



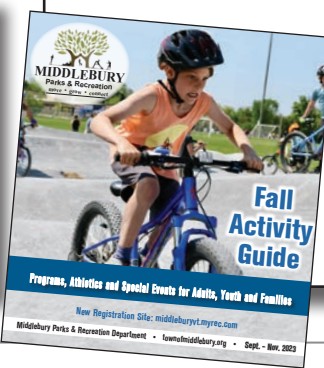
Live on stage

A new music performance series will soon debut in Lincoln's Burnham Hall. See Arts + Leisure.



Legacy hire

The MUHS football program looked within for its sixth coach in 58 years. See Sports, Page 1B.



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Everything you need to know about Middlebury's fall rec offerings is in a pullout inside.

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VERGENNES FIRE DEPARTMENT Captain Keegan Sullivan, left, and firefighter Ben LaFlam get ready to launch the department's new tech rescue boat on Monday with help from Addison firefighter Haley Lauziere. The boat saw its first action during a joint training session with city, Addison and Ferrisburgh personnel.

Photo courtesy of David DiBiase

Rescues, by water or land

Several area fire agencies can offer specialized help

By ANDY KIRKALDY

ADDISON COUNTY — Boats, dry suits and ropes are not the first things one thinks of when the topic of fire departments comes up.

But four Addison County fire departments now own boats, with Vergennes just joining the list.

Two departments, Middlebury and Vergennes, have Technical Rescue Teams trained to do both swift-water and mountain rescues — and they have put their swift-water training to use over the past two months.

Addison and Ferrisburgh — each with extensive frontage on Lake Champlain — have the equipment and training to do water and ice rescues.

This summer offers evidence their equipment can be lifesaving.

A team of Middlebury and Vergennes firefighters on the night of July 9 and 10 rescued two people in Berlin when summoned by state officials to help with catastrophic flooding in central Vermont (see

related story). One woman was trapped in her mobile home, and a motorist's car was swept off a nearby road, and he was on top of his vehicle. Both were happy to see Middlebury's two boats arrive.

And when the skies opened over Middlebury on Aug. 3, city firefighters helped their shire town colleagues rescue a homeowner on Seminary Street, while a tech team from Stowe aided two people stranded on top of a car after an ill-advised venture onto Three Mile

Bridge Road.

"It was really, really dicey. Those people could have swept away for sure," said Middlebury Chief David Shaw.

Shaw acknowledges this year has been busy for his team and equipment.

"We've exercised them quite a bit. A typical summer for us is maybe two or three calls," he said.

Vergennes Chief David DiBiase had a similar take about for his team, and said with climate change this summer might offer a glimpse of what's to come.

"Unfortunately, it looks like the future holds more of this stuff," he said.

While the water rescue teams in Addison and Ferrisburgh mostly focus on boaters and swimmers in distress, the tech rescue teams in Middlebury and Vergennes have training and equipment that also allows them not only to perform "swift-water" rescues in floods, but

(See Rescue, Page 10A)

Local tech teams make difficult saves

By ANDY KIRKALDY

ADDISON COUNTY — The floods that struck Vermont this summer show why the Middlebury and Vergennes fire departments have Technical Rescue Teams capable of acting in fast-moving water.

Those tech teams are also trained to rescue hikers off trails and cliffs.

The Addison and Ferrisburgh departments also have teams that have made critical rescues,

(See Tech teams, Page 10A)

Design team hired for Ilsley expansion

By JOHN FLOWERS

MIDDLEBURY — The Middlebury selectboard on Tuesday endorsed an architectural team to help bring an Ilsley Library expansion/renovation project to final design and will devote the lion's share of its upcoming Sept. 5 meeting to further advance the project.

The board voted 4-1 — with Selectwoman Heather Seeley opposed and members Lindsey Fuentes-George and Dan Brown absent — to select the team of Wiemann-Lamphere Architects and ReArch Company to work with the Ilsley stakeholders and the community at large to map out a major library makeover at its 75 Main St. location.

The Wiemann-Lamphere/ReArch group was one of three teams that participated in a design competition for the right to take the Ilsley project to final design.

(See Ilsley, Page 14A)

Students age 65-plus learn new languages

Summer program serves older demo

By SOPHIA AFSAR-KESHMIRI

MIDDLEBURY — This summer, Joan Johnson found herself studying for academic courses for the first time since she graduated from Cornell University in 1965.

The 80-year-old was a student in Middlebury College's French Language Schools.

A successful businesswoman and Cornell grad, Johnson is no stranger to hard work. However, she found it challenging.

"I knew it was going to be hard," she said. "They're (the college) very clear about how hard it's going to be. However, I didn't realize it was going to be as hard as it turned out to be."

Each summer, the institution admits a small population of

students age 65 and older to participate in the language program, which is known for its diverse age-range, academic rigor and strict language pledge that requires students to adhere to a policy of speaking exclusively their language of study for the duration of the program.

Of the 5,366 students admitted across all of the language programs, this summer, 112 students age 65+ students attended.

In her suite in the Atwater dorm, one of a few that gets viciously vied for during housing draw amongst academic-year students,

(See Language, Page 8A)

Lincoln school district ready for first year

By MARIN HOWELL

LINCOLN — As the first day of school approaches, Lincoln School District officials are looking forward to the supervisory district's inaugural year.

District leaders say this first year of operation will mostly mirror previous school years, though they expect the months ahead to also include adjusting to a new normal in Lincoln and exploring new opportunities.

"We're looking forward to settling into our new governance structure and continuing to nurture the youth of Lincoln," said Lincoln Community School Principal Tory

(See Lincoln, Page 15A)



Rockin' Bristol

THUNDERSTORMS POSTPONED THE Pocock Rocks festival from June to this past Saturday, and for most it certainly was worth the wait. Above, playing a set on Bristol Main Street stage was local band Buckthorn Holler, which included Mount Abraham Union High School alums Sam Kuhns on guitar, Julian Bunch playing bass and drummer Angus Schwaneflugel. Right, three-year-old Amelia McKenzie of Hinesburg sings her part on the karaoke microphone with support from her mom, Sarah. See more photos on Pages 4A and 16A.

Independent photos/Steve James



By the way

The Vergennes Planning and Environment Linkages Study is evaluating alternatives to reduce truck traffic on Route 22A through downtown Vergennes, and state and local officials want area residents to be part of the solution. With that in mind, the Vermont Agency of Transportation and the Addison County Regional

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Domestic violence group to host burlesque fundraiser

By SOPHIA AFSAR-KESHMIRI
MIDDLEBURY — Although "WomenSafe" and "burlesque" may read as an oxymoron at first, the Middlebury organization, which advocates for and supports victims of domestic abuse, is leveraging the recently reclaimed artform during a fundraising event this Friday evening.

The event at 51 Main in Middlebury, from 8 to 11 p.m., is called "No Strings Attached: An Evening of Burlesque and More." Tickets are on sale online at otraway.com/no-strings-attached.

Don't think "smutty strip club," cautioned event organizer and long-time WomenSafe supporter Bridget Gosselin.

"That's not what this is. This is a very classy art form," she said.

"And I think other women who are attending are in the same mindset, of it's an empowering event."

Gosselin, 32, is co-CEO of the Middlebury social impact marketing firm Otraway, which is sponsoring the fundraiser

along with Crooked Ladle and Everything Nice, which are housed at 51 Main. Anyone who attends can expect an evening of desserts, dancing and music.

"The event is cocktail attire. And it will be a 30-minute burlesque performance, emceed by Serena Kim," who last weekend DJ'd at Foodaroo, Gosselin noted. "After

the performance, people attending will enjoy a dessert bar catered by Crooked Ladle. And just music and dancing with a playlist curated by Serena."

Gosselin pitched the idea to very receptive WomenSafe ears. "We were enthusiastic," said WomenSafe Development (See WomenSafe, Page 11A)



TIM WILLIAMS RECENTLY began a one-year stint as interim superintendent of the Addison Central School District. While his tenure will be temporary, he plans to be more than a “stay the course” leader.

Independent photo/John Flowers

New ACSD leader lists top priorities

Williams to help find his successor

By JOHN FLOWERS

MIDDLEBURY — Tim Williams didn't have far to travel to his new work gig.

Last month, the former Patricia Hannaford Career Center interim superintendent simply walked his office adorns across the parking lot to the Addison Central School District (ACSD) headquarters, where he's settled in as the new top administrator for Middlebury-area public schools.

It's a new job with remarkably similar challenges.

Just as he did for the Hannaford Career Center, Williams will — among many other things — help his employer find his replacement and assist in crafting a revenue-challenged 2024-25 school budget.

Williams had been prepared for a “one-and-done” tenure with the career center, but the ACSD board coaxed him into postponing his retirement for one more year, during which the district will renew its search for a permanent

superintendent. The board's initial search for former Superintendent Peter Burrows's successor ended unsuccessfully this past spring, forcing the panel to pivot to a hunt for an interim leader for the 2023-24 school year.

Williams was the top choice, and he agreed to a one-year commitment.

The ACSD delivers preK-12 public education to children in Bridport, Cornwall, Middlebury, Ripton, Salisbury, Shoreham and Weybridge.

“My plan is to implement, to the best of my ability, the board's goals,” Williams said of his basic marching orders.

But he wants to be more than just a placeholder. The ACSD has a variety of weighty issues on its plate, and Williams will tap into his formidable 37 years of experience in public education and wants to leave the district in better shape than he found it.

One of the first items on his to-

do list will be to assist the board in its review and approval of a new ACSD strategic plan crafted with “equity” as its central theme.

That strategic plan is intended to guide the district's educational decisions during the next five years. Late September is the target for school directors to approve the document, which has been shaped by an action team made up of students, parents, staff, administrators and community members. Many of those team members possess what district officials called “underrepresented identities,” such as Black, Indigenous, people of color, LGBTQ+ folks, people living in poverty, and people living with a disability.

The *Independent* next month will offer details on the strategic plan, which embraces three main objectives: fostering in students a sense of belonging, promoting better access to education programs, and creating a learning environment conducive to each child achieving maximum success.

It will be up to the board to endorse specific initiatives during the coming months to advance the strategic plan's aforementioned “belonging,” “access” and “success” objectives. For example, one of the initiatives recommended in the draft plan is to “provide students with access to medical services by having at least a minimum of one fulltime nurse at each school and adequate medical and support staffing.”

Soon after board approval of the plan, Williams and his staff will dive into one of the toughest budgeting cycles the ACSD has seen in many years. Officials will need to build a 2024-25 spending plan that won't, for the first time in three years, benefit from federal pandemic assistance funds.

The ACSD received \$5,256,942 from the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER) to spend between March 2021 and Sept. 30, 2024.

Matt Corrente, ACSD business manager, said the district is budgeting around \$1 million in ESSER funds to cover some or all of the salary and benefits for 15 district employees (12.75 full-time equivalent) for the current academic year. But the ESSER money well runs dry at the end of this academic year, leaving ACSD officials with difficult decisions on whether Middlebury-area taxpayers should be asked to float some, all, or indeed any of the ESSER-funded positions for FY'25.

“I can't paint a rosy picture about this,” Williams said of the budget. “We have a lot of positions that were established with ESSER funds. The largest portion of any school budget is personnel. When we fund some of that personnel with grant money that will be drying up, I don't know if we're going to have the same amount of (See ACSD, Page 15A)



U.S. REP. BECCA BALINT, D-Vt., was in Addison County on Aug. 17 to survey flood damage and learn more about our area's efforts to help people facing mental health challenges. Pictured, from left, are Balint, state Sen. Ruth Hardy and Counseling Service Executive Director Rachel Lee Cummings.

Independent photo/John Flowers

Balint talks mental health with CSAC

By JOHN FLOWERS

MIDDLEBURY — U.S. Rep. Becca Balint, D-Vt., toured Addison County late last week to survey two kinds of hardships from which many area residents are trying to recover — those caused by recent flooding, and those caused by mental illness.

Balint, the state's first-term congressperson, spent part of Thursday, Aug. 17, inspecting a variety of sinkholes, collapsed culverts and crater-filled roads in Middlebury, Ripton and beyond.

The other part of her day she spent consulting with Counseling Service of Addison County leaders and stakeholders to see how the federal government might help CSAC better serve those struggling with mental health challenges that have only intensified in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic and recent flooding.

“We had a mental health crisis before the pandemic, and we are continuing to have a mental health crisis — not just across the state, but across the nation,” Balint told a group of mental health advocates, state officials and local lawmakers who had assembled at CSAC's Catamount Lane offices.

State officials at the gathering grimly referenced statistics showing a recent, marked climb in suicide deaths in the state.

According to the Vermont Department of Mental Health (DMH), the state recorded an all-time-high of 142 suicides in 2021, up from 117 in 2020 and 109 in 2019. The state has yet to supply numbers for 2022. The years in question coincide with the pandemic and extreme weather events.

Balint promised to work with Congressional colleagues to “make more robust systems of mental health support” following national disasters like pandemics, wildfires or flooding.

As a longtime advocate for a single-payer healthcare system, Balint added she favors a more “holistic” approach to mental health and health care in general.

“The body doesn't end at the neck,” she said. “Health care” also means “mental health care.”

NEW APPROACHES

Balint said she sympathizes with hospitals that must occasionally lodge mental health patients in their emergency departments, but said “that's part of dealing with the holistic part of health support. It is a culture shift.”

It's a shift that's seen CSAC think outside of the box in helping folks deal with mental health challenges, and its efforts are getting recognized. For example, CSAC officials were pleased to learn that its new “Interlude Program” is already being hailed as a success and could be replicated in other parts of the state.

Interlude's mission is to help people sort out their mental health challenges in a casual, home-like setting with one-on-one counseling — as opposed to in a hospital or institutional environment. Recently profiled by the *Independent*, Interlude is based in leased space in Middlebury's Marble Works complex.

Rep. Jubilee McGill, D-Bridport, and Vermont Mental Health Commissioner Emily Hawes — also present at the Aug. 17 gathering — pronounced themselves big fans of Interlude and said the program warrants a wider use.

McGill is also property manager and coordinator of rental housing for Vergennes-based John Graham Housing & Services, and her clients have included folks dealing with mental health issues.

“The ‘traditional’ model has really been causing harm, and a lot of people are opting not to seek treatment because there's a lot of trauma there,” said McGill, who praised the Interlude model of “meeting (patients) where they're at.” She promised to support efforts to expand Interlude.

“We need to start treating the whole person,” McGill said. “Rather than funneling people into a system, we need to make the system fit them.”

Hawes said she likes the idea of pairing Interlude with other mental health offerings. “It couples nicely with a couple of other initiatives the state has been working on with

our designated agencies, such as our mobile crisis response — which gets out to the communities 24/7 — and ‘988,’ which is the crisis phone number for folks to call,” she said, adding, “You don't have to be in a crisis to call that number.”

Typically, mobile crisis response services are delivered by a “multidisciplinary two-person team” in the setting where the individual is experiencing a crisis — such as a home or school, according to the DMH's definition.

NEEDS DISCUSSED

The *Independent* asked advocates present at the Aug. 17 meeting to identify some of the most pressing needs in their mission to help constituents deal with mental health challenges.

The message — from CSAC Executive Director Rachel Lee Cummings, state Sen. Ruth Hardy, D-Middlebury, and McGill — was that more financial resources are needed to cover surging health insurance premium costs, to provide more affordable housing and to pursue a more aggressive plan for attacking substance use disorder.

“Vermonters are suffering,” Cummings said.

“Housing is really health care,” McGill added. “We need resources for people to remain permanently housed.”

Hardy reiterated her call for a “nationwide system of health care that provides physical, mental and dental health for everyone.”

In the meantime, she praised Addison County health care providers for doing “cutting edge work, that's collaborative.” Cummings also stressed CSAC's need to fill a growing number of staff vacancies. The agency currently has 40 open positions — around half of which are in developmental services and the other half in mental health.

In spite of being short-staffed, CSAC is taking steps to become more responsive to community needs, according to Cummings. She signaled the start of a new program through which a crisis case manager will meet with, and support, children in crisis — wherever they are. It's the same principle as the Interlude program for adults.

“The idea is to not yank kids out of their location, but to go where they're at,” Cummings said. “We're trying to see if we can create another option for people (other than) the emergency department.”




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New Middlebury tax rate reflects increase

By JOHN FLOWERS
MIDDLEBURY — The Middlebury selectboard on Tuesday unanimously approved a fiscal year 2024 municipal property tax rate of 86.48-cents per \$100 of property value, an increase of roughly 4.1 cents compared to the current rate — an increase of about 5%.

But that's only a fraction of the total property tax story, which must also factor in education property taxes. Middlebury's FY'24 homestead (residential) education property tax rate has been placed at \$1.6760 per \$100, which is a 6.15-cent bump from the current rate of

\$1.6145 — just under 4% higher. And those who fall under the non-residential education property tax will see their rate go up by roughly 8.7 cents, from the current \$1.5696 per \$100, to \$1.6565 — an increase of about 5.5%.

So, the total FY'24 property tax impact (municipal and school) for a homestead owner will be 10.25 cents, while the impact for a non-resident property owner will be 12.8 cents (4.1 cents plus 8.7 cents).

It should be noted that only around one-third of Vermont households pay school taxes based

solely on the value of their real estate. Approximately two-thirds of all resident homeowners in Vermont receive an income-based property tax credit each year.

In a related move on Tuesday, the selectboard OK'd an FY'24 Downtown Improvement District (DID) tax of 5.1 cents for \$100 in property value. That's a rise of just one-tenth of a penny compared to this year. The DID tax is assessed to owners of non-residential property in the core village area and revenues are used to improve public property and amenities in the district.

Fix mapped out for Midd's Rt. 116 culvert

By JOHN FLOWERS
MIDDLEBURY — The Middlebury selectboard on Tuesday received an update from Director of Public Works Planning Emmalee Cherington on the town's ongoing

recovery from flooding that occurred in July and on Aug. 3-4.

Residents along the Route 116 corridor learned on Monday that a boil water order had been lifted, though Route 116 remains closed

between Quarry Road and Cady Road.

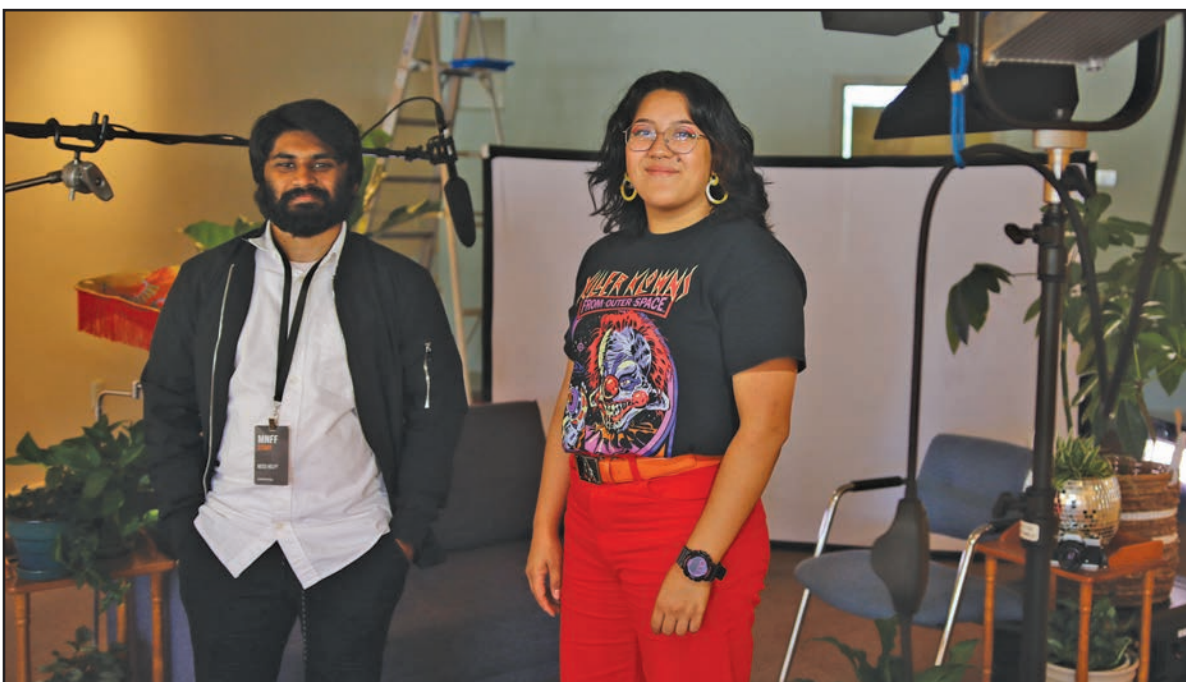
Cherington confirmed the Vermont Agency of Transportation has secured 75 feet of box culvert *(See Recovery, Page 14A)*



Ready for their closeup

THE NINTH ANNUAL Middlebury New Filmmakers Festival kicked off on Wednesday, bringing scores of movie makers and industry luminaries to Addison County's shire town for a series of screenings, parties, celebrations and awards to unfold through Aug. 27. Wednesday saw, in the bottom photo, Jisan Haque and Lauren Sayula, a University of Vermont film student and a 2023 Middlebury College grad, respectively, setting up a studio in 40 Main St. MNFF directors picking up their passes and credentials at 51 Main included, clockwise from below, "I Am a Vet" director Cameron Babcock (wearing cap) and his dad, from Oklahoma; Norwich's Ben Silberfarb, director of "Whitman Brook"; London's Rachel Fowler, director of "The Stillness"; and state of Georgia's Mudia Atekha, director of "The Visit."

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Editorial

On why the raid of a Marion, Kan., newspaper went global

The law enforcement raid on the Marion County (Ks) Record, that became a global news story the day after on Aug. 12, is worse than it first appeared — and that was awful.

First, the raid itself was way over-the-top. The entire local police and sheriff's department entered the newspaper's offices, search warrant in hand, and confiscated personal computers, personal cell phones, the newspaper's server, notebooks, and whatever else they chose to take as was their due given an overly broad search warrant. The same law enforcement officers then raided the home of the news editor/publisher, Eric Meyer, and his 98-year-old mother, Joan, a former publisher and long-time co-owner of the paper, and the home of Vice Mayor Ruth Herbel of the city council. Joan Meyer died a day after the raid, caused in part her doctor said, from the added stress.

Second, the search warrant, signed by Marion County Magistrate Judge Laura Viar, alleged probable cause to investigate identify theft and unlawful acts with computers. What's ridiculous is that the information the paper allegedly had was not only on a public database (a previous DUI conviction dating back to 2008, which is public record, as well as driving with a suspended license), but the paper chose not to use the information, even though it involved a local restaurateur who was seeking a liquor license.

Moreover, the prelude to the raid was a chaotic city council meeting days earlier in which Newell, 46, was supposed to talk about her liquor license application but instead started an out-of-control rant alleging the newspaper and Herbel got information about her former conviction of driving under the influence illegally. That's when Meyer defended the newspaper to say an anonymous source had supplied the information, but he chose not to pursue the story and had turned the information over to the local police days before the raid. (A background fact is that Newell is currently in divorce proceedings, which one news report alleged as less than amicable.)

What also has come out is that the newspaper was researching facts behind the hiring of the town's new police chief, Gideon Cody, who, according to reports from the *Kansas City Star*, had left a position as captain in that city's force following serious allegations of improper conduct before taking the chief's position in Marion this past April.

The other odd player is Viar. She was appointed this past January to fill the remaining year of a four-year term vacated by the previous judge. That is, she's been on the job less than a year. Moreover, she has two prior DUI convictions, and one conviction involved driving the car of a male magistrate judge into a tree. The *Wichita Eagle* covers the story in detail, but we'll just say, it's complicated and not flattering.

To sum up, what you have is a 46-year-old divorcee upset her prior DUI charges might prevent her from getting a liquor license. She flies off the handle at a city council meeting (you can watch it on the city council's tape of the meeting) alleging the newspaper used its computers illegally to verify her DUI charges. She then convinces the new police chief to get a search warrant to raid the newspaper, who is also interested in seeing what the newspaper might have found about his dismissal with the Kansas City police force. The warrant is then written by a new magistrate judge with little experience and who has shown, in the not too distant past, the poor judgment to drink excessively and drive — twice.

That's just to say the search warrant was a trumped-up charge from the get-go that the magistrate judge, the sheriff and the local police chief should have known was illegal. And even if there were a shred of validity to Newell's complaint, the normal course of action would have been to subpoena the newspaper's communications and records regarding Newell and let the courts decide what, if anything, the *Record* had to turn over.

On that point, the law is clear: The federal Privacy Protection Act of 1980 clearly requires law enforcement to obtain a subpoena prior to any search of the press. As the *Iola (Kansas) Register* wrote in its editorial following the raid, since the law passed there is "well-established legal precedent that information a newspaper has obtained is protected, even if those who passed the materials on to the newspaper obtained it illegally. This is why news outlets were able to report on documents Edward Snowden sent them. It's why the White House lost its battle to stop the *New York Times* from printing the Pentagon Papers... The idea is that law enforcement should always seek the least intrusive approach with the press. And with good reason. No government agency has the right to shut down a newspaper."

That the search warrant was overruled and rescinded four days later — with all computers, cell phones and reporting notes returned to the newspaper — tells the world how bogus the charges were.

Too late, however. The paper intends to sue those involved — and with good cause. That's because the motive of the raid was to, at the very least, stifle a local newspaper from doing its job. The raids were something that dictators like Russia's Putin, or other dictatorial regimes, might contrive to silence the press, or as Joan Meyer said hours before she died, "These are Hitler tactics and something has to be done."

Still, there's more to the story. In short, the paper under Eric Meyer's tenure this past couple of years, has pursued the "watchdog" role of all papers more aggressively than his parents had for the previous several decades. According to a recent behind-the-scenes story in the *New York Times*, that's caused friction between the paper and town and school leaders, members of the business community, and others. While Meyer defends the paper's coverage and points to flattering stories of local residents, businesses and do-good events, he suggests his toughness on many cases has been warranted. Townspeople aren't as convinced and some, according to the *Times* story, would prefer to see the paper only cover the good news in town.

Such schisms in a community, and misunderstanding of the paper's role, might have led the local police to believe they would be supported in shutting down the paper for any reason. It's the type of mentality, just as many Trump supporters believed they were right to try to overturn an election, that seeps into society and sets the stage to weaken our democracy. It's why this story has had such national and global resonance.

While the spotlight shines on Marion County as it sorts out this injustice to *The Record*, it's worth noting the value of the community reporting such newspapers do — as well as the importance of local law enforcement officials who respect the law, and the rights of a free press, and seek to avoid such egregious missteps.

Angelo Lynn



Swish!

LINCOLN EIGHT-YEAR-OLD Lena Jones sends a beanbag in a perfect arc toward the cornhole board on Bristol's Main Street during Saturday's Pocock Rocks festival of music, food and fun.

Independent photo/Steve James

Old-style doctoring has vanished

Last December I turned 40. The milestone birthday was a reminder it was time to make an appointment at my doctor's office for a physical. It had been far longer than recommended since I'd had one. As I am both forgetful and a procrastinator when tasks involve making a phone call or talking to someone, the appointment was not scheduled. Luckily, this was remedied a few months later when the doctor's office called me to inform me it was far past time to schedule my next check-up. So I finally followed through.

The following week I received a polite but strongly worded letter reminding me it had been two years since I'd visited (I thought surely it was longer than that) and if I wanted to continue as an established patient, I had to make an appointment by the end of the summer. Otherwise, I must start over as a new patient, for whom there was a six- to 8-month waiting list.

Luckily, I had already made an appointment, but I found myself surprised. Waiting list? To be assigned a doctor? Doctor's offices have certainly changed. In small towns they are no longer the place to seek immediate medical help. They are geared towards preventative care. If you have an emergency they won't see you. While I am supportive of preventative care, and we desperately need it in today's society, it is unfortunate that if you have a minor injury there is no

longer a place in Bristol you can go to for assistance. Instead, you must wait for the operating hours of the urgent care clinic in Middlebury or opt for the emergency room.

My dad grew up in Bristol and has many anecdotes that revolve around the town doctor, Dr. Brown. My favorite story involves the time he and his brothers were riding bikes back from swimming at Bartlett's Falls, shoes tied together and thrown over the handlebars. His brother's shoes fell and got caught between the tire and the front forks, causing him to flip his bike. My dad who was riding no-handed behind him, ran over his brother and fell off his own bike, breaking his nose. With a busted nose, he pedaled into town and right to the doctor's office. Dr. Brown cleaned him up and confirmed that his nose was broken. My dad asked him not to tell his mom about it. Of course, she noticed the broken nose, and later, the doctor's bill. When he was older, my dad drove himself to the doctor's office with a broken foot. He was able to see the doctor, get his foot x-rayed and get a walking cast, all without an appointment.

So again, waiting list? And it's not just in Bristol. This seems to have become a pervasive problem for all types of medical care in Vermont. My sister, who

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Ways of Seeing

By Claire Corkins



Wet weather bites. So do the bugs

Is it just me, or do we have a mosquito problem this year?

I'm no entomologist, but I feel like we're overrun, possibly because of the 14 feet of rain that's fallen in Addison County in recent weeks. Now that it's not raining every hour of every day (a refreshing change), I've been getting outside more. And I'm finding this summer's mosquito population to be over-represented and extra blood-thirsty.

Back on a rare rain-free but sweltering day in July, Mark and I took two of our grandchildren swimming at our friends' place on Lake Dunmore. When we pulled into the wooded yard, the mosquitoes met us at the car and offered to carry us down to the dock. We declined. Instead, we set a record pace for unbuckling the kids, grabbing the towels and inner tubes and sunscreen and floaties and sprinting down to the lake and into the water.

Once the children were sufficiently waterlogged, we planned our retreat through the mosquito gauntlet. Mark explained to the kids that our primary objective was to get ourselves and our armloads of swimming gear back up the hill and into the car as fast as possible, minimizing the time the doors were open. The four of us huddled on the dock, did a chant to get pumped, then lit out like a S.W.A.T. team — or "swat" team, given the circumstances — for the driveway.

I have to commend the kids, who on most days treat

getting into the car as a leisurely diversion during which schedules don't matter and time is merely a construct. On this day, they understood that speed and precision were the keys to getting us, but not the mosquitoes, into the car.

Demonstrating impressive teamwork, we moved swiftly. Seconds later, when everyone was in the car and strapped in, we cheered. Mission accomplished!

Our celebration, however, ended abruptly when we realized we were not alone in the car: A cloud of mosquitoes hummed around the interior.

But how?

We quickly found the point of failure: Mark's window. It had been down the entire time we were swimming.

The ride home was filled with mosquito-related sounds: mostly yelps of pain and frantic hand slaps on bare skin, but also a few pointed sighs I deployed to remind Mark that this was all his fault. We took out as many of the enemy as we could that day, but over a dozen mosquitoes got a one-way, all-expenses-paid trip to Middlebury.

At the time, I chalked it up to Salisbury; mosquitoes, like everyone else, enjoy hanging out at the lake. But now Middlebury is seeing a surge.

It figures; for weeks, there's been standing water in places it's never been before — mostly in basements,

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Letters to the Editor

Former Inn owners safe

Many people here will remember Frank and Jane Emanuel from the years that they owned and ran the Middlebury Inn. When they retired they made their home in Lahaina, the town on the Hawaiian island of Maui. We all can be glad that they came through the tragic fires in Lahaina O.K.

This evening a search of the internet gave me a phone number for Frank Emanuel in Lahaina. Just before 8 p.m. on Aug. 16, I began a 15-minute conversation with Jane Emanuel. She told me that, after the terrible fire, they were without electricity for four days and were still not connected with the internet, but their house was in a place several miles from the town that burned. They are O.K.

They remembered the time six years ago when Margaret and I met them there at church on a Sunday morning. And she expressed a lot of gratitude for our call now and our concern for them. It has been five years since they have been to the mainland — "too old to travel that far now." Jane did tell about a brave parishioner who stayed during the fire and saved the church's parsonage and another building by spraying water. And, she said that the pastor of their church is working hard to keep the congregation together, though the church's building is totally gone.

This is good news. Of course, this does not take away from the tragedy that fell on so many people there, but for everyone who survived and is working to rebuild their lives, this is surely something to be thankful about. And, anyone can contribute to one of the funds to help people in Lahaina now.

George Klohek
Middlebury

E. coli results put into context

It has come to my attention that I might need to correct a misperception that stemmed from my statements last week (and reported in this paper) about E. coli in our rivers.

On Aug. 8, River Watch volunteers collected water samples that were subsequently tested for E. coli. The samples were taken at several sites, including Bartlett's Falls in Bristol and the Middlebury River Gorge in East Middlebury. Similar samples were also taken at some tributaries to the upper New Haven River, one of which has no roads or development in its watershed.

When the E. coli results came in the next day, we saw an extraordinary spike in E. coli at all sites tested. This was practically unprecedented. The Bartlett's Falls site and the Middlebury Gorge sites almost never exceed the state standard for E. coli and the upper New Haven River sites have similarly shown very low levels of E. coli almost every time we sample.

I looked into what may have caused this anomaly and saw that, judging by the U.S. Geological Service flow gage on the New Haven River and local rain data, it appeared that our monitoring teams had sampled during the two or so hours when rain runoff was entering our rivers after several days of no or little rain. We have noticed before that, in late summer if there is a dry period followed by rain, that E. coli levels rise. What was extraordinary about this sampling event was that our timing appeared to catch that first pulse of overland runoff around the period when it was rushing through the streams.

That is why I tried to re-assure *Addy Indy* readers (in an article that Marin Howell wrote last week) that, for the most part, Bartlett's Falls and the gorge in East Middlebury have for decades shown low (and therefore compliant with the water quality standard) levels of E. coli.

A reader mentioned to me,
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Porter budget aims to improve patient care

This week Porter Medical Center, along with our two Vermont partner hospitals in the University of Vermont Health Network, presents our fiscal year 2024 budget to Vermont's health care regulator, the Green Mountain Care Board, for approval. Additional details of the proposal can be found in John Flowers's Aug. 3 story in this newspaper. I'm writing today to share with our community some of the planning behind Porter's request for an increase in budget this coming year.

Porter is committed to meeting the growing demand for health care in our region. We have seen an increase in patient demand since the COVID-19 pandemic, combined with rapid inflation. Our physician-led care teams need to expand so they can better serve our growing and aging region, but

Community Forum

This week's writer is Scott Comeau, vice president and Chief Financial Officer at Porter Medical Center in Middlebury.

workforce shortages exist across our organization, including doctors. This impacts our budget because in order to continue to serve those in our community needing care, we have to hire traveling staff, who cost significantly more per hour to employ. The requested budget for next year will help us recruit, hire and retain key providers, nurses, technologists and support staff. With rising inflation, salaries and housing costs, our budget must align with the health care needs of our community.

One such FY24 investment includes rethinking safety features and security measures in our Emergency Department to ensure our staff are safe. We will also continue to expand training and career development pathways for staff, and invest in updated

equipment and technology.

We'll also be reworking how we use our surgical spaces, allowing surgeons from our UVM Health Network partners, including UVM Medical Center, to book time in our operating rooms. This will allow us to see more patients and ensure our facilities are maximizing efficiency by bringing in more providers and teams, which is a win for patient access and is directly tied to recruiting and retaining staff. For more on how we are partnering to address our challenges, visit uvmhealthimpact.org.

It is a fiscal reality that Porter, like almost every hospital in Vermont, needs to increase our budget beyond the growth guidance set by the Green Mountain Care Board before the pandemic and recent inflation. We view this budget request as an important investment in Porter's ability to provide exceptional health care to our community. I encourage you to reach out to me with any questions at scomeau@portermmedical.org.

Corkins

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lives in Barre, was on a six-month waiting list for a new optometrist following the retirement of her old one. She nearly ran out of contacts and ended up going to the walk-in optometrist at Costco. My daughter has been complaining of blurry vision in one eye, but the wait time to see an optometrist in our insurance's network is a full year. One year! I just want to make sure it's nothing serious. Wait times like this are the opposite of providing

preventative care. And I recently had to reschedule my daughter's biannual dentist appointment. The soonest appointment they could give us was six months later, which isn't a replacement appointment, it is just skipping one, which again is the opposite of preventative care.

It is way too difficult to find new providers, and once you do find one, wait times are too long. If we are truly aiming for preventative care, we need more health care professionals in Addison County.

Claire Corkins grew up and lives in Bristol and studied Human Ecology at College of the Atlantic in Maine. After college she worked abroad teaching English as a second language. She currently works with her father in such various endeavors as painting houses, tiling bathrooms, building porches, and fixing old windows. She hikes, reads, plays ice hockey, travels, and wishes she could wear flip flops all year round.

Raymond

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but also in driveways and on lawns and in cornfields and sometimes across roads. The entire county is a breeding ground.

The implications for my morning walk in the woods with the dog have been dire. Insect repellent is but a mild annoyance to this year's mosquitoes. And if I stand still for even a second — such as to marvel at the astonishing size and ubiquity of slugs this year — the mosquitoes attack en masse. Forget my habit of stopping to listen to birds; my sole focus upon going into the woods

these days is to get out in a hurry.

I try to keep moving at all times, but I can't outmaneuver the mosquitoes if I walk at a normal pace. At a minimum, I have to half-run while bobbing and weaving, waving my arms around as I go.

Last Thursday, despite the physical comedy that is me lurching and flailing down the trail, two mosquitoes managed to bite me — through my T-shirt, mind you — in the unreachable spot in the middle of my back. They're clever this year.

Dodging mosquitoes is taking up

so much of my time in the woods that I'm starting to reminisce about the days when all I had to worry about were disease-carrying ticks. I miss those simpler times.

I'm not saying I don't appreciate that it's no longer raining constantly. And I'm not saying we should eradicate the mosquitoes; I'm happy the bats, birds and fish are getting an all-you-can-eat buffet.

I'm just saying that in Vermont, in the age-old battle between humans and mosquitoes, 2023 hasn't been our year.

Witten

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however, that the message received by some people was that I was saying that water quality in our rivers is fine and that there is nothing to be concerned about. This is not true.

Addison County River Watch Collaborative volunteers monitor seven rivers (Leicester, Lemon Fair, Little Otter, Barnes Brook, Middlebury, New Haven, Dead Creek) and they ALL have problems. Indeed, some of the OTHER recreation sites that we do or have monitored for E. coli often exceed the state water quality

standards. That IS a problem, and we have brought that to the attention of state officials.

E. coli is only one of the several pollutants that we measure. Phosphorus tends to be the one of most concern because it is mandated by the EPA and the state to reduce its loading into Lake Champlain. Most of our rivers do not meet the water quality standard for phosphorus, and we are working hard with landowners to reduce the flow of that pollutant into our waters. Barnes Brook in Middlebury has very high levels of salt (measured as chloride), and

this is also of great concern.

Although our local rivers have some fine fishing and wonderful swimming holes, there are indeed problems that we as a community need to pull together to solve. Recent flood events underline the need to manage stormwater runoff and to plant trees in riparian areas and engineer ways for rivers to have access to their floodplains (where possible), which in turn enables high-flow events to become less damaging.

Matthew Witten
Director, Addison County River Watch Collaborative

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School News

Caitlin Walsh of Vergennes has been named to the spring

2023 dean's list at Montclair State University. Walsh is a Musical Theatre major.

St. Michael's baseball team rising senior **Andrew Lanthier** of Orwell batted .274 while stealing

12 bases and scoring 19 runs as the Purple Knights' regular center fielder and leadoff hitter. Lanthier, who studied in Ireland this summer, is one of more than two dozen student athletes to study abroad.

The birth of Neoplatonism and European theological systems

During the middle of the third century of the Common Era, there occurred a revival of Platonism. So thoroughgoing was it that historians now see it not as mere revival, but a renewal, Platonism wholly made new. They called it Neoplatonism.

The key figure in this renewal was Plotinus (204–270 CE). His ethnicity is uncertain. He was born in Egypt; linguistically he was Greek. In 245 CE, he founded a school in Rome, and remained there until his death, teaching and writing.

His writings were collected and edited by Porphyry (234–305 CE), his student and successor. Porphyry collected Plotinus's writings into six sets, each containing nine treatises; hence the title "The Enneads — The Nines." He prefixed these with a biography. All of them have survived, so we are able to learn a great deal about Plotinus, his life, his character and his philosophy. It is worth doing.

Plotinus was the first great system builder in the course of European philosophy. His system encompassed the whole of reality, its origin, evolution and its fate. Its conceptual power was so great that it dominated the intellectual life of Europe for more than a millennium until the Enlightenment.

Plotinus didn't suppose that his system was new. He thought of himself as an interpreter of Plato and Aristotle. From Plato, he appropriated the theory that ideas are more real than the things they represent, that the idea of the Good is the source of all being and value, and that the soul, the seat of the intellect, is more important than the body; and from Aristotle, the idea of an Unmoved Mover as the source of all being. Plotinus joined them together.

Plotinus believed that the Good, which he also referred to as God, transcended all being absolutely, and was the cause of everything not by any supernatural action but by an overflow of its superabundance. The process is not one of evolution, but of devolution, and as the outflow descends to lower and lower levels, it comes to possess fewer and fewer characteristics of its creator until it hits bottom and becomes dead matter. The successive stages of this outflow constitute a "great chain of being."

The devolution was not imagined to be a descent into Hell, rather into particularity. Plotinus did not believe that the natural world, because of its descent,

became evil. Evil results when individuals esteem their individuality more than God or the Good of the whole and the values that abide in it. Evil is separation, selfishness, narcissism.

Plotinus believed that all existing things, including the physical universe, possess souls, and that there exists in every soul a longing, a deep desire to return to the source of its existence. And the means by which this is accomplished is philosophy, an intellectual ascent through the understanding. Scholars portray Plotinus's system as an intellectual or philosophical religion, which I believe is correct. It is noteworthy that all of the theological systems of the European intellectual tradition are profoundly Neoplatonic.

The ascent of the soul begins with a sense of beauty, which kindles the fundamental longing of the soul, and awakens it to all other values, especially moral excellence. Its outcome is happiness, and because Plotinus believed the soul to be immortal, it leads to eternal life, not everlasting, for eternity transcends time and mere duration. An eternal life is a life fulfilled, complete and present to itself, active and whole, in full possession of itself, and united with the whole of being. It is like a universal love fest; it's uplifting just to think of it. But its nature belies further description.

In his biography of Plotinus, Porphyry tells us that besides a philosophical school, Plotinus operated an orphanage, which may explain the note of childlike joy that is conveyed in his writing. Plotinus did not spend all of his time in an ivory tower engaged in philosophical contemplation. He was busy attending to the education of children in his care.

Postscript: This is an all-too-brief account of what is a rich and complex philosophical system and of the man who fashioned it. For more, I recommend the translation of Stephen MacKenna (1872–1934). He was a journalist and Irish patriot. His translation was first published almost a century ago, but the beauty of MacKenna's prose has not lost its charm. Penguin has issued an abridged edition of it, which contains an introduction and a biography of MacKenna as well. The classic work on "the great chain of being" is a book so entitled by A. O. Lovejoy. Visit your local bookshop.



The History of Philosophy

An essay series by Victor Nuovo, Middlebury College professor emeritus of philosophy

Letters to the Editor

Storms make need for switch to renewables clear

As your excellent Aug. 10 editorial "A different kind of flooding" makes clear, there is a direct connection between climate change (global warming) and the massive rainstorms that have disrupted Vermont life this summer.

As we humans overheat the atmosphere, warmer air holds more water in places like Vermont and produces much heavier rainfall. This in turn is causing extensive damage to infrastructure and many homes and businesses.

What to do? For starters: Get off fossil fuels and use solar, wind and battery storage to electrify everything we can. We also need to build in climate resilience in the form of stronger infrastructure.

Let's protect all Vermonters (not just rich ones) as we make a "just transition" off fossil fuels.

A key piece of this effort will be to rapidly clean up Vermont's energy sources. Because it's a myth that we already have clean electricity.

The state's current Renewable Energy Standard and Affordable Heat Standard are far too lax.

They encourage dodges such as phony greenwashing of "renewable" natural gas; wasteful burning of wood to produce electricity (the McNeil plant); and the expansion of hydropower with

new flooding that will produce massive amounts of dangerous methane.

Amid all the coverage of this summer's rotten weather, few media outlets have noted the connection between climate change and the more intense storms that are now "the new normal." I hope your editorial will remind other journalists, businesses and elected officials that we need to address the root causes of all the rain.

Greg Dennis
Cornwall

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Obituaries

Linda Ellen Cohen, 76, of Middlebury

MIDDLEBURY — Linda Ellen Cohen, 76, of Middlebury, Vt., and High Springs, Fla., passed away peacefully on Aug. 5, 2023, at Porter Hospital in Middlebury after a 12 year journey with metastatic breast cancer. Her husband of 54 years, Hal, her son, Mitch, and her sister, Donna, were at her side.

She was born Oct. 20, 1946, to Philip and Mollie Kerson (neé Dermer) and became an older sister to Donna Kern six years later.

We are lucky to have known and loved someone like Linda. She joyfully lived each of her days with a warm fire that brightened every room she entered. You just wanted to be around her. We will miss her terribly.

Linda was a one-of-a-kind daughter, sister, wife, mother, aunt and grandmother. She is survived by her husband, Hal; son, Mitch; granddaughter, Meira; grandson, Naphtali; sister, Donna; brother-in-law, Barry; niece Corrie Labuglio and her husband Jon and sons Cole and Mason; nephew Doug Sherman; niece Mindy Machera (Cohen) and her husband Matt Machera and son Lucca; nephew Jeremy Cohen and his wife Wendy Chow; many cousins; and finally by her dogs, Rylie, Lexi, and most of all, Oscar.

You might take the girl out of the Bronx, but you can't take the Bronx out of the girl. She never forgot her humble roots. She was feisty, perky, and spunky. Born in the Bronx to a tight-knit family of a postman, she graduated from Evander Childs High School and Hunter College,



LINDA ELLEN COHEN

where she went on to prepare for her life's calling, teaching.

She began her career teaching in the South Bronx, one of the nation's toughest school districts. After marrying Hal in 1969, she moved to Maryland while Hal studied law in Washington, D.C. There she taught in one of the nation's richest school districts, in Chevy Chase, Md. Finally she moved to South Florida in 1971 and taught in the Palm Beach County school system and in private school. She taught academically challenged and privileged students alike. Her students adored her. They were proud to be in her class. She loved and respected all her students and for this they loved and respected her.

Linda was a voracious reader and lover of the English language. Her all-time favorite author was John Steinbeck and she thought "East of Eden" was the greatest book of all time. She introduced her students

not only to Steinbeck ("Of Mice and Men") but to the likes of Toni Morrison and Maya Angelou. She detested the recent movements in Florida and elsewhere to ban books and prohibit honest discussion of hard truths about the American experience in a public school setting.

Linda enjoyed 17 active retirement years even while enduring countless treatments, therapies and clinical trials. She and Hal divided their time between Florida and Vermont, surrounded by friends and family.

While still physically able Linda volunteered at the Addison County Humane Society (now Homeward Bound), delivered Meals on Wheels with Hal, attended the many class offerings for seniors at ESI in Middlebury and simply enjoyed all the cultural and educational opportunities Vermont has to offer. Festival on the Green and Town Hall Theater were favorites.

The family wishes to thank the medical staff, nurses, doctors, technicians and everyone else at Porter Hospital and UVM for the wonderful care Linda received. You were all terrific, especially all the nurses, who truly were and are angels.

A memorial service was held in Florida on Aug. 9.

Donations in Linda's honor and memory can be made to Mill Creek Farm for Retired Horses, P.O. Box 2100, Alachua, FL 32616, Porter Hospital, Middlebury or to The University of Vermont Cancer Center, Burlington, VT. ☐

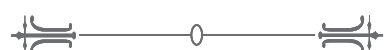


Memorial Service for Betty Nuovo, 90, of Middlebury

MIDDLEBURY — A memorial service for Betty Anne Evelyn Nuovo will be held at the Congregational Church of Middlebury this Saturday, Aug. 26, at 11 a.m.

The longtime Middlebury resident and former State Representative died July 4, 2023, at the age of 90.

Online condolences at www.sandersonfuneralhome.com.



Nicole Bernice Shores, 50, Bristol native

BURLINGTON — Nicole Bernice Shores passed away unexpectedly on Friday morning Aug. 18, 2023. She was born in Burlington on June 14, 1973, to Marilyn and Clayton Shores and raised in Bristol.

Nicole is survived by her three children, Meagan, Rachael and Robert Carter; her mother; her sister, Melissa Shores; her longtime partner, Charles Whitemore; and her nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her father and her beloved grandparents.

Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of one's choice. ☐

Elizabeth Fairchild, 72, of Starksboro

STARKSBORO — Elizabeth Fairchild (Liz, Lizzy to a self-selected few!) passed away on Aug. 5, 2023. She left us in peace — calm, strong, intelligent, with humor, and with pride to the end — surrounded in her home of 50 years by her family, her flowers, her hummingbirds, and her mountains.

Liz was born on Aug. 23, 1950. She grew up in Providence, R.I., and Hog Island, R.I. with her parents, Joyce and Dan Fairchild, and with her sister and brothers: Pat, Tom, Kiloh and Bruce. She attended Providence, R.I., public schools, graduating from Classical High School in 1968.

Liz graduated from Middlebury College in the class of 1972, where she met her future husband, Herb Olson. Liz and Herb were married at the Farm House on Hog Island on July 5, 1975. They built their home together on Little Ireland Road in Starksboro, Vt., where they lived their entire lives, and where Liz enjoyed skiing, hiking, gardening, swimming, reading, crosswords, and living among her friends and in her community.

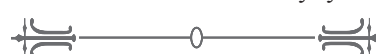
Liz loved Hog Island, and spent every summer there: during her childhood, while raising her children, and with her



ELIZABETH FAIRCHILD

grandchildren (there was always a very special, large room in Liz' heart for her grandchildren).

Liz worked in the early ed special education programs of the 5-Town school district of northeast Addison County, Vermont — teaching and caring for children, and learning from, and supporting students' parents. She developed wonderful friendships with her colleagues in the early ed programs. Liz was an active and visionary supporter of, and mentor to the Starksboro Preschool Cooperative, and the Starksboro Public Library. She was a volunteer for many years



Raymond LaVarnway Jr., 81, of Shoreham

SHOREHAM — The earth lost an extraordinary friend and a committed caretaker when Raymond "Junior" LaVarnway Jr., died peacefully at Helen Porter Rehabilitation Center on Aug. 10, 2023, after a courageous battle with cancer. He was 81.

Ray was born in Ticonderoga, N.Y., on April 29, 1942, and spent most of his early years on the New York side of Lake Champlain. When Ray's young father died in a terrible mining accident in 1951, Ray and his mother and sister moved up the lake from Mineville, N.Y., to West Chazy, N.Y.

At age 16, Ray left home and school and began his long and deep commitment to farming and animals at various farms in Vermont, principally dairy operations initially.

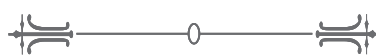
Ray was extremely proud of his commitment to the land and to his natural gift with animals. He had a fierce work ethic and loved to share stories of his farming days.



RAYMOND LAVARNWAY JR.

He knew and read the natural world with depth and ease. And he loved watching football and car racing in his rare spare time.

Ray far outlived his doctors' expectations with his characteristic positive attitude and grit. As he had throughout his life, he spread cheer and made many friends among the patients and staff at Helen Porter



Brent Michael Boise, 53, of Brandon

BRANDON — Brent Michael Boise, age 53, of Brandon, Vt., passed away on Aug. 19, 2023, after a brief illness with family by his side.

Brent was born on Jan. 7, 1970, in Middlebury, Vt. to Dennis and Sheila Boise.

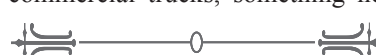
He graduated from Mount Abraham Union High School in 1988. He participated in Cross Country and Track and along the way made a lot of friends.

Brent had a strong passion for music. He learned to play drums at a young age and would play for hours making a lot of noise in the basement of his childhood house. He cherished his dad's vinyl record collection.



BRENT MICHAEL BOISE

Brent's career involved selling commercial trucks, something he



Roger A. Pidgeon Sr., 75, of Middlebury

MIDDLEBURY — Roger A. Pidgeon Sr. passed away at home on Aug. 18, 2023. He was born at home in Middlebury on Sept. 5, 1941, to Louis and Helena (Maheau) Pidgeon. His parents predeceased him as did three siblings: Robert, Richard and Sylvia (Pat) Southwick.

His brother Ronnie survives Roger, as does his wife of 54 years, Susan (Woods) Pidgeon and their

three children, Roger Jr., Charles and Julia Austin; 10 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

Roger was anxiously awaiting his great-grandson Tyler James Austin.

Roger worked as a carpenter for many years. His hobbies were listening to country music and watching NASCAR racing.

Burial will be in Evergreen Cemetery in Cornwall, Vt., on

with Vermont Adaptive Ski and Sports in their Sugarbush winter ski program.

Liz is remembered with deep love and great memories by those who survive her: her husband Herb Olson; her son Carl Fairchild Olson, his wife Katrina Van Dyck Olson, and their son Jack Knight Olson; her son Neil Fairchild Olson, his wife Madeleine Mineau Olson, and their daughters Camille Mineau Olson and Iris Mineau Olson; her sister Pat Fairchild, and her brothers Tom Fairchild, Kiloh Fairchild, and Bruce Fairchild; her sister and brother in law Marguerite and Peter Gregory; and her many beloved nieces, nephews, cousins, aunt and uncle. She was a special woman, loved and admired by her many friends in Vermont, Rhode Island, and elsewhere.

A community gathering to remember Liz will be held on Oct. 14, at 3 p.m. at the Starksboro Public Library. A cocktail party will be held on Hog Island in the summer of 2024, date and time TBD. If you wish to receive notice of the Hog Island event, please contact Pat Fairchild or Herb Olson. Donations, if desired, can be sent to the Vermont Adaptive Ski and Sports program. ☐

with his quiet smile, quick sense of humor, and his kind comments. The family extends their deep thanks to the professional Helen Porter staff for their fine care, also the Palliative Support Services team at Porter, and to friends Anita Bamert, and Glenn and Judy Symon, for their constant love and care.

Ray was predeceased by his parents, Raymond LaVarnway Sr. and Virginia (Lapier) LaVarnway Mussaw; and his sister Kathy Charlebois. He leaves his beloved sister, Carol Brill of Waltham, Vt.; brothers Charles Mussaw (and his wife Tina) and James Mussaw (and his wife Julie), and legions of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. He will be greatly missed by all.

A celebration of his life will be held for family and friends on Saturday, Sept. 16, from 1 to 3 p.m., at Peaceable Hill Farm, 200 Burgess Rd., Shoreham, Vt., where Ray happily worked for 30 years. Ray loved to call it "his farm." ☐

was very good at, and he loved. He formally was the Business Development Manager at Ryder System, Clarks Truck Center and most recently New England Kenworth.

Brent is survived by his mother, Sheila Boise of Westford, Vt.; his sister, Karin Wamsganz, her husband Matthew and their children Alex and Owen of Westford, Vt.; his son, Mitchell Boise; his daughter, Hanna Boise and several cousins, aunts and uncles.

Brent was predeceased by his father, Dennis in August of 2003.

If you would like to honor Brent's memory, relax, sit back and listen to some good music! ☐

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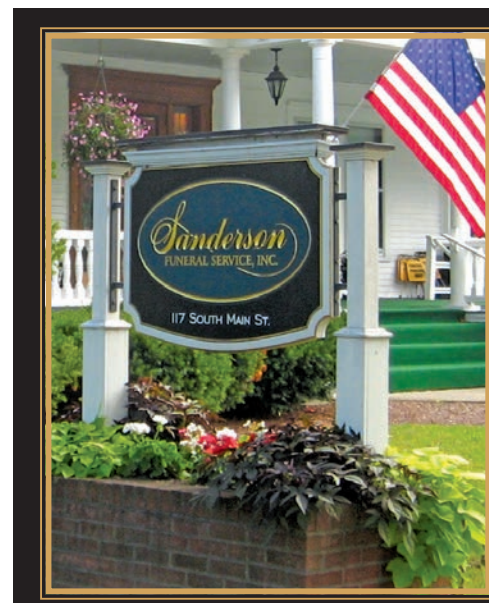
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James “Jim” Lilja, 84, formerly of Middlebury

ORO VALLEY, Ariz. — The world lost a great raconteur, pool player and camping enthusiast, when James “Jim” Lilja died Aug. 18, 2023, in Oro Valley, Ariz. The dearly loved husband of Sue, his “bride” of 41 years, whom he adored, was always good for a story.

He was born Jan. 24, 1939 in Portsmouth, N.H. He was raised in Brooklyn, N.Y., where he became a pool “hustler” at a young age. His most famous opponent was Jackie Gleason, who would come into the pool hall and request “the kid.” Jim served in the Army 1957 to 1959. He lived in various locales before settling in Vermont, where he and Sue met, married, and stayed for 35 years, most of those years in Middlebury.

Jim always had great ideas — picnics, camping, skiing, hiking — for activities that could take precedence over household chores. We cannot forget that one of his favorites was shopping — outlets, L.L. Bean, malls — he could not resist a bargain! Among his shopping venues were hardware stores. He

was the proverbial handyman. At one point, he built a house in New York and at their Vermont home he replaced windows, siding, flooring, even helped to put in a new kitchen.

He was known as “Troublemaker Jim” to younger family members, who he riled up and then left the now-rambunctious kids to their elders.

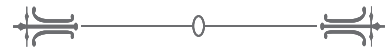
He and Sue traveled throughout the country, stopping in all 50 states. These travels provided much fodder for Jim’s stories. He often conducted tours for visitors, telling tales about various sites, such as the best place to get pie (Errol, N.H., was one) or its history. He joined Habitat for Humanity Care-A-Vanners, traveling across the country and to Canada. He and Sue often checked out local real estate and in retirement moved cross country to Arizona, where Sue’s daughter lived. In Oro Valley, Jim returned to his life of pool, becoming activity director of the Sun City Oro Valley Billiards Club. Jim offered pool lessons and was instrumental in the formation of the women’s division of the Billiards Club. He

played a variety of card games, was an enthusiastic participant in happy hours and potlucks and a volunteer at the Golden Goose, where he put his sales skills to use.

In addition to Sue, Jim leaves to mourn his passing his daughter, Lisa (David) Wells of Hawaii; son, John (Gunhild Seim) of Norway; stepdaughters, Kristen (Geoff) and Kathryn (Tony); six grandchildren; sister Linda Locascio (Dave) of Florida; sister-in-law, Jan Tarr (Sherm) of Connecticut; brothers-in-law, Bob Buchanan (Paula) of Newfoundland and Bill Buchanan (Patti) of Washington; as well as nieces, nephews, cousins and an army of friends. Jim was predeceased by his brother, Donald (Marilu) and his sister Lorraine. Jim was well loved.

Special thanks to Arturo who provided terrific understanding care to Jim during his month-long stay in hospice.

Donations made be made to RV Care-A-Vanners, Habitat for Humanity, 322 W Lamar Street, Americus GA 31709-3543. ☐



Thomas Jackson, 62, of Cornwall

CORNWALL — Our beloved Thomas Jackson, 62, passed away Aug. 11, 2023, in Middlebury, Vt., after a three-year struggle with brain cancer. He was held during his final days by the love of so many and cared for so beautifully by the nurses at Addison Home Health and Hospice and in the Respite Care (ARCH) room at Helen Porter. He faced the many trials of his cancer journey with profound grace and dignity, with a deep sense of gratitude for a life rooted in love.

Thomas was born on July 19, 1961, in Dublin, Ireland, where he was raised. He received his B.A. and M.A. degrees in History from Trinity College, Dublin, where he also discovered his love of acting and improvisational comedy as an active member of Trinity Players. Shortly thereafter he moved to New York City, where he met his wife, Melissa, serendipitously at an outdoor opera in Central Park.

He later completed his M.S.W. from Hunter School of Social Work, CUNY, in New York, followed by



THOMAS JACKSON

his analytic training at the Brooklyn Institute for Psychoanalysis and Psychotherapy, with particular focus on the work of Carl Jung. He worked as a psychotherapist for over 30 years first in New York City and, since 2003, in Middlebury. In 2016, he joined the faculty of the Center for Mind-Body Medicine, working with communities throughout the country to heal population-wide psychological trauma and stress.

He is survived by his wife, Melissa Hammerle; his beloved children, Luke and Thea; his mother, Margaret; his siblings Charles, Heidi (Anesio), Abhayavaca (Akasaruci); his many nieces and nephews, and his Hammerle-Newman-McLeod in-laws, to whom he was devoted. He is preceded in death by his father, Tom, and he leaves behind and is remembered by a large circle of cherished friends and dear colleagues.

Thomas was passionately devoted to the well-being and healing of others. In all aspects of his life, he was guided by a strong ethic of love. His spirit was large, with his immense heart, his relentless sense of joy, his capacity to (brilliantly) see the comic in the mundane, his fierce intellect, and his incredible ability to love and connect and listen. We are holding his bright and beautiful light.

A celebration of life service will take place Saturday, Aug. 26, at 4 p.m. in the Middlebury College Chapel. ☐

Vergennes Police Log

VERGENNES — Vergennes police on Aug. 15 reported thefts from three vehicles, two on Green Street and one on School Street, in which \$200 of cash and a set of Air Pods were allegedly stolen.

Police said they were able to recover and return the Air Pods through iPhone tracking, but the case remains open and under investigation.

As always, they advise residents to lock their vehicles and not to leave valuables in them.

In other action between Aug. 14 and 20, Vergennes police conducted nine patrols by cruiser and one on foot, made 22 traffic stops; responded to two false alarms; fingerprinted six job applicants;

and also:

On Aug. 14 took a report of a catalytic converter being stolen from a car parked at a Pantan Road business; that case remains under investigation.

On Aug. 15 helped Vermont State Police evaluate two drivers suspected of driving under the influence of drugs. City police said the VSP’s New Haven Barracks is currently without a Drug Recognition Expert on its roster.

On Aug. 17:

• Helped Fish & Wildlife officials at a traffic stop. Police said a driver sped past a F&W vehicle, after which the state officials stopped it and cited the driver for driving with a criminally suspended license.

• Checked on the welfare of a juvenile on Hillside Drive.

On Aug. 18:

• Took a report of a loud bang late at night at a South Maple Street

home. A relative of the occupant who lives nearby told police all appeared to be OK.

• While on Governor’s Highway Safety duty in Salisbury cited Christopher LaFlam, 37, of Salisbury for driving with a criminally suspended license.

• Dealt with a minor two-vehicle accident on Monkton Road.

On Aug. 19 spoke to a New York resident suffering from mental health issues who had concerns that were not valid in nature.

On Aug. 20 helped a New Haven Road resident when a package with about \$150 of goods was accidentally delivered to a neighbor who refused to turn it over, instead insisting he would call FedEx to pick it up. Police said the neighbors are involved in a long-running property-line dispute, and they collected the package and took it to its intended destination.

• Were informed of the theft of a North Pleasant Street resident’s mailbox on Aug. 14.

• Assisted a local woman on Aug. 14 who had discovered that someone had fraudulently accessed her bank account.

• Arrested Timothy Farr, 70, of Middlebury on an outstanding arrest warrant on Aug. 15.

• Checked on the welfare of a man in the Maple Street area who had expressed feelings of self-harm on Aug. 15. Police said the man

told them he didn’t intend to harm himself.

• Helped Brandon police with a domestic dispute in the Conant Square area of Brandon on Aug. 15.

• Spoke on Aug. 16 with a local woman who was concerned about a potential internet scam.

• Checked on the welfare of a local man who had expressed feelings of self-harm on Aug. 16. The man was OK, police said.

• Assisted a South Village (See Jump, Page 14A)

Middlebury Police Log

MIDDLEBURY — Middlebury police cited Ian J. Duane, 20, of Ardmore, Pa., for driving under the influence, after having been alerted that Duane had been seen sleeping in his car while parked behind a Court Street gas station on Aug. 18.

Police said Duane declined to submit to a breath test.

In other action last week, Middlebury police:

• Assisted Middlebury Regional EMS (MREMS) at the scene of a “medical incident” on Park Street on Aug. 14.

• Served a temporary restraining order on a person in the Lindale Circle area on Aug. 14.

• Helped a woman who was experiencing a mental health crisis in the Creek Road area on Aug. 14. Police said the woman was taken to speak with Counseling Service of Addison County officials.

• Received a report about a motorcyclist driving erratically on South Street on Aug. 14.

• Found the owners of a dog that had been left in a vehicle off Route 7 South on Aug. 14.

Middlebury DRB to hear student housing appeals

By JOHN FLOWERS

MIDDLEBURY — Neighbors of off-campus Middlebury College student housing have enjoyed a summer respite from the occasional din of parties, late-night music, foul language and screeching tires.

But a prominent landlord who has been renting to students and neighbors who reside near his properties have continued making some noise this summer — not in the neighborhoods, but rather in the town offices.

The Middlebury Development Review Board (DRB) during the coming weeks will be asked to reverse — or at least amend — decisions related to proposed new amenities at two large homes that have each been rented to multiple Middlebury College students: 13 Washington St. Ext. and 53 North Pleasant St.

The DRB on Aug. 28 is scheduled to hear an appeal of a permit that the town’s planning & zoning office had issued to Richard Tinsley on July 19 to install a 12-foot-by-16-foot gazebo in the backyard of his 13 Washington St. Ext. property. That property last year was in the eye of a storm of neighborhood complaints about student tenants’ behavior, ranging from late-night drinking games to young revelers urinating and vomiting on area sidewalks and driveways.

The appeal, among other things, requests that two conditions be attached to the gazebo permit: That it be surrounded by “landscape screening,” and that college students be excluded from the tenant mix at 13 Washington St. Ext.

Then, on Sept. 11, the DRB is slated to hear Tinsley’s appeal of the town zoning administrator’s decision to deny a request that tenants of 53 North Pleasant St. — another Tinsley-owned property — be allowed to use an onsite barn as a “recreation room.” Student-tenants’ past use of the barn for parties has drawn major protests from neighbors, who don’t want to see that space officially sanctioned for recreational use.

Former Middlebury selectboard Chair John Tenny is a neighbor of 53 North Pleasant St. “The ongoing saga of the Tinsley debacle at 53 North Pleasant St., with the property owner consistently ignoring his local zoning and state building code requirements continues,” Tenny told the *Independent*. “From day one, the absentee owner has allowed the student residents and their ‘guests’ to use the old barn as a nightclub and bar with no limits on the number or ages of occupants, no supervision or liquor control, no toilet facilities other than neighboring yards and gardens, no guest parking, and no provisions for fire protection.”

Tenny noted a Vermont state fire marshal inspected the property on May 26, 2022, at the urging of Fire Chief Dave Shaw, and ruled the barn did not meet fire safety requirements. The marshal’s ruling denied occupancy and stipulated the

second floor of the barn “shall not be used unless the building is fully protected by a sprinkler system,” Tenny noted.

“(Tinsley) presents this (recreation room) use in terms to suggest a vision of a few fellows playing ping pong and shuffleboard while watching a football game and listening to Lawrence Welk,” Tenny continued.

“The college renting the neighbor’s property to faculty is great news. Anything will be an improvement over the football fraternity that deeply disrupted our neighborhood for a year.”

— John McPartland

“As the police records show, the reality has been marked by large gatherings of often heavily drinking students, overly loud music, indecent exposure and public urinating and trash on neighboring properties.”

Not all of this summer’s off-campus student housing news has been acrimonious, however.

Middlebury College officials confirmed to the *Independent* that the institution has reached a “multi-year” agreement with Tinsley to lease 13 Washington St. Ext. to house new faculty hires. This would appear to address one of the two complaints neighbors have brought in their gazebo appeal.

Jon Reidel, the college’s director of media relations, cited the region’s tight housing market as the institution’s motivation for pursuing a long-term agreement with Tinsley. He noted it dovetails with the college’s recent partnership with Summit Properties to develop 35 acres off Seminary Street Extension into around 200 units of

(See Appeal, Page 11A)

Vt. State Police Log

ADDISON COUNTY — On Aug. 18, Vermont State Police announced that troopers had cited a Monkton man for sex crimes involving a child.

The VSP Bureau of Criminal Investigation in July began looking into allegations that Caleb Bonvouloir, 24, had sexually assaulted someone in Starksboro, Monkton and Hinesburg. This past Friday, police cited Bonvouloir, through his attorney, for sexual assault, use of a child in a sexual performance, and disseminating indecent material to a minor in the presence of the minor. Bonvouloir is scheduled to appear answer the charges in Addison County Superior Court, Criminal Division, on Oct. 2.

Meanwhile, in the past week, Vermont State Police cited a number of people with driving on Addison County roads while they were under the influence.

First, on Aug. 15 at just before 6:15 p.m. a trooper stopped a motor vehicle on Route 7 in Ferrisburgh. While interacting with the driver, identified as Sean Kehoe, 61, of Hinesburg, the officer observed indicators of impairment, so they screened Kehoe, took him into custody for the suspicion of driving under the influence (DUI) and took him to the Vergennes Police Department for processing. They released Kehoe after citing him for DUI.

Later that evening, at a few minutes after 10 p.m., a different trooper saw a motor vehicle violation on Route 7 near River Road in New Haven and pulled the vehicle over. In this case, police took driver Luis M. Sanchez-Perez, 29, of Randolph to the Vergennes PD for evaluation by a drug recognition expert, and cited him for driving under the influence of drugs.

The next night, Aug. 16, at around a quarter to 11 p.m., a trooper stopped a vehicle on River Road in New Haven, saw signs of

impairment in the driver, identified as Theresa McGuire, 47, of Bristol, and took her to the New Haven barracks on the suspicion that she was driving drunk. Further investigation showed that McGuire was wanted on a warrant for failing to appear for a previous offense. The officer cited McGuire for DUI and ordered to appear in court the next week to answer the earlier charge.

This past Friday, state police cited another driver for DUI in a case that was not the first time he faced such charges. Troopers conducted a traffic stop after observing a motor vehicle violation on Old Hollow Road near the intersection with Four Winds Road in Ferrisburgh on Aug. 18, at 11:19 p.m. The incident ended with police citing Patrick Christian, 39, of Charlotte for refusing to give a breath sample on a driving under

the influence, third offense, charge. At the conclusion of processing, Christian was released to a sober party.

Separately, troopers responded to two different crashes — one in Bristol and one in New Haven — that resulted in minor injuries.

At a quarter to 3 p.m. on Aug. 16, troopers responded to a crash in the area of 2612 Monkton Road in Bristol. The road was described as wet. Police report that Steven Nelson, 68, of Bristol was driving a 2015 Chevrolet Silverado northbound on Monkton Road when he allegedly crossed the center line and sideswiped a 2014 Honda CRV driven by Nathalie Lindgren, 52, of Weston, causing the Honda to crash into a guardrail. Police said that Nelson’s pickup then hit a 2014 Ford (See VSP log, Page 14A)

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Language

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Johnson pursued the program as a way to remain close to her deceased daughter through her passion: French.

"My natural daughter died in Paris when she was 29 ... She is always on my shoulders. She was fluent in French. And truthfully, my love of the language started with her."

"She said, 'Oh, mom, you know, we'll be able to speak French. And we'll do trips together.' And so I started," Johnson said.

She travels to Paris for a month every year to celebrate her daughter's life.

"I've gone for 15 years now."

Johnson, who entered the program at a 2.5 level of a maximum of 4, was determined to achieve fluency.

"That really has not happened, and I think part of it may be that I am too hard on myself. It's hard to get (words) out when you want it to be perfect. And the opportunities for engaging are certainly there. We've signed the language pledge. And pretty much I think most people have tried to truly honor it."

Going into the program, Johnson had insights into difficulties it was possible she would encounter, as a 15-year participant in the aging brain study at Harvard University.

"I'm still totally on point ... But the one thing that has been acknowledged by Harvard ... we are aging and our brains aren't as quick as they used to be."

She said she and her older peers discussed their worries.

"So the angst for those of us

I think, who are older ... is the information is coming so fast."

Johnson noted that even her younger peers reported feeling the fast pace of the program.

"There needs to be a little bit more time for everybody, not just for me as an older person, and for the absorption," she said.

In order to keep up, Johnson adopted a classic college study schedule, working late into the night. At first, she was left with just three to four hours of sleep a night, something she quickly realized was not sustainable.

However, she was effusive in her gratitude to the professors and faculty that supported her adjustment to a more reasonable schedule.

"They would be understanding of me when I said I just don't have all the homework done," she explained.

"I ended up having their understanding that if in the

classroom setting, I said, I didn't get to number three on page 89 that we were supposed to prepare for this class."

"My teachers were just more than fabulous," she effused.

Suzanne Cox, 73, was one of Johnson's "colocatriesses," the French word for suitemates. Cox was used to the pace when she arrived at Middlebury.

For Cox, a summer student pursuing the master's program, academia has been a life-long passion. She is an assistant Spanish Professor at George Mason University, retired businesswoman and Wellesley College alumna.

Cox said it came as no surprise to her three daughters that she was pursuing the program.

"I will say to them, 'Oh, I have an oral exposé tomorrow. I have a test tomorrow' ... and they'll go, 'Mom, why are you doing that?'" Her response?

"It's just that when it's over, I feel so good. I feel enriched."

Cox had just completed her final evaluations a day before we spoke, but already she was back working. She explained that her computer, which was open on the table when we spoke, was there because she had been doing work tutoring a student, one side-hustle she pursues.

She said she didn't think twice about her age while in Middlebury's French program.

"I'm aware that (other students) are younger than my children. But I never think about that. I just never think about it," Cox said. "It's not a thing with me."

LATE NIGHTS, EARLY RISING

One of their peers, Stephane Chapman, had a similar experience to Cox. The Vietnam War veteran, Michigan State University alumni and retired network engineer, said he didn't find the adjustment back to homework challenging.

However, like Johnson noted, it took Chapman more time to learn material than his younger peers:

"When you're learning a language and you're 20-something, it's not a problem to

do the homework for the next day, in that afternoon or that evening. When you're 73, you don't learn as fast. And you have to do more iterations of exercises to really get it in your head."

"So where it might have taken somebody else two to four hours to do their homework, it took me six or eight," Chapman continued. "So to get that six or eight, I would take a nap in the afternoons, get up, I'd work till 10 o'clock at night, I would get up at 4:30 in the morning, and I would work till 7:30 in the morning, and then I would go to my first class."

But before considering the best study tactics, he first had to get into the program.

"When I applied to Middlebury College, I fully expected to get an are-you-kidding-me letter," he quipped.

Like Johnson and Cox, Chapman too had previously been acquainted with the language. He entered the program at the intermediate level.

He plans to use his improved French language proficiency as a volunteer.

"I already had a relationship with a charitable organization called Doctors Without Borders (Médecins Sans Frontières, or MSF, in French)," he said. "And they have jobs posted, where you would go to a Northern African French (speaking) country, like Sudan, or Cote d'Ivoire, or some of those other smaller countries, and you would assist the doctors. You take a lot of the load off of them for the routine things they have to do."

However, there was one problem; he had not achieved the level of proficiency in French required for the position.

"Well, coming to Middlebury, that happened," he said.

Now, he's preparing to travel to France for an orientation with the program.

"Here I am, 73, and I've got this treasure chest, and I'm not quite sure what to do with it," he said.

"Because if they'll take me over at MSF and send me to Africa, I'm going."

Student workers weigh in on the pledge

By AMELIA SEEPERSAUD
MIDDLEBURY — Every summer the Middlebury College campus comes to life as it welcomes students for language schools. But language school students aren't the only folks taking up residency on the college campus.

There are about 150 year-round Middlebury students who live in on-campus housing over the summer as they are conducting research, working jobs, doing internships and more. These students pay between \$100-\$145 per week for their housing and an additional \$150 per week for the meal plan.

An email sent to the students by Residential Life at the beginning of the summer outlined the expectations that were in place for student workers, which are the same for any employee or faculty member of the school in the summer; the message was clear: respect the language pledge — the promise of Middlebury Language School students to only speak the language they are studying.

The student workers are expected to not use or to minimize the English they speak in public spaces like dining halls, libraries, walking in open spaces on campus, etc. They are allowed to openly speak English in the student worker housing, the fireplace lounge in Ross Dining Hall and an area in Proctor Dining Hall.

"Summer student workers are here on campus in the summer as employees," part of the email read, "and this means that

(See Workers, Page 16A)



MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE FRENCH Language Associate Director Barbara Sicot is flanked by two older students — Joan Johnson, left, and Susanne Cox — in front of Le Chateau, where they attended classes this summer. Both students, well over retirement age, enjoyed the rigor of language learning in Middlebury.

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Language school pledge assessed

By AMELIA SEEPERSAUD
MIDDLEBURY — Each summer, Middlebury College welcomes over 1,500 students onto its campuses to learn any of the 13 languages offered by its Summer Language Immersion programs.

As the programs start off in late June/early July, each student takes the language pledge in which they agree to speak only the language they are learning for the entire seven to nine weeks of the program. Students attend classes, eat meals, participate in clubs and activities entirely in the language of their school.

Having been around for over a century, the language school has been a proven successful program for language acquisition.

But since the schools opened in 1915, a variety of theories of language acquisition have been developed and the discussion around effective methods towards language acquisition has broadened. In particular a more recent movement known as "translanguaging" offers a perspective that slightly diverges from the pedagogy the language

schools currently follow.

"In translanguaging you draw on your first language as a resource," said Middlebury Professor of Writing and Linguistics Shawna Shapiro.

Shapiro discussed the shift that has been happening in classrooms away from "monolingual language ideologies." She explained that with these ideologies there is a sense that it is necessary to stay in the language you are learning as much as possible and that your first language is a threat to the language learning process.

But, Shapiro believes that the translanguaging approach can be beneficial as it allows the learner to create connections and pull from the knowledge of their first-language to build their skills in the new language.

But Shapiro also has reservations with this approach. She reflected on her own experience having studied language in college.

"I studied abroad in Spain and we didn't have a language pledge," she said. "A lot of the other American students studying with me were using English."

She had a Spanish-speaking friend with whom she was able to speak in Spanish.

"I was lucky to challenge myself linguistically," she continued. "Something like a language pledge can be an external motivator."

She says for most people having their own intrinsic motivation is the number one factor of successfully learning a language.

Shapiro as well as Associate Dean of Language Schools Thor Sawin agree on the fact that part of what makes the language schools work is that it is a select group of students who actively opted into an immersion program like this.

Sawin explains that the discomfort that comes with full immersion into a language is what fosters the language learning process in the language schools.

"Regardless of which of those theories you ascribe to, they all place a high value on interacting with another speaker of the language where you both desire to complete the interaction," he said. "I'm invested in what you're saying to me, you're invested in

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Bristol church celebrates 20 years of support for children, families in Uganda

By MARIN HOWELL

BRISTOL — Around two decades ago, members of the First Baptist Church of Bristol pooled donations to help support youth in rural Uganda. The effort was originally intended to fund Christmas presents for a single family, but ultimately led to the creation of a nonprofit organization that now offers comprehensive support for over 200 children and their families in several villages in the East African country.

Now, the Bristol church is planning to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the organization, known as the Village2Village Project, with a fundraising event this Saturday. The gathering will feature music from local country gospel group Old Bones and a presentation from Laurie Kroll, a former Bristol resident who founded the Village2Village Project and now serves as its executive director.

Kroll will speak with attendees about the organization's mission, the Village2Village Project evolution over the past two decades, and its plans for additional growth.

"We want to be able to serve the entire (Serere) district; that's our goal," Kroll told the *Independent*. "There's been people from other parts of the district that have walked miles to try and talk with us and apply, and we've had to say we don't work in their area, and that's heartbreaking."

VILLAGE2VILLAGE MISSION

The Village2Village Project works in the Serere District, a region of Eastern Uganda with a population of around 300,000. The organization offers comprehensive support to vulnerable and orphaned children and their families.

"The children do not live in an orphanage setting, they are in a rural setting, they have relatives around. If the parent is not alive, then there's a grandparent or an aunt or an uncle," Kroll explained. "Many of our children this last number of years are children of young widows. They might be

23 with three children or 29 with seven children, and they've lost their partner through violence, or an illness or drowning."

Sponsors of the organization help fund the range of care Village2Village provides, which includes medical services, hot meals and mentoring. The nonprofit is based out of Fishers, Ind., where Kroll now lives, and the organization operates two campuses in Uganda.

Kroll said the project typically begins working with school-aged children and continues to support the youth throughout their schooling.

"The vast majority of our children go onto secondary school, and then they can take a professional track, a vocational track or a university track. We try to support them through their dream of finishing (school), being able to support themselves and their families and give back to their communities," Kroll said.

While the Village2Village project now serves individuals in 39 villages, the organization's work began with just one family back in 2003. Kroll spearheaded that initial effort, which was inspired by her interactions with a young man visiting Vermont from Uganda.

"He was working at a camp in Ripton, and I invited him and a couple of his friends to a couple of youth group activities, just to give them an experience of Vermont," Kroll recalled. "As I heard the story of this young man and the deprivation that he experienced, I reached out to his family and those were a couple of the first kids that were helped through the First Baptist Church of Bristol and through friends of mine."

Kroll said the group planned to

simply put their donation towards Christmas presents for the young man's family, but word of outside support started to spread within the village and additional needs in the area became evident. Kroll and others began supporting a group of around nine children, an effort that ultimately grew into the Village2Village Project.

"It wasn't intended to be an organization at all, it was just an outreach of the church and friends of mine as well, but it took so little to change a child's entire life," Kroll said. "At that time, it was just about them going to primary school and learning to read, but as time went on, we saw not only the potential of these children and the dreams they had to serve their communities, but we started to see what the whole area could be with the investment of others."

For years, the First Baptist Church of Bristol provided fiscal sponsorship for the project, with other churches, Rotary clubs and donors offering additional support for the organization's work. The Village2Village Project became an official 501c3 charitable organization in 2016 and today has sponsors in 40 countries.

EXPANDING PROGRAMS

Kroll said the organization's growing number of sponsors has allowed the Village2Village Project to offer additional aid and programs over the years.

The project began supporting youth in their educational endeavors and has since expanded its work to meet a range of other needs, as well as offer additional support for parents and other guardians.

"We have a program for guardians that meets once a month. We bring in speakers on parenting or agriculture or all sorts of different ways to encourage them," Kroll said. "They have someone they feel they can turn to when their teen is going off the rails or the trauma is getting to be too much."

The organization's physical footprint has also expanded over the years. Kroll noted that in the beginning of the organization's work, the project didn't have a homebase in Uganda.

"The first person we hired actually just worked for us out of the goodness of his heart. Until we had 48 children, all the kids ate lunch sitting on his bed," Kroll said. "Now, he's the director of operations and we have two campuses with plans of having another satellite campus this fall."

The organization hopes to also open a K-4 educational center for children in the district in 2025. Kroll said other goals for the Village2Village Project include continuing to grow the organization's programming for guardians and finding ways to include alumni in its work.

"(Project alums) have been really feeling their way to see how

they can help the other kids left behind," Kroll said. "Utilizing the skills that our alumni have is a goal that we want to continue to improve on because we have some folks that have some really great aspirations."

Kroll said the organization has already begun to see the impact its alumni can have on their surrounding community.

"Now a lot of these kids are in their 20s and some of them 30s and they're parents themselves, building lives for themselves and being the person in their family that helps with the hospitalization of a grandparent and really just becomes the backbone of that family," she said.

SUPPORT FROM BRISTOL

The First Baptist Church of Bristol has remained tethered to the Village2Village Project throughout the years. The project is one of the church's monthly missions, and some members of the congregation individually sponsor children in the program.

Mary Purinton is a member of the Bristol church and for years has sponsored a young woman in Uganda, who is now in her 30s and working as a doctor.

"We couldn't be prouder of her. We are one of the lucky sponsors that actually got to meet our sponsor daughter here in Vermont, as she was chosen two times to come to the states and share her story," Purinton said. "When we began supporting, it was from the story told of what some of these young girls experience in Uganda. At the time we also had a daughter, Chelsea, the same age, and it was very close to my heart to think how our Chelsea was safe and fed and being raised here in Vermont and what this young girl was experiencing."

Over the past two decades, the Bristol church has also hosted dinners and concerts with performances from Old Bones to raise funds for the organization, though those events were put on hold during the pandemic.

The celebration at the Bristol church this weekend will be reminiscent of those fundraising concerts, with performances from Old Bones and Kroll returning to share more about the project's ongoing work. The gathering is scheduled for 1 to 5 p.m. this Saturday, Aug. 26, at the First Baptist Church of Bristol.

Purinton said members of the Bristol church have enjoyed seeing how the organization has made a positive impact on children's lives over the years and is looking forward to celebrating two decades of that work.

"We are happy and excited to see the children grow and learn and have so many success stories to share, as well as the new buildings that Village2Village Project has been able to build over the years. It is always exciting to see the Lord's hands at work through so many," she said.

"We are just excited to celebrate 20 years, to have the celebration happen in the home church where it all began, to hopefully encourage others to be a part of this growing organization and to continue to see the Lord's work and to make sure the Lord is honored and that all the glory goes to him."



FORMER BRISTOL RESIDENT Laurie Kroll, shown with Ugandan children, spearheaded a 2003 effort to purchase Christmas gifts for a Ugandan family. Today, she runs the Village2Village Project, the nonprofit organization created as a result of that initiative that now offers comprehensive support to over 200 Ugandan children and their families.

Photo courtesy of Laurie Kroll



A SECONDARY STUDENT enrolled in the Village2Village Project smiles with a gift she received from her sponsor in Bristol. Members of the First Baptist Church of Bristol helped get the organization off the ground 20 years ago and continue to individually sponsor children through the project.

Photo courtesy of Laurie Kroll



A YOUNG CHILD enjoys a hot meal provided by the Village2Village Project. The nonprofit organization offers comprehensive support to vulnerable and orphaned children in Uganda by helping provide meals, medical services and other types of care.

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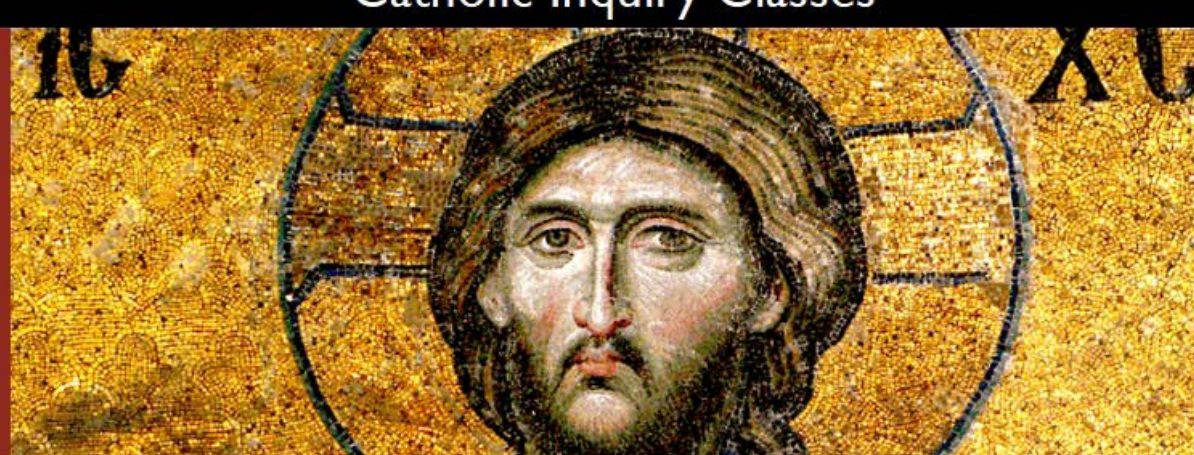
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Rescue

(Continued from Page 1A) also to evacuate injured hikers or even help rock climbers in trouble on cliffs.

The Vergennes department has been doing some form of tech rescue since the late 1980s. DiBiase said most of the land work has been “low-angle” rescues of injured hikers on or near established trails, often on Snake Mountain.

Middlebury’s newer tech rescue team also makes low-angle evacuations as well as “high-angle” rescues on cliffs and steeper terrain.

Cliff rescues take time to plan and set up, and local officials said no one stuck on a precipice, or on the roof of a car in a flood, wants to hang out during the extra travel time for an out-of-county team or boat.

“If you get hung up on a cliff, you don’t want to wait for Colchester Tech,” DiBiase said.

COST EFFECTIVE?

There’s an old adage that a boat is a hole in the water into which the owner pours money, but taxpayers in each community have paid for little or none of the tech rescue equipment.

• **Middlebury’s** tech rescue team is about 15 years old, according to Shaw. A \$250,000 grant written by a student member funded its two inflatable, hard-bottomed boats, 12- and 13-foot long; all the related equipment, such as ropes, harnesses, a dozen rescue suits, boots and helmets; and two trailers.

One boat is kept inflated at each of the department’s two stations.

Each holds four people and has room for a couple of victims.

A tragedy helped lead to the creation of Middlebury’s tech team — the 2008 drowning death of college student Nick Garza. A team from Saranac, N.Y., came to help in the search for Garza, and Saranac has since provided much of the tech training for Middlebury and Vergennes.

Middlebury’s team, often with support from Vergennes, has gone to Bristol to recover a body out of the New Haven River, rescue people stuck on a cliff face, and recovered bodies out of Otter Creek multiple times, including just recently of a young woman who went missing from Wright Park.

• **Vergennes** on Aug. 18 spent \$15,000 on its first boat, a 13-foot, 9-inch inflatable craft with an outboard engine capable of carrying seven people. DiBiase said after a member vote the agency used money from a fund created by former Deputy Chief Ray Davison in his will to make the purchase.

“That was the last piece of our big puzzle,” DiBiase said. “We’re pretty excited.”

The department has invested in its tech team about \$80,000 in total,

including the boat, DiBiase said, virtually all of it from fundraising through the department’s nonprofit arm, grants, and bequests from the Ray Davison Fund.

DiBiase noted some calls along Lake Champlain can combine all elements of tech rescue.

“Our section of the lake is very rocky, and a lot of cliffs. And sometimes you hear they’re coming in on a boat, and you get to dock that’s 60 feet down from the actual land that you access it from,” he said. “There’s been many cases where you have to do carry-outs or rope systems to assist with just getting that patient from the boat or the dock up to the place where we can get them into the ambulance.”

• **Ferrisburgh** focuses on water rescue on Lake Champlain rather than swift-water rescue, according to Chief Bill Wager. A half-dozen department members are trained for lake rescues, he said, mostly closer to shore.

“Ours (boat) is really designed for shallow water in the bays,” Wager said.

That craft is a 16-foot inflatable boat trailer in an outbuilding at the department’s Route 7 property. The department fundraised to

“The most recent (water rescue) was a sailboat that had capsized. We picked up people, and also because the sailboat, where it was located, was a hazard to navigation, we moved it to where it was out of the way.”

— Addison Fire Chief Brad Clark



VERGENNES FIREFIGHTERS AND Technical Rescue Team members — shown here, from left, are Steve Sickles, Liam Casey and Ben LaFlam — worked with Middlebury’s tech rescue team to make two rescues during flooding in Berlin on July 9. The two teams have a history of cooperation, and the city team also helped in Middlebury on Aug. 3.

Independent photo/Andy Kirkaldy

Tech teams

(Continued from Page 1A) but their units focus on lake rescues.

The Middlebury and Vergennes tech teams have a history of cooperation, and this year’s floods tested their abilities. In early July Middlebury and Vergennes firefighters traveled together to Central Vermont with Middlebury’s two rescue boats to help in Berlin and Montpelier. On Aug. 3 members of the city and Stowe tech teams helped when a thunderstorm dumped up to six inches of rain that flooded Middlebury.

Vergennes Captain Liam Casey and Middlebury Chief David Shaw described what happened in Berlin and Montpelier.

Casey, a 12-year veteran, said the county firefighters traveled together with Middlebury’s boats to the Berlin fire station early on the evening of July 9. Their first task was to check a trailer park with a local guide.

“The water was all in the trailer park ... It was probably just below the trailer doors,” Casey recalled.

“It was moving at a fairly decent pace.”

They had heard everyone was out, but found an elderly woman and her cat. Casey said she didn’t want to leave, but firefighters convinced her to do so, using one of Middlebury’s boats.

“We work very closely with them,” Casey said. “They’re great partners.”

Next the team helped a man stranded in a car. Casey said they “had to cross some water, and ... walk almost a mile and a quarter (along the roadway) to get to him.”

The team used a boat to ferry him across two waterways to bring him back to safety, and then along with the woman to the fire station.

Then the team set off to try to evacuate victims in a home on State Street in downtown Montpelier. Things did not go as smoothly, according to Casey and Shaw.

The rescuers from Addison County reached State Street not far from the Statehouse, and water was already up “almost to the windows of a car,” Casey said.

They geared up, put both boats into the flood, and set off, and before long ran into problems in water now covering the top of parking meters. But when they reached the end of State Street they hit dry ground, and Casey said “the house was still a ways down the road.”

The team could see the house, but were blocked off from it by more floodwaters, Casey said.

It was time for a retreat.

“We weren’t going to carry the boat a mile up the road to cross that water,” he said. “We had to abort.”

Casey said other teams ran into similar issues and, firefighters were lucky to get back to higher ground.

“The water had risen quite a bit, and we had a very hard time getting back up State Street to where we began the mission,” he said. “It was quite a task.”

Shaw had the same take. He said the return was “dicey,” and he didn’t want the team to become part of the problem rather than the solution.

“You still have to think safety for your crew,” he said.

In Middlebury on Aug. 3 Shaw said a Middlebury-Vergennes team waded through water on the road and the Pulp Mill Bridge to evacuate an elderly homeowner stranded on Seminary Street, carrying her out through the flood.

And the Stowe tech team rescued two people stranded on top of a car after an ill-advised venture onto Three Mile Bridge Road — warning cones were washed away, a common occurrence that evening.

Casey summed up the teamwork among the agencies:

“It’s pretty cool how everybody can come together and get something done working together.”



MIDDLEBURY FIRE CHIEF David Shaw poses with one of the town’s two Technical Rescue Team boats, which have seen extensive use this summer and were originally purchased with grant funding, as has been related equipment.

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WomenSafe

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 said WomenSafe Development Coordinator Jordan Calderara, 35. “We have a long-standing relationship with Bridget ... we have a lot of trust in her. She is truly a community steward for our vision and our mission,” she added.
 WomenSafe Executive Director Elyssa Boisselle, 45, is looking forward to the opportunity for community engagement.

“I’m looking forward to watching it and being proud of it, and being able to talk about WomenSafe and our mission and our organization to a broader group of people,” she said. She’s also excited for the celebratory nature of the event.

“I’m looking forward to just being in that environment that’s celebrating body, celebrating people,” she said.

Although historically burlesque has manifested in ways that exploit women and people rather than celebrate them, Gosselin explained how the art form has been reclaimed and has become empowering for some.

“The definition of exploitation would be doing something that you don’t want to do, or doing something that you are forced to do under specific circumstances. And for these performers, they are all very passionate about their art form,” she said.

“To assume that something is not empowering, is actually taking away agency from the performer themselves, and that it is up to the individual to decide what is empowering for them,” she added.

“If someone feels that Burlesque is empowering for them, and that’s their experience with it, that is their experience, and I’m not going to question that.”

Boisselle reiterated these

sentiments when asked to explain why her organization’s namesake and burlesque are not contradictory. “It’s about reclaiming and celebrating your body autonomy,” she said. “It’s going to be a safe environment. They’re (performers) going to be able to choose what they perform, how they perform. And so in that way, it’s very much their own individual choice and their own celebration of themselves.”

“The definition of exploitation would be doing something that you don’t want to do, or doing something that you are forced to do under specific circumstances. And for these performers, they are all very passionate about their art form.”
 — Bridget Gosselin

Boisselle and Calderara are not concerned about historically exploitative aspects infiltrating their celebratory environment.

“This performance is about that voice and choice and not about pleasing a male audience,” Calderara said.

“They’re not performing for the male gaze, they’re performing for themselves, are performing to feel good about how they’re expressing themselves on stage, and we are fully excited to support that,” Boisselle said.

Burlesque has become exactly the form of self-expression that Gosselin, Boisselle and Calderara describe for data analyst and part-time performer Grace Ahmed, 43, of Burlington, who uses “Crimson Wilder” as her stage name. She is one of three dancers who will perform at the event on Friday night; the others are Mistress Manifest and Andro Genderson Starlight.

“I think it just always appealed to me,” Ahmed said. “I did gymnastics when I was a little kid. And I think like, even as a kid, I

always wanted it to be this kind of sexy thing. But it wasn’t really.

“As soon as I found out that there was a (pole) studio, I went and did it,” she added.

Ahmed only discovered her enjoyment of the style in 2019.

“I’ve tried a lot of dance forms in life, you know. And my feet are not totally on my side,” she said. “And so this was just a dance form where you don’t have to do steps, you don’t have to keep a big rhythm with your feet.”

And since her discovery she’s performed at venues including Higher Ground, ArtsRiot and The Archives in Burlington, and The Depot in St. Albans.

In addition to providing a performance outlet, Ahmed said the style, which she noted can range from sexy to comedic to dramatic depending on the performer, has also become a stress management technique.

“To me, it’s really become a really accessible way for me to process my own thoughts and feelings and make art,” she said.

“I hate to exercise and it’s like the best way to exercise and not feel like you’re exercising. I really utilize it a lot for myself care,” she added.

“They’re not performing for the male gaze, they’re performing for themselves, are performing to feel good about how they’re expressing themselves on stage.”
 — Elyssa Boisselle

In regard to the style, Ahmed said within the pole community, “We really acknowledge that sex work is the basis of where the art form is coming from.”

Ahmed understands that some people think burlesque and related styles of dance are demeaning and exploitative.

“I’m not out to convince anybody of something that they’re not into, I think that’s fine,” she said.

“People have different beliefs, people have different sets of morals and views on the world ... And so that’s not my job to convince someone who believes it’s wrong, that it’s good.”

Rescue

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 on the department’s utility truck in its Route 17 station, Clark said. “We rescue on both soft water and hard water,” he added.

Addison’s callouts, like Ferrisburgh’s, have ranged from two or three a year to a dozen or so during one of the pandemic years, which brought many inexperienced boaters out onto the lake. Clark said the team has been called out three times this year, only once for a serious incident.

“The most recent was a sailboat that had capsized,” Clark said. “We picked up people, and also because the sailboat, where it was located, was a hazard to navigation, we moved it to where it was out of the way.”

He also traced one spark for an upgrade to Addison’s rescue branch to a tragedy in Charlotte in 2002.

“Two children in Charlotte were killed in that accident on July 4th,” Clark said. “That was kind of the catalyst for all of us to realize that

something had to be done, that we had to be more prepared to respond to an emergency on the lake.”

DiBiase cited that Charlotte incident, the Garza tragedy, and the recent flooding as compelling reasons why the four departments have invested so much in tech and water rescue over the past 15 years.

“It does prove why these things are so important, and why we spend the time and the money, fundraising and training,” he said.

Appeals

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 mixed-income housing. Assuming a smooth permitting process, construction on “phase one” of that so called Stonecrop Meadows development could begin either this fall or during the spring of 2024, according to Summit officials.

“We (leased) the (Washington Street Extension) property to address a lack of faculty housing,” Reidel said. “We are certainly aware of past concerns expressed by neighbors, but the primary reason for leasing the property is to accommodate new faculty.”

Neighbors — including John McPartland — agreed the new tenant demographic is likely to make for a less disruptive set of neighbors.

“College educators as tenants would make us more receptive to the gazebo project, rather than party-hardy students who have terribly disrupted our neighborhood,” said McPartland, while referencing several other neighbors who have co-signed his appeal.

“The college renting the

neighbor’s property to faculty is great news,” he added. “Anything will be an improvement over the football fraternity that deeply disrupted our neighborhood for a year. We’ll see how long the reprieve lasts.”

Reidel said 13 Washington St Ext. has been divided into four dwelling units.

“All eligible faculty members can apply to secure a lease the same way as other properties controlled by the college are allocated via a lottery system,” he said.

Middlebury College classes resume on Sept. 11. And that also happens to be the date on which the DRB is set to hear Tinsley’s appeal on the recreation room proposal for 53 North Pleasant St., where neighbors have alleged that student tenants have held loud, alcohol-infused outdoor party games during the warmer months. Town sanctioning of a “party barn” could make the disruption a year-round problem, neighbors fear.

Tinsley, who resides in Massachusetts, was reached by

email but declined to comment for this story.

Middlebury College has typically permitted off-campus residency for around 130 of the approximately 2,800 students who attend each year. Off-campus dwellers are selected by lottery. The college’s student handbook calls upon its off-campus student residents to observe local noise regulations and be “good community members.” The manual also warns that students who violate school’s policy or municipal ordinances will be subject to the institution’s student-conduct process.

For its part, the town last year tightened its municipal noise ordinance, requiring loud revelers to tone down their activities two hours earlier on Friday and Saturday nights. Noise complaints can now trigger a police response after 11 p.m. and before 7 a.m. on Fridays, Saturdays and “special holidays.”

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Nick Catlin from Lincoln has been named to St. Lawrence University’s dean’s list for achieving academic excellence during the Spring 2023 semester.

Catlin is a member of the Class of 2023 and is majoring in Environmental Studies. Catlin attended Mount Abraham Union High School.

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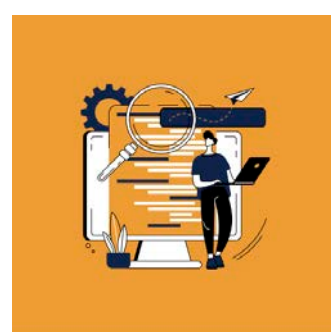
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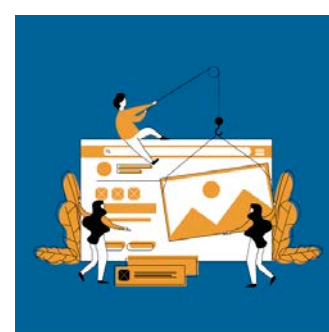
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VSP log

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F-350 driven by Suzanne Heath, 54, of Milton head on. Heath had been following behind Lindgren.

Nelson and Lindgren were cleared by the Bristol Rescue Squad on scene, denying further medical care. Heath was transported by Bristol Rescue to the University of Vermont Medical Center.

All three vehicles were judged to be total losses.

Troopers were assisted on scene by Bristol police, Addison County sheriff's deputies, Bristol Rescue, the Bristol Fire Department, Snow and Tow, and Dupont's Auto. Monkton Road in the area of the crash was temporarily reduced to one lane.

Then, on Aug. 18 at about 10 minutes before 1 p.m., troopers were off to Route 17 near the intersection with Hallock Road in New Haven for a reported multiple-vehicle crash on a dry road. Police said their investigation showed that Joseph Bolduc, 36, of Vergennes was driving a 2004 Ford Ranger eastbound on Route 17 when he tried to turn left onto Hallock Road

and failed to yield to westbound traffic, ultimately colliding with a 2016 Tesla Model S driven by Alyssa King, 37, of Hinesburg. The collision pushed Bolduc's pick-up into a 2009 Subaru Impreza driven by Lillian Popiel, 34, of Vergennes; the Impreza was stopped at the stop sign on Hallock Road.

It was reported that King had a possible minor injury, and the other drivers were not injured.

The Tesla was totaled, the Ford Ranger sustained significant damage, and Impreza sustained minor damage.

Troopers were assisted on scene by the New Haven Fire Department, Bristol Rescue and MiddleState Towing Co.

A third crash did not have any reported injuries, but one driver faces serious charges.

Police report that on Aug. 19 at around a quarter to 5 p.m. Andrew Ouellette, 41 of Shoreham was driving a 2003 Subaru Forester westbound on Route 125 at a high rate of speed behind a 2015 Forester driven by Carrie Steady, 41, of Cornwall. Police allege that

Ouellette's Forester rear-ended Steady's Forester before fleeing the scene.

Police identified, then found, Ouellette and cited him for two criminal charges — leaving the scene of an accident and driving with a criminally suspended license — and issued two traffic tickets — following too closely (potential \$220 fine, and three points on insurance) and operating without liability insurance (\$162, two points).

On Aug. 21, state police wrapped up a domestic assault investigation by citing a New Haven woman. The investigation started in June when the Bureau of Criminal Investigations began its work. Police cited Brittini Duprey, 29, for domestic assault.

Lastly, on Aug. 18 between 6 and 8 p.m., troopers participated in a saturation patrol of Route 7 in Ferrisburgh, with a focus on distracted driving. During the patrol, troopers conducted 13 traffic stops and issued 13 traffic tickets, all for cell phone violations. Each ticket carried a waiver penalty of \$162 and 2 points on the driver's insurance.

Ilsley

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The two other teams were gBA Architects and Planning, and Vermont Integrated Architecture. All three teams were from Vermont, and VIA is Middlebury-based.

Wiemann-Lamphere Architects and ReArch Company's conceptual design of an Ilsley expansion/renovation plan showed a two-story addition to the original, historic 1924 library building, which would be renovated. Also included in the plan: A large rooftop garden terrace for outdoor programming, a circulation desk on each of the two floors, a prominent children's area immediately off the parking side entry of the building, and a proposed extension of the addition all the way out to Main Street — with a new sidewalk level entry aligned with neighboring downtown buildings.

Check out the conceptual designs and other details pitched by all three teams at addisonindependent.com, ilsleypubliclibrary.org and at the library.

Ilsley officials have stressed the final project design could look completely different from the submitted conceptual drawings; those were just a guide to help pick a finalist. Each team was given a stipend of \$5,000, though the return to the town far exceeded that amount, officials said.

So why did the Ilsley 100 Project Team recommend (by a vote of 6-1) Wiemann-Lamphere/ReArch? "It was really driven by the program — where we needed things, what would go well together, and (Wiemann-Lamphere/ReArch) really thought that through very, very carefully," Joe McVeigh, leader of the Ilsley 100 Project Team, told the selectboard. "Their design was very bold; it was a bit urbanistic, with the idea of having the door out to the sidewalk."

Moreover, library staff — led by Ilsley Executive Director Dana Hart — felt "the floor plan showed a very close reading of how libraries function... and the things (shown) next to each other solved a lot of problems that we have right now in the library. And the plan showed flexibility for the future, which is one of the things we needed to inspire confidence in

the staff."

Also appreciated by library stakeholders was Wiemann-Lamphere /ReArch's suggestion of a two-floor addition, and that the plan anticipates a potential neighbor — an economic development project that municipal officials have been promoting for town-owned land behind the Ilsley. "We felt really they were thinking about creating a building that's welcoming and safe, while also thinking creatively and being willing to take some risks," McVeigh said.

All three firms were given the same basic guidelines, including that programming be accommodated within roughly 24,000 square feet, at a cost of around \$14.8 million.

Seeley said the Wiemann-Lamphere/ReArch building concept was "not my pick," citing primarily cost factors.

"Typically, in what I know about construction, a larger footprint with more roof and foundation is more expensive than three floors under a smaller footprint," she said. "Based on the public presentations, the company selected was my least favorite presentation, it was my least favorite design. I also think it's the more expensive choice of the designs."

Seeley didn't disclose her favorite pick, but stressed she was only one board member and OK with being outvoted.

McVeigh acknowledged the ambitious nature of the Wiemann-Lamphere/ReArch plan, but said the upcoming process offers chances to reinvent and cut costs.

Selectboard Chair Brian Carpenter said he was impressed with all three teams' design presentations and felt comfortable with the final choice.

"I would've gone with any of the three, because they all seemed to be qualified, and engaged with the task to help the town develop a new library in earnest," he said.

Library and town officials on

Sept. 5 will begin planning the next steps to bring the Ilsley project to a bond vote, perhaps as soon as next March. This year's town budget includes money for a fundraising feasibility study, which will help quantify how much of the final project price tag local taxpayers will be asked to cover.

Along with financing, officials promised to discuss the idea of phasing the project and whether the Ilsley 100 Project Team should remain active now that a design team is on board.

A successful bond vote next March could lead to a groundbreaking next summer or fall, according to McVeigh.

The three design teams officially unveiled their project concepts at an Aug. 8 forum at Town Hall Theater. Carpenter acknowledged having drawn heat from some constituents for having informally polled participants at that forum on the potential property tax consequences of a \$15 million bond vote, when a project has yet to be finalized. He had cited the prospect of a "15% (municipal) tax increase for the next 20 years."

Project boosters said they believed it was too early in the process to analyze numbers and that

Carpenter should have clarified his figures.

"I think it led to people feeling uneasy about the project as a whole, and moving forward, I'd like us... to move ahead with a project as a group, working toward a common goal," selectboard member Isabel Gogarty said.

Carpenter on Tuesday said he regretted calling for the Aug. 8 straw poll, but reiterated his belief that the selectboard should remind residents of potential tax impacts.

"We had 225-250 of the most passionate supporters of the library in a room, and when you throw a number out — whether it's exactly right or not in how it's interpreted — there's cause for pause," he said. "That tells me we need to do our job of ensuring we're tapping every fund available, engineering it as efficiently as we can and that it's a deliberative process that we go through."

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Midd log

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Green resident who reported being harassed in Aug. 17.

- Investigated a trespassing complaint in downtown Middlebury on Aug. 17.

- Went to the intersection of Charles Avenue and Court Street on a report of a drunken man who had fallen off his bike on Aug. 17.

- Investigated a domestic dispute in the Jackson Lane neighborhood on Aug. 18.

- Assisted a local resident who was experiencing a mental health crisis on Aug. 18. Police said they took the person to Porter Medical Center.

- Cited Fletcher Johnston, 29,

of Middlebury for an active arrest warrant on Aug. 18.

- Assisted MREMS on a call to the North Leno Lane area on Aug. 18.

- Responded, with MREMS, to a report of two unresponsive individuals in a vehicle parked off Belden Falls Road on Aug. 18.

- Police found the occupants awake, alert and not in need of medical attention.

- Assisted a Springside Road landlord with a difficult tenant on Aug. 18.

- Arrested Timothy Farr, 70, of Middlebury for violating his court-ordered conditions of release in the Court Street area on Aug. 19.

- Helped defuse a dispute between

some Cedar Court neighbors on Aug. 19.

- Helped MREMS get into a Geordie's Path home to respond to a medical call.

- Put a local woman in touch with CSAC after she said she didn't feel safe in her apartment on Aug. 20.

- Arrested Jacob D. Burmania, 28, of Middlebury for allegedly violating his court-ordered conditions of release in the Court Street area on Aug. 20.

- Assisted MREMS on a medical call to a South Munger Street residence on Aug. 20.

- Were informed of a water main break in the Twin Circles area on Aug. 20.



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Recovery

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needed to begin drainage repairs on Route 116 at Dow Pond. But another 50 feet of culvert needs to be poured and cured to cover the required replacement length, she noted. She estimated the box culvert installation will begin on Aug. 30.

Depending on the timeframe of the additional culvert sections, the contractor might begin backfilling the southbound lane of the project to allow reopening of Route 116 to one-way traffic.

"If there is minimal delay between the culvert sections already available and those in production, the closure of Route 116 would likely stay in place to expedite the construction process," she said. "The town waterline will be replaced by the site contractor while the project is being backfilled."

Cherington has spent much of the past week leading FEMA and Natural Resources Conservation Service on tours of Middlebury

storm damage. She offered estimates showing around \$400,000 in flood impacts to the town's wastewater system alone, largely in destruction of pump station infrastructure. The town has also made almost \$250,000 in repairs to flood-resiliency infrastructure along parts of the Middlebury River that have succumbed to recent floodwaters.

Middlebury should easily qualify for aid through FEMA's Public Assistance program, but the jury is still out on whether the community will be eligible for the agency's Private Assistance Program, which helps flood-affected residents and businesses recoup on losses that insurance companies won't cover.

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Lincoln

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 Riley. “And, as always, we look forward to continued collaboration with the many, many townspeople who make this school and district a vibrant place to learn and grow, contribute and belong.”
 Despite the Lincoln School District’s new status, Riley said the experiences of Lincoln Community School (LCS) students and their families should feel familiar.

“This last year has been really focused on the nitty gritty of executing the withdrawal and the exit agreement with (the Mount Abraham Unified School District) and putting in place all the operational infrastructures, so this first year is about being creative.”

— Lincoln school board chair Jennifer Oldham

“Most teachers and staff are returning. Our calendar is the same as surrounding districts. We will continue with LCS traditions such as All-School Hike Day, a Multi-age Cultural Study during the winter, and weekly all-school assemblies,” she explained.

Transportation in the district will also operate similarly to prior years. Lincoln School Board Chair Jennifer Oldham said the district will contract with Betcha Transit/Student Transportation of America, which has for decades provided transportation to Addison County school districts.

“They know Lincoln and they know our routes. It’ll look very similar to previous years, although we will be saving money by using two bus routes instead of three,” Oldham said. “It might not be exact, but we will have all of the same drivers.”

The district will also continue to

provide transportation for Lincoln middle and high school students who attend Mount Abraham Union High School. The Lincoln School District offers full school choice to its 7th- to 12th-graders, though Oldham said 77% of the town’s middle and high schoolers will continue attending Mount Abe this school year.

GETTING CREATIVE

While much will remain the same, Riley said district staff are exploring potential changes in the areas of curriculum and reporting at the Lincoln Community School.

“We are continuing to build a cohesive K-6, proficiency-based curriculum and have

begun developing a report card that will reflect student progress in academic skills,” she said. “The expected outcome is for a student to experience K-6 grades in a way that makes sense to them because they can see their own progression.”

Riley said the curriculum and report card will include what LCS calls “the essentials” — visual art, music and physical education classes.

“We’ll also be measuring growth in aspects of learning and being human, such as communication, perseverance, self-awareness and collaboration,” she said. “Because the majority of our students will attend Mount Abraham as 7th-12th graders, we will be attentive to making that transition smooth for students.”

Oldham said she is looking forward to exploring other ways the district can exercise creativity in the upcoming year.

“For me, it’s looking at both being creative financially and being creative in terms of the kinds of partnerships we make outside of the school to bring new things in and expose the kids to different things,” she said. “This last year has been really focused on the nitty gritty of executing the withdrawal and the exit agreement with (the Mount Abraham Unified School District) and putting in place all the operational infrastructures, so this first year is about being creative.”

SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH

In the months ahead the Lincoln School District will also begin conducting its search for a permanent superintendent. Earlier this year, the Lincoln School Board hired Madelyn Crudo Burke of Mendon to serve as acting superintendent for the district. Crudo Burke will continue to fill the top administrator position during the upcoming school year.

Oldham said the district is in the process of interviewing individuals and companies to facilitate the superintendent search.

“Sooner is better for us. We’re not exactly in the normal cycle of superintendent recruitment,” she said of the search. “We have a great interim, but certainly we’d love to have someone identified by the end of the year.”

The superintendent search is also expected to identify ways the top administrator could help cover the responsibilities of the district’s business manager position. The business manager post is a central office position with responsibilities that include finance and HR management and overseeing food service operations.

Oldham said the district is

currently filling its business manager needs with an external consultant and increasing the capacity for existing staff to take on part of the post’s responsibilities. Ultimately, the district would like to explore potential overlap between the responsibilities of the superintendent and business manager positions.

“We have two 0.5 full-time equivalent positions for the central office and it’s just looking at what is going to be the best way to fill those two positions,” Oldham explained. “How we ultimately finalize the business manager position will be directly related to the skills of our next superintendent.”

Lincoln School Board member

Mary Gemignani noted that once the district identifies a permanent superintendent, board members can begin working on other initiatives.

“We are working on developing our vision and mission statement based on input we are gathering from the community,” she said. “Once we have hired our superintendent, we will begin working on a long-term strategic plan.”

As the school year gets underway, both Gemignani and Oldham are excited to continue supporting the district’s staff and students.

“I’m looking forward to being part of a school community that is transparent, believes in partnerships with families, and where children receive the education they need, and

educators’ expertise is respected and their voices heard,” Gemignani said.

Oldham added she is also looking forward to empowering the district’s educators to maximize the teaching and learning experience in the district. The school board chair said she is grateful for the support of the Lincoln community throughout the district’s journey.

“If it weren’t for the support and generosity of this community, this could have never happened,” she said. “I just want everyone in this town to know that this is more than just a group of people that’s been working on this. I want people to know that they’re very much a part of this.”



THE LINCOLN SCHOOL District is gearing up for its first school year of operation. Lincoln School Board Chair Jennifer Oldham (left), school board member Mary Gemignani and Lincoln Community School Principal Tory Riley said they’re eager for the school year to start.

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By the Way

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 Planning Commission are offering an online survey for people who live, work or travel through northern Addison County. The survey is available at vergennespel.com/survey, and responses will help the transportation study team better understand the issues that are important to you when evaluating transportation solutions across affected towns. You have until Sept. 30 to respond to the survey, and you can also share your views at vergennespel@gmail.com, or talk to PEL team members in person at Vergennes Day this Saturday, Aug. 26.

The Vermont Department of Labor this week released new data that shows the Addison County unemployment rate for July was 1.7%, a decline of three-tenths of a percent compared to June. The county’s rate is about on par with the statewide jobless rate of 1.8% for July (down one-tenth of a percent). The July unemployment rates for Vermont’s 17 labor market areas ranged from 1.5% in Burlington-South Burlington and White River Junction to 2.9% in Derby. According to the Department of Labor, Addison County in July had a labor force of 19,740, of which 19,395 were employed

and 345 were searching for jobs. For comparison, the county’s jobless rate for July of 2022 was 2.5%. Meanwhile, the U.S. unemployment rate for July was 3.5%, a decrease of one-tenth of one percent from June.

The Salisbury Conservation Commission would like to “bug” you for a little while this Friday, Aug. 25. If you live in the Salisbury area, drop by the town’s elementary school between 8-9:30 p.m. for an evening of looking at moths and other fascinating insects, with commentary from Middlebury College entomologist Greg Pask. Organizers will use black lights to attract the night-active insects to white sheets in the woods. Feel free to bring a flashlight or headlamp, and — for obvious reasons — no bug spray, please.

Did you miss the town of Lincoln’s salute to its esteemed storekeeper Vanessa Stearns earlier this month? If you did, fret not, as you can now relive it anytime you want through YouTube. The video was taken and edited by Lincoln resident Jodi Darren, who did an excellent job of capturing the highlights of the evening. More than 200 Lincolmites turned out during a Saturday, Aug. 12, celebration

to honor Stearns, who’s served the community in countless ways since taking over the Lincoln General Store 32 years ago. Check out the video at youtu.be/VYXW87V0gz8, and check out the Addison Independent’s coverage of the extravaganza in its Aug. 17 edition.

Each year, the Addison County Community Trust invites the community together to celebrate its affordable housing achievements and raise support for further efforts to address the current housing crisis. On Friday, Sept. 15 from 4-8 p.m. ACCT will host a gathering on Middlebury’s town green to show support for affordable housing in Addison County. The event will offer live performances by Moira Smiley & The Grift, plus great food and cheer. The event, called “Addison Housing Rocks!,” will also feature food by Viva el Sabor! and the Full Belly at Basin Harbor Club Food Truck, a cash bar, and raffles courtesy of local merchants. Learn more & reserve tickets at addisontrust.org/addison-housing-rocks.

Average gasoline prices in Vermont have risen 2.7 cents during the past week to \$3.81 per gallon, according to GasBuddy’s survey of 626 stations in Vermont.

ACSD

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 personnel with grant money that will be drying up, I don’t know if we’re going to have the same amount of personnel we’ve had in the past, going forward. I’m not sure that we can.”

Williams will team up with Corrente to give the board a “budget challenges” presentation early this fall.

“We want people to be aware of what we’re facing,” he said.

NEW SUPERINTENDENT

Along with assisting in crafting of an FY’25 budget, Williams will help the board pick his permanent successor. The panel is slated to map out a superintendent hiring timetable at its Aug. 28 meeting. ACSD board Chair Barb Wilson said she hopes the district — with the aid of a consultant and a search committee — will pinpoint its new chief executive before the end of this year.

“Our hope is to really get ahead of the wave, instead of the tail end of the wave, from a candidate perspective,” Wilson said.

Williams knows about candidate searches. He provided insights during the Career Center’s search for a new top leader, which culminated earlier this year in the selection

of Nicole MacTavish, a longtime educator who most recently worked in the Marshall Islands. She began her Hannaford Career Center tenure on July 1.

Wilson is on the same page with Williams on ACSD priorities for 2023-24, and added a few of her own. They include:

- Better preparing board members to do their job. Members got some initial training this past May, followed by a board retreat in July.

“The purpose of those sessions was to help us better understand our role and improve our effectiveness,” Wilson said. “We’ve approved ‘board norms’ and we’re looking at our meeting structure and durations — making sure we don’t have three- to four-hour meetings. This past spring was tough.”

- Creating a board workplan for the year.

“We’d have our work plan laid out, instead of being reactive,” Wilson explained. “It would help us become more strategic and better plan what we do ...

“We’ve been very reactive; we’re trying to change that.”

Just prior to the pandemic, the ACSD board began turning its attention to needed repairs and updates for the nine district school

buildings that serve Middlebury-area children — seven elementary schools, along with Middlebury Union middle and high schools.

A recent study identified \$11.6 million in essential building code repairs and outlined more than \$100 million in fixes to make the structures serviceable for the long term. Board members have acknowledged the need for a major capital bond, but said more work needs to be done to determine which ACSD buildings should remain central to the district’s educational mission and therefore more worthy of taxpayers’ investment.

Wilson is hesitant about trying to make major headway on a schools-repair plan until a permanent superintendent is onboard, but she still believes progress can be made under Williams.

“The story is still unfolding, in terms of what we might be able to accomplish there,” she said. “My personal belief is we might be able to ... pull together information that might help the permanent superintendent make a quicker decision. But we’re not going to be putting a bond out (in the near future), in my view.”

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BRISTOL, WHICH WAS originally named for the British Admiral George Pocock, closed its Main Street to motor vehicles on Saturday and instead food, drink and live music dominated the thoroughfare. Seen at the festival were, clockwise from bottom, Wendy Giron serving La Chapina Guatemalan food, 18-month-old Arlo Plante of Bristol playing with chalk on the street, a member of harmonica the Montpelier Jazz Project wailing on his harmonica, and artist Joy Danila of Burlington painting the face of Isla Jensen, 6, of Middlebury.

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Pledge

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my response back and we have to work together. It's in that microlevel, rephrasing something, restating it again, asking 'do I say it this way,' 'what's the difference between this and this,' 'is this what you wanted to say?' That back and forth, that's actually where a lot of the long lasting value in language acquisition comes from."

Current French School level 3 student Orlando Caceres told the *Independent* that he is enjoying his experience in the language schools this summer.

"I was excited," he said (translated from French). "I think I've had a good experience up until now because I like the summer, I like the classes, with the sun it's better than the winter. I like the community here."

Caceres plays volleyball with other students in the French school twice a week, which has been a big

source of community for him this summer. Through the activity he was able to make friends and use the French skills he learns in his classes each day.

The main challenge for Caceres has been knowing that he has a lot of friends on campus in other language schools that he can't speak to. He is also a student at Middlebury College during the school year, he's going into his junior year now as a Global Security Studies major.

"I have a lot of friends from the academic year who are here. But, they don't speak French, not really," he said. "I think that it's a little difficult because it's necessary to not speak to your friends. But I think it's just the life here. It's not so easy but we can do it."

The language schools also try to offer resources to students who may be particularly struggling with the demands of the pledge. Caceres

said he felt the French school administration was very willing to offer support and flexibility to students when they're struggling. Sawin also noted that there is a language schools support group offered through the counseling centers in which students can discuss in English the challenges of the pledge.

Sawin believes that the language immersion that Middlebury fosters is a unique community of language learners and that students grow each summer because of their own desires to learn and improve together. "I really don't think that what we do here at Middlebury is for every kind of learner in every kind of situation," he said. "But it's delivering an element that is often missing and the other options that are available in the American language market."

Workers

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priority over spaces, facilities and services goes to Language Students as they are the actively engaged students taking classes."

In addition, they explained the consequences for not respecting these rules:

"Should summer student workers not respect the guidelines, access to areas on campus, including eat-in dining, may be revoked."

Some students like rising senior Julia Levin, who spent the summer as a camp counselor in Middlebury, were very upset at the way the school handled having both language students and student workers on campus.

"I feel like you have to pick one," she said as she explained her frustration at the school allowing students to live on-campus but restricting the places in which students can openly speak with friends and co-workers.

Rising junior Leslie Ramirez spent the summer on-campus as part of the privilege and poverty cohort. Ramirez also spent the summer

in Middlebury last summer as a French School student, giving her the unusual perspective of having experienced summer at Middlebury in two different ways.

"I think how I felt was a bit different from other student workers. At first when I got the email I was kind of confused," Ramirez explained. "Last summer I did language schools so it was interesting seeing the other side of what Midd was like during the summer. We weren't asked to accommodate, we were just told what to do ... It definitely rubbed me the wrong way that the only time we heard from the administration was when we were being scolded for things ... I hope students realize that when you're here over the summer you're really on your own."

Ramirez shared in the frustration of her peers but she also explained that she understood where the school was coming from and what the language schools mean to the college.

"I don't hate the administration

for what they did," she elaborated further. "I understand the steps they're taking and the prestige they're trying to uphold. They weren't sending out these emails because they hate student workers, it was out of respect for the language schools."

AJ Place, the associate dean of students for Residential Life, explained that it's common for ResLife to receive complaints about summer workers using English but this year they have not received any complaints. Their goal is to be as clear about the expectations from the start of the summer to avoid any further problems.

"This year we have not received any complaints," Place said. "In years past we have received a number of complaints from Language School students/faculty/staff about dining halls in particular and summer student workers not using the English-only spaces. Our hope is that by explaining parameters at the outset we can minimize misunderstanding and disappointment."

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Malcolm takes over Tigers

Longtime aide plans to carry on MUHS football legacy

By ANDY KIRKALDY

MIDDLEBURY — As has been the tradition for six decades, the most recent search for a new Middlebury Union High School football coach looked inside the Tiger football family and school community. Late this spring, MUHS Activities Director Sean Farrell announced longtime program assistant Jed Malcolm would take over the reins from Dennis Smith.

Malcolm became just the fifth Tiger football head coach since 1965, when the legendary 23-year tenure of Hubie Wagner — an MUHS physical education teacher — began.

When Wagner stepped away in 1987, former Middlebury Union Middle School teacher George Kulhowick ran the show for six years. Next, MUMS teacher and program alum Peter Brakeley called the shots from 1994 to 2007. Smith, who assisted Brakeley for a number of years, took over in 2008 and had a successful run before resigning after this past season.

Malcolm, who as a senior played a pivotal role on Brakeley's 1995 Tiger championship team, is well aware of the legacy he inherits.

"It's a huge honor. I'm following in some pretty big footsteps," he said.

What has helped make the transition comfortable, Malcolm said, is that his colleagues, the athletes, and his wife Janet and their three children all encouraged him through the process.

"It made it easy when you get that kind of nudge to do it," he said.

The continuity in the Tiger football program's coaching has been matched by a continuity in philosophy in how to approach the game over those six decades, one that is familiar to all who have followed the team: The Tigers will run the ball and play strong defense.

Malcolm noted that approach this past fall helped the Tigers overcome two disastrous opening losses to reach the Division I final. There, a stirring Tiger comeback came up just short on a goal-to-go play as the final whistle sounded.

"The systems we have in place have been here for so long, from Hubie. It's the classic, 'If it's not broke, don't fix it,'" Malcolm



JED MALCOLM

said. "We were one play away last year. I'd be a fool to try to tweak too much when we were that close. And we lost a couple good players, but we bring back a ton of experience."

That experience includes seven starters on defense, including the entire defensive secondary, both linebackers and one of the defensive ends. On offense, the starters returning include a quarterback, a productive running back, and two offensive linemen.

In the bigger picture, Malcolm said the program's continuity begins at the youth level.

"I think flag football is a huge part of the success of our program. It is local, it's right here, and the coaches that are part of the flag program know us, know what we are trying to do, and assist us in bringing us freshmen that have the

terminology down and the general work ethic," he said.

"We wouldn't be a Division I school without that. We have a great crop of freshmen every year, way more than some of the bigger Chittenden County schools ... And having consistency in a system, and focusing on defense and running the ball is why we can stay

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UNDER THE GUIDANCE of Assistant Coach Nick Lawes, the Tiger football team's offense runs through a play on the Middlebury College field last week.

Independent photo/Steve James



PLACEKICKING IS AN important part of football, and the Tiger football team devoted time to practicing the art last week on the Middlebury College field.

Independent photo/Steve James

Neshobe & Myhre golfers play on Brandon course

MIDDLEBURY/BRANDON — The Neshobe Golf Club hosted the Vermont Golf Association's Senior Four Ball Championship on Aug. 16 and 17. The Division A Flight Gross Winners were Jason Balch and Bruce Gwin, with Ralph Myhre Golf Course members Dale White and Ray Kelton finishing ninth in the flight.

Ralph Myhre members Jim Odorisio and Christopher Wilson took first place in the Super Senior Flight Gross competition.

On Aug. 15, Ralph Myhre members competed at a VSWG State Day at the Country Club of Barre. Nicole Laberge posted the second best gross score in

the third flight, in which Eva Mastalos tied for fifth in the net standings. Meanwhile, Giselle Lafèche finished in a second-place tie for net score in the fourth flight.

In regular Thursday Men's League action on Aug. 17, the trio of Robert Kirkpatrick, Neil Mackey and Matthew Biette prevailed.

John Myhre, Jim Johnston and Dan Small claimed second place, and Steve Maier, Larry Duffany and Jim Dunn were third. Dunn shot the best low net score, and Kirkpatrick and Marsdin Van Order won the closest-to-the-pin contests.



MUHS FOOTBALL PLAYERS perform jumping jacks on the Middlebury College gridiron last week under the watchful eye of new Head Coach Jed Malcolm. Such calisthenics are a staple of any preseason practice.

Independent photo/Steve James

Bowl victors on double-event night include Masterson

WEST HAVEN — Josh Masterson of Bristol and New Hampshire driver Tanner Siemons each won top-class Sportsman Modified races to headline a long list of winners on Sunday on the dirt track of Devil's Bowl Speedway. The 14th night of the 2023 schedule offered double features in every division except the Mini Stocks.

The card also included two Mohawk Valley Vintage Dirt Modified features that brought back great memories from Devil's Bowl's nearly 60-year history.

In the first of two Sportsman Modified feature events David Boisclair and Anthony Warren

led the 30-car field to green. Boisclair led the early going, but 14th-place starter Masterson slowly worked through the field, using a pair of mid-race cautions to help propel himself to victory lane.

Masterson became 2023's first repeat winner in the ultra-competitive class after the first 13 races saw as many different winners. Walter Hammond Jr., Brent Warren, Marty Kelly III and Frank Hoard III completed the top five.

The second feature saw Siemons reach the winners' circle for the first time since 2021. Siemons was followed by Warren,

Hammond Jr., Vince Quenneville and Justin Comes.

Steve Miller of Vergennes claimed the first Limited Sportsman feature. Miller charged from sixth place to earn his first win at The Bowl this season. The next four drivers across the finish line were Justin Lilly, early leader Fred Little, points leader Randy Ryan and William Lussier Jr.

In the second feature, Gary English Jr. scored the win over Little, Alex Layn, Lussier Jr. and A.J. Munger.

Eric Shaw scored his first career win in the Novice division, using the top groove to power off

the outside of the front row and scooting out to a comfortable lead. A series of late cautions did force Shaw to hold off late-charging Matt Wade, who was trailed at the line by Tyler Travis, Russ Farr and Ed Bell.

Bell took the win in the second Novice feature over Adam LaFountain, Bobbi Hulst, Randy Edson and Wade.

Ray Hanson won the first Friend Construction Mini Sprint feature over Logan Denis, Roger LaDuc, Kevin Smith and John Smith.

In the second Mini Sprint feature, Kevin Smith went from fifth to first to claim the win

over John Smith, Denis, Gage Provencher and Hanson.

Jake Barrows captured his second win of 2023 in the 15-lap Mini Stock race in impressive fashion, climbing from the 14th starting spot to secure the victory. Griff Mahoney was second, followed by Jakobee Alger, Craig Kirby and Brian Blake.

The new Crown Vic division ran two 10-lap features. The first was won by Norm Morill over Rob Steele, Chad Merrill, Jackson Ducharme and newcomer Elisabeth Dupont.

Steele commanded the second Crown Vic feature, starting third

and passing Morill and Ducharme on his way to the victory. Morill was the runner-up, and Ducharme took third.

The Mohawk Valley Vintage Dirt Modified Series ran two, 20-lap features with five divisions racing together. Jack Miller captured the Modified feature, which ran simultaneously with Sportsman and Late Models cars, won by Merv Blackwell and Matt Mosher, respectively. The Mystique and Antique features were won by Carl Cram and Don Briggs, respectively.

Devil's Bowl Speedway racing will be back in action this coming Saturday.

Football

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in Division I.” As well as a consistent strategy and techniques, the Tiger coaching staff has also always emphasized sportsmanship and discipline. Malcolm pledged that won’t change on his watch, and offered an example.

“To this day I remember Coach Brakeley telling us to wait until the last note of the national anthem. That’s been taught in every season of every Middlebury high school football program,” he said. “I would expect those pillars of Tiger football to stay strong.”

LOOKING AHEAD

After college, Malcolm, now the owner of his own general contracting business, moved back to Middlebury in 2004. He coached flag football until Smith recruited him to assist the varsity program. There, Malcolm worked on both sides of the ball, coaching the offensive line and the secondary, and calling the defensive sets every year except one year calling the offense.

Malcolm said assistants Nick Lawes, who will move from the sidelines up to the booth, and John Nuceder, returning to the sidelines after years upstairs, will call plays this season.

“I will definitely have a lot of input, but Nick will be the play-caller, with a lot of consult from

John,” he said.

Also back as a varsity assistant is John Rouse, while Pete James and Jordan Broughton return to the JV level. There, newcomers Mark Ambrosio, a middle school teacher, and former Tiger player Josh Stearns will join them.

“The group is fantastic,” Malcolm said.

There will be other changes. Concessions stand manager Linda Barrett is stepping away after 30 years, and longtime game announcer and team bus driver Wayne Smith joined his son Dennis in football retirement.

Tiger radio announcer Bjarki Sears, a former MUHS teacher who is principal at Salisbury Community School, will take over on the Doc Collins Field PA system.

Malcolm also expects to “add some wrinkles” on offense to keep opposing defenses honest.

“We’re still going to run the ball and run the option,” he said. “But we have to back some people off. We’ve been watching over the past three or four years the defenses get more and more into the box. And there’s a point where if there’s zero threat throwing the ball over the top they’re going to keep doing that. So we have to threaten it at a minimum.”

He could mix things up by playing two quarterbacks with varied skillsets: Senior Jacob

“We want to win, and we want to win in a way that is right, and have the kids step away and have a good experience and are better people no matter what the outcome.”

— Head coach
Jed Malcolm



MEMBERS OF THE Tiger football team enjoy stretching out on Middlebury College’s turf field last week. The team has been practicing there while Doc Collins Field — hopefully — dries out.

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Kemp, who started most of the 2022 season and has looked good this preseason, and junior Luke Nuceder, who Malcolm said runs the option well, could even share the job. “If I had to guess right now I’d say they’d both see plenty of time,” he said. “They both have their strengths.”

A few other changes won’t be noticed by fans. Malcolm is working to modernize some of the program systems that date back decades. For example, Malcolm said how information was given to the athletes was “a little old

school” — this season, game and practice plans will be transferred not on paper handouts, but electronically.

“This team for the first time will not be getting a paper scouting report,” Malcolm said. “We have the ability now to send them smaller blasts, even to their phones.”

As the start of the season rapidly approaches — the Tigers play at Brattleboro on Sept. 1 and host Burr & Burton on Sept. 8 — Malcolm is becoming energized. For example, he enjoys

watching students from different backgrounds come together as a unit every fall, something Malcolm believes is special about the bonding of football.

“At the beginning of the year you’re always seeing different pods and cliques, and as the season goes on they really tighten up every year,” Malcolm said. “Some of my closest friends I would never have been friends with if it weren’t for football.”

He’s excited to work with the coaches.

“We want to win, and we want

to win in a way that is right, and have the kids step away and have a good experience and are better people no matter what the outcome,” Malcolm said.

And he described his hopes as his tenure leading the program dawns.

“My goals are to keep Tiger football where it is,” he said. “And that’s at the top, and that’s kind of the envy of the other Division I programs on how to run a football program and how to do it right.”

Candidate names sought for the MHS/MUHS Hall of Fame

MIDDLEBURY — The MHS/MUHS Alumni Association is requesting nominations for the Hall of Fame class of 2023 for induction at Homecoming on Oct. 6 and 7. Nominations should be submitted from a peer, classmate, or family member. To be eligible you must have graduated from MHS or MUHS 25 years or more ago. Nominations should be received by Friday Sept. 22.

Criteria for nomination is as follows: If you know someone who you believe deserves

consideration for the MHS/MUHS Hall of Fame, please review the following criteria and submit a letter of recommendation as indicated below.

- Graduate from Middlebury High School.
- Graduate from Middlebury Union High School at least 25 years prior to consideration.
- Excellence in scholarship, artistic fields, athletics, technical education, student government or other areas that made MHS/MUHS a better place to attend

school.

• Citizenship during School and following graduation. All Nominations should be submitted to the MHS/MUHS Alumni Association, PO Box 1034, Middlebury, VT 05753. Nominations should be submitted with a postmark not later than Friday, Sept. 22. A nominating committee will meet to select the 2023 Hall of Fame class. Both the selected members and the person making a nomination will be notified.

Calls rain in on Bristol police during a wet August evening

BRISTOL — Bristol police helped respond to heavy rains that hit the area on Aug. 8.

Police that evening assisted the Bristol Public Works Department on Lower Notch Road, which was closed for around two days after rains overwhelmed a culvert and washed out sections of the road. Bristol police on Aug. 8 also placed cones on a portion of Route 116 North to alert drivers to a section of the roadway that had been overtaken by water.

Between July 30 and Aug. 12 Bristol police completed eight foot patrols and one car patrol, conducted 13 traffic stops and checked security at Mount Abraham Union High School eight times, at Bristol Elementary School five times and at local businesses 11 times.

Police also processed 12 fingerprint requests and verified two vehicle identification numbers.

In other recent activity, Bristol police:

- On July 30 looked into a motor vehicle complaint on Prince Lane, but the vehicle was gone when police arrived.
- On July 31 responded to the Elm Street area for a motor vehicle complaint. The vehicle was gone when officers arrived.
- On Aug. 2 received a report of threatening on Prince Lane.

Bristol

Police Log

- An investigation is ongoing.
- On Aug. 2 helped a disabled motorist on Route 116 North.
- On Aug. 3 responded to the report of a disorderly person on Main Street. The individual was gone when police arrived.
- On Aug. 4 responded to a minor two-car accident on Prince Lane.
- On Aug. 5 received a report

of a one-vehicle crash on River Road.

• On Aug. 6 received a complaint of online harassment and determined that no action at the time rose to the level of an offense.

• On Aug. 8 responded to a trespass complaint on Basin Street. The individuals were gone when police arrived, and an investigation is ongoing.

• On Aug. 9 responded to an animal complaint in the Sugar Maple Lane area. An ordinance violation was issued to the owner, and a request for an aggressive dog hearing was submitted to the town.

• On Aug. 9 helped someone locate their vehicle on Prince Lane.

• On Aug. 9 picked up a dog that was wandering around Route 17. Police located the owner, who retrieved the animal.

• On Aug. 10 helped the UVM Medical Center deliver a message to the family of a patient.

• On Aug. 10 responded to a report of a dog at large on Mountain Terrace. The animal was returned to its owner, who was issued a warning.

• On Aug. 11 responded to a suspicious vehicle parked on Prince Lane. Police located the owner and determined no action at the time rose to the level of an offense.

• On Aug. 12 issued no trespass orders for a home on North Street and a Main Street business.

• On Aug. 12 received a report of a missing purse. The purse was found by Shaw’s employees and returned to its owner.

• On Aug. 12 received a report of a break-in on Morgan Horse Lane. An investigation is ongoing.

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THURSDAY

aug 24 **Middlebury New Filmmakers Festival in Middlebury.** Thursday, Aug. 24, 9 a.m.-9 p.m., five venues around town, see midfilmfest.org.

HOPE Food Truck in Shoreham. Thursday, Aug. 24, 2-3 p.m., Shoreham Congregational Church, 28 School St. Free non-perishable items as well as available fresh produce available on a first-come first-served basis for those in need. 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.

"DC League of Superheroes" on screen in Bristol. Thursday, Aug. 24, 8 p.m., Bristol town Green. Part of Bristol Rec's Movies in the Park After Dark. Free. Rain location Holley Hall.

FRIDAY

aug 25 **Middlebury New Filmmakers Festival in Middlebury.** Friday, Aug. 25, 9 a.m.-9 p.m., five venues around town, see midfilmfest.org.

Surf 'n' Turf dinner in Middlebury. Friday, Aug. 25, 5-7 p.m., VFW, 530 Exchange St. Steak, shrimp, baked potato and green beans. Eat in or take out. Steak dinner \$16/shrimp dinner \$26/combo \$18. Open to the public. All proceeds benefit veterans programs. More info at 802-388-9486.

Artist reception and talk in Bristol. Friday, Aug. 25, 5-7 p.m., Art of Main, 25 Main St. Come see the work and meet printmaker Carol McDonald and potter Kileh Friedman. Free.

Street dance in Vergennes. Friday, Aug. 25, 7 p.m., City Green. Kick off the eve of Vergennes Day by dancing the night away to the sounds of The Hitmen. Free.

Nighttime insect viewing in Salisbury. Friday, Aug. 25, 8-9:30 p.m., Salisbury Elementary School, 286 Kelly Cross Rd. Join the Salisbury Conservation Commission and Middlebury College entomologist Greg Pask for an evening of moths and other fascinating insects. Come after the sun goes down and stay as long as you'd like. We'll use black lights to attract the night-active insects to white sheets in the woods. Feel free to bring a flashlight or headlamp, and no bug spray please (we're trying to attract the bugs!). Event may be cancelled due to inclement weather conditions. But light to moderate rain is OK.

SATURDAY

aug 26 **Middlebury New Filmmakers Festival in Middlebury.** Saturday, Aug. 26, 9 a.m.-9 p.m., five venues around town, see midfilmfest.org.

Vergennes Day race in Vergennes. Saturday, Aug. 26, 8:30 a.m., 43 East St. The Little City is hosting its 42nd Annual Vergennes Day Race. Sign up to walk a 5K, or run a 5K, 10K or 15K. The 15K begins at 8:30 a.m., and the 5K and 10K begin at 9 a.m. More info at runsignup.com/Race/VT/Vergennes/VergennesDayRace2023.

Used Book Sale in Vergennes. Saturday, Aug. 26, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Bixby Memorial Library, 258 Main St. Books will be on the front lawn (weather permitting) and also downstairs in the Otter Creek room of the Bixby. Plenty of room for browsing. Choose from a large variety of fiction, non-fiction and children's books.

Vergennes Day in Vergennes. Saturday, Aug. 26, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., City Green. At the 41st annual Vergennes Day, see more than 55 crafters and vendors, live music on the bandstand, pancake breakfast at the fire station, children's venue and more, including Little City Race, Lions Club chicken BBQ, and merchant sales throughout downtown.

Quilters guild stash buster and craft sale in Middlebury. Saturday, Aug. 26, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Champlain Valley Unitarian Universalist Church Community Room, 2 Duane Court. The Milk & Honey Quilters Guild will offer 25 tables of fabric, notions and crafts. A great opportunity for quilters, wanna-be quilters, crafters, seamstresses, theater groups and anyone who loves fabric to find some treasures. More information: visit milkandhoneyquilters.com or email milkandhoneyquilt@yahoo.com.

SUNDAY

aug 27 **Middlebury New Filmmakers Festival in Middlebury.** Sunday, Aug. 27, 10 a.m.-9 p.m., five venues around town. Festival caps off with the VTeddy Awards Ceremony. See midfilmfest.org.

"Snugfest" in Ripton. Sunday, Aug. 27, 3-8 p.m., Ripton Town Hall, Route 125. Help raise funds for Addison County flood relief with music by Lamp (Russ Lawton, Scott Metzger and Ray Paczkowski), and special guest Cyro Baptista, plus vintage/thrift sale and fun fashion show. All proceeds will benefit Addison County flood relief efforts. Tickets \$25 available at: tinyurl.com/Snugfest-tix.

MONDAY

aug 28 **Pie and ice cream social in Vergennes.** Monday, Aug. 28, 6-8 p.m., City Park. Delicious homemade pies topped with vanilla ice cream will be served with a beverage. The Vergennes City Band will provide entertainment.

TUESDAY

aug 29 **Reasons To Be Cheerful discussion series "Inside the Student-Led Movement to Depolarize College" in Middlebury.** Tuesday, Aug. 29, 11:30 a.m., Ilsley Public Library, 75 Main St. Using articles from Reasons To Be Cheerful's project, We Are Not Divided, we will 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.

FRIDAY

sept 1 **Bread + Puppet in Hancock.** Friday, Sept. 1, 6 p.m., Middlebury College Snow Bowl, 6886 Route 125. Bread and Puppet Theatre kicks off its fall tour at the Middlebury College Snow Bowl. The show will feature a mountainous backdrop and the iconic Bread + Puppet hand-painted bus. This is a spectacle of protest and celebration that addresses the urgent themes of the moment using paper maché, dance, and a live brass band. Tickets \$20, available at townhalltheater.org.

SATURDAY

sept 2 **Labor Day breakfast in Shoreham.** Saturday, Sept. 2, 8-10 a.m., Shoreham Congregational Church, 28 School St. Feast on plain or blueberry pancakes or French toast with Vermont maple syrup, sausages, home fries, quiches, and beverages. Cost \$10 adults/\$5 children/\$30 families. Enjoy good food as you chat with your neighbors and friends. Please bring a non-perishable food item or paper product for the food shelf to help those in need.

Soldiers Atop the Mount in Orwell. Saturday, Sept. 2, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Mount Independence State Historic Site, 472 Mt. Independence Rd. Reenactors honor the 1776-1777 history of Mount Independence during this living history weekend. Saturday's popular interactive Baldwin Trail Walkabout, 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., features experts at trail stations bringing the site's history to life. Military tactical, annual reading of Declaration of Independence, and camp life and skill demonstrations. Admission \$9. Call 802-948-2000 for details.

Art on the Trail in Bristol. Saturday, Sept. 2, 10 a.m.-noon, Bristol Trail Network. Explore the world of nature and art journaling with BTN Artist-in-Residence Charon Henning. Bring a sketchbook with pens and/or pencils to begin your journal. Free, but registration is required. All ages and skill levels are welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Email oddandgellc@gmail.com to register and for workshop location.

Ice cream social and book sale in Middlebury. Saturday, Sept. 2, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Town Office Plaza, Main St. Friends of Ilsley Library kick-off the celebration of Ilsley's 100th birthday. Come shop for books and enjoy a delicious treat from Wilcox Ice Cream.

Collections Corner: Show and Tell in Ferrisburgh. Saturday, Sept. 2, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Lake Champlain Maritime Museum 4472 Basin Harbor Rd. Want to share your own historical items, memorabilia, artifacts and stories with the Museum's team? For this special Collections Corner, the public is invited to bring their own treasures and stories related to Champlain Valley history from home to share with each other and our Collections experts. Free.

SUNDAY

sept 3 **Soldiers Atop the Mount in Orwell.** Sunday, Sept. 3, 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Mount Independence State Historic Site, 472 Mt. Independence Rd. See Sept. 2 listing.

TUESDAY

sept 5 **"Six Men who Shaped the American Revolution: The Revolutionary: Samuel Adams" virtual lecture.** Tuesday, Sept. 5, 11 a.m., Zoom. Professor Russell Leng gives the first of his six talks on our founding fathers. EastView residents are invited to attend in-person. All others are welcome to attend via Zoom only. There will be time for Q&A following the presentation. Zoom link at tinyurl.com/Six-Men-Leng.

"An Evening of Kindness and Poetry" with James Crew in Middlebury. Tuesday, Sept. 5, 6 p.m., Ilsley Public Library, 75 Main St. Join James Crew, the editor of the best-selling anthologies "The Path to Kindness" and "How to Love the World," which has been featured on NPR's Morning Edition, in the *Boston Globe*, and the *Washington Post*. Crew's own poems have appeared in the *New York Times Magazine*, *Ploughshares*, *The New Republic*, and *The Christian Century*.

Grief support group in Middlebury. Begins Sept. 5, 7-8:30 p.m., Zoom. Facilitated by Taylor Zak, LCSW and Laurie Borden and hosted by Louella Richer, manager of Palliative Support Services at Porter Medical Center. Group meets every Tuesday through Oct. 24. Advanced registration required at lricher@portermc.org.

THURSDAY

sept 7 **"All About Coyote Families in Middlebury.** Thursday, Sept. 7, 6:30 p.m., Ilsley Public Library, 75 Main St. Sophia Parker of Protect Our Wildlife presents their new family-friendly coyote presentation. This event is suitable for the whole family, including children. Participants will learn about coyote families, where they sleep, what they eat and what makes them so special. The presentation will address some of the common myths about coyotes in an effort to help people better understand them and promote coexistence.

FRIDAY

sept 8 **Groovin' on the Green in Vergennes.** Friday, Sept. 8, 6-9 p.m., City Park, 179 Main St. It's a fun-raising block party and everyone is invited. Dance and groove to the beat of the Little City's own Rehab Roadhouse. Food trucks by Basin Harbor and Olde World Cook at Strong House Inn; bar by Adventure Dinner. Free.

SATURDAY

sept 9 **Monthly Wildlife Walk in Middlebury.** Saturday, Sept. 9, 7-9 a.m., meet at corner of Weybridge St. and Pulp Mill Bridge Rd. Otter Creek Audubon Society and Middlebury Area Land Trust invite community members 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. More info at 802-388-6019 or 802-388-1007.

Bingo in Vergennes. Saturday, Sept. 9, 5 p.m., St. Peter's Parish Hall, 85 S. Maple St. Doors open at 5 p.m., bingo starts at 6 p.m. A family-friendly event. All cash prizes, 50/50 raffle. Refreshments sold. Sponsored by St. Peter's Cemetery Committee to benefit the ongoing efforts for cemetery improvements.

Takeout roast pork supper in Vergennes. Saturday, Sept. 9, 5-6 p.m., Vergennes United Methodist Church, Main St., across from the Opera House. Takeout only. Preorder only, \$12. Menu includes roast pork, mashed potatoes, stuffing, gravy, vegetable, applesauce, roll and dessert. To preorder call 802-877-3150 before 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 7.

"The Freshman" silent movie on screen in Brandon. Saturday, Sept. 9, 7 p.m., Brandon Town Hall, One Conant Sq. Welcome football season with Harold Lloyd's blockbuster hit about a college boy who dreams of gridiron greatness. One of Lloyd's all-time best! Free will donation.

SUNDAY

sept 10 **Breakfast Buffet in Vergennes.** Sunday, Sept. 10, 8-10 a.m., St. Peter's Parish Hall, 85 S. Maple St. Omelets to order, scrambled eggs, French toast, bacon, sausage, fruit, plain and blueberry pancakes, maple syrup, sausage gravy on biscuits, corn bread, home fries, mini muffins, juice, milk and coffee. Adults \$10/children 8-12 \$6/immediate family \$32 (maximum). Offered by Vergennes Knights of Columbus to support their community service programs.

Louisa Burnham, "Women and the Holy Spirit in the Later Middle Ages" in Middlebury. Sunday, Sept. 10, 11:45 a.m., Parish Hall, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 3 Main St. Medieval religious figures such as Hildegard of Bingen of Germany and the beguines of northern Europe have long been the subject of scholarly work and public fascination. Middlebury College Professor Louisa Burnham will speak about two lesser-known women of the Mediterranean world, Guglielma of Milan and Na Prus Boneta, whose identification with the Holy Spirit evoked scandal and persecution in the fourteenth century. Coffee and snacks available.

Tim McKenzie in Bristol. Sunday, Sept. 10, 1-4 p.m., Bristol Trail Network Basin Street Trail. Take a walk and enjoy Bristol's new Music on the Trail 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.

"The Farm Boy" on screen in Vergennes. Sunday, Sept. 10, 2 p.m., Vergennes Opera House, 120 Main St. Come see this feature length film written and directed by George Woodard, a World War II era story about a young man who drives milk truck for his father, marries, then leaves for Europe the day after. Tickets, \$12.

"Straight White Men" staged reading in Middlebury. Sunday Sept. 10, 4 p.m., studio, Town Hall Theater, 68 S. Pleasant St. Middlebury Acting Company's 2023 Cutting Edge Staged Play Reading Series continues with this play by Young Jean Lee. When Ed and his three adult sons come together to celebrate Christmas, they enjoy cheerful trash-talking, pranks and takeout Chinese. Then they confront a problem that even being a happy family can't solve: When identity matters, and privilege is problematic, what is the value of being a straight white man?

Haakon Olsen of Cornwall has been selected by the U.S. Department of State and AFS-USA for the Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange (CBYX) scholarship for the 2023-2024 academic year. CBYX is a bilateral exchange program of the U.S. Congress and German Bundestag (Parliament).

Olsen will spend the academic year in Germany living with a host family and attending high school. The program will start in August when Haakon travels to Germany for a one-month intensive German language program.

Over the course of the year, Olsen will share a bit of Middlebury with his hosts in Hildesheim, Germany. In addition to their role as citizen diplomats, CBYX participants also visit the German Bundestag, meet with government officials, and

explore the beauty and diversity of Germany. Upon return to the U.S. at the conclusion of the exchange program in Germany, the participants will meet with their elected representatives on Capitol Hill.



HAAKON OLSEN



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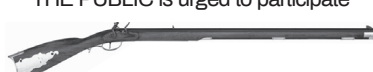
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Lincoln seeks 1st town admin

By MARIN HOWELL

LINCOLN — The town of Lincoln is looking to hire its first town administrator, as well as fill an administrative assistant position that would support the new role. Town officials hope the two positions will help tackle an increased amount of administrative responsibilities and help meet Lincoln's future needs.

"The need for this (town administrator) position has kind of sprung from more recent attempts to look more into the future of what the town's needs are and be a bit more visionary about dealing with those needs and dealing with them ahead of time," Selectboard Vice Chair Bill Finger explained. "When you start thinking bigger it also takes more time and energy to deal with those bigger issues and those bigger plans."

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

A couple of other towns in the 5-town area have in the past year bolstered their administrative staff with the creation of a town administrator position. This past September, the Monkton selectboard voted unanimously to hire Stan Wilbur of New Haven as the town's first-ever town administrator.

The Starksboro selectboard followed suit shortly after, upgrading the town's selectboard assistant position to a town administrator role and selecting longtime selectboard assistant Rebecca Elder to fill the post in December.

Like those towns, Lincoln

has eyed the creation of a town administrator post as a way to help manage the municipality's administrative responsibilities.

"Like most Vermont towns, there's a steadily increasing burden to comply with rules and regulations that come down from the federal level and state level and tend to accumulate at the local level, with a lot of requirements for reporting and just a lot of daily administrative items that need to be kept up with," Finger said. "Selectboard members being elected officials and regular people with other jobs, they don't always have time to do that."

According to the posted job description, the fulltime position will primarily support the selectboard in its responsibilities and help with day-to-day management of the town. Specific responsibilities will include helping identify and oversee town grants, assisting with preparation and management of town budgets and managing information technology and computer-related equipment and systems.

ADMIN ASSISTANT

The town is also looking to fill an administrative assistant position, a part-time role that would provide additional support to the selectboard and town administrator. Specific responsibilities of the post will include serving as clerk to the town boards and commissions and updating the town website, according to the posted job

description.

Lincoln currently has a selectboard administrative assistant position that provides administrative support to the board and oversees much of the work the two new positions will be responsible for. Current selectboard assistant Ann Moreau-Kensek will step down from that post at the end of this month.

Finger said that with Moreau-Kensek transitioning away from the position, town officials saw an opportunity to better divvy up the administrative responsibilities previously covered by the selectboard assistant role.

"The (selectboard) administrative assistant was intended to be more specific to selectboard administrative needs. In the case of Lincoln, that role expanded a lot to the point that the person filling that job was doing a lot more than selectboard assistant work," Finger explained. "We looked at the situation and it seems we need a broader town administrator person to kind of oversee the entire operation and the administrative assistant would be working for that person to make things orderly. It's sort of splitting some of the responsibilities up and taking a bit of a different direction."

When the *Independent* spoke with Finger on Friday, the selectboard had received applications for both positions and was planning to conduct interviews for the two posts in the coming week.



KARLA GARCIA DEALBA of Roka Jewelry sells her handmade jewelry and also homemade Mexican desserts in a stall at the Midd Summer Market this year.

Independent photo/Amelia Seepersaud

In Middlebury

Thursday market popularity grows

By AMELIA SEEPERSAUD

MIDDLEBURY — Each Thursday, the Midd Summer Market attracts vendors and patrons from all over Addison County.

Merchants come to downtown Middlebury and set up their booths in Triangle Park and onto the town green to showcase their wares to an appreciative crowd. From 3:30 to 7:30 p.m., folks can peruse the market for all sorts of homemade products, including

mead, jewelry, Mexican baked goods and a lot more.

Many of the vendors describe the market as having a positive, community-oriented atmosphere.

"I love selling at markets in general because I like interacting with the customers and having that moment to just talk to people," said Catie Raishart of Foxglove Farms. "And I love this one because it's just so fun, there's food trucks and music and everyone's so friendly."

Like Raishart, many of the other vendors enjoy the interactive community element the Midd Summer Market offers for their businesses. Lizzy Woolfsden of Woolf Den Homestead in Monkton comes out each week looking forward to building a community of folks interested in the eclectic array of products she and her family creates and curates, including handmade brooms, energizing crystals, crafts, and more.

Golden Rule Mead, owned by Alexandre Apfel, is fairly new to Vermont, having been founded in 2019 on Elm Street in Middlebury. Apfel hopes to grow his local clientele.

"I get a lot of tourists and a lot of college students, but not so many of the locals," he said. "I think a lot of people aren't going out of their way to go for mead."

The Thursday summer markets are an opportunity for him to showcase his mead to the local community.

The market also hosts food vendors like Alicia Rodriguez, owner of "Mexico in Vermont." The Salisbury resident has been serving authentic Mexican food at the market each week since last summer.

"It feels nice when people come and talk to me and they say 'Oh, thank you for being here,'" she said.

The vendors who have been participating in the market since last summer all agree that it appears to be growing. Karla Garcia DeAlba, owner of Roka Jewelry, who this year sells her handmade jewelry and also homemade Mexican desserts, said she's seen a difference in the market this year — its second after debuting in 2022.

"I think there is more organization this time," she said. "I also see more vendors and more people. Because last year, not everyone knew about it, but this year everyone said, 'Oh there's a summer market here, and I want to be a part of it.'"

Even with the at-times uncooperative weather this summer, the vendors say they enjoy coming out each Thursday to the Middlebury park space to interact with the community.



LIZZY WOOLFSDEN OF Monkton's Woolf Den Homestead gives a smile during a Middlebury Midd Summer Market.

Independent photo/Amelia Seepersaud

LINCOLN — Do you have hobbies or skills you would like to share with children through a workshop? The Lincoln Community

School's afterschool program, Creative Spark, is looking for volunteers or paid workshop leaders to run ongoing activities throughout the year. LCS has creative children who love cooking, music, drama, arts and crafts, sports, and outdoor nature exploration. Workshop lengths can

vary depending on the leader. Please reach out to Maureen at mrotax@lincolnsd.org for more information.

The art department at LCS is looking to collect old t-shirts so that students have smocks for the school year. Shirts should not be too small and should easily slip over a kindergartner and a sixth grader. Items can be dropped off at the school. If no one is available, please leave items in a bag under the office side porch

Lincoln

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NEWS

Reader Comments

Here's what one reader has to say about us!

A subscriber from Starksboro writes:

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Quotes are taken from reader comments submitted with subscription renewals.



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A self-defense class may be offered at the library if there is enough interest. Erika French has offered her services to teach an afternoon of self-defense, a fun informative course emphasizing general safety and wellbeing. Age-appropriate curriculum will break into two age groups, 5-11 and 12 and older. All stages of potential defense techniques will be addressed, from basic consent such as hugging, to more serious strategies for dire attack situations. Adrenaline training can be fun and empowering. Turn your fear into power! If you are interested, please email Wendy at lincolnlibraryvt@gmail.com with some time slots that might work for this class.

FROM THE TOWN

The resignation of a member of the Lincoln selectboard has created a vacancy. The selectboard intends to appoint a qualified individual to fill the vacancy until the next annual Town Meeting on March 5, 2024. The remainder of the unexpired term of the vacancy (March '25) will be filled by election.

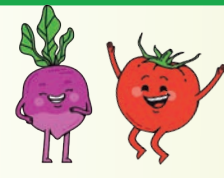
Persons interested in filling the vacancy until March 5, 2024, should submit a letter of interest to Bay Jackson, Selectboard Chair, via email at bjackson@lincolnvermont.org or by mailing or dropping off a letter at the town office. The selectboard will set a schedule for interviewing candidates on Sept. 5.

Until next time ... Never Give Up Because Great Things Take Time. You Are The Narrator Of Your Next Great Adventure. Don't Let Someone Else's Opinion Of You Become Your Reality.



2023 Garden Game

The Game is ON!



It was a battle of the squash with 3 lengthy submissions kicking off the week. Phyllis Bowdish brought in a monumental 23" L x 17" C zucchini. She held the lead for a mere 90 minutes before Josh and Aubree Mohan swiped it away with their 24" L x 18.5" C zuke. The Mohan duo also toted in a vibrant 21" L x 15" C summer squash, blowing away the competition. Keeping up with the Cucurbitaceae theme, Chris Morgan proffered a 21" L x 9.25" C cucumber. Fondly named "Corker", Chris' cuke takes first place (for now!).

Phyllis Bowdish may have just barely missed out on the star position with her zucchini but she did gain the primo spot with her 10" green bean. Lorraine Abramson brought in a massive 30.5" L rhubarb stalk, beating out her friend Barbara's 27.75" record (who happens to enjoy raw rhubarb!).

We love when a veg is too big to haul inside so when Carol Krawczyk arrived with a colossal cabbage in her trunk, we were giddy. After many-a-jokes (Is there an actual Cabbage Patch Kid inside?!), Carol's cabbage was measured at 44.5" C. Wow! Carol also harvested a box full of tomatoes, the biggest measuring 17.75" C. She takes the top spot for both categories.

What an exciting week... we can't wait to see what the future has in store for the Garden Game!

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.

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

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) - Carol Krawczyk, 44.5" C
- Cantaloupe (circumference)
- Carrot (length x circumference)
- Cauliflower (diameter)
- Corn (length x circumference)
- Cucumber (length x circumference) - Chris Morgan, 21" x 9.25"
- Edible Leafy Greens (length x width - leaf only) - Gary Miller, 21" x 7.25"
- Eggplant (circumference x circumference) - Willamina, 18" x 10.25"
- Fennel (length x circumference)
- Green Bean (length) - Phyllis Bowdish, 10"
- Kohlrabi (circumference)
- Leek (length x circumference)
- Melon (circumference)
- Onion (circumference) - Ed Blechner, 12.5"
- 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) - Lorraine Abramson, 30.5"
- Rutabaga (circumference)
- Summer Squash (length x circumference) - Josh & Aubree Mohan, 21" x 15"
- Sunflower (diameter)
- Tomato (circumference) - Carol Krawczyk, 17.75"
- Turnip (circumference)
- Winter Squash (length x circumference)
- Zucchini (length x circumference) - Josh & Aubree Mohan, 24" x 18.5"

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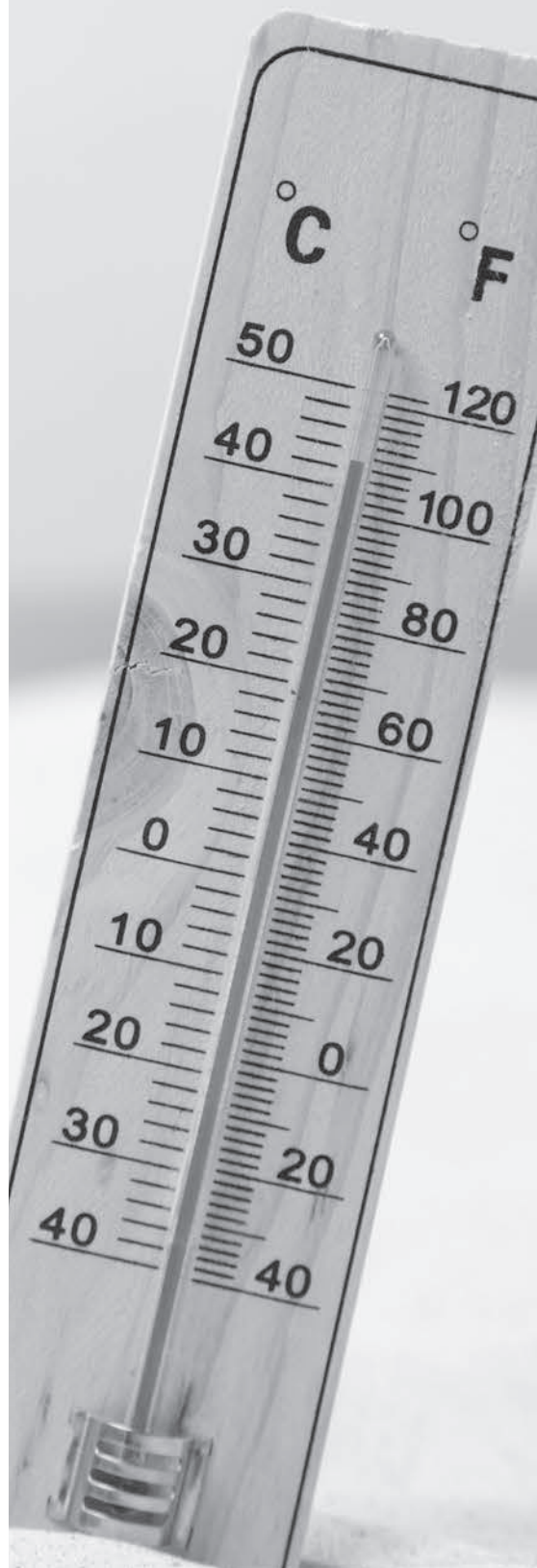


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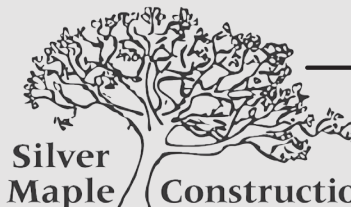
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Bus routes are as follows:

<p>CORNWALL SOUTH BUS – Sonya</p> <p>AM 7:00 Rt. 30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:10 Douglas Rd. 7:12 Douglas & Delong Rd. 7:14 Carothers Lane & Delong Rd. 7:19 South Bingham St. 7:22 Turn around at Cutting Hill Rd 7:31 North Bingham St. 7:35 Cross St & N Bingham St 7:37 Sperry Rd 7:45 At Cornwall School <p>PM 2:50 At Cornwall School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2:55 Rt.30 South 3:14 Delong & Galvin Rd. 3:15 Carothers Lane & Delong Rd. 3:17 Douglas Rd. 3:19 South Bingham St. 3:22 Turn around at Cutting Hill Rd 3:26 North Bingham St. 3:35 To Mary Hogan -Drop 3:37 to MUHS P/U MUMS & MUHS 3:40-3:50 Rt.30 South 3:50 Delong Rd./Douglas Rd. 3:55 Park Hill Rd to Barnes Rd. 3:57 Wooster Rd. 4:03 South Bingham Rd. 4:05 North Bingham Rd./ Sperry Rd. <p>NORTH BUS – Bud</p> <p>AM 6:58—Rte. 74</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:03 South End of West St. 7:08 Cross Rd. 7:11 West St. and Rte. 125 7:13 Snake Mountain Rd./Rt 125 7:15 Rte. 125 7:20 Lemon Fair Rd. turn around at Bittersweet Falls Rd 7:25 Rte. 125 7:26 Cider Mill Rd. 7:31 Ridge Rd 7:39 Rt. 30 South 7:45 At Cornwall School <p>PM 2:55 Depart Cornwall School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3:00 Rt.30 North 3:01 Ridge Rd. 3:05 Lemon Fair Rd. 3:10 Cider Mill Rd. 3:12 Rt. 30 South 3:20 Rte. 74 3:22 West St. 3:27 Snake Mountain Rd. 3:29 Rt. 125-To MUHS-Drop Students in town 3:35 Load MUHS/MUMS 3:40 Rt. 30 South 3:42 Ridge Rd. 3:44 Lemon Fair Rd. 3:47 Cider Mill Rd. 3:50 Rte. 30 South 3:53 Clark Rd. 3:55 West St. 	<p>SALISBURY WEST BUS – Doug</p> <p>AM 6:55 East on W Salisbury Rd</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:57 North on Middle Rd. 6:59 Columbus Smith Rd. 7:01 Shard Villa Rd. 7:03 Creek Rd. 7:05 Dewey Rd. 7:10 W.Salisbury Rd.-Dewey-Leland Rd. 7:18 Morgan Rd. to West Salisbury Rd. 7:22 Rogers Rd. 7:26 Across from PO on Maple St. 7:30 Rt. 7 North to W. Salisbury Rd. to Kelly Crossroads 7:37 Holman Rd.-Cemetery to W. Salisbury 7:40 At Salisbury School <p>PM 2:45 At Salisbury School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2:50 W. Salisbury Rd 2:55 Middle Rd. 2:58 Columbus Smith Rd./N. Shard Villa Rd. 3:02 Leland Rd, drop-turn around 3:07 Dewey Rd, turn around 3:11 West Salisbury Rd 3:17 Maple St to West Shore Rd. <p>Rt. 7 To MUHS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3:30 Rt. 7 South 3:35 Kelly Crossroads/Middle Rd. 3:40 Columbus Smith Rd./N. Shard Villa Rd. 3:43 West Salisbury Rd. 3:45 Dewey Rd. 3:48 West Salisbury Rd. 3:52 Leland Rd. 3:55 Morgan Rd./West Salisbury Rd. 4:00 Maple St to West Shore Rd.
<p>BRIDPORT BUS 1 – Matt</p> <p>AM 6:50 Swinton Road</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:58 Basin Harbor Road 7:00 Crown Point Road 7:05 Heitman Road 7:12 Lake Street 7:20 Middle Road 7:24 Basin Harbor Road 7:26 Middle Road 7:28 Lovers Lane 7:30 At Bridport School 7:35 Depart for MUHS <p>PM 3:15 At MUMS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3:25 At MUHS 3:40 At Bridport School 3:42 Swinton Road 3:44 Basin Harbor Road 3:45 Crown Point Road 3:50 Heitman Road 3:54 Lake Street 4:03 Middle Road 4:07 Basin Harbor Road 4:08 Middle Road 4:10 Lovers Lane 	<p>BRIDPORT BUS 2 – Janice</p> <p>AM 7:05 west on 125</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:10 south on Basin Harbor Rd. 7:12 West on 125 7:13 East on Townline Rd 7:15 Fiddlers In to Frosty Ln. 7:17 East on 125 to North on 22A 7:20 Turn around on Mt. Rd 7:22 Lovers Ln. 7:25 Crown Pt Rd. 7:30 At School <p>PM 2:50 Depart school on to north 22A</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2:55 Orchard Rd. 3:02 Back to 22A N. 3:05 Crown Pt Rd. 3:07 Lovers Ln. 3:09 West on 125 to Frosty Ln. 3:13 East on 125 to Mike Fuels on 22A S. 3:15 North on 22A 3:17 Mt Rd to East St. 3:20 Forrest Rd. 3:25 Snake Mt Rd. 3:30 Back to School <p>PM High School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3:45 Leave School to Lovers Ln. 3:50 North on 22A 3:55 North on 22A to Townline Rd. <p>(See Schedule, Page 10B)</p>

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| Ethan Allen Highway Storage (1) | Monkton (1) |

Email your Public Notices to
legals@addisonindependent.com
and Jenna makes sure they get into the paper.



Auctions

MARKET REPORT ADDISON COUNTY COMMISSION SALES

RT. 125 • EAST MIDDLEBURY, VT
Sales for 8/17/23 & 8/21/23

BEEF	LBS.	COST /LB	\$
Correia Family Farm	1505	1.40	\$2107.00
Westminster Farms	1265	1.37	\$1650.85
Barnes Bros	1665	1.275	\$2122.88
D. Bigelow	1015	1.24	\$1258.60
Nop Bros & Sons	1435	1.20	\$1722.00
Woodnotch Farm	1830	1.05	\$1921.50
Blue Spruce Farm	1535	1.05	\$1611.75
M+L Quesnel	1695	1.00	\$1695.00

CALVES	LBS.	COST /LB	\$
T. Chuderski	108	5.50	\$594.00
Savello Farm	97	5.00	\$485.00
H. Sunderland	84	5.00	\$420.00
R. Scholten	81	5.00	\$405.00

Advance Auction Notice

Tom Broughton Auctions is back for a limited time. We have been asked to come out of retirement to sell the late Ralph Farnsworth's museum-quality collectibles.
On Sunday, Sept 17th, we will begin to sell the large collection. Auction listing and photos will come the week of the sale.

YOU WILL NOT WANT TO MISS IT!

Total Beef - 207 Total Calves - 308
 We value our faithful customers.
Sales at 3 pm - Mon. & Thurs.
 call 1-802-388-2661

TOWN OF MONKTON DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

The Monkton Development Review Board will hold the following hearing on Monday, September 11th, 2023, beginning at 7:30 P.M. The hearing will be held in person at the Town Office, located at 92 Monkton Ridge. The hearing will also be available via Zoom, and login information is below.

- Final Plat Application #2023-02-MIN of Andrea Kerin and Lisabeth Sewell for a 2-lot subdivision located at 1387 Monkton Rd (Parcel ID 14.101.124.000) in the RA-1V/RA-5 Zoning District(s).

An electronic copy of the applications can be obtained by emailing zoning@monktonvt.com. A hard copy of the application is available at Town Hall by appointment. Please call 802-453-3800 to make an appointment.

Remote Access: Join Zoom Meeting
<https://zoom.us/j/8024533800> * Meeting ID: 802 453 3800 * Passcode: 1762
 Phone In: 1-646-558-8656 * Meeting ID: 802 453 3800 * Passcode: 1762

TOWN OF BRIDPORT PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Bridport Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, September 12, 2023, in the Town Office at 82 Crown Point Road, on each and to consider each of the following application(s):

- At 6:45 PM on Application (#23-37) by Lucien Hotte for a 2-lot subdivision of parcel ID# 08-040.4 owned by Lucien Hotte. The property is located at 2280 Hemenway Rd., Bridport, Vermont 05734

Plans and additional information regarding any such application may be viewed at said Town Office or by calling (802) 758-2483, Ext. 2. Participation in the Planning Commissions proceeding is a prerequisite to the right to take any subsequent appeal on any decision of it on an application.

Adam Broughton, Planning Commission Chair
 Renée Brodeur, Planning Commission Secretary
 Michael Wojciechowski, Bridport Zoning Administrator



Addison Central School District

49 Charles Avenue, Middlebury, VT 05753 Tele: 802-388-1274
 Business Office: 802-382-1273 | Student Services: 802-382-1287

In our capacity as public schools, the districts of the Addison Central School District are required to locate, identify, and evaluate any child or student from birth and up who may require special education and related services in order to access and benefit from public education.

The Federal Special Education Regulations define a child with a disability as a child having a learning impairment, a hearing impairment including deafness, a speech or language impairment, a visual impairment including blindness, emotional disturbance, an orthopedic impairment, autism, traumatic brain injury, a health impairment, a specific learning disability, deaf-blindness, or multiple disabilities, and who requires specialized instruction and related services.

If you know of a child who lives in the towns of Bridport, Cornwall, Middlebury, Ripton, Salisbury, Shoreham or Weybridge and who might have a disability as described, please contact the principal of your local school district or contact the Director of Equity and Student Services at 802-382-1278.

TOWN OF LINCOLN NOTICE

On August 15, 2023, the Lincoln selectboard voted to adopt amendments to Article IV (Speed Regulations) and Article V (Stop and Yield Intersections) of the Town of Lincoln Traffic Ordinance in accordance with 24 VSA §1972 & §1973.

The amendments are as follows:

ARTICLE IV SPEED REGULATION

- The maximum speed on all town highways shall be 30 MPH unless otherwise legally posted.
- Maximum speed shall be 25 MPH on the following roads and road segments:
 - From Garland Bridge (B-19) on East River Road (TH-1) to Creamery Street (TH-10) intersection with West River Road (TH1)
 - From Bristol town line on West River Road (TH-1) to Forge Hill Road (TH-8)
 - Gove Hill Road (TH-9) south from intersection with East River Road (TH-1) to end of pavement
 - Creamery Street (TH-10) - entire street from Intersection with West River Road (TH1) to intersection with Quaker Street (TH-3)
 - Quaker Street (TH-3) from West River Road (TH1) to the top gate of Lee Cemetery
 - Clark Road (TH-46) From Gove Hill Road east to end of road

ARTICLE V STOP AND YIELD INTERSECTIONS

SECTION I The following intersections shall be designated as "Stop" intersections and shall be signed:

- Browns Road (TH-23) at both ends i.e. Gove Hill Road (TH9) and West Hill Road (TH-6)
- Gove Hill Road (TH-9) at East River Road (TH-1)
- Quaker Street (TH-3) at East River Road (TH-1)
- Creamery Street (TH-10) at Quaker Street (TH-3)
- Creamery Street (TH-10) at East River Road (TH-1)
- Downingsville Road (TH-3) entering Quaker Street (TH-3)
- Forge Hill Road (TH-8) at West River Road (TH-1)
- Hall Road (TH-16) at Downingsville Road (TH-3)
- Purinton Road East (TH-15) at Downingsville Road (TH3)
- French Settlement Road (TH-34) South Lincoln Road (TH-33)
- York Hill Road (TH-6) at West River Road (TH-1)
- Atkins Road (TH-7) at West River Road (TH-1)
- Geary Road (TH-27) at both ends i.e. Lincoln Gap Road (TH-2) and South Lincoln Road (TH-33)
- West Hill Road (TH-6) at Ripton Road (TH-1)
- Ripton Road (TH-1) entering South Lincoln Road (TH-1)
- Atkins Road (TH7) entering Colby Hill Road (TH4) and Atkins Road (TH-14)
- Forge Hill Road (TH-8) at Quaker Street (TH-3)
- South Lincoln Road (TH1) entering Lincoln Gap Road (TH-2) and East River Road (TH-1)
- Cobb Hill Road (TH-32) at Grimes Road (TH 33)
- Elder Hill Road (TH-20) at Quaker Street (TH-3)
- Orchard Road North (TH-17) at Elder Hill Road (TH-20)
- Orchard Road South (TH-17) at Lincoln Gap Road (TH-2)
- Zeno Road (TH-12) at Quaker Street (TH-4)
- Quaker Street (TH-3) west leg of Triangle heading North (behind war monument)
- Guthrie Road (TH-11) at Quaker Street (TH-4)
- James Road (TH-19) at Elder Hill Road (TH-19)
- Mill Road (TH-5) at Ripton Road (TH-1)
- Mill Road (TH-5) at Grimes Road TH-33
- Isham Hollow Road(TH-7) at Quaker Street (TH-4)

SECTION II The following intersections shall be designated as yield intersections and shall be signed:

- Robinson Road (TH-17) at Hall Road (TH-16)
- Gove Hill Road (TH9) at York Hill Road (TH-6)
- York Hill Road (TH-6) at West Hill Road (TH-6)

These amendments have been entered into the minutes of the August 15, 2023 regular selectboard meeting and posted at Burnham Hall, Lincoln Library, Lincoln Town Office external bulletin boards (2) and the Lincoln town clerk's office. These amendments will be published in the Addison Independent on August 24, 2023.

These amendments are also posted on the town's web-site, www.lincolnvermont.org which is updated in a regular basis. The full name of the ordinance is "Lincoln Traffic Ordinance".

The ordinance may be amended from time to time as needed and in accordance with 24 VSA §1972 & §1973. The ordinance will take effect on October 15, 2023 unless a petition, requesting a vote of disapproval, signed by 5% of the qualified voters of the Town of Lincoln is received by the Town Clerk or Selectboard not later than September 13, 2023 in accordance with 24 VSA §1973. For further information on this amendment or process please contact Bill Finger, Selectboard Vice-Chair, wfinger@lincolnvermont.org or 802-453-2980.

Bay Jackson
 Bill Finger
 Conor McDonough
 Tim McGowan

Selectboard
 August 15, 2023

TOWN OF HANCOCK, VT Request for Bids

Seeking bids for two projects to repair flood-damaged roads. Bidding packages available at hancockvt.org or by calling Dan Perera at 802-431-5158.

NOTICE OF AUCTION STORAGE UNIT SALE

Steve Clark, Unit #6, #32
 Irena Hagan, Unit #12, #42
 John Wintermote, Unit #19
 Location: Bristol Village Self-Storage,
 30 Main St., Bristol, VT 05443
 Date: Friday, September 15th at 10am

ETHAN ALLEN HIGHWAY STORAGE NOTICE OF SALE

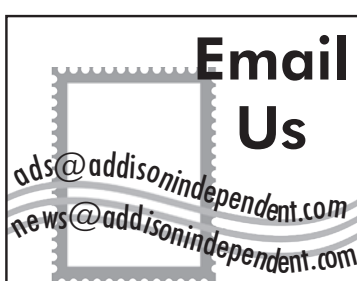
Tammy Jackson - Unit 81
 To be sold at public auction on
 August 26 @ 9:00 am
 to the highest cash bidder.
 All sales are final.
 Unit must be broom cleaned.

STATE OF VERMONT SUPERIOR COURT PROBATE DIVISION ADDISON UNIT DOCKET NO: 23-PR-04632 IN RE ESTATE OF: PAUL AUDET

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 To the Creditors of: Paul Audet, late of Cornwall, VT. 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: 08/15/23
 Executor/Administrator: Jennifer Rheaume
 695 Route 73
 Orwell, VT 05760
 802-779-6560
jennieray22@gmail.com

Publication: Addison Independent
 Publication Date: 08/24/23
 Address of Probate Court:
 7 Mahady Court
 Middlebury, VT 05753



TOWN OF MIDDLEBURY PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Middlebury Development Review Board will hold a public hearing on Monday, September 11, 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).

- Application (file #2023-24:176.000-A) being an appeal by Richard Tinsley of the decision by the Middlebury Planning and Zoning Department to deny the zoning permit request for "rec room" use of the garage/barn located at 53 North Pleasant Street owned by Richard Tinsley. The Tinsley property located at 53 North Pleasant Street is in the Residential 12 zoning district, parcel ID# 024176.000.

The hearing will also be available to participants via Zoom video link. The link will be provided on the meeting agenda posted on the Town's 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

TOWN OF BRISTOL REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLANNING SERVICES

The Town of Bristol in Addison County, Vermont, is seeking the services of a qualified consultant to update the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan for the Town of Bristol (2020 pop. 3,782). The plan will be submitted to FEMA for approval. Bristol's current Local Hazard Mitigation Plan expires in January 2024.

The selected consultant(s) will be expected to (1) demonstrate the ability to identify various hazard mitigation strategies that will eliminate or greatly reduce the impact of hazards on Bristol and (2) have experience related to mitigation planning work. A detailed scope of work can be found on Bristol's website at www.bristolvt.org and the State electronic bid system at <http://www.vermontbusinessregistry.com/>.

Bids will be accepted until 4:00pm, Wednesday, September 20, 2023 by e-mail to townadmin@bristolvt.org with "Hazard Mitigation Plan Update" in the subject line or by mail or hand delivery with "Hazard Mitigation Plan Update" on the envelope to Town of Bristol, P.O. Box 249, 1 South Street, Bristol, VT 05443.

Questions? Contact Town Administrator Valerie Capels at (802) 453-2410 ext. 1 or townadmin@bristolvt.org.

The Town of Bristol is an equal opportunity provider and employer and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, religion, gender, or familial status.

TOWN OF GRANVILLE Invitation to Bid Hazardous Tree Removal

The Town of Granville is soliciting proposals from qualified bidders for a project on Granville Class 3 roads involving 25 to 30 trees marked with orange blazing paint. All work will be completed from the existing road or shoulder and will require removal of the stumps, trunks and branches. Contact the Town Clerk for a general map of locations and pictures.

Bids and proof of insurance must be submitted to Town of Granville (via email: granvilletown@gmavt.net or to 4157 VT Route 100, Granville, VT 05747) no later than Monday, September 11, 2023 by 5:30 p.m. Bids will be opened at the regularly scheduled Selectboard meeting.

The project shall begin after award and must be completed no later than November 15, 2023. All invoices must be submitted and received at the Town Office no later than November 30, 2023.

The Town of Granville reserves the right to refuse any bid that it deems necessary for the best interests of The Town of Granville. Please contact Bruce Hyde, Road Commissioner at (802) 279-1811 if you have any questions.

ACSD Bus Schedule

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BRIDPORT
BUS 3 – Dawn
AM 6:42 Payne Dr
 6:47 Snake Mountain Rd.
 6:53 Forest Rd.
 6:56 Mtn Rd Extension
 7:00 East St.
 7:05 High St
 7:10 Rt. 22A
 7:15 N Cream Hill Rd
 7:25 At Bridport School
 7:35 Depart for MUMS

PM Elementary
 2:40 Rt.22A South
 2:43 Cross St
 2:45 Crown Point Rd
 2:50 Heitman Rd
 2:55 Crown Point Rd
 3:00 Lake St
 3:15 Middle Rd
 3:20 Basin Harbor Rd
 3:25 125 west then east
 3:35 Bridport School

PM High School
 3:45 22A South
 3:50 N Cream Hill Rd
 3:55 22A North
 4:00 125 East
 4:02 Payne Dr
 4:05 Snake Mtn Rd
 4:10 Mtn Rd
 4:13 Forest Rd
 4:15 Mtn Rd Ext
 4:18 East St

SHOREHAM
BUS 1 – Patsy
AM 7:04 Rt. 74 East
 7:20 Doolittle Rd.
 7:25 Rt 22A South
 7:28 Main St.
 7:30 At Shoreham School
PM 2:45 At Shoreham School
 2:50 Main St
 2:52-3:05 Rt. 74 East
 3:15 At MUHS
 3:35 Quiet Valley Rd.-Meet other
 2 buses

3:44-3:50 Rt. 74 west
 3:50 Rte 22A North.
 3:55 Main St.
 4:00 School St
 4:05 Barnum Hill

SHOREHAM
BUS 2 – Kathy
AM 6:45 Rt. 73 South
 6:55 Smith St.
 6:57 Watch Point Rd.
 6:57 White Face Ranch—Turnaround
 7:00 Lake St
 7:05 Torrey Lane —turn around
 7:10 Lapham Bay Rd.
 7:15 Half Way Rest.—turn around
 7:23 North Cream Hill Rd.
 7:27 Basin Harbor Rd.
 7:29 Watch Point Rd.
 7:30 At Shoreham School
PM 2:45 At Shoreham School
 2:50 School St
 2:54 RT 22A South
 2:58 Brown Rd
 3:02 Barnum Hill Rd
 3:10 Smith St.
 3:14 Watch Point Rd
 3:15 Lake St
 3:21 Torrey Lane

3:22 Lapham Bay Rd.
 3:27 North Cream Hill Rd.
 3:28 Lapham Bay Rd.
 3:29 Right on Rt. 22A South
 3:31 Duffany Rd
 3:33 Rt. 74 East to Quiet Valley Rd.
 3:40 P/U MUMS & MUHS Students
 3:47 Doolittle Rd. to Lapham Bay Rd.
 3:49 North Cream Hill Rd.
 3:51 Lapham Bay Rd.
 3:55 Lake St. north to Torrey Lane-
 Bay View Lane
 4:00 Lake St south to Watch Point Rd
 4:05 Watch Point Rd.
 4:06 Smith St

SHOREHAM
BUS 3 – Randy
AM 6:30 School St
 6:35 Rte 22A
 6:41 Brown Rd
 6:46 North Orwell Rd
 6:48 Richville Rd
 6:50 Shoreham Depot Rd
 6:55 Richville Rd
 7:02 Webster Rd
 7:05 Barnes Rd
 7:08 Cutting Hill Rd
 7:13 Richville Rd
 7:17 Buttolph Rd
 7:21 Richville Rd
 7:27 Rte 22A
 7:30 Shoreham Elementary
PM 2:45 At Shoreham Elementary
 2:50 Leave school
 2:54 Richville Rd
 2:57 Buttolph Rd
 3:05 Richville Rd
 3:07 Shoreham Depot Rd
 3:15 Webster Rd
 3:18 Barnes Rd
 3:22 Cutting Hill Rd
 3:27 South Bingham Rd
 3:30 Wooster Rd
 3:35 South Bingham Rd
 3:37 Cornwall Auto body to meet
 MH/HS bus

3:40 South Bingham Rd
 3:45 Webster Rd
 3:51 Richville Rd
 3:58 Shoreham Depot Rd
 4:05 Richville Rd
 4:08 Buttolph Rd
 4:15 Richville Rd
 4:20 Rte 22A
 4:30 Brown Rd

WEYBRIDGE
BUS 1 – Dash
AM 7:14 Prunier Rd.
 7:20 Snake Mountain Rd
 7:25 Thompson Hill Rd. & Snake Mtn
 7:30 Rte 17
 7:32-7:40 Quaker Village Rd.
 7:45 At Weybridge School
PM 2:50 At Weybridge School
 2:51 Quaker Village Rd
 3:05 Snake Mtn Rd
 3:10 Prunier Rd
 3:11 Route 23
 3:15 Weybridge Rd
 3:17 Perkins Rd
 3:20 Sheep Farm Rd
 3:28 Hamilton Rd
 3:33 Morgan Horse Farm to Pulp Mill
 Bridge Rd
 3:37 Pleasant View Terrace
 3:50 Mary Hogan

WEYBRIDGE
BUS 2 – Stitch
 3:22 Lapham Bay Rd.
 3:27 North Cream Hill Rd.
 3:28 Lapham Bay Rd.
 3:29 Right on Rt. 22A South
 3:31 Duffany Rd
 3:33 Rt. 74 East to Quiet Valley Rd.
 3:40 P/U MUMS & MUHS Students
 3:47 Doolittle Rd. to Lapham Bay Rd.
 3:49 North Cream Hill Rd.
 3:51 Lapham Bay Rd.
 3:55 Lake St. north to Torrey Lane-
 Bay View Lane
 4:00 Lake St south to Watch Point Rd
 4:05 Watch Point Rd.
 4:06 Smith St

AM 7:10 Morgan Horse Farm Rd.
 7:17 Stop-Pulp Mill Bridge Rd./Otter
 Creek Rd.
 7:20 Weybridge Rd.
 7:24 Sheep Farm Rd.
 7:25 Terrace Heights Rd.
 7:26 Sheep Farm Rd.
 7:28 Hamilton Rd
 7:31 Cave Rd.
 7:35 Weybridge Rd.
 7:38 Perkins Rd.
 7:42 Weybridge Rd.
 7:48 At Weybridge School

PM 3:15 At MUMS—To MUHS-To Weybridge
 3:25 Weybridge St.
 3:27 Morgan Horse Farm Rd.-
 Turnaround
 3:32 Harrison Rd. to Sheep Farm
 Rd.—Turnaround
 3:35 Harrison Rd. to Cave Rd.
 —Turnaround 3:40 Harrison to
 Weybridge St.
 3:45 Prunier Rd to Snake Mountain
 Rd. To Thompson Hill Rd.
 3:48 Turnaround at Waterman's
 Farm-Snake Mountain to
 Weybridge Rd.
 3:55 Quaker Village Rd.

MIDDLEBURY
BLUE BUS – TBD
AM 7:05 South on Rt. 116 from Quarry
 Rd, turn around
 7:10-7:15 Rt. 116 N—P/U East side
 7:16 Turnaround-Top of hill across
 from Cobble Rd.
 7:17 Rt. 116 S—P/U West side
 7:23 Right on Mead Lane—Onto
 Butternut Ridge
 7:26 Right on Rt. 116
 7:29 Right on Quarry Rd.
 7:32 Munger St, turn around
 7:39 Rolling Acres
 7:40 Orchard Lane
 7:50 MUHS
 7:55 MUMS
 8:00 Mary Hogan
PM 3:00 Mary Hogan
 3:10 MUHS
 3:15 MUMS
 3:25 Foote St
 3:27 Quarry Rd
 3:31 South on 116, turn around at old
 plastic plant
 3:32 North on 116, D/O East side
 3:40 Turnaround-Top of hill across
 form Cobble Rd.
 3:41 South on 116 -D/O West side
 3:44 Right on Mead Lane-onto
 Butternut Ridge
 3:47 Right on Rt. 116
 3:48 Right on Quarry Rd.
 3:50 Munger St, turn around
 3:54 Right on Quarry Rd

MIDDLEBURY
ORANGE BUS – Sonya
AM From Rt. 7 N & Elm St.
 7:00-7:08 P/U East side to River Rd.
 Right on River Rd. to Right on
 Halpin Rd.
 7:08 Halpin Rd.
 7:10 Left on Painter Rd.
 7:14 Left on Munger St. (turnaround)
 7:17 Right on Painter
 7:20 Left on Painter Hills to Grey
 Ledge Rd.
 7:22 Left on Painter Rd.
 7:24 Colonial Dr. & Washington St. Ext.
 7:24 Left on Washington St. Ext. to
 intersection of Peterson

Terrace/Gambrel Court
 7:26 Happy Valley Rd
 7:30 Left on Rt. 7, P/U West side
 7:35 Woodbridge/PineMeadows
 Apartments
 7:40 Otterside & Seymour St. Ext.
 7:42 Corner Lucas Shaw & Seymour
 St. Ext
 7:48 MUHS
 7:51 MUMS
 8:00 Mary Hogan
PM 3:00 Mary Hogan
 3:10 MUHS
 3:20 MUMS
 3:30 Woodbridge/Pine Meadow
 Apartments 3:30 Corner of
 Otterside & Seymour St. Ext.
 3:33 Corner of Lucas Shaw &
 Seymour St. Ext.
 3:35 Corner of Colonial Drive &
 Washington St. Ext.
 3:36 Peterson Terrace/Gambrel
 Court (Sugarwood)
 3:37 Right on Painter Hills/Grey
 Ledge Rd
 3:40 Onto Painter Rd.—Left on
 Munger St. (Turnaround)
 3:45 Right on Painter Rd.
 3:50 Right on Halpin Rd
 4:00 Happy Valley Rd.
 4:05-4:10 Rt 7

MIDDLEBURY
GREEN BUS – Carol
AM 6:55 Start South St. Ext. & Morse Rd.
 -head north on South St Ext.
 7:00 Continue onto South St.
 7:10 Weybridge St.
 7:13 Weybridge & Jayne Court
 7:14 Weybridge & Gorham Lane
 Left on Main St- onto Rt. 7
 N-right on Seminary St-onto
 Seminary St. Ext.
 7:23 Valley View Drive-Briarwood
 7:24 East Rd
 7:27 Foote St.
 7:31 Lower Foote St.
 7:33 Cady Rd/Maefcliffe Ct
 7:35 Lower Foote St
 7:39 Stonegate Dr.
 7:43 Left on Creek Rd.
 7:44 Village Green Circle
 7:47 Corner of Meadow Glenn & S
 Ridge Rds
 7:50 MUMS
 7:55 MUHS
 8:00 Mary Hogan School
PM 3:00 At Mary Hogan
 3:10 MUHS
 3:15 Right on Creek Rd/Village
 Green Circle
 3:17 Corner of Meadow Glenn & S
 Ridge Rds
 3:20 MUMS
 3:25 Stonegate Dr.
 3:35 Lower Foote St.
 3:37 Foote St.
 3:40 Seminary St. Ext.
 3:42 Valley View-Briarwood
 3:50 Weybridge & Gorham Ln.
 4:00 South St.
 4:10 Corner of South & Chipman
 Park
 4:11 South St Ext, Turnaround at
 Morse Rd.

MIDDLEBURY
PURPLE BUS – Ken
AM 7:03 Stonehill Apartments (428
 Court St.)
 7:05 Rt. 7 s—P/U West Side

7:06-7:09 Left on Rt. 125
 7:10 Right on Lower Plains—
 Turnaround
 7:22 Left on Rt. 125-
 7:24 Fire Station
 7:26 Right on Rt. 116 N (Case Rd.)
 —P/U East Side—Airport Rd.
 Turn Around
 7:35 Turnaround at Carrara's—P/U
 West Side
 7:40 P/U at Post Office then Right
 on Rt. 125
 7:41 Right on Rt. 7 N —P/U East
 Side
 7:50 MUMS
 7:55 MUHS
 8:00 Mary Hogan
PM 3:00 Mary Hogan
 3:10 MUHS
 3:20 MUMS
 3:30 Stonehill Apartments
 3:33 Corner of Lucas Shaw &
 Seymour St. Ext.
 3:35 Corner of Colonial Drive &
 Washington St. Ext.
 3:36 Peterson Terrace/Gambrel
 Court (Sugarwood)
 3:37 Right on Painter Hills/Grey
 Ledge Rd
 3:40 Onto Painter Rd.—Left on
 Munger St. (Turnaround)
 3:45 Right on Painter Rd.
 3:50 Right on Halpin Rd
 4:00 Happy Valley Rd.
 4:05-4:10 Rt 7

MIDDLEBURY
YELLOW BUS – TBD
AM 7:03 Munson Rd.
 7:04 Burnham Rd.
 7:05 Birch & Oak Dr.
 7:06 Left on School House Rd.
 7:10 Forest Ridge Dr. & Fred
 Johnson Cr.—Turnaround
 7:15 Corner Rt. 125 & School House
 7:16 Right on Rt. 125—Maple Ct.
 7:17 Left on Ossie Rd.
 7:19 Left on Rt. 7 S—Right on Three
 Mile Bridge Rd.
 7:25 Left on Blake Roy Rd—
 Turnaround
 7:30 Shard Villa Rd.
 7:32 Creek Rd.
 7:35 Halladay Rd.
 7:45 MUMS
 7:55 MUHS
 8:00 Mary Hogan
PM 3:00 Mary Hogan
 3:10 MUHS
 3:18 MUMS
 3:26 Right on Halliday Rd
 3:29 Right on 3 Mile Bridge, turn
 around
 3:32 Right on Shard Villa Rd, turn
 around
 3:34 Right on Blake Roy Rd, turn
 around
 3:38 Right on 3 Mile Bridge Rd, Left
 on Rt 7
 3:40 Right on Ossie Rd
 3:41 Right on Rt 125
 3:42 Left on School House Hill Rd
 3:43 Right on Forrest Ridge, turn
 around
 3:45 Right on School House Rd
 3:47 Right on Burnham
 3:49 Straight on Munson Rd

MIDDLEBURY
RIPTON – Jeannie
AM 7:00 Bridge west of Dugway on
 North Branch Rd.
 7:02-7:11 North Branch to Lincoln Rd.
 7:15 Turnaround at town border on
 Lincoln Rd.
 7:20 South on Lincoln Rd.
 7:26 Left on Robbins Crossroad
 7:27 Left on Natural turnpike
 7:28 Right on Peddler's Bridge Rd. at
 Four Corners Intersection
 7:30-7:33 Left on Maiden Lane
 7:33 Right (west) on Rt. 125
 7:35 Right on Natural Turnpike
 7:36 Billings Farm Rd. stop
 7:37 Left on Robbin's Crossroad
 7:40 At Ripton Elementary School—kids
 will not be let off bus until 7:45
**Students residing in the center of Ripton
 or on Lincoln Rd. between Rt. 125 and the
 school will be picked up and dropped off
 by the Hancock/Granville Bus**
 7:50 Ripton Bus will depart with the
 MUMS Students
 Hancock/Granville Bus will
 depart with the MUHS Students
PM 3:00-3:05 Depart elementary school
 with elementary students
 3:05 Right on Robbin's Crossroad
 3:06 Left on Natural Turnpike
 3:07 Right on Peddler's Bridge Rd.
 3:08 Left on Maiden Lane
 3:10 Right (west) on Rt. 125
 3:12 Right on Natural Turnpike
 3:12 Billings Farm Rd stop
 3:13 Left on Robbin's Crossroad
 3:14 Right on Lincoln Rd
 3:25 Turnaround at town border on
 Lincoln Rd.
 3:30 Right down North Branch Rd
 3:40-3:45 Back at Ripton School
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 current driver is in the route)
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 7:00 At JD Sunoco—Rt. 100
 7:01 Churchville Rd
 7:02 Virgin Ave
 7:03 Taylor Meadow
 7:06 D'S Doghouse
 7:10 Granville Store
 7:10 Bowl Company—Turnaround
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 7:19 Fassett Hill Rd.
 7:40 Rt. 125 West of Natural
 Turnpike
 7:45 At School
 7:50 Depart to MUHS
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Beth Duquette and Mark Mulqueen are starting Burnham Presents — a new monthly music series — at Burnham Hall. The performances will take the stage at Burnham Hall in Lincoln on the first Saturday of the month, September through May.

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Burnham Hall to host its own music series

Rain, floods and oh-dear-Lord the humidity made the summer music scene just a little bit damp this year. So, if you're looking forward to the next season's music series... you're not alone. The Ripton Community Coffee House will be back in its original location on the third

BY **ELSIE**

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Saturday of the month (September-May), after being displaced to the Burnham Hall during the pandemic. But Beth Duquette won't be organizing the 2023-24 RCHH season with Richard Ruane again.

After over 20 years co-directing RCHH and

the same as a volunteer and program chair for Middlebury's Festival on the Green, Duquette decided to team up with her husband, Mark Mulqueen, and launch a new music series in Lincoln. They're calling it Burnham Presents.

"When we were displaced for a couple years from the Ripton Community House, we brought the shows to Burnham Hall here in Lincoln," said Duquette, during an interview last week. "The space worked really well, and this community is amazing. We were selling out shows... I wasn't sure if I wanted to take on a big thing like this, but then I resigned from the Ripton Community Coffee House and I resigned from Festival on the Green... it was time to pass the baton."

With Duquette's love and knowledge of music, and Mulqueen's expertise as a sound-engineer, the Lincoln residents have put together a pretty sweet line up for the inaugural season of Burnham Presents — offering musical performances on the first Saturday, September through May, at the Historic Burnham Hall in the village of Lincoln.

Saturday, Sept. 2, the series opens with Bon Débarras. This group unites the worlds of music, dance and poetry through a collaboration between Montreal artists Dominic Desrochers, Jean-François Dumas and Véronique Plasse. Bon Débarras carries an identity, a style and an energy-filled zest

SEE BURNHAM ON PAGE 3

Taking the stage for *Chuck's Last Jam*

MUSICIANS GALORE WILL CELEBRATE CHUCK MILLER AT TOWN HALL THEATER ON AUG. 31

Pianist and music educator Chuck Miller has been bringing good music to life in this area for more than a quarter century. Next month, Miller and his wife, Katy Blue, are retiring to Florida — but he'll be at the keyboard one more time in Middlebury on Thursday evening, Aug. 31, when a number

BY **DOUG WILHELM**

of Vermont's most accomplished jazz musicians, vocalists and others will gather

at the Town Hall Theater for a performance the theater is calling "Chuck's Last Jam."

"It's a jam with my friends. Just improvising," Miller said from his home in Starksboro. "Mostly jazz, with maybe a blues in there. Basically, I'm leaving it up to them," he said of his fellow musicians. "Just put it out there and let them go with it."

Among those set to join Miller on stage are vocalists Francois Clemmons, Vanessa Dunleavy and Jillian Torres, along with trombonist Bear Irwin, bassist and trumpeter Glendon Ingalls, drummer Felix Anderson, and reed players Chris Peterman, Caleb Benz and Rich Davidian, director since 1976 of the Vermont Jazz Ensemble.

The evening will be the last in a rich array of musical events at the Town Hall Theater in which Miller has played a central role. He organized the musicians and arranged the songs for a two-part History of Rock 'n' Roll show in the early 2000s, followed by a popular series of "Middlebury Does" performances — Middlebury Does Woodstock, Middlebury Does Christmas, and Middlebury Does Soul, R&B and the '80s. He also accompanied musicals at the theater and elsewhere in the area, including "The King and I," "The Sound of Music," "The Permit," "Forever Plaid" and more.

A native of Nebraska, Miller earned a degree in music composition at Boston's Berklee College of Music, then came to Middlebury in 1990 to teach music at Mary Hogan Elementary School. For 26 years until his retirement, nearly every Mary Hogan student learned to play an instrument under his patient encouragement. And every second Sunday for two decades, Chuck accompanied the worship service at the local Champlain Valley Unitarian Universalist Society, where he would respond to the service by improvising, each time, a completely new piano composition.

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Chuck Miller will perform at Town Hall Theater on Aug. 31 with François Clemmons, Vanessa Dunleavy, Jillian Torres, Bear Irwin, Glendon Ingalls, Felix Anderson, Chris Peterman, Caleb Benz and Rich Davidian.

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I wanted to play — to make my own music on the spot," Miller said. "It was amazing."

"He was so good!" said Kate Gridley of Middlebury, who alternated Sundays with him at the CVUUS piano. "When Chuck was on, people were always waiting to see how he was going to wrap the service. It was an important piece of music, and an important piece of the worship."

Among Miller's students at Mary Hogan was Vanessa Dunleavy, who went on to a professional singing career, appearing in a Broadway musical's national tour and in other shows before moving back to Middlebury. "He taught me about blending with other people, and singing in a way that I had to really listen," she said. "He's been a prominent force in my life for so many years, and I'm really excited to celebrate him."

"He's a great listener, and responds to the musicians around him," said bassist and trumpeter Glendon Ingalls, who has played with the Temptations among many others, and appeared each week for five years with Miller and saxophonist Steve MacLauchlan at the Red Clover Inn in Mendon. "Though he seldom plays the same way twice, it's always very creative and appropriate to the situation.

"One incident very well demonstrates the depth of his musicianship," Ingalls added. "A couple of years ago, we were playing a concert at a venue that we had played before, and we had always used the piano on site. When we got there, there was a piano — but it was a different one. It was in tune, but it was tuned down a half step.

"We played a 90-minute concert, and Chuck transposed everything." Even while improvising, Ingalls marveled, "he had to play everything half a step up. Nothing demonstrated to me more than that the depths of Chuck's musical knowledge."

"We created Town Hall Theater to serve talented artists in the area," reflected Doug Anderson, the theater's founding leader, now its artistic director. "We looked around and thought, Well, if people like Chuck Miller live here, we'll just give them a stage and let them do what they do so brilliantly.

"Chuck has been a part of so many events here at THT, all of them exciting and successful," Anderson summed up. "He has been a cornerstone of the theater since our earliest days. This is kind of the end of an era."

"We will so miss him," Gridley agreed. "He has really added something special."

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for life quite unique and beautifully served by the versatility of the musicians as well as their daring jiggling and vivid body percussion.

The monthly shows continue with Caitlin Canty (Oct. 7), The Ladles (Nov. 4), The Vermont Mandolin Trio (Dec. 2), Freeway Clyde (Jan. 6), March Lights (Feb. 10), Mile Twelve (March 2), Rani Arbor & daisy mayhem (April 4) and Genticorum (May 3). Note: the February concert will be on the second Saturday to allow for the great Hill Country Holidays annual event on the first Saturday in February.

"We have a full line up," Duquette said proudly. "There was a lot of scrambling once we decided to do it... but we had most of the booking done by April and then we were just pulling all the strings together."

Burnham Presents, like RCHH, is a totally volunteer-run organization. Burnham Presents is a standalone music series through the Walter S. Burnham Foundation — a non-profit part of the town to preserve the Historic Burnham Hall. The music series is done with the foundations support, as well as the generosity of donors and ticket sales.

Tickets range from \$15-\$25, or pay what you can. Refreshments will be available by donation.

"The format is very similar to the Ripton Community Coffee House," Duquette said. "There will be two sets of music, but no open mic; and not the same music. Burnham Presents will host more regional and touring performers, while the coffee house will have more singer-songwriters and duos."

Duquette expressed great admiration for RCHH and Ruane.

"RCHH was a big, big, big part of my life," she said. "It was hard to step away... Richard and I are cooperating and helping promote each other; and we still play music together."

Duquette and Mulqueen are ready for this new series to launch. So mark your calendar and look forward to a great show once a month through the cooler (and hopefully drier) seasons.



Bon Débarras will perform for the inaugural show of Burnham Presents on Saturday, Sept. 2, at Burnham Hall in Lincoln.

BURNHAM PRESENTS

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**MORE INFO AT
BURNHAM PRESENTS.ORG**

RIPTON COMMUNITY COFFEE HOUSE

Held on the third Saturday of the month at the Ripton Community House, Ripton

Saturday, Sept. 16

Cliff Eberhardt & Louise Mosrie Coombe

Saturday, Oct. 21

Connor Garvey

November

TBD

December

TBD

January

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Saturday, Feb. 107

Dana Robinson

Saturday, March 16

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Saturday, April 20

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Saturday, May 18

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Bread + Puppet's Circus performs in the hills of Hancock

OUTDOOR PERFORMANCE AT THE MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE SNOW BOWL ON FRIDAY, SEPT. 1

The circus is coming! The circus is coming! Bread + Puppet Theatre's circus, that is. On Friday, Sept. 1, Town Hall Theater presents the first show of Bread + Puppet's annual tour at the Middlebury College Snow Bowl in Hancock. The performance will feature a mountainous backdrop and the iconic Bread + Puppet hand-painted bus — and begin with Bread & Puppet's brass band at 5:45 p.m. The show runs until 7 p.m.

This year's show will be a spectacle of protest and celebration that addresses the urgent themes of the moment using paper maché, dance, and a live brass band.

Circus is perhaps the most iconic of the many performance genres for which Bread + Puppet is known. A Bread + Puppet Circus is a large-scale political puppet show which borrows from traditional Circus tropes and is performed in-the-round. Made up of a bright, raucous melee of short acts using diverse puppetry styles, it spans many moods, from slapstick to the sublime.

After the show, Bread + Puppet will serve its famous sourdough rye bread with aioli, and Bread and Puppet's "Cheap Art" — books, posters, postcards, pamphlets and banners from the Bread and Puppet Press — will be for sale.

All ticket proceeds benefit Bread + Puppet Theatre and Town Hall Theater. Tickets



Bread + Puppet Theater's circus will perform at the Middlebury College Snow Bowl on Friday, Sept. 1, from 5:45-7 p.m. All welcome.

are \$22 and are available for purchase at townhalltheater.org. No one will be turned away for lack of funds. If you need assistance with the price of the ticket, contact tickets@townhalltheater.org or call 802-382-9222.

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Bread and Puppet will perform through a light rain, pause a performance and play band

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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

110 Storrs Ave, Middlebury

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"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.

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.

"Capturing the Moments," a solo exhibition of new work by Margaret Gerding. Through her skillfully added detail and accents of vivid color the viewer feels the excitement of a fleeting, breathtaking moment in a New England day. On view Aug. 19-Sept. 26.

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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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For more info visit middlebury.edu/museum/exhibitions.

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Cosmic Forecast

ARIES: March 21/April 20. Aries, you may want to move your relationship in a different direction, but your partner is resistant. This could be a conflict, or something that opens up a dialogue.

TAURUS: April 21/May 21. Taurus, you might feel like doing all you can to make a problem go away, and think that acting immediately is the way to go. But ponder a few options beforehand.

GEMINI: May 22/June 21. Gemini, a professional opportunity that seems to have many positive financial outcomes actually could have a down side to it. It's best if you do your research before acting.

CANCER: June 22/July 22. You may think that others do not understand you, Cancer. But that may be a good thing. You can focus on explaining your position and maybe make a few friends along the way.

LEO: July 23/Aug. 23. Leo, you tend to be attracted to things that tempt fate or may even be considered forbidden. When others want you to walk the straight and narrow for a bit, it could be tough.

VIRGO: Aug. 24/Sept. 22. Virgo, an opportunity to get away presents itself. Enjoy this much-needed respite and don't be afraid to go the extra mile to ensure the trip is as memorable as possible.

LIBRA: Sept. 23/Oct. 23. You may want to do it all, Libra, but sometimes you have to let others know you have limits. When you don't, it is easy to get taken advantage of or run yourself ragged.

SCORPIO: Oct. 24/Nov. 22. Scorpio, are you ready for an adventure? Identify some new hobbies and then learn all you can about getting out there and doing those types of activities with frequency.

SAGITTARIUS: Nov. 23/Dec. 21. A loved one may want to be more cozy with you this week, but you're content to have ample space and do your own thing, Sagittarius. Let your views be heard on this situation.

CAPRICORN: Dec. 22/Jan. 20. Capricorn, you may want to tell a loved one what they want to hear right now to make a difficult situation go away. However, that only postpones the inevitable tough talk.

AQUARIUS: Jan. 21/Feb. 18. You have been feeling like it is time to break away from your regular routine, Aquarius. It could be because there has been added stress on your shoulders. A vacation may be needed.

PISCES: Feb. 19/March 20. There are some limits to doing all of the work on your own, Pisces. First off, you may lack the time and the expertise. Bring on helpers this week if anyone is available.

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AUG. 26 — Melisaa McCarthy, actor (53)

AUG. 27 — Man Ray, artist (d)

AUG. 28 — Ai Weiwei, artist (66)

AUG. 29 — Dinah Washington, singer (d)

AUG. 30 — Nancy Wake, WWII resistance

leader (d)

CALENDAR

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THURSDAY, AUG. 24

MIDDLEBURY NEW FILMMAKERS FESTIVAL IN MIDDLEBURY. Thursday, Aug. 24, 9 a.m.-9 p.m., five venues around town, see middfilmfest.org.

LECTURE BY VIEVEE FRANCIS, "SHIFTING NARRATIVES IN AFRICAN AMERICAN POETRY: OBAMA, AL GREEN, AND WRITING POST-BLACKARTS MOVEMENT, OR THE AUDACITY OF MY OWN DAMN BELLIGERENCE" IN RIPTON. Thursday, Aug. 24, 9 a.m., Little Theater, Bread Loaf campus, Route 125. Part of the Bread Loaf Writer's Conference. Free and open to the public. More info at 802-443-5286.

"STORIES IN STITCHES: HOW TO READ A SAMPLER" IN MIDDLEBURY. Thursday, Aug. 24, 1-2 p.m., Henry Sheldon Museum, 1 Park St. Ellen Thompson, the Team Leader for the Vermont Sampler Initiative, will focus on what can be learned through studying sampler examples and how the Vermont Sampler Initiative works to fill in the gaps in the historical record of this industry. In connection with the current exhibition "Stellar Stitching: 19th Century Vermont Samplers." Included with Museum admission. Seating is limited. More info at henrysheldonmuseum.org/events or call 802-388-2117.

READINGS BY DARREL ALEJANDRO HOLNES, ALEX MARZANO-LESNEVICH, AND CHRISTOPHER CASTELLANI IN RIPTON. Thursday, Aug. 24, 4:15 p.m., Little Theater, Bread Loaf campus, Route 125. Part of the Bread Loaf Writer's Conference. Free and open to the public. More info at 802-443-5286.

POINT COUNTERPOINT FACULTY CONCERT IN SALISBURY. Thursday, Aug. 24, 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.

"DC LEAGUE OF SUPERHEROES" ON SCREEN IN BRISTOL. Thursday, Aug. 24, 8 p.m., Bristol town Green. Part of Bristol Rec's Movies in the Park After Dark. Free. Rain location Holley Hall.

READINGS BY SIDIK FOFANA, ELISA GABBERT, AND TANIA JAMES IN RIPTON. Thursday, Aug. 24, 8:15 p.m., Little Theater, Bread Loaf campus, Route 125. Part of the Bread Loaf Writer's Conference. Free and open to the public. More info at 802-443-5286.

FRIDAY, AUG. 25

MIDDLEBURY NEW FILMMAKERS FESTIVAL IN MIDDLEBURY. Friday, Aug. 25, 9 a.m.-9 p.m., five venues around town, see middfilmfest.org.

LECTURE BY PATRICK PHILLIPS, "OUT-OF-THE-BODY TRAVEL: THE POEM AS TIME MACHINE" IN RIPTON. Friday, Aug. 25, 9 a.m., Little Theater, Bread Loaf campus, Route 125. Part of the Bread Loaf Writer's Conference. Free and open to the public. More info at 802-443-5286.

READINGS BY SIERRA CRANE MURDOCH, JACOB SHORES-ARGÜELLO, AND MECCA JAMILAH SULLIVAN IN RIPTON. Friday, Aug. 25, 4:15 p.m., Little Theater, Bread Loaf campus, Route 125. Part of the Bread Loaf Writer's Conference. Free and open to the public. More info at 802-443-5286.

ARTIST RECEPTION AND TALK IN BRISTOL. Friday, Aug. 25, 5-7 p.m., Art of Main, 25 Main St. Come see the work and meet printmaker Carol McDonald and potter Kileh Friedman. Free.

STREET DANCE IN VERGENNES. Friday, Aug. 25, 7 p.m., City Green. Kick off the eve of Vergennes Day

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BURLESQUE FUNDRAISER IN MIDDLEBURY. Friday, Aug. 25, 8-11 p.m., 51 Main St. Help raise money for WomenSafe at this burlesque benefit, featuring performances by Mistress Manifest, Crimson Wilder, and Andro Genderson Starlight. Music by DJ Serena Kim. Photography by Susan Woloohojian. Tickets \$50 general admission includes access to the complimentary dessert bar by Crooked Ladle and standing room /bar seating, \$75 VIP includes access to the complimentary dessert bar by Crooked Ladle, preferred seating and professional photo with Mistress Manifest. Available at otaway.com/no-strings-attached.

READINGS BY GABRIELLE BATES, JENNIFER FINNEY BOYLAN, AND LUIS ALBERTO URREA IN RIPTON. Friday, Aug. 25, 8:15 p.m., Little Theater, Bread Loaf campus, Route 125. Part of the Bread Loaf Writer's Conference. Free and open to the public. More info at 802-443-5286.

SATURDAY, AUG. 26

MIDDLEBURY NEW FILMMAKERS FESTIVAL IN MIDDLEBURY. Saturday, Aug. 26, 9 a.m.-9 p.m., five venues around town, see middfilmfest.org.

VERGENNES DAY RACE IN VERGENNES. Saturday, Aug. 26, 8:30 a.m., 43 East St. The Little City is hosting its 42nd Annual Vergennes Day Race. Sign up to walk a 5K, or run a 5K, 10K or 15K. The 15K begins at 8:30 a.m., and the 5K and 10K begin at 9 a.m. More info at runsignup.com/Race/VT/Vergennes/VergennesDayRace2023.

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Conant Sq. The Onion River Jazz Band is a seven-piece traditional Dixieland jazz band based in Burlington that performs traditional New Orleans Dixieland Jazz. Come prepared to dance the night away or just sit back, relax, tap your feet and enjoy the music. Tickets \$8 adults/\$7 seniors and students/\$14 couples.

SUNDAY, AUG. 27

MIDDLEBURY NEW FILMMAKERS FESTIVAL IN MIDDLEBURY. Thursday, Aug. 24. 10 a.m.-9 p.m., five venues around town. Festival caps off with the VTeddy Awards Ceremony. See middfilmfest.org.

"A SEED FOR THE FUTURE" ON SCREEN IN MIDDLEBURY. Sunday, Aug. 27, noon-1:30 p.m., Edgewater Gallery at the Falls, 1 Mill St. This 15-minute documentary is about the achievements, challenges, and aspirations of this community-driven White River Land Collaborative, an initiative transforming a former organic dairy farm into a community hub that is supporting sustainable agricultural enterprises, forest stewardship, and community activities while reducing barriers to land access for young farmers and local Abenaki land stewards. Learn more about and support the collaborative and meet their women-led team.

"SNUGFEST" IN RIPTON. Sunday, Aug. 27, 3-8 p.m., Ripton Town Hall, Route 125. Help raise funds for Addison County flood relief with music by Lamp (Russ Lawton, Scott Metzger and Ray Paczkowski), with special guest Cyro Baptista. Tickets \$25 at tinyurl.com/Snugfest-tix.

THURSDAY, AUG. 31

BOBBIN LACE DEMONSTRATION IN MIDDLEBURY. Thursday, Aug. 31, 1-3 p.m., Henry Sheldon Museum, 1 Park St. Nancy Pecca will demonstrate bobbin lace making and speak about the history of the craft, using examples and antique items. Offered in connection with the current exhibition, "Variety Sew: A Sampling of Textile Tools and Devices." Tickets included with Museum admission, free for members and students.

DANA AND SUSAN ROBINSON AND PIZZA IN GOSHEN. Thursday, Aug. 31, 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.

"CHUCK'S LAST JAM" IN MIDDLEBURY. Thursday, Aug. 31, 7 p.m., Town Hall Theater, 68 S. Pleasant St. Pianist and music educator Chuck Miller has been bringing good music to life in this area for more than a quarter century. He'll be at the keyboard one more time in Middlebury when a number of Vermont's most accomplished jazz musicians, vocalists and others will gather for a performance before he relocates to Florida. More info and tickets, \$20, at townhalltheater.org.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 1

PATTI CASEY & COLIN MCCAFFREY AND PIZZA IN GOSHEN. Friday, Sept. 1, 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.

COME TO THE FIRST ANNUAL SNUGFEST CONCERT AND SUSTAINABLE FASHION EVENT AT RIPTON TOWN HALL ON SUNDAY, AUG. 27, FROM 3-8 P.M. THE EVENT WILL FEATURE MUSIC BY LAMP, A VINTAGE AND THRIFT SALE, AS WELL AS A SHORT FASHION SHOW AND AUCTION. ALL SALES WILL BE DONATED TO THE ADDISON COUNTY FLOOD RELIEF. COME READY FOR AN AFTERNOON OF FUN, FASHION, MUSIC AND DANCING! GENERAL ADMISSION \$25. GENEROUS DONATIONS WELCOME.

must be accompanied by an adult. Email oddangellc@gmail.com to register and for workshop location.

BREAD + PUPPET IN HANCOCK. Friday, Sept. 1, 6 p.m., Middlebury College Snow Bowl, 6886 Route 125. Bread + Puppet Theatre kicks off its fall tour at the Middlebury College Snow Bowl. The show will feature a mountainous backdrop and the iconic Bread + Puppet hand-painted bus. This is a spectacle of protest and celebration that addresses the urgent themes of the moment using paper maché, dance, and a live brass band. Tickets \$20, available at townhalltheater.org.

LC JAZZ PRESENTS "A TRIBUTE TO ANNA HUSK" IN VERGENNES. Friday, Sept. 1, 7-9 p.m., Vergennes Opera House, 120 Main St. Come enjoy a night of Jazz and Chocolate, two of Anna's favorite things.

POINT COUNTERPOINT FACULTY CONCERT IN MIDDLEBURY. Friday, Sept. 1, 7:30 p.m., Champlain Valley Unitarian Universalist Society, 2 Duane Ct. Admission is free, and goodwill donations are gratefully accepted. Each faculty concert differs in repertoire, instrumentation, and faculty performers.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 2

SOLDIERS ATOP THE MOUNT IN ORWELL. Saturday, Sept. 2, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Mount Independence State Historic Site, 472 Mt. Independence Rd. Reenactors honor the 1776-1777 history of Mount Independence during this living history weekend. Saturday's popular interactive Baldwin Trail Walkabout, 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., features experts at trail stations bringing the site's history to life. Military tactical, annual reading of Declaration of Independence, and camp life and skill demonstrations. Admission \$9. Call 802-948-2000 for details.

ART ON THE TRAIL IN BRISTOL. Saturday, Sept. 2, 5, 10 a.m.-noon, Bristol Trail Network. Explore the world of nature and art journaling with BTN Artist-in-Residence Charon Henning. Bring a sketchbook with pens and/or pencils to begin your journal. Free, but registration is required. All ages and skill levels are welcome. Children

COLLECTIONS CORNER: SHOW AND TELL IN FERRISBURGH. Saturday, Sept. 2, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Lake Champlain Maritime Museum 4472 Basin Harbor Rd. Want to share your own historical items, memorabilia, artifacts and stories with the Museum's team? For this special Collections Corner, the public is invited to bring their own treasures and stories related to Champlain Valley history from home to share with each other and our Collections experts. Free.

BON DÉBARRAS IN LINCOLN. Saturday, Sept. 2, 7:30 p.m., Burnham Hall, 52 E. River Rd. Bon DéBarras kicks off a new concert series in Lincoln, Burnham Presents. Bon DéBarras unites the worlds of music, dance and poetry. More info at burnhampresents.org, burnhampresentst@gmail.com or 802-349-3364.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 3

SOLDIERS ATOP THE MOUNT IN ORWELL. Sunday, Sept. 3, 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Mount Independence State Historic Site, 472 Mt. Independence Rd. See Sept. 2 listing.

BLUES WITHOUT BORDERS IN CORNWALL. Sunday, Sept. 3, 5-7 p.m., 14 Audet Rd. West Cornwall Backyard concert series — weather permitting. No entry fee, freewill cash donations graciously accepted. Shady J's BBQ on site. Music, food and fantastic sunset.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 5

"AN EVENING OF KINDNESS AND POETRY" WITH JAMES CREW IN MIDDLEBURY. Tuesday, Sept. 5, 6 p.m., Ilsley Public Library, 75 Main St. Join James Crew, the editor of the best-selling anthologies, "The Path to Kindness" and "How to Love the World," which has been featured on NPR's Morning Edition, in the Boston Globe, and the Washington Post. Crews' own poems have appeared in the New York Times Magazine, Ploughshares, The New Republic, and The Christian Century.

WHAT'S HAPPENING NEXT DOOR

MORE ART

Rochester gallery opens exhibit of Vermont photography past & present

BRATTLEBORO EXHIBIT HIGHLIGHTS BRANDON ARTIST

Traveling south anytime soon? Stop over in Brattleboro to see a new exhibit at Mitchell • Giddings Fine Arts located on Main Street. This local gallery will present side-by-side exhibits of paintings, prints and sculpture: "Fran Bull: The Art Life," and "Helen Schmidt: Between Worlds."

Head over the hill to see a new photography exhibit at BigTown Gallery in Rochester. "No Place Like Here: Photographs of Vermont past and present" will open with a reception and artist talk with Peter Moriarty on Saturday, Aug. 26, from 3-5 p.m. Pizza in the garden to follow — BYOB. The exhibit will be on view through Oct. 29.

PETER MORIARTY VERMONT PHOTOGRAPHS (1978-2003)

During his time in Vermont, Moriarty made several photographic series seen now for the first time together in this exhibit. Rural Systems was presented by the Eastman Museum and included in New England Perambulations, which originated at the Addison Gallery of American Art before a two year tour. "The Hurt Dance" — photographs of endurance athletes — was shown at the Fogg Museum, MIT, and Dartmouth College, among other venues. His "Cut Plastic" series was last exhibited by Middlebury College.

On view is a selection of prints by Walker Evans, Dorothea Lange and Ben Shahn — gelatin silver prints issued by the Library of Congress (LOC), which houses the complete archive of the more than 270,000 FSA photographs and were incorporated into Moriarty's teaching portfolio in the 1980s.

"After receiving my MFA degree, I started working in rural Vermont where there was no teaching museum," Moriarty said. "For this reason my portfolio became a central element



Curator Series inaugurated by Peter Moriarty at BigTown Gallery in Rochester. On view Aug. 26-Oct. 29.

of my classes. Students were able to look at originals and respond to them openly without thinking about what their peers might think. It was easier to be critical of an 1860 albumen print from Egypt than to be honest about your classmates first prints."

FSA PHOTOGRAPHS OF VERMONT (1937-1943)

The FSA's ambitious program was to document the human condition in the United States, from the dust bowl era to the creation of victory gardens during the Second World War. Roy Stryker, who assembled and administered the FSA's documentary program, sent photographers across the nation to document the lives of working Americans and to advocate for the New Deal's social programs.

Stryker's publication, in 1973, *In This Proud Land* is a collection of his favorite images from the program. Since that time, additional works have added to our understanding of the project: "Marion Post Wolcott FSA Photographs" (1983) with an introduction by Sally Stein, and "Viewing Documentary: The Photographic Life of Louise Rosskam" (2011) by Laura Katzman and Beverly Brannan. Six photographers worked for Stryker in Vermont including Jack Delano, Russell Lee, Carl Mydens, Arthur Rothstein, Louise Rosskam and Marion Post Wolcott. Examples of each are exhibited.

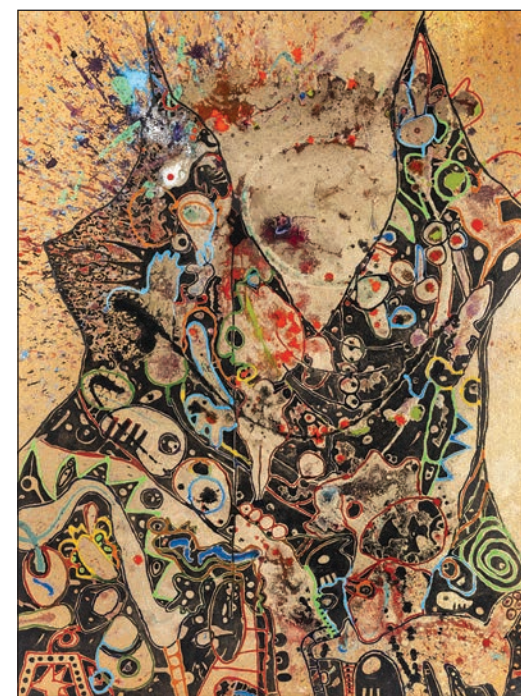
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"Making art is my way of life, one I have pursued since childhood," said Bull, a well-known artist who lives in Brandon. "Through art I am able to express my thoughts, concerns, visions and all that I am. I can indulge in the joys of drawing, painting, print making and sculpting, turning these activities towards the deepest and most serious ends as visual expressions. In an almost shamanic sense, I use the prima materia of my life as a resource for my art."

"I am between worlds in both the mediums I employ and the imagery I use," explained Schmidt. "I will always be a printmaker because I love the mystery that happens when I pull a print off the press."

The exhibits open on Sept. 1 with an opening reception from 5-8 p.m. The artists will give a talk on Saturday, Sept. 30, 5 p.m., at the gallery. The work will be on view through Oct. 15.

For more info visit mitchellgiddingsfinearts.com call 802-251-8290 or email info@mitchellgiddingsfinearts.com.



Fran Bull, *And We Will Live This Life*, 2004

SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY, SEPT. 9

READING AND PERFORMANCE WITH WRITER HELEN WHYBROW AND COMPOSER BEN COSGROVE

SATURDAY, OCT. 14

GALLERY TALK WITH HOOD MUSEUM DIRECTOR JOHN STOMBERG, PETER MORIARTY AND ANNI MACKAY

PUZZLES

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ACROSS

- 1. Midway between east and southeast
- 4. At right angles to a ship's length
- 9. William Penn's business partner
- 14. __ de plume
- 15. Accomplished soccer coach
- 16. Bone cavities
- 17. __ juris: independent
- 18. Popular Philly sandwich
- 20. Northern Ireland county
- 22. Performing artist
- 23. S S S
- 24. Lacks flavor
- 28. Commercials
- 29. Anno Domini (in

- the year of Our Lord)
- 30. Qatar's capital
- 31. Indigenous peoples of Alberta
- 33. Popular footwear
- 37. Indicates position
- 38. Anglican cathedral
- 39. Aircraft part
- 41. Before
- 42. Blood group
- 43. Secretory organ
- 44. **Fencing swords**
- 46. The small projection of a mammary gland
- 49. Technological advancement
- 50. Male parent
- 51. Dissociable
- 55. More cold
- 58. Cape Verde Islands capital

- 59. Blood disorder
- 60. Creative
- 64. Sun up in New York
- 65. Made angry
- 66. Relieves
- 67. Brooklyn hoopster
- 68. Seasonsings
- 69. Movable barriers
- 70. Attempt

DOWN

- 1. Occur as a result of
- 2. Spiritual essences
- 3. Representative
- 4. Entering
- 5. Nobel Prize-winning physicist
- 6. Midway between northeast and east
- 7. Consumed
- 8. Tablelands

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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

- 9. Kids' craft accessory
- 10. Not known
- 11. Sound directed through two or more speakers
- 12. A major division of geological time
- 13. Wild ox
- 19. Shock treatment
- 21. Turner and Lasso are two
- 24. Genus of flowering plants
- 25. Relating to ductless glands
- 26. Stock certificate
- 27. Satisfies
- 31. Places to enjoy a rest
- 32. Edward __, author and writer
- 34. "__ but goodie"
- 35. One hundredth of a liter
- 36. Shabbiness
- 40. TV personality Roker
- 41. Triangular upper part of a building
- 45. Speed at which you move
- 47. Offend
- 48. A reference point to shoot at
- 52. Forays
- 53. Biblical city
- 54. Blatted
- 56. Northern sea duck
- 57. Shabby (slang)
- 59. Allege
- 60. Tax collector
- 61. Whereabouts unknown
- 62. Chinese philosophical principle
- 63. Indicates equal

This week's puzzle solutions can be found on Page 13.



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— SHADE ELEGANCE WITH SOLOMON'S SEAL —



Nadie VanZandt is a UVM Extension Master Gardener and an artist from Panton.

If you want to add a touch of architectural interest to your shade garden, look no further than the graceful silhouette of Solomon's seal.

Solomon's seal is a hardy herbaceous perennial for shade that spreads through rhizomes to form clumps of tall arching stems covered with attractive green foliage. Its name refers to the circular scars left by its stems on the rhizomes after die-back. According to folklore, the biblical King Solomon placed his seal upon this plant when he recognized its great medicinal value.

In spring, it bears discrete tubular white flowers that dangle elegantly below the leaves, accentuating the curve of its tall stems. From spring to summer, Solomon's seal imparts an attractive backdrop to the shade garden with its foliage fading to a gentle

yellow in autumn.

Solomon's seal is the common name for approximately 60 identified species of the genus *Polygonatum*, a member of the lily family (*Liliaceae*), including *Polygonatum biflorum*, a species native to eastern and central North America. In Latin, *Polygonatum* means "many knees," referring to the plant's fleshy, jointed rhizomes.

A New England native, *Polygonatum biflorum*, grows to three to five feet in height and spreads one to two feet wide. It's also known as Smooth Solomon's seal, King Solomon's seal and Great Solomon's seal.

The woodland is its natural habitat. For this reason, it thrives in shade or part-shade, favoring dappled morning light over afternoon sun. Although it prefers a moist well-drained soil rich in organic matter, it is not fussy. It also does well in challenging, dry-shade spots near tree roots.

In addition, its sturdy stems do not require staking. Fallen leaves provide an ideal mulch and compost material for the plant.

This rhizomatous perennial is a low-maintenance, slow-growing plant that can live for decades without requiring much care. Planted in the right location, Solomon's seal will form colonies to grace your landscape with its distinctive profile.

This perennial prefers to grow in consistent, but not overly wet, moisture. Yet, once established, it tolerates drought. It also is disease-resistant and unappealing to deer, both attractive characteristics.

After flowering in summer, the plant develops small bluish-black berries. These berries are very much appreciated by birds though slightly toxic to humans. Young shoots and rhizomes are edible when cooked and served like asparagus and potato, respectively. Historically, the Native Americans and colonists ate its starchy roots.

Solomon's seal is easily propagated by division when the plant is dormant in spring or fall. Starting with a well-established clump, use a clean, sharp knife to cut a rhizome into several sections, making sure that each section has a bud.

Place the sections horizontally in the soil, buds up, 18 inches apart and one inch deep. Water generously, taking care to keep the area cool while the new plants grow.

This graceful plant is a great choice for a woodland garden and pairs well with many other perennials throughout the growing season. Companion plants include hosta, hellebore, narcissus, tiarella, epimedium, brunnera, aquilegia and ferns, among others. They are also stunning at the base of trees and shrubs.

With such attractive features, Solomon's seal is a must-have for your shade or woodland garden. What's more, you can jazz up your cut-flower bouquets with its beautiful arching stems.



A New England native, Solomon's seal is an ideal choice for a woodland garden as it pairs well with many other perennials, including hostas, throughout the growing season.

PHOTO / NADIE VANZANDT

Pet obesity a growing problem

No pet owner wants to envision a visit to their local veterinary office concluding with a discussion about their companion animal being on the cusp of serious health problems. However, a growing number of pet owners could soon be forced to confront that very scenario.

A recent survey from the Association for Pet Obesity Prevention uncovered some sobering truths about the state of pet health. In the 2022 "State of U.S. Pet Obesity" report, Ernie Ward, DVM, CVFT, the founder and president of APOP, noted that pet obesity rates in the United States have been steadily increasing over the last several decades. That's unfortunate, as Ward notes that a growing body of evidence has linked obesity in dogs and cats to a host of serious ailments and outcomes, including:

- Skin and respiratory disorders
- Renal dysfunction
- Metabolic and endocrine disorders, such as diabetes
- Orthopedic disease, such as osteoarthritis
- Certain types of cancer
- Decreased life expectancy

So how high are obesity rates among cats and dogs? According to the APOP report, 61 percent of evaluated cats were classified as overweight or obese by their veterinary professional. Among that total, one in three cats was classified as obese in 2022.



Did you know that according to the Association for Pet Obesity Prevention, 61% of evaluated cats were classified as overweight or obese by their veterinarians?

PHOTO / METROCREATIVE

Cats' canine counterparts are not faring much better. The APOP report indicates that 59 percent of dogs were classified as overweight or obese by their veterinary professionals. Though obesity rates among dogs are significantly lower compared to cats, the report still indicates that more than one in five dogs (22%) was classified as obese in 2022.

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Susan

Susan was found as a stray and we estimate her to be 3 years old. When she arrived she was very shut down and terrified of everything. After 2 short days, she started to trust the shelter care staff and after only 3 days she began to make biscuits in her bed! Susan loves to be out on the cat porch and would be happier as an indoor/outdoor kitty. She gets along with all other cats and has provided comfort to the newbies in the room.



Blaze

Blaze is a 4-month-old Husky mix. He is very sweet and full of energy. Blaze is dog-friendly and loves to play out in the yards. He is doing well on leash walks and will need a lot of exercise. Blaze can be a bit shy at first, but loves people!



Iana

Iana was brought in after she had been seen roaming for a few days. She is a 65-pound grey lab/pit bull mix and is approximately 1-2 years old. Iana was very shy when she first came to us but absolutely loves the animal care staff. She is a very affectionate dog but has a fear of strangers. Iana is on a training protocol for stranger danger and the new owner will have to be willing to continue this protocol outside the shelter. Potential adopters can expect to come to meet her more than once before she feels comfortable around them. Iana loves to interact with other dogs and enjoys playgroups with the shelter dogs. She is housebroken, leash trained, and likes to cuddle and give kisses once she is comfortable with you. She needs a home where she can feel safe, encouraged, and loved! A fenced-in yard would be ideal.



Luke

Luke is a 4-month-old Husky mix. He is a little shy when first meeting people, but warms up quickly. He is full of energy and will need a lot of exercise. Luke is dog-friendly and loves to play out in the yards. He is doing really well on leash walks.



Luna

Luna is a lovely 6-year-old pit bull mix. She came to the shelter looking much older than she is due to bad skin, long nails, and grinded teeth. Even though she must have been uncomfortable with itchy skin, she has been happily wagging her tail all along. Luna received a "pawdicure" and is on medication to make her skin feel and look better. She likes the other dogs at the shelter and enjoys walks with our volunteers. She easily becomes very excited around people and will sometimes jump for attention. Luna is very attentive when you ask her to sit and the staff will continue to work on her impulse control. She just needs a loving home where she can be around people and live her best life for years to come.



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PET

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Another troubling finding to emerge in the APOP report is the misperception among pet owners regarding their animals' condition. The report indicates that roughly one-third

of pet owners whose animals were classified as overweight or obese classified their pet's weight as "normal," "ideal" or, perhaps most surprisingly, "thin." Those characterizations were submitted prior to pet owners' being informed of their pets' assessments, which underscores how small a grasp pet owners may have regarding their pets' physical condition. Recognition of what defines a healthy weight for pets and knowledge of how to help pets achieve that weight can ensure a healthier future for millions of pets. Pet owners are urged to speak with their veterinarians to develop a plan that ensures the long-term health of their companion animals.

More information about overweight and obesity in pets can be found at petobesityprevention.org.

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from Middlebury's collection and from other private and public collections — nearly 20 works that make use of discarded materials. On view through Dec. 10.

NORTHERN DAUGHTERS GALLERY

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"Weathering" a solo exhibit by Bonnie Baird. Her show addresses the ways in which we endure and move through the challenges we face, emotional, logistical and other to weather the lives we have carved out in the world. On view Aug. 4-Sept. 15.

PHOTOPLACE GALLERY

3 Park Street, Middlebury

For more info visit photoplacegallery.com.

"Portrait: Self, Others," is a juried photo exhibit featuring portraits, self- or otherwise, that go beyond the surface to explore a deeper vision of the subject and, hopefully, draw an emotional response from the viewer. Juror Elizabeth Avedon selected approximately 35 images for exhibition in the Middlebury gallery, and 40 more for the online gallery. On view through Aug. 30.

ROKEBY MUSEUM

4334 Route 7, Ferrisburgh

For more info visit Rokeby.org or call 802-877-3406

"Finding Hope Within: Healing & Transformation through the Making of Art within the Carceral System." On display is artwork created by artists from within a Carceral facility or through collaboration between an artist on the "inside" and an allied artist on the outside who may have access to a wider range of mediums and tools. Each piece speaks to the ideas of healing, forgiveness and growth. On view with regular admission to Rokeby Museum through Oct. 14.

SHELDON MUSEUM

1 Park Street, Middlebury

For more info visit henrysheldonmuseum.org

"Artists in the Archives: Unseen Neighbors: Community, History & Collage." Digital collages and three analog format collages by 23 artists from seven countries that reflect upon the idea of community in the 21st-century world are on view. The exhibit also includes displays of recently-discovered and acquired materials highlighting the presence of Native American, African American, and Asian peoples in the Middlebury area. On view May 13-Aug. 26.

"Variety Sew: A Sampling of Textile Tools and Devices." From the collections of the Sheldon Museum comes a plethora of sewing machines, a surfeit of spinning wheels, and a myriad of sewing paraphernalia to discover. Many of these items have not been on exhibit for decades and have Middlebury and Addison County histories. On view May 13-Sept. 30.

"Stellar Stitching: 19th Century Vermont

Samplers." Features textiles as a learning tool through needlework samplers made exclusively by young girls in the 19th-century depicting alphabets, numerals and decorative elements. On view May 13-Jan. 13, 2024.

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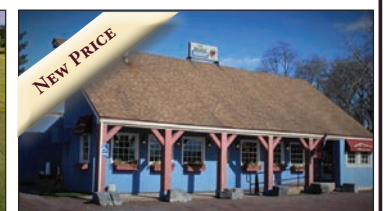


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Auditions for Vermont Folklife's 2023-24 **Young Tradition Touring Group**

Auditions are now open for Vermont Folklife's 2023-2024 Young Tradition Touring Group season. The Touring Group brings together teenage musicians from around New England. The teens gather monthly throughout the school year to learn traditional tunes, songs, and dances from accomplished musicians and artist leaders who are connected to the traditions the teens are learning. In early summer the Touring Group travels, often internationally, to perform and ground the traditions they have been learning in places where those traditions have roots.

Singers, dancers, and instrumentalists at an intermediate or advanced level who will be 13 or older and 19 or younger by April 2024 are encouraged to audition before Aug. 24 — that's today. The official deadline is Aug. 25.

Throughout the season, Touring Group members learn from and are supported by artist leaders and guest musicians and dancers. While on tour, they also participate in cultural exchanges with fellow young musicians and dancers, as well as musicians who are culture bearers in the communities they visit. This year, the Touring Group will travel to Quebec in June and will work with artist leaders Pascal Gemme and Véronique Plasse.

Starting in September, there will be an online orientation to introduce Artist and Youth Leaders and discuss the year's programming. Beginning in October, participants will rehearse once a month on Saturdays. Starting in early 2024, the group will perform around Vermont, including at Vermont Folklife's Young Tradition



Members of the 2022-2023 Touring Group jamming together on the bus.

Festival in Burlington in May. In late June they will travel to Quebec, performing at sites in and around Waterville, Quebec City, and Montreal. They will participate in St-Jean-Baptiste Day celebrations, attend and play for performances and dances, go to jam sessions, visit culturally significant sites, and spend time connecting with local youth. The tour will end with a planned day at Festival Chant de Vieilles.

To apply to the Touring Group, teens must submit audition materials. Information about the process can be found here, or by emailing Touring Group Manager Christina Kennedy

at yvtgmanager@gmail.com. There is no application or membership fee, however, there are meal, accommodation, and transportation costs for the Quebec tour, as well as costs associated with rehearsals, amounting to \$1,200 per person. In addition, participants will have essential fundraising responsibilities.

The application deadline is Aug. 25, and everyone who applies will receive a response via email by Sept. 8. Questions? Contact Christina Kennedy, Touring Group Manager, at yvtgmanager@gmail.com. More information is available at vtfoklife.org/touring-group.

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