a culvert on Lower Notch Road, according to Bristol Town Administrator Valerie Capels.

“The volume of water overtook the culvert and washed out sections of the road again. The road remains closed,” Capels wrote in an email on Wednesday. “Public Works Foreman Eric Cota was able to secure a new 40-foot long, 3-foot culvert to replace the existing 2-foot culvert. It is expected to be delivered and installed (Thursday).”

Capels added that the road will remain closed until the installation is complete, and that another culvert on Lower Notch Road is expected to be upgraded along with the installation of a new 2-foot cross-culvert, both at a later date.

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Additional reporting by Marin Howell and John S. McCright.

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Niche club at fair unites button enthusiasts across Vermont

By SOPHIA AFSAR-KESHMIRI

NEW HAVEN — On Tuesday, Verd Mont Button Club member Sheri Ross, 73, enthusiastically showed off a collection of small, big and beautiful buttons displayed on pillows that the Verd Mont Button Club stand in the Home and Garden Barn at this year's Addison County Fair & Field Days.

Button collectors and enthusiasts from across the state have been connecting through the club, which has been dedicated to the niche hobby since 1979.

From March to November, members gather monthly to compare notes — and of course

buttons. “The Verd Mont Button Club was founded ... in order to bring into a relation of mutual helpfulness and cooperation, organizations and persons who pursue the hobby of collecting buttons, to promote educational exhibitions, to encourage research, to publish and disseminate information among its members, and to preserve for the future generations all that is beautiful and historical in buttons,” explains a club pamphlet. Things can even get competitive. “Club members participate in national and regional button

shows and conventions sponsored by the Northeast Regional Button Association and the National Button Society,” the pamphlet reads.

Ross, who still has a hint of a Southern accent, said she began collecting when she was 19 years old.

“I just went to the flea market in Nashville a lot and yard sales. I went to auctions every Saturday with my mom. And I just loved them,” she said.

Ross pointed out pillows festooned with two types of “realistic” glass buttons, of which she said her personal favorite resembles the same creature printed all across her shirt — frogs.

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— Sheri Ross



VERD MONT BUTTON Club members Sheri Ross, left, and Lynn Bladgen staff the club's table at Addison County Fair and Field Days on Tuesday, where they shared their interesting hobby with fairgoers. Independent photo/Sophia Afsar-Keshmiri

Art exhibition offers surprises

By AMELIA SEEPERSAUD

NEW HAVEN — The Home and Garden Building on the Addison County fairgrounds currently exhibits 203 pieces of art submitted by folks from “all around the county and beyond,” as Handicrafts Superintendent Lee Greenwalt describes it.

Each year, the day before the fair opens, a contest is hosted in which exhibitors can come with their handicrafts, which are then judged and may be selected for a wide array of ribbons and prizes. Then, the exhibits are displayed for Field Days fairgoers to observe and enjoy.

This year the fair accepted entries from 69 exhibitors, 19 of them being youth exhibitors (5-18) and four being golden years exhibitors (80+).

“The most interesting thing for me,” Greenwalt said, “is seeing how innovative people are. People have just wild ideas and new crafts. Every year I see something new here. People put their heart and soul into it and they love getting their ribbons and prizes.”

This year you can swing by the Home and Garden Building to see a wide variety of eclectic crafts, from hexagonal hats, to bouquets made of buttons, to elaborate dollhouses and more.



HANDCRAFTS SUPERINTENDENT LEE Greenwalt describes some of the Addison County-made art on display in the Home and Garden Building on the fairgrounds this week. Independent photo/Amelia Seepersaud



VIVIEN SORCE OF Hinesburg weaves on the barn frame loom in the Antique Equipment Building at the Addison County Fair & Field Days on Tuesday. An ambitious group of weavers expect to finish the 8 feet of warp by the end of the week. Independent photo/Amelia Seepersaud

Antique loom carrying on a tradition

By AMELIA SEEPERSAUD

NEW HAVEN — The Antique Equipment Building at the Addison County Fair & Field Days fairgrounds is currently home to a wide range of antique farming and household equipment.

They have on display an array of farming tools, a skein winder, a buggy jack, a 1920s stove and more. Some of the equipment dates back to the 19th century.

Occupying a central spot in the room is a large barn frame loom dated to the 1870s.

“Every year we make a warp (a set of yarns stretched in place on a loom), we bring it here, and we dress

the loom and a variety of people weave on it, and that's part of the excitement,” said crafter Lausanne Allen.

“We made that in April,” she continued. “It's eight yards long and we hope to finish weaving it this week.”

“We will,” volunteer Candace Polzella piped in.

Polzella talked about the new additions they have to the building's equipment this year.

“What we're doing different this year is we have these two spinning wheels that have been donated,” she said.

As they spoke, they were in the process of wrapping cotton threads around the wheel's bobbin (the part of the spinning wheel the thread is wound around).

“The fun part is that anyone involved in homestead arts has to be able to solve problems with what

they have at hand,” Allan said. “It's the Yankee ingenuity of us. And so here we are, we'd like some waxed-linen to do this with, but we have some schleppey-cotton that would break if we sneezed on it. But we're actually going to make sure it does the job.”

They described the loom as having initially been “askew.” It's been a group effort to maintain the loom and to keep it in working condition.

Allen described the fair as a village coming together as it always has.

“Yesterday and the day before, the village was waking up,” she said. “You saw people coming in and spending hours making the village happen. And it just makes you realize that when farmers would come to the aid of each other, there was that spirit of ‘we're all in this together.’ And that's true of the fair too, you see people who come out year after year to help make things work.”

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Field Days 2023

The 75th annual Addison County Fair & Field Days got off to a great — albeit wet — start on Tuesday. There was plenty of livestock, plenty of unusual sights and plenty of smiles. Field Days is open at the fairgrounds through Saturday evening. Seen on the first day were, clockwise from bottom left:

A blue ribbon adorns a display of zucchinis in bikinis that some clever artist put on display; two drivers cruise the fairgrounds in style in a two-horse hitch; this competitor clutches their yellow ribbon close to their chest; Caroline Compagna proudly shows her Ayrshire Mystic after she placed second in the fall calf show; another competitor also won a ribbon for her fall calf; some thrill-seekers have fun on the dragon roller-coaster; six-year-old Finley Newton shows off the equestrian ribbons she won with her horse Kenny on the first day of Field Days; 12-year-old Colin Chamberlin of Addison shows off his calf Hummer in the show ring; some of the youngest riders walk their ponies around the muddy horse ring in the Western competitions; a girl on the merry-go-round rides a different kind of horse; and the midway and other attractions spread out below a fairgoer taking a turn on the Ferris wheel to cap the first day of the fair.

Independent photos/Steve James





STEVE DOW ADDRESSES a crowd of around 100 people as his wife, Beth, listens at a celebration of their lengthy stewardship of Steve's Park Diner. The Saturday morning event took place in the alley between the old Diner at Town Hall Theater. The former restaurant building is slated to be removed from its 66 Merchants Row location this Friday, Aug. 11, to make way for a THT addition.



Steve's Park Diner honored at ceremony

MIDDLEBURY — Over 100 people gathered on Saturday, Aug. 5, to honor Steve and Beth Dow and their 25 years of service as owners of Steve's Park Diner in Middlebury.

The Dows purchased the restaurant on Merchants Row in 1989, and it became a hub of downtown life. The event, organized by Town Hall Theater, featured speakers who were diner regulars recounting their memories of the beloved spot.

Emcee Doug Anderson told the history of the diner in Middlebury, beginning with the first diner in the early 1930s. A diner sat on the Merchants Row spot from the early 1940s.

Local organist Kevin Parizo spoke of his fondness for the waitstaff, several of whom were at the event. Courtney Prononcha spoke for the waitstaff about the family feeling that was an important part of their years serving there. Other speakers included former Gov. Jim Douglas, Linda Bouffard, and writer Jay Parini, who claimed to have eaten breakfast there for many years and to have written "a dozen books" sitting in a booth in the back.

Parini also spoke of the famous writers and actors he brought to the diner, including John Irving and Anthony Quinn.

Karl Lindholm, away on a trip to Ireland, sent a message in which he called the diner "a blessed place."

Steve Dow was the last to speak. He recalled the tradition of the Middlebury Union High School football team having breakfast there on game days. He closed with an emotional thank-you to everyone who supported the diner through the years.

Town Hall Theater, which purchased the property after it ceased operation in 2018, created a souvenir for those in attendance: a copy of the traditional diner mug printed with the Steve's Park Diner logo and the dates of the Dow's ownership: 1989-2014.

The diner building is due to be torn down this Friday, Aug. 11, to make way for an expansion of Town Hall Theater.

THT

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to serve as an informal gathering spot for the community.

THT's annex has been taking shape on paper during the past several months. But with the DRB filing, the project moves a step closer to reality, starting with a possible groundbreaking this October.

Jennifer Murray, Middlebury's director of planning & zoning, said the THT application will be undergo a conditional use review as a planned unit development, as it incorporates the former Diner property. Among other things, the board will evaluate the project's conformance with the town plan, the nature and intensity of its proposed uses and possible impacts on municipal and school services.

Murray praised the THT team for the thoroughness of its application.

"It's a well-prepared application; they really crossed all their T's and dotted all of their I's," she said. "Bread Loaf has done a really good job; I feel comfortable with the application."

Douglas Anderson, THT's founder and artistic director, noted that he and THT Executive Director Lisa Mitchell have been meeting weekly with Bread Loaf Corp. — which designed the annex — to sort out final project details.

"We look at each other and say, 'This is really happening,'" he said with a smile. "When you get down to a level where you're just arguing about the doors, you really feel (the project) is imminent."

Mitchell said the good news is somewhat tempered by the realization that much work remains to be done before a shovel can turn any earth at the site.

"We're thrilled, we couldn't be more excited, but we're working around the clock to make the fundraising happen as soon as possible," she said. "The community has been incredibly supportive, and we're very grateful for that."

As of this week, project fundraising stood at around \$5 million, according to Mitchell.

"We'd like to get that up to at least \$6 million, in a short time," she said. "We're working quickly

because we'd like to be able to start building later this fall."

Anderson echoed that sentiment.

"The message we want to get out is that time is money," he said. "We've found that every time this gets delayed, the price seems to go up. We're telling our donors we need to raise another \$1 million in the next six weeks or so. We're in the process of talking to lots of people, and have talked to lots of people, and are waiting to hear from certain organizations, businesses and individuals who've already been given the pitch."

Prospective donors are being offered opportunities to spread their financial pledge out over multiple years to cushion the impact.

"We don't have to have the cash in hand in the next six weeks," Mitchell explained.

A THT committee is busy casting about for donations from the local business sector, and its efforts are starting to pay dividends, according to Anderson and Mitchell. That fund drive has thus far netted \$145,000 in business-related contributions from a combined six sponsors.

Businesses are also being asked to consider in-kind contributions. Anderson specifically referenced the new scene shop planned for the addition.

"Tricking out the scene shop with the table saws... It would be lovely if a local construction supplies company would want to come in with that kind of in-kind gift, rather than cash," he said.

The theater would also gladly accept gifts of furniture for the new lobby spaces and help with the planned outdoor stage.

Individuals and/or businesses able to make substantial donations can have their names perpetually associated with the new arts edifice.

"The wing still goes unnamed and there are several other (available) spaces within the building," Anderson said.

Mitchell specifically referenced the addition's balconies and its upper lobby. And she promised naming chances for more modest donations.

"Much like the 'buy-a-brick' campaign, there will be an opportunity for the community to participate at a \$500 level, or perhaps less," Mitchell said, referring to benches and other THT fixtures and accoutrements.

Two prominent features of the project are already named.

There's the Doug & Debbie Anderson Rehearsal Studio, and a proposed outdoor "Maloney Plaza," named for longtime THT boosters Barbara and Dennis Maloney.

Donors have already committed \$325,000 toward the \$500,000 cost of the new rehearsal studio. Doug Anderson has been a driving force behind the theater since its inception, and his spouse Debbie has costumed more than 30 productions at THT and has created many of the organization's graphics through the years, designing posters and other promotional materials.

BURSTING AT THE SEAMS

Town Hall Theater leaders officially unveiled the annex project at a public meeting last June. The plan drew mostly rave reviews.

"Nobody questioned the basic premise that we're bursting at the seams and need more space to survive," Anderson said.

Still, a few attendees offered constructive criticism, such as advocating for more muted lighting for the addition.

Project planners took that feedback very seriously.

"There's a real concern here about light pollution, which surprised me," Anderson said. "So we went to great lengths working with Bread Loaf to define what the lighting is going to be and make sure we're not illuminating all of downtown."

Anyone seeking more information about the THT annex can get their fill at the facility's Jackson Gallery, where a series of informational poster boards have been set up. The Jackson Gallery is open before shows and Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Reporter John Flowers is at johnf@addisonindependent.com.

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PIRATE MAN DAN, a.k.a. Dan Jolley, rides his unicycle at a Field Days show on Tuesday, getting the crowd energized as he's about to create a balloon animal behind his back.

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Pirate Man Dan

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shows for years. "We really enjoy his performance, we come to every one," she said. "We really like how much he interacts with the audience. We truly go to every show.... There are 10 of them this week, we'll be at all of them."

Jolley's family-friendly performance mixes comedy with thrill, keeping audiences coming back for more.

Before he was Pirate Man Dan, Jolley was a professional clown.

"My parents were professional part-time clowns," he told the *Addison Independent*. "I was home-schooled. A lot of kids learned sports and they got really good at basketball or whatever. And I got good at unicycling, twisting balloons and juggling, and I just kind of grew up with it."

He's been performing professionally at fairs all over the Northeast and the South for 11 years now. It was in 2016 that he made the switch to his Pirate Man Dan persona.

"I was looking to build a mobile platform that I could do shows off of," he said. "And the only thing I could think of that was flat at its base was a boat. And I literally built the entire character off of that. At the same time, the clown scare happened and I had this in the works. That year I had 21 fairs and the next year I had 23 fairs and 21 of

them went with the pirate."

Though he performs in many fairs across the country, Addison County Field Days feels particularly special for Jolley having grown up in Vermont himself.

"This fair was the fair my parents took me to growing up," he said. "I'm probably in the top 20 of performers countrywide in the fair industry. That all basically started with this little Vermont boy because of this fair."

He explained that the Addison County Fair is one of the few places he doesn't need large backdrops and signs to pull people in. He knows that here, perhaps because it's where he's grown up, that folks get his humor and will always fill the tent.

"Performing here feels like this is where my roots came from."

— Dan Jolley



THIS FAMILY LEASES a cow from Four Hills Farm in Bristol so that they can take part in the animal-raising lifestyle and learn the lessons it teaches. Shown from right are Sadie Moulton, 29, Bella Roell, 13, and Kylee Shepard, with family members on the first day of the fair.

Independent photo/Steve James

4-H leasing

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and was more plentiful than usual. Organizers canceled Tuesday evening's Demolition Derby, but scheduled to hold it on Wednesday evening.

Due to muddy conditions on Wednesday, Field Days officials had closed the main public parking entrance and welcome center located off Route 17 and were asking that attendees enter the fairgrounds via the farm gate on Field Days Road instead. The main entrance was expected to reopen by Wednesday evening.

Back at the show arena on Tuesday, youngster paraded their cows, all much bigger than their human-counterpart, around the

competition pen in surprisingly crisp and unstained white uniforms.

The New England-wide 4-H animal loaner program is set up so that host farms choose whether or not families pay a fee for participation.

"Some of them (families) pay like \$1 for the year, and others, there's no fee," Seifert said.

"It teaches some responsibility, decision making, critical thinking, all those life skills."

And it doesn't hurt that the kids have fun too.

Chamberlin, 43, didn't grow up on a farm, and neither do his kids, and the program has provided the opportunity for himself, Paige and his 12-year-old son, Colin, to raise animals.

At Tuesday's 4-H Field Days cow competition, the hard work that Paige has been putting in since April yielded a blue ribbon for her Spring Asher Calf named Rain.

She showed her love for the animals as she hopped over to the animals and snuggled into a perfect Paige-sized-nook between Rain and another calf when asked for a photo.

She gave an emphatic "Yeah!" when asked if she had fun raising cows.

And with a huge smile, she said she enjoyed the activities of walking and talking to Rain.

Paige leased Rain from Blue Spruce Farm in Bridport, the same farm that Middlebury Union High School rising senior Emma Dearing, 17, has been leasing from for 10 years.

In Tuesday's competition, she and her red and white Holstein named Believe-Alliah were awarded Junior Champion in the Holstein category.

When asked what she has most enjoyed about the program, she said she loves the people she's had the opportunity to meet.

Blue Spruce Farm owner Eugene Audet, 63, proudly watched as the two champions got their photo taken. He said his farm has been participating as a host for the 4-H lease program for years.

He reiterated Seifert's statement that the program allows non-farm kids to see what farm-life is like.

Additionally, he said participants learn to communicate with the larger 4-H community that they are involved in, whether that pre-competition or during days in the 4-H barn at Field Days.

Another Addison County farm, Four Hills Farm in Bristol, has been hosting participants for many years as well. Sadie Moulton, 29, first started leasing from the farm 15 years ago, and on Tuesday her sister Bella Roell, 13, and her niece Kylee Shepard, 12, both showed in Tuesday's Field Day competition and won awards for their Four Hills Farm calves.

Moulton said that in total, the family had five kids show 11 calves at this year's fair.

"We have six kids (at the fair) but one technically isn't old enough to bring (a calf) yet but helps a lot," she noted.

The family said that they were grateful for how hands-on, helpful and "really generous" Four Hills Farm has been throughout the process and over the years.

Seifert said the kids work hard to prepare for competition.

"The kids put (in) a lot of work, and it's not just fair week, they have to start working with them, like, April, May."

"They've really worked hard, and we've had some really smiley faces in the room today with the ribbons."





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2023 Garden Game

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There were five fantastic Garden Game entries this week! First, we had an entry grown by **Joel Pominville**. As you can see from the photo, it's an impressive specimen at 19" L x 6" C. Next, we had four exceptional entries from young gardener, **Willamina**. Willamina brought in an 8" C beet, 9" C tomato, 4" C cayenne pepper, and 18" C eggplant. The cuke, beet, and eggplant are all in the lead spot!

CATEGORIES & FRONT-RUNNERS:

- **Asparagus** (length x circumference) - Matt Vogel & Raissa Venables, 45" x 2"
- **Beet** (circumference) - Willamina, 8"
- **Broccoli** (diameter) - Ted Foster, 11.5"
- **Cabbage** (circumference)
- **Cantaloupe** (circumference)
- **Carrot** (length x circumference)
- **Cauliflower** (diameter)
- **Corn** (length x circumference)
- **Cucumber** (length x circumference) - Joel Pominville, 19" x 6"
- **Edible Leafy Greens** (length x width - leaf only) - Gary Miller, 21" x 7.25"
- **Eggplant** (circumference x circumference) - Willamina, 18"
- **Fennel** (length x circumference)
- **Green Bean** (length)
- **Kohlrabi** (circumference)
- **Leek** (length x circumference)
- **Melon** (circumference)
- **Onion** (circumference)
- **Parsnip** (circumference)
- **Potato** (length x circumference)
- **Pepper** (circumference x circumference) - Gary Miller, 11.75" x 13.75"
- **Pumpkin** (circumference x circumference)
- **Radish** (circumference)
- **Rhubarb** (length) - Barbara Pelton, 27.75"
- **Rutabaga** (circumference)
- **Summer Squash** (length x circumference) - Ella & Lydia Bearor, 10" x 10.5"
- **Sunflower** (diameter)
- **Tomato** (circumference) - Gary Miller, 13.5"
- **Turnip** (circumference)
- **Winter Squash** (length x circumference)
- **Zucchini** (length x circumference) - Ella & Lydia Bearor, 11.5" x 8"



Play the Garden Game!

Do you have veggies to share in our pages? We welcome entries from any of the below categories. Bring your entry into our office between 9am and 4pm Monday-Friday and we'll measure it and snap a photo. Each week we'll publish new entries and update our frontrunners for each category in the contest. At the end of the season, each category winner* will be eligible to receive a gift certificate from our Garden Game sponsor, Middlebury Agway.



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*Please note: Each individual is eligible to win one gift certificate, even if they win multiple categories.

Bristol Beat

MAUSD exploring ways to support students

By MARIN HOWELL

BRISTOL — When it comes to ensuring students have what they need to succeed in school, creating a welcoming and supportive learning environment is an important place to start.

That's according to surveys conducted by the Mount Abraham Unified School District Board in May. The survey asked middle and high school students at Mount Abraham Union High School what they think pupils needed to excel and feel a sense of belonging in school.

A second survey asked community members what actions the school district and surrounding community could take to ensure students achieve success. The MAUSD board shared the results of those surveys with community members this month.

MAUSD School Board Chair Krista Siringo said the surveys were intended to gather feedback from MAUSD students and the

broader community on how the school district can support its students and prepare them for success given the various issues students are grappling with in their daily lives.

She noted those issues include mental health, substance use, gender identity and sexuality.

"As we think about the work ahead, it's important to develop a shared understanding of what the barriers are to students being able to thrive and succeed, and from there, to identify the things that we can do in our schools and in the community to help them overcome, or at least be able to navigate, some of these barriers," she told the *Independent*.

"The surveys are just one data point in time, and are not representative of a large number of students or community members, but it's a starting point."

The MAUSD board distributed the surveys to students and community members following a

May 8 screening of the Vermont-based musical "Listen Up." The film, inspired by and created in collaboration with teenagers throughout the state, explores the pressures and experiences faced by today's youth.

School district officials had eyed the screening as a way to raise awareness about what issues MAUSD students are facing, as well as an opportunity to start a conversation about how to boost student support and advance equity work in the district.

Following the May 8 screening, students and other members of the MAUSD community were invited to provide suggestions and feedback through the surveys. The school board distributed the two surveys through an email to families in the district and via Front Porch Forum posts and other social media.

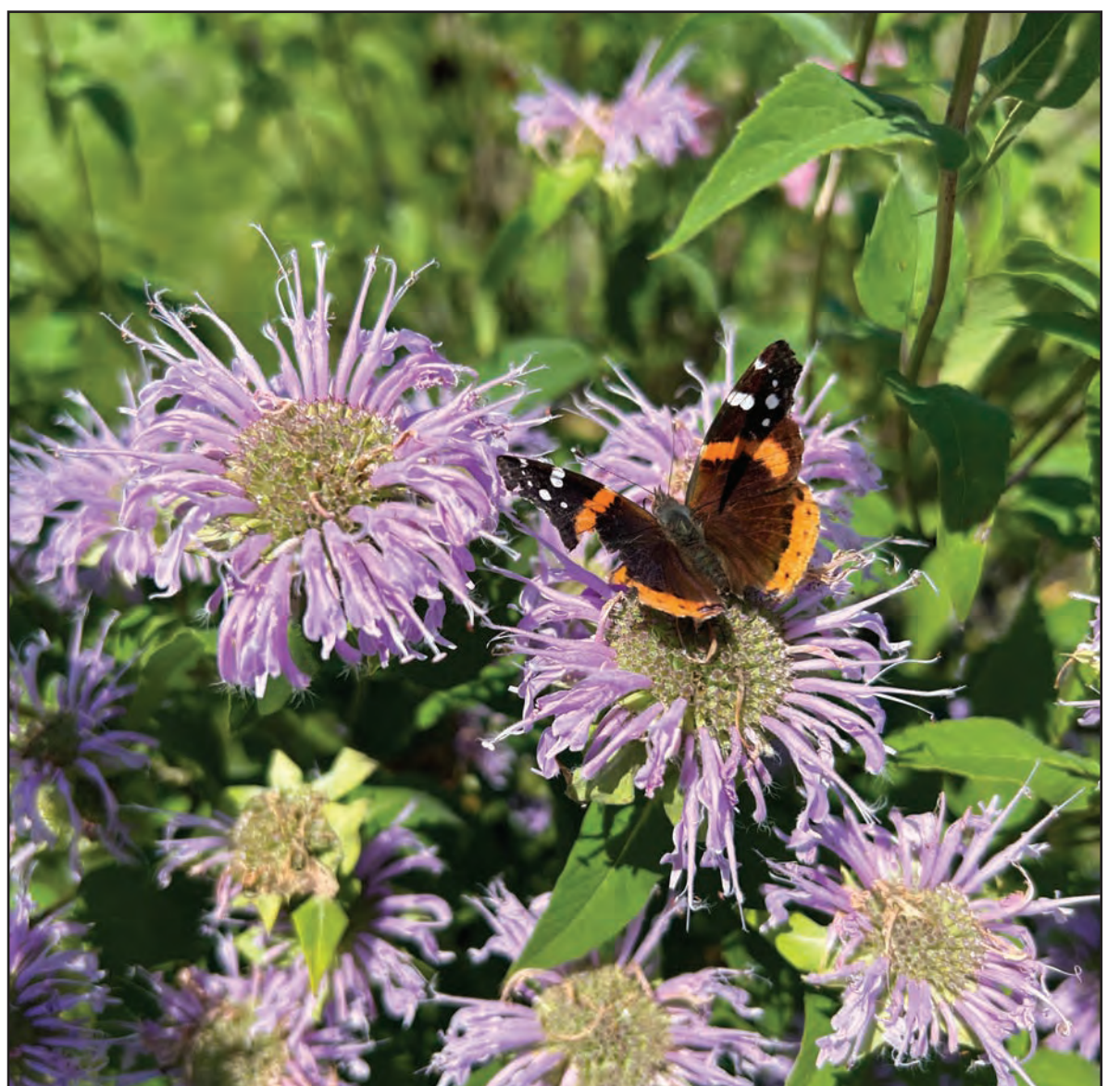
STUDENT RESPONSES

A student-specific survey asked respondents what they think pupils need in order to succeed and feel a sense of belonging at school. The survey garnered 115 responses from middle and high schoolers at Mount Abe (around one-sixth of the school's student population), many of whom highlighted the importance of establishing a supportive and safe school community.

"We need to come together more as a school and make it a fun, safe environment for all in our community," one student wrote.

Students' responses highlighted several elements of creating a welcoming school environment, such as making sure students have

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A RED ADMIRAL Butterfly flits among some native beebalm planted in a Pollinator Pathway garden in Monkton

Photo by Jill Vickers

Take time to visit a pollinator garden

By JILL VICKERS

MONKTON — The writer Henry James has been quoted as saying the loveliest phrase in the English language is summer afternoon. I say add a visit to Monkton's and Charlotte's pollinator gardens on such an afternoon when the sun has drawn the bees and butterflies and hummingbirds to the blossoming plants, and you have a perfect tonic for our recent summer afternoons of humidity, heavy downpours and floods.

The dedicated volunteer gardeners of Monkton, The Pollinator Pathway Bee Team, facilitated by Jenne Morton, (jennemorton@gmail.com) had six gardens with plants selected to attract, feed and shelter our local pollinators on the July 30 Garden Tour. All six are on public property, at the Town Office, the school, and at intersections of back roads with maps posted at the gardens.

Debra Sprague was at the school gardens on Sunday, where she volunteers. When I arrived, she led four of us visitors to the two gardens alongside the school. Hummingbirds were spotted flying between tree branches just beyond the garden.

"They're here for the beebalm!" one visitor exclaimed. "They just love it in my garden."

Another visitor added, "Mine has exploded. Come get some."

They were talking about the shaggy, lavender pompom blooms of the wild beebalm (*Monarda fistulosa*). It attracts a number of specialist bees, bumble bees, predatory wasps, hummingbirds, and hawk moths and is a valuable monarch nectar plant. (Xerces Society)

One school garden includes some vegetables like zucchini, the other an herb garden in the center with additional plants for pollinators. The pollinator garden was part of a \$1,500 grant from the Pomerleau Foundation. Julie Parker-Dickerson, one of the 1st- and 2nd-grade teachers at Monkton Central, along with Debra and parent volunteers, planted perennials with 137 children, the entire student body.

A visitor pointed out goutweed in one garden. There are always weeds, a challenge for volunteers to keep up with those plants deemed to be in the wrong place or, worse, the ones which crowd out the native ones. Debra explained how volunteers would put black plastic down to restart that corner of the garden with desirable plants.

It's a quick hop from the school to the Monkton Town Office, where the front lawn is graced with a large pollinator garden. Liz

Paquette bought seeds especially designed for the Northeast from Ernst Co. and had the mixture modified somewhat for local pollinators. Lots of rudbeckia and white yarrow were blooming and an unusual annual, Mexican Hat. The garden includes several native shrubs like the American Cranberry Viburnum whose flowers provide nectar for butterflies, native bees and other pollinators. This shrub is also a larval host for the Spring Azure butterfly.

The rest of the self-guided tour led me down well-maintained back roads along open fields of green. There were roadside flowers of white lace, sky-blue and gold, well-loved homes and yards here and there, a 19th-century barn, garlic drying inside the open door, and, at the last garden, the iconic Quinlans Covered Bridge. The blooming mountain mint and milkweed and some purple Anise hyssop were hosting a variety of bees, a red admiral butterfly and a hummingbird moth just in the short time I was there.

The Monkton and Charlotte gardens have the Pollinator Pathway sign with butterfly symbol indicating that the majority of the plants are pollinators and the garden is pesticide-free. Pollinators like hummingbirds, bees, and butterflies can use our help maintaining, or in some cases like the monarch butterfly restoring, their numbers. Pollinator gardens are planned to provide flowering plants throughout the growing season as well as shelter and seeds in the cold months.

Pollinator Pathway of Addison County is dedicated to education and action in support of pollinating insects, birds and bats. To learn more about the county-wide group, email pollinatorpathway.addisoncounty@gmail.com or check out the page on the Pollinator Pathway Northeast website at www.pollinator-pathway.org/towns/addison-county.

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NEWS

LINCOLN — Long-time Lincoln residents, Beth Duquette and Mark Mulqueen have been bringing music to Addison County and surrounding areas for many years. They brought the Ripton Community Coffee House concerts to Burnham Hall after being displaced during the pandemic. Those shows will be returning to Ripton in September.

Now in their new endeavor, Beth and Mark will bring live music back to the hall on the first Saturday of each month with their new series, "Burnham Presents." Bon Débarras kicks off the series on Saturday, Sept. 2. Bon Débarras unites the worlds of music, dance and poetry through a collaboration

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Support students

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 a trusted adult in the building to talk to and hosting school-wide, community-building events. Some respondents noted the importance of learning and talking about issues of diversity and inclusion.

“(To) see representation of diversity in lessons and supportive things in the classroom like BLM or Ally signs helps people feel safe and acknowledged,” one student suggested.

Students also highlighted the importance of addressing bullying and implementing consistent consequences for negative behaviors.

“Clear constructive guidelines for dealing with harm based on discrimination, focusing first on making sure the victim of that harm is ok and supporting them, and then addressing the person who caused the harm,” one respondent recommended.

COMMUNITY RESPONSES

A second survey posed a similar question to community members, asking residents what actions they think are important for the school district and community to take in order to ensure students have what they need to thrive in school.

Many of the 242 responses highlighted the need for diverse learning pathways and a variety of opportunities to get involved in the school community.

“Diverse course choices and activities to participate in. I think Mt. Abe does a fairly decent job of offering sports, activities, clubs, courses etc. We need to try to keep a good balance to suit everyone,” one respondent suggested.

Similar to students’ responses, community members also noted that promoting diversity and inclusion is an essential part of making sure students are equipped to excel in school.

“Offer opportunities for students and their parents to broaden their perspective and knowledge about diversity, so that all students will feel safe. Many families have little experience with diversity (race, etc),” one community member wrote.

Siringo said the school board noticed a few similar themes between students’ and community members’ responses.

“Both students and community members identified the importance of having a supportive and safe school community that fosters learning, acceptance and belonging, and where students feel they have a trusted adult that they can look to for support,” she said. “Another theme present in both surveys was the need for more consistent and constructive consequences for bullying, harassment, hate speech

and other negative behaviors.”

Students and community members also agreed on the importance of teaching, modeling and building respect for one another, as well as promoting diversity and inclusion in a variety of ways.

Those interested in viewing the full data from both surveys can find the results on the MAUSD website (mausd.org) in the “News” section.

NEXT STEPS

Siringo said the MAUSD Board will continue reviewing the survey responses during its retreat this summer.

“The board will spend time talking about equity in outcomes across the District, and we’ll be looking at this survey data as part of that conversation,” Siringo said. “We need to ask ourselves how our current policies and practices enable or hamper equity, how we are going to prioritize and allocate resources to close the gap in outcomes among our students, and how we are going to ensure that all students have the tools they need to thrive and succeed.”

Siringo added that the MAUSD’s Community Engagement Committee will also be considering how to make sure the district offers opportunities for students and community members to provide feedback and help guide any action district officials decide to take.



Live on stage!

SAMANTHA MARTIN, LEFT, stands triumphantly in the shopping cart while playing the title role in the new play “What’s in Store for Denis?” in a performance at Bristol’s Holley Hall last weekend while Helen Engvall plays a shopper. The play is about a store clerk who looks for creative ways to make each workday an adventure.

On Aug. 4, 5 and 6, the Bristol Gateway Players staged three one-act plays including the world premier of “Denis” by Mount Abe student and playwright Paige Guilbeault and three improvis at Holley Hall. The enthusiasm and joy expressed by the cast was echoed by an appreciative audience at each show.

Shown above are, from left, Samantha Martin, Terry Ryan, Helen Engvall, Caroline Engvall (director/actor), Carl Engvall (director/actor), Mary Morris, Paige Guilbeault and Nick Guilbeault.

Thanks to generous donations, the shows raised more than \$800 to help to support flood relief through the Vermont Community Foundation.

The Players’ next production is in February.
 Photos courtesy of Rebecca Ryan

Lincoln

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 between Montreal artists Dominic Desrochers, Jean-François Dumas and Véronique Plasse.

Doors open at 7 p.m. and the music begins at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are on a sliding scale, general to generous admission \$15-\$25 or pay what you can. Refreshments will be available by donation. For advance tickets and upcoming concert announcements, please visit burnhampresents.org.

On Wednesday, Aug. 16, Barb Aitken will be leading the next Pop-In People activity at the library from 3 to 5 p.m. She will help participants concoct several types of slime with unusual properties using ordinary ingredients. All are welcome.

Just a reminder that toddler storytime with Grace is held on Fridays at 10:30 a.m. at the library. This event is held outside whenever possible. Join Grace for stories, songs, rhymes, laughter and games.

FROM TINA SCHARF

I hope you’re all enjoying the varied wildflowers lining Lincoln’s roads. Many thanks are due to the three dozen “bio diversifying” volunteers who make this possible. Special thanks to those who have consistently done more than they signed up for: Molly Smith, J’Amy Allen, Christie Sumner, and Mary Gemignani. Also thanks to Bob Patterson and Sky Gale for mowing some large troublesome places.

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THT YOUNG COMPANY cast members Jude Smith, left, Geni Rathbun, Devyn Pratt and Sophie Brankman rehearse a scene from George Bernard Shaw's "Arms and the Man." Young Company will stage the play Thursday and Friday, Aug. 18 and 19, at 7 p.m. at Town Hall Theater in Middlebury.

Photo Courtesy of Town Hall Theater

By the way

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dangerous for walking and biking and needing priority attention — such as crosswalks, sidewalks, paths, lighting, or traffic calming devices. The commission is spending this month gathering as much input as possible, since plans call for a final report to be completed in September. Complete this survey at tinyurl.com/mv798tp2, or print copies are available at the Middlebury Town Offices. You can also provide input at the Thursday afternoon Midd Summer Markets at Triangle Park. You'll find maps, weather permitting, to which people can refer to list input and have info about other ways to provide input. Come to the planning commission meeting on Thursday, Aug. 17, at noon, in the town offices and a public meeting on this subject on Tuesday, Aug. 29, at 7 p.m., at the town offices.

Vermont has truly rallied and shown that we are once again "Vermont Strong" following the recent flooding all over our state. The Department for Children & Families is hoping to see that same spirit applied to some of our most vulnerable citizens — children in foster care. State officials note that while most of us can get help to support our recovery from flood damage and other disruptions to our lives, children and youth in foster care remain particularly at risk. Some foster kids have been uprooted because of the flood, and DCF's job includes ensuring they're in safe, caring homes. If you can provide the unconditional care and support a foster child needs to regain their hope and confidence, DCF officials want to hear from you. To learn more, complete a form available at def.vermont.gov/foster-care-inquiry. You can also call your local Family Services District Office and ask to speak to the resource coordinator.

The Vergennes Parks & Recreation Department will sponsor live music featuring the Pavilion Rock Band on Friday, Aug. 18, from 5-8 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Park at 43 East St., and money raised at this event will go toward the city's pavilion project. There will be raffles with great prizes. Food vendors will include the Vergennes Lions Club, LuLu ice cream, Hired Hand! and Olde Worlde Cooke.

Testing for polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) continues at area schools, and the Addison Central School District recently provided testing results for two of its nine schools. After indoor air sampling at Bridport Central School and Middlebury Union High School, the Vermont Departments of Health and Environmental Conservation confirmed no tested rooms or spaces in either school have PCB levels at or above the lowest Vermont school action level. All Vermont schools are subject to testing. Look for more results during the coming weeks. PCBs are a group of human-made chemicals commonly used in building materials and electrical equipment before 1980. PCBs can be released into indoor air from building materials that contain the chemical. PCBs can cause serious health problems.

The seemingly incessant rainfall is creating many standing pools of water, which are providing just the right breeding areas for mosquitos. Leaders of the Lemon Fair Insect Control District — charged with monitoring and treating mosquito larvae in the Lemon Fair River valley and Cornwall Swamp in the towns of Bridport, Cornwall and Weybridge — issued a public statement last week that the buggy conditions aren't springing so much from the floodplain as they are from puddles in woodlands, lawns and culverts that don't drain effectively. The district drops larvicide in swampy areas of the district to eliminate mosquitos before they hatch. But it's an uphill battle this year. So in the short-term, officials are encouraging district residents to consider buying "barrier sprays" that target mosquitos. In the longer term, you should "Tip and drain when it rains." Artificial containers, clogged gutters, buckets, pails, flowerpot saucers and tarps covering firewood and boats all have the potential to breed mosquito species that favor those conditions.

Middlebury Community Players will hold auditions for the world premiere of Vermont playwright Ryan Mangan's play "Second Sight" this coming Monday and Tuesday, Aug. 14 and 15, at Town Hall Theater in Middlebury. Registration is 6:30 to 7 p.m. (start of auditions). Auditioners will be asked to read sample scenes from the script, and only need to come to one of the nights. The play is a dramatic recreation of the mysterious lives of the clairvoyant Eddy brothers of Chittenden. The brothers astounded witnesses as they produced hundreds of visible — and sometimes tangible — spirits during their seances, so much so that in the 1880s and 1890s, Chittenden became known as "The Spirit Capital of the World." Were they really in touch with the spirit world? Or were they the greatest frauds Vermont has ever seen? A tantalizing and provocative theatrical experience that weaves magic with drama, the play explores themes of sacrifice, morality, fanaticism, and delusion through the lens of 19th-century Vermont. For more information about the play, and to see a video clip of a workshop production of the show, please visit middleburycommunityplayers.org.

'Arms and The Man' play to be performed Aug. 18 and 19

MIDDLEBURY — Young artists ages 12-22 will perform George Bernard Shaw's hilarious comic satire about heroism and bravery entitled "Arms and The Man" Thursday and Friday, Aug. 18 and 19, at 7 p.m., at Town Hall Theater.

This production boasts an all-female cast poking fun at old norms of gender and the hero's journey. "Through our production we are exploring the heroine's

journey," said Director, Lindsay Pontius, "this has more to do with interdependency and collaboration than the traditional solitary hero battling monsters in the underworld to emerge victorious but alone." Pontius continued, "it is a gift to work with this inciteful group of young actors. Rehearsals are a laugh a minute, yet we are aware of the often cruel and constant back-biting in high society."

Shaw's "Arms and the Man" is the final wrap on a summer season that included seven classes, camps and productions involving over 125 young people. The cast includes: Ivy Schulte, Devyn Pratt, Norah Burrell, Rafaela Botti, Megan Bowers, Geni Rathbun, Jude Smith, Cierra Miller and Sophie Brankman. THT summer interns Peyton Mader and Maggie Blake from Middlebury College also join the cast.

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Local swim teams make big splash

Champs and Marlins swimmers earn state titles at Vermont meet

By AMELIA SEEPERSAUD
WHITE RIVER JUNCTION — Both Addison County youth swim teams claimed individual titles and the Vergennes Swim Team also captured four relay victories at the Vermont Swim Association Championships this past weekend at the Upper Valley Aquatic Center in White River Junction.

That enabled the Vergennes Champs to claim third place in Division I, the group with the largest teams, and for the Middlebury Marlins to come out second among the smaller Division III teams, and 11th out of 20 teams overall.

The Burlington Tennis Club won the team title with 3,611 points over 118 events, followed by the St. Albans with 2,548 points and Vergennes with 2,319. Middlebury garnered 724 points, behind the Division III winner Upper Valley Rapids (790.5).

The Champs won 11 individual races and four relays. Will Clark once again led the team with four individual wins in the boys 14 and under division, with Noah Smits (14U) and Carlyn Rapoport (19U) following with two individual wins apiece.

Clark and Smits were joined by Cohen Howell and Clark Crary on two winning relay teams: the boys 14U 200 freestyle relay, won in 1:35.62, and the boys 14U medley relay, won in 1:49.18. Both of those winning times set state meet records.

The other two Vergennes teams to win relay titles were the 14U 200 girls medley, consisting of Ella Romond, Ella Bearor, Sophia James and Adrienne Smits; and the 12U boys freestyle quartet of Connor Husk, Skyler James, Adrien Ralph and Flint Crary.

The Middlebury Marlins claimed two individual wins this weekend: 18U boys' swimmer Aidan Chance earned the 50-yard backstroke title in 25.65 and 12U boys swimmer Constantin Bellmann claimed the 100-yard breaststroke win in 1:28.13.

This meet rounds off the summer swim season.

Vergennes and Middlebury scoring points for their teams with

top-10 finishes were:

BUTTERFLY

- U-8 girls 25-yard: 4. Savannah Wallace, V; 9. Mabelle Fidalgo, V.
- U-8 boys 25: 2. Riker Cooley, V.
- U-10 girls 25: 7. Cassandra Bellmann, M.
- U-10 boys 25: 3. Felix Poduschnick, M; 8. Tobin Howell, V.
- U-10 girls 50: 7. Ca. Bellman, M.
- U-10 boys 50: 3. T. Howell, V.
- U-12 girls 50: 5. Lauren Husk, V; 6. Jordan Hutchins, V; 10. Annika Smits, V.
- U-12 boys 50: 1. Connor Husk, V, 32.34; 5. Flint Crary, V; 10. Constantin Bellmann, M.
- U-12 boys 100: 3. C. Bellmann, M.

- U-14 girls 50: 3. Sadie Chance, M; 6. Ella Bearor, V.
- U-14 girls 100: 4. E. Bearor, V; 10. Louisa Orten, M.
- U-14 boys 50: 2. Noah Smits, V; 6. Khanlen Ouimette, V; 7. Clark Crary, V.
- U-19 girls 50: 5. Acadia Clark, V; 10. Madelyn Giroux, V.
- U-19 girls 100: 3. A. Clark, V.
- U-18 boys 50: 3. Aidan Chance, M; Calder Rakowski, V.



VERGENNES SWIM TEAM members and coaches cheer for their swimmers at the Vermont Swim Association Championships this past weekend. From left are Carlyn Rapoport, Lauren Husk, Adrienne Smits, coach Addie Brooks and coach Mitch Howell.

BACKSTROKE

- U-6 boys 25: 5. Ezra Norwood, M.
- U-8 girls 25: 4. Margaret Smits, V; 5. M. Fidalgo, V; 9. Kendall Matton, V.
- U-8 boys 25: 3. R. Cooley, V; 4. Evan Angier, V.
- U-10 girls 25: 10. Juliette Angier, V.
- U-10 boys 25: 6. Brantley

- Cooke, V; 7. Welly Hescocock, M.
- U-10 girls 50: 3. J. Angier, V.
- U-10 boys 50: 4. B. Cooke, V.
- U-12 girls 50: 3. L. Husk, V; 7. A. Smits, V.
- U-14 girls 50: 4. E. Romond, V; 5. Ellie Brooks, V; 7. Abigail Hamilton, M.
- U-14 boys 50: 1. Will Clark, V; 7. K. Ouimette, V.
- U-14 girls 100: 3. E. Romond,



MIDDLEBURY SWIMMER CONSTANTIN Bellmann pulls away from the field in the 100-yard breaststroke to claim the 12-and-under title at the state meet.

Photos courtesy of Ella Bearor & Ellie Brooks

- V; 5. E. Brooks, V; 7. Fiona Mackey, M.
- U-14 boys 100: 1. W. Clark, V; 8. K. Ouimette, V.
- U-19 girls 50: 9. M. Giroux, V.
- U-18 boys 50: 1. A. Chance, M.
- U-19 girls 100: 8. M. Giroux, V.
- U-18 boys 100: 2. A. Chance, M.

BREASTSTROKE

- U-8 girls 25: 4. S. Wallace, V; 11. K. Matton, V; 30. Zoey Kress, V.
- U-8 boys 25: 9. Patrick Martin, M.
- U-10 girls 25: 2. Ca. Bellmann, M; 5. Scarlett Giroux, V; 25. Mikhan Ouimette, V; 28. Nora Wiker, M.
- U-10 boys 25: 5. F. Poduschnick, M; 8. Enli Parrillo, V;

- 10. Martin Gee, V.
- U-12 girls 50: 2. J. Hutchins, V; 8. Reese Muzzy, V.
- U-12 boys 50: 2. C. Bellmann, M; 6. F. Crary, V.
- U-12 girls 100: 2. J. Hutchins, V; 7. Cecilia Neffinger, V.
- U-12 boys 100: 1. Constantin Bellmann, M; 8. Skyler James, V; 9. Ben Phinney, M.
- U-14 girls 50: 2. S. Chance, M; 7. Sophia James, V.
- U-14 boys 50: 1. N. Smits, V; 2. C. Crary, V; 3. Cohen Howell, V; 6. Sebastian Giroux, V.
- U-14 girls 100: 3. S. Chance, M; 8. So. James, V; 10. Ellie Eckels, V.
- U-14 boys 100: 1. N. Smits, V; (See Swim, Page 2B)



LYDIA BEAROR FOLLOWS the touch from teammate Vivian Romond to dive in for the third leg of the girls 10-and-under freestyle relay at this weekend's state championships. Vergennes placed seventh in the race.



VERGENNES 8-AND-UNDER swimmer Riker Cooley grabs a breath in the 25-yard butterfly race at the Upper Valley Aquatic Center. He was second in the race.

Golfers place well despite recent rainfall

MIDDLEBURY — The catastrophic rainfall on Thursday night caused the closure of the Ralph Myhre Golf Course in Middlebury on Friday and Saturday, and limited play on Sunday. But before the rain hit club members got some competition in last week.

A trio of local golfers placed well at the Vermont State Women's Golf Association Amateur Championship, played July 31-Aug. 2 at Mt. Anthony Country Club in Bennington. Morgan Lee shot a three-day total of 226 to earn 2nd place. Mia Politano's 244 garnered 12th place, and Nicole Laberge shot 285 for 40th place.

In VGA Junior Tour Stroke Play Championship at Ralph Myhre on Aug. 3, Nora Wilson won the Girls' age 10-14 division, shooting 113. For the boys, Brady Fallon as 2nd in the 10-14 division shooting 76. In Boys' 15-18, Jack Breault and Matthew Bryant tied for 16th place with identical 86s.

In Thursday Men's League play, first place went to the quartet of Chris Prickitt, Jim Johnston, David Zarowin and Deem Schoenfeld; and second was Robert Kirkpatrick, Allen Smith, Richard Romagnoli and Douglas Biklen. A third-place tie went to the team of Doc Seubert, Gary Wright, Bill Brown and Marsdin Van Order on the one hand and Mike Adams, Joe Thilbourg, Tim Etchells and Jim Dunn on the other. The low net individual winner was Deem Schoenfeld.

Ralph Myhre will host its club championships this Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 12 and 13. Competition will begin with tee times both mornings starting at 9 a.m.

Visiting angler finds trout and clear water

River after river, stream after stream was running high and muddy. Unfishably muddy. Those were the streams we could reach. Some of the others we might have tried to fish were not even reachable because the gravel access roads had been washed out. We weren't surprised, of course. Yet another inch of rain had fallen the previous night on already saturated ground. My friend David and I were on a scouting mission looking for some water clear enough that a hungry trout could spot a fly more than an inch or two from its nose.



MATTHEW DICKERSON

David grew up in the Catskills surrounded by pretty, little, cold-water brook trout streams tumbling and cascading down out of the hills. He'd then spent more than a decade in Vermont, first studying at Middlebury and then working in Burlington, followed by seven years in New Mexico and Pennsylvania, again surrounded by mountains and cold water. The love of mountains streams is in his blood. For the past 25 years, however, he has lived in southern South Dakota — hours from the nearest trout stream.

"Maybe we should have found a fishable stream before you bought your license," I said, after passing the third stream that was flowing even muddier than the Big Sioux that flows near his home in Sioux Falls (which is very muddy). "I consider the fishing license

more like a park pass that gives me permission to go to the sorts for places I'm longing to visit," David replied. Meaning he was happy just to stand in a cold mountain stream, even if we weren't going to find any fish because of the flooding.

The first day that David and his wife Christina were visiting us, we hiked up to the top of Mount Philo — Vermont's oldest state park, and one of the closest to my house in Bristol, and yet which somehow I had never been to before. The hike up and the beautiful views of the mountains scratched something of an itch for all of us. But not the cold-water itch. It was also quite telling that even from the top, on a sunny afternoon, we could see standing water in the fields below us.

The second day of their stay, we visited the Echo Museum in Burlington (also known as the Leahy Center for Lake Champlain), taking along my two-year-old grandson. There we at least got to look at brook trout in a tank. Also lake trout, landlocked salmon, sturgeon and many other fish swimming around in large tanks. And David, who is on the board of directors for the Sioux Falls Zoo and Aquarium, took some notes on exhibits that he enjoyed. The trip gave our guests another taste of the Vermont he had missed.

But still not the same as standing in a cold stream casting flies.

My last hope was hiking into the Green Mountain National Forest to a more remote little stream, high enough up the slopes to be above the worst of the flooding, but still far enough down to have enough water — and a low enough gradient slope — to hold

fish. Warding off mosquitos, we made it down the trail over sodden ground and through long, deep, frog-inhabited puddles.

To our delight, the stream — though flowing much higher and more roily than it ought to be in August — was only slightly silty. Still clear enough to see the bottom out three feet deep.

Even from the top of the slope, we could see we were in luck and we climbed down the steep slope with anticipation. Even before the first brook trout snapped up one of David's flies, when his legs were calf deep in the stream, the delight was washing over us as thoroughly as the cold water over his sandals.



A DEDICATED FLY-FISHERMAN visiting from South Dakota, David O'Hara casts for trout in the roiling waters of a Green Mountain Forest stream this past weekend.

Photo by Matthew Dickerson



NINE-YEAR-OLD VERGENNES SWIM Team member Scarlett Giroux encourages a teammate with some body language.

Photos courtesy of Ella Bearor & Ellie Brooks



CECILIA NEFFINGER, AN 11-year-old Vergennes swimmer, powers through the 100-yard breaststroke, where she earned seventh place.

Photos courtesy of Ella Bearor & Ellie Brooks

Swim

(Continued from Page 1B)

- U-19 girls 100: 3. Carlyn V. Rapoport, V.
- U-16 boys 50: 7. Alex Henley, Rapoport, V.
- U-19 girls 50: 1. C. Rapoport, V.
- U-18 boys 50: 2. A. Chance, M.

FREESTYLE

- U-6 boys 25: 7. E. Norwood, M; 9. Declan Husk, V.
- U-8 boys 25: 5. R. Cooley, V; 8. Rhett Cooke, V; 9. E. Angier, V.
- U-8 girls 25: 10. M. Fidalgo, V.
- U-8 boys 50: 1. Riker Cooley, V; 10. R. Cooke, V.
- U-8 girls 50: 2. S. Wallace, V; 9. Z. Kress, V.
- U-10 boys 25: 7. F. Poduschnick, M; 9. T. Howell, V; 10. E. Parrillo, V.
- U-10 girls 50: 9. J. Angier, V.
- U-10 boys 50: 4. F. Poduschnick, M.
- U-12 girls 50: 7. J. Hutchins, V; 8. L. Husk, V.
- U-12 girls 100: 4. L. Husk, V.
- U-12 girls 200: 3. Casey Clark, V.
- U-12 boys 100: 3. F. Crary, V; 4. C. Husk, V; 9. Henry Cadoret, M.
- U-12 boys 50: 1. F. Crary, V; 4. C. Husk, V.
- U-12 boys 200: 8. H. Cadoret, M.
- U-14 girls 50: 7. E. Bearor, V.
- U-14 boys 50: 1. W. Clark, V; 2. C. Howell, V; 4. K. Ouimette, V; 8. Jorgen Pirrung, M.
- U-14 girls 200: 6. Ad. Smits, V; 7. L. Orten, M; 8. E. Bearor, V; 9. F. Mackey, M.
- U-14 boys 200: 7. J. Pirrung, M.
- U-14 girls 100: 3. Ad. Smits, V; 8. E. Bearor, V.
- U-14 boys 100: 1. W. Clark, V; 3. C. Howell, V.
- U-19 girls 50: 6. A. Clark, V; 8. C. Rapoport, V.
- U-18 boys 50: 2. A. Chance, M.
- U-18 boys 100: 5. C. Rakowski, V.
- U-18 boys 500: 9. Rowan Neffinger, V.

INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY

- U-8 girls 100: 3. S. Wallace, V; 5. M. Fidalgo, V.
- U-10 boys 100: 2. F. Poduschnick, M.
- U-12 girls 100: 3. J. Hutchins, V; 5. L. Husk, V.
- U-12 boys 100: 3. C. Husk, V; 8. C. Bellmann, M.
- U-14 girls 100: 3. S. Chance, M; 9. So. James, V.
- U-14 boys 100: 2. N. Smits, V; 5. C. Crary, V.
- U-19 girls 100: 3. C. Rapoport, V.
- U-19 girls 200: 1. C. Rapoport, V.

RELAYS

- U-8 100 girls medley: 3. V (M. Smits, M. Fidalgo, S. Wallace, Z. Kress).
- U-8 100 boys medley: 4. V (R. Cooke, R. Cooley, E. Angier, D. Husk).
- U-10 100 girls medley: 7. V (J. Angier, Vivian Romond, S. Giroux, Lydia Bearor).
- U-10 100 boys medley: 3. V (B. Cooke, T. Howell, E. Parrillo, Keegan Cooley); 9. M (Lincoln Hunt, Porter Mackey, F. Poduschnick, P. Martin).
- U-10 100 girls free: 7. V (S. Giroux, V. Romond, L. Bearor, J. Angier).
- U-10 100 boys free: 2. V (E. Parrillo, K. Cooley, B. Cooke, T. Howell); 6. M (W. Hescoock, P. Mackey, P. Martin, F. Poduschnick).
- U-12 200 girls medley: 2. V (L. Husk, A. Smits, J. Hutchins, R. Muzzy).
- U-12 200 boys medley: 2. V (S. James, Connor Husk, F. Crary, Adrien Ralph); 4. M (B. Phinney, C. Bellmann, George Martin, H. Cadoret).
- U-12 200 girls free: 2. V (J. Hutchins, R. Muzzy, A. Smits, L. Husk).
- U-12 200 boys free: 1. V (C. Husk, S. James, Adrien Ralph, F. Crary); 4. M (C. Bellmann, G. Martin, B. Phinney, H. Cadoret).
- U-14 200 girls medley: 1. V (E. Romond, E. Bearor, So. James, Adrienne Smits); 2. M (F. Mackey, L. Orten, S. Chance, A. Hamilton).
- U-14 200 boys medley: 1. V (W. Clark, N. Smits, C. Crary, C. Howell).
- U-14 200 girls free: 2. V (E. Romond, So. James, E. Bearor, Ad. Smits); 3. M (A. Hamilton, L. Orten, F. Mackey, S. Chance).
- U-14 200 boys free: 1. V (C. Howell, N. Smits, C. Crary, W. Clark).
- U-19 200 girls medley: 4. V (E. Brooks, A. Clark, C. Rapoport, M. Giroux).
- U-18 200 boys medley: 7. V (R. Neffinger, K. Ouimette, Alex Hanley, Se. Giroux).
- U-19 200 girls free: 6. V (C. Rapoport, E. Brooks, M. Giroux, A. Clark).



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Orwell drivers tame Devil's Bowl Dog problems keep police busy

WEST HAVEN — Two Orwell drivers were the only Addison County drivers to claim the checkered flag at dirt track auto racing at Devil's Bowl this past weekend.

Raymond Hanson of Orwell put together a two-day, three-segment run to earn the overall victory in the Friend Construction 500cc Mini Sprint division. The cumulatively scored race saw former champion Hanson finish third in each of the first two 10-lap segments on Saturday night for a score of six points (3+3), and then he drove from the back to win the final segment on Sunday to bring his total to a race-low seven points.

Teenagers Gage Provencher of Bridport, Logan Denis of Whiting and Chayton Young of New York state were next in the overall finish; Provencher tallied nine points (5+2+2) to take the runner-up finish. Denis (4+4+3) and Young (1+5+5) each logged 11 points, but Denis was given the tiebreaker for third place overall based on his better finish in the final segment. Roger LaDuc beat Brandon's Kevin Smith in a tiebreaker for fifth place overall at 16 points apiece.

The Mini Stock division was busy on Saturday night, running three feature races and a B-feature. Orwell's Jakobee Alger won the first feature race, his second victory of the year, which was a the held-over 15-lap run from Fair Haven/Poultney Auto Supply Night on June 25. Mark Mahoney of Brandon was second, Orwell's Ronnie Alger was 13th, and Jake Barrows of Cornwall was 16th.

In Sunday's feature event, the 67-lap Sunoco Sportsman Modified Feature, Oneida, N.Y.'s Matt Janczuk won the \$5,000 first-place prize after starting in the No. 5 position.

Janczuk, who serves as chief of police in Hamilton, N.Y., was followed by mostly Vermonters, including Tim LaDuc of Orwell in 9th, Mike Palmer of Salisbury (13), James Hanson of Orwell (21), Brent Warren of Salisbury (24), Jimmy Ryan of Shoreham (28), Josh Masterson of Bristol (30) and Troy Audet of Bridport (31). LaDuc collected a \$250 bonus on Saturday's first-round qualifying night by winning a special Dash for Cash.

Other Addison County finishers

of note this weekend included Alex Layn of New Haven, who was second in the O'Reilly Auto Parts Limited Sportsman Feature. Also in that race were Randy Ryan of Orwell (6), Steve Miller, New Haven (10), Gary English (12) and Freddie Little (17) of Salisbury, and Orwell's Daryl Gebo (18).

Starksboro's Adam LaFountain finished second in the 25-lap Hoosier Daddy Racing Novice Sportsman Feature (he was followed by Ripton's Donald Williams in 6th, Monkton's Pat Miner in 8th, Bristol's Aaron Clark in 9th and Salisbury's Nick Austin in 10th). Second in the Mini Stock B-Feature was Levi Cram of Leicester.

Mark Mahoney of Brandon claimed second in the Mini Stock A-Feature #2, which also saw top-10 finishes by Jake Barrows of Cornwall (3rd) and Ronnie Alger of Orwell (8th).

Local finishers in the runner-up spot included Norm Morrill of North Ferrisburgh in the 9th State Cannabis Crown Vic Feature and Cornwall's Brian Blake in the Mini Stock A-Feature #3. Blake finished in front of Cram (7th) and Jakobee Alger (9th).

BRISTOL — Bristol police continued to respond to a variety of animal problems in recent weeks.

On July 24, police recovered a dog at large on West Street and returned the animal to its owner, who was issued an ordinance violation for second offense. Later that day, police received a dog complaint on Church Street. The owner was issued a warning for first violation of a dog on the loose.

On July 25, police received a report of aggressive dogs on Stonewall Drive and planned to submit a request for a vicious dog hearing before the Bristol selectboard.

Between July 16 and 29, Bristol police completed six foot patrols and one car patrol, conducted seven traffic stops and checked the security at Mount Abraham Union High School 11 times, at Bristol Elementary School seven times and at local businesses 12 times.

Police also processed nine fingerprint requests, conducted one property watch, verified one vehicle identification number, facilitated the return of one lost wallet and responded to one alarm that was activated by an employee error.

In other recent activity, Bristol police:

- On July 16 received a report of child abuse on Prince Lane and determined no action rose to the level of an offense.
- On July 17 discovered fishing poles that were left at the Bristol Police Department. The owner can contact the department to retrieve the items.
- On July 19 tried to check the

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welfare of someone on Lincoln Road, but the individual was gone when police arrived.

- On July 19 responded to a report of a family fight on Frances Place and found that the incident did not rise to the level of a crime.
- On July 22 investigated a motor vehicle complaint on North Street. The vehicle was gone when police arrived.
- On July 22 investigated a trespassing issue on Basin Street and determined no action rose to

the level of an offense.

- On July 22 served a notice against trespass to someone on North Street.
- On July 23 responded to the report of a citizen dispute on Prince Lane. An investigation is ongoing.
- On July 27 received a report of a dog allowed to run in Greenwood Cemetery. An investigation is ongoing.
- On July 27 responded to a motor vehicle complaint on East Street and located the involved vehicle on Prince Lane. Police cited Travis Huestis, 43, of Bristol for driving under the influence, second offense.

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Cause of local teen's death revealed

ADDISON COUNTY — The Vermont Chief Medical Examiner's Office on Aug. 3 confirmed to the Vermont State Police that there was no foul play in the death of a Middlebury teenager this past spring.

In its final report, the office said 17-year-old Rebecca Ball died late on March 29 or on March 30 from hypothermia due to environmental exposure, and that her death was an accident.

Ball, a Middlebury Union High School senior, was reported missing on March 29 and a search was launched by Middlebury and state police, as well as many volunteers. Ball apparently was upset or angry and went off to be alone in Wright Park. Tragically, temperatures dropped below freezing and Ball didn't have a coat or gloves.

On April 3, searchers found Ball's body in a wooded area on the west side of Otter Creek, north of Belden Falls, in Weybridge.

In other recent activity, Vermont State Police:

• On Aug. 2 at approximately 1:15 a.m. observed a motor vehicle violation and stopped the vehicle on Route 7 near Greenbush Road in Ferrisburgh. Troopers screened the driver, identified as Abdifatah M. Musa, 20, of Essex Junction, and cited him for driving under the influence of drugs.

• On Aug. 2 at around 9:30 p.m. responded to a single-vehicle crash on Route 125 in Bridport. Police said their investigation showed that Sylvia Vorsteveld, 21, of Bridport was driving a 2003 Toyota Highlander westbound on Route 125 near Market Road, rounded

a corner too fast, overcorrected, lost control of the SUV and struck the westbound lane guardrail. The Toyota flipped over the guardrail and fell down a steep embankment, striking two trees before coming to rest on its roof.

Vorsteveld was taken to Porter Hospital for treatment of suspected moderate injuries. The Highland was a total loss.

• On Aug. 3 at about a quarter to 10 a.m. observed a vehicle on Route 7 in New Haven deviate from its lane several times. One of those lane deviations nearly caused a head-on collision with a tractor-trailer unit, reported the trooper, who was also driving on Route 7.

He stopped the vehicle, identified the driver as Ben Webb, 39, of Middlebury, and cited Webb for driving under the influence of alcohol or other substances. A Drug Recognition Expert with the Vergennes Police Department assisted in this investigation.

• On Aug. 4 at a few minutes before 10 p.m. stopped a vehicle on Court Street in Middlebury, identified the driver as 55-year-old Alfred Churchwell Jr. of Middlebury, and cited Churchwell for driving under the influence, second offense.

• On Aug. 5 at around 20 minutes before 10 p.m. went to a reported crash on Middle Road near Pidgeon Road East in Salisbury. Police said the driver was Joseph Conant, 54, of Salisbury. While speaking to Conant, troopers observed indicators of impairment, screened Conant, and cited him for driving under the influence.

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Mt. Abraham Union High School honor roll

BRISTOL — Mount Abraham Union High School has released its honor roll for the second semester of the 2022-2023 academic year. Students named to the roll include:

GRADE 9

Habits of Work
Highest Honors: Riley Abbott, Evan Corrigan, Genevieve Forand, Charlie Germon, James Graziadei, Paige Guilbeault, Louisa Guilmette, Maris LaPerle, Morgan Larocque, Wyatt Moyer, Ivy Schulte, Isla Underwood, Julie Young and June Yates-Rusch.

High Honors: Carly Day, Greyson Desilets, Jahlani Jackson, Zealand Jackson, Maverick Livingston, Connor Nason, Charlie Prouty, Cole Putnam, Molly Schoendorf and Emily Sherman.

Honors: Carson Baldwin, Matthew Broderick, Oliver Cogswell, Liam Lazare, Molly Mangini, Jacob Mikkelsen, James Mount, Sofia Power, Sophia Thomsen, Harold Tricou and Noah Vartuli.

Academic

Highest Honors: Evan Corrigan, Genevieve Forand, James Graziadei, Paige Guilbeault, Louisa Guilmette, Jahlani Jackson, Maris LaPerle, Morgan Larocque, Charlie Prouty, Cole Putnam, Ivy Schulte, Isla Underwood, June Yates-Rusch and Julie Young.

High Honors: Riley Abbott, Greyson Desilets, Charlie Germon, Maverick Livingston, Wyatt Moyer, Sofia Power, Molly Schoendorf and Addison Wright.

Honors: William Gustin, Zealand Jackson, Dylan Layn,

Liam Lazare, James Mount, Connor Nason, Cole Shepard, John Stanley, Gretchen Toy and Noah Vartuli.

GRADE 10

Habits of Work
Highest Honors: Chase Atkins, Lorenzo Atocha, Sophie Batten, Rosemary Behounek, Lily Benoit, Lauren Cousino, Ryan Cross, Nichole Crowe, Whitney Dykstra, Mackenzie Griner, Hazel Guilmette, Ruby Hellier, Regan Mayhew, Elizabeth Mikkelsen, Louisa Painter, Alexis Perlee, Namid Ruiz-Warnock, Isabella Shea, Maya Shea and Hazel Stoddard.

High Honors: Safoura Camara, Nicholas Fox, JD Jacobs, Paden Lathrop, Caitlyn Marcotullio, Maya Menzel, Abigail Parker, Halle Perkins, Megan Porter, Nola Roberts, Esme Visco-Lyons, Allison Wells, Sydney Wetmore and Rowan Zeno.

Honors: Ella Heath, Joseph Alex Henley, Hayden Lutz, Adeline Nezin, Elise Parker, Brayden Pudvah, William Rule, Idries Twyman and Zoie Whitcomb.

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GRADE 11

Habits of Work
Highest Honors: Abel Atocha, Morgan Barnard, Emmett Block, Quinn Boglioli, Emilia Colo, Carley Cook, Gabriella Currier, AJ Donlon, Eliza Doucet, Emma Doucet, Ann Marie Dufault, Helen Engvall, Walker Forand, Owen Frizzell, Ian Funke, Hannah Gallivan, Isabelle Gallivan, Nell Harvey, Judah Jackson, Helen Kihm, Benjamin MacDonald, Samuel Mangini, Luke Mayer, Emma Reen, Hailey Roberts, Noah Sabourin, Siena Stanley, Kalin Tingiris-Shean and Joanna Toy

High Honors: Natalie Atkins, Jack Breault, Desmond Carrico, Dakota Catella, Joseph Darling, Mason Frazier, Alexis Gordon, Carsyn Jennings, Greta Jennison, Dina Meyers, Grace Orvis, Jordan Schroeder, Ellison Thomas and Toby Tillotson.

Honors: Makayla Emmons, Gweneth Gero, Piper Guilmette, Sarah Heath, Aurora Husk, Andrew Nolan, Jude Smith, Julia Sonneborn, Shelby Stevers and Anna Stilwell.

Academic

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High Honors: Natalie Atkins, Emmett Block, Carley Cook, Joseph Darling, AJ Donlon, Alexis Gordon, Piper Guilmette, Judah Jackson, Greta Jennison, Finley Kaeck, Helen Kihm, Benjamin MacDonald, Emma Reen and Ellison Thomas.

Honors: Quinn Boglioli, Jack Breault, Dakota Catella, Gabriella Currier, Mason Frazier, Owen Frizzell, Olin Kidder, Andrew Nolan, Hailey Roberts and Shelby Stevers.

GRADE 12

Habits of Work
Highest Honors: Natalie Adams, Sadie Alderman, Gavin Bannister, Norman Benoit, Olivia Campbell, Isabella Currier, Sean Davison, Madison Gile, Brigitte Giron, Jordan Hall, Maisy Hill, Maia Jensen, Owen Kelliher, Noah Kirshenbaum, Dakota Larocque, Addison Mayhew, Patricia McNeerney, Kenneth Moran, Brenden Oxford, Lucy Parker, Angelita Pena, Isabella Robideau, Abigail Sturtevant, Samuel Tropp and Payton Vincent.

High Honors: Morgan Barnes, Chance Denecker, Jason Doyle, Graycie Elkins, Sadie James, Jake Lucarelli, Clara Palmer, Tristan Pudvah, Sawyer Shepard and Jacob Villena.

Honors: Madison Aube, Ruby Hall, Augustus Hill, Andrew Lester, Breanne Preston and Lily Roberts.

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Highest Honors: Natalie Adams, Sydney Adkins, Sadie Alderman, Gavin Bannister, Morgan Barnes, Olivia Campbell, Sean Davison, Chance Denecker, Graycie Elkins, Cassandra Guilmette, Maia Jensen, Noah Kirshenbaum, Dakota Larocque, Andrew Lester, Jake Lucarelli, Ryan Marcotullio, Addison Mayhew, Eve McCormick, Patricia McNeerney, Kenneth Moran, Brenden Oxford, Lucy Parker, Angelita Pena, Samuel Tropp and Payton Vincent.

High Honors: Jason Doyle, Madison Gile, Brigitte Giron, Jordan Hall, Owen Kelliher, Clara Palmer, Tristan Pudvah, Lily Roberts, Caleb Russell and Sawyer Shepard.

Honors: Norman Benoit, Ruby Hall, Sadie James, Breanne Preston and Abigail Sturtevant.



Fearless

AN INTREPID YOUTH rambles up the climbing wall at the Middlebury town pool last week while a peer apparently holds her breath. As anticipated, the boy reached the top and fell back into the water.

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DAR Mansion to hold an open house this Saturday

ADDISON — A free open house will be held at the DAR's John Strong Mansion in Addison on Saturday, Aug. 12, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and again from 2 to 3 p.m.

The open house coincides with the DAR's annual Pilgrimage gathering — yearly gathering of the Vermont Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Chapters. At 1 p.m., there will be a presentation open to all about the North Country Honor Flight program, by director Barrie

Finnegan and flight leader Larry Eber. North Country Honor Flight enables Veterans to have their way paid to attend a wonderful celebration of their service to our country in Washington, D.C. A silent auction to raise money for the North Country Honor Flight will also take place.

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aug 10 THURSDAY
Addison County Fair and Field Days in New Haven. Thursday, Aug. 10, Field Days Rd.

Perceptions of Languages & Accents talk in Middlebury. Thursday, Aug. 10, 6 p.m., Ilsley Public Library, 75 Main St. In a reprise of an earlier presentation, Alexia Hernandez, who studies Hispanic accents and minoritized accents more generally, will speak about language's role in the social world, with a particular focus on discrimination, prejudice and stereotypes. She will share a selection of her research as a jumping off point to discuss how we as a community can support migrant workers in the area.

aug 11 FRIDAY
Addison County Fair and Field Days in New Haven. Friday, Aug. 11, Field Days Rd.

Charles Semowich, carillonneur in Middlebury. Friday, Aug. 11 6 p.m., Middlebury College Chapel, 75 Hepburn Rd. Semowich, carillonneur, at the Riverside Church, in NYC, will perform in the Middlebury Chapel's bell tower, soaring high above the College campus. The melodic sounds of the carillon bells are a staple of summer life on the Middlebury College campus. Bring a lawn chair or a blanket! Free.

"Cowgirl" on stage in Middlebury. Friday, Aug. 11, 7 p.m., Swift House Inn Tent, 25 Stewart Ln. Middlebury Acting Company's American Dreaming 2023: A New Play Festival opens with this play by Justin Aaron Halle. Post-show moderated discussion. Tickets \$15 individual/\$40 full series. Details in Arts + Leisure section.

aug 12 SATURDAY
Flood relief online silent auction. Begins Saturday, Aug. 12, midnight. The Brendon P. Cousino Med47 Foundation is holding an online silent auction to benefit Vermont flood relief. Lots of great items donated by great folks. Find auction at www.facebook.com/med47foundation. Runs until Friday, Aug. 18, ending 7 p.m. sharp. More info: med47foundation@gmail.com or 802-233-8334.

Monthly Wildlife Walk in Middlebury. Saturday, Aug. 12, 7-9 a.m., meet at Otter View Park parking area, Weybridge St. and Pulp Mill Bridge Rd. Join Otter Creek Audubon Society and Middlebury Area Land Trust to help survey birds and other wildlife at Otter View Park and Hurd Grassland. Beginning birders are welcome. Come for all or part of the walk. For information, including the latest COVID constraints, call 802-388-6019 or 802-388-1007.

Addison County Fair and Field Days in New Haven. Saturday, Aug. 12, Field Days Rd.
John Strong Mansion open house in Addison. Saturday, Aug. 12, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 2-3 p.m., DAR John Strong Mansion, 6656 Route 17. Tour the John Strong Mansion during the Vermont DAR annual Pilgrimage gathering. From 1-2 p.m. a presentation will be giving on the North Country Honor Flight program, which pays the way for veterans to attend a celebration of their service to our country in Washington, D.C.

"Until the Day is Done" on stage in Middlebury. Saturday, Aug. 12, 2 p.m., Swift House Inn Tent, 25 Stewart Ln. Middlebury Acting Company's "American Dreaming 2023: A New Play Festival" continues with this play by Jared Michael Delaney. Tickets \$15 individual/\$40 full series. Details in Arts + Leisure section.

"Lessons" on stage in Middlebury. Saturday, Aug. 12, 7 p.m., Swift House Inn Tent, 25 Stewart Ln. Middlebury Acting Company's "American Dreaming 2023: A New Play Festival" continues with this play by Matthew Chong. Post-show moderated discussion with actors, directors and playwrights. Tickets \$15 individual/\$40 full series. Details in Arts + Leisure section.

aug 13 SUNDAY
Ice Cream Social in Shoreham. Sunday, Aug. 13, noon-3 p.m., Shoreham Congregational Church Fellowship Hall, 28 School Road. Come get your take-out ice cream and celebrate the Shoreham Community in conjunction with the Car Show on the town green. This is a reschedule of the rained out event in July. Dish of vanilla and/or chocolate ice cream \$4, or a sundae for \$7. Toppings include chocolate, caramel, maple, strawberries and homemade whipped cream, adorned with nuts and sprinkles. Tickets for the Quilt Raffle to be held later this fall will also be on sale for \$3 (one ticket), \$5 (two tickets) or \$10 (five tickets).

Caleb Elder and friends perform in Bristol. Sunday, Aug. 13, 1-4 p.m., Bristol Trail Network Dump Trail. Take a walk and Bristol's new Music on the Trail summer series, where you can hear live music at an easily accessible spot on the Bristol Trail Network. Bring a chair or stool if you wish to sit and listen, or simply pause while hiking the trail. There will be signs for "MUSIC!" at entry points to the trail. Look for a small white tent.

Pie & Ice Cream Social in Ferrisburgh. Sunday, Aug. 13, 1-4 p.m., Rokeby Museum, 4334 Route 7. Homemade pie, ice cream, live music raffle baskets, and a chance to explore the historic home, grounds, and exhibits at Rokeby. Bring your family and friends to this community favorite. A delicious way to support the Museum while reconnecting with the community.

Storyprov Time in Middlebury. Sunday, Aug. 13, 2 p.m., Swift House Inn Tent, 25 Stewart Ln. Middlebury Acting Company's "American Dreaming 2023: A New Play Festival" wraps ups with this free all-ages Storyprov event. Andrew Ritter, veteran of the Chicago Comedy and Improv scene will welcome volunteers of all ages to choose a character, get up on stage, and perform in an improvised tale completely inspired by audience suggestions. There is no forced participation. Kids encouraged.

Foodaroo 8 in Middlebury. Sunday, Aug. 13, 4-8 p.m., Marble Works. Taste your way through a huge diversity of vendors while musicians, street performers, dancers and more showcase the best of Vermont's thriving maker movement. Rescheduled from June. \$5 cash cover charge. Kids 12 and under free.



Bring on the ice cream and pie

ICE CREAM AND pie lovers will have two opportunities to get their fill on Sunday, Aug. 13. Shoreham will host an ice cream social from noon to 3 p.m. Real devotees can then drive on to Ferrisburgh for Rokeby Museum's annual Pie and Ice Cream Social, which runs til 4 p.m. Get more info on both events in the Aug. 13 calendar listing.

aug 15 TUESDAY
Reasons To Be Cheerful discussion series "In This Connecticut Prison, The Guards Double as Mentors" in Middlebury. Tuesday, Aug. 15, 11:30 a.m., Ilsley Public Library, 75 Main St. Using articles from Reasons To Be Cheerful's project, We Are Not Divided, people gather together to discuss and celebrate these uplifting stories. Stop in to pick up a hard copy of this week's article or read it on the Reasons To Be Cheerful website.

Storytime with Bixby Library in Ferrisburgh. Tuesday, Aug. 15, 3:30-4:30 p.m., Rokeby Museum, 4334 Route 7. Grab a blanket and spread out under the locust trees at Rokeby Museum (rain location available). This week we explore food. After all, everybody eats. Join us as we read, sing and learn about different foods, then help prepare and taste a world tour of dumplings. For babies, toddlers, young children, and up. Free.

aug 16 WEDNESDAY
Ladies Union salad supper in New Haven. Wednesday, Aug. 16, 5-6:30 p.m., New Haven Congregational Church, Town Hill Rd. Meal will include variety of salads, baked beans, cold cuts, dessert and beverage. \$10. Take out available. More info call Carol at 453-5059.

St. Ambrose Lawn Party and chicken barbeque in Bristol. Wednesday, Aug. 16, 5 p.m., on the green. BBQ chicken and fixings, pie contest and sale, baked goods, white elephant table, face painting and kids' games. More info call 802-453-2488.

"Must Free Speech Endure Hate Speech?" in Middlebury. Wednesday, Aug. 16, 6 p.m., Ilsley Public Library, 75 Main St. The First Amendment prevents Congress from passing any laws that abridge the freedom of speech. But what does that actually mean? In this presentation, Professor Meg Mott considers the history of speech laws in the United States, how states and municipalities have tried to curb offensive speech, and how the Supreme Court has ruled on those efforts.

Selected Reptiles and Amphibians of Addison County in Salisbury. Wednesday, Aug. 16, 7 p.m., Salisbury Meeting House, 853 Maple St. Herpetologist Jim Andrews will discuss the identification, natural history and conservation of a selection of the reptiles and amphibians found here in Addison County. Hosted by the Salisbury Historical Society. Free and open to all.

aug 17 THURSDAY
Fiber arts demonstration in Middlebury. Thursday, Aug. 17, 1-3 p.m. Henry Sheldon Museum, One Park St. Bruce Yelton will demonstrate hand carding, spinning and the natural dying process with wool. He comes from a long line of textile workers; in his first job after college he worked in the craft industry, winning several awards. After his retirement in 2015, Bruce returned to his passion for the fiber arts and enjoys sharing his skills with others. Free with museum admission. For more information visit henrysheldonmuseum.org/events or call 802-388-2117.

HOPE Food Truck in Shoreham. Thursday, Aug. 17, 2-3 p.m., Shoreham Congregational Church, 28 School St. The HOPE Food Truck will offer free, non-perishable items as well as available fresh produce on a first-come first-served basis to low-income people in the Shoreham area. Supplies from all major food groups will be available. If you have a neighbor who is unable to come during this time, you may pick up food for them. Please bring your own bags.

Nonsense Concert in Lincoln. Thursday, Aug. 17, 7 p.m., Lincoln Library. Local folksinger Ted Wesley will provide an exploration of the fantastical verses of Edward Lear and Lewis Carroll set to original music for voice and guitar by Wesley. Bring a blanket or a chair as this event will take place on the porch. In case of rain, this presentation will be held inside the library.

"Arms and The Man" on stage in Middlebury. Thursday, Aug. 17, 7 p.m., Town Hall Theater, 68 S. Pleasant St. THT Young Company Classical presents an all-female identifying production of Bernard Shaw's "Arms and the Man." Set in the 1890s, this delightful and satiric comedy presents and ensemble cast and a world filled with juicy characters and fast-paced comic banter. Tickets \$15 adults/\$10 children 12 and under/\$25 generous to benefit THT's scholarship program. More info at townhalltheater.org.

Bristol Historical Society Meeting in Bristol. Thursday, Aug. 17, 7 p.m., Howden Hall, 19 West St. Noted civil war historian Howard Coffin will speak on "Vermont's Remarkable Sharpshooters." Vermont sent far more sharpshooters to the Union armies than any other state, on a per capita basis. Sharpshooters from this state played a little-known but major role at Gettysburg, the great Union victory that changed the Civil War's course. More information at 802-453-3526 or dear4@gmavt.net.

aug 18 FRIDAY
George Matthew carillonneur in Middlebury. Friday, Aug. 18, 3 p.m., Middlebury College Chapel, 75 Hepburn Rd. Matthew, carillonneur at Middlebury College and Norwich University, will perform in the Middlebury Chapel's bell tower, soaring high above the College campus. The melodic sounds of the carillon bells are a staple of summer life on the Middlebury College campus. Bring a lawn chair or a blanket! Free.

Push to the Pavilion concert in Vergennes. Friday, Aug. 18, 5-8 p.m., Veterans Memorial Park, 43 East St. Live music featuring the Pavilion Rock Band, raffles with great prizes, and food vendors.

"The Ten Commandments" on screen in Brandon. Friday, Aug. 18, 7 p.m., Brandon Town Hall, 1 Conant Sq. Long before Charlton Heston played Moses in Technicolor, director Cecil B. DeMille filmed this silent blockbuster on a grand scale. Many say it surpasses the remake. See it for yourself as we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the film's original release. Free will donation.

"Arms and The Man" on stage in Middlebury. Friday, Aug. 18, 7 p.m., Town Hall Theater, 68 S. Pleasant St. See Aug. 17 listing.

aug 19 SATURDAY
Green Mountain Club hikes in Addison County for Long Trail Day. Saturday, Aug. 19. *POSTPONED TO OCT. 7* Take part in hikes in Middlebury, Lincoln, Ripton, and Buel's Gore. See details about the hikes online at gmcbreadloaf.org.

Town-wide yard sale in Bridport. Saturday, Aug. 19, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., locations around town.

Multi-State Car Show in Brandon. Saturday, Aug. 19, time and location TBD. Come see fun cars and hear music by Rick Redington and the Luv.

Mount Independence-Hubbardton Military Road Car Tour in Hubbardton. Saturday, Aug. 19, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site, 5696 Monument Hill Rd. Jim Rowe, historian of the Crown Point Road Association, is your leader to look at the Hydeville Branch of the 1776 Mount Independence-Hubbardton Military Road. Meet at the Hubbardton Battlefield with your own vehicle for orientation. The tour will travel north from Hydeville through west Castleton to eastern Benson.

Mushroom exploration Walk in Orwell. Saturday, Aug. 19, 1-3 p.m., Mount Independence State Historic Site, 472 Mt. Independence Rd. Mushroom expert Meg Madden leads a walk to look for and learn about mushrooms on Mount Independence. Limited to 20 number of people. Wear comfortable walking shoes and dress for the weather. Included in regular museum admission. Call 802-948-2000 to reserve your spot.

aug 20 SUNDAY
Town-wide yard sale in Bridport. Sunday, Aug. 20, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., locations around town.

Slide Out of Summer in Brandon. Sunday, Aug. 20, noon-4 p.m., location TBD. An afternoon of fun with water slides, food, vendors and information booths. Celebrate the end of summer and the return to the craziness that is the school year. Everyone is welcome to join in the fun. Free admission. Free Parking.

aug 22 TUESDAY
Reasons To Be Cheerful discussion series "How Loggers Helped Environmentalists Save A Spectacular Canadian Rainforest" in Middlebury. Tuesday, Aug. 22, 11:30 a.m., Ilsley Public Library, 75 Main St. Using articles from Reasons To Be Cheerful's project, We Are Not Divided, all are invited to discuss and celebrate these uplifting stories. Stop in to pick up a hard copy of this week's article or read it on the Reasons To Be Cheerful website.

ADDISON COUNTY School News

Bridget Graham, a rising junior Political Science major at Dickinson College, has been named to the dean's list for the spring 2023 semester. A graduate of Middlebury Union High School, she is the daughter of LeRoy and Maria Graham of Middlebury, Vt.

Roman Mayer of Lincoln and **Kamren Kiefer** of Vergennes recently received their degrees at Roger Williams University's Commencement exercises. Mayer graduated with a B.S. in Marketing and Kiefer graduated with a B.A. in Public Relations.

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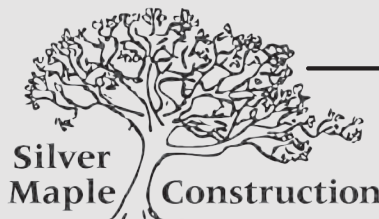
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Addison (1)

Addison County Solid Waste Management District (1)

Hannaford Career Center (1)

Leicester (1)

Middlebury (1)

New Haven (1)

Orwell (1)

State of Vermont (1)

Weybridge (1)

TOWN OF LEICESTER NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Leicester Development Review Board will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, August 29, 2023, at the Leicester Town Office at 6:00 p.m. to consider the following application:

(21-23 ZA) Appeal by Kelly Churchill of zoning permit 21-23-ZA issued to Cathy Malloy, Trustee of the Cathy Malloy Revocable Trust. 305 Lakeview Drive, Leicester, VT for the construction of a fence approximately four (4) feet from the Churchill property line at 275 Lakeview Drive, Leicester, VT.

A copy of the permit and the appeal is available for inspection at the Town Clerk's Office, 44 Schoolhouse Rd., Leicester, VT during regularly scheduled hours.

Participation in this proceeding is a prerequisite to the right to take any subsequent appeal.

Jeff McDonough
DRB Chairman

STATE OF VERMONT SUPERIOR COURT PROBATE DIVISION ADDISON UNIT DOCKET NO.: 23-PR-04091 IN RE ESTATE OF: EDWARD G. MARTEL NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To the Creditors of: Edward G. Martel late of Orwell, Vermont. I have been appointed to administer this estate. All creditors having claims against the decedent or the estate must present their claims in writing within four (4) months of the first publication of this notice. The claim must be presented to me at the address listed below with a copy sent to the Court. The claim may be barred forever if not presented within the four (4) month period.

Dated: 06/21/2023
Executor/Administrator:
Mark S. Young
P.O. Box 38
Orwell, VT 05760-0038
802-989-0523
myoung@fnborwell.com

Publication: Addison Independent
Publication Date: 08/10/23
Address of Probate Court:
7 Mahady Court
Middlebury, VT 05753

STATE OF VERMONT SUPERIOR COURT PROBATE DIVISION ADDISON UNIT DOCKET NO.: 23-PR-03808 IN RE ESTATE OF: GORDON PICKETT NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To the Creditors of: Gordon Pickett, late of 4878 Monkton Rd., New Haven, VT 05472. I have been appointed to administer this estate. All creditors having claims against the decedent or the estate must present their claims in writing within four (4) months of the first publication of this notice. The claim must be presented to me at the address listed below with a copy sent to the Court. The claim may be barred forever if not presented within the four (4) month period.

Dated: 08/03/23
Lynn Jerger
2861 Shell House Mountain Road,
Ferrisburgh, VT 05456
802-377-0263
lynnjerger@outlook.com

Publication: Addison Independent
Publication Date: 08/10/23
Address of Probate Court:
7 Mahady Court
Middlebury, VT 05753

PATRICIA A. HANNAFORD REGIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT 2023-2024

BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETINGS

1st Thursday of the Month - 8:00 A.M. - A208 with remote access option
July - No Meeting
August 3, 2023
September 7, 2023
October 5, 2023
November 2, 2023
December 7, 2023

POLICY COMMITTEE MEETINGS

2nd Thursday of the Month - 4:00 P.M. - A208 with remote access option
July - No Meeting
August 10, 2023
September 14, 2023
October 12, 2023
November 9, 2023
December 14, 2023

BOARD MEETINGS

3rd Thursday of the Month - 5:00 P.M. - A208 with remote access option
July - No Meeting
August 17, 2023
September 21, 2023
October 19, 2023
November 16, 2023
December 14, 2023*
*2nd Thursday

FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETINGS

4th Thursday of the Month - 7:30 A.M. - A208 with remote access option
July - No Meeting
August 24, 2023
September 28, 2023
October 26, 2023
November 23, 2023
December 28, 2023

Att. Farmers

HORSE BLANKET WASH and repair. Accepting non-leather (for now) horsewear of all kinds for cleaning and repairing at my Weybridge location. Call or text Sue Miller at 802-377-5945 or email svdwmiller@icloud.com with "horse" in the subject line for more information.

SMALL SQUARE BALES, \$3.50. Call 802-377-5455.

WHITNEY'S CUSTOM FARM WORK Pond agitating, liquid manure hauling, drag line aerating. Call for price. 462-2755, John Whitney.

Wanted

OLD & USED GUNS WANTED

Rifles, Hand guns, Shot guns

Top prices paid.

P: 802-775-2859
C: 802-236-7213



GET READY TO roll! Counseling Service of Addison County's annual Bocce tournament and fundraiser is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 30. Get your team together for a morning of fun and community support. Photo Courtesy of CSAC

Get your team ready for bocce

MIDDLEBURY — Counseling Service of Addison County (CSAC) is once again hosting its annual bocce tournament. Scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 30, the tournament will be held at the Middlebury Recreation Park near Mary Hogan School from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Teams made up of members from area businesses, service groups, community members, CSAC friends and families will vie for bragging rights while raising funds to

support community wellness. "We had so much fun at last year's tournament and are so grateful for the outpouring of community support," said Rachel Lee Cummings, CSAC executive director. "Bocce is not just a game, it's a chance to come together and build community while having some fun. We would be honored to have the community come together again at this amazing event." Up to thirty-two teams of four

members each will be divided into leagues. For the sake of simplicity and speed of play, the courts, rules and scoring method will be those adopted by Special Olympics. The cost per team is \$125. This is a rain or shine event. Register at www.csac-vt.org. Proceeds from the tournament will be used to support CSAC in its mission to support community wellness and to help people to live emotionally healthy and satisfying lives.

Three rescued from flood waters

MIDDLEBURY — Middlebury police helped in the rescue of three people from a vehicle that had been trapped in floodwaters on Three Mile Bridge Road at around 11 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 3. This was just one example of local police, rescue and firefighters extending critical service to people in need during a brutal rainstorm that unleashed six inches of rain during a three-hour span on Aug. 3.

Also on Aug. 3, police helped several motorists stranded due to severe flooding on Elm and Seymour streets on Aug. 3. At that same location, Officer Ethan Jones selflessly entered the water, at one point swimming in his full uniform, and was able to rescue a person from their car prior to it sinking under the water, according to Middlebury Police Sgt. Vegar Boe.

The police themselves weren't spared from the deluge. Floodwaters invaded the Middlebury police HQ at 1 Lucius Shaw Lane that night. Dispatching operations were moved to the firehouse for the weekend. The station reopened to the public on Monday, and advised on that same day that cans of water are available to anyone in town affected by the municipal boil order.

In other action last week, Middlebury police:

- Took into evidence a "small amount of suspected narcotics" that had been found on the floor of a Court Street business on July 31.
- Assisted the Counseling Service of Addison County officials in taking a person to Porter Medical Center for an emergency

Middlebury Police Log

psychiatric evaluation on July 31.

- Responded to a report of a man experiencing a psychiatric crisis in his Court Street apartment during the morning of July 31. Police said the man "caused structural damage to the building based upon delusions and paranoia."

- Issued a no-trespass order for a local business on Aug. 1.

- Took a drunken man to the Marble Valley Regional Correctional Facility on Aug. 1.

- Responded to a trespassing complaint at a Court Street business on Aug. 1.

- Investigated a report of an unruly man at Porter Medical Center on Aug. 1.

- Served no-trespass orders on behalf of a Court Street business on Aug. 2.

- Responded to a report of a woman having a mental health crisis at the intersection of Main and Cross streets on Aug. 2.

- Cited Trevor Young, 28, of Middlebury for driving under the influence of drugs, following a stop on Route 7 South on Aug. 2.

- Responded to a dispute between unsheltered people who were drinking under the Cross Street Bridge off Bakery Lane on Aug. 2.

- Helped in a case involving a local juvenile who was refusing to return home on Aug. 2.

- Assisted with a family/property dispute on Court Street Extension on Aug. 2.

- Continued their investigation into a possible assault that occurred in the Bakery Lane area on Aug. 2.

- Assisted Middlebury Regional

EMS with an unresponsive patient on Danyow Drive on Aug. 2.

- Assisted Middlebury College Public Safety in dealing with "unwanted people harassing staff members" in the South Main Street area on Aug. 2.

- Responded to a report of a missing woman in East Middlebury on Aug. 3. Police said the woman was located safe in the woods near her residence off Airport Road.

- Were informed of two separate incidents of someone stealing money and other items from vehicles parked on East Main Street on Aug. 3.

- Served a no-trespass order on a man who had been causing a disturbance at a Washington Street business on Aug. 3.

- Investigated the theft of money and other items from an unlocked car on East Main St. on Aug. 3.

- Were informed of the theft of cash from an unlocked vehicle parked on Ossie Road on Aug. 3.

- Investigated a report of suspicious activity on Merchants Row at around 9:15 p.m. on Aug. 4.

- Responded to a car accident at the intersection of Case Street and Dow Farm Road on Aug. 4.

- Were informed of a possible road hazard at the intersection of Case Street and Lindale Circle on Aug. 5.

- Received a report about a potentially sick fox in the Rogers Road area on Aug. 5.

- Responded to a fireworks complaint in the Jayne Court neighborhood on Aug. 6.

- Were informed of the theft of a wallet from an Elm Street location on Aug. 6.

- Investigated a report of someone driving unsafely in a pickup truck on Route 7 North on Aug. 6.

TOWN OF ORWELL REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Town of Orwell is soliciting proposals for the construction of a municipal equipment storage building. For a complete RFP, interested and qualified contractors can contact the Orwell Town Office at (802) 948-2032 or by emailing selectboard@townoforwellvt.org. RFP submission date is 8/28/23.

TOWN OF WEYBRIDGE PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

A public hearing before the Weybridge Zoning Board of Adjustment will be held on Monday, August 28, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Clerk's Office in Weybridge, Vermont, to pursue the following business:

The Board will review application 23-18 submitted by the State of Vermont for the construction of a 20' by 40' gravel parking lot and gate at the Weybridge Cave State Park. This application was forwarded to the Zoning Board of Adjustment for Conditional Use approval.

Additionally, the ZBA will review an application submitted by Jody Conant for a second curb cut at his property on Snake Mountain Road. The addition of a second curb cut on a town road requires a variance, pursuant to Section 405 of the Weybridge Zoning Regulations.

The applications are available for inspection at the Town Clerk's Office. NOTE: Participation in the local proceedings is a prerequisite to the right to take any subsequent appeal. Notice submitted by Megan Sutton, ZBA Chair.

TOWN OF MIDDLEBURY PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Middlebury Development Review Board will hold a public hearing on Monday, August 28, 2023, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Large Conference Room at the Town Offices, 77 Main Street, to consider the following application(s).

1. Application (file #2023-25:141.000-A) being an appeal by John McPartland, and other co-appellants of the decision by the Middlebury Planning and Zoning Department to approve zoning permit (#ZP-075) for the construction and use of a residential accessory structure (12-ft. by 16-ft. open walled gazebo) owned by Richard Tinsley. The Tinsley property is located at 13 Washington Street Ext. in the Residential 8 zoning district, parcel ID# 025141.000.

The hearing will also be available to participants via Zoom video link. The link will be provided on the meeting agenda posted on the Towns website. Plans and additional information regarding these application(s) may be viewed at the Planning and Zoning Office in the Town Offices or by calling 388-8100, Ext 226. Participation in this public hearing is a prerequisite to the right to take any subsequent appeal.

David Wetmore
DRB Coordinator, AZA

ACT 250 NOTICE MINOR APPLICATION #9A0227-7 10 V.S.A. §§ 6001 - 6111

Champlain Valley Grain Center, LLC, has filed application #9A0227-7 for a project generally described as "partial findings" review under the Act 250 Criteria for development of a ±5.2-acre lot for construction of a ±6,000 square-foot grain center that will contain a distillery with retail, a tasting room, and restaurant. Other proposed improvements include driveway access, parking, sidewalks, and stormwater treatment. Up to four grain silos are also proposed as part of the project. Positive findings are requested under the following criteria: 1, 1B, 1C, 1E, 1G, 2, 3, 4, 9F, and 9G. The project is located at the northwest corner of the Route 7 & 22A intersection in Ferrisburgh, Vermont. This application can be viewed online by visiting the Act 250 Database: <https://anrweb.vt.gov/ANR/Act250/Details.aspx?Num=9A0227-7>.

No hearing will be held, and a decision and permit will be issued unless, on or before Wednesday, August 30, 2023, at 4:30 PM, a party notifies the District 9 Commission in writing of an issue requiring a hearing, or the Commission sets the matter for a hearing on its own motion. Any person as defined in 10 V.S.A. § 6085(c)(1) may request a hearing. Any hearing request must be in writing, must state the criteria or sub-criteria at issue, why a hearing is required, and what additional evidence will be presented at the hearing. Any hearing request by an adjoining property owner or other person eligible for party status under 10 V.S.A. § 6085(c)(1)(E) must include a petition for party status under the Act 250 Rules. To request party status and a hearing, fill out the Party Status Petition Form on the Board's website: <https://nrp.vermont.gov/documents/party-status-petition-form>, and email it to the District 9 Office at: NRB.Act250Barre@vermont.gov. Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law may not be prepared unless the Commission holds a public hearing.

For more information contact the District Coordinator listed below.

Josh Donabedian
District 9 Coordinator
Joshua.Donabedian@vermont.gov
Mail: 10 Baldwin Street, Montpelier VT 05633-3201
Physical: 111 West Street, Essex Junction, VT 05452

TOWN OF NEW HAVEN INVITATION TO BID

SEALED BIDS FOR:

Furnishing and placing asphalt at noted location will be received at the New Haven Town Offices at 78 North Street, New Haven, Vermont 05472 until 4:00 pm on August 15, 2023 and will be publicly opened at the Selectboard meeting on August 15, 2023 on or after 7:00 pm.

Specifications for bidders and bid forms may be obtained without charge at the New Haven Town Offices, 78 North Street, New Haven, VT 05472; or on our website www.newhavenvt.com

The Town of New Haven, VT reserves the right to waive any informalities in, or to reject any and all bids, or to accept the bid deemed to be in the best interest of the Town of New Haven.

ACT 250 NOTICE MINOR APPLICATION #9A0303-2 10 V.S.A. §§ 6001 - 6111

A. Johnson Company has filed application #9A0303-2 for a project generally described as (1) construction of a ±1,150 square-foot new industrial process kiln building and ±300 square-foot control room adjacent to the existing kiln building and (2) a ±0.40-acre expansion of the existing parking area adjacent to the band mill building. The project is located at 106 Andrew Johnson Drive in Bristol, Vermont. This application can be viewed online by visiting the Act 250 Database here: <https://anrweb.vt.gov/ANR/Act250/Details.aspx?Num=9A0303-2>.

No hearing will be held, and a permit will be issued unless, on or before Wednesday, August 30, 2023, at 4:30 PM, a party notifies the District 9 Commission in writing of an issue requiring a hearing, or the Commission sets the matter for a hearing on its own motion. Any person as defined in 10 V.S.A. § 6085(c)(1) may request a hearing. Any hearing request must be in writing, must state the criteria or sub-criteria at issue, why a hearing is required, and what additional evidence will be presented at the hearing. Any hearing request by an adjoining property owner or other person eligible for party status under 10 V.S.A. § 6085(c)(1)(E) must include a petition for party status under the Act 250 Rules. To request party status and a hearing, fill out the Party Status Petition Form on the Board's website: <https://nrp.vermont.gov/documents/party-status-petition-form>, and email it to the District 9 Office at: NRB.Act250Barre@vermont.gov. Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law may not be prepared unless the Commission holds a public hearing.

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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).

Education Quality Standards (Rule Series 2000).
Vermont Proposed Rule: 23P022

AGENCY: Agency of Education / Vermont Board of Education
CONCISE SUMMARY: The proposed amendments to Rule Series 2000 -- Education Quality Standards (EQS) are designed to implement 2019 Act No. 1 ("An act relating to ethnic and social equity studies standards for public schools"), consistent with the legislative intent of both the Act and 16 V.S.A. section 165 (the statute mandating EQS). The amended rule series is intended to ensure that students in Vermont public schools (and independent schools seeking designation as an independent school meeting EQS under 16 V.S.A. section 165(f)) are afforded opportunities that are substantially equal in quality and are equitable, anti-racist, culturally responsive, anti-discriminatory, and inclusive. The amended rule series enhances the curriculum, provides for a culturally responsive pedagogy, and prohibits discrimination against any student pursuing an education or participating in the life or activities of a school based on a number of protected classifications.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Kim Gleason, Member, State Board of Education, 1 National Life Drive, Davis 5, Montpelier, VT 05620-2501 Tel: 802-324-7145 Email: kimberly.g. Gleason@vermont.gov URL: <https://education.vermont.gov/rules>.

FOR COPIES: Bernie Lambek, Special Counsel, State Board of Education 15 East State Street, Suite 5, Montpelier, VT 05602 Tel: 802-223-1000 Fax: 802-223-5271 Email: blambek@zclpc.com.

Public Notices

can be found in this
ADDISON INDEPENDENT on Pages 9B and 10B.

ADDISON COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT REQUEST FOR BIDS – SINGLE-STREAM RECYCLABLES HAULING, CY2024

ISSUE DATE: August 4, 2023

ISSUED BY: Addison County Solid Waste Management District

BID DUE DATE: Friday, September 8, 2023 by 4:00 PM

CONTACT: Gary Hobbs, Transfer Station Supervisor

OR

Don Maglienti, Program Manager

Tel: (802) 388-2333

Email: gary@acswwd.org

don@acswwd.org

The ACSWMD seeks bids from qualified and licensed waste hauling companies to provide transport services by trucks equipped to haul enclosed, 100-cu. yd walking floor, aluminum, tri-axle transfer trailers of compacted recyclables from the District Transfer Station at 1223 Rt. 7 South in Middlebury, VT to the Chittenden Solid Waste District Materials Recovery Facility at 357 Avenue C, Williston, VT. The term of this service contract will be Jan. 1, 2024 – Dec. 31, 2024.

For a copy of the complete RFB, call the District at 802-388-2333, or go to the District website at AddisonCountyRecycles.org. The bid must provide evidence that the company is licensed to haul waste in the State of Vermont.

Bids should be sent via mail, hand-delivery, fax, or e-mail to:

Teresa A. Kuczynski, District Manager
Addison County Solid Waste Management District
1223 Route 7 South
Middlebury, VT 05753
Fax: (802) 388-0271
E-mail: teri@acswwd.org

TOWN OF ADDISON PUBLIC NOTICE

The Town of Addison Development Review Board will convene a public hearing on Thursday, August 31, 2023 at 7:00PM at the Addison Fire Station to consider the following applications:

Please note date change for this meeting.

1. Application (#23-11) Michael McGrath requesting approval for subdividing 10.11-acre parcel to (2) 5.1 acre lots on property located at 132 Pleasant View Terrace (tax map ID# 15-28).
2. Application (#23-08) Jim & Nancy Larrow requesting a further discussion with their denial for a Variance for the construction of a 20' by 30' 1 1/2 story garage.
3. Application (#23-12) Town Hall Project to consider an application submitted by Roger Waterman, Selectboard Chair, requesting approval of a Zoning Conditional-use permit and Variance for renovations of the Historic Town Hall located at the intersection of VT Route 22A and VT Route 17W. The project includes renovation of the existing Town Hall Structure and the Construction of an ADA accessible addition which will house an entrance and elevator to provide access to the basement, first floor and second floor of the historic structure. As proposed the construction project will need Conditional-Use Approval to add the addition to the existing Town Hall. The Addition Town Hall will also need a Variance from the Town of Addison setback requirements. The Town is requesting reasonable accommodation as allowed under The Town of Addison Zoning Regulations for construction of the ADA addition. Located at 65 VT RTE 17W Addison, VT 05491.

The applications are available for inspection at the Town Clerk's Office during normal office hours. Interested parties who wish to appeal or to be heard must attend the hearing or may be represented by an agent or an attorney. Communications relating to the application may be filed in writing with the Board either before or during the hearings.

N.B.: Participation in a hearing is necessary to establish status as an "interested party" and the right to appeal a decision rendered in that hearing, according to the provisions of 24 V.S.A. 117 S.S.4464 (a) (1) (C), 4465(b) and 4471 (a). Participation consists of offering through oral or written testimony, evidence or a statement of concern directly related to the subject of the hearing.

Respectfully Submitted,
John Spencer, Chair
Starr Phillips, Board Secretary
Michael Wojciechowski, Zoning Administrator

ARTS + LEISURE

The Addison Independent

August 10, 2023



Susan Patterson, Ellen Cronan and Brenda Hamm (pictured right) hike to Skylight Pond in Ripton last month. Hikers can enjoy a hike on the Long Trail any day of the week or hike it with Bread Loaf Section leaders on Aug. 19 in honor of this year's Long Trail fundraising campaign.

COURTESY PHOTOS BY RUTH PENFIELD AND KEN COREY

The BreadLoaf Loafers raise funds for local trails

Not much has been spared by the torrential weather, and that includes our beloved hiking trails. In fact, the rain and flooding has refocused the Green Mountain Club's efforts on "hiker and staff safety, assessing the trails' conditions, and supporting flood-impacted communities."

BY **ELSIE**

LYNN PARINI

Long Trail Day, the GMC's annual fundraiser, was originally scheduled

for next Saturday, Aug. 19, but the club decided to postpone until Oct. 7.

Our local Bread Loaf Section of the Green

Mountain Club, however, kept the original date and is planning to celebrate Long Trail Day on the 19th.

The section's hike leaders will lead three different hikes, covering sections of the Long Trail between Emily Proctor trailhead to the Sucker Brook trailhead. These hikes are of varying levels of difficulty and start at different times, but they all will end by 3:30 p.m. A shorter hike will be led on the Trail Around Middlebury. And the day's activities will culminate with a celebration at Drop-In Brewing on Route 7 in Middlebury.

"Right now we have a lot of erosion," said Ruth Penfield of New Haven, who volunteers as

the publicity and events coordinator for the Bread Loaf Section. "Oversight and constant monitoring is important to keep the trail in good shape for the hikers."

This year the local section's fundraising team, the BreadLoaf Loafers, is aiming to raise \$2,720 — yes that's a symbolic number... can you guess why? Yep, you got it, the Long Trail is 272 miles.

"We are dedicating this year's event to Jan and Harris Abbott, long-time GMC members who have held many leadership positions for the main club, Burlington Section and Bread Loaf Section," explained Ellen Cronan of Middlebury, who coordinates maintenance

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'Wally's Cafe' set to make audiences laugh

Middlebury Community Players Company Be proudly concludes their 2023 summer season with the bittersweet comedy, "Wally's Cafe" by Ron Clark and Sam Bobrick.

In 1940, Wally Murdock follows his dream by buying a hamburger stand 40 miles outside Las Vegas, dragging his reluctant but loving wife Louise out of New Jersey to join him. On the night before they open the restaurant, Janet, a no-talent hopeful hitchhiking to Hollywood to follow her dream, knocks on their door. Before anybody can figure out what happens, she's signed on as their one-and-only waitress.

Jump 18 years forward. It's now 1958, and Janet and Wally are still there, still hopeful. But Louise, the pragmatist, has finally had it. The business is not, and has never been, a success. In the argument that follows, secrets are revealed, and Janet is set packing.

In the second act it's 1980 and Wally and Louise are finally packing it in. The restaurant may never have been successful, but they ultimately realize their marriage and mutual love has been the golden ring, the real success in their lives. They can't realistically expect anything greater. Until Janet returns after 22 years to bring them a totally unexpected, Hollywood, happy ending!

Director Gary Gillen saw excerpts of "Wally's Cafe" at a regional competition for the Ohio Community Theater Association at Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio (where Paul Newman and Joanne Woodward went to school).

"I laughed so hard I hurt," Gillen said. "I directed it at our theater in Circleville, Ohio at it was very



Tanya Lehman, Michael Purdue and Jillian Torres search in vain for Wally's Cafe customers.

COURTESY PHOTO

well received. It is a cute story, very schmaltzy and not terribly believable, but it showcases the actors and is terrific fun to watch. One could say the same about many hit shows and movies."

Michael Purdue who plays the dreamer/diner owner Wally agrees. "Wally's Cafe excited me for many reasons. One reads the script and immediately enjoys the wry humor, the sarcasm, and the challenge of three individuals trying to get along with each other for over forty years when, frankly, hardly anyone else is likely to come through their door. Then you realize there is a lot about human beings' desperate search for an answer—any answer—to explain how life got in the way of realizing all our big dreams, only to finally understand we lived the lives we wanted with the people we loved all along. I think that is why this play is so funny. We've

all experienced that to some degree; we can relate. The audience will not only laugh at us, they'll laugh with us."

Jillian Torres play Janet, the starstruck dreamer from Quincy, Ill., who's hitchhiking her way to Tinseltown.

"This show is just so funny!" Torres exclaimed. "I was giggling through the script the first time I read it, and we've been laughing our way through rehearsals. It's a comedy with a lot of heart, and it's been so much fun to bring that to life."

The show will run Thursday through Saturday, Aug. 17-19, at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, Aug. 20, 2 p.m., at the Vergennes Opera House. Tickets are \$10 at the door. Reservations can be made by calling 802-377-3540. For more info visit middleburycommunityplayers.org.

MIDDLEBURY COMMUNITY PLAYERS HOLD AUDITIONS FOR 'SECOND SIGHT'

Middlebury Community Players will be holding auditions for the world premiere of Vermont playwright Ryan Mangan's play, "Second Sight," on Aug. 14 and 15, at Town Hall Theater in Middlebury. Registration will be from 6:30 p.m., auditions will begin at 7 p.m. Auditioners will be asked to read sample scenes from the script, and only need to come to one of the nights.

There are six male roles and three female roles ranging in age from the 20s-60s. There are six principal roles with the others playing multiple smaller roles onstage and sometimes interacting directly with the audience. The parts of Mary and Horatio must sing (a capella) a few bars of any hymn they choose. The part of Critchum requires a Southern accent, and Madam Blavatsky has a Russian accent. The play requires some of the actors to perform magic illusions, so some

experience with magic would be helpful, but not mandatory. The production will run in Town Hall Theater Oct. 19-22. Rehearsals will be determined according to actor availability.

The play is a dramatic recreation of the mysterious lives of the clairvoyant Eddy brothers of Chittenden, Vt. The brothers astounded witnesses as they produced hundreds of visible — and sometimes tangible — spirits during their seances, so much so that in the 1880s and 1890s, Chittenden became known as "The Spirit Capital of the World." Were they really in touch with the spirit world? Or were they the greatest frauds Vermont has ever seen? A tantalizing and provocative theatrical experience that weaves magic with drama, the play explores themes of sacrifice, morality, fanaticism and delusion through the lens of 19th Century Vermont.

For more info about the play, and to see a video clip of a workshop production of the show, visit middleburycommunityplayers.org.

TRAIL

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from Sucker Brook Shelter north to Emily Proctor Shelter — about 12 miles.

“Keeping the Long Trail open and in good shape is a tremendous undertaking, our section handles only

a small part of the whole,” Cronan continued. “There are agreements with public and private entities (for example: U.S. Forest Service, residential landowners, Middlebury College), rules to follow and a vast public to educate about appropriate interactions in the woods, and a changing climate. Volunteers to help with funding and trail work make it happen. When you spend a wonderful day out in the woods, it makes you feel happy about your work.”

“It’s just a great pleasure to be outside in nature, hiking on a well-maintained trail,” Penfield agreed. “People are always looking for new trails, and we say, ‘Hey, join us!’”

Brett Millier, a professor of American Literature at Middlebury College, was one of those new hikers to join the local club during the pandemic; and now serves as the secretary and newsletter editor.

“A FESTIVE AND FUN GROUP OF HIKERS WHO CARE DEEPLY ABOUT THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF THE LONG TRAIL.”

— Brett Millier

Millier is excited for Long Trail Day because it brings together “a festive and fun group of hikers who care deeply about the health and well-being of the Long Trail,” she said. “New people always show up on Long Trail Day, and that is fun, too.”

“Each year, we rely on the amazing community of hikers and donors to complete our work to protect and maintain the Long Trail,” said Alicia DiCocco, Green Mountain Club’s deputy director. “This certainly has not been an easy summer in Vermont with the catastrophic flooding and continued rains, and while no major infrastructure was damaged on the Long Trail System, we will need significant crew time to repair sections of trail that were washed out. Long Trail Day is the perfect way to support the ongoing work required to keep trails open and safe for hikers to use.”

As in year’s past, the GMC Bread Loaf Section is asking for donations to help keep the Long Trail “clear and in good shape.” And this year, the crews sure have their work cut out for them!

So mark your calendars for next Saturday; join a hike of your choice and/or meet up at Drop-In Brewing to celebrate the Long Trail. And, of course, consider donating to the Bread Loaf Section’s fundraising page gmcbreadloaf.org/news/long-trail-day-2023.

Editor’s Note: Find details and leaders’ contact info for the Aug. 19 hikes at gmcbreadloaf.org/calendar. Continue the celebration with GMC on Oct. 7; more info at greenmountainclub.org/longtrailday2023. Looking for other local trails that need your help? Check out Moosalamoo National Recreation Area at moosalamoo.org and the Green Mountain Forest Service at fs.usda.gov/gmfl.

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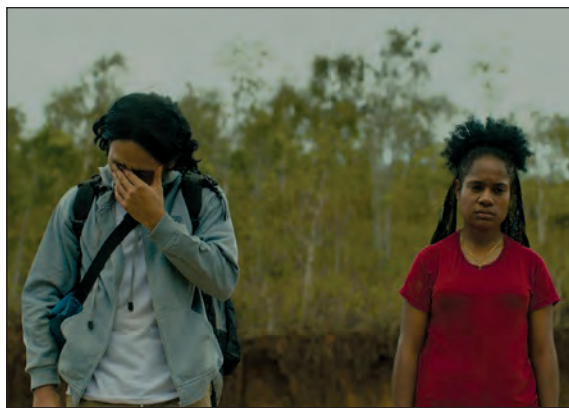
FILM SCREENING

Cross-cultural films to screen at ninth Middlebury New Filmmakers Festival

The Middlebury New Filmmakers Festival is proud to announce the third pair of winners of the prestigious AICEF Prize for Cross Cultural Filmmaking as part of its relationship with Indonesia's highly regarded Bali International Film Festival. Funded by a generous grant from the American Indonesian Cultural and Educational Foundation, the AICEF Prize is presented to a pair of first or second time feature filmmakers whose work robustly embraces cross-cultural themes either in the narrative or documentary genre. One Indonesian filmmaker has been selected by the Bali International Film Festival (Balinale) to present their work at the 9th Annual Middlebury New Filmmakers Festival (MNFF) and one American filmmaker has been selected by MNFF to present their work both at MNFFg and at the 17th Annual Bali International Film Festival in June 2024. The two AICEF films — "Orpa," directed by Theogracia Rumansara and "Dear Thirteen," directed by Alexis Neophytides — will be screened on Friday, Aug. 25, back-to-back at 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m., at Town Hall Theater.

ORPA

Directed by Theogracia Rumansara, a first time



"Orpa," directed by Theogracia Rumansara, will screen on Friday, Aug. 25, at 11:30 a.m., in the Town Hall Theater.

feature director, this compelling narrative film tells the story of Orpa, a serious 13 year old book-loving girl from Papua, Indonesia who is to be married off by her father. Unwilling to submit, she runs away one night to pursue her dream of attending school in Wamena. She crosses paths with Ryan, a wannabe musician from Jakarta who agrees to take her with him. On their journey, a gentle friendship sparks but they encounter difficulties in their travels as they are chased by both Orpa's father and the villagers who accuse Ryan of running from murder. The film beautifully speaks to the

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John Slattery to be honored at film fest

MNFF is delighted to welcome John Slattery to the 9th Annual Middlebury New Filmmakers Festival. Slattery will be honored for his extensive work as a film and television director. He made his directorial debut on the fourth season of AMC's "Mad Men," directing episode four, "The Rejected." He went on to direct five episodes of the critically acclaimed series. Additional television credits include three episodes of Judd Apatow's Netflix series "Love."

On the feature side, Slattery made his directorial debut with the 2014 release, "God's Pocket," starring Philip Seymour Hoffman, John Turturro and Christina Hendricks. The film debuted at Sundance's 2014 U.S. Dramatic



JOHN SLATTERY

Competition and received a limited theatrical release. Most recently, Slattery directed the new comedic drama "Maggie Moore(s)," starring Jon Hamm and Tina Fey. The film received its world premiere at the 2023 Tribeca Film Festival.

Slattery will present "God's Pocket" on Sunday, Aug. 27, at 4 p.m., at Town Hall Theater in Middlebury, followed by a Q&A with MNFF Artistic Director Jay Craven. And his new feature, "Maggie Moore(s)," has been selected as the Closing Night Film, screening at 7:30 p.m., at Town Hall Theater. MNFFg will wrap with an on-stage conversation between Slattery and Craven — a terrific way to bring a great five days to a close.



'TEN COMMANDMENTS' MOVIE TO SCREEN AT BRANDON TOWN HALL

Decades before he directed Charlton Heston as Moses, filmmaker Cecil B. DeMille's original silent version of "The Ten Commandments" (1923) wowed audiences the world over during the early years of cinema.

DeMille's pioneering Biblical blockbuster will be screened on Friday, Aug. 18, 7 p.m., at the Brandon Town Hall and Community Center. All are welcome to this family-friendly event. Admission is free, with free will donations accepted in support of ongoing Town Hall renovations. Note that "The Ten Commandments" will be screened on a Friday night instead of the customary Saturday night for silent movies in at Brandon Town Hall.

"The Ten Commandments" boasts an all-star cast of 1920s performers, including Theodore Roberts as Moses; Charles de Rochefort as Rameses; Estelle Taylor as Miriam, the Sister of Moses; Edythe Chapman as Mrs. Martha McTavish; Richard Dix as John McTavish, her son; Rod La Rocque as Dan McTavish, her other son; and Leatrice Joy as Mary Leigh.

The screening, the latest in the venue's silent film series, will feature live accompaniment by Jeff Rapsis, a New Hampshire-based composer who specializes in creating music for silent films.

For more information visit brandontownhall.com or jeffrapsis.com.

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Call 802-453-4032, email aom@gmavt.net or visit artonmainvt.com for more info.

"The Printmaker & The Potter" featuring work by Carol MacDonald and Kileh Friedman. An artist reception and talk will be held on Friday, Aug. 25, from 5-7 p.m. at the gallery. On view Aug. 11-Sept. 5.

DAVIS FAMILY LIBRARY

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Call 802-443-5494 for more info.

"Pop-Up Books." A new exhibit of pop-up books has been installed in the Davis Family Library atrium at Middlebury College. This exhibit was curated by Middlebury College student Anne Lofgren, class of 2023. On view through the summer.

"Infinite Essence." Photography by Mikael Owunna shows Black models photographed in complete darkness with their bodies meticulously adorned with fluorescent paints that glow under ultraviolet light. On view Aug. 8-18.

EDGEWATER AT THE FALLS

1 Mill Street, Middlebury

Visit edgewatergallery.com, call 802-458-0098 or email info@edgewatergallery-vt.com for more info.

"Rejoicing in Color." This solo exhibition of paintings by Philip Frey, continues his exploration of the landscape, coastal Maine and interior spaces that resemble the summer houses that Frey remembers from childhood. Frey has established himself as a leader amongst Maine landscape painters, known for his bold approach to color, dynamic and intentional brushwork and the interplay he creates between representation and the abstract. On view July 22-Sept. 5.

EDGEWATER ON THE GREEN

6 Merchants Row, Middlebury

Visit edgewatergallery.com, call 802-989-7419 or email info@edgewatergallery-vt.com for more info.

"Rhythms of the Landscape" is Larry Horowitz's first solo exhibition at Edgewater Gallery. This American landscape painter is known for his vivid palette, the energetic, physical nature of his painting and bold brush strokes and texture in his interpretations of the landscape. On view through Aug. 15.

LITTLE SEED COFFEE

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"Photography show" featuring photography work from the islands of Hydra and Poros, Greece, by local artists Steven and Kyle Querrey. Work will be on view through September.

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Cosmic Forecast

ARIES: March 21/April 20. Do not fight your emotions over the next few days, Aries. You need to embrace your feelings or you might not grow in your relationships. Show everyone the true you.

TAURUS: April 21/ May 21. Taurus, capture all of your great ideas on paper or in digital form to refer to later on. You're feeling creative right now, and soon you can turn this into projects that have legs.

GEMINI: May 22/June 21. Time isn't on your side right now, Gemini. You may wonder how you can add hours to the day, but you must make due with the time you have.

CANCER: June 22/ July 22. Cancer, you are seemingly more irresistible than ever before and you're not quite sure what to do about this newfound attention. You may want to retreat, but enjoy the limelight.

LEO: July 23/Aug. 23. Leo, roll with whatever energy you feel coming off of the people around you. If everyone is subdued, then take that cue. If others are revved up, then you will want to light your own fire.

VIRGO: Aug. 24/Sept. 22. Hush your inner critic, Virgo. You are doing the best possible job you can at this time. You're simply too hard on yourself and you need to cut yourself some slack.

LIBRA: Sept. 23/Oct. 23. People do not operate as efficiently when they are running on fumes caused by stress, Libra. It's time to slow down and let others handle things for a change.

SCORPIO: Oct. 24/ Nov. 22. Scorpio, lately you have taken on the role of project manager and it fits you perfectly. Even though you're juggling multiple tasks and details, somehow things will work out fine.

SAGITTARIUS: Nov. 23/Dec. 21. You're usually content being the world explorer, Sagittarius. However, lately you find the most comfort sticking closer to home. Do whatever makes you happy.

CAPRICORN: Dec. 22/Jan. 20. Capricorn, fantasy keeps moving closer to reality for you this week. Don't count out any of those dreams you have been having as they may be inspiration for new plans.

AQUARIUS: Jan. 21/ Feb. 18. You cannot help being unusually focused on all of the little details, Aquarius. It could be a way to quiet your mind, which has been running nonstop for a few weeks.

PISCES: Feb. 19/March 20. This could be your chance to indulge a little more, Pisces. Whether it's a big purchase or a night out on the town, do not resist the opportunity to get out and have fun.

Looks like knitting weather to us this week!

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AUG. 11 — Viola Davis, actor (58)
AUG. 12 — Erwin Schrodinger, physicist (d)

AUG. 13 — Samuel de Champlain, explorer (d)
AUG. 14 — Halle Berry (57)
AUG. 15 — Oscar Peterson, Jazz pianist (d)
AUG. 16 — Taika Waititi, filmmaker, actor (48)

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FRIDAY, AUG. 11

PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT OPENING IN MIDDLEBURY. Friday, Aug. 11, 4-7 p.m., Photoplace Gallery, 3 Park St. Opening reception for "Portrait: Self, Others"

CHARLES SEMOWICH, CARILLONNEUR IN MIDDLEBURY. Friday, Aug. 11 6 p.m., Middlebury College Chapel, 75 Hepburn Rd. Semowich, carillonneur, at the Riverside Church, in NYC, will perform in the Middlebury Chapel's bell tower, soaring high above the College campus. The melodic sounds of the carillon bells are a staple of summer life on the Middlebury College campus. Bring a lawn chair or a blanket! Free.

"COWGIRL" ON STAGE IN MIDDLEBURY. Friday, Aug. 11, 7 p.m., Swift House Inn Tent, 25 Stewart Ln. Middlebury Acting Company's "American Dreaming 2023: A New Play Festival" opens with this play by Justin Aaron Halle. Three city friends convene on a fracking ranch in Wyoming for a wild western wedding — but when Lila unearths "Cowgirls," a relic of a feminist board-game-without-a-board, all bets on a seamless wedding are off. Post-show moderated discussion with actors, directors and playwrights. Tickets \$15 individual/\$40 full series, available at the THT Box Office, 802-382-9222 or townhalltheater.org. Walkups welcome.

POINT COUNTERPOINT FACULTY CONCERT IN SALISBURY. Friday, Aug. 11, 7:30 p.m., Salisbury Congregational Church, 853 Maple St. Admission is free, and goodwill donations are gratefully accepted. Each faculty concert differs in repertoire, instrumentation, and faculty performers.

ASTRONOMY NIGHT IN HUBBARDTON. Friday, Aug. 11, 8-11 p.m., Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site, 5696 Monument Hill Rd. Weather permitting,

members of the Green Mountain Astronomers welcome you to explore the wonders of deep space and the Perseid Meteor shower. Free. Please note the building and facilities will not be available. Rain date, Saturday, Aug. 12, at the same time. Bring a flashlight, and a picnic for sunset if you like.

SATURDAY, AUG. 12

MONTHLY WILDLIFE WALK IN MIDDLEBURY. Saturday, Aug. 12 8, 7-9 a.m., meet at Otter View Park parking area, Weybridge St. and Pulp Mill Bridge Rd. Join Otter Creek Audubon Society and Middlebury Area Land Trust to help survey birds and other wildlife at Otter View Park and Hurd Grassland. Beginning birders are welcome. Come for all or part of the walk. For information, including the latest COVID constraints, call 802-388-6019 or 802-388-1007.

JOHN STRONG MANSION OPEN HOUSE IN ADDISON. Saturday, Aug. 12, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 2-3 p.m., DAR John Strong Mansion, 6656 Route 17. Come tour the John Strong Mansion during the Vermont DAR annual Pilgrimage gathering. From 1-2 p.m. a presentation will be giving on the North Country Honor Flight program, which enables Veterans to have their way paid to attend a wonderful celebration of their service to our country in Washington, D.C.

"UNTIL THE DAY IS DONE" ON STAGE IN MIDDLEBURY. Saturday, Aug. 12, 2 p.m., Swift House Inn Tent, 25 Stewart Ln. Middlebury Acting Company's "American Dreaming 2023: A New Play Festival" continues with this play by Jared Michael Delaney. Anders and Margaret Mary have been married more than 25 years, living on the edge of civilization in Alaska. When Margaret Mary receives a diagnosis that changes the arc of her life, she, Anders and their friends must grapple with the new choices presented

to them and who has the right to make them. Post-show moderated discussion with actors, directors and playwrights. Tickets \$15 individual/\$40 full series, available at the THT Box Office, 802-382-9222 or townhalltheater.org. Walkups welcome.

COMEDY IN COLOR IN CHARLOTTE. Saturday, Aug. 12, 6 p.m., Clemmons Family Farm, 2213 Greenbush Rd. Town Hall Theater presents this BIPOC Comedy Showcase at Clemmons Family Farm. Burlington comedian Max Higgins and friends bring the laughs to the outdoor amphitheater. Tickets free with registration, part of THT's all-access series. More info at townhalltheater.org.

"LESSONS" ON STAGE IN MIDDLEBURY. Saturday, Aug. 12, 7 p.m., Swift House Inn Tent, 25 Stewart Ln. Middlebury Acting Company's "American Dreaming 2023: A New Play Festival" continues with this play by Matthew Chong. Yuri is a 16-year-old Korean-American girl with aspirations of becoming the premier concert pianist of her generation, but when she's chosen to study under a renowned composer and tastemaker in the classical music world, his sadistic teaching methodology pushes her to the brink. Post-show moderated discussion with actors, directors and playwrights. Tickets \$15 individual/\$40 full series, available at the THT Box Office, 802-382-9222 or townhalltheater.org. Walkups welcome.

SUNDAY, AUG. 13

CALEB ELDER AND FRIENDS PERFORM IN BRISTOL. Sunday, Aug. 13, 1-4 p.m., Bristol Trail Network Dump Trail. Take a walk and Bristol's new Music on the Trail summer series, where you can hear live music at an easily accessible spot on the Bristol Trail Network.

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Bring a chair or stool if you wish to sit and listen, or simply pause while hiking the trail. There will be signs for "MUSIC!" at entry points to the trail. Look for a small white tent.

STORYPROV TIME IN MIDDLEBURY. Sunday, Aug. 13, 2 p.m., Swift House Inn Tent, 25 Stewart Ln. Middlebury Acting Company's "American Dreaming 2023: A New Play Festival" wraps ups with this free all-ages Storyprov event. Andrew Ritter, veteran of the Chicago Comedy and Improv scene will welcome volunteers of all ages to choose a character, get up on stage, and perform in an improvised tale completely inspired by audience suggestions. There is no forced participation. Kids encouraged.

JOE AND JACKIE IN MIDDLEBURY. Sunday, Aug. 13, 3-6 p.m., VFW, 530 Exchange St. Come and dance to the music of Joe and Jackie at this VFW open house free of charge. The kitchen will be open from 3-5 p.m.

FOODAROO 8 IN MIDDLEBURY. Sunday, Aug. 13, 4-8 p.m., Marble Works. Taste your way through a huge diversity of vendors while musicians, street performers, dancers and more showcase the best of Vermont's thriving maker movement. Rescheduled from June. \$5 cash cover charge. Kids 12 and under free.

THURSDAY, AUG. 17

FIBER ARTS DEMONSTRATION IN MIDDLEBURY. Thursday, Aug. 17, 1-3 p.m. Henry Sheldon Museum, One Park St. Bruce Yelton will demonstrate hand carding, spinning and the natural dying process with wool. He comes from a long line of textile workers; in his first job after college he worked in the craft industry, winning several awards. After his retirement in 2015, Bruce returned to his passion for the fiber arts and enjoys sharing his skills with others. Free with museum admission. For more information visit henrysheldonmuseum.org/events or call 802-388-2117.

MICHELLE FAY BAND AND PIZZA IN GOSHEN. Thursday, Aug. 17, 5-7:30 p.m., Blueberry Hill Outdoor Center, Goshen Rd. Community Pizza night features pizza, soft drinks and live music \$37 per person/\$27 for kids 11 and under/kids 5 and under free. Advanced reservations appreciated. Blueberryhillinn.com/pizza.

NONSENSE CONCERT IN LINCOLN. Thursday, Aug. 17, 7 p.m., Lincoln Library. Local folksinger Ted Wesley will provide an exploration of the fantastical verses of Edward Lear and Lewis Carroll set to original music for voice and guitar by Wesley. Bring a blanket or a chair as this event will take place on the porch. In case of rain, this presentation will be held inside the library.

"ARMS AND THE MAN" ON STAGE IN MIDDLEBURY. Thursday, Aug. 17, 7 p.m., Town Hall Theater, 68 S. Pleasant St. THT Young Company Classical presents an all-female identifying production of Bernard Shaw's "Arms and the Man." Set in the 1890s, this delightful and satiric comedy presents and ensemble cast and a world filled with juicy characters and fast-paced comic banter. Tickets \$15 adults/\$10 children 12 and under/\$25 generous to benefit THT's scholarship program. More info at townhalltheater.org.

"WALLY'S CAFÉ" ON STAGE IN VERGENNES. Thursday, Aug. 17, 7:30 p.m., Vergennes Opera House, 120 Main St. Middlebury Community Player's Company Be presents this play by Sam Bobick & Ron Clark, a three-character gag-filled comedy about Wally, a man who buys a café on the wrong side of the road that goes to Las Vegas. Show repeats Aug. 18, 19 and 20.

FRIDAY, AUG. 18

GEORGE MATTHEW JR. CARILLONNEUR IN MIDDLEBURY. Friday, Aug. 18, 3 p.m., Middlebury College Chapel, 75 Hepburn Rd. Matthew, carillonneur at Middlebury College and Norwich University, will perform in the Middlebury Chapel's bell tower, soaring

high above the College campus. The melodic sounds of the carillon bells are a staple of summer life on the Middlebury College campus. Bring a lawn chair or a blanket! Free.

ZOE FITZGERALD CARTER AND PIZZA IN GOSHEN. Friday, Aug. 18, 5-7:30 p.m., Blueberry Hill Outdoor Center, Goshen Rd. Community Pizza night features pizza, soft drinks and live music \$37 per person/\$27 for kids 11 and under/kids 5 and under free. Advanced reservations appreciated. Blueberryhillinn.com/pizza.

"THE TEN COMMANDMENTS" ON SCREEN IN BRANDON. Friday, Aug. 18, 7 p.m., Brandon Town Hall, 1 Conant Sq. Long before Charlton Heston played Moses in Technicolor, director Cecil B. DeMille filmed this silent blockbuster on a grand scale. Many say it surpasses the remake. See it for yourself as we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the film's original release. Free will donation.

"ARMS AND THE MAN" ON STAGE IN MIDDLEBURY. Friday, Aug. 18, 7 p.m., Town Hall Theater, 68 S. Pleasant St. See Aug. 17 listing.

"WALLY'S CAFÉ" ON STAGE IN VERGENNES. Friday, Aug. 18, 7:30 p.m., Vergennes Opera House, 120 Main St. See Aug. 17 listing.

SATURDAY, AUG. 19

GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB HIKES IN ADDISON COUNTY FOR LONG TRAIL DAY. Saturday, Aug. 19. *POSTPONED TO OCT. 7* part in hikes in Middlebury, Lincoln, Ripton, and Buel's Gore. See details about the hikes online at gmcbreadloaf.org.

MOUNT INDEPENDENCE-HUBBARDTON MILITARY ROAD CAR TOUR IN HUBBARTON. Saturday, Aug. 19, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site, 5696 Monument Hill Rd. Jim Rowe, historian of the Crown Point Road Association, is your leader to

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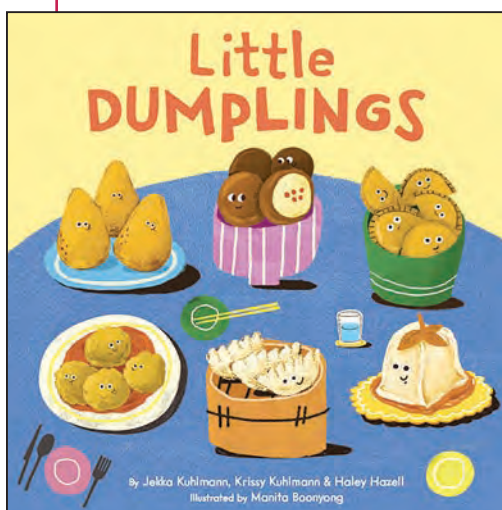
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Audience volunteers of all ages will have the opportunity to choose a character, get up on stage, and perform in an improvised tale completely inspired by audience suggestions. The story will be hosted and narrated by Andrew with live improvised musical accompaniment by Randal Pierce. The show will run 30-45 minutes. There is no forced participation. The show is free to all, no tickets necessary.

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significant cultural barriers that young women face in carving a path of independence from longstanding tradition. "Orpa" will have its United States premiere at MNFFg and is the first film by a Papuan filmmaker to be shown outside of Indonesia. The film will screen on Friday, Aug. 25, at 11:30 a.m., at Town Hall Theater. Director Rumansara will attend.

DEAR THIRTEEN

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"Dear Thirteen," directed by Alexis Neophytides, will screen on Friday, Aug. 25, 2 p.m., at the Town Hall Theater in Middlebury.

and racial divisions across Australia and Asia. This empathetic portrait of a new generation goes beyond stereotypes of adolescence to capture the complexity of finding a way into adulthood today. "Dear Thirteen" will screen on Friday, Aug. 25, at 2 p.m., at Town Hall Theater. Director Neophytides will attend.

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look at the Hydeville Branch of the 1776 Mount Independence-Hubbardton Military Road. Meet at the Hubbardton Battlefield with your own vehicle for orientation. The tour will travel north from Hydeville through west Castleton

to eastern Benson.

MUSHROOM EXPLORATION WALK IN ORWELL. Saturday, Aug. 19, 1-3 p.m., Mount Independence State Historic Site, 472 Mt. Independence Rd. Mushroom expert Meg Madden leads a walk to look for and learn about mushrooms on Mount Independence. Limited to 20 number of people. Wear comfortable walking shoes and dress for the weather. Included in regular museum admission. Call 802-948-2000 to reserve your spot.

"WALLY'S CAFÉ" ON STAGE IN VERGENNES. Saturday, Aug. 19, 7:30 p.m., Vergennes Opera House, 120 Main St. See Aug. 17 listing.

"WHERE THE RIVERS FLOW NORTH" ON SCREEN IN FERRISBURGH. Saturday, Aug. 19, 7:30 p.m., Ferrisburgh Town Hall, 3279 Route 7. Vermont filmmaker Jay Craven will offer a special screening of his award-winning film with a Q & A to follow. The film tells the story of an old logger, Noel Lord, and his Native American mate, Bangor, who face the extinction of their way of life when the local power company plans to build a giant hydro dam that will flood them off their land. Tickets, \$10, available at unionmeetinghall.org or \$10 cash at door. Light refreshments will be served.



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A mother reflects on 'The Giving Tree'

By FAITH GONG

"You know that book 'The Giving Tree?'" my daughter asked the other day. We were on our way home from her two-day class camping trip.

"Yes..." I replied, warily. I do know "The Giving Tree," Shel Silverstein's bestselling 1964 picture book about a boy and the tree who loves him. We'd been given the book early on in our life as a young family, but I'd gradually become so disturbed at the type of relationship "The Giving Tree" modeled for my children that I'd expelled it from our bookshelves.

"Lil read it to us on the trip," my daughter continued, "and I was crying so hard. It's so sad; it's like a metaphor for everything."

"What touched you most about the book?" I asked.

"Well, at the end, the boy and the tree both have *nothing left to give*, but they're just together..."

"That's true," I acknowledged. "What do you think that's a metaphor for?"

"A lot of things. Parenthood."

"Parenthood?!?" I yelped. "Do you

plan to strip me of everything and then sit on my dead body?"

"Well you wrote once about how you should die slowly for the people you love!" she countered.

Not for the first time, I had mixed feelings about intelligent children who read my columns.

For those who haven't encountered "The Giving Tree" or read it recently: The story begins with an apple tree who loves a little boy. The boy visits her daily to gather her leaves, climb her trunk, swing in her branches, sleep in her shade, play hide-and-see, and eat

her apples.

This first section concludes: "And the boy loved the tree...very much. And the tree was happy."

But things change quickly. On the next page, we see the boy as a sulky adolescent leaning against the tree's trunk. The boy is getting older, "[a]nd the tree was often alone."

Then one day the boy shows up as a young adult. He's too big to play anymore. He tells the tree: "I want to buy things and have fun. I want some money. Can you



FAITH GONG



Three graces

FOUR-YEAR-OLDS Pepper Bright, left, Abbie Berry and Penelope Mendenhall take a break from a period of outdoor play at the Bristol Family Center last week. And on the cover of this section, Theia Ronark begins a plunge down the slide at the Bristol center, while Ila Demars waits her turn.

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give me some money?"

The tree explains that she doesn't have money, but she has apples. "Take my apples, Boy, and sell them in the city. Then you will have money and you will be happy."

So the boy takes away all her apples, "[a]nd the tree was happy."

Thus begins a heartbreaking pattern.

After a long absence, the boy shows up

as a balding, paunchy middle-aged man. Apparently he's too busy running his apple empire to play: Now he wants a wife and children, so he needs a house. The tree offers her branches, which the boys cuts off and carries away to build a house. And... you guessed it: "[T]he tree was happy."

Another long absence follows, and the boy arrives as an old man holding a

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Giving Tree

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suitcase. He describes himself to the tree as “old and sad.” The implication is that the wife-and-children plan didn’t work out. (Maybe they got tired of living in a house made of apple branches?) Now he just wants to get far away, so he needs a boat.

The tree offers him her trunk to make a boat. I’m not sure that applewood is optimal for boatbuilding, but old man cuts down her trunk and carries it off, leaving the tree nothing but a stump.

Here’s where the pattern changes: “And the tree was happy...but not really.”

At this point, I always start to feel hopeful. *Does the tree realize that she’s been used?*

Apparently not. It seems that she’s sad because the boy has sailed away; when the boy returns as an ancient, bent old man with teeth too weak to eat apples, too tired for anything except to sit and rest, the tree is thrilled that, as an old stump, she can still offer him a place to sit and rest. The book ends with the old geezer sitting on the tree’s stump. And, once again, “...the tree was happy.”

My daughter was not wrong in her assessment that the book is moving because in the end both boy and tree have nothing left to give but are together. I simply disagree that this should be held up to my children as a model of sacrificial love.

It turns out that I’m not alone: A

quick internet search on The Giving Tree reveals that the book is steeped in controversy. According to Wikipedia, it’s been described as “one of the most divisive books in children’s literature.” To my knowledge, Shel Silverstein has not commented publicly on his interpretation or the motives behind his book.

My daughter was also not wrong in remembering that I’d once written about sacrificing for the people you love: She even located the exact column, written in 2017 and titled, “When You Feel Like Your Family is Killing You.” In it, I reflect upon the sense that all the sleepless nights, answering questions, and physical and emotional exertions of parenting young children are slowly killing me, but conclude that sacrificial love is still the best kind of love.

I am finding that the great truths can rarely be narrowed down to fit on a greeting card, but so often my children take what I say as if I’m offering pithy quotes.

I had this conversation with my daughter on the eve of Mother’s Day, so as a Mother’s Day gift to my children I would like to clarify my thoughts on the topics of parenthood and sacrificial love.

I absolutely believe that we must love

sacrificially, to be willing to put others’ needs before our own. I find, oddly, that I thrive the most when I am the least selfish; when I am loving my friends, husband, children, and community. And nowhere am I called upon to do this more consistently than in parenting.

But sacrificial love isn’t a simple concept. Here are two crucial qualifications:

1. *Sacrificial love doesn’t mean complete denial of your own needs.* Obviously, if I spend all my time serving other people instead of eating or sleeping, I will very quickly be of no use to anybody at all. There are some situations in which it may be very clear that you’re being called upon to become a lifeless stump: Leaping in front of a moving car to

save your child comes to mind, or fighting against great injustices. But in general, taking reasonable care of your own basic needs — for food, rest, occasional solitude, joy and beauty — will only enable you to love others better. “Love your neighbor as yourself,” assumes that you love yourself.

2. *Sacrificial love isn’t really love if it’s actually bad for the person on the receiving end.* Herein lies my real beef with “The Giving Tree”: It’s not just that the tree’s form of giving was bad for the tree, it was also bad for the boy. By allowing the boy

to take selfishly everything that she had to give, by encouraging him to believe that money, love, and travel would ultimately make him happy, the tree enabled that boy to become a sad, tired, broken, lonely old man. (Notice that only the tree was happy throughout the story.) Love doesn’t mean always saying “yes;” sometimes the most loving word we can utter is “no.”

In my own version of “The Giving Tree,” when the boy first arrives and wants money, I’d have the tree say, “Well, money won’t make you happy, but you do need some money to live. So here’s what I suggest: Take seeds from my windfall apples, study gardening, and plant an orchard. Save up for a down-payment on a house built of something other than apple branches and commit yourself to bringing the same love and joy to other people that I’ve brought to you. I’ll still be here, growing, putting out apples every fall, whenever you need to sit in my shade. Come visit anytime.”


I’m grateful for all those — mothers or not — who offer unconditional love so that others might thrive.

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Vt. celebrates World Breastfeeding Month

BURLINGTON — August is World Breastfeeding Month and the Vermont Department of Health along with communities around the Green Mountain State, are showcasing the important health benefits breastfeeding has for both infants and parents, and the supports available to make it an easy choice.

This year's global celebration will highlight the theme *Enabling Breastfeeding—Making a difference for working parents*, and how breastfeeding-friendly employers and communities are key partners in building a healthy Vermont where people want to live, work, and raise a family.

The Health Department encourages breastfeeding (also referred to as chestfeeding) for the health benefits and bonding opportunities it provides for the lactating parent and the baby. Breastfeeding reduces the risk of breast and ovarian cancers and postpartum depression among adults, and promotes health, nutrition and growth benefits for babies — including enhanced cognitive development and a reduced risk for chronic diseases. Breastfed babies also have a reduced risk of severe lower

respiratory disease, ear infections and Sudden Unexpected Infant Death Syndrome.

“World Breastfeeding Week is a perfect opportunity for people to learn about the available supports for working new parents,” said Deb Kitzmiller, a public health nurse with the department's Brattleboro Local Health Office. “There is a lot to manage when you are a new parent. Expectant and new parents can take comfort in knowing that they can reach out to their local health and WIC office, the Children's Integrated Services (CIS) team, Parent Child Center, or can simply dial 2-1-1 to be connected to the help and supports they need.” People can find these local resources at HealthVermont.gov/Breastfeeding.

Vermont is a leader in breastfeeding initiation. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 91.5% of babies in the state receive human milk shortly after birth. However, by the age of six months, the rate of babies who are exclusively breastfed drops to 36.8%. This coincides with the time many parents return to the workforce.

Jackie Lindamood is a registered

dietitian nutritionist and international board-certified lactation consultant with the Springfield Local Health Office. “Returning to work is a huge factor in one's initial decision to breastfeed, and we know that returning to the workplace is known to decrease breastfeeding duration. Fortunately, we are a state with supportive employers,” Lindamood said. Vermont employers can support their staff by signing up as a Breastfeeding Friendly Employer. Visit HealthVermont.gov/Breastfeeding-Friendly-Employers to learn more.

Breastfeeding in places of public accommodation, such as schools,

restaurants, stores and other facilities serving the general public, is protected by state law. In 2008, the law was amended to include protections for employees, and in 2022 President Biden signed the PUMP Act (Providing Urgent Maternal Protections for Nursing Mothers), ensuring that nursing employees are entitled to adequate and paid pump breaks with access to a private space that is not a bathroom, and are protected against discrimination.

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Will your Vt. born make it to the big leagues?

What are the chances that your baby will grow up to play professional sports? Well, if you are reading the Addison Independent, the statistical chance is probably pretty low.

That is according to new research from Casinos.com that looked into the birthplace of every athlete across the four major sporting leagues in America and compared it to the current birthrates in every state. The results showed that Vermont ranks as the state with lowest chance of becoming a sports star with an average of 0 athletes per male births across the four major leagues: National Football League, National Basketball Association, Major League Baseball and National Hockey League.

For many kids, growing up to be a professional athlete and playing in one of the four major sporting leagues in the U.S. is a dream that lives with them forever, even into their adulthood when they have kids of their own and they begin to hope that their child will become an athlete one day. However, this dream is a very unlikely one as the odds of making it and becoming a sports star are extremely low — but in which state is your newborn baby most likely to

become a sporting superstar?

In comparing the birthplace of every male athlete across the major sports leagues and their birthplaces, casinos.com determined that baby boys born in five states in the Deep South have the top instances of playing in those four professional leagues. The top states, in order, where Louisiana (3.97 pro athletes per 1,000 male births), Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi and Florida. Minnesota, which is heavily represented in the NHL with 52 pro hockey players, ranks sixth.

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When looking at the state with the least representation in those four pro sports leagues, Vermont — with zero pro athletes in those sports right now — is dead last. West Virginia, with three NFL players and one MLB player is second to last; followed by Idaho, Alaska and Montana. The bottom 10 all of eight of fewer professional athletes.

The research does not speculate on any connection between the fact that the bottom states also have the smallest number of births.



Up she goes!

ABBI BERRY, WHO is in the class with 4- and 5-year-olds at the Bristol Family Center, is almost airborne during a session on the swings at the center Thursday.

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Prior to getting pregnant, parents expecting for the first time may not have given much thought to how safe their home is for children. But with a baby on the way, safety must be the utmost priority at home. Home injuries pose a bigger threat than expecting parents may realize, as Stanford Children's Health reports many children are hurt in injuries sustained at home. Thankfully, many home injuries can be prevented. Expecting parents can get a head-start on being moms and dads by taking various steps to make their homes safer before their babies are born.

• **Conceal cables and cords.** Cables and cords pique kids' curiosity. Pulling on cables and cords can put young

children in the path of falling objects or increase their risk for injuries involving electrical wires and outlets. Cable and cord concealers are inexpensive and easily installed. Often used to cover cords hanging down from mounted televisions, concealers also can be used to hide cords coming from computers, lamps and other items that can pose a threat to young children.

Some parents may be tempted to let their children sleep in the same crib they slept in as kids decades ago, but it's safer to eschew nostalgia in favor of products that meet the latest safety standards.

• **Avoid, or at least inspect, hand-me-down kids' furniture.** When furnishing a children's nursery, it's best for parents to avoid hand-me-down furniture. The older a piece of furniture is, the less likely it is that the item will meet current safety guidelines. Some parents may be tempted to let their children sleep in the same crib they slept in as kids decades ago, but it's safer to eschew nostalgia in favor of products that meet the latest safety standards.

• **Get rid of potential choking hazards.** The National Safety Council and the National Center for Injury Prevention indicate that airway obstruction injuries are the leading

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No mystery here

A FUN MASK doesn't disguise Nora Phelps, 4, who plays with Theia Ronark at the Bristol Family Center as these youngsters join others in burning off some energy this past Thursday morning.

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Rokeby Museum and Bixby join together in an event for children

FERRISBURGH — Rokeby Museum in Ferrisburgh and Bixby Library are teaming up this month for an event for families with young children.

Bixby, the Vergennes library that serves many patrons in the northwest quadrant of the county, has been holding its popular story times throughout the summer. The final event will be next Tuesday, Aug. 15,

at 3:30 p.m. at the Rokeby, which is just a few miles north on Route 7.

Families can grab a blanket and spread out under the locust trees at Rokeby Museum. Rain locations will be available. Storytime will consist of themed read-a-louds, sing-a-longs and an activity. Babies, toddlers, and young children are most definitely welcome.



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cause of unintentional injury-related deaths among infants less than 12 months old. Prior to bringing their babies home, expecting parents can remove all small trinkets and other items that curious children may want to put in their mouths. When buying toys for kids, read the packaging to make sure each item is safe for babies and avoid buying or accepting any gifts with small pieces.

shelves behind cabinet doors. If kids can see them, they'll likely try to grab them. In fact, the NSC reports that children ages 19 and under account for roughly 8,000 fall-related emergency room visits every day. Hiding medicines on high shelves behind closed cabinet doors reduces the risk that kids will be poisoned and suffer a fall-related injury.

Expecting parents will soon have a lot on their plate. Taking steps to safeguard a home before their babies are born can make the transition to parenthood that much easier.

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"Capturing the Light," is a juried photo exhibit featuring images whose success rests in the quality of the light — natural or artificial, harsh or diffuse, bright or dim — their subjects made extraordinary by the light that falls on them. Juror Ann M. Jastrab selected approximately 35 images for exhibition in the Middlebury gallery, and 35 more for the online gallery. On view July 14-Aug. 11.

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"Hill at Shelburne Farm" by Margaret Gerding is one of her oil and canvas pieces that will be on view beginning Aug. 19 at Edgewater Gallery on the Green in Middlebury.

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ACROSS

- 1. A way to pick up
- 5. Presents
- 10. Type of guitar
- 14. Actor Idris
- 15. A citizen of Iran
- 16. Creative
- 17. Harness
- 18. Weight unit
- 19. You better call him
- 20. Utterly devoted
- 22. Male cat
- 23. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
- 24. Risk-taker
- 27. A team's best pitcher
- 30. Cool!
- 31. Women's __ movement
- 32. Georgia rockers
- 35. Step-shaped recess

- 37. The princess could detect its presence
- 38. Type of truck
- 39. Butterhead
- 40. Angry people see it
- 41. Lines where two fabrics are sewn together
- 42. Soviet city
- 43. Carpet
- 44. Traveled all over
- 45. Thin, straight bar
- 46. Body art (slang)
- 47. Congressman (abbr.)
- 48. No seats available
- 49. Breaks apart
- 52. Arabic name
- 55. Ballplayer's tool
- 56. Type of sword
- 60. Baseball team

- 61. Upper bract of grass floret
- 63. Italian Seaport
- 64. Ancient Syrian city
- 65. Shoelace tube
- 66. The Miami mascot is one
- 67. South American nation
- 68. Popular video game "Max __"
- 69. Body part

DOWN

- 1. German courtesy title
- 2. Ancient Greek City
- 3. Ancient Hebrew calendar month
- 4. Long-legged frog family
- 5. Photo

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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

- 6. Delivered a speech
- 7. Lute in classical Indian music
- 8. Decorated
- 9. Take a seat
- 10. Belonging to a bottom layer
- 11. Member of a Semitic people
- 12. Part of a ticket
- 13. Defunct Guinean money
- 21. Challenges
- 23. Popular BBQ food
- 25. Subway dweller
- 26. By way of
- 27. Shady garden alcove
- 28. Egyptian city
- 29. Partner to "flowed"
- 32. Widens
- 33. Old Eurasian wheat
- 34. Act incorrectly
- 36. European pipeline
- 37. Al Bundy's wife
- 38. Ocean
- 40. Root eaten as a vegetable
- 41. Sound units
- 43. Style of music
- 44. A way to drench
- 46. Hot beverage
- 47. A cotton fabric with a satiny finish
- 49. Rumanian city
- 50. Urge to action
- 51. Vaccine developer
- 52. Canadian law enforcers
- 53. Wings
- 54. "Perry Mason" actor Raymond
- 57. Small fry
- 58. __ Clapton, musician
- 59. Take a chance
- 61. Bland food
- 62. Consumed

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Cheeto

Cheeto is 3 months old. He is sometimes a flamin' hot Cheeto, but with some time and patience, he does enjoy being pet. He is very skittish and might be a good fit for a quiet home where he can chill and come out of his shell slowly. Cheeto loves other cats/kittens and may like a respectful dog.



Kisses

Kisses is a shy but sweet 1-year-old who was found abandoned with his sister. He is startled by loud noises and would do best in a calm home where he can come out of his shell at his own pace. Kisses might greet people with a hiss, but he quickly apologizes with his eagerness to love people. He would be okay with a calm cat or dog.



Benny

Benny is a handsome, calico-colored, 1-year-old American guinea pig. He has gentle manners and is shy to new faces, but once he gets to know you he loves to cuddle up on your chest and receive loving kisses on the nose. He is a solo guy and doesn't get along with other guinea pigs. He does, however, get along with cats as long as they are pig friendly and accepting! In his previous home, Benny lived with cats and dogs and would even snuggle next to his feline friend! He gets along with children, as long as they can respect that loud noises and sudden movements can be scary for a pig. Benny enjoys solving puzzles with his favorite veggies hidden inside. His ideal home would be peaceful and calm.



Julius

Julius came to us as a stray. He is around 2 years old and weighs 63 pounds. He has the wiggliest body you can imagine and will whip his tail all around out of excitement. Julius has shown friendly body language with fellow shelter dogs and enjoys being near them, but can be reactive to dogs on walks that he doesn't know and barks at them. Julius is very strong and will need a family that can handle his strength on a leash. He is housebroken and will sit for treats. He has a lot of energy and would do best with a fenced-in yard. Julius adores people and wants to be where the action is, as he can become anxious when left alone. He is very treat motivated.



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