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Point CounterPoint celebrates 60 years with a concert and much more. See Arts & Leisure.



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Tiger soccer teams visited VUHS and Mount Abe for hard-fought games. See Sports, Page 1B.



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Shuffle continues on the city council

Koenig appointed; Rossier resigns

By ANDY KIRKALDY

VERGENNES — For the second time in two months the Vergennes City Council is getting a new face. And it will see another new member in the near future.

Former Vergennes City Councilor Mark Koenig is returning to that body after other council members on Tuesday picked him from among four applicants to replace the recently resigned Ian Huizenga.

At the same meeting councilors learned they would have to backfill

another vacancy when the board's newest member, Emily Rossier, said she was stepping down.

Rossier's resignation marked the council's third since June, when Zoe Kaslow resigned to attend graduate school out of state. In August, the council appointed Rossier, the only candidate to step forward, to replace Kaslow.

Also in August Councilor Huizenga announced his resignation due to his decision to pursue a plumbing career as well (See Vergennes, Page 10A)

Program connects students with farms

Aims to introduce more youth to ag

By MARIN HOWELL

ADDISON COUNTY — Like most things, the future of agriculture in Vermont lies in the hands of younger generations. Today, many of those young Vermonters are leaving the state and pursuing careers outside of farming.

With this in mind, the Champlain Valley Farmer Coalition is exploring ways to

get more local youth engaged in various aspects of agriculture. The coalition is increasing its workforce development initiatives and recently launched the Lake Champlain Sustainable Agriculture Education Program, which will pair high school students in Addison County with a local farm for a two-month internship.

Ramsay and Caroline Mellish (See Farmers, Page 10A)



Sky's the limit

A GROUP OF Vergennes Union High School students were so excited to promote goodwill during the school's observance of the U.N. International Day of Peace this past Thursday that they went airborne. VUHS students marked Peace One Day with a variety of activities on Sept. 21. See more photos on Page 12A.

Independent photo/Steve James

Endangered bat habitat conserved

County land provides roosting, foraging sites

By MARIN HOWELL

ADDISON COUNTY — The Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department is putting \$566,667 in grant money toward conserving land used by some of the state's most vulnerable residents — Indiana and Northern long-eared bats.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Recovery Land Acquisition Grant, announced last month, will support the Vermont department (See Bats, Page 14A)



THE NORTHERN LONG-EARED bat is a federally endangered species disappearing from Vermont and other parts of the country. The Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department is looking to conserve land in Addison County that contains key habitat for this and another endangered species, the Indiana bat.

Photo courtesy of Alyssa Bennett, VTF&W

Middlebury eyes more than two dozen pedestrian & bike upgrades

By JOHN FLOWERS

MIDDLEBURY — Local planners and a hired consultant this week unfurled Middlebury's first-ever "Bicycle and Pedestrian Connectivity Plan," a document that suggests 28 specific spots in the community where such

amenities could be improved.

And authors of the draft plan — a final version of which will be delivered to the Middlebury selectboard within the two weeks — have flagged five of the 28 suggested improvement locations as being particularly problematic,

and they're working out more details on potential fixes in those areas.

Assembling a bike-ped plan was one in a series of recommendations in the transportation section of Middlebury's 2020 downtown (See Middlebury, Page 8A)

Tribute planned for Revolutionary War casualty

By JOHN FLOWERS

CORNWALL — It was on March 25, 1777, that a patriotic, 49-year-old Silas Stone decided to leave the family farm in Dublin, N.H., to begin what he thought would be a three-year hitch in the Continental Army. He bade farewell to his wife, Elizabeth,

and their 11 children and joined the 2nd New Hampshire Regiment and an uncertain fate engaging the Redcoats during an American Revolution that hadn't been going particularly well for the upstart colonists.

Silas was among the American soldiers forced to abandon Fort

Ticonderoga on Lake Champlain during the summer of '77 after British General John Burgoyne showed up with a far superior force. The American forces retreated to Hubbardton, where they engaged the British on July 7. Silas is believed have been injured in that (See Silas Stone, Page 14A)



By the way

The mission of Bristol Mentors is to match interested kids with trusted, caring and curious adults for one-on-one time together in school and/or out in the community. You might have (See By the way, Page 10A)

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All aboard!

New Haven talk to explore history of Bristol Railroad

By MARIN HOWELL

BRISTOL / NEW HAVEN — For nearly 40 years, the former Bristol Railroad hauled passengers, potatoes and a variety of locally made products from Bristol to New Haven and beyond. While the short line railway ceased operating in 1930, the history of the Bristol Railroad Company lives on through photos, artifacts and the stories of those who witnessed its service.

Colchester author and filmmaker James R. "Jim" Jones has compiled many of those stories in his book "New Haven Junction to Bristol, Vermont: Crossroads to Caskets." The New Haven Historical Society will host Jones next Wednesday, Oct. 4, at the New Haven Town Offices, where he'll dive into the history of the Bristol Railroad that

his book explores.

"The Bristol Railroad presentation is not going to be centered on nuts and bolts. It's going to be a loving tribute to that part of Addison County, from the station in Bristol to the train depot in New Haven and the people and places along the tracks in between the two," Jones told the *Independent*. "I think it'll be pretty encompassing of what life was like then and what there is left of the primary pages of the story, which concentrate mostly on the arrival of the railroad in 1892 to its demise."

RAILROAD HISTORY

Rail service had been introduced to Addison County nearly five decades before the Bristol Railroad Company began operating in (See Bristol railroad, Page 16A)



WHILE THE BRISTOL Railroad ceased operating in 1930, the former Bristol train depot (pictured here in 1910) and other vestiges of the old railway's history remain. The former train station, located on North Street, is now a private residence.

Photo courtesy of James R. Jones



AN ONLINE AUCTION will feature furniture fine furniture that a generous local couple acquired through a local business, with the sales proceeds to benefit clients of Middlebury-based Helping Overcome Poverty's Effects.

Photo courtesy of Jeanne Montross

Furniture auction will raise funds for HOPE

By JOHN FLOWERS

MIDDLEBURY — A generous local couple has donated some outstanding new furniture to Helping Overcome Poverty's Effects (HOPE). The Middlebury-based nonprofit will sell it through an upcoming online auction to raise funds to help Addison County residents struggling to afford food, clothing, shelter and other essentials. The fine furniture in question was recently acquired from Middlebury's Woodware by former Vermont Coffee Company owner Paul Ralston and his spouse Deb Gwinn, who a few years ago established a philanthropic entity called "Little Village Enterprises" to help people lift themselves out of poverty.

The couple has been a longtime supporter of HOPE, as was Vermont Coffee Company during Ralston's tenure as founder and CEO. Among other things, the company would supply coffee, cookies and other resources to HOPE in its efforts to aid low-income Addison County residents.

"As a food company, one of our top concerns was food insecurity," Ralston said.

Food insecurity is a problem that's been getting worse of late, due to in part to inflation and the impact of this past summer's flooding, noted Ralston and Jeanne Montross, executive director of HOPE. The nonprofit's food shelf served 974 people in July, which Montross called an "all-time high" during her 23 years leading the organization.

Ralston and Gwinn recently came up with the idea of purchasing a bunch of sturdy, attractive furniture from a local business (Woodware) to auction off for the benefit of area households struggling to make ends meet. But Ralston hopes the plan accomplishes more than a one-time infusion of money for HOPE.



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Frederick Douglass tribute is unveiled

By JOHN FLOWERS

MIDDLEBURY — A small group of Middlebury College and town officials gathered at Court Square on Friday, Sept. 22, to unveil a plaque commemorating human rights pioneer Frederick Douglass's visit to the county's shire town during the summer of 1843.

Middlebury College Professor Emeritus of History William B. Hart spearheaded the effort to honor Douglass, a towering figure in the 19th-century anti-slavery movement. The plaque unveiling coincided with Middlebury College's "Clifford/Twilight Symposium," from Sept. 21-23, which among other things

marked the 200th anniversary of Alexander Twilight's graduation from the institution in 1823. Twilight is credited with being the first person of color to graduate from an American college. He then went on to become an ordained minister, a longtime educator and a member of the Vermont House of Representatives.

Douglass in 1843 visited Middlebury, followed by a stay at the Rokeby Estate in Ferrisburgh, an Underground Railroad site, as the kickoff to the New England Anti-Slavery Society's "100 Conventions" tour.

Those representing the college at last Friday's plaque ceremony included President Laurie Patton; Hart; Khuram Hussain, vice president for Equity & Inclusion and associate professor of Education Studies; Prof. of Music and Edward C. Knox; Prof. of International

Studies Damascus Kafumbe; and Matthew Taylor, assistant professor of Music.

Speakers also included state Sen. Ruth Hardy, D-Middlebury; and Laura Trieschmann of the Vermont Division for Historic Preservation.

This was a decidedly different reception, in spirit, than the one Douglass received in person 180 years ago. In an 1893 biography, Douglass is quoted saying he experienced an as "intensely bitter and violent" reception in Middlebury. He added Middlebury College students had "industriously and mischievously placarded the town with violent aspersions of our characters."

But historical accounts reflect that spectators ultimately listened intently while Douglass described his personal experience with — and escape from — slavery.

Douglass was appropriately hailed as a hero at last Friday's ceremony.

Instead of hoofbeats and yells, the speakers on this day competed with the roar of engines, the din of Jake Brakes and the occasional cranked stereo as vehicles relentlessly circled the village square on a sunny day.

"One of his conclusions about Vermont is that he found it surprisingly under the influence of the slave power," Hart said of Douglass. "To me, he was making the connection to the cotton mills down by the (Otter) Creek and elsewhere that depended upon looming this cotton in order for people to make their living here in

these Northeastern states."

Patton told the crowd that while the Middlebury students of 1843 "did not do the institution proud" in their behavior toward Douglass, she takes solace in the fact that they respectfully listened to his act of self-emancipation.

"The college continues to learn through all of its histories," she said.

"Let us continue to develop empathy and hope through our

honest embrace of history."

Hardy spoke glowingly of Douglass's work and legacy, which she said continues to serve as a vehicle for change. Hardy, among Hart and others, has been leading an effort to adorn the Vermont Statehouse walls with more artwork and portraits of women and people of color — two demographics poorly represented among what she

(See Douglass, Page 7A)



MIDDLEBURY TOWN MANAGER Kathleen Ramsay and Middlebury College Professor Emeritus of History William B. Hart this past Friday unveil a new plaque in Court Square that commemorates Frederick Douglass's 1843 visit to Middlebury.

Independent photo/John Flowers

College programs exploring conflict transformation

By MARIN HOWELL

MIDDLEBURY — Middlebury College's ongoing work with the Kathryn Wasserman Davis Collaborative in Conflict Transformation, or KWDCCCT, continues to create opportunities for members of the college community to explore different types of conflict and how they approach that friction.

This fall, programming connected with the collaborative is offering individuals in the broader community the chance to engage in that work as well.

Sarah Stroup is a professor of political science at the college and serves as director of the Collaborative. She encourages community members to take part in these programs as the college continues its work with her organization.

"This is an incredible opportunity for our campuses and for our communities to build new knowledge, practice new skills and cultivate new dispositions for constructive engagement in conflict," she said. "We are only at the beginning of this work, and in the first few years we're inviting everyone to be in touch about how they understand our initial framing, but also share work with us that they already do."

(See HOPE, Page 7A)

Conflict transformation asks us to rethink how we understand conflict. The field of study explores the various aspects of conflict, as well as how destructive disputes can become constructive and lead to positive change.

In March 2022, the college received a \$25 million grant from an anonymous donor to fund the creation of a new conflict transformation initiative. Through the KWDCCCT, the college has supported existing institution-wide work in the area of conflict transformation and developed new programming.

That work has unfolded across various "pillars" of the institution, such as Middlebury's undergraduate campus, the Schools Abroad and the Middlebury Institute for International Studies at Monterey.

EXPANDED PROGRAMS

Kailee Brickner-McDonald leads the experiential learning pillar and serves as interim director of the college's Center for Community Engagement. Through its programs, the center seeks to enable students to lead impactful lives through experiential learning opportunities with community partners.

Brickner-McDonald said working with the collaborative

has allowed the center to prepare students for conflicts that might take place during those experiences.

"The conflict transformation lens invites us to expect and embrace the tensions that inevitably arise from working on complex issues among diverse people and approach them as opportunities for growth and learning," she told the *Independent*. "As we've adopted conflict transformation into our practices, we're setting up our programs and relationships to intentionally support students with the skills, knowledge, and dispositions to lean in to the challenging, messy processes of collaboration and social change, and to contribute constructively to conflicts at many scales, from personal to societal."

One initiatives supported by the collaborative is the center's Privilege & Poverty summer internship program, an eight-week experience that allows students



SARAH STROUP

to think deeply about the causes and consequences of economic inequality through their placements at various Addison County social service organizations.

The KWDCCCT has helped expand the program to now include two half-credit courses, held before and after a student's internship, to help participants prepare for and process their experience in the program.

"Students now gather as a cohort each week for the second half of the spring semester, to learn more about the causes and consequences of economic inequalities and build connections with each other, so they're able to jump into their summer internship placements with more contextual knowledge of the complex social systems that emerge in locally specific ways in their work with their community partners," Brickner-McDonald explained.

She added that the center is also

(See Conflict, Page 7A)

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MIDDLEBURY'S DEVELOPMENT REVIEW Board has begun its review of preliminary plans for Stonecrop Meadows, a proposed new neighborhood in Middlebury village that could add 218 housing units to the shire town's dwelling mix. Graphic courtesy of Middlebury planning & zoning office

218-unit housing project now under review

By JOHN FLOWERS

MIDDLEBURY — The Middlebury Development Review Board on Monday, Sept. 25, conducted its first review of preliminary plan by Summit Properties to build a 218-unit, mixed-income housing project on 35 acres of Middlebury College-owned land off Seminary Street Extension.

It's called "Stonecrop Meadows," and Summit officials are now showing local planners how they hope to site, and phase in, a combination of rental and for-sale homes that would include affordable, "workforce" and market rate options.

Monday's 3.5-hour meeting was an opportunity for the DRB to listen to Summit's pitch for Stonecrop, a project that could change substantially before the company submits final plans as soon as early next year. Citizen and DRB input, project financing and site logistics are typically among the factors that prompt changes in major planned unit development applications.

In addition to those presenting on behalf of Summit, several Seminary Street Extension-area neighbors turned out at the Sept. 25 DRB meeting. A handful of neighbors chose to offer comments, with the majority raising concerns about potential stormwater impacts from the development.

The DRB will resume its review of the Stonecrop plans on Oct. 23.

It's a review that's to occur in three phases. Phase one, which took place this past March, was a sketch plan review. The project is now in "preliminary plan review," which Summit COO Zeke Davisson said will likely culminate in a series of directives and suggestions from DRB members on how to make the plan conform to town rules and expectations. This would lead to a final plan review and a decision by the DRB on Stonecrop.

Davisson and his Summit colleagues have spent this past summer refining Stonecrop plans and seeking state and federal subsidies to drive down the costs for the rental and for-sale housing.

"Since the sketch plan review in March, we've secured more than \$10 million in subsidy financing for construction," Davisson said during a recent phone interview.

He noted \$2 million of those subsidies are to be plowed into infrastructure for the new village community, with the remaining \$8 million for construction of phase 1 of the development — the construction of 45 units of for-sale housing. Davisson said the bulk of those units are in the affordable and workforce housing price range.

Summit's preliminary plans, among other things, show a total of 218 housing units that would be erected in five phases. Phase one involves a combined total of 45 units contained in 16 duplexes and 29 townhomes. Phase two: 36 multi-family homes. Phase three: a combined 27 units contained in "triplexes," townhouses and "flats." Phase four: 48 multifamily units. Phase five: 62 units of senior housing.

Davisson it could be five- to 10 years before Stonecrop is fully phased in. A lot will depend on the required permitting, financing and demand for the units. Demand shouldn't be an issue, as the Middlebury area, county and entire state currently have a shortage of available housing for all income levels.

"Phase one and two have paths forward; they're not set, but we have the financing and have identified the design parameters and have basic timeline on how to move forward with those two phases," Davisson said.

He explained phases three and four will require a renewed search for financing, and he called phase five "wildly speculative," at this

point.

Summit officials currently see phase five as an independent senior living facility.

"The market would have to support that, and at that point, we would be doing a wetland crossing and going back to the state to re-do a lot of the environmental review," Davisson said. "But (senior housing) needs to be included in our preliminary plan in order to lay out the overall proposed vision."

Once completed, Stonecrop's residents are expected to include around 48 school-age children that would need to be absorbed by Mary Hogan Elementary and Middlebury Union Middle and High Schools.

"(Summit) has spoken with the (Addison Central School District) superintendent regarding the impact on district educational services, who indicated it would not pose any stress on enrollment capacity given the significant decline in enrollment over the last 15 years," the Stonecrop preliminary plan narrative reads.

The developers also claim the new neighborhood would pose "no unreasonable burden on the ability of the town to provide municipal services," based on conversations with local fire, police, public works and other town officials.

Summit officials also submit that Stonecrop won't negatively affect the character of the surrounding neighborhood.

NEW NEIGHBORHOOD

"The project is a residential development in a residential zoning district," reads the project narrative. "The (new) neighborhood is designed as a logical extension of current settlement patterns, including Buttolph Acres to the south, and is intended to create continuity and cohesiveness both within the development and in connection with the surrounding community."

Here's how the preliminary plan refers to other aspects of

what would be one of the largest planned residential developments in Middlebury's history:

• Stormwater.

"The Project has been designed to treat all stormwater on-site, including the use of low-impact development stormwater treatment features where possible,"

• Parking.

"The applicant anticipates having two off-street parking spots available per unit on all lots in Phases 1 and 3. Phases 2 and 4 may not comply with the TND rule of 1 off-street parking per 1-bedroom unit, plus 0.25 off-street parking spaces for each additional bedroom. However, applicant expects those buildings to be of a type that can reasonably be expected to have residents with fewer vehicles, including low-or moderate-income and/or senior housing, for which the TND permits the DRB to reduce parking requirements. In addition, as of July 1, 2023, Vermont State law prohibits municipalities from requiring the development of more than 1 parking space per unit.

In addition to the off-street parking, the project will include the equivalent of approximately 33 unstriped, on-street parking spaces for guests, vendors and residents.

• Traffic

Summit hired the Wall Consulting Group to do a preliminary transportation-impact study. The company has determined Stonecrop would generate "81 new trip ends on an average weekday a.m. peak hour, 99 new trip ends on an average weekday p.m. peak hour, and 1,358 trip ends over the course of an average weekday.

"With 99 p.m. peak hour trips, the estimated new vehicle trip generation associated with the project is more than the 75-trip Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTrans) threshold meriting congestion and capacity analysis. The geographic scope of study (See Stonecrop, Page 7A)

College players helping MUHS volleyball shine

Panthers are role models for fledgling program

By LEXI LINAFELTER

MIDDLEBURY — Considering the Middlebury Union High School volleyball team's decidedly successful record this season, it might be surprising that the team is the newest addition to the school's athletic department. In only its third year, and its first season with varsity status, the team has exhibited remarkable growth and unwavering commitment to expanding both in numbers and skills.

Despite its impressive start (see Page 4B), the program faced substantial challenges at its inception, including concerns regarding what it would mean to offer a new girls' sport in the fall.

Nevertheless, high school volleyball in Middlebury gained club status in 2021 and was supported overwhelmingly by parents, neighboring schools, the town of Middlebury Parks and Recreation, and many more.

Also among these challenges was the understated role of volleyball in the state at large. Without a high school varsity volleyball program in the community to look up to, girls interested in the sport had to develop skills and create a winning team chemistry from scratch.

Enter the Middlebury College women's volleyball team, whose members since the fall of 2022 have shared a close relationship with the high school program as instructors and role models, giving the team a glimpse of what the game can be.

Head coach Bethany Morrissey said that, from a coaching perspective, this relationship highlights the benefit to a small community of having NESCAC volleyball just down the road presents an opportunity to "light a fire" for the young players.

This year, the Panther volleyball players took to the MUHS court during preseason alongside the blooming program, teaching foundational skills and exhibiting firsthand the joy, competitiveness,

camaraderie and community that the sport has to offer. For both parties, the time spent together has been an immensely rewarding experience.

Middlebury College volleyball player Stephanie Mayer said it has meant so much to be a part of the development of the high school volleyball team.

"I feel so lucky to pass along my knowledge and help a new generation fall in love with the sport," the junior said.

Beyond a moment to refresh the Panthers' own memories of the most basic skills, the opportunity to pass on a love of the game that brought the college team together in the first place is invaluable. Moreover, it has created a lens for college athletes, bombarded with academics, travel schedules and other commitments, to build relationships within the community beyond the campus boundaries.

The MUHS program has come a long way since starting out with nine founding members (now it boasts 38 athletes). For Tiger senior Sienna Rubright, unrelenting community support has been a pivotal element of her experience playing high school volleyball, hopefully helping to catapult the team forward for years to come. After this year, only two seniors will graduate and a new class of young volleyball enthusiasts will become a part of the sport's growth.

Without knowing what the future holds for Middlebury Tigers volleyball, two things are certain: It is evident that the young, but rapidly growing competitiveness of Middlebury varsity volleyball is bound to continue leaving an impression on any opponent around Vermont. All the while, the Middlebury College Panthers will continue to share their love of the game and support the team, wholeheartedly, as enthusiasm for the sport continues to grow in Addison County.



AT THEIR FIRST home game as a varsity sport this month, MUHS volleyball players sported t-shirts that extolled their partnership with another Midd — the Middlebury College volleyball team, which taught fundamentals and the finer points of the sport.

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Guest Editorial

Freedom & constitutional rule vs. whims of 1 person

By Haviland Smith

The Oxford dictionary defines democracy as “a system of government by the whole population or all the eligible members of a state, typically through elected representatives.” It defines autocracy as “a system of government by one person with absolute power.”

Clearly, the major difference between democracy and any form of autocracy is that under democracy, freedom and constitutional governance rule whereas under autocracy, both of those key elements are junked in favor of total subjugation to the wishes and whims of one person, the Ruler.

The major issue here is that democracies, where they exist, are open to every conceivable crazy political idea. Autocracies, however, are open only to ideas that are approved by the Ruler. The result is that democracies are far more vulnerable to revolutionary change than autocracies. And that is where we now stand. We Americans are custodians of a democracy in which internal opposition to our form of government is getting deeper and deeper. And those who argue for newer antidemocratic approaches represent a growing, anti-status-quo change.

Are these Americans knowingly promoting autocracy? Perhaps some, but certainly not most of them. They are simply responding to their ongoing (often unhappy and unsatisfactory) relationship with the in-power democratic leaders. The problem for our democracy is that the issue that motivates this political discontent is not our form of government. It is, rather, that the solution they back is the election of the individual who seeks the highest power in the country, former President Trump.

To understand how change in 2024 might affect us and our democracy, it is most important to understand precisely what the leader of the opposition to our current government has said that he, as new Ruler, would seek for the future of America.

Essentially, the entire focus of a new Trump administration would be to weaken the existing federal governmental structure, bringing it under the President’s control. He declared publicly in 2019, “I have an Article 2 (of the Constitution) where I have the right to do whatever I want as president.” In this regard, he seeks the following national, internal changes:

- Return the independent agencies to total presidential control. They will have to present their plans and programs for White House review and approval.
- Employ the practice of refusing to spend appropriated funds on programs he doesn’t like.
- Castrate the U.S. Civil Service, which he views as part of the “deep state”.
- Strip job protections from federal employees who oppose him or his programs in any way.

Over time, Trump’s personality patterns have been found to be narcissistic, impulsive, dominating, risk-taking and controlling. He has promoted conspiracy theories and made many false and misleading statements during his campaigns and presidency. Many of his comments and actions have been characterized as racially charged or racist and many as misogynistic.

He has consistently approved of some of the world’s most dangerous autocratic leaders, like Putin of Russia, Xi Jinping of China, Erdogan of Turkey, and Orban of Hungary.

What we have seen of Trump as a leader can be characterized as self-centered, wildly impulsive, deprecating, and uncontrolled. He also comes across as racist, anti-immigrant, completely unprepared to tell the truth, and anti-free trade.

In terms of his approach to any past or present job, it is clear from what he has said that, once elected again as President, Trump would use his executive power to effect as many of his desired changes as possible. What this clearly means is that a new Trump presidency will bring autocratic changes to this country, trashing all thoughts of preserving any vestiges of the democracy that has served us so well throughout our long history.

Haviland Smith is a retired CIA operations officer who focused during his Cold War career in Eastern and Western Europe and the Soviet Union.

Letters to the Editor

We need better grasp of history

History, as seen by average North Americans, is merely the empty passage of time into the present, thus ignoring the activity between then and now. Knowing what happened is helpful in knowing how we got here. A lack of knowledge is commonly defined as ignorance. Current positions, opinions and actions, when less informed, are less valid, useful or defensible. An education without history, political science and civics endangers the system upon which the nation depends. Ask the former President to name 25% of the former Presidents, chronologically...or at random, if that helps.

Alec Lyall
Middlebury

Safety of cyclists is a shared task

I enjoyed seeing coverage of the Tour de Farms and Kelly Brush Rides in last week’s paper. As an avid recreational cyclist, I am glad to see these kinds of events in our community.

Unfortunately, there were multiple photos showing cyclists riding in an unsafe and illegal manner. Per Vermont statute 23 V.S.A. § 1139 (b), “Persons riding bicycles upon a roadway may not ride more than two abreast except on paths or parts of roadways set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles or except as otherwise permitted by the Commissioner of Public Safety in connection with a public sporting event in which case the commissioner shall be authorized to adopt such rules as the public good requires. Persons riding two abreast shall not impede the normal and reasonable movement of traffic and, on a laned roadway, shall ride within a single lane.”

Multiple pictures showed riders on laned roadways riding two and three abreast. I believe the safety of riders is a shared responsibility - and personal safety is always and ultimately up to the individual. Yes, motor vehicle operators are expected to drive responsibly and safely. And cyclists should be expected to ride responsibly and safely. This includes following the law regarding sharing the road, wearing bright, reflective clothing and appropriate safety gear.

Mutual respect for each other, the laws, and safety measures will make the roads safer for everyone.

Tanya Scuteri
Shoreham

BIPOC folks put in tough spots

“It’s dirty work but someone has to do it.”

I can’t help remarking on the many movies and TV series, for instance, that depict Black people in the so-called “helping professions” — hospital staff, law enforcement, private service, hospitality — or other roles that call for sympathy and helpfulness toward the suffering or needy white character.

Why do we as white people look to Black or Brown people for comfort, protection, even wisdom? Because we cannot take responsibility for our own actions and attitudes but must have the target, the victim, point it out to us and — even more — help us “fix it?” Help US fix ourselves?

Ms. Esther Charlestin was hired to do and took on arguably the most unpopular position in any school, a charge she attempted to fill with grace and honesty. As the Dean of Climate & Culture at Middlebury Union Middle School, she writes in an Aug. 31 community forum in the *Addison Independent*, “My job consisted of overseeing discipline, putting out the day-to-day fires that would arise, communicating with teachers and parents, hosting in-school suspensions, detentions, and ensuring 504 plans were adhered to.” Easily the dirtiest job in a school, let alone a middle school, an age bracket that is notorious for discipline issues

(See Purdy letter, Page 4A)



Autumn gold

A DISPLAY OF chrysanthemums seems to explode from a display of seasonal flowers in Middlebury recently. The yellow and red colors seen here will soon be mirrored in the yellows and reds of the autumn foliage.

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Time to improve our apology skills

Every day seems to bring a new revelation of a public person behaving badly and then botching their apology. Why is saying “I’m sorry” so very difficult? And even if it is difficult, can’t we learn to do it well, anyway? I mean, don’t we do hard stuff all the time? People are out here running marathons, for heaven’s sake. People are cooking recipes that have 16 steps (I’m looking at you, *New York Times* Honey Cake). People are inventing a Malaria vaccine! So why can’t people say they’re sorry properly?

The science is clear: receiving a sincere apology can lower blood pressure and heart rate and even activate empathy-related regions of the brain, setting the stage for forgiveness and healing. A quick google search yields multiple resources and tips on how to apologize well. So why do celebrities and regular people alike keep flubbing it?

One reason might be a shaky sense of self. Most of us really, *really* want to think of ourselves as “good people.” If we admit we did something wrong, doesn’t that make us a “bad person?” Let’s deconstruct this a bit. First, imagine a toddler, taking their very first steps. Can they learn to walk without falling down? Of course not. Would we berate this small person for toppling over on their journey to become an upright biped? We wouldn’t. Yet as grown people, we seem to allow ourselves very little grace when we mess up. And when it comes to interpersonal relationships, a lot of us are as wobbly as a one-year-old. Why is this?

Many adults didn’t learn good skills for communicating, or for healing ruptured relationships, when we were growing up. We may also have been

shamed for making mistakes. But there is no learning without mistake-making! Also, as human beings interacting with other human beings, we will sometimes cause harm. From accidentally stepping on someone’s toe, to a thoughtless hurtful comment, to perpetrating racism or homophobia, we do hurt one another. Here are a few hints and tips for strengthening our apology skills.

- Instead of being defensive, listen and breathe. I know when I hurt someone, I feel terrible. And it’s a very human impulse to not want to feel terrible. We want the bad feeling to go away as quickly as possible. So, one avoidance strategy is defensiveness. But being defensive is a surefire way to damage the relationship further. If someone tells me that I hurt them, they are showing me that they value the relationship enough to bring this to my attention.

This is an act of courage and vulnerability. If I get defensive, I am displaying an unwillingness to meet their courage and vulnerability with my own. So, even if we feel misjudged or unfairly accused, we should try and stay curious. We should ask questions with a sincere desire to understand where the other person is coming from. If we feel our heart rate increasing, we should take gentle breaths.

- Word choices matter! Be sure to say “I’m sorry” or “I apologize.” Then be specific about what you did wrong. Even if the other person also misstepped, focus on how you messed up, and don’t try to evade responsibility. Remember, having caused harm doesn’t mean you are a bad person, it means you are a human person. Human people cause harm. The important thing

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Ways of Seeing

By Joanna Colwell



Younger siblings have lots to teach

As the oldest of eight children, I’d like to think I’ve imparted some wisdom onto my younger siblings over the years. Whether it be through lessons in used book shopping or friendship bracelet making, I’ve made it a goal to teach them a thing or two while they’re still young enough to find me worth listening to.

What I’ve realized more recently, however, is that the small humans I live with are experts in their own right and have plenty of things to teach me as well. If I’m willing to learn.

This realization has started to dawn on me over the past month or so, particularly during conversations with my eight-year-old brother, Soren.

Upon coming home from work each day, I pass by Soren in his usual spot at the kitchen table. I’ll stop to ask him about his day and what sorts of things he did at school. Soren communicates predominantly using American Sign Language and more and more frequently, his descriptions of school activities and games with friends require signs that far surpass my limited knowledge of sign language.

I often find myself asking my mom and Soren to teach me signs I don’t recognize, which they kindly stop and show me. These conversations with Soren remind me that he is a master of a language I am only beginning to understand. And that every sign I know, I know because of him.

Clippings

By Marin Howell



For a while, I added these suggestions to my ongoing mental list of things to check out at a later date (which typically leaves my brain right after I’ve added something new to it). Last week, I finally decided to give Cohen’s recommendations a shot.

I was sorry I ever doubted him. From R&B singer-songwriters to Irish rock bands, I ended up liking nearly every artist Cohen suggested I check out. My playlists have greatly benefited from acknowledging that his recommendations were worth

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Think about it

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Letters to the Editor

ACSD must do more to prevent acts of racism

I was sad but not a bit surprised to learn of the overt racism Esther Charlestin experienced during her year as Dean of Culture and Climate at Middlebury Union Middle School.

When students and staff perpetrate racism in our schools, we MUST have policies in place to both address the harm done, and to support those who have committed racist acts in understanding their actions, and why they are unacceptable. These policies need to be in service to teaching the whole school community how to do better. Acts

of racism should NOT be treated the same as other incidents of student misbehavior.

I have heard stories from families whose kids have experienced racist aggression at ACSD for many years now. Can't we learn from our past mistakes? I know these are difficult issues to confront, because in order to face this head-on and build learning environments where everyone feels respected and included, those of us in positions of power and privilege need to be willing to look at our own biases, and that is uncomfortable. But we can and

must do hard things!

The Community Forum piece by ACSD Interim Superintendent Timothy Williams reads like a laundry list of all the things ACSD is doing to build equity in our district. While I'm glad we are taking these steps, I would really like to see the Superintendent and the School Board apologize to Dean Charlestin for the unacceptably hostile work environment she endured and say out loud that dismantling white supremacy is a top priority.

Joanna Colwell Ripton

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looking into, though I'm still embarrassed to admit my 14-year-old brother discovered The Cranberries before I did.

Cohen's musical expertise has served as another reminder that there are plenty of subjects my younger siblings are more knowledgeable about than I am. And that it's worth my while to keep that in mind.

Outside of new signs and great songs, these lessons from my younger siblings have shown me a

couple of things.

The first is that listening to what my brothers and sister have to teach me is an opportunity to learn more about *them* as well.

When I understand more sign language, I'm able to have longer conversations with Soren and hear more about the friends he's making, the subjects he's learning about in school and other aspects of his life that I'm not a part of. When I take Cohen up on his song recommendations, music becomes

another topic of conversation for us to discuss over late night snacks and car rides home from sports practices.

My younger siblings have also shown me that while I might consider myself an expert in some things, there's still so much I don't know.

I'm lucky to live with seven tiny geniuses who remind me of that daily. Their wisdom makes me wonder what lessons are waiting to be learned from other unexpected teachers in my life.

Ways of Seeing

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is being able to recognize when we have hurt someone, apologize sincerely, and take steps to repair.

- Be clear about what you will do moving forward. If there is a specific step you will take to repair the relationship, name it. If you are committed to doing better in the future, say how you plan to learn more, and that you want to be accountable. You could even thank the person you are apologizing to for being willing to bring this to your attention, and for listening to your apology.
- Don't expect or demand forgiveness. That is up to the

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as they struggle with leaving childhood and with their own hormonal transformation.

School disciplinarians are never popular among students. The old-timey spinster schoolma'am who wielded the ruler in the one-room schoolhouse had no easier time of it. Having taught in middle school myself, I know that some students are bent on disruption no matter what and seek out opportunities to be outrageous. And the virus seems to be spreading.

Kids, also, are not immune to the political turmoil that rages around them. Now in Vermont, achievement is suffering in part because teachers and school boards and parents are at each other's throats like feuding parents, and who can concentrate on their schoolwork in that atmosphere? As Gov. Scott (I think) said, the kids are listening. How they interpret and act upon what they hear is, ultimately, up to them. So to put a person like Ms. Charlestin, as professional, realistic, determined and experienced as she is, into such a highly charged situation, which quite possibly no one else wanted, is doing Ms. Charlestin an insult and a harm, personally and professionally.

"Within the first week of the new job, I reviewed the Code of Conduct and suspected many students would not respond well to its punitive nature," she continues. No surprise there. Undoubtedly the hiring committee patted themselves on the back for modeling diversity and equity in hiring. But only a hiring body with a totally tin ear for implicit racism, or in denial, despite all the talk, could not foresee the outcome.

It is time for white "progressives" to look in the mirror. Stop looking to BIPOC individuals and groups to fix our wagon. With all we know historically, we should know better by now.

Julia Purdy Rutland

Poverty limits school success

It's no surprise that the latest educational report of the widening gap in student performance in Vermont's public schools is between students of means and those who live in poverty.

This trend started in the late '60s when communities were required to integrate their public schools. Relatively quickly, white flight from public schools began in the racially divided southern states. As more and more white parents found ways to circumvent the rules by placing their students in private schools, there was less and less interest in properly funding public schools. The underfunded public schools found it more and more difficult to provide quality education to their students. This was especially true of students who required additional resources. Since public schools struggled to provide quality education, their students graduated with insufficient skills to be successful in the evermore sophisticated United States economy.

This inequality existed in Vermont as well, particularly in the roughly 90 school districts that provided vouchers for their secondary students. It also existed in towns with lower property values. Vermont has tried to level the playing field by enacting Act 60 as mandated by the Vermont Supreme Court. Although the gap in funding between wealthy communities and poorer community has narrowed, the spread out increased tax requirements has tended to curtail the budgets of public schools throughout Vermont. Parents want the best for their children and many have used the private school subsidies when they can afford it. The once racially motivated separation of white children and black children has developed in Vermont as a separation between children who live in families of

Community Forum

This week's writer is David Sharpe of Bristol, who is a former long-time member of the Vermont House of Representatives, where he chaired the Education Committee.



means and those living in poverty.

In addition, the rules under which schools provide education for Vermont children are different for public and private schools. One example is, private schools only need to admit students that they deem "fit" into their culture. If a child is more costly to educate, or perhaps is disruptive in the school, that child may be sent back to the local town for the educational services they need. Notably, there are private schools in Vermont that are committed to educating all the students in a community; as we note that quality we must also note that the private schools that are educating all students also strongly support and lobby for the rules that permit private schools to be choosy about who they accept as students.

Although bills have been introduced to address the privileged rules under which private schools operate, they have gone nowhere. It's my view that there currently exists in the Vermont Legislature a sufficient number of legislators who support private schools and a well-funded lobbying effort to thwart any change in those rules.

A recent decision by the U.S. Supreme Court requires states that pay tax dollars to private schools for educating the children in their state, must also remit those tax dollars to religious schools. This decision exacerbates the lack of tax

dollars to fund public schools and contributes to the crippling of our public school students.

There has been a lot of conversation and lobbying to fund preschools. Unfortunately, the well-funded preschool lobbying effort has succeeded in securing significant new funding for a preschool system that favors families of means. Children of families that have the ability to pay the difference between the voucher and the cost of the preschool and the ability to transport their children to and from the preschool at odd hours will have the full benefit of the preschool experience while children in poverty will enter kindergarten even further behind.

It is not a surprise that the educational gap between the children of families of means and those who live in poverty has grown. The gap has always been there primarily because families of means, by definition, have the ability to give their children educational opportunities at every turn in their young lives. Once behind, it takes twice the effort to catch up. It's yet to be seen if Vermont has the courage and ability to do the work necessary to truly give all children the benefit of a quality education.

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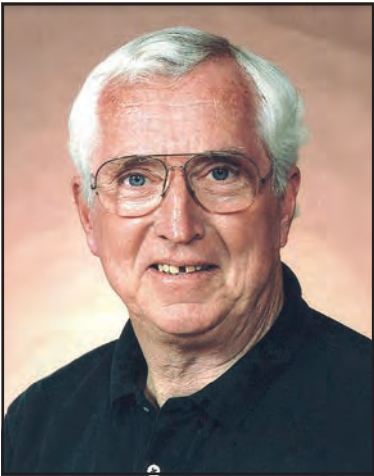
Maynard Francis McLaughlin, 88, of Shoreham

SHOREHAM — Maynard Francis McLaughlin passed away peacefully at his home in Shoreham, Vt., surrounded by his family, on Sept. 21, 2023.

Maynard, known as Mac, was born on Dec. 25, 1934, the son of Maynard Francis McLaughlin and Alice (Hogue) McLaughlin of Corning, N.Y. The third of seven children, Mac received his early education in Corning. After graduation from high school, he joined the Marine Corps in 1953 and served until 1956. Following his military service he attended the Catholic University of America and graduated with a bachelor of science in civil engineering. It was at Catholic University that Mac met the love of his life, Ann Marilyn D’Andrea. They wed in 1961 and shared 62 years of marriage and raised seven children.

Mac was involved in the construction industry in the Corning, N.Y., and Stamford, Conn., areas, then moved the family to Vermont in 1974. In 1977 he joined Bread Loaf Corporation in Middlebury, Vt., ultimately becoming owner and president.

He was a proud member of the board of the Diocese of Burlington and St. Mary’s Parish Council and past chair of United Way of Addison County. Mac



MAYNARD FRANCIS
MCLAUGHLIN

was chosen as Vermont’s Citizen of the Year in 1987. He was also past president of the Addison County Chamber of Commerce, president of the Vermont branch of the Association of General Contractors, as well as National Director of AGC America. Mac was a Rotary International Paul Harris Fellow recipient. Other professional affiliations include board service for Porter Hospital Health Services, Elderly Services, Vermont Business Roundtable, Key Bank and the Addison Central Supervisory Union, among others.

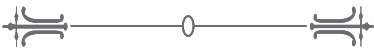
Maynard is survived by his wife, Marilyn McLaughlin, and children

Lisa McLaughlin Wyncoop and Paul Wyncoop, Mary McLaughlin Mathon, Sheila McLaughlin Murphy and Rory Murphy, Marlene McLaughlin Simson and Geoff Simson, Frank McLaughlin and Julie McLaughlin, Michael McLaughlin and Amy McLaughlin, and Heidi McLaughlin Mello and Peter Mello. He and Marilyn have 19 grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. He is survived by his sisters Sheila McLaughlin Reeder and Libby McLaughlin Dolan and predeceased by his brother Daniel McLaughlin and sisters Ann Fennell, Catherine Bassney and Alice McLaughlin.

Calling hours will be at Sanderson Funeral Home in Middlebury, Vt., on Friday, Sept. 29, from 4-7 p.m. A Mass of Christian burial will take place on Saturday, Sept. 30, at 10 a.m., at St. Mary’s Catholic Church. A private interment for the family will take place at a later date.

Mac’s family would like to thank Addison County Home Health & Hospice, in particular Wayne Baumgaertel, for their caring attention at the end of Mac’s life.

Arrangements are under the direction of Sanderson Funeral Home. Online condolences at www.sandersonfuneralservice.com.



Marilyn Woods, 82, of Ferrisburgh

FERRISBURGH — Marilyn Woods, 82, passed away peacefully in her home in Ferrisburgh, Vt., on Sept. 10, 2023.

Marilyn was born Dec. 24, 1940, in Summit, N.J., to Elliot Healy and Beatrice (Lyon) Healy and raised in East Hanover, N.J. After graduation from Hanover Park High School in 1959, Marilyn attended Drew University in Madison, N.J., before completing a B.S. in Elementary Education at Kansas State University in Manhattan, Kan., in 1964. She later earned a Master of Education degree from the University of Vermont. Her remarkable teaching career spanned over 50 years, including 42 years at Vergennes Union Elementary School. For her dedicated work in education, she received the Vermont State Teacher of the Year award.

The dedication to her life’s work as a teacher was unparalleled. In the beginning of her career, with no school space available for teaching art, Marilyn created an “Art Cart” to bring materials to every classroom. After a multiple sclerosis exacerbation affected her ability to drive, Marilyn used a walker to make the 6-mile trek round trip between her home and classroom. With changes in



MARILYN WOODS

education policy in the latter half of her career, Marilyn adapted from homeroom duties to science teacher, using creative strategies to keep a child’s imagination and individuality prioritized. Even in retirement, she volunteered to run Lego Club using her own extensive personal collection, earning her the title of “The Lego Lady of Addison County.”

Pragmatic and magic, strong and kind, simple and complex, resolute and adaptable — Marilyn left an indelible mark upon generations of children in Addison County and beyond. Her love of learning and discovery carries on today

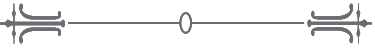
through her family, friends, and former students. Just in being who she was, Marilyn made people of all ages and walks of life feel safe, seen, and loved.

She is survived by her son, Paul Woods (Melissa); daughter, Anne Woods; grandchildren, David Woods and Emily Woods; and her cats Marcus and Bitsy. Marilyn was the oldest of four siblings and is survived by her brother Elliott Healy and sister Sharon (Healy) Nazarro. She was preceded in death by her parents and sister, Diane (Healy) Iltter.

A celebration of her life and legacy will be held in an “open house” style community event on Saturday, Oct. 21, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Bixby Memorial Free Library in Vergennes, Vt., (258 Main Street). This celebration will include mementos from her remarkable teaching career, including photos, books, art, handmade classroom material, and (of course) Lego!

Marilyn’s family wishes to extend their gratitude to the network of friends, neighbors, and members of the community for the incredible amount of compassion, companionship, and support they provided to Marilyn, especially in her final years.

Donations in Marilyn’s memory may be made to Homeward Bound, Addison County’s Humane Society at 236 Boardman Street, Middlebury, VT 05753 or <https://www.homewardboundanimals.org/donate/>



Nancy L. Myrick, 66, of Bridport

BRIDPORT — Nancy L. Myrick, 66, passed away on Tuesday Sept. 26, 2023, at the University of Vermont Medical Center in Burlington after a courageous battle with cancer.

A complete obituary will follow in a later edition the *Addison Independent*. Arrangements are under the direction of the Sanderson-Ducharme Funeral Home.

Michelle Lynn Kilbreth, 48, of Waltham

WALTHAM — Michelle Lynn Kilbreth was born on May 16, 1975, in Wareham, Mass. Her family moved to Vermont when she was the age of 7. Michelle was a graduate from Mt. Abraham Union High School, the class of 1994.

Michelle was the rock, the glue for her family and friends. She devoted her life to caring for her disabled brother. If you needed anything all you had to do is call Michelle, and she would drop what she was doing for anyone. Watching the neighborhood kids, dogs, building something or fixing anything you needed. Do you need money? All you had to do was ask Michelle! She would give anyone her last dollar.

She was an avid outdoors woman. Her passions were hunting, fishing and kayaking. Michelle loved her New England Patriots. She and her

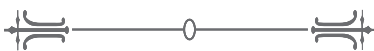


MICHELLE LYNN KILBRETH

Nana would watch the game and scream at Tom Brady together.

Michelle was employed by Betcha Transit as a school bus driver. Michelle loved her job and her students.

Michelle is predeceased by her



R. Peter Nessen, 55, formerly of Middlebury

HAVERILL, Mass. — The family of R. Peter Nessen mourns his passing on Aug. 31, 2023, at the age of 55. Peter leaves so many who love him fiercely and deeply and who will miss him terribly. He is mourned by his wife, Suzanne Gilligan; daughter, Grace Nessen-Gilligan; mother, Kathy Nessen; father, Richard Nessen; sisters, Pam Karlin, Annie Nessen, and Abigail Nessen Bengson; as well as his brothers-in-law, nieces, nephews, and niblings, and a loving, large extended family. His many friends and colleagues from every stage of his life are also joined in sorrow at the loss of a wonderful man.

Peter graduated from Middlebury Union High School in 1986, where he cultivated lifelong friendships with both fellow students and teachers who appreciated his keen intelligence, his love of debate, his baritone voice in the chorus, and his performances in drama productions. He was part of a champion Scholars’ Bowl team and his hilarious co-hosting of basketball games showed that even guys who march to their own drummer have school spirit.

Peter followed his love of mathematics to Vassar College where he received a B.A. in 1990. There, again, he made friends for life who still fondly remember his tweed jackets, love of James Taylor, hopeless romanticism, and that he was a loyal friend you could always, always call on for support.

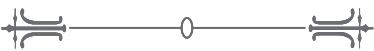
Peter’s love of spirited argument and deep commitment to issues won him a reputation as a lovable, caring curmudgeon. Although he considered a career in mathematics, no one who knew him was surprised when he pursued a career in law — graduating from Boston University School of Law in 1996. While his family were all delighted with his diploma, they knew the best thing about law school for



R. PETER NESSEN

Peter was meeting the love of his life, Suzanne Gilligan. Performing together in Legal Follies, the annual law student musical revue, it was clear they were made to be together. In 1997, they married by candlelight in a church darkened by an electrical storm, a dramatic start to a wonderful life. Suzanne’s multi-lingual, energetic, world-traveling, and loving heart met Peter’s faithful, stay-at-home, hilarious and just soul and they made a beautiful life together traveling, doing puzzles, taking Grace to Disney, and reading one another to sleep.

Peter started as a Law Clerk for a federal judge (D., Mass.) in Boston, and then he and Suzanne moved to Chicago. Their daughter Grace was born there in 1999, and she has been their greatest pride and joy. Soon after her birth, they came to Vermont so Peter could work in a law firm from 1999-2000. Peter was then a Staff Attorney for the US Court of Appeals in D.C. and then spent 20 years as a Senior Attorney for the U.S. Department of Labor, where he was valued for being undefeated in OSHA and MSHA hearings and for his stellar and successful representation of the



John Edward Loyer III, 54, of Colchester

COLCHESTER — We are sad to announce the passing of John Edward Loyer III. He passed away peacefully in his sleep on Sept. 26, 2023, in Colchester, Vt., at the age of 54, after battling cancer.

On Nov. 11, 1968, John was born to John Edward Loyer II and Barbara Ann (Humiston) Loyer. In 1983, he met Crissandra Haskins in New Haven, Vt. They married on Nov. 21, 1986, in Coos Bay, Ore. In 2022, they returned to Vermont to reconnect with family.

John worked various jobs throughout his life. The one he loved the most was being a dishwasher at the Hilton. He will be forever remembered by his nickname “Spot Jumper” because he took pride in his family’s home.



JOHN EDWARD LOYER III

His hobbies and interests were coin collecting, star gazing, and

maternal grandmother, (Nana) Irene Lawrence; her aunt Caroline (Jeanie) Martin; her uncle William Brown; her aunt Priscilla Brown; her aunt Dolly Kilbreth; a nephew, Dustin Schuman; and her paternal grandparents, Frank and Rose Bigelow.

Michelle is survived by her parents, Michael and Roxanne Bigelow; her siblings, Rebecca Gero; brother Michael “Mikey” Kilbreth; and sister Sandra Schuman and her husband Anthony; her nephew, Michael William Kilbreth and his girlfriend Zoey Owings; Justin Faggga; Kaleb Fushey; and her niece Shaina Levesque; her great nephew, Jace, and her great niece, Isabella; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

There will be a celebration of life for Michelle on Sunday, Oct. 8, at the American Legion in Vergennes, Vt., 11 a.m. until 3 p.m.

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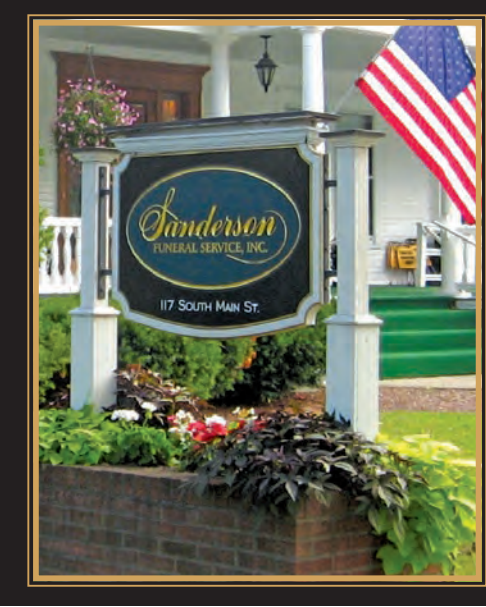
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Jean Dempsey Lasher, 81, of Addison

ADDISON — Jean Dempsey Lasher, beloved wife of William “Bill” Lasher and loving mother to Anne Lasher Payne, passed away at her Vermont home on Sunday, Sept. 24, 2023, after a courageous five-year battle with cancer, which she fought aggressively and bravely. She was surrounded by Bill, her grandson Will, brothers Jack, Jim and George, and daughter Anne as she passed peacefully away.

Born in Bathurst, New Brunswick, Canada, on March 25, 1942, to John and Frances O’Hearn Dempsey, Jean moved to Vermont at age 18, fell in love with the Green Mountains, and never left. She married her soulmate, Bill, on Aug. 10, 1963, and they were blessed to celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary this year.

Her passion in life was her family. She adored — and was adored by — her grandson, Will, of Creedmoor, N.C. He was one of her greatest joys, and he thought the world of her. During the last five years, he was blessed to spend more time with her as she spent time each year staying with her daughter Anne and son-in-law Arthur Payne, whom she loved dearly. Will always included his grammy in his life and tried to



JEAN DEMPSEY LASHER

think of special things to do for her.

Jean leaves behind to remember her nine brothers: John “Jack” (Doreen), Harold (Darlene), William (Muriel), James (Sharon), George (Mary), Michael (Kathy), Donald (Debbie), Kenneth (Kathleen), Christopher (Carole Lyne); and one sister, Marie Dempsey Grant (Lorenzo).

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her uncles Larry (Marion) and William (Irma) Dempsey.

Jean will be greatly missed by all who knew her, especially her close companions Mary Kay and

Maurice Lussier, many nieces and nephews, and close family friend Lisa Coyle Hanlon, who was like a second daughter to Jean and spent most of her teenage years at the Lasher house. She was with Anne and Jean until the end.

Throughout her life, Jean modeled kindness and thoughtfulness. She believed deeply in the power of prayer, often contemplating the needs of others when saying her daily rosary. Her church families, St. Peter’s Catholic Church in Vergennes, Vt., and St. Bernadette Catholic Church in Butner, N.C., provided many wonderful friends and much support.

A funeral mass will be held at St. Peter’s Catholic Church in Vergennes on Thursday, Oct. 5, at 11 a.m. Private interment will be at St. Peter’s Cemetery. Friends and family are invited to join the family for a reception at the Parish Hall following the funeral.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in her name may be made to either St. Peter’s in Vergennes, Vt., or St. Bernadette in Butner, N.C.

Arrangements under the direction of Sanderson Funeral Home. Online condolences at www.sandersonfuneralservice.com. ◊

Douglass

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said was largely a portrait lineup of “old, white men” who were former Vermont governors.

She noted a portrait of Twilight by Middlebury artist Katie Runde was placed in the Statehouse last year.

“Our town has a lot to learn from Douglass’s visit here 180 years ago,” she said. “More than a century and a half later, this same type of reception can still be the reception that Black leaders in our town receive.”

Hardy was alluding to the recent resignation of Middlebury Union Middle School Dean of Climate & Culture Esther Charlestin, who cited two racially charged incidents as major contributors in her decision to exit this past summer after one year on the job.

“I hope this historic marker will remind the people and visitors of Middlebury — Middlebury the town and Middlebury the college — that we must do better, if we want to make our town and our college one that would live up to the vision and the promise of the amazing Frederick Douglass, and the good-hearted and openminded people he expected to find here.”

Trieschmann noted Vermont’s historic marker program was initiated by the Legislature back in 1947. It has produced 320 markers

since that date, including the latest plaque for Douglass.

She called the greenlighting of the Douglass marker a “no-brainer” and lamented the fact that his appearance in Middlebury had to be condensed into just a 765-character limit (including spaces and punctuation) on the plaque.

Trieschmann also proudly noted that the Douglass plaque represents the 23rd marker in the state’s African American Heritage Trail.

“We need to learn from his message,” she said of Douglass.

Hussain said he took the rare (for him) step of sporting a tie to Friday’s ceremony, something he did in tribute to a man who “was always dressed to the nines” and was keen to sit for portraits. Historians believe Douglass did this to engender a public acknowledgement of his humanity.

“He was the original king of selfies,” Hussain said. “For Douglass, (the portraits were)

reclamation, education, an act of liberation. He was well aware of the thousands and thousands of racist, dehumanizing representations of Black people.”

Like Hardy, Hussain cautioned that more progress needs to be

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— Sen. Ruth Hardy

made in the realm of equality. He noted some states are abandoning or altering African American Studies programs and are failing to diversify workforces at learning institutions.

Hussain also alluded to Charlestin’s experience at MUMS, and reflected upon cautionary words that state Sen. Kesha Ram Hinsdale, D-Shelburne — the first woman of

color to serve in the Vermont Senate — offered at this year’s Clifford Symposium:

“None of this is about looking at the past ... We need to remember what we owe one another here and now.”

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Stonecrop

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receiving 75 peak hour trips includes the intersections of the two site driveways, Valley View Drive, and Washington Street with Seminary Street Extension.

“All analyzed intersections and approaches are expected to operate at an LOS (level of service) B or better in both the AM and p.m. peak hours. Projected vehicle operations are expected to meet the VTrans LOS policy standard. Significant queueing is not expected.”

An LOS “B” suggests “short delays” of 10-15 seconds at affected intersections, including at the five-corner convergence that includes Washington Street and Seminary Street Extension, according to the Wall Consulting Group study.

It should also be noted that Summit will seek waivers for height and lot sizes. Middlebury

zoning calls for a minimum lot size is 20,000 square feet and building highest maximum of 55 feet in the town’s R-20 zone.

Summit officials argue that “the inability to design lots under 20,000 square feet “would preclude lots with single, medium- sized structures and thus present a conflict between designing a compact

neighborhood and building diverse housing types.” They also noted that one of their proposed buildings in “phase four” and the potential senior independent living facility ion phase 5 could “exceed 55 feet in height depending on roof detail or topography.”

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College student dies in dorm

MIDDLEBURY — A Middlebury College student was found dead in her dorm room last week. Middlebury town police are investigating but say that the public is not in danger.

Evelyn Sorensen, 20, was found deceased in her dorm room on the evening of Sept. 19. Police received a report of the death at 10:17 p.m. and immediately went to investigate.

Sorensen, an Oregon native, had just started her junior year at Middlebury. She was double majoring in Geology and in Gender, Sexuality and Feminist Studies. She was known by some people off campus from her part-time work as a host at American Flatbread restaurant and a barista at Haymaker Buns.

“Initial investigation indicates there was no foul play and there is no danger to the campus or surrounding community,” Middlebury Police Chief Jason Covey said in a press release.

Police contacted Sorensen’s family and her body was taken to the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner in Burlington for autopsy and determination of cause and manner of death.

No cause of death has been released.

Sorensen made posts on social media expressing satisfaction about having been free of illicit drugs for a long period, and making new friends at work. She also posted about the difficulty of being a

transgender person.

Her mother, Megan Sorensen, posted a loving tribute to her daughter on the Middlebury College Community in Vermont Facebook page on Thursday, Sept. 21: “We are devastated of her passing, and our hearts are broken. She was kind, intelligent, selfless, and always thought of others before herself. Those who knew her frequently commented about how wonderful of a person she was, and I know she will be incredibly missed by many.”

Her mother said Sorensen had become an avid cyclist since taking it up in the spring.

“She found cycling her freedom, which brought her significant joy in her life, which was much needed,” Megan Sorensen wrote. “She enjoyed going on long bike rides of 50 miles and more, exploring the beauty of Vermont and the New York side of Lake Champlain. She excelled academically, and did a research position over the summer processing data about glacier melt. She loved being outdoors, whether hiking, long walks on the TAM, camping in the mountains, visiting national parks, or wandering the Oregon coast at home.”

Despite other positive experiences, her mother said that college was difficult for Sorensen.

“Many know Evelyn had dark times and really struggled,” her mother wrote. “Depression was always with her, beckoning at her doorstep. Every happy moment, was met with major set backs, time

after time at Middlebury. She was recently in a major bike accident on campus where her bike, which she saved up all her money to purchase just a few weeks ago, was destroyed, along with her losing a tooth, and sustaining a severe concussion. The loss of the bike and her new found passion and freedom, the chance to get away from the stressors and pain from the college, was devastating.

“Although at this time we do not believe suicide was a factor in Evelyn’s death, as she had always sought out help and support when she was struggling before, the emotional and physical pain combined, likely led to an accidental opiate overdose, as she had struggled with opiate addiction prior. We are comforted she died peacefully in her sleep, and in knowing her many months of struggles and suffering have come to an end.”

“If Evelyn ever wanted anything from anyone, it was for people to be kinder, more gentle, and more supportive of those who are different and are suffering. She had deep hope the world could be better, despite it being so harsh to her. She was too good hearted for the world she had to live in. I want everyone to know how much she was loved and will be missed. She leaves behind her 18-year-old sister and 16-year-old brother, who are incredibly sad in her passing. As a single mom, my nightmare has happened, I have lost my beautiful child, my joy, my heart, my everything.”

Conflict

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excited about what the fall course will offer students.

“They’ll get to ask, together and with faculty support, what they’re curious about next, consider how they want to continue to take action, and share what they’ve learned with others,” Brickner-McDonald said.

PUBLIC EVENTS

The collaborative has allowed other pillars of the institution to create and expand programs, some of which will take place this fall and be open to the public.

Those events include an Oct. 9 talk on “Polarization and Persuasion in American Politics,” led by Joshua Kalla, an assistant professor of political science at Yale University. Kalla will discuss his research on political persuasion, prejudice reduction, and decision-making among voters and political elites.

The KWDCCT will also sponsor an Oct. 16 community discussion on The Vermont Restorative

Approaches Collaborative, a state-wide network that supports the development of restorative practices in schools.

Stroup said Middlebury College recently joined the network and is helping host its website.

“We’re really excited about expanding that network beyond K-12 schools, and we know that there is a lot of local interest in restorative practices,” she said.

During the community discussion, Lindsey Halman, executive director of UP for Learning, will talk about the Vermont Restorative Approaches Collaborative’s work and lead a conversation about Middlebury’s needs and efforts in restorative practices.

Later this fall, the Middlebury College Dance Department will also host several artists and events connected to The Global Body in Conflict: Movement Matters series. The series brings individuals together to explore conflict-related goals through community workshops and other events.

“Sometimes we like to think of conflict as a rational and reasoned experience, and our wonderful colleagues in the arts remind us that it is a full body experience, that it shows up in our breath, in how we communicate, and it shows us that we can change how we communicate,” Stroup said of the series.

In October, the Global Body in Conflict: Movement Matters series will welcome Sean Dorsey, a transgender and queer choreographer and activist from San Francisco. Dorsey will lead

an “All-levels Trans/Queer-Supportive Dance Class” on Oct. 18 and share his experience as a trans dancemaker and activist during an Oct. 19 artist talk.

The Global Body in Conflict: Movement Matters in November will host Tatiana Desardouin, an artist whose work explores race, Black culture, immigration and colonization through Hip-Hop dance and other topics.

Desardouin will lead a Nov. 29 master class that in part, will offer students an introduction to hip-hop and house dance culture, drills and foundations. On Nov. 30, Desardouin will discuss what she feels is the role of an artist and her process of using dance to share social issues during an artist talk.

As the college enters its second academic year of working with the KWDCCT, Stroup emphasized that community members are invited to participate in the work ahead. She noted that many individuals in the college and broader town community are already engaged in the work of conflict transformation and the college is interested in hearing about those efforts.

“(Community members) help victims of trauma, they support cross-cultural engagement, they talk to their neighbors at town meetings across their differences, so for folks that are interested in contributing to this effort or learning more we really hope that they’ll be in touch,” she said.

Those interested in learning more about upcoming programs can find event details on the college’s calendar of events at middlebury.edu/events.

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Fentanyl fueling drug deaths

Synthetic opioid increasingly present in illegal drug mix

By TIFFANY TAN
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In mid-June, a 38-year-old mother of three died in Burlington from bacterial blood poisoning due to pneumonia, which stemmed from chronic substance use. Also a factor in her death, according to the medical examiner, was the woman's recent ingestion of a cocktail of drugs that included fentanyl, xylazine and methamphetamine. Those are among the drugs that state health officials have

death toll is on track to surpass the existing record. "While we cannot forecast these data, we know these numbers are higher than this time last year, and Vermont has seen year-over-year increases in overdose fatalities since 2020," said Deputy Health Commissioner Kelly Dougherty. Last year, 243 Vermonters died from opioid overdoses ruled as accidental or with an unknown manner of death. The annual death toll has been steadily rising since 2014, when there were 63 fatal overdoses — except for a dip in 2019, which recorded 111 such deaths. Public health officials, law enforcement officers and recovery professionals have seen street drugs become increasingly potent in recent years. At the same time, people are still emerging from the fear, anxiety, stress, uncertainty and social isolation of the pandemic, which led some to relapse or begin using substances. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said illicit drug producers often add illegally made fentanyl to other substances to make the combination cheaper, more powerful and more addictive. It also becomes more dangerous. "It breaks my heart," Tracie Hauck, director of the Turning Point recovery center in Rutland, said of the continued rise in local fatal overdoses. When she interacts with center clients who are still using illicit drugs, Hauck said, "you just don't know if this

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— Tracie Hauck

is going to be the last time you see them."

She is concerned that casual drug users might not be taking precautions, equating overdose deaths with intravenous drug users or people who identify as having a substance use disorder. "What I worry about personally is people that may be using cocaine recreationally," Hauck said. "Cocaine is tainted. If you're snorting it occasionally, on a weekend, that doesn't mean you're not at risk for an overdose."

Public health offices and community organizations have tried to mitigate fatal overdoses by distributing free fentanyl-test strips and naloxone, the opioid overdose reversal drug. This year, several community organizations in Vermont also began giving out xylazine test strips. Because the animal tranquilizer is not an opioid, xylazine blunts the efficacy of naloxone — best known under the brand name Narcan — in preventing overdose deaths. Users particularly seek out xylazine as a "cutting agent" for fentanyl because it prolongs their high, according to research. The state health department plans to also publicly distribute xylazine test strips. "Do not trust your drug supply," said Dougherty, the deputy health commissioner. "The toxicity of the drugs in our communities is increasing, and it changes quickly."

She also advised people not to use drugs when they're alone, so that someone can administer naloxone or call for help in case of an overdose. The monthly opioid fatality data released by the health department are preliminary and almost sure to increase as more death investigations are concluded.

Middlebury

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master plan. Advocates of the bike-ped plan — including Middlebury Director of Planning & Zoning Jennifer Murray — believe it could serve as a blueprint for prioritizing future connections between the many sidewalks, trails and pathways that have become one of the shire town's major calling cards, and for troubleshooting what are now dangerous walking/biking areas. Consultants from Trudell Consulting Engineers (TCE), in partnership with Murray and a bike-ped steering committee, worked hard this past summer compiling an inventory existing bicycle and pedestrian network, while soliciting input from local residents on what roads and intersections could particularly benefit from walking/biking-related upgrades. An online survey drew 360 responses, and others weighed in at farmer's markets, steering committee meetings and an Aug. 29 gathering. "We're at the end of the process; we've had a great few months gathering info over the summer, met with the Infrastructure Committee a couple of weeks ago and now we're here for a final endorsement of the plan."

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Boardman streets.

- Twenty-three roads need stricter speed limits and/or traffic calming measures, including Routes 7 and 125, Monroe and Seymour streets, and Lower Plains Road.
- Additional bike routes are needed on more than 30 local roads, including Washington Street Extension, and Quarry, Halladay and Pulp Mill Bridge roads.

A full copy of the report and its recommendations can be found at tinyurl.com/y5nrr9yr.

The plan includes maps and a matrix of 28 bike-ped projects for the town to consider. They include:

- Bike lane(s) on College and Cross streets and Seminary Street Extension.
- A sidewalk on Shannon Street.
- Railroad pedestrian crossings in the downtown.

But TCE consultants flagged five projects deserving special attention. They include:

- A sidewalk linking Maple Street and the Marble Works to the new train station footpath.
- Pedestrian-related upgrades on Court Street, particularly near its intersection with Route 125.
- Bike lane(s) on South Main Street (Rt. 30).
- Bike lanes on Seminary Street and Washington Street extensions.

Sidewalk, crosswalk and bike lane upgrades for the Rogers Road, Monroe Street and Buttolph Drive neighborhoods.

Consultant Abby Derry of TCE acknowledged that "what's missing from this (study) is the cost column. I think that's one of the most important things on the minds of the people who are implementing and budgeting. As time goes on, this could be a living document and costs could be added in the future."

But she said she and her colleagues will provide cost estimates for the five projects they've singled out for special attention.

TCE will submit a final report at the selectboard's next (Oct. 10) meeting. It will include project exhibits, including maps, graphics and written descriptions of recommended projects; traffic signal and crossing recommendations;

and a narrative summarizing the methodology and findings of the study.

Derry said it'll ultimately be up to the town to prioritize the menu of potential bike-ped projects, a schedule that will certainly depend on available funding and opportunity — such as dovetailing improvements with work on public works projects.

"We didn't provide a ranking in this study," Derry stressed.

Tuesday's meeting drew a large contingent from the Rogers Road and Danyow Drive neighborhoods. Residents have long expressed concerns about a lack of sidewalks and speeding cars in their area, home to several young children.

Rogers Road figures prominently in the bike-ped study's suggested improvement areas.

Resident Susan McGarry, among other Rogers Road neighbors, noted their street has become a pass-through for many students biking or walking to all three Middlebury schools. They've asked for sidewalks, traffic calming devices and a bike lane to help remedy their concerns.

"I can look out my kitchen window and see so many kids on bikes and on foot every day," McGarry said.

Danyow Drive has also become a substantial drop-off and pickup spot for Middlebury Union Middle School students whose parents aren't keen on negotiating the MUMS parking lot during the start and end of the school day, attendees at Tuesday's meeting noted.

Rogers Road resident Terry Norris urged the board to consider speed bumps, more police patrols, speed control signs and possibly a truck ban to promote slower, safer travel in the neighborhood.

Resident Megan James and her family have installed a time-lapse camera through which they counted adults, children and pets walking along Rogers Road during a two-week period this past summer. They noted and average of 50-70 people per day — and that was before classes resumed last month.

James also noted that while the 25-mph speed limit might seem low, it's "very fast" to a pedestrian "walking down a street that doesn't have a sidewalk or a line or any way for you to be separate from traffic."

Selectboard members on Tuesday unanimously endorsed the new bike-bed study and told folks at the meeting the document won't just sit on a shelf.

"This is just the start of a longer project," board Chair Brian Carpenter said.

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Based on public feedback conveyed to TCE consultants:

- More than 30 local roads are in need of more crosswalks, including Route 7 (downtown), Washington Street Extension, and Exchange and Seymour streets.
- More than 30 local roads need more sidewalks, including Exchange Street (where a major sidewalk project is about to come to fruition), Rogers and Painter roads, Bakery Lane, and Maple and



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EEE found in area mosquitos

By **GEORGE FJELD**
Brandon Reporter

BRANDON — Mosquitos carrying West Nile virus and Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) have been found in Vermont from Alburg to Vergennes, according to the Vermont Department of Health.

Late summer is the peak time for these diseases, which can result in severe neurological symptoms and death, though such dire results are rare.

EEE and West Nile virus had not been found in sampled mosquitos in the last three years. Compounding this year’s discovery of the mosquito carriers of the diseases is the fact

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that we have had such a wet summer that there has been none of the usual drop-off in mosquito numbers.

Prevention of mosquito bites and further efforts to control adult mosquitos are more important. This was the hot topic at the Otter Creek Watershed Insect Control Board meeting on Sept. 13 at the Brandon Senior Center. According to expert mosquito technician Will Mathis, there are many more places for mosquitos to breed in these

conditions, such as wet lawns, discarded tires, and any standing water.

Spraying of the adult insect

killer permethrin has continued since early summer but has been frequently interrupted by rain and mechanical problems with the district’s aging equipment, Mathis said. Spot checks of frequent mosquito breeding grounds have shown large amounts of eggs. The district’s efforts will continue until the end of mosquito season.

In other business, the dedication of a memorial to Art Doty, the father of the local insect control district, is planned for Sept. 30 from 9-11 a.m. in Crescent Park in the north end of Brandon. Speakers who knew Doty (who died in 2019 at age 83), tributes and the opportunity for audience members to tell stories of Doty will be part of the celebration.

Information about the Brandon-area insect control district will be available. Coffee and doughnuts are planned.

Climate matters Perspectives on Change



Planting helps the climate

By **BETSY TAYLOR**

The average first frost in Addison County typically comes in early October, but the current 10-day forecast for our area suggests our first frost will be delayed. This means everyone reading this column still has time to do one small thing to help address climate change, and that’s because when you plant a tree, a hedgerow, a perennial berry bush or native wildflowers, you help pull carbon pollution out of the atmosphere and into the land. It is the perfect time to reimagine your lawn and set aside a small part for a tree or natural grasses. Will you reverse climate disruption? Obviously not. Can it help? Maybe. Is it worth trying? Definitely, because when you plant perennial plants, you help sequester carbon, create habitat for wildlife, clean the air, help hold water in the land through healthy plant root systems, and join a sweeping movement that is advancing ecological restoration worldwide.

According to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, protection and restoration of our forests, soils, wetlands and natural places can help remove at least five gigatons of carbon pollution from the atmosphere on an annual basis. That’s hardly insignificant! The UN General Assembly declared 2021–2030 the Decade on Ecosystem Restoration, urging civil society, governments and the private sector to prioritize nature-based solutions to restore vital ecosystems around the globe and combat climate change. We can do our small part right here in Addison County, and the next 10 days of comparatively warm weather are perfect for taking action.

Walk your yard or land. Or speak to a local business owner, school principal, or town librarian. Do they have a desire and need for some plantings? What native tree(s) might you plant that will bring shade and heat management in coming decades while sequestering carbon in the meantime? Consider an oak — one of Vermont’s fastest growing, low-maintenance trees. The Vermont Urban & Community Forest Program offers an excellent guide for selecting and planting trees. Or go a bit smaller. What chokeberry, winterberry, serviceberry or elderberry bushes might you plant as a hedge against the rising winds, food for birds, and as perennial engines of carbon drawdown? XERCES offers an excellent guide to selecting native plants.

Do you have room for a miniscule tiny forest? We have an abundance of local experts to help, from the Middlebury Area Land Trust, Natural Resource Conservation Service, Vermont Coverts, Vermont Land Trust, and Audubon Vermont to your local plant nurseries specializing in healthy native trees and perennial plants. Rocky Dale Gardens

and Plant Nursery in Bristol, Golden Russet in Shoreham, Full Circle Gardens in Essex, Miller Hill Farm in Sudbury, Bird & Bee Native Plants in Jericho and several others specialize in native species that are free of deadly noenicitinoids and pesticides that can kill pollinators.

Addison County residents confronted climate disruption in deeply personal ways this year as a freak freeze destroyed orchards and vineyards, wildfire smoke from Canada pushed summer camps inside, cyanobacteria blooms linked to warmer water temperatures closed beaches along Lake Champlain, and floods damaged homes, farms and businesses. Mosquitoes, associated with heat and increased rain drove us bonkers. Middlebury received up to six inches of rain in a few hours, leading to road closures, rescue missions and mudslides. Even now, with a period of sunshine behind us, farmers are still struggling to harvest corn and hay for their animals. According to a neighboring dairy farmer, this summer has been a nightmare with farm equipment getting mired in mud. Damage from the Vermont floods of July 2023 rivaled — and in some areas exceeded — Tropical Storm Irene in 2011.

According to a September 2023 UN report, extreme weather like we just experienced here in Vermont is likely to accelerate rapidly rather than gradually as our planet heats up from the release of greenhouse gases. Every tiny bit of warming we can avoid matters. Supporting perennial trees, shrubs, and wildflowers is one step each of us can take. (Wildflower plantings will do best after the first one or two light frosts.) We can also work with others to go beyond our individual actions. Let’s press for statewide policies that incentivize farmers to adopt regenerative agricultural practices to rebuild healthy soils that draw carbon out of the air and deep into our fields. Let’s urge our town planning commissions to do more to encourage protection of heritage trees since old trees sequester more carbon than young ones. We can establish public/private partnerships from Orwell to Starksboro to build pollinator pathways and gardens.

Addressing the climate emergency can feel hopeless, but maybe it’s not. And though we know we are in a time of extreme impermanence and we feel our mortality, we might find solace in doing something in the next ten days to bring beauty, shade, habitat and a little cooling to beautiful Addison County.

Betsy Taylor is President of Breakthrough Strategies & Solutions, a consulting firm in New Haven that focuses on climate solutions.

ADDISON COUNTY Business News

New CEO at the helm of Vermont Soap

MIDDLEBURY — Nichole Faulkner, a 16-year veteran at Vermont Soap, has been chosen to lead the Middlebury soap maker. She recently relinquished her post as COO to become the new CEO of the socially responsible company she worked so hard to make successful.

“We like to think that Vermont Soap is a different kind of company,” Faulkner said in a press release. “We treat each other respectfully and maintain a no-drama workplace culture. It takes a team to do what we do. People tend to stay where they are treated well.”

Faulkner pointed out that the Exchange Street company brought the first certified organic pet shampoo, shower gel, nontoxic cleaner and foaming hand soap to market.

“That’s a lot to live up to,” she said. “With the growing interest in sustainably produced nontoxic products we quickly pivoted to private label and bulk product



NICHOLE FAULKNER

manufacturing to disseminate our formulas through other brands and market niches.”

Faulkner joined Vermont Soap in 2007 as a sales and customer service agent. Two years later she became sales manager. Continuing her education by taking online courses and seminars, she eventually added human resources to her growing

list of titles. In time Faulkner was promoted to assistant manager and then chief operating officer. She has been effectively running the company since founder Larry Plesent stepped down as CEO 18 months ago.

Her many successes over the years include leading the company to a virtually unheard of 100% score on a recent ISO 2217 Good Manufacturing Processes audit. Faulkner created the soon-to-launch Saponcorp, the new private label business-to-business division at Vermont Soap. As Chief Operations Officer she analyzed and streamlined processes and products resulting in increased profitability without sacrificing the original ideals that the company was founded on.

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Farmers

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own Cutting Hill Beef Company in Cornwall and are among the farmers participating in the new program. Ramsay said he sees the initiative as an opportunity to connect younger Vermonters with an industry that needs them.

“I think a lot of farms, they have an aging generation that runs (the farm) and most of the labor is migratory and really isn’t local labor that is the up and coming generation,” he told the *Independent*. It would be really unfortunate, he added, if these farms thrive, but there was no younger labor force ready to take over.

“I see it as, if we don’t start to get young people engaged in agriculture at a young age, what’s going to turn them towards agriculture later in life? I don’t know what would do that.”

The Champlain Valley Farmers Coalition is a nonprofit organization made up of Vermont farmers, businesses and other individuals. The coalition aims to help Vermont farmers implement “innovative agricultural practices that enhance water quality, soil health, climate-smart farming, and their economic resiliency in the Champlain Valley.” The organization carries out this mission through on-farm workshops, collaborations with community partners and a variety of other initiatives.

More recently, the organization has looked to offer workforce development programs in collaboration with local institutions like Middlebury College and the Patricia A. Hannaford Career Center. Earlier this year, the coalition hired Brooke Small as its first workforce development program manager to help tackle that mission.

Small’s role at the coalition will include coordinating relationships with donors, farmers and educational institutions, as well as implementing programs like the Lake Champlain Sustainable Agriculture Education Program.

INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

The new internship program is open to high school students in Addison County and offers a \$400 stipend for participants. During the eight-week program, participating students will spend two hours each week working on a local farm.

They’ll meet with farmers, explore different aspects of the operation and learn about agricultural practices that support water quality in the Lake Champlain Basin.

“We want them to get the big picture of what farming is all about; the business, financial aspect of it, the crop growing and caring for livestock aspect of it, the balance of work and family,” said Vijay Nazareth, executive director of the coalition. “We want them to know what farming is really like, not something you read about or



THE CHAMPLAIN VALLEY Farmer Coalition is excited about a new internship program that will get more of the county’s high schoolers out on local farms, CFVC Workforce Development Program Manager Brooke Small, left, and Executive Director Vijay Nazareth said the program is part of the coalition’s efforts to offer workforce development.

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hear about from someone else, but something you experience.”

Nazareth noted that part of that experience includes learning about the challenges today’s farmers face and the solutions they’re experimenting with.

“It’s not just all a feel-good, positive message. It’s ‘here are the risks of farming, and here’s how we’ve addressed those risks,’” he explained. “(Young farmers) are very resilient, and they’re forced to be resilient, because if not, you’re going to have to shut down. I think that’s good for students to see.”

Another goal of the internship program is to introduce students to the various conservation practices used on local farms, such as no-till farming and planting cover crops.

“(The program) is also about connecting them to what these farmers are doing in terms of climate-smart farming and opportunities these students have to make an impact on their environment,” Small said.

Students that take part in the program will be paired with one of five farms, each offering a unique, hands-on learning experience.

Interns can explore integrated duck and rice farming at Ferrisburgh’s Bountbrook Farm or learn about growing organic vegetables, fruits, herbs and flowers at Wood’s Market Garden in Brandon.

Those working at Cutting Hill Beef Company will get an introduction to animal husbandry.

“Some of these students I anticipate will have very little experience working around animals, so I think for the initial phases each student will get some basic training on how to behave around animals, how to move animals and themselves in proximity to animals,” Ramsay Mellish said. “It will kind of evolve into some of the basic stuff that gets done daily, whether its feeding, grouping, or pasture movements.”

Mellish got his own introduction

to farm work as a young adult. He said that experience is what motivated him to take part in the program and introduce students to potential career paths in agriculture.

“I was first introduced to agriculture through a job I got as a college student. I realized during those first couple of years that I really like agriculture, and I see this farmer coalition initiative as an opportunity to expose some other kids to agriculture that maybe don’t come from an ag family or don’t have that experience,” he said.

Students who take part in the program will also be encouraged to share what they’ve learned during their internships with their school communities.

“We’re asking the students, maybe monthly, to go back to their schools and do a workshop or seminar for younger students to share what they’ve learned and also to encourage them to participate in the program going forward, so we create this pipeline of students coming through,” Nazareth said.

FUTURE INITIATIVES

The coalition is also looking to create additional programs for local youth. Potential projects include collaborating with the Addison County River Watch Collaborative to have students create riparian buffers at local farms and developing an entrepreneurship program in connection with the Generator makerspace in Burlington.

“We want to find out where (students’) interests are, how do we appeal to them and help build partnerships around them,” Nazareth said. “We’re thinking sort of out of the box in developing these programs that are going to appeal to students, farmers and our partners.”

Nazareth added that the coalition is looking forward to hearing feedback from current partners and program participants to shape the organization’s future workforce development initiatives.

“Nothing is set in stone. We’re going to learn as we go along, from all our partners and from students, what’s working and what’s not working. We’re going to adapt and change and be flexible. What you see next year may not what you see this year,” he said.

Goose hunting season begins Oct. 14

MONTPELIER — Vermont’s resident Canada goose hunting season was held Sept. 1 through 25 to help control Vermont’s instate Canada goose population prior to the arrival of Canada geese migrating south from Canada, according to the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department.

A second Canada goose hunting season for resident and migrant birds will be held Oct. 14 to Nov. 27 with a daily bag limit of three Canada geese in the Lake Champlain Zone and Interior Vermont Zone.

For a second year, a late Canada goose season will be held targeting resident birds. Within the Lake Champlain and Interior zones, the

season will be held from Dec. 1 to Jan. 6, with a five-bird daily bag limit.

A hunting license is required, and a waterfowl hunter 16 or older must carry current federal and Vermont duck stamps. Federal stamps are sold at post offices, federal refuges and on the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service website: <https://www.fws.gov/birds/get-involved/duck-stamp.php>. Vermont is not one of the states where you can buy an electronic federal duck stamp, but you can purchase one from any state that sells them.

Vermont duck stamps can be added to your hunting license on Vermont Fish & Wildlife’s website (www.vtfishandwildlife.com) and

through license agents. The hunter must sign the federal duck stamp.

All migratory game bird hunters must also be registered with the Harvest Information Program (H.I.P.). This can be done on Vermont Fish and Wildlife’s website or by calling toll-free 1-877-306-7091. After providing some basic information, you will receive your annual H.I.P. registration number, which you then need to record on your hunting license.

A printable copy of migratory bird hunting regulations can be downloaded from the Vermont Fish and Wildlife website under “Hunt” – “Waterfowl.” A printed version is available from license agents and post offices.

By the way

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seen these duos at Cubber’s, the Laurence Memorial Library, or a community event together. They provide each other with connection that enhances all participants’ lives and strengthens the Bristol community. More mentors are needed: folks who are able to spend an hour a week or 3-4 hours a month at lunchtime, after school, or even during weekends with a child. Mentors are well supported by staff, fellow mentors and various mentoring gatherings throughout the year. Curious? Please contact Maura Donnelly at maura.donnelly@mausd.org, or jump right in and fill out an application at mentorvt.org/agency/MAUSD.

Support the Henry Sheldon Museum from the comfort of your favorite armchair, thanks to an online auction that runs until midnight on Oct. 2. Items up for grabs include a one week stay at a five-bedroom home on Nantucket, four tickets to the Middlebury College Performing Arts Series, interior design consultation with Amy Oliver Beaupré, and numerous gift baskets and gift cards from local businesses. Your bids will help support museum exhibits, programming and community outreach. Go to 32auctions.com/SheldonMuseum2023.

Last Sunday’s Snake Mountain Car Show, craft fair and flea market drew 230 vehicles and scads of people to the Addison

County Fair & Field Days grounds during a wonderful, sunny day. A good time was had by all, and the event also raised more than \$3,000 for the Brendon P. Cousino Med47 Foundation, which assists area rescue squads with equipment purchases and scholarships.

Come and join a free workshop hosted by the Addison County Solid Waste Management District this fall. Upcoming topics include Backyard Composting, Vermicomposting, and Plastic Recycling. To register for a workshop please fill out the sign-up form or call the district’s Middlebury transfer station at 802-388-2333. To sign up online go to tinyurl.com/mwfsv9wm.

Vergennes

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as co-managing his restaurant business.

Mayor Chris Bearor said Rossier, a single mother with a fulltime job in city schools, contacted him earlier in the day before Tuesday’s meeting and told him, “I just don’t have the time” to fulfill her duties as a councilor. Bearor told the *Independent* Rossier said “she loves this part of it (serving on the council),” but that she had “overcommitted.”

Rossier then formally announced her resignation at the meeting.

“Family comes first,” Bearor said. “It’s sad (she’s leaving), but I wish her well.”

Although the council already had four candidates on hand seeking to replace Huizenga, the mayor said he did not believe it was appropriate to make two appointments that evening.

“I honestly did not feel that was the right thing to do, because we had only advertised for one (opening),” Bearor said.

Bearor will make official the appointment process for the newest vacancy at the council’s next meeting, on Oct. 10. But he said residents who are interested in serving may send emails expressing interest and, if desired, listing qualifications at any time to mayor@vergennes.org and manager@vergennes.org.

Once he makes the formal announcement in October, Bearor

said he will allow at least a month for submission of letters of interest, and then the council will conduct interviews and make a decision at one of its November meetings.

To fill Huizenga’s spot on Tuesday, the council — in open session — interviewed Koenig; former mayor and councilor Mike Daniels; Northeastern Family Institute Case Manager and Vergennes Energy Committee member Grace Williams, who in her letter of interest said she would bring diversity to the council as a BIPOC Vermonter; and John Montgomery, long-serving member of the military who is a Basic Leadership Instructor for the Vermont Army National Guard and a fleet technician for Tri-Valley Transit. Then councilors discussed their thoughts on the candidates in closed session.

Bearor praised all four.

“All four candidates that applied for the council have benefits to be on the city council,” Bearor said. “I hope they re-apply. It’s one of those things where they’re all great people, and I want that to be known. It wasn’t an easy decision.”

Bearor cited Koenig’s background as an attorney and public servant, which as well as service on the city council includes time on the Addison Northwest School Board, the city recreation committee, and the panel that studied whether a citizen committee should be created to

improve relations between the city residents and their police department.

Specifically, the mayor said Koenig has already worked on updating the city charter and sat in on discussions with Ferrisburgh officials on clarifying the disputed borders between the two communities.

“I know he’s a motivated person, and he wants to finish the charter, and he wants to get the boundaries done, and I know he’s got more time than I do to resolve that,” Bearor said.

Without discussing details of the 15-minute, closed-door session, the mayor said councilors generally shared his opinion.

“I think it was one of those things, that I think what I just said personally is what they all believe, too, that he’s going to be an asset to the council,” Bearor said.

There was a debate among city officials prior to the meeting on whether to interview the four candidates in open session, as was eventually done. The meeting was warned as if the interviews for public positions were to be held behind closed doors. Bearor said an 11th-hour decision changed the council’s course.

“At about 5 o’clock it was decided we needed to do this in open meeting, and then we would go into executive session (to make the decision),” he said.

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Markle joins the Elderly Services nursing team

MIDDLEBURY — Elderly Services Inc. recently announced the addition of Penelope Markle, R.N., M.S.N., M.Ed., to its staff. Markle joins a team of four part-time registered nurses who provide onsite professional and clinical services to the participants of Project Independence, the Adult Day program of ESI.

“We are so pleased to have Penelope join us as a member of our team, and we are very excited to have found someone with such a strong and extensive clinical background, as well as such wonderful people skills,” said Kristin Bolton, ESI’s Executive Director.

Markle comes to Elderly Services from the Vergennes Residential Care Home, where she provided nursing care for the residents there, managed their medications, initiated care with providers, and coordinated residents’ care with other staff and community health care providers. She also served as the Acting Deputy Director for the Veterans Rural Health Resource Center of the Eastern Region following a period of



PENELOPE MARKLE

primary care and community-based outpatient nursing.

She earned her undergraduate and graduate degrees in Nursing from Vanderbilt University, as well as a Master of Education degree from Tufts University.

“As we continue to grow our Project Independence adult day program and introduce new community services, such as our new Center for Positive Aging, it is essential that we have an outstanding clinical and professional staff who care so deeply about the people we serve,” Bolton said. “We welcome Penelope to our team and look

forward to working with her and to the contributions she will make to our important community mission.”

Grant will help Elderly Services expand

MIDDLEBURY — A recent grant from the Hoehl Family Foundation will be instrumental in helping Elderly Services expand its eldercare counseling offerings. The new program will be called the Elderly Services Center for Positive Aging. The programs will be offered at the ESI facility at 112 Exchange Street, and will be overseen by Joanne Corbett, a licensed clinical social worker who served for 33 years as Executive Director of Elderly Services.

The \$50,000-a-year grant for the next three years will provide essential start-up funding for this new endeavor. The expanding

menu of programs includes counseling for older individuals and couples, counseling and advice for caregiving family members, individual consultation and education on issues of aging or family, and group education sessions.

According to Corbett, the new program is designed to help members of the local community face the issues of aging, caregiving and memory loss with loving and successful support. “Along with physical, social and often cognitive losses, older Vermonters today face the emotional challenges of change, loss, anxiety and sadness,”

she says.

“Many people struggle with the challenges of aging and caring for aging relatives until they reach a crisis and can no longer manage. Our goal is to support people before they reach a crisis, and the grant from The Hoehl Family Foundation will be instrumental in our success,” said ESI Executive Director Kristin Bolton. “Essentially, we want to alleviate anxiety, depression, loneliness, and stress for elders and their families.”

For more information about this program, email Joanne Corbett at jcorbett@elderlyservices.org or call 802-388-3983.

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Local recipients recieve Walter Cerf grant money

MIDDLEBURY — The Walter Cerf Community Fund, a component fund of the Vermont Community Foundation, recently awarded \$93,500 in grants to 26 organizations in its 2023 competitive grants round. These awards build on \$62,000 distributed in second-year payments to the fund’s multi-year cohort, bringing the total payments for 2023 to \$155,500.

The fund supports two applicants with large, single year grant awards: the Columbus Smith Estate Trust has been awarded \$12,000 to support improvements to its Shard Villa residential care home, and Vermont Elks Charities has been awarded \$12,000 to support equipment upgrades at Silver Towers Camp. Additional grants include a combination of awards to organizations supporting youth and families, education, historic preservation, arts, and community enrichment in Addison County and statewide.

LOCAL GRANT RECIPIENTS

- Bixby Memorial Free Library, \$2,500
- Brandon Free Public Library, \$2,500
- Bristol Recreation Department, \$2,000
- Columbus Smith Estate Trust, \$12,000
- Community Health Services of Addison County/Open Door

- Clinic, \$5,000
- Ethan and Mary Baker Allen DAR Chapter, \$2,500
- Henry Sheldon Museum of Vermont History, \$4,000
- Lincoln Historic Society, \$2,500

These awards build on \$62,000 distributed in second-year payments to the fund’s multi-year cohort, bringing the total payments for 2023 to \$155,500.

- Mary Johnson Children’s Center, \$2,500
- Middlebury Actors Workshop, \$2,000
- Otter Creek Academy at Leicester School, \$2,500
- Red Clover Children’s Center, \$2,500
- Town of New Haven, \$2,500
- Town of Starksboro, \$2,500
- Tri-Valley Transit, \$5,000

MULTI-YEAR GRANT RECIPIENTS

- Addison Central Teens
- Addison County Community Action Group (HOPE)
- Addison County Community Trust
- Addison County Home Health and Hospice
- Addison County Readers
- Brandon Free Public Library
- Elderly Services
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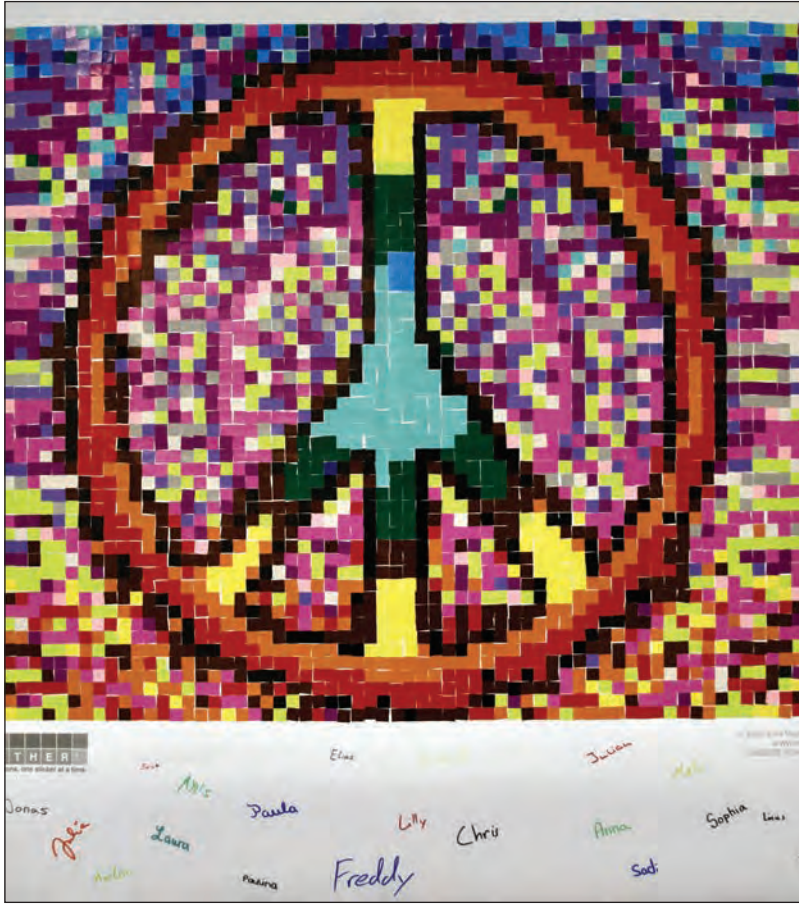
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VUHS grad makes her mark at Clark U.

Rooney helped people aquire housing

VERGENNES — VUHS graduate Emily Rooney, a rising senior at Clark University in Worcester, Mass., spent the summer entrenched in the Massachusetts housing system — juggling phone calls, tracking down applications, and advocating for clients while trying to understand their unique needs and circumstances. The sociology major interned at Justice 4 Housing, a Boston-based grassroots nonprofit that seeks to dismantle housing discrimination and homelessness, particularly for people impacted by domestic violence and incarceration.

As a rental assistance intern for Justice 4 Housing’s Hands on Defense program, Rooney primarily worked as a housing navigator, assisting clients who are experiencing housing discrimination or instability based on their criminal history.

“Without proper housing, it’s challenging to find a job or reunite with family,” says Rooney. “If we’re going to find a way to heal as a society, we have to help with housing.”

Rooney had been using Clark services to look for internship opportunities in the nonprofit field. She found Justice 4 Housing on the Handshake platform and was excited about the opportunity to work one-on-one with clients. A stipend from Clark’s summer justice program helped Rooney cover the costs of housing, gas, and food throughout the summer.

Leslie Credle founded Justice 4 Housing in late 2019, roughly a year after she was released from federal prison. Like Credle, many Justice 4 Housing employees have been incarcerated and/or found themselves shut out of housing opportunities. The organization helps residents find housing statewide, addresses the root causes of recidivism and homelessness, and works to abolish discriminatory federal, state, and local housing policies.

Credle sees housing as the No. 1 barrier to reentry after incarceration. Throughout the five years she was in prison, she heard about mothers unable to reunite with their children because of their inability to find a place to live. In Massachusetts, landlords can refuse to rent to people with criminal records.

“When I got to the halfway house, I noticed disparities between being privileged and unprivileged,” says Credle, a homeowner who had a place to go upon reentry. “My peers were stuck in the halfway house because they had homes they couldn’t return to, or because they were homeless. Some were forced into shelters or sober homes. That was a catalyst that motivated me.”

Credle says some people insisted to her that housing discrimination was too huge an issue to tackle. She turned to interns to help disseminate resources to people in need.

“Interns get the experience of helping communities they normally would not have contact with and learning about why individuals are incarcerated in the first place,” says Credle. “I think our society does not fully understand that a lack of community resources contributes to high incarceration rates.”

Rooney worked with six clients. A typical day included helping clients fill out and file applications and checking on the status of previous applications. She worked with clients to navigate housing lotteries and waitlists and connected them with landlords who are open to renting to the formerly incarcerated.

“The system can be extremely overwhelming,” she acknowledges. “Learning how to connect with people and assist them in whatever way they need has been eye-opening.”

Rooney constantly hunted for options that best suited her clients, which could be affordable, subsidized, or low-income



EMILY ROONEY

housing. “People know best what they need,” Rooney says, “and I know I want to help them and learn their stories.”

As clients wait for housing, Rooney and colleagues also connect them with wraparound services like mental health care, food stamps, jobs and job training.

Riley Smith supervised Rooney throughout the internship and guided her on how to conduct difficult conversations with empathy.

“We offer a unique opportunity for interns to learn more than just technical and data skills,” says Smith. “Our interns learn how to engage with clients, meet them where they’re at, and approach conversations with a harm-reduction and trauma-informed framework. Interns walk away with a broader understanding of the community members we serve and the systems that keep them from reaching their full potential.”

Rooney’s interest in finding resources for the unhoused population dates to high school, when she participated in a fundraiser for a local shelter, which included sleeping outdoors. That one winter night made an impact.

“It was a very humbling experience and gave me perspective about my privilege and the privilege that most people with stable housing take for granted,” she recalls.

Brigger chosen as Ferrisburgh clerk

By ANDY KIRKALDY
FERRISBURGH

Ferrisburgh’s months-long search for a town treasurer to replace Deb Healey came to a conclusion on Sept. 14, when the selectboard agreed to hire Middlebury resident Allison Brigger to a 20-hour-a-week position.

According to meeting minutes, that decision followed the joint recommendation of Town Clerk and Assistant Treasurer Pam Cousino and Selectboard Chair Clark Hinsdale, who had interviewed Brigger for the job.

A three-month probationary period is attached to Brigger’s hire, and Healey has also agreed to a couple days going over the job’s requirements with her, and then be available “for the odd question,” according to Cousino.

Brigger this past year worked as a finance assistant at the Patricia A. Hannaford Career Center in Middlebury.

Her résumé listed her responsibilities there as including “handled day-to-day operations, including accounts payable, accounts receivable, payroll and general accounting activities.”

Brigger also, per her C.V., “prepared monthly bank reconciliation,” “managed paperwork for government grants,” and “provided accurate supply budget information for staff and faculty.”

In 2022 she received a Bachelor’s in Business Administration Accounting Specialist degree from Bishop’s University in Lennoxville, Quebec.

According to Cousino, Brigger

will start in her new position on Oct. 10, when Ferrisburgh’s office staff moves back into their Route 7 town office building and community center. Currently, they are working out of the nearby town garage building on Little Chicago Road while their regular office floors are being refinished.

Ferrisburgh had been advertising for either a part-time or a full-time treasurer since early this year in order to cast as wide a net as possible

for suitable candidates, but had been coming up empty. The selectboard had also sweetened the position by offering pro-rated benefits along with a salary. Cousino confirmed that Brigger would be receiving benefits commensurate with her 50% status.

Healey, who has served since being elected to the post in March 2017, informed the selectboard late last year she would retire as of town meeting

this past March. She was reelected three times, and then reappointed annually after Ferrisburgh switched to appointed, rather than elected, town employees. She has always received high praise from town officials for her work.

According to Cousino, the town started looking to replace Healey this past December and January and went through three rounds of advertising. The selectboard offered the job to three candidates during the first two rounds, Cousino said, but for a variety of reasons they each declined the position, leaving town officials to start searches again.

“Quite the process,” Cousino observed in an email.

Man cited for domestic assault

VERGENNES — Vergennes police on Sept. 19 cited a man with a Ferrisburgh address for domestic assault and two other charges stemming from a Sept. 18 incident at a Hillside Drive apartment that he was sharing with his mother.

As well as domestic assault, city police allege Matthew Husk, 42, violated conditions of his release for an earlier offense and committed unlawful mischief.

Police allege Husk on Sept. 18 assaulted a woman with a Charlotte address who they said stopped at the apartment to visit. They said after he left the scene his mother locked him out, and he then kicked the door in an attempt to re-enter.

Police did not find Husk to issue the citations until the next day. Vergennes police said on the evening of the incident Middlebury police helped try to find Husk, while Vermont State Police visited the victim’s Charlotte home to make sure it was secure.

Between Sept. 18 and 24 Vergennes police also conducted five patrols in cruisers and 14 traffic stops, fingerprinted six job applicants, responded to an accidental 911 call, and also:

- On Sept. 18:
 - Cautioned a Main Street dog owner about not letting his animals run loose, an action taken after a complaint.
 - Stopped a tractor-trailer on Main Street after receiving a complaint it had passed a vehicle northbound on Route 22A; police said they found no problem.
- On Sept. 20:
 - Were told a vehicle had been parked on Green Street all night with its motor running. Police contacted the owner, who acknowledged forgetting to turn its engine off.
 - Stopped a car on Main Street that had been reported leaving the scene of an accident in Chittenden County. Police said the driver was not impaired, but they provided information to state police in Williston.
- On Sept. 21:
 - Responded to a 911 call from a city woman and learned upon arrival she was having mental health issues that included a serious delusional episode. Police contacted the Counseling Service of Addison County.

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- Were told that a car had been parked on South Maple Street for more than a week and contacted its owner, who said he was waiting for repairs that would probably happen that day.
- Responded to a relatively minor two-vehicle accident at the intersection of New Haven Road and King Street.
- Following a complaint spoke to a resident about barking dogs on Thomas Circle.
- On Sept. 22:
 - Checked the welfare of a Main Street woman who according to a friend was expressing suicidal thoughts; police and Vergennes

Area Rescue Squad (VARS) personnel agreed help was a good idea, and a family member took her to Porter Hospital.

- Issued court paperwork to a Valley Vista client at 1 Alden Place.
- Took a report from Northlands Job Corps that two students had been involved in a dispute the day before in a dorm room, and one was dismissed from the program.
- Escorted the Vergennes Union High School homecoming parade. On Sept. 24:
 - Responded along with VARS to an injured bicyclist on Macdonough Drive; VARS took the cyclist to the UVM Medical Center.
 - Provided space at the station for state police to process a drunk-driving suspect.

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THE VERMONT FISH and Wildlife Department is looking to conserve this parcel of land in Addison County, which provides key habitat for two federally endangered bat species. In order to protect the bats, the department won't disclose the exact location.

Photo courtesy of Alyssa Bennett, VTF&W

Bats

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in acquiring 200 acres of land in Addison County that the bat species, both federally endangered, use for roosting and foraging.

Alyssa Bennett, a small mammal biologist for the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department, said the acquisition is an opportunity to protect that key habitat.

“For me, the big, exciting thing about this piece of land is that it’s such a rare example of this kind of habitat. On other state and public land, I couldn’t find another example like this,” she told the *Independent*. “To conserve that and know that bats can keep coming back to this site year after year is really important for their recovery.”

Like other bat species, Indiana and Northern long-eared bats play an important role in maintaining a healthy ecosystem and environment. Notably, the bats help with pest control.

“These bats eat a variety of nighttime insects, moth, flies, mosquitos,” Bennett explained. “Some of those are things that are pests to us, to agriculture or to our garden.”

Unfortunately, these helpful mammals have experienced a rapid decline in population in recent decades, largely caused by a disease called white-nose syndrome. The deadly fungus wakes bats up during their winter hibernation, prompting them to search for food.

Infected bats die from exposure to the winter air or from starvation,

as the insect population is unable to support them at that time of year. The disease has resulted in the loss of nearly 7 million bats in North America since 2006.

In Vermont, the Northern long-eared bat population has declined by over 90% since white-nose syndrome was first observed in the state. Vermont’s Indiana bat population has been reduced by around 65% since the onset of the disease.

In addition to white-nose syndrome, loss of habitat also poses a threat to these species’ viability. During the summer months, Indiana and Northern long-eared bats use trees for roosting and foraging. The destruction and fragmentation of those forested habitats can have a negative impact on bat populations.

Bennett said conserving land in Addison County is aimed at protecting these shrinking species.

“The Indiana bat has a recovery plan with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and habitat loss is something that’s described as a threat for that species. That’s why we’re focusing on land acquisition to address that threat, especially in a place that we know these bats are located,” she explained.

In an effort to protect the species, Vermont Fish and Wildlife won’t disclose where exactly in the county the parcel is located. The land in question contains a known roosting site for Indiana bats, as well as other habitat features with benefits for both species. Those features include large trees with

peeling bark, which Indiana bats use for roosting. Other trees on the property provide the cavities and crevices that Northern long-eared bats enjoy.

The property also contains a large, shagbark hickory tree that Vermont Fish and Wildlife believes is highly suitable habitat for Indiana bats. Bennett said this type of habitat is necessary for Indiana bats to raise their young in large colonies but is not commonly found on state land.

“I couldn’t think of another spot that really has this good habitat for this part of the life cycle. When you think about it, raising their young is a really important part of the life cycle,” she said.

Bennett noted that protecting this existing habitat can have long-term impacts on bat populations, as the mammals live into their 30s and return to the same site each year to raise their young.

Vermont Fish and Wildlife has in recent years seen the benefits that land conservation can reap for the bat populations in the state. Bennett said the department has been monitoring a colony of Indiana bats in Hinesburg that appears to be flourishing.

The colony is located on a conserved section of forest. Bennett said the resilience of the colony has given the department a glimmer of hope amidst the bats’ decline in population.

“We visited them recently and that colony is still doing extremely well, so that gave us some more hope,” she said.

Silas Stone

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mêlée but recovered in time for the 2nd New Hampshire’s march to Saratoga, N.Y., for the battles at Freeman’s Farm (Sept. 19) and Bemis Heights (Oct. 7).

Silas Stone died Oct. 9, 1777 — two days after Bemis Heights — in a mobile hospital located along the banks of the Hudson River, south of Saratoga.

Per the military custom of the day, Silas — as a private — was likely buried in an unmarked grave, somewhere near the mobile hospital. So when his Elizabeth got the devastating news of his death — likely weeks after the fact — she had no human remains to collect and properly bury in a family plot.

She found the courage to pick up the pieces of her life and eventually follow two of her sons to Vermont, landing in Shoreham, Orwell and then Cornwall, where the clan remained active in farming. Elizabeth died on Dec. 18, 1819, at the age of 89. She was buried in Cornwall’s South Cemetery next to her son Eli and his wife, Polly.

She remained devoted to Silas following his death, never remarrying, yet never being able to mourn him at a gravesite.

No real closure. Until this coming Wednesday, Oct. 4, when a pristine stone marker in memory of Silas Stone will officially take its place next to his wife Elizabeth’s weathered gravestone, 246 years after his death and 204 years after Elizabeth drew her last breath. Silas’s mortal remains still repose somewhere near Saratoga, but his descendants have found comfort in having symbolically reunited husband and wife for the first time since they last embraced in 1777.

“It’s a great feeling to see their headstones together,” said Silas’s fifth-great grandson Steve Lord, his voice cracking with emotion during a phone interview from his Peterborough, N.H., home.

This is not the first time Steven and Ann Lord have engineered a posthumous honor to a deceased ancestor who fought in the Revolution. Last year, the duo paved the way for a memorial marker tribute to Ann’s fifth-great grandfather Oliver Barrett, who was killed in action at the Battle of Bemis Heights. Barrett’s marker is in the Gerald B. H. Solomon Saratoga National Veterans Cemetery. The actual location of his remains, like Stone’s, remains a mystery, having been interred in an unmarked grave following the battle.

But now the focus is on Silas. The Lords have spent months pouring through family and historical archives, visiting the Saratoga National Historic Park and doing research in Addison County in an effort to retrace Silas and Elizabeth Stone’s steps.

Fortunately, Lord and his siblings have maintained an interest in their family tree, with Steven evolving into the clan’s historian. He’s glad to have had the benefit an exhaustive inventory of descendants compiled by a set of his grandparents back in 1922.

“They must have visited an awful lot of town halls and churches,” Lord said of his grandparents, noting the absence in those days of the internet and electronic records.

He’s been able to piece together a lot of details and has compiled a file for each one of Silas & Elizabeth’s 11 children (they had another two who died at birth). Lord said two of the older sons — Amos and Eli — acquired and worked adjoining farms in the Shoreham area and shared responsibility for their mom, as well as for their younger siblings, following their dad’s death.

Lord was awestruck by some of history on which he’s placed his fingertips.

“I was able to put my hands on Silas’s handwritten will,” he recounted. “He was a very Christian man and was quite specific about his beliefs and his gratitude to God, and his wishes for the end of his life. He did ask in his will for a decent Christian burial.”

Lord takes solace in knowing that mobile hospitals during the Revolutionary War were equipped with chaplains, so Silas likely got the religious sendoff he’d asked for.

With no remains available to relocate, Steven and Ann Lord simply had to find the right place in which to place a Silas Stone memorial marker. They considered — but ultimately ruled out — Troy, N.Y., believed to be the present-day location of the mobile hospital at which Silas died.

The Lords then enquired about a memorial stone placement at a cemetery in Silas’s former hometown of Dublin, N.H.

“Cemetery regulations really didn’t allow for it and they didn’t seem anxious to make an exception,” Lord said.

Next on their list was Cornwall’s South Cemetery. Stewards of that graveyard have proven very accommodating, Lord reported.

“They have been most gracious and welcoming, and established there was a place in the cemetery (at no charge) next to Elizabeth that



STEVEN LORD AND his wife, Ann, have completed a months-long research project that’s led to a memorial marker at Cornwall’s South Cemetery that will both honors Revolutionary War soldier Silas Stone and symbolically reunites him with his wife, Elizabeth. Photo courtesy of Steve Lord

was available to put the monument for Silas,” Lord said.

Silas Stone’s memorial marker was installed, without much fanfare, in South Cemetery a few weeks ago. The fanfare will come on Wednesday, Oct. 4, with a dedication ceremony beginning at 2 p.m. that will feature several members of the Lord family, state and local clergy and military funeral honors offered by the Vermont Army National Guard. Members of the Cornwall-based Ethan Mary Baker Allen chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), and a major and a sergeant major with the New Hampshire Army National Guard will also be present, according to Lord.

Patty Niccols, a leader of the Cornwall chapter of the DAR, said the Silas Stone memorial project touches the two main missions of her organization: honoring patriots and tending to cemeteries where they repose.

“Even though the body (of Silas Stone) is not there, the spirit’s there,” Niccols said.

She lauded the Lords’ efforts that will lead to a lasting tribute to a fallen Revolutionary War soldier and his spouse.

“It’s been really nice to learn all about this man’s life, what he accomplished and sacrificed,” Niccols said. “His ancestor coming along so many years later, being able to put his grandparents back together, is heartwarming.”



MEMBERS OF THE Lord Family, area clergy, Vermont and New Hampshire Army National Guard and the Daughters of the American Revolution will converge on Cornwall’s South Cemetery on Wednesday, Oct. 4, to honor the Revolutionary War soldier Silas Stone. Stone’s remains are believed to lay in an unmarked grave near Saratoga, N.Y., but this memorial marker will symbolically reunite the soldier with his wife, Elizabeth, who’s been buried at South Cemetery since 1819.

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Woman cited several times for incidents

MIDDLBURY — Middlebury police last week spent a lot of time responding to complaints about a small community of houseless people who’ve been camping off Bakery Lane, under the Cross Street Bridge. Officers also responded to more than a dozen vandalism and malicious mischief incidents, which included bricks being thrown through windows and two bullet holes that pierced the door at the Vermont Book Store on Main Street.

What follows is a rundown of last week’s Middlebury police activity — their busiest since this crime log column was launched 32 years ago — that included a local woman being cited three separate times, largely for property damage-related incidents in the downtown area. Middlebury police:

- Checked on the welfare of a man found sleeping next to the municipal building on Main Street on Sept. 18.
- Assisted a Court Street Extension business owner on Sept. 18 with a report of a man who had allegedly refused to leave the premises.
- Assisted a Washington Street business with an unwanted person refusing to leave on Sept. 18.
- Responded to the Walgreens Pharmacy on a report of a man harassing customers on Sept. 18. Police said the man was gone upon their arrival.
- Helped a local family find a minor who was late returning home on Sept. 19.
- Responded to a report of a man harassing customers at the Walgreens Pharmacy off Court Street on Sept. 19.
- Were informed of the theft of a purse from a vehicle parked off Creek Road on Sept. 19.
- Received a report of a vehicle leaving the scene of an accident in the Exchange Street area on Sept. 19. Police found the person in question, who exchanged insurance information with the other party involved.
- Assisted a Court Street business with an unwanted person on Sept. 19.
- Received a report that a cash drawer had been stolen from a Mill Street business on Sept. 19. The case remains under investigation.
- Were informed of the theft of around \$5 from a vehicle parked off

Middlebury Police Log

Route 7 South on Sept. 19.

- Took into protective custody an incapacitated woman after investigating reports of an altercation between two people at South Village Green on Sept. 19.
- Helped Vergennes police look for a man wanted for his involvement in a Hillside Drive domestic incident on Sept. 19.
- Conducted an ongoing investigation on Sept. 20 into vandalism to several cars parked in the Bakery Lane area on Sept. 20.
- Responded to a theft complaint at a Court Street business on Sept. 20.
- Arrested Cassandra J. Chasse, 32, of Middlebury for seven counts of unlawful mischief, after an officer allegedly witnessed her hit and damage a parked car with a stick while it was parked off Bakery Lane on Sept. 20. Police determined Chasse also damaged six other parked cars in the same area.
- Assisted a local parent with an out-of-control child in the North Pleasant Street area on Sept. 20.
- Removed unwanted campers from a Maple Street property on Sept. 20.
- Received a complaint about houseless people gathered behind the Memorial Sports Center off Buttolph Drive on Sept. 20.
- On Sept. 20 investigated the untimely death of a Middlebury College student, identified as Evelyn Sorensen, 20. Police have ruled out foul play in the death of Sorensen, an Oregon native who was a college junior with a double major in Geology and in Gender, Sexuality and Feminist Studies.
- Increased foot patrols in the Bakery Lane area and under the Cross Street Bridge on Sept. 21 in response to ongoing complaints about unhoused people causing disturbances in that area.
- Investigated a report of a person acting erratically while walking along Route 7 South on Sept. 21.
- Received a report about a woman experiencing a mental health crisis

while in the Marble Works complex on Sept. 21.

- Responded to a report of a woman struggling with mental health issues and acting disorderly in the Mill Street area on Sept. 21.
- Helped a resident dispose of old ammunition on Sept. 21.
- On Sept. 21 assisted Shaw’s Supermarket with a man who had allegedly been harassing customers on Sept. 21.
- Received a report of an argument at the Route 7 South Maplefields that allegedly culminated in a man being threatened with a knife on Sept. 21. Police reported no arrests and said no one was injured.
- Found two suspected bullet holes in the front-door glass of the Vermont Book Shop on Main Street on Sept. 21.
- Checked on the welfare of a man who had been seen walking unsteadily on Cross Street on Sept. 21.
- Responded to reports of vandalism in the Bakery Lane area on Sept. 21.
- Responded to a report of a man yelling and banging on a trash can in the Merchants Row area at around 3:48 a.m. on Sept. 21.
- Cited Cassandra J. Chasse, 32, of Middlebury for unlawful mischief, following an incident at the intersection of Bakery Lane and Main Street on Sept. 22. It was her second citation in three days.
- Responded to what police called a “mental health emergency” in the Mill Street area on Sept. 22.
- Investigated a complaint about someone driving a four-wheeler in the municipal parking lot off Mill Street at around 8:48 p.m. on Sept. 22.
- Conducted a check on Sept. 22 on houseless people who have been camping near the Cross Street Bridge off Bakery Lane.
- Responded to a report of an “agitated” man yelling at children playing in the Mary Hogan Elementary School playground on Sept. 22.
- Responded to the reported theft of items from a vehicle that had been parked at a Case Street residence on Sept. 22.
- Checked on a report of a woman walking in front of vehicles traveling in The Centre parking lot on Sept.



Let the show begin!

THE BRIGHT RED of this maple tree in Lincoln suggests that, contrary to appearances, foliage could be lovely this season. One can hope. According to scientists, unusually wet summers such as the one Vermont experienced this year can cause colors to be more muted and for leaves to drop earlier.

Photo by Dale Cockrell

22. Police said the woman ultimately boarded a bus and left the area.

- Received a report about a person entering the Mary Johnson Children’s Center in violation of a no-trespass notice on Sept. 22. Police said the matter is under investigation.
- Were informed that someone had stolen loose change from a vehicle parked off Three Mile Bridge Road on Sept. 22.
- Investigated a report of two individuals rifling through vehicles at the Maplefields store at 3201 Route 7 South on Sept. 22. Police said their investigation revealed no crime had occurred.
- Assisted a person who had lost \$800 in a gift card scam on Sept. 22.
- Received a report on Sept. 22 about a local man’s bank account allegedly being drained by his grandson.
- Received a report of disorderly conduct occurring outside of the Ilsley Library on Main Street on Sept. 22.
- Assisted Vermont State Police with a service call in Leicester on Sept. 22.
- Investigated a report of a car being vandalized while parked off Bakery Lane on Sept. 22.
- Cautioned a Middlebury College student on Sept. 23 who had allegedly been throwing beer off the

Cross Street Bridge onto the Bakery Lane parking lot below.

- On Sept. 23, spoke with unhoused people camping under the Cross Street Bridge, reminding them of town ordinances about open alcohol containers, littering and smoking marijuana in public.
- Separated people who had been involved in a domestic argument at a South Village Green residence on Sept. 23.
- Assisted a person who on Sept. 23 reported having been bitten by their child on Sept. 23.
- Were informed that a brick had been thrown through a window of Frog Hollow Tattoo off Bakery Lane on Sept. 23.
- Responded to a report of a woman panhandling near a bank off Court Street on Sept. 23. Police said the woman had left prior to their arrival.
- Investigated a report of someone throwing a brick through the glass door of the Stone Mill building off Mill Street on Sept. 23.
- Cited Cassandra J. Chasse, 32, of Middlebury for felony unlawful mischief and simple assault on a police officer, after she allegedly damaged a parked car off Bakery Lane with a metal pipe and then spat on the arresting officers. It was her third involvement with law

enforcement in four days.

- Investigated a report that someone had damaged a Mill Street building door on Sept. 23.
- Investigated reports of two vehicles being vandalized while they were parked overnight off Mill Street on Sept. 23.
- Responded to a report of a woman pulling books out of a “Little Library” display case and throwing the books onto Seymour Street on Sept. 23.
- Assisted a local resident who on Sept. 24 reported “suspicious transactions” with a bank account.
- Received a complaint about trash left in the woods off Monarch Court on Sept. 24.
- Contacted the dog warden about a loose dog in the Case Street area on Sept. 24.
- Cautioned a person who had been driving erratically in the Kings Row neighborhood on Sept. 24.
- Received a complaint about a barking dog in the Pine Meadows area on Sept. 24.
- Received a report from a 9-year-old child that a 5-year-old had allegedly been throwing rocks at him, as well as biting his mother, in the John Graham Court neighborhood on Sept. 24. An officer spoke with both children and the parent.

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Bristol railroad

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1892. The 400-mile-long Rutland Railroad was chartered by the state of Vermont in 1843 and its locomotives passed through New Haven each day on its way to Burlington and other stops.

Jones said that Bristol residents felt bypassed by the railroad, but at the time it didn't make sense to add a Bristol stop to the main line. "Bristol kind of sat there for a while, meanwhile the trains kept coming and going through what we know as New Haven Junction today," he said.

In the 1880s, Bristol residents began working toward the creation of a railroad from New Haven Junction to Bristol. Those efforts got a boost in 1891, when Percival E. Clement, chief stockholder of the Rutland Railroad, announced that he would fund the remaining construction on the project.

Less than a year later, the Bristol Railroad Company's first passengers made the six-mile trip from Bristol to the New Haven Junction Station. Without a turntable or wye to help the train turn around in Bristol, a small locomotive would push trains one way and then pull them in the other direction. The ride typically took around 20 minutes including stops.

Over the years, the railroad helped bring a variety of passengers to events in Bristol and destinations in other parts of the county by way of connecting lines.

"It was used by students to get them to classes, and it was used year-round by a general

sort of passenger," Jones said. "Anytime someone wanted to go to Burlington or New York City or somewhere else, the Bristol Railroad could take them pretty much anywhere that the railroad went."

"The Bristol Railroad in the 1920s had a very, very rapid decline. They went from feast to famine in a very short period of time."

— Jim Jones

In addition to carrying passengers, the Bristol Railroad was often used to ship goods like maple syrup and potatoes.

New Haven Historical Society President Bernie Noble said the railway provided an easier means for local farmers to transport these products.

"People were growing potatoes in the hills of Lincoln and had no way of shipping them to market except hauling them by wagon all the way to New Haven," he explained. "When the roads were bad, like in the spring when we had mud season in Vermont like we used to, that was not easy going."

The Bristol Railroad also helped support local lumber and manufacturing industries. In particular, the railway allowed the successful Bristol Manufacturing Company to begin shipping entire carloads of its coffins by rail.

"The railroad when it came through was just an economical magic wand for the Bristol and the New Haven area."

— Historical Society President Bernie Noble

"There was a tremendous amount of manufacturing going on the in Bristol Village, with the casket company being the predominant manufacturer in the area, but there was also a tremendous lumber industry going on," Noble said. "The railroad when it came through was just an economical magic wand for the Bristol and the New Haven area."

The Bristol Railroad began facing a series of challenges



AUTHOR AND FILMMAKER James R. Jones spent years exploring the history of the former Bristol Railroad. He will share some of the stories he's compiled for his book "New Haven Junction to Bristol, Vermont: Crossroads to Caskets" during an Oct. 4 presentation at the New Haven Town Offices.

Photo courtesy of James R. Jones

around the 1920s. The railroad had unsuccessfully tried to introduce use of a converted Boston commute car with a four-cylinder gas motor. The car was eyed as a lower-cost passenger vehicle but offered a rickety riding experience that was unpopular among travelers.

"It was really rough riding, and nobody liked the 'potato bug' as it was called," Jones said. "That didn't help the railroad because it got a reputation of 'Well, I'm not riding that potato bug.'"

Challenging topography and the mass production of the automobile in 1913 also contributed to the railroad's downturn.

"The Bristol Railroad in the

1920s had a very, very rapid decline," Jones said. "They went from feast to famine in a very short period of time."

The Bristol Railroad Company went into receivership in 1927 following Clement's death and carried its final group of passengers three years later.

OCT. 4 PRESENTATION

Jones will dive deeper into the history of the Bristol Railroad during his Oct. 4 presentation in New Haven. The filmmaker is a life-long railroad enthusiast and has captured the rich history of railroads in Vermont and other parts of the country through his photos, books and documentaries. His Oct. 4 presentation will

also cover the more recent history of the New Haven Train Depot, which in January of 2022 was moved from the junction of Routes 7 and 17 to allow for the return of passenger rail service on the tracks through the area.

Noble noted that while no longer in use as a depot, the historic building remains significant to the town.

"The train depot is a physical artifact from the past that reminds us of our own history," he said. "I'm a strong advocate of local history. I think people ought to know about the place in which they live, about what it was before they came and before they knew it. That train station

has been witness to 155 years of history."

Eventually, the New Haven Historical Society hopes to move into a portion of the train depot and put together a long-term exhibit that would display the building's history.

"There would be a permanent exhibit that I envision being a sort of timeline of the construction of the railroad and through the years it operated and how it important it was to the people in Bristol and New Haven area," Noble said.

For those interested in learning more about the former Bristol Railroad, Jones's presentation will take place on Oct. 4 at 7 p.m. in the New Haven Town Offices.

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MUHS girls outlast gritty Commodores, 2-1

By ANDY KIRKALDY

VERGENNES — In a hard-fought girls' soccer match on this past Saturday, Middlebury outlasted Vergennes in the Commodores' homecoming game, 2-1.

VUHS sophomore leading scorer Ava Francis opened the scoring, but Middlebury's

territorial advantage over the first 60 minutes paid off in two penalty kicks, both of which Tiger senior midfielder Harper Werme ripped home.

But the Commodores kept battling and forced Tiger junior goalie Kassidy Brown to make two huge saves in the game's final six minutes to preserve the MUHS

victory.

Despite the Tigers' 18-6 advantage in shots at goal, both Brown and VUHS sophomore keeper Quincy Sabick finished with four saves as the Commodores kept pressure on the Tiger shooters.

MUHS Coach Reeves Livesay, whose team improved to 3-3 heading into a Wednesday game

at Mount Abraham, praised both teams' efforts.

"There was a lot of energy and hard work on the field," Livesay said.

He was not surprised to see Brown come up big in goal in the waning minutes.

"Kassidy has been awesome for us all year, super consistent,"

Livesay said.

Coach Dwight Irish's young Commodores, though their record dropped to 5-2, have been a pleasant surprise. He said that late-game determination has been typical of their effort this fall.

"We've played with a lot of grit," Irish said. "That piece has (See Girls' soccer, Page 4B)

Score

BOARD

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Football

9/22 Woodstock vs MAV	54-30
9/22 MUHS vs Essex	41-0
9/23 OV vs Fairfax	20-14

Field hockey

9/20 Burr & Burton vs OV	3-0
9/20 Mt Mansfield vs Mt Abe	3-1
9/20 Essex vs MUHS	3-0
9/22 Essex vs Mt Abe	3-2
9/23 Colchester vs MUHS	2-0
9/23 OV vs Springfield	7-2
9/26 Woodstock vs OV	3-0
9/26 Burlington vs Mt Abe	1-0 (OT)

Girls' Soccer

9/21 VUHS vs Enosburg	2-1
9/22 Mt Abe at Rice	1-1
9/23 Fair Haven vs OV	6-0
9/23 MUHS vs VUHS	2-1
9/26 Woodstock vs OV	2-0
9/27 VUHS at Milton	Late
9/27 MUHS at Mt Abe	Late

Boys' Soccer

9/20 Mt Abe vs Missisquoi	8-0
9/20 MUHS vs Milton	5-1
9/20 Rice vs VUHS	3-2
9/20 Stratton vs OV	5-1
9/22 OV vs Woodstock	2-0
9/23 Mt Abe vs Rice	1-0
9/23 MUHS vs VUHS	4-1
9/25 OV vs Hartford	2-1
9/26 MUHS vs Mt Abe	3-1
9/26 VUHS vs Milton	4-0
9/27 OV at Fair Haven	Late

Girls' Volleyball

9/22 MUHS vs Randolph	3-0
9/26 MUHS at Montpelier	Postponed

COLLEGE SPORTS

Field Hockey

9/23 Midd vs Bowdoin	4-0
9/24 Midd vs Bates	2-0
9/27 Midd at Skidmore	Late

Men's Soccer

9/23 Bowdoin vs Midd	2-2
9/24 Midd vs Bates	3-0

Women's Soccer

9/20 Midd vs Castleton	5-1
9/23 Bowdoin vs Midd	2-1
9/24 Midd vs Bates	2-0

Football

9/23 Wesleyan vs Midd	24-21
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Schedule

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Football

9/29 MUHS at Mt Anthony	7 PM
9/30 Milton at OV	1 PM
9/30 MAV at Springfield	6 PM
10/6 Hartford at MUHS	7 PM
10/7 Missisquoi at MAV	1 PM
10/7 OV at Rice	2:30 PM

Field Hockey

9/28 Mt Abe at Colchester	4 PM
9/30 MUHS at CVU	10:30 AM
9/30 OV at Brattleboro	Noon
10/3 Bellows Falls at OV	4 PM
10/4 Mt. Abe at MUHS	4:30 PM
10/5 MUHS at OV	4 PM
10/6 Mt. Abe at CVU	4 PM
10/7 S. Burlington at MUHS	10 AM

Girls' Soccer

9/29 West Rutland at OV	4:30 PM
9/30 Rice at MUHS	10 AM
9/30 Mt Abe at Milton	10 AM
9/30 Milton at GMVS	11 AM
10/3 VUHS at Mt. Abe	4 PM
10/3 Rutland at MUHS	4 PM
10/6 Mt. Abe at Fair Haven	4 PM
10/6 Milton at MUHS	4 PM
10/6 VUHS at Stratton	4 PM
10/7 OV at Stratton	2 PM

Boys' Soccer

9/28 Mt Abe at Milton	4:30 PM
9/29 Rice at MUHS	4:30 PM
9/29 VUHS at Missisquoi	4:30 PM
9/30 Mt Abe at GMVS	2 PM
9/30 OV at Mt Anthony	11 AM
10/2 GMVS at VUHS	4 PM
10/3 MUHS at Missisquoi	4 PM
10/3 OV at Fair Haven	7 PM
10/4 VUHS at Mt. Abe	4 PM
10/7 Mt. Abe at Missisquoi	10 AM
10/7 Milton at MUHS	10 AM
10/7 VUHS at Rice	10 AM
10/7 OV at Woodstock	3 PM

Girls' Volleyball

9/28 Harwood at MUHS	6 PM
10/3 MUHS at Lyndon	6 PM

COLLEGE SPORTS

Field Hockey

9/30 Wesleyan at Midd	Noon
10/7 Midd at Colby	Noon
10/8 Midd at Endicott	Noon

Men's Soccer

9/30 Wesleyan at Midd	Noon
10/3 Midd at Colby	4 PM
10/7 Midd at Colby	2 PM

Women's Soccer

9/30 Wesleyan at Midd	11 AM
10/7 Midd at Colby	11 AM
10/8 Midd at Babson	Noon

Football

9/30 Bowdoin at Midd	1 PM
10/7 Midd at Williams	2 PM



COMMODORE GOALIE QUINCY Sabick dives to knock away a cross sent in by Tiger wing Jazmyn Hurley, in the background, during Saturday's game in Vergennes. VUHS center backs Siobhan Potter, left, and Alaina LeBeau race in to defend.

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CENTER MIDFIELDERS KAEVIN Sullivan of VUHS and Solstice Binder of MUHS duel during Saturday's game in Vergennes, won by the Tigers, 2-1.

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Tiger runners win at home, finally

MUHS cross-country hosts for first time in 15 years

By ANDY KIRKALDY

MIDDLEBURY — The Middlebury Union High School boys' cross-country team on Friday edged Burr & Burton in the Tigers' first home meet in many years. The races were held Sept. 22 at a newly reconfigured course at Middlebury Union Middle School. The BBA girls picked up the victory over the Tigers in the four-team meet.

By Tiger Coach Chris Anderson's estimation it had been at least 15 years since the MUHS program has had a course ready to host a meet. And it took a lot of offseason work to expand the 3-kilometer MUMS course into a two-loop 5K high school course.

But Anderson said the Tiger runners wanted to host a meet and were willing to do what it took to do so.

"They've been asking, 'Why can't we have one here?' So I said, 'Well, we've got to do some work to make it happen,'" he said. "The fields were OK to deal with, but we had to do a lot of work on the TAM (Trail Around Middlebury) section up in the woods to make it safe for running, for racing anyway. So we did a lot of work on that this summer."

Now, Anderson said, an annual MUHS cross-country meet should

become a fixture on the schedule. "That was the intention. We didn't do all this work to have it be one and done," he said.

The boys' scores at the meet were MUHS, 27; BBA, 36; Vergennes, 69; and Mount Abraham, 114.

Tiger runners Baxter Harrington and Baker Nelson finished 1-2 to

pace their team, and all five Tiger scorers placed among the top nine finishers. Bulldog runners Isaac Vernon and Michael Hornby ran 3-4, and all five BBA scorers placed in the top 11.

Two VUHS runners cracked the top 10 in the boys' race, Grey Fearon dramatically caught diving Bulldog runner Caleb Fitzpatrick at the finish line to take fifth, and Calder Rakowski was 10th.

In the girls' race, Tigers Beth McIntosh and Mary Harrington ran away from the field to take first and second, respectively. But with normal Tiger No. 3 runner Ava Schneider sitting out the race, BBA runners took the next five places to nail down a 25-35 victory.

Anderson said both his teams are making progress as they bounce back from recent bouts of colds and COVID.

"We're coming out the back side of that, and, looking at how we ran today and at Mount Abe on Tuesday, we're starting to get back into it," he said.

VUHS Coach Brad Castillo said he has also had plenty to be pleased about. Fearon has taken a step forward as the program's top runner and "is hungry" to improve, he said, while the group as a whole (See X-Country, Page 3B)



SENIOR ISABELLA SHEA submitted the top finish for the Mount Abe girls at a cross-country meet hosted by the MUHS team at Middlebury Union Middle School on Sept. 22.

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TIGER RUNNERS MATTHEW Berg, front, and Ethan Spritzer emerge from the wooded portion of the course at Middlebury Union Middle School at their home meet on Sept. 22. Berg and Spritzer finished 13th and 9th in the boys' race, respectively.

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TIGER EDDIE FALLIS cuts past an Eagle defender toward the Mount Abe box during Tuesday's boys' soccer game in Bristol. Fallis scored three goals in the MUHS victory.

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Tiger boys' soccer holds off Eagles early to prevail

By ANDY KIRKALDY

BRISTOL — The Middlebury Union High School boys' soccer team survived a scoreless first half in which host Mount Abraham had several golden opportunities, and then the Tigers rode three second-half goals from senior striker Eddie Fallis to a 3-1 victory over their county rival.

The Tigers improved to 4-1-2 and remained in the top four in the Division II point standings, while the Eagles, who were coming off two straight victories, dropped to 2-3.

To push their unbeaten streak to six games, the Tigers had to hold off an assertive Eagle first half in which sophomore goalie Jonathan Kafumbe made five of his six saves, three of them challenging, as Mount Abe used through balls and speed on the flanks to penetrate the MUHS back line.

Kafumbe made diving stops on low, hard shots from Nick Fox and Aricin Griffin midway through

the half; came off his line to beat Judah Jackson to a through ball 25 minutes in; and got help from the goal frame in the 13th minute, when Jackson took a long feed from Liam Lazare, spun and ripped a shot off the top of the crossbar from 18 yards.

"We had seven shots on goal. We had two breakaway situations," said Eagle Coach Rider MacCrellish. "Their goalie did a great job in the first half and kept them in it."

Tiger Coach Chris George said better defense at midfield as the game wore on helped the Tigers suppress the dangerous serves that were posing so many problems. He credited Caleb Burrows, Oscar Drake, Iver Anderson and Ollie Choudhury for their efforts in that department.

"Those guys really stepped it up," George said.

A tactical adjustment after the break to a 4-2-3-1 formation also helped slow the Eagles' quick- (See Boys' soccer, Page 2B)

Boys’ soccer

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strike approach, George added. The Eagles had as many shots in the second half as in the first, but of lesser quality.
“We changed the shape a bit in the second half with good ball movement through midfield. Their best chances came on their two corner kicks. Early on, Anderson hit the side netting, and in the 31st minute, striker Joshua Kafumbe got inside position on Choudhury’s serve from the right, but his bid from close range pinged off the far post.
MUHS began to press in the second half, and 11 minutes in, Eagle center back Owen Frizzell did well to break up a Fallis run toward the left post.
A minute later, the Tigers took the lead. Fallis broke loose and cruised along just outside the top of the Eagle box toward the middle of the field. His bouncing shot appeared to bad-hop Eagle goalie Evan Audy, and it was 1-0.
Seven minutes later, Audy made a brilliant save of a Drake blast from about the same spot, leaping to his left and snaring it

cleanly. Shortly afterward, Lazare threatened with a run into the Tiger box, but Tiger center back Milo Rees smartly dispossessed him.
With 11 minutes to go, Fallis burst into the right side of the box and drew a foul, and converted the ensuing penalty low into the right side.
A minute later, it was Jackson’s turn to do the same for the Eagles after a Tiger handball in the box, and at 2-1 it was anybody’s game.
The Eagles pressed for the tie. With nine minutes to go, Jonathan Kafumbe raced out to beat Griffin to a ball sent into the box, and a minute later Rees denied a deep Jackson run.
With less than two minutes to go, Fallis settled matters with his third goal of the game and 10th of the season. He burst up the middle of the field after taking a clever feed from Burrows and used a left-footed finish from near the penalty stripe.
“He’s an exceptional player,” George said. “He delivers game after game.”
Fallis moved to striker from the wing this fall.
“Out on the wing last year I was a lot more focused on creating the chances,” he said. “And this year I’ve got to be the one putting them

away. So I’m just trying to do my job to the best of my ability.”
He praised the team’s goalie and defense for its work on Tuesday.
“We’ve got two really strong center backs (Gus Hodde and Rees). We’ve got speed in the back. We’ve got just about everything you could ask for for a good back line,” Fallis said. “Today, they had a lot of good pressure on us, but our defense showed what they were made of.”
George sees his team progressing toward playing its best by the end of the season.
“We’re really young, and it took a little while to get everything figured out,” George said. “I couldn’t be happier with where we’re at.”
MacCrellich praised both teams.
“I was happy with the effort. Both teams moved the ball around nicely,” MacCrellich said. “It’s an even matchup. I’m excited to see them again.”
He expects more consistency and quicker ball movement as the season moves along, noting Tuesday was just the Eagles’ fifth game.
“I’m feeling good. It’s a long trajectory,” he said. “I think we’re in great shape.”



TIGER GOALIE JONATHAN Kafumbe just missed saving this penalty struck by Eagle Judah Jackson on Tuesday, but made several tough stops in the MUHS victory at Mount Abe.

Independent photo/Steve James



TIGER GOALIE JONATHAN Kafumbe comes off his line in the first half of Tuesday’s boys’ soccer game in Bristol to beat Eagle striker Judah Jackson to a ball sent into the MUHS box.

Independent photo/Steve James



TIGER STRIKER JOSHUA Kafumbe got inside the Eagle defense on this first-half corner kick during Tuesday’s game in Bristol, but his bid hit the left post.

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Local drivers win series titles, races at Devil’s Bowl

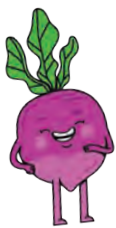
WEST HAVEN — Orwell’s Tim LaDuc and Randy Ryan, Cornwall’s Brian Blake, Whiting’s Logan Denis, and Bristol’s Kevin Pearsall nailed down track championships at Devil’s Bowl Speedway on Saturday, the final day of racing at the West Haven dirt track this year.
Local drivers posting victories on Saturday were Ryan, Denis, Orwell’s Jakobe Aljer and Kenny Torrey, and Ferrisburgh’s Norm Merrill.
LaDuc rallied past Fair Haven’s Justin Comes to earn the track title in the headline Sportsman Modified series. LaDuc entered with a 16-point lead into the 50-lap

finale, but Comes held the lead at the midway mark. But LaDuc worked his way from 11th to sixth, while Brandon’s Vince Quenneville pulled past Comes into third.
With Comes settling for fourth, he came up short in his quest to catch LaDuc in the points standing, and LaDuc claimed the \$5,000 prize for winning the division. Frank Hoard III of Manchester Center won the race.
Orwell’s Ryan had already clinched the Limited Sportsman series championship, but he kept the pedal to the metal and picked up his fourth victory of the year on Saturday in a 25-lap race. New

Haven’s Alex Layn ran second, followed by three more Addison County racers running 3-4-5: Salisbury’s Fred Little and Gary English and Shoreham’s Kyle Kerr, respectively.
Hartland’s Tyler Travis won the Novice Sportsman championship while finished 10th in Saturday’s 10-lap. Starksboro’s Adam LaFountain was second in the series. Castleton’s Bobbi Jo Hults won the 20-lap race in the division, ahead of Monkton’s Pat Miner in second and Orwell’s Randy Edson in third.
Whiting’s Denis, 15, only needed to have a trouble-free 15-lap race to earn his second consecutive

championship in the 500cc Mini Sprint division, but he went for – and took – his fourth feature win of the season on the way to the title. Denis cruised to the race win over points runner-up Ray Hanson of Orwell. Bridport’s Gage Provencher was fourth in the race.
Orwell’s Jakobe Aljer stormed to his fourth win of the year in the Mini Stock division, but Cornwall’s Brian Blake celebrated his first championship after finishing fourth in the race. Leicester’s Levi Cram was second in the 15-lap event.
Ferrisburgh’s Norm Morrill won the 15-lap Crown Vic division feature, but Bomoseen’s Rob Steele

held on for the title.
Bristol’s Pearsall came from behind to win the championship in the Enduro Series by finishing 10th among 27 competitors. Pearsall entered the 100-lap finale trailing Brent Wilbur, but Wilbur finished 18th, and Pearsall caught him for the series win.
Orwell’s Kenny Torrey dominated the race for the win, followed by Sportsman Modified champion Tim LaDuc in second.
Leicester’s Andrew Piper drove his brother Adam’s car to the win in the Sportsman Modified Mechanics Race.



2023 Garden Game The Game is ON!



We had **four** fantastic Garden Game entries this week. **Paul Cousino** started us off with a 30” C watermelon. Claiming that it’s been a great year for this sweet fruit, Paul’s long, striated melon earns him the top spot!

Next, was a sizeable sweet potato from Garden Game regular **Carol Krawczyk**. Her prodigious potato clocked in at 24” L x 15” C, blowing her existing record of 11”L x 10” C out of the water. Carol says that she still has a lot of potatoes to unearth so who knows what else lurks beneath the soil.

Our last entries of the week were both brought in by frequent GGer **Ed Blechner**. While Ed noted that it’s been a hit-or-miss year in the garden, we think his sunflower and leek were certainly hits! The first in each category, Ed’s 12” L x 2” C leek and 10” D sunflower take the star position.

Let’s keep this game rolling!

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) - Kathy Hodgdon, 18”
- **Broccoli** (diameter) - Ted Foster, 11.5”
- **Cabbage** (circumference) - Carol Krawczyk, 44.5”
- **Cantaloupe** (circumference) - Carol Krawczyk, 16.5”
- **Carrot** (length x circumference) - Gary Miller, 35” x 5.75”
- **Cauliflower** (diameter)
- **Corn** (length x circumference)
- **Cucumber** (length x circumference) - Roger Scarborough, 21.5” x 11.5”
- **Edible Leafy Greens** (length x width - leaf only) - Gary Miller, 21” x 7.25”
- **Eggplant** (circumference x circumference) - Peter Halpin, 30” x 6”
- **Fennel** (length x circumference)
- **Green Bean** (length) - Gary Miller, 34”
- **Kohlrabi** (circumference)
- **Leek** (length x circumference) - Ed Blechner, 12” x 2”
- **Melon** (circumference) - Paul Cousino, 30”
- **Onion** (circumference) - Carol Krawczyk, 16.75”
- **Parsnip** (circumference) - Ted Foster, 6”
- **Potato** (length x circumference) - Carol Krawczyk, 24” x 15”
- **Pepper** (circumference x circumference) - Gary Miller, 14.75” x 15.5”
- **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) - Ed Blechner, 10”
- **Tomato** (circumference) - Carol Krawczyk, 17.75”
- **Turnip** (circumference)
- **Winter Squash** (length x circumference) - Theo Venables Vogel, 15” x 22”
- **Zucchini** (length x circumference) - Josh & Aubree Mohan, 24” x 18.5”





VUHS SENIOR CENTER back Siobhan Potter (15) and MUHS freshman forward Violet Anderson battle for the ball during Saturday's game in Vergennes. VUHS defender Alaina LeBeau and goalie Quincy Sabick look on.

Independent photo/Steve James

Girls' soccer

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had some good to show for it.”
Other factors in their good start are that the VUHS team has played schools in its own Division III, Francis has helped spark the offense, and a rebuilt defense has played consistently well, Irish said. On Saturday, seniors Siobhan Potter and Alaina LeBeau anchored the middle of the VUHS D, with sophomores Octavia Devine and Nilah Fitzgerald sharing one side and freshman Ella Romond on the other.

“They’re coming along nicely,” Irish said, adding Assistant Coach Morgan Kathan has helped them “understand how to defend as a unit.”
Livesay agreed: “I thought they did a great job defending all game long. It looked like we were developing chances, and we never turned them into real good chances.”
Still, the field tilted the Tigers’ way most of the game. Wings Jazmyn Hurley, Lily Dame and Cooper Cannon proved difficult to contain and made strong runs, and at central midfield sophomore Solstice Binder and Werme dictated much of the play.

In the first half MUHS forced seven corners, and Tiger junior center back Meredith Horne’s service on them caused anxious moments in the VUHS box. Sabick also did well to come off her line to grab a dangerous Hurley serve in the early going, freshman striker Violet Anderson made her presence felt, and 21 minutes in Binder chipped a free kick that bounced off the top of the crossbar.

But Livesay said his team could have been a little more assertive on the attack.

“I thought our players were looking for the opportunities they were comfortable with,” he said.

Then in the 27th minute the Commodores scored on their only shot of the half. LeBeau sent in a free kick from about 45 yards out, and a Tiger headed the ball high

into the air and back toward the penalty stripe. Francis and Brown raced after the ball as it fell, they bumped, the ball bounced loose for a moment, and Francis tapped it home.
The Tigers renewed their attack, and the third of three more corner kicks in the half’s final two minutes paid off with a Commodore hand ball in a melee. Werme stepped up with 33 seconds left on the clock and buried the ball inside the left post.

“It’s a great group. They really pull together. They’re fun to be around.”
– Coach Reeves Livesay

Play after halftime evened a bit as the Commodores began to link up better at midfield. But a strong run into the box by Dame drew a foul, and Werme stepped back to the penalty stripe at 21:53. This time she finished high into the left side, and it was 2-1.

The Tigers pressed for more, and LeBeau broke up runs by Dame and Anderson.

Then the Commodores began to counter. As the six-minute mark neared the Tigers had to scramble

to clear away sophomore Ashtin Stearns’s free kick and following corner kick.

With five minutes to go, Stearns served another strong corner kick. Freshman midfielder Eva Borah found the ball a dozen feet off the right post in the scrum, and belted the ball on goal. Brown went to her knees to block the bid, and Horne cleared.

A long Horne free kick then grazed the top of the crossbar before the Commodores went back on the attack and earned another free kick from the right. Stearns drilled it at the goal’s near side, but Brown got her left hand on it and guided the ball off the underside of the crossbar and away with about three minutes to go.

The Tiger backs, junior Max Carpenter with Horne in the middle, with junior Elsa Burrows and freshman Emilia Bullock on the flanks, held the fort the rest of the way.

Livesay was happy with his team’s chemistry and approach.

“They’re working really hard,” he said, adding, “It’s a great group. They really pull together. They’re fun to be around.”

Irish said the Commodores understand their Lake Division schedule will be challenging and that they have to maintain their approach.

“We’re still looking in every game to compete well,” he said.

“Same thing, start to finish, and keep looking to get better. That’s the biggest thing.”

Football: Tigers, OV earn wins

By ANDY KIRKALDY
ADDISON COUNTY — The Middlebury and Otter Valley high school football teams posted victories this past weekend, but Mount Abraham-Vergennes lost a shootout to an undefeated squad at their place.

TIGERS
For the second straight week Middlebury played shut-down defense and won by a 41-0 final, this time over previously undefeated host Essex. Both teams carry a 3-1 record into this weekend’s action; the Tigers will visit winless Division I foe Mount Anthony on Friday.

The Tigers limited the Hornets to about 70 yards of offense while racking up almost 350 yards on the ground despite fumbling away the ball on their first two possessions in a scoreless first quarter.

MUHS began to move the ball

in the second period and scored on a **Jackson Gillett** 10-yard run, a **Gavin McNulty** 7-yard rush, and late in the period on a 4-yard Gillett run to cap a long drive that included a long pass from quarterback **Jacob Kemp** to **George Devlin**.

Lineman **Tim Whitney** returned an intercepted screen pass to make it 27-0 in the third quarter, and **Avery Carl** and **Heath Odell** added second-half rushing touchdowns of 26 and 44 yards, respectively.

Carl led the Tigers with 126 rushing yards, Gillett went for 101, and McNulty added 47.

EAGLES
On this past Friday host Division III Woodstock remained undefeated with a 54-30 victory over MAV.

Jamison Couture sparked the MAV attack with 230 yards

rushing and three touchdowns on 30 carries. **Rhett Lathrop** completed 10 of 20 passes for 170 yards, mostly to **Ian Funke** (100 yards on five receptions) and **Ryan Wright** (50 yards on two catches).

The Eagles dropped to 1-3 and will visit another D-III team, Springfield (2-2), at 6 p.m. this Friday.

OTTERS
In their Saturday homecoming game, the Otters pulled away from a 6-6 halftime tie to top Division III rival Fairfax, 20-14, and improve to 3-1. It was OV’s third straight win after losing at Woodstock in the opener for both teams.

The Otters scored on a touchdown pass from **Zachary Dragon** to **Chase Razanouski** and on rushes by **Isaac Whitney** and **Chase Cram**.

Otter Valley (3-1) hosts D-II Milton (1-3) this coming Saturday.

Girls' volleyball wins in only outing, moves to 6-1

By ANDY KIRKALDY
MIDDLEBURY — Middlebury Union High School girls’ volleyball picked up one more win in the past week to improve to 6-1.

On Sept. 22 the Tigers defeated visiting Randolph, 3-0 (25-16,

25-20, 25-17). Ronan Young led the Tigers with 17 aces, and Anna Wolosinski finished with four kills.

The Tigers’ Tuesday game vs. Montpelier was postponed. The Tigers are scheduled to host Harwood on Thursday.

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EAGLE JUNIOR FORWARD Paden Lathrop battles for the ball in front of the Burlington goal during Tuesday’s field hockey game in Bristol, won by the visiting Seahorses. Independent photo/Steve James

Field hockey teams find wins scarce

By ANDY KIRKALDY
ADDISON COUNTY — Local high school field hockey teams hit tough sledding in the past week: Otter Valley prevailed only once in three tries, while Mount Abe dropped three games, and Middlebury lost twice.

EAGLES
On Sept. 20, host Mt Mansfield got past the Eagles, 3-1. Three Cougars notched a goal apiece, and MMU goalie Bea Dirkmaat made one save. **Lexy Perlee** scored for Mount Abe, with an assist from **Maris LaPerle**. Goalie **Greta Jennison** made 15 saves, and **Katie Laberge** added a defensive save.

On this past Friday, visiting Essex scored three times in the first quarter and held on for a 3-2 victory over the Eagles. Three Hornets found the back of the cage, and Essex goalie Sophie Krause made two saves. LaPerle and Perlee scored for the

Eagles, with assists from **Isabelle Allenson** and **Morgan Barnard**. Jennison made 10 saves.

On Tuesday, previously winless Burlington upset the Eagles, 1-0 in overtime. Seahorse Lily McArthur scored midway through the 10-minute OT from a scramble when the Eagles failed to clear the ball out of the circle, and BHS goalie Quinn Vachereau made six saves. Jennison made eight saves for Mount Abe, which dropped to 1-6-1

OTTERS
On Sept 20, host Burr & Burton blanked the Otters, 3-0. Bulldog Piper Morgan scored all three BBA goals, and goalie Marley Clark made one save. OV goalies **Lily Morgan** and **Alexis Beaulieu** combined for 11 stops.

In their Saturday homecoming game, the Otters eased past Springfield, 7-2. **Charlotte Newton**

and **Breanna Bovey** finished with three goals apiece for OV, and **Sophia Parker** added one goal.

On Tuesday, OV goalie Morgan made seven saves, but it wasn’t enough to prevent host Woodstock from posting a 3-0 victory over the Otters. Quinn Stickney led the Wasps with two goals, and VUHS goalie Paige Stone made two saves. OV dropped to 3-4.

TIGERS
On Sept. 20, the visiting Tigers were shut out at Essex, 3-0. Zuzu Rooney paced the Hornets with two goals. **Jolee Heffernan** made 11 saves for MUHS.

On Saturday, host Colchester (4-0-1) got first-half goals from Ally Prong and Fiona McHugh and edged the Tigers, 2-0. Two Laker goalies combined for five saves. Heffernan racked up 15 saves as the Tigers dropped to 1-4-1.

Boys’ soccer squads net victories

By ANDY KIRKALDY
ADDISON COUNTY — Middlebury and Mount Abraham each won a pair of games to highlight local high school boys’ soccer play during the past week, while Vergennes dropped two out of three contests and Otter Valley won twice in three outings.

Also, the Eagles hosted the Tigers on Tuesday; see story on Page 1B.

MUHS AT VUHS
On Saturday, the Tigers topped VUHS in the Commodores’ homecoming game, 4-1. VUHS took an early lead on an **Eyon Tembreull** strike set up by **Oakley Francis**, but goals by **Jake Mitchell** and **Gus Hodde** gave MUHS the lead by halftime.

The Tigers clinched the result with two goals during the game’s final 10 minutes, one from **Ellington Patterson** and one from **Iver Anderson**. **Eddie Fallis** chipped in two assists for MUHS, and **Ollie Choudhury** added one helper. Tiger goalie **Jonathan Kafumbe** made three saves, and Commodore goalie **Devin Brisson** made four.

The Tigers improved to 3-1-2 heading into their showdown with Mount Abe on Tuesday. VUHS dropped to 1-4 going into a Tuesday home game vs. Milton.

EAGLES
On Sept. 20, the Eagles broke into the win column in a big way, topping

visiting Missisquoi, 8-0. **Judah Jackson** (assist), **Liam Lazare**, and **Noah Ladeau** (assist) each scored twice; **James Graziadei** chipped in a goal and two assists; and **Johnny Stanley** also found the net. **Evan Audy** worked a three-save shutout for the Eagles.

On Saturday, Mount Abe followed that up by nipping host Rice, 1-0. Lazare’s second-half goal proved to be the game-winner, and Audy made five saves. Rice’s Nate MacDonald stopped three shots.

The Eagles leveled their record at 2-2 heading into Tuesday’s home game vs. MUHS.

TIGERS
On Sept. 20, MUHS coasted at Lake Division rival Milton, 5-1. Five Tigers scored: Fallis (assist), **Sam Weenk** (on a penalty kick), **Anderson**, **Caleb Burrows** and **Josh Kafumbe**. Jonathan Kafumbe made five saves for the Tigers.

COMMODORES
On Sept. 20, the Commodores came up just short against visiting Rice, 3-2. Francis found the net twice for VUHS, once on a penalty kick, but Rice’s Brian Degraff-Murphy netted the late game-winner. Brisson made five saves for VUHS, and Rice keeper McDonald stopped four shots.

On Tuesday, the Commodores blanked visiting Milton, 4-0, to improve to 2-4. Tembreull and

Ryder Messinger led the way with a goal and an assist apiece, Francis converted another penalty kick, and **Brayden Duggento** capped the scoring with an assist from **Spencer Grimm**. Brisson made five saves for VUHS, and Milton’s Dylan Mitchell made eight.

OTTERS
On Sept. 20, host Stratton topped the Otters, 5-1. **Owen Thomas** scored for OV, and Stratton’s goalie denied two OV penalty kicks.

The Otters bounced back in their Friday homecoming game with a rare win over Woodstock, 2-0. **Conor Denis** scored in the first half, with an assist from Thomas, and Thomas added a second-half strike. OV goalie **Isiah Wood** posted the shutout.

On Monday, OV did it again, rallying to knock off Hartford (3-2-2) for the first time in more than a decade, 2-1. Tighe Hrabchak, who Wood had earlier in the second half denied on a breakaway, gave Hartford the lead with 18 minutes to go.

Three minutes later, Thomas took a feed from **Drew Pelkey** and converted to tie the score. With five minutes remaining in the second half, Pelkey netted the game-winner on a set-up from **Luke Calvin**.

The Otters moved to 5-2 heading into a Wednesday game at Fair Haven.

Mixed results for area girls’ soccer

By ANDY KIRKALDY
ADDISON COUNTY — In recent high school girls’ soccer action, Vergennes picked up a win on the road, Mount Abraham and a Lake Division rival settled for a stalemate, and Otter Valley’s modest winning streak came to a close.

Vergennes also hosted Middlebury on Saturday (see story on Page 1B).

COMMODORES
On Sept. 21, the Commodores got past host Enosburg, 2-1, as **Ava Francis** scored once in each half, with assists from **Kaelin Sullivan** in the first half and **Libby Ringer** on the second-half game-winner. In

goal, **Quincy Sabick** (first half) and **Faith McCallister** (second half) each made one save.

EAGLES
This past Friday, Mount Abe and host Rice dueled to a 1-1 tie in a statistically even game. Megan Marroquin tallied for Rice, and **Safoura Camara** found the net for the Eagles. Both goalies, Mount Abe’s **Joanna Toy** and Rice’s Sunshine Clark, were credited with five saves. The Eagles were 4-1-1 heading into their scheduled Wednesday home game vs. the Tigers.

OTTERS

On Saturday, visiting Fair Haven remained undefeated by topping the Otters, 6-0, despite a strong effort from OV goalie **Linnea Faulkner**, whose work included saving a penalty kick. OV saw a three-game winning streak end.

Elizabeth Love recorded a hat trick for Fair Haven, **Lily Briggs** scored twice, and **Maddy Perry** added a goal as the Slaters improved to 6-0.

On Tuesday, visiting Woodstock defeated OV, 2-0, dropping the Otters to 5-3 heading into a Friday home game vs. West Rutland.

College sports: Field hockey and men’s soccer unbeaten

MIDDLEBURY — In Middlebury College action in the past week the field hockey team remained undefeated and untied, men’s soccer remained unbeaten, women’s soccer broke through for its first NESCAC victory while winning two out of three, and football took a close road loss to drop to 1-1 in the early going.

FIELD HOCKEY
The Panther field hockey team picked up two home NESCAC victories over the weekend to improve to 7-0, 4-0 in league play.

On Saturday, the Panthers, who remain the No. 1 ranked team in NCAA Division III, rolled over visiting Bowdoin, 4-0, outshooting the Polar Bears, 29-4, and allowing only one of those shots to reach goalie KK Newton. Amy Griffin scored one goal and assisted another, and Lilly Branka, Caroline Segal and Katherine Lantzy also scored. Bowdoin fell to 4-2, 1-2 NESCAC.

On Sunday, Newton worked a five-save shutout as the Panthers turned back Bates, 2-0. The Bobcats dropped to 3-2, 1-2 in NESCAC. Both Panther goals came in the second quarter, from Katie George, with an assist from Segal, and an unassisted strike from Sadie LeStage. Kaili Jacobsen made 10 saves for the Bobcats.

MEN’S SOCCER
The men’s soccer team earned a tie and a win in two home NESCAC games over the weekend. The

Panthers are 5-0-2, 2-0-2 in league play.

On Saturday, Bowdoin (4-0-2) got second-half goals from Felipe Duran and Ronaldo Cabral to erase Middlebury’s early 2-0 lead and earn a draw with the Panthers. Middlebury scored twice in the first 14 minutes, getting goals from Gavin Randolph, assisted by Kyle Nilsson, and then a penalty kick from Jordan Saint-Louis. Middlebury had a 13-11 edge on shots at goal, while both Panther goalie Ryan Grady and Polar Bear keeper Alex Ainsworth made three saves.

On Sunday, Nilsson gave the Panthers the lead in the fifth minute, and Tyler Bates found the net twice in the second half as the Panthers defeated Bates, 3-0. The Bobcats fell to 2-5, 0-4 in league play. Shots on goal were even: Grady made saves for the shutout, and Trevor Hammond stopped four shots for Bates.

WOMEN’S SOCCER
The women’s soccer team won a

non-league midweek game and split two NESCAC home games over the weekend. The Panthers are 4-2-2, 1-2 in NESCAC play.

On Sept. 20, the Panthers outshot Castleton, 37-1, in a 5-0 victory. Fanny Lodge scored twice for the Panthers, and Joely Virzi, Mia Feldman and Emmy Christopher added a goal apiece. The Spartans dropped to 1-5.

On Saturday, Bowdoin scored twice in the second half to rally for a 2-1 victory over the Panthers. Middlebury took the lead on a Sophia Cole strike in the first half. But Bowdoin’s Mia Williams scored twice in the late going, once in the 73rd minute and once in the 86th, to help her team move to 4-1-2, 2-0-1 NESCAC. The Panthers outshot their visitors, 14-9. Panther goalie Carolyn Kelley made three saves, while Bowdoin’s Charlotte Iannone made six.

On their damp home grass field on Sunday, the Panthers earned their first NESCAC win, 1-0 over Bates. Gigi Day scored in the 39th

minute with an assist from Oliva O’Reilly for the game-winner. The Panthers again created more chances, outshooting the Bobcats, 23-10. Ruby Reiman made seven saves for Bates (1-4-2), and Kelley (four stops) and Livia Davidson (two) combined on the shutout.

FOOTBALL
Host Wesleyan edged the Middlebury football team, 24-21, on Saturday. The Cardinals improved to 2-0, while Middlebury fell to 1-1.

The Cardinals scored on the game’s first possession: Quarterback Niko Candido tossed a 34-yard strike to Liam Kennedy.

The Panthers tied the game in the first quarter with a 71-yard drive capped by a short touchdown rush by Ollie Orvis.

On the first set of plays of the second quarter, the Cardinals came out ahead on back to back interceptions. Panther Rocco Stola picked off a Candido pass, but on the next play Cardinal Wesley Abraham picked off a Cole Kennon toss and ran it int for the go-ahead score.

With 3:01 left in the half, the Cardinals added an 18-yard field goal to make it to 17-7 at the break.

In the third quarter, Middlebury marched 65 yards to make it 17-14, capping the drive with a three-yard Orvis run that set the score at 17-14 after three periods.

Candido connected with Thomas Elkhoury for a 33-yard touchdown pass on the first possession of the final quarter to restore Wesleyan’s

10-point lead.

With a little less than 10 minutes to go, Kennon tossed an 11-yard TD pass to Patrick Jamin, a play set up by a 33-yard toss to Donovan Wood. A Nolan Tibball interception stopped a Wesleyan threat, but a sack of Kennon forced a fumble to stuff out the last Panther chance.

Kennon was 16 for 30 for 231 yards, but tossed three interceptions. Wood had his seventh career game with over 100 receiving yards, with a game-high 109. Orvis led all players with 74 rushing yards.

Panther Finn Muldoon tallied a game-high 12 tackles, including eight solo, and picked off a pass. .

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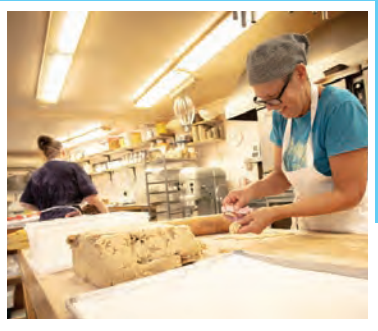
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sept 28 THURSDAY

Guided hike: Silver Lake Trail in Salisbury. Thursday, Sept. 28, 1 p.m., Silver Lake Trailhead parking, Route 53. A moderate loop of 5.3 miles that passes near the Falls of Lana. Enjoy quiet scenery and clear views of the lake as well as a view of the waterfall — if weather allows, wading to the Falls of Lana is a possibility. Offered by Branbury State Park/Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation.

Monkton Natural Resources Inventory mapping project presentation in Monkton. Thursday, Sept. 28, 7 p.m., Monkton Town Hall, Monkton Ridge. Arrowwood Environmental will give a presentation that summarizes, and discusses the results of this mapping project. Cider and doughnuts. Zoom option at us02web.zoom.us/j/8024533800?pwd=QnlTb20weWwXTEhuSmZ2RENyR3ZzU.

sept 29 FRIDAY

Guided hike: Mt. Moosalamoo in Goshen. Friday, Sept. 29, 10 a.m., Moosalamoo Campground parking lot, Goshen Ripton Rd. Hike to the top of Mt. Moosalamoo. This trail is an easy to moderate out and back, 2.5 miles to the top and 2.5 miles back for a total of 5 miles. Should take 4.5 hours. Hike features great views and good bird-watching opportunities. Offered by Branbury State Park/Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation.

"Northern Borders" on screen in Shoreham. Friday, Sept. 29, 7 p.m., Champlain Orchards, 3597 Route 74 W. Kick off the weekend with a family-friendly movie in the cider garden. The orchard is equipped with a 20-foot screen, sound system, projector and, most importantly, a popcorn machine. No tickets are needed; just bring layers for chillier nights and something cozy to sit on. Free. Good for all ages.

sept 30 SATURDAY

Green Mountain Club hike in Salisbury. Saturday, Sept. 30, Rattlesnake Point on Mt. Moosalamoo. Moderate hike of 5.5 miles and about 1,200-ft of elevation gain, 4.5 hours with time to eat at one of two spectacular vistas. May include Lower Cliff and Upper Cliff. Will meet at Silver Lake Parking on Rt 53, Lake Dunmore. Contact Susie Davis Patterson at spatters@uvm.edu or at 802-777-1832. Register with leader by night before to get meeting time and place. More at gmcbreadloaf.org.

2nd Annual Pro-Am Horseshoe and Corn Hole Tournament in Bristol. Saturday, Sept. 30, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Bristol Rec Park, 110 Airport Dr. Join in for a Family Fun Day at the Bristol Recreational Field. Registration 9 a.m., horseshoes 9:30 a.m., Corn Hole 1 p.m. Food and drinks available.

Sampler ID Day in Middlebury. Saturday, Sept. 30, 9 a.m., Ilsley Public Library, 75 Main St. Do you own an American-made schoolgirl sampler or other embroidery? Rokeyby Museum and Henry Sheldon Museum want to see it, photograph it and record it in the online National Sampler Archive.

Harvest sale in Orwell. Saturday, Sept. 30, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Orwell Free Library, 473 Main St. Used books, baked goods, soups, pumpkins, gourds, soup, breakfast sandwiches, garden bounty and more will be for sale to benefit the Orwell Free Library.

Bocce tournament in Middlebury. Saturday, Sept. 30, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Middlebury Rec Park, Mary Hogan Dr. Counseling Service of Addison County's Bocce tournament returns, bringing together local businesses, community members and CSAC friends and families to raise funds for its programs. Teams will vie for bragging rights while raising funds to support community wellness. More info contact Rachel Lee Cummings at 802-388-6751 or rcummings@csac-vt.org.

Pop-up market and free concert in Middlebury. Saturday, Sept. 30, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Triangle Park. Come to this pop-up artisan market on triangle park and town green with vendors, prepared foods and crafts with a free concert by Mal Maiz at 11 a.m.

Guided hike: Ethan Allen Cave in Salisbury. Saturday, Sept. 30, 1 p.m., Branbury State Park, Route 53. A moderate, 1.5-mile out and back trail — the trail is poorly blazed, so be prepared for muddy conditions. Hike to the fabled Ethan Allen Cave and learn about the Green Mountain Boys, the daughters of the American Revolution, and what the cave really is. Offered by Branbury State Park/Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation.

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oct 1 SUNDAY

Pancake breakfast in Middlebury. Sunday, Oct. 1, 8-10 a.m., VFW, 530 Exchange St. Pancakes, sausage gravy and biscuits, bacon, hash, sausage, hash browns, eggs (also eggs to order), toast, coffee, orange juice. Adults \$12/children \$6. Open to the public. All proceeds benefit veterans' programs.

Addison County CROP Hunger Walk in Middlebury. Sunday, Oct. 1, noon, town green. CROP Hunger Walk, a program of Church World Service, invites walkers and donors to raise money for global relief efforts and for local organizations working to address hunger and food insecurity. Registration begins at noon, and a 2-mile walk through town begins at 1 p.m. All are welcome to sign up for the walk and to sponsor a walker with a donation. Forming a team of walkers is encouraged! More info and registration at events.crophungerwalk.org/2023/event/middleburyvt.

Mapping Mount Independence in Orwell. Sunday, Oct. 1, noon-1:30 p.m., Mount Independence State Historic Site, 472 Mt. Independence Rd.



Walking to end hunger

THIS YEAR'S CROP Walk to end hunger will take place on Sunday, Oct. 1, beginning on Middlebury's Town Green at noon. Walkers and donors will raise money for global relief efforts and for local organizations working to address hunger and food insecurity.
Photo courtesy of the Congregational Church of Middlebury

Archaeologist Hutch McPheters from Northeast Archaeology Research Center reports on their Mount Independence digital mapping project, part of the site's American Battlefield Protection Program grant for site collection stewardship. Lecture is free and open to the public.

Stories from the Heart call for submissions deadline. Sunday, Oct. 1, noon. Do you have a story to tell about a personal experience of loss and grief, of someone who has left this world, and your own healing. Submit it for consideration for Porter Medical Center Palliative Service's "Stories from the Heart," which will be presented live on Oct. 28 in Middlebury. Each story will be no more than 7 minutes in length, a personal and true story told from the heart (rather than read) and include how this experience changed or deepened your life. Five stories will be selected, and those storytellers will be coached to help them prepare for telling their stories before an audience. Submit a written draft, or a well-developed outline, to Priscilla Baker at prbaker223@gmail.com.

Open house and community conversation in Weybridge. Sunday, Oct. 1, 1-4 p.m., Cotton Free Library, 1835 Quaker Village Rd. Come meet with woodblock print artist Matt Brown, Weybridge selectboard leader Megan Sutton, state Sen. Chris Bray, state Rep. Jubilee McGill, and Weybridge storyteller Kate Selby and others. Refreshments will be served. More info call Matt Brown at 603-306-6547.

Neighbors, Food, and Fun in South Starksboro. Sunday, Oct. 1, 2-4 p.m., Jerusalem Community Schoolhouse, 397 Jerusalem Rd. Yard games (corn hole, bocce, giant Jenga, etc.), snacks, live music and the opportunity to talk with your neighbors will make for a great afternoon at the historic schoolhouse. See the latest plans for the proposed new Fire Station No. 2. Bring your favorite lawn chair and a food donation for Jerusalem's own Little Free Pantry. More info contact Alan Quittner at 802-453-2732.

oct 3 TUESDAY

Still Hip & Happening in Middlebury. Begins Tuesday, Oct. 3, 10:30 a.m.-noon, Community Room, Ilsley Public Library, 75 Main St. Looking for some conversation, fun, community? Are you "of a certain age" and wondering where your fellows are? Find them at IPL's new program, Still Hip & Happening. Each Tuesday we will gather for myriad activities such as games, puzzles, karaoke, videos from Homeward Bound animals, TED talks, films and more. Coffee and tea available.

"Six Men who Shaped the American Revolution: The Hero Turned Traitor: Benedict Arnold" virtual lecture. Tuesday, Oct. 3, 11 a.m., Zoom. EastView at Middlebury presents the fifth talk in a series by Middlebury College Professor Emeritus Russell Leng. Prof. Leng suggests reading "Violent Ambition: George Washington, Benedict Arnold and the Fate of the American Revolution" by Nathaniel Philbrick if you are interested in advance reading. There will be time for Q&A following the presentation.

"Pizza & Power: Green & Just Electricity for Vermont" in Middlebury. Tuesday, Oct. 3, 5 p.m., Champlain Valley Unitarian Universalist Society, 2 Duane Ct. Eat pizza and learn where Vermont's electricity actually comes from, why changes to current law and energy policies in Vermont are needed to be truly green and just, how this affects ratepayers, and how we can make sure — with your help! — that critical improvements are made this legislative session. Refreshments and childcare provided. RSVP at tinyurl.com/CVUUS-electricity-info.

oct 4 WEDNESDAY

International Walk & Roll to School Day in Middlebury. Wednesday, Oct. 4, 7:45 a.m., Mary Hogan School. Middlebury's Mary Hogan Elementary will celebrate this day to align with its monthly schedule. Get recognized when you walk or roll to school (bike, bus, scooter, skate). Form walking school bus routes or bike trains from your neighborhoods or get dropped off at remote points and walk in from there. Avoid drop off by car right at school entrance.

New Haven to Bristol Railroad presentation in New Haven. Wednesday, Oct. 4, 7 p.m.,

Town Hall, 78 North St. All are welcome to hear Jim Jones, an outstanding videographer of Vermont's railways and author of the 2020 publication on the "Bristol Railroad Company." Refreshments served after talk. Seating limited. RSVPs encouraged at actr600@gmavt.net.

oct 5 THURSDAY

Guided hike: Robert Frost Interpretive Trail in Ripton. Thursday, Oct. 5, 11 a.m., Robert Frost Interpretive Site, Route 125. Learn about the poet Robert Frost at this poetry-lined trail! This is an easy hike that loops for 1.2 miles and should take about 30-60 minutes. This hike is accessible and usable for wheelchair users. Offered by Branbury State Park/Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation.

Ladies Aid Industria Fall rummage sale in Lincoln. Thursday, Oct. 5, 1-6 p.m., Burnham Hall, 52 E. River Rd. Donations for the rummage sale can be dropped off at Burnham Hall on Wednesday, Oct. 4, from 1-7 p.m. Please leave only clean, seasonal clothing. No helmets, car seats, or electronics. Masks for attendance at the sale are optional.

oct 6 FRIDAY

Ladies Aid Industria Fall rummage sale in Lincoln. Friday, Oct. 6, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., Burnham Hall, 52 E. River Rd. See Oct. 5 listing.

oct 7 SATURDAY

Dead Creek Wildlife Day in Addison. Saturday, Oct. 7, 7 a.m.-4 p.m., Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area, Route 17 West. Activities at Dead Creek Wildlife Day are especially for people who enjoy hunting, fishing, birdwatching, or learning about Vermont's diverse wildlife and ecosystems. Bird banding, wildlife-related exhibits and activities, interpretive trail walks, pollinator observation, live critters, wild game cooking over a campfire, a deer processing demonstration, trained leashed tracking dogs, and talks on transportation and wildlife ecology, and snakes and lizards of Vermont. More info at vtfishandwildlife.com/watch-wildlife/dead-creek-wildlife-day.

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"Quilting in the Land of Milk and Honey" quilt show in Middlebury. Saturday, Oct. 7, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Middlebury Rec Center, 154 Creek Rd. The Milk and Honey Quilters Guild's biannual show will include featured quilter, special traveling exhibit, quilts of valor, a certified quilt appraiser, fundraiser sales for a local non-profit organization, vendors offering quilting-related goods, food concession provided by 7 South Sandwich Company, a raffle quilt, and other prizes. Free.

Harvest Fair in Brandon. Saturday, Oct. 7, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Brandon Farmers Market, Central Park. Central Park will be full of vendors selling quality handcrafted items including jewelry, hand-carved spoons, hand-knit and crocheted items, wooden cutting boards, quilts, aprons, maple syrup, goat cheese, plus baked goods and food to go.

Fall craft fair in Brandon. Saturday, Oct. 7, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Estabrook Park, 760 Grove St. A Fall day of shopping, foods, antique cars and neighbors and friends. Free admission, free parking, food trucks, antique cars, swings for the kids, bathrooms on site and lots and lots of things to shop for those holiday gifts. Leashed dogs are welcome. Come support your local small businesses. Accessible parking available.

Used book sale in Middlebury. Saturday, Oct. 7, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Town Office Plaza, 77 Main St. Friends of Ilsley Library offer up their monthly book sale. Sale will be held in the Community Room at Ilsley Library in the event of rain.

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Area Scouts replace the flagpole in Cornwall

By JOHN FLOWERS
CORNWALL — The Ethan Mary Baker Allen (EMBA) chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) once again has a sturdy flagpole from which to proudly fly the nation’s colors at its Samson Memorial Chapter House in Cornwall, thanks to the efforts of a local Scout troop.

The *Independent* reported last spring how the DAR — a nonprofit service organization for women with proven lineage to those who played a role in the United States’ struggle for independence — was resurrecting the 108-year-old Samson Memorial House after many years of dormancy. The red-brick building stands at the intersection of Routes 30 and 74, in the center of Cornwall.

The women leading the revitalization of the house, including Ethan Mary Baker Allen (EMBA) member Pattye Nicolls, have been lining up repairs, including replacement of the structure’s long-defunct boiler. Nicolls has been thrilled with the Cornwall community’s support of their local DAR House, and that support manifested in a tangible way last month.

Albert Thalen, a leader of Middlebury Boy Scouts of America Troop 536, noted the pre-existing, rusty flagpole in the Chapter House’s front yard. He reached out to Nicolls, asking if the EMBA chapter would like his troop to repair the flagpole.

Nicolls, of course, responded with an enthusiastic yes, which mobilized Thalen and his handful of Scouts to the Chapter House.

The troop unfortunately found the existing flagpole to be beyond repair.

Undeterred, they committed to fashioning a new one — using trademark Vermont frugality and ingenuity.

“Instead of sanding down the



LOCAL SCOUTMASTER AL Thalen and his Scouts recently fabricated, and installed, a new flagpole at the Daughters of the American Revolution’s Samson Memorial Chapter House in Cornwall.

Photo courtesy of Pattye Nicolls

old rusty pole, we procured a 20-foot length of old stainless-steel, milk-line pipe,” Thalen recounted through an email. “We added some scavenged sailboat hardware — a pulley and a cleat. The DAR provided us with some new ropes and snap hooks.”

The group — including Max Breckenridge, Declan Gallipo, Isaiah Robinson, Albert Thalen, Molly Thalen and Sarah Tolgyesi — then polished the stainless steel with

emery cloth and car wax, giving it a wonderful luster. They installed it on the DAR House property on Aug. 24.

Nicolls — a retired educator — thanked the Scouts and treated them to cider, cookies and a tour of the Chapter House, while explaining the important role Vermonters played during the American Revolution, specifically at the Battle of Bennington.

Nicolls said the new flagpole,

bearing the U.S. and Vermont state flags, was on full display during “Cornwall History Day” on Sunday, Sept. 17.

Thalen anticipates an ongoing relationship between Scouts and the EMBA Chapter of the DAR.

“We look forward to working with the DAR in the future on some probable Eagle Scout projects,” he said. “The DAR has welcomed us to use their building as a meeting place as well.”

Lincoln

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

NEWS

LINCOLN — With the fall season upon us, it’s that time of year when we do some purging of clothes, household items and toys that we would like to pass along to someone else. The Ladies Aid Industria welcomes donations of seasonal clothing, household items, puzzles, games, plants and any other clean items that you’re willing to part with. They are unable to take car seats, electronics, helmets and large appliances.

Donation drop off is Wednesday, Oct. 4, from 1 to 7 p.m. at Burnham Hall. Sale hours are Thursday, Oct. 5, from 1 to 7 p.m.; Friday, Oct. 6, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Saturday, Oct. 7, from 8 to 10:30 a.m.

The Lincoln Ladies Aid Industria raises money through the rummage

sales, receptions and dinners to support individual needs, the Lincoln Library, Burnham Hall, United Church of Lincoln, Magicians Without Borders, Turning Point Center, scholarships for summer camps, and the list goes on and on.

FROM THE SELECTBOARD
Isham Hollow Road, TH-7 is closed to thru traffic through Wednesday, Oct. 11, for maintenance and safety improvement of the Isham Hollow Brook bridge/culvert.

Please plan an alternate route and allow extra travel time if necessary.

REMINDER

Burnham Presents Caitlin Canty on Saturday, Oct. 7, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are on a sliding scale general to generous admission \$15-\$25 or pay what you can.

Monkton

Have a news tip? Call Liz Pecor at 453-2180

NEWS

MONKTON —From the desk of Deb Chamberlain:

The Russell Memorial Library is starting a monthly informal homeschooling group. The first meeting will be Friday, Sept. 29, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Come meet other families around the area, share ideas, network and have time to socialize. On Sept. 29, families can meet each other and play the library board games. Please help spread the word to others who might be interested in meeting and connecting. The Homeschooling Group will meet on the last Friday of the month from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Reach out to Russellmemlibrary@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Did you know that Story Hour is back at the Russell Memorial

Library? We will host a program featuring, stories, songs, and a simple craft project from 10 to 11 a.m. for children of all ages. Going forward, the Story Hour will be in session every second and fourth Saturday through December.

Watch for a Story Walk to be set up in our fabulous back yard. What is a Story Walk? All of the pages of a book are mounted on stakes so the readers may walk around to read. The weather has made it difficult to put up our stories this summer, but the next few days look nice for a walk. How about a Story Walk? Hope to see you soon at the library!

Per Deb’s info, keep watch for Craft your Closet classes. This free series will run for five months beginning Oct. 10.

Leicester

Have a news tip? Call the Addy Indy at 388-4944.

NEWS

LEICESTER — Town Clerk Julie Delphia reminds residents that 2023 property taxes are due by the end of the day, Wednesday, Nov. 15. Postmarks are not accepted as proof of payment.

To avoid taxes being delinquent, make sure payments are delivered

on time.

The Leicester Historical Society is sponsoring Prize Bingo on Sat., Oct 14, at 1 p.m., at the Senior Center. Refreshments are served and all are welcome. Funds raised help with the maintenance of the historical buildings at the Four Corners.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK FROM AREA HIGH SCHOOLS

Middlebury Union High School

Lily Finn

Middlebury Union High School is pleased to introduce Lily Finn as our next Student of the Week. She is the daughter of Nicole Comanducci and Jon Finn; the family resides in Cornwall with their dog and rabbit. Lily is highly respected by the faculty, staff and her peers and she was awarded the prestigious Dorey Cup at last June’s commencement ceremony. The cup is given annually to one male and one female student based on their athletic abilities, leadership and academic achievement.

Lily was a natural choice for this award. She is a member of our hockey and lacrosse teams and has been in multiple fine arts productions at MUHS.

She has been on stage in “Sound of Music” and “The Music Man” and will appear as Sven in this fall’s production of “Frozen.” She’s also involved in drama at Middlebury’s Town Hall Theater and been in three shows on their stage: “Newsies,” “Oliver Jr.” and “Matilda.” Lily says, “I’ve been singing my whole life!” and she thanks Ms. LeBeau for her inspiration in the classroom and on stage. Lily loves being part of the Middlebury UHS Camerata Singers and choir.

She rounds out her free time working at the childcare center at St. Stephen’s Church with youngsters from birth to age three. In addition, she holds down a part-time job at a Middlebury College dining hall.

Academically, Lily is pursuing the rigorous International Baccalaureate diploma program and has found the curriculum to be challenging. She says it has taught her time management and she likes the coursework and values the insights of her teachers.

As Lily looks ahead to college, she is seeking an institution in the Northeast where she can pursue an array of subjects in a smaller setting. We are confident that Lily’s positive personality and her bright inquisitive mind will lead her to a rewarding future!



Lily Finn
MUHS

Vergennes Union High School

Elizabeth Bennett

Congratulations to Elizabeth Bennett, Vergennes Union High School’s Student of the Week. Elizabeth lives in Waltham with her parents and her cat, Socks. Her older brother and 2022-23 Student of the Week, Jackson, is now a student at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI).

Elizabeth says she is taking plenty of art and English classes this year, including Humanities. She particularly likes Humanities because of the deep conversations they have every day in class. This year she branched out a bit and enrolled in a guitar class. Elizabeth says while guitar initially was a class taken to fill a change in her schedule, now it is one of her favorites.

Elizabeth is a consistent honor roll student, both at VUHS and in classes she takes at Hannaford Career Center. Last year she was tapped for the outstanding student award at the Career Center.

Outside of classes, Elizabeth has joined the varsity bass fishing team this fall. She also serves as the secretary of the senior class. When not involved in school activities, Elizabeth loves drawing, painting, sewing and especially writing. She says she has finished the first draft of a book she hopes to publish someday.

Elizabeth says the most important thing she has learned from school is patience. “Everyone has failures or low spots in life,” she says. “High school can be especially challenging. It is very important that you have patience with both yourself and your life, to allow yourself to grow from your mistakes.”

Once she has graduated, Elizabeth plans to study the arts in college. All of us at VUHS wish her a great senior year and the best of luck with her future plans.



Elizabeth Bennett
VUHS

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Best of luck to all Addison County students!

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Garage Sales

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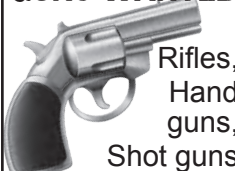
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TOWN OF FERRISBURGH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT OCTOBER 4TH, 2023

A public hearing before the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the Town of Ferrisburgh will be held at the **Union Meeting Hall** on Wednesday, October 4th, 2023, to consider the following:

7:00 PM Call to order and approval of minutes from the September 6th meeting.

- Application No. 23-095 (Mr. C. Hinsdale) Outdoor Recreation; 'pitch & putt' course; property ID#: 14/01/38;225 Bayview Road; Rural Agricultural (RA-5) district
- Application No. 23-107 (Mr. M. Franceschetti) Additional Self-Storage Units; property ID#: 18/21/71; 6866 US-7; Highway Mixed Use (HMU-2) district; conditional use
- Application No. 23-111 (Mr. E. Gracie); Home-based Business; property ID#: 18/20/50;1153 Four Winds Road; Conservation (CON-25) district;

The above files are available for inspection at the Town Clerk's Office. Persons wishing to appear and be heard may do so in person or be represented by an agent or an attorney. Communications about the above hearings may also be filed in writing with the Board or the Zoning Administrator.



Part-time bookkeeping

We're seeking a bookkeeper who has room in their schedule to take on another account. Payroll (and quarterly income taxes) are done by a third party firm. Position writes checks for accounts payable, but does not handle receivables. Knowledge of Quickbooks essential, as are basic accounting principles. Hours required: about 7-10 hours per week.

INTERESTED?

Send resumé, cover letter with a few references, to: Angelo Lynn, Addison County Independent, at angelo@addisonindependent.com.

ADDISON COUNTY
INDEPENDENT

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TOWN OF STARKSBORO REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Town of Starksboro is seeking proposals for the replacement of the wastewater system at the historic Jerusalem Schoolhouse, 397 Jerusalem Road, South Starksboro. Plans and permits are available for review via the town office.

Proposals are due by 10/15/23. Contact Rebecca Elder, Town Administrator, for more information: rebecca@starksborovt.org or 802-453-2639.

TOWN OF BRIDPORT PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Bridport Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, October 10, 2023, in the Town Office at 82 Crown Point Road, on each and to consider each of the following applications:

At 6:45 PM on Application (#23-43) by Mr. & Mrs. Huestis for a 2-lot subdivision of parcel ID# 6-31.A owned by Mr. & Mrs. Huestis. The property is located at 3566 Basin Harbor Rd. Bri dport, 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 labels
Renée Brodeur, Planning Commission Secretary
Michael Wojciechowski, Zoning Administrator

TOWN OF NEW HAVEN PROPERTY TAX NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the taxpayers of the Town and Town School District of New Haven, VT. It was voted at the 2023 Annual Town Meeting that property taxes are due in the town office by Monday, October 2, 2023.

Property taxes will be considered late if not received in the Town Office by the close of the business day at 5:00 p.m.

POSTMARKS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED TIMELY. POST-DATED CHECKS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Checks are deposited the day that they are received. Please allow several days for postal delivery.

Please pay promptly to avoid penalty and interest charges; Interest charges of 1% per month - and 8% penalty fee will be added to any late payments, per State Statute.

If you do not have a bill, or have any questions please call the Town Office @ 453-3516.

Respectfully,
Danielle Hubbell, New Haven, Town Treasurer

PUBLIC NOTICE TOWN OF ADDISON

The Addison Planning Commission meeting will be held on **Monday, October 16, 2023** at the Town Clerk's Office at 6:30 PM.

- To approve the meeting minutes for September 18, 2023.
- To transact any business found necessary before the board.
- To allow time for public comment interaction at the end of the meeting.
- Continue to work on updating & revisions on the Zoning Regulations.
- Continue & discuss a Municipal Grant for help with the Town Plan.
- We have a rough draft to work from to review the Zoning & Subdivisions Regulations.
- Continue to work on Town Plan which is a project in progress.
- Adjournment - stating time.

We are planning to have a work meeting after the regular monthly meeting on Monday, October 16, 2023 at Addison Town Clerk's Office at 6:30PM. We have work meetings planned for Thursday, September 28th and on Monday, October 02, 2023 at 6:30PM at T.C.O.

Michael Collett, Chair
Starr Phillips, Secretary
Addison Planning Commission

TOWN OF MIDDLEBURY PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Middlebury Development Review Board will hold a public hearing on Monday, October 23, 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 request (file #2023-04045.000-CU) by F.W. Webb seeking Development Review Board determination and confirmation that the use of lot #3 as a "Wholesale Trade" use with accompanying accessory retail sales is a compatible use within the Industrial zoning district. The property owned by Middlebury College is located on Industrial Ave, parcel #004045.000 in the Industrial zoning district. Applicant will seek site plan and conditional use approval once use compliance is determined.

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 applications 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
Assistant ZA

TOWN OF SALISBURY PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Salisbury Development Review Board (DRB) will hold Public Hearings in the Town Office (25 Schoolhouse Road) at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, October 18, 2023, to consider the following:

Application 2023-12
An application from Mason West (parcel ID #0753012-1) in connection with a proposed (Major) (6) lot subdivision and Site Plan Review, from the referenced parcel, creating a total of 6 lots, located at 87 Upper Plains Road in Salisbury. This property is located in the Low Density Residential District, (LDR).

This application is pursuant to §2.4.3, §6.1, §6.0.5, & §6.5.2 of the Salisbury Unified Development Regulations.

Participation (either oral or written) is a prerequisite to an interested person's right to take any subsequent appeal from the DRB's decision. See 24 V.S.A. §4465(b) and §4471.

These hearings will be conducted with in-person and remote access. Those wishing to participate remotely must obtain the necessary remote access codes. Access codes (for on-line or phone) are available by contacting the Salisbury Town Clerk during regular business hours prior to 3:00 PM on October 17, 2023, 2023. The Salisbury Town Office is open on Tuesdays from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM and Thursdays from 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM.

Application materials are available for inspection in the Town Office during regular business hours.

Anna Scheck
DRB Clerk



Youngsters with nostalgia

WEYBRIDGE WILLING WORKERS is the oldest 4-H club in Vermont, chartered in 1920. This year, at Addison County Fair & Field Days, the theme was “Memories and Nostalgia” and workers club President Sophia Welch tells us her group earned a Best of Show Award for its display in the 4-H exhibit hall. This 4-H club is open for new members, girls and boys ages 5 to 18. “I have been in this 4-H club for 5 years and I love it!,” said 13-year-old Welch. “I recommend that if you like doing crafts, cooking, sewing and much more you should join, because I think you would like it too.”

Bridport man cited for domestic assault

ADDISON COUNTY — Vermont State Police handed out several driving under the influence (DUI) citations in the past week.

But before that, they arrested a Bridport man and cited him for harming a housemate, and they allege that a New York man drove into a local restaurant.

On Sept. 19, at around a quarter after 11 a.m., troopers responded to a report of a family fight at a home on Hemenway Road in Bridport. After investigating, police allege that Claude Cousineau, 67, of Bridport

Vt. State Police Log

assaulted a household member. State police took Cousineau into custody, transported him to the New Haven barracks, cited him for domestic assault and released him.

Separately, state police on Sept. 22 went to the Starry Night Café, located at 5371 US Route 7 in Ferrisburgh, at a few minutes before 4 a.m. after being advised of a suspicious vehicle near the

front door of the building. Police looked into the situation and found that a pickup truck had backed into the Starry Night Café. They said the driver of the pickup, Drew M. McCarthy, 39, of Mechanicville, N.Y., had a suspended driver's license.

Police cited McCarthy for negligent driving and driving with a criminally suspended license.

The first DUI case came late on the night of Sept. 23 — 11:36 p.m., specifically — when a trooper pulled over a vehicle on Route 7 in Ferrisburgh and identified the driver as 41-year-old Nikola Kemp

of Killeen, Texas. While interacting with Kemp, the trooper observed indicators of impairment, so he screened Kemp for drunk driving and ended up citing him for DUI.

In a separate incident the next day, Sept. 24, at a quarter after 3 p.m., troopers responded to Pomainville Road in Salisbury for a reported suspicious vehicle. Police found that the driver was Julio Matavaca-Ramirez, 27, of Waterbury. After screening him, they took Matavaca-Ramirez to the Vergennes Police Department for processing and cited him for DUI.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

All residents of Addison County are hereby given notice of the annual meeting of Addison County Fair & Field Days, Inc., to be held at the Weybridge Congregational Church, 2790 Weybridge Road, Weybridge, VT 05753 on October 2, 2023 at 7:00pm.

AGENDA

- Welcome and Introduction of Board Members
- Review of 2023
- Financial Report
- Audience Comments and Questions
- Election of Board Members and Officers

Cara Mosier
Business Manager

Full Passport Service

Addison County Courthouse

The Addison County Clerk located in Frank Mahady Courthouse is available to accept passport applications and provide passport photos.

REGULAR HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday - 9am to 1pm

Wednesday - 8:45am to 4:00pm

Friday - Closed

APPOINTMENTS REQUIRED.

802-388-1966
addisoncountyclerk@gmail.com

TOWN OF LINCOLN NOTICE

ISHAM HOLLOW ROAD, TH-7
WILL BE CLOSED TO THRU TRAFFIC
FRIDAY, 9/29 - WEDNESDAY, 10/11
For maintenance and safety improvement of the Isham Hollow Brook Bridge/Culvert.

Please plan an alternate route and allow extra travel time if necessary.

Lincoln Selectboard

TOWN OF NEW HAVEN DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD NOTICE OF HEARING

Pursuant to 24 VSA §4464, a public hearing before the Development Review Board of the Town of New Haven will be held at the Town Clerk's Office, 78 North Street, New Haven, VT on Monday, October 16, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. to consider the following:

- An amended Conditional Use request by applicants Tamara and Joe Boise (BIYD Properties – Cyclewise) Permit #2023-DRB-10-CU to amend the DRB decision on May 10, 2022 to reflect changes to the business expansion on property located at 130 Ethan Allen Highway, per New Haven Zoning Bylaws Section 341.
- Conditional Use request by applicant Alex Layn Permit #2023-DRB-11-CU for an agricultural and construction equipment sales and service facility to be located at 1908 Ethan Allen Highway, per New Haven Zoning Bylaws Section 341.

Please note that participation in the local proceeding is a prerequisite to the right to take any subsequent appeal. The hearing will be held as a hybrid meeting, either in person at the Town Clerk's office or by remote: <https://zoom.us/j/98142119190?pwd=U0pFdDQ2a1ZRZzVCRkN4ZGcyYUF3dz09>

Meeting ID: 981 4211 9190
Passcode: 4jYbTA
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Passcode: 274146

Find your local number: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/98142119190>

An electronic copy of the application may be obtained by emailing the zoning administrator at: newhavenzoning@gmavt.net; a hard copy is available at the Town Clerk's office during normal business hours, or on the Town's website: <https://www.newhavenvt.com/>

New Haven Zoning Administrator (802) 453-3516

PROPOSED STATE RULES

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

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

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

Vermont Passenger Tramway Rules.
Vermont Proposed Rule: 23P031
AGENCY: Department of Labor
CONCISE SUMMARY: This is an amendment of an existing rule, which is being revisited primarily for the purpose of adopting by reference the most recent industry standard. This is the 2022 edition of the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) B77.1, the American National Standard for Passenger Ropeways - Aerial Tramways, Aerial Lifts, Surface Lifts, Tows and Conveyors Safety Requirements. The rule also includes a Vermont-specific Addendum, further supplementing the national standard.
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Dirk Anderson, Department of Labor, P.O. Box 488, Montpelier, VT 05601 Tel: 802-828-4391 Fax: 802-828-4046 Email: dirk.anderson@vermont.gov URL: <https://labor.vermont.gov/>.
FOR COPIES: Mike Nellis, Department of Labor, P.O. Box 488, Montpelier, VT 05601 Tel: 802-777-2242 Fax: 802-828-4046 Email: mike.nellis@vermont.gov.

Child Support Guidelines.
Vermont Proposed Rule: 23P032
AGENCY: Agency of Human Services, Office of Child Support
CONCISE SUMMARY: This rule governs the guidelines used for calculating child support obligations in Vermont. 15 V.S.A. § 654 states that the Secretary may amend the guideline from time to time as may be necessary, but not less than once every four years. Federal law, 45 C.F.R. § 302.56 (e), mandates that the child support guidelines be reviewed, and revised, if appropriate, at least once every four years to ensure the application results in appropriate child support order amounts. The existing child support guidelines went into effect 1/2/2020, so OCS has conducted a review to ensure the associated tables that convert gross income to after tax income and identify expenditures on children adjust for current tax rates and economic conditions.
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Lisa Rivers, Office of Child Support, NOB 2 South, 280 State Drive, Waterbury, VT 05671 Tel: 802-585-8209 Fax: 802-241-0524 Email: lisa.rivers@vermont.gov URL: <https://dcf.vermont.gov/ocs/parents/calculator>.
FOR COPIES: Jessica Seman, Office of Child Support, NOB 2 South, 280 State Drive, Waterbury, VT 05671 Tel: 802-585-4024 Fax: 802-241-0524 Email: jessica.seman@vermont.gov.

LOCAL SPORTS



Steve James



Andy Kirkaldy



Matt Dickerson



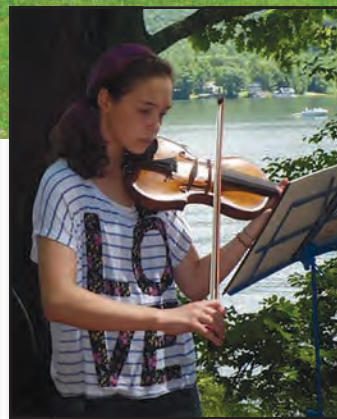
Karl Lindholm

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ARTS + LEISURE

The Addison Independent

September 28, 2023



60 POINT COUNTERPOINT CELEBRATES A LEGACY OF MAGICAL SUMMERS YEARS

Point CounterPoint celebrates its 60th anniversary this weekend with a free concert at the Salisbury Congregational Church on Friday, Sept. 29, at 7:30 p.m. and a Play-In event where PCP alumni will play Bach's Brandenburg Concerto No. 3 in G Major together on Zoom. Pictured above are campers from past years at PCP, as well as the original founders Helen and Edwin Finckel (above far left) and Diana and Emory Fanning (standing with Ori Kam in 2018, pictured above left) who were also directors of the music camp for a decade in the '80s.

PHOTOS COURTESY OF POINT COUNTERPOINT

It's more than just band camp... it's Point CounterPoint. And this very special place, nestled on the shores of Lake Dunmore, is celebrating its six decades of nurturing young musical talents with an anniversary celebration this weekend, Sept. 29-Oct. 1.

BY **ELSIE**
LYNN PARINI

Friday-Sunday is alumni weekend, which welcomes back former campers and faculty. The weekend's highlight is an Alumni Chamber Music Concert and post-concert reception on Friday, Sept. 29, at the Salisbury Congregational Church, where

PCP has performed for more than 40 years. All are welcome and encouraged to attend this free concert at 7:30 p.m.

For alumni who aren't able to be in Vermont this weekend, there will also be a live PCP Alumni Play-In on Saturday, Sept. 30, at 2 p.m. via Zoom. All attendees will play Bach's Brandenburg Concerto No. 3 in G Major. This is a way for musicians of all levels to come together regardless of where they are in the world! Pick up your instrument, and play along with fellow PCP alumni everywhere. Zoom link: us02web.zoom.us/j/82869680000?pwd=Tm90RmxLVkl5djgrYjV6WUpnTkphQTog.

Saturday's Play-In will be followed by the final performance of the Emerson String Quartet

perform at Middlebury College (see story on page 2).

WHAT MAKES PCP SO SPECIAL?

When Edwin Finckel started a small summer musical opportunity for his private studio students in 1963, he unknowingly created the Point CounterPoint legacy. The camp has seen several directors including Middlebury's own Emory and Diana Fanning, who ran the camp for a decade starting in 1979, and current director and co-owner Jenny Beck who took the baton in 2008.

"Despite the fact that owners and instrument types have changed, and 60 years have passed, PCP is still the same," Beck said.

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Emerson String Quartet to play farewell concert in Middlebury

The Middlebury Performing Arts Series proudly opens its season with the legendary Emerson String Quartet — one of the world's finest chamber ensembles, nine-time Grammy winners, and longtime friends of the Series. The Quartet will appear at Middlebury for the 33rd and final time on Sept. 30.

The Emerson String Quartet has left its mark on Middlebury beautifully. Not only are quartet members Middlebury College honorary degree recipients (1995), but their beloved 42-year long relationship with the campus and community is one of the crowning achievements in the Middlebury Performing Arts Series' 104-year history. Middlebury's concert is one of the final performances of the quartet's farewell tour, which ends in October and caps a 47-year run.

The concert will feature Shostakovich's String Quartet No. 12 in D-flat Major, op.133; Ravel's String Quartet in F Major; George Walker's Lyric for Strings, and the new string quartet Drink the Wild Ayre by Sarah Kirkland Snider. Snider's work was co-commissioned for the Emerson by Middlebury as part of Music Accord, a consortium of top U.S. classical music presenting organizations dedicated to supporting the creation and presentation of new musical works.

Formed in 1976 and based in New York City, the Emerson String Quartet was one of the first quartets to have its violinists alternate in the first chair position. This continues to be a unique approach among string ensembles. In 46 years of performance, there was only



Making a stop on their farewell tour, the Emerson String Quartet will open this year's Middlebury Performing Arts Series on Sept. 30.

PHOTO / JÜRGEN FRANK

one personnel change. Cellist Paul Watkins replaced founding member David Finckel (who stepped away after 34 years) in 2013. Finckel's father has a special connection to the Addison County area, as the founder of Point Counterpoint on Lake Dunmore, which celebrates its 60th year this same weekend.

Violinists Eugene Drucker and Philip Setzer and violist Lawrence Dutton have been ever present in the Emerson String Quartet. The Quartet, which takes its name from the American poet and philosopher Ralph Waldo

Emerson, balances busy performing careers with a commitment to teaching, and serves as Quartet-in-Residence at Stony Brook University.

Don't miss this final opportunity to see the Emerson String Quartet perform on Saturday, Sept. 30, at 7:30 p.m., at the Middlebury Chapel. General admission tickets are \$25 for the general public; \$20 for Middlebury College faculty, staff, alumni, and emeriti; \$10 for youth; and \$5 for Middlebury College students. Call 802-443-MIDD (6433) or visit middlebury.edu/arts for tickets and more info.

Middlebury College students debut in the 'First Show'

The Middlebury College Department of Theatre will present its 28th annual "First Show: Look, Dream, Begin," directed by Madison Middleton '22.5, on Thursday, Oct. 5 through Saturday, Oct. 7, at 7:30 p.m., and 10 p.m. on Friday night, Oct. 6, at the Hepburn Zoo. The "First Show" is a unique performance in which students new to the Theatre Department make their stage debuts. This year the "First Show" is participating in the 2023 Climate Change Theatre Action festival, "All Good Things Must Begin."

Co-sponsored by the Middlebury Climate Action Program and in collaboration with the Department of Biology, the "First Show" company will present a series of short plays interwoven into an inventive, truthful, and life-affirming piece about what it means to dream

up a future during climate crisis. The cast includes Max Blumenthal '27, Odette Castillo '27, Emma Dobson '27, Jenny Fede '26, Virginia Frau '27, Claire Hatch '26, Nitya Kaul '27, Sean Lovett '23.5, Edith Mauch '27, Sara McKillip '25, and Moriah Thompson '25; Cole Newman '26 is the Stage Manager with Jiawen Li '27 as Assistant Stage Manager.

The Climate Change Theatre Action (CCTA) is a biennial global festival of plays that aims at bringing recognition to the UN COP conferences through art and activism. For every edition, the CCTA commissions 50 playwrights from a diversity of backgrounds around the globe to write a five-minute play on a chosen topic. This year we honor "All Good Things Must Begin" as the festival's guiding

thread, as it is being staged across the globe.

The festival also requires that every event organizes an action element beyond the stage. The Art vs. the Apocalypse team is developing several activities to engage "First Show" audiences. Middlebury students from the Biology Department's Entomology class will contribute a display in the lobby of the Hepburn Zoo to tell the stories of our littlest co-inhabitants living in an ever-changing world climate.

Tickets are \$5 for all audiences. For tickets or information, call 802-443-6433. The Hepburn Zoo is located at 121 Hepburn Road in Middlebury, in the heart of campus. Free parking is available a short walk away, along Hillcrest Road and by the Central Heating Plant.

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music creates this magical community."

Beck is not alone with this magical feeling, and said she receives "PCP love notes" regularly.

"At least 10 times per summer, campers tearfully tell me their lives are changed forever," Beck reminisced. "Can you imagine? Every summer, I have the honor to continue this legacy started in 1963, and make a difference in people's lives. As trite as that sounds, I am able to provide a 'happy place,' a 'safe place,' where kids of all ages (8-80+) arrive unplugged to find others just like them willing to nerd-out on chamber music, and where they instantly feel they belong."

"I attended PCP as a camper in high school, then returned as a counselor in college, and during Jenny Beck's first three years, I was the head counselor and on the music faculty," summed up Elliot Cless, who now is a professional musician and educator, with a full-time teaching position as the Orchestra and Chamber Music director and at a private school in the Boston area.

"Attending PCP in high school ignited my passion for chamber music and cultivated my self-confidence as a violinist, propelling me into a career in music," Cless said. "I fell in love with the setting and the vibe of PCP, which is a perfect blend of serious music training combined with all of the tried-and-true elements of a traditional sleep-away camp like campfires, swimming and boating, cabin bonding, capture the flag, etc."

Cless said he jumped at the opportunity to return to PCP as a counselor, and soon discovered his calling of youth mentorship. "The work was meaningful: PCP cultivates a place of belonging, where every kid's musical growth is celebrated, and where an awkward teenager can blossom via the supportive small camp environment and the collaborative spirit of chamber music."

"I not only owe my professional life to PCP, but I also met my wife at PCP during the summer of 2010 when we were both on faculty," Cless added. "I am all the more eternally thankful for my time up there. It has been about 10 years since I've been back and I am very excited to return to this magical spot to commemorate 60 years of PCP!"

Former camper, counselor and current PCP Operations Manager Noel Mitchell also had some pretty nice things to say about PCP.

"After my first summer at PCP I was hooked," said Mitchell, who lives in New Haven, Conn., and

"There's something about the place itself — a rustic camp on Lake Dunmore — that when combined with chamber

was first introduced to the violin in a very small pilot program her elementary school offered. Her education continued with solo competitions at Yale University during her K-12 years and at PCP.

"I was a camper for about eight years, and during my junior year of university I became a camp counselor at PCP," she said. "I joined staff in 2023 as their operations manager, and just completed a full decade with PCP... What I'm looking forward to most about the 60th is being able to connect with not only individuals from my time as a camper, but also campers from previous generations. No matter how many improvements are made to camp, we all have this shared experience that we are able to relate to and bond. I can't wait to get to know everyone, sit by the campfire, reminisce and exchange fun camp memories!"

Beck estimates that there are approximately 10,000 chamber musicians all over the world who have been a part of PCP since its inception in '63. The "love notes" Beck receives are endless:

"I had never seen Johnny so confident and happy as he was when I picked him up from camp last summer. I had to make sure he had the experience again."

"I just close my eyes and imagine I am at Point CounterPoint and it makes me feel more relaxed. It's a magical place."

"Thank you for everything that you do with PCP and spreading the joy of music. Nowadays, I always credit PCP with sparking my passion for music,

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— Elliot Cless

and for starting my love for the violin. It was an unforgettable experience that's really moved me to make music a central part of who I am."

"After my family, preserving and growing PCP is the best thing I have ever been lucky enough to do," Beck said. "PCP has changed my life too."

Don't miss the opportunity to see the Alumni Chamber Music Concert and commemorate this legacy at the free performance on Friday at 7:30 p.m. No tickets needed, just come and join in!

Editor's Note: To learn more about Point CounterPoint and get info about the 60th anniversary weekend visit pointcp.com.



MIDDLEBURY PERFORMING ARTS SERIES
FALL 2023 SEASON

September 30 ■ 7:30 PM
Emerson String Quartet
\$25/20/10/5

October 7 ■ 7:30 PM
Dreamers' Circus
\$25/20/15/10/5
Live and streaming

802-443-MIDD (6433)
go.middlebury.edu/pas



ART ON EXHIBIT

Exhibit in Middlebury examines the natural world

"Nature's Inner Light," a two-person exhibition featuring new work by Penny Billings and Holly Friesen will be on view Sept. 9-Nov. 15, with an opening reception held on Thursday, Oct. 5, from 5-6:30 p.m., at Edgewater Gallery at the Falls, 1 Mill St., in Middlebury.

"Nature's Inner Light" brings together two artists whose connections to, and reverence for, the natural world guide their choice in subject. Their approach to color, painting style, technique and composition differ but a passion for the New England and Quebec landscape, unite them in this collection.

For more information visit edgewatergallery-vt.com, call the gallery at 802-458-0098 or email info@edgewatergallery-vt.com.



"Fire & Wet" by Holly Friesen, 30" x 40" acrylic on canvas, is on view now at Edgewater Gallery at the Falls in Middlebury as part of the "Nature's Inner Light" exhibit.

Art, Advocacy, and Abolition: Panel discussion at Rokeby

Rokeby Museum's current exhibit, "Finding Hope Within," featuring the artwork of incarcerated artists and poets in Vermont, Massachusetts, and Maine, will inform the context for a discussion among those connected to and affected by our criminal justice system and incarceration. The talk will be held on Sunday, Oct. 1, at 1 p.m., at the Ferrisburgh museum. Free for museum members; \$5 for non-members or part of admission to the museum on the day.

Invited guests participating in this dialogue include Isaac Dayno, Vermont Department of Corrections; Tiffany Harrington, organizer with FreeHer Vermont; Heather Newcomb, program manager for justice-involved services of Vermont Works for Women; and Sam Williams, executive director of Concord Prison Outreach in Concord, Mass.

Questions and comments from the audience will follow the discussion along with cider, donuts, and letterpress printing by the people of a broadside relevant to the topic of the day. Join us and learn how we are all connected to this work. For more information, email arevolutionarypress@gmail.com.

UPCOMING MUSIC

Proctor native celebrates new album with concert in Lincoln at Burnham Hall, Oct. 7

On Saturday, Oct. 7, Burnham Presents welcomes Proctor native Caitlin Canty in a celebration of her new album "Quiet Flame." Canty is an American singer/songwriter whose music carves a line through folk, blues, and country ballads. Her voice was called "casually devastating" by the *San Francisco Chronicle* and *NPR Music* describes her songs as having a "haunting urgency."

Produced by Chris Eldridge, "Quiet Flame" features Sarah Jarosz (mandolin, banjo, vocals), Brittany Haas (fiddle), and Paul Kowert (bass) as the core backing band. Andrew Marlin sings backing vocals, Noam Pikelný and Eldridge guest on a few songs as well. The band recorded live over four days at The Tractor Shed in Nashville, Tenn., with Sean Sullivan engineering and mixing.

Eleven original songs include cowrites with Maya de Vitry and Jamey Johnson.

Catch this "dreamy and daring" (Rolling Stone) musician live in Lincoln at Burnham Hall on the first Saturday in October. Doors open at 7 p.m. and the music will begin at 7:30 p.m. Admission is from general to generous, on a sliding scale: \$15/\$20/\$25 or pay what you can. For tickets, and more info visit burnhampresents.org.

UP NEXT

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR
NOVEMBER'S CONCERT:
SATURDAY, NOV. 4
THE LADLES
7:30 P.M.



Caitlin Canty will perform at the Oct. 7 Burnham Presents concert at Burnham Hall in Lincoln. Doors open at 7 p.m. Music starts at 7:30 p.m.

ART ON EXHIBIT

DAVIS FAMILY LIBRARY

110 Storrs Ave, Middlebury
Call 802-443-5494 for more info.

"Pop-Up Books." A new exhibit of pop-up books has been installed in the Davis Family Library atrium at Middlebury College. This exhibit was curated by Middlebury College student Anne Lofgren, class of 2023. On view through mid-November.

EDGEWATER AT THE FALLS

1 Mill Street, Middlebury
Visit edgewatergallery.com, call 802-458-0098 or email info@edgewatergallery-vt.com for more info.

"Nature's Inner Light," a two-person exhibition featuring new work by Penny Billings and Holly Friesen. Their approach to color, painting style, technique and composition differ but a passion for the New England and Quebec landscape, unite them in this collection. An opening reception will be held on Thursday, Oct. 5, from 5-6 p.m. On view Sept. 9-Nov. 15.

LITTLE SEED COFFEE

24 Merchants Row, Middlebury
For more info visit littleseed.coffee

"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.

MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE MUSEUM OF ART

72 Porter Field Rd, Middlebury
For more info visit middlebury.edu/museum/exhibitions.

"Tossed: Art from Discarded, Found and Re-purposed Materials." "Tossed" brings together — both 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

221 Main Street, Vergennes
Visit northerndaughters.com or call 802-877-2173

"The Future Belongs to Ghosts." A solo exhibit by Chelsea Granger, an artist based in Branford, Conn., whose experience of loss and grief inhabits her art. On view through Oct. 31.

PHOTOPLACE GALLERY

3 Park Street, Middlebury
For more info visit photoplacegallery.com.

"In Praise of Trees," is a juried photo exhibit honoring trees in all their states: majestic specimens or struggling seedlings, in summer plumage or winter austerity, grown in nature or nurtured by man. Celebrate their contribution to the earth and their many benefits to humanity. Lee Anne White selected approximately 35 images for exhibition in the Middlebury gallery, and 40 more for the online gallery.

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ARIES: March 21/April 20. Aries, a project you thought would be done quickly is taking more time than expected to be completed. Don't fret over it too much, as things will work out in the end.

TAURUS: April 21/May 21. There are just a few obstacles that you need to get past before it is smooth sailing for a bit, Taurus. Use these roadblocks as learning opportunities as you go along.

GEMINI: May 22/June 21. Gemini, when someone approaches you saying they have a good deal for you, there are certain questions you should ask before moving ahead. It's important to get all the facts.

CANCER: June 22/July 22. Others might start asking questions about your whereabouts if you take too many days off from your job, Cancer. While you don't necessarily have to explain yourself, it's helpful if you do.

LEO: July 23/Aug. 23. Leo, if someone already has made up their mind about something, it's unlikely that you will be able to change their way of thinking in one day. Keep at it if it means that much to you.

VIRGO: Aug. 24/Sept. 22. Virgo, if you really ponder how you have been interacting with others, have you been completely honest? You might think you're getting away with something, but others see the truth.

LIBRA: Sept. 23/Oct. 23. Libra, money is a major driving force behind a lot of decisions, but it shouldn't be the only one. You may be taking on too much if you are working yourself to the point of exhaustion.

SCORPIO: Oct. 24/Nov. 22. Scorpio, you continue to roll with the punches, despite things not going your way just yet. Don't worry, your break is out there. The timing is just off for now.

SAGITTARIUS: Nov. 23/Dec. 21. Sagittarius, you might be the topic of conversation this week, as others are all figuring out what they can do to be in your good graces. Try not to play favorites in this instance.

CAPRICORN: Dec. 22/Jan. 20. No one knows which side of you they will get during an interaction, Capricorn. That can make business or family interactions challenging. Try to be more open.

AQUARIUS: Jan. 21/Feb. 18. Aquarius, you have been managing a lot of extra tasks and could be feeling the added stress from the work. Tune out for a few days to rest yourself and restore your mind to calm.

PISCES: Feb. 19/March

20. Pisces, you want to be everyone's friend and go along with any plan that comes your way, but you might have to be a little bit more firm in your choices moving forward.

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FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

SEPT. 28 — Naomi Watts, actor (55)
SEPT. 29 — Elizabeth Gaskell, author (d)
SEPT. 30 — Ta-Nehisi Coates, author, journalist (48)

OCT. 1 — Michaela Coel, actor, screenwriter (36)
OCT. 2 — Groucho Marx, comedian (d)
OCT. 3 — Gore Vidal, writer (d)
OCT. 4 — Buster Keaton, actor (d)

CALENDAR

SEPT. 28 - OCT. 5
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FRIDAY, SEPT. 29

GREEN HERON IN MIDDLEBURY. Friday, Sept. 29, 4-7 p.m., Happy Valley Orchard, 217 Quarry Rd. Spend an evening at the orchard listening to music, dancing, and making memories. With genres ranging from folk rock to reggae, jazz, and bluegrass, there's something for everyone. Free. Bring your camp chairs. Mountain Mac Cider, donuts, a pie, and some grub from food vendors available for purchase. More info at facebook.com/mountainmaccider.

"THE GLASS MENAGERIE" PLAY OPENING NIGHT IN WAITSFIELD. Friday, Sept. 29, 7 p.m., Valley Players Theater, 4254 Main St. The Valley Players present Tennessee Williams's classic of the American theater. This hauntingly poetic play portrays a single mother and her two adult children struggling to get by in Depression-era St. Louis. Repeats Sept. 30, Oct. 1, and the following two weekends. Tickets at theaterengine.com or by calling 802-583-4220. More details at valleyplayers.com.

"NORTHERN BORDERS" ON SCREEN IN SHOREHAM. Friday, Sept. 29, 7 p.m., Champlain Orchards, 3597 Route 74 W. Kick off the weekend with a family-friendly movie in the cider garden. The orchard is equipped with a 20-foot screen, sound system, projector and, most importantly, a popcorn machine. No tickets are needed; just bring layers for chillier nights and something cozy to sit on. Free. Good for all ages.

"GLORY DENIED:" AN OPERA IN TWO ACTS IN MIDDLEBURY. Friday, Sept. 29, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall Theater, 68 S. Pleasant St. Opera Company of Middlebury stages "Glory Denied," a poignant saga that takes place during the Vietnam War, based on the true story of Colonel Jim Thompson, America's longest-held prisoner of war. This moving story tells Thompson's story through younger and older versions of Thompson and his wife, Alyce, who traverse this complex emotional landscape through hope, despair, love, hate, courage,

and forgiveness. Preshow talk at 6:30 p.m. at Memorial Baptist Church, 97 S. Pleasant St. Tickets \$77/\$67/\$57, including fees. Free for patrons under 26. More info at townhalltheater.org or tickets@townhalltheater.org.

POINT COUNTERPOINT'S 60TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION CONCERT IN SALISBURY. Friday, Sept. 29, 7:30 p.m., Salisbury Congregational Church, 853 Maple St. Come celebrate 60 years of Point Counterpoint with this concert and reception.

COMMUNITY DANCE WITH SUE HULSETH IN BRISTOL. Friday, Sept. 29, 7:30-9:30 p.m., Holley Hall, 1 South St. Nationally known dance caller Sue Hulsether will lead a community dance with live fiddle and banjo music Red Dog Riley. Hailing from Viroqua, Wis., Hulsether is a dance caller, teaching artist and musician. Lessons for beginners start at 7:15 p.m. No partner or experience needed. Bring a friend. Masks optional. Pay what you can: \$5-\$10.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 30

GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB TRAIL WORK DAY IN RIPTON. Saturday, Sept. 30, Long Trail. The trail crew will be out for fall clearing and cutting of the Long Trail. We may install steppingstones/logs or build drainage structures. No experience necessary, just a desire to help, a love of trails and no concerns about getting dirty. A full day is planned. Contact Ellen Cronan at 908-595-2926 for more information. More at gmcbreadloaf.org.

VERMONT OPEN STUDIO WEEKEND. Saturday, Sept. 30, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., locations around Addison County. Local artists like Robert Compton Pottery, Trillium Art, Mike Mayonne, and Warren Kimball will be opening their studios to the public. For a full list of Addison County venues go to vermontcrafts.com.

MARROWBONE IN LINCOLN. Saturday, Sept. 30, noon. Experience stories outdoors through word, gesture and song. You will be led to a hidden meadow for the

performance. Kids welcome but content is for adults. More info at marrowbone.org.

HERITAGE, HARVEST, AND HORSE FESTIVAL IN TICONDEROGA, N.Y. Saturday, Sept. 30, Fort Ticonderoga. A full day of autumn fun will be set amidst the fall flowers of King's Garden, a heritage apple orchard, and the mountains and Lake Champlain. Spend the day and discover the important role horses and other working animals played in Fort Ticonderoga's history during demonstrations. Meet Fort Ticonderoga's friendly oxen duo, stroll through Fort Ticonderoga's farmers' market featuring local food, beverages, and crafts, and conquer the six-acre Heroic Corn Maze featuring a new design for 2023.

2ND ANNUAL PRO-AM HORSESHOE AND CORN HOLE TOURNAMENT IN BRISTOL. Saturday, Sept. 30, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Bristol Rec Park, 110 Airport Dr. Join in for a Family Fun Day at the Bristol Recreational Field. Registration 9 a.m., horseshoes 9:30 a.m., Corn Hole 1 p.m. Food and drinks available.

SAMPLER ID DAY IN MIDDLEBURY. Saturday, Sept. 30, 9 a.m., Ilsley Public Library, 75 Main St. Do you own an American-made schoolgirl sampler or other embroidery? Rokeby Museum and Henry Sheldon Museum want to see it, photograph it and record it in the online National Sampler Archive.

MUSHROOM WALK WITH MEG MADDEN IN MIDDLEBURY. Saturday, Sept. 30, 9 a.m., Wright Park, Seymour St. Ext. Interested in mushrooms that grow in the wild? Join naturalist, mycologist and professional photographer Meg Madden for a curiosity walk along the Wright Park hiking trails. Adult \$15 member/\$20 non-member, Youth (under 18) \$10 member/\$15 non-member. Wear appropriate footwear for walking on the forested paths, dress for the weather, and bring water. More info at maltvt.org/events.

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MCTV Channel 1071 Friday, September 29 Through the Night: Public Affairs 7:30 a.m. Congregational Church Service 9 a.m. Energy Week 10 a.m. Selectboard, Public Affairs 4 p.m. Memorial Baptist Church Service 5:30 p.m. Selectboard, Gov.Scott Saturday, September 30 Through the Night: Public Affairs 6:30 a.m. Energy Week 7:30 a.m. Gov.Scott, Under the Dome 10 a.m. Selectboard, Public Affairs 4 p.m. Memorial Baptist Service 5:30 p.m. Eckankar 6 p.m. Energy Week 7 p.m. Catholic Mass 7:30 p.m. Selectboard, 10 p.m. Montpelier Happy Hour Sunday, October 1 Through the Night: Public Affairs 7:30 a.m. Gov.Scott 9 a.m. Catholic Mass 10 a.m. Energy Week 11 a.m. Memorial Baptist Service 12:30 p.m. Selectboard, Public Affairs 4 p.m. Congregational Service 5:30 p.m. Dr. John Campbell	6:30 p.m. Eckankar 7 p.m. Catholic Mass 7:30 p.m. Montpelier Happy Hour Monday, October 2 Through the Night: Public Affairs 5 a.m. Montpelier Happy Hour 6:04 a.m. Gov.Scott, Public Affairs 10 a.m. Selectboard, Green Mountain (GM) Care Board 9 p.m. Dr. John Campbell 9:30 p.m. Eckankar 10 p.m. GM Care Board Tuesday, October 3 Through the Night: Public Affairs 8:30 a.m. Energy Week 9:30 a.m. Eckankar 10 a.m. Selectboard, Public Affairs 4 p.m. Congregational Service 5:30 p.m. Montpelier Happy Hour 7 p.m. Selectboard, Public Affairs Wednesday, October 4 Through the Night: Public Affairs 5:30 a.m. Gov.Scott 6:30 a.m. Energy Week 7:30 a.m. Memorial Baptist Service 9:30 a.m. Catholic Mass 10 a.m. Selectboard, Public Affairs 5 p.m. Energy Week	7 p.m. Selectboard, Public Affairs Thursday, October 5 Through the Night: Public Affairs 5 a.m. International Overdose Awareness Day 6:22 a.m. Dr. John Campbell 8 a.m. Congregational Service 11 a.m. Energy Week 12 p.m. Selectboard, Public Affairs 9:30 p.m. Eckankar 10 p.m. GM Care Board MCTV Channel 1091 Friday, September 29 5 a.m. All Things LGBTQ 6 a.m. Protecting Our Pollinators 10 a.m. Foltz Studio Ep. 1 11 a.m. Foltz Studio Ep. 2 12 p.m. SnapShot - Cultures Collide 5 p.m. All Things LGBTQ 6 p.m. MiddScience Cafe 7 p.m. School Board Meetings Saturday, September 30 6 a.m. The World Fusion Show 7 a.m. Ethan Allen Homestead Lecture Series 8:12 a.m. All Things LGBTQ 9 a.m. Protecting Our Pollinators	11 a.m. SnapShot- Cultures Collide 12 p.m. School Board Meetings 4 p.m. The Denial of Death In America - Darryll Rudy 5:01 p.m. Foltz Studio Ep. 2 6 p.m. The World Fusion Show 7 p.m. Protecting Our Pollinators 8:10 p.m. All Things LGBTQ 9 p.m. MiddScience Cafe Sunday, October 1 4 a.m. All Things LGBTQ 5 a.m. All Brains Belong 6 a.m. Ethan Allen Homestead 10 a.m. School Board Meetings 4 p.m. The Denial of Death In America 5:01 p.m. Foltz Studio Ep. 2 6 p.m. The World Fusion Show 7 p.m. Protecting Our Pollinators 8:01 p.m. The Denial of Death In America Monday, October 2 5 a.m. School Board Meetings 9:30 a.m. Food & Cooking Programs 11 a.m. SnapShot - Cultures Collide 12 p.m. School Board Meetings 6 p.m. All Things LGBTQ 7 p.m. Foltz Studio Ep. 1 8 p.m. Foltz Studio Ep. 2 9 p.m. Junction Dance Fest	Tuesday, October 3 5:30 a.m. Chair Yoga 6:30 a.m. Foltz Studio Ep. 2 7:30 a.m. Foltz Studio Ep. 1 8:30 a.m. SnapShot- Cultures Collide 12 p.m. The Denial of Death In America 5 p.m. School Board Meetings Wednesday, October 4 5 a.m. Chair Yoga 6 a.m. All Things LGBTQ 7 a.m. SnapShot - Cultures Collide 8 a.m. Midd Science Cafe 8:36 a.m. Grace Coolidge - Influence & Image 12 a.m. State Board of Education 6 p.m. School Board Meetings Thursday, October 5 6 a.m. Foltz Studio Ep. 1 7 a.m. Foltz Studio Ep. 2 8 a.m. Yoga 10 a.m. Food & Cooking Programs 12 p.m. School Board Meetings 5 p.m. Yoga 6 p.m. Junction Dance Fest 7:30 p.m. SnapShot- Cultures Collide 8:30 p.m. Grace Coolidge 10 p.m. All Things LGBTQ	

BOCCE TOURNAMENT IN MIDDLEBURY. Saturday, Sept. 30, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Middlebury Rec Park, Mary Hogan Dr. Counseling Service of Addison County's Bocce tournament returns, bringing together local businesses, community members and CSAC friends and families to raise funds for its programs. Teams will vie for bragging rights while raising funds to support community wellness. More info: Rachel Lee Cummings at 802-388-6751 or rcummings@csac-vt.org.

TIM BRICK IN MIDDLEBURY. Saturday, Sept. 30, 4-7 p.m., Happy Valley Orchard, 217 Quarry Rd. Spend an evening at the orchard listening to music, dancing, and making memories. With genres ranging from folk rock to reggae, jazz, and bluegrass, there's something for everyone. Free. Bring your camp chairs. Mountain Mac Cider, donuts, a pie, and some grub from food vendors available for purchase. More info at facebook.com/mountainmaccider/.

KING PEDE CARD PARTY IN FERRISBURGH. Saturday, Sept. 30, Ferrisburgh Town Hall and Community Center, 3279 Route 7. A sandwich supper and then on to an evening of fun and games. King Pedé is a game that involves "trick-taking" such as in Hearts and Spades or Pitch. This is a game of fun and skill so come prepared to use your strategic thinking.

"THE GLASS MENAGERIE" PLAY IN WAITSFIELD. Saturday, Sept. 30, 7 p.m., Valley Players Theater, 4254 Main St. See details in Sept. 29 listing.

BLUES WITHOUT BORDERS IN BRANDON. Saturday, Sept. 30, 7:30 p.m., Brandon Town Hall, 1 Conant Sq. Expect to hear covers of blues rock tunes, a few classics, and many new songs from some of today's hottest acts like Danielle Nicole or Beth Hart plus a bit of Blues Without Borders original music. Tickets adults \$8/seniors and students \$7/couple \$14.

EMERSON STRING QUARTET IN MIDDLEBURY. Saturday, Sept. 30, 7:30 p.m., Middlebury Chapel, Hepburn Rd. One of the world's finest chamber ensembles, nine-time Grammy winners, and longtime friends of our Performing Arts Series, the Emerson String Quartet visits Middlebury College on their farewell tour. They'll play quartets by Shostakovich and Ravel, Walker's Lyric for Strings, and our Music Accord co-commission Drink the Wild Ayre by Sarah Kirkland Snider. Tickets: \$25/20/10/5 available at go.middlebury.edu/tickets or 802-443-MIDD (6433).

SUNDAY, OCT. 1

MARROWBONE IN LINCOLN. Sunday, Oct. 1, noon. See Sept. 30 listing.

VERMONT OPEN STUDIO WEEKEND. Sunday, Oct. 1, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., locations around Addison County. See Sept. 30 listing.

STORIES FROM THE HEART CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS DEADLINE. Sunday, Oct. 1, noon. Do you have a story to tell about a personal experience of loss and grief, of someone who has left this world, and your own healing. Submit it for consideration for Porter Medical Center Palliative Service's "Stories from the Heart," which will be presented live on Oct. 28 in Middlebury. Each story will be no more than 7 minutes in length, a personal and true story told from the heart (rather than read) and include how this experience changed or deepened your life. Five stories will be selected, and those storytellers will be coached to help them prepare for telling their stories before an audience. Submit a written draft, or a well-developed outline, to Priscilla Baker at prbaker223@gmail.com.

MAPPING MOUNT INDEPENDENCE IN ORWELL.

Sunday, Oct. 1, noon-1:30 p.m., Mount Independence State Historic Site, 472 Mt. Independence Rd. Archaeologist Hutch McPheters from Northeast Archaeology Research Center reports on their Mount Independence digital mapping project, part of the site's American Battlefield Protection Program grant for site collection stewardship. Lecture is free and open to the public.

ART, ADVOCACY, AND ABOLITION IN FERRISBURGH. Sunday, Oct. 1, 1 p.m., Rokeby Museum, 4334 Route 7. Rokeby's current exhibit "Finding Hope Within," featuring the artwork of incarcerated artists and poets in Vermont, Massachusetts, and Maine will inform the context for a discussion among those connected to, and affected by, our system of criminal justice and incarceration. Questions and comments from the audience will follow the discussion along with cider, donuts and letterpress printing. More info at arevolutionarypress@gmail.com.

"GLORY DENIED:" AN OPERA IN TWO ACTS IN MIDDLEBURY. Saturday, Oct. 1, 2 p.m., Town Hall Theater, 68 S. Pleasant St. See Sept. 29 listing. Preshow talk at 1 p.m. at Memorial Baptist Church, 97 S. Pleasant St.

"THE GLASS MENAGERIE" PLAY IN WAITSFIELD. Sunday, Oct. 1, 2 p.m., Valley Players Theater, 4254 Main St. See details in Sept. 29 listing.

TUESDAY, OCT. 3

"THE VERMONT SAMPLER INITIATIVE: UNCOVERING A RICH HERITAGE" VIRTUAL TALK. Tuesday, Oct. 3, 6 p.m., Zoom. Lynne Anderson, director of the Sampler Archive Project & president of the Sampler Consortium, will describe the Vermont Sampler Initiative's efforts to locate, photograph, and document schoolgirl samplers so they can be included in the nationally recognized Sampler Archive, an online database of American samplers and related girlhood embroideries. In addition, she will share some of the project's important findings and conclusions, using the samplers as evidence. Cost \$5. Register at tinyurl.com/Sampler-project.

SYDNEY LEA AND MARJORIE RYERSON IN MIDDLEBURY. Tuesday, Oct. 3, 6 p.m., Ilsley Public Library, 75 Main St. Former Vermont Poet Laureate and Pulitzer Prize finalist Sydney Lea will join his fellow poet Marjorie Ryerson, a former professor, state representative, and journalist, in reading from their respective recent collections, What Shines and The Views from Mount Hunger. This event is one of a series presented in partnership by Vermont Book Shop and Ilsley Public Library highlighting Vermont authors. For further information, visit vermontbookshop.com or ilsleypubliclibrary.org. Books will be available for purchase.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 4

"SKATE DREAMS" ON SCREEN IN MIDDLEBURY. Wednesday, Oct. 4, 3 and 7 p.m., Marquis Theater, 65 Main St. The Middlebury Skatepark Project hosts this documentary screening as a fundraiser for the Middlebury Skatepark Project with a suggested donation at the door. Beginners clinic and/or a meetup at Middlebury Mini prior to the show.

THURSDAY, OCT. 5

CHARLIE NARDOZZI IN VERGENNES. Thursday, Oct. 5, 5:30-7 p.m., Bixby Memorial Library, 538 Main St. A nationally recognized garden writer and a proud resident of the Bixby's five-town community, Nardozzi brings his expertise in fall gardening and Bulb Planting to the Bixby. Delve into essential fall gardening tasks, including perennial flower care, lawn maintenance, composting, mulching, preparing vegetable gardens for winter, and the art of planting spring-flowering bulbs.

MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE THEATER DEPARTMENT'S FIRST SHOW ON STAGE IN MIDDLEBURY. Thursday, Oct. 5, 7:30 p.m., Hepburn Zoo, Hepburn Rd. In its 28th annual First Show, "Look, Dream, Begin," students new to the Theatre Department make their stage debuts. This year the First Show is participating in the 2023 Climate Change Theatre Action festival, All Good Things Must Begin. The company will present a series of short plays interwoven into an inventive, truthful, and life-affirming piece about what it means to dream up a future during climate crisis. Tickets \$5, available at 802-443-6433.

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FILM SCREENING

Sparkling, silent romantic comedy screens in Brandon with live piano

She was known as "America's Sweetheart," but often played assertive take-charge characters that made her a role model to movie-goers around the world. She was Mary Pickford, who ruled the entertainment industry as the Queen of Hollywood during the silent era. See for yourself with a screening of "My Best Girl" (1927), one of Pickford's landmark feature films, on Saturday, Oct. 7, at 7 p.m., at the Brandon Town Hall and Community Center, Route 7, in Brandon. All are welcome to this family-friendly movie. Admission is free, with free will donations accepted in support of ongoing Town Hall renovations.

The screening, the latest in the venue's silent film series, will feature live accompaniment by Jeff Rapsis, a New Hampshire-based composer who specializes in creating music for silent films. The show is the latest in Brandon Town Hall's silent film series, which

gives audiences the opportunity to experience early cinema as it was intended: on the big screen, with live music, and with an audience.

Set in a big city department store, "My Best Girl" explores what happens when romance blossoms between a humble clerk and the wealthy store owner's son. The result is a sparkling "rich man, poor girl" romantic comedy from 1927 starring Pickford alongside leading man Charles "Buddy" Rogers, who would later become Pickford's real-life husband.

An industry pioneer who became Hollywood's first movie star, Pickford enjoyed a cult-like popularity throughout the silent era that made her a national icon and an international celebrity. Pickford also possessed a business savvy that gave her nearly total control of her creative output, with her own production



Charles "Buddy" Rogers and Mary Pickford star in "My Best Girl" (1927), a sparkling romantic comedy to be shown with live music on Saturday, Oct. 7, at 7 p.m., at the Brandon Town Hall and Community Center, Route 7. Admission is free, with free will donations accepted in support of ongoing Town Hall renovations. For more info, visit brandontownhall.com.

company and a partnership in a major film distribution company, all before she was 30 years old.

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ROKEBY MUSEUM

4334 Route 7, Ferrisburgh
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"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.

"Ourselves & Others: Racial Learning with Preschoolers." This exhibition uncovers new research in the fields of racial and anti-bias learning, which has emerged from the work of early childhood

An opening reception will be held on Oct. 6, from 3-7 p.m. On view Oct. 3-27.

educators and child development experts. On view through Oct. 14.

SHELDON MUSEUM

1 Park Street, Middlebury
For more info visit henrysheldonmuseum.org

"From Homespun to Couture: Fashion in Historic Middlebury," curated by Eva Garcelon-Hart, features local advertisements, newspapers, fashion magazines, photographs, trade cards, catalogs, and all manner of documentation from the Henry Sheldon Museum's archives, revealing what Middlebury residents wore, bought, and sold during the 19th and early 20th centuries. On view through Jan. 13, 2024.

"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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"MACRO | micro," is an artful interplay of dimension, detail, proportion, perspective, and point of view featuring work by over 40 local artists. On view through Nov. 4.

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FILM

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After starring in hundreds of short dramas from 1910-1915, Pickford's popularity led to starring roles in feature films starting in the mid-1910s. In 1919, she joined industry icons D.W. Griffith, Charlie Chaplin, and Douglas Fairbanks Sr. in creating the United Artists studio. In 1920, she married Fairbanks, with the pair reigning as Hollywood's royal couple for the remainder of the silent era. In the 1920s, Pickford reduced her output to one picture per year. "My Best Girl" was her last silent feature before the industry switched to talking pictures.

Pickford made several successful talking pictures, winning the Academy Award for Best Actress for the film "Coquette" in 1929. Pickford chose to retire in 1933. She lived in semi-seclusion until her death in 1979.

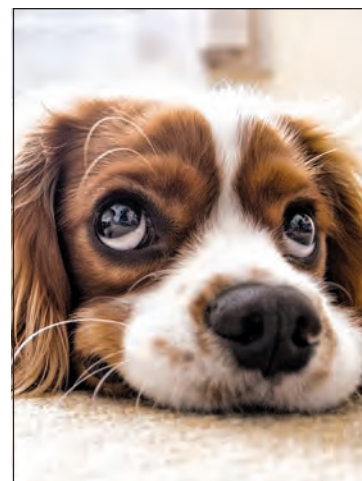
Accompanist Jeff Rapsis will improvise an original musical score for "My Best Girl" live as the movie is shown, as was done during the silent film era.

"When the score gets made up on the spot, it creates a special energy that's an

important part of the silent film experience," said Rapsis, who uses a digital synthesizer to recreate the texture of a full orchestra for the accompaniment. The Brandon Town Hall screening of "My Best Girl" is sponsored by Harold and Jean Somerset; Fyles Brothers, Inc.; and Jeanette Devino.

Next up in the Brandon Town Hall's silent film series will be:

Friday, Oct. 27, 7 p.m.: "The Cat and the Canary" (1927). Can a group of distant relatives survive the night in a haunted house to learn the secret of a madman's will? Find out in the original Gothic thriller from silent film director Paul Leni. Just in time for Halloween, a movie filled with deep shadows, dark secrets, and a surprisingly timeless mix of humor and horror that will keep you guessing. Sponsored by Pam and Steve Douglass.



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Al Pacino

Al Pacino is a super sweet and chatty 3-year-old. He came in with a scarred face (hence the name) and has since healed fully. He loves catnip and all things food-related. Al Pacino gets along with cats, but we are unsure about dogs.

Baritone

Baritone is a 4.5-month-old who we have seen grow into a handsome young cat. He had been in a foster home since he was just a couple of days old and has blossomed into a sweet, gentle, and playful teen. Baritone can be shy at first, but is super affectionate and loves to play. He likes to be with other cats and kittens but is nervous around dogs.

Daisy

Daisy is a sweet 2-year-old who goes crazy for catnip! She is super affectionate and likes to explore. Daisy does not like the other cats at the shelter.

Snickers

Snickers is a big 10-year-old who enjoys slowly following you around while keeping an eye out for treats. She is currently on a diet but is otherwise very healthy for her age. Snickers has lived with another cat. She enjoys being loved on but is particular about when she will allow you to pick her up.

Buster

Buster is a 10-month-old, 30-pound Shiba Inu mix. He is a high-energy, playful puppy who needs a lot of attention and exercise. Buster is crate-trained, housebroken, knows the sit command, and walks well on a leash. He is an intelligent dog who likes to play fetch. Buster is shy when introduced to new people, and requires time to warm up. He loves other dogs and has had canine friends in his previous household. Buster has a high prey drive and will chase cats. He is great with children.

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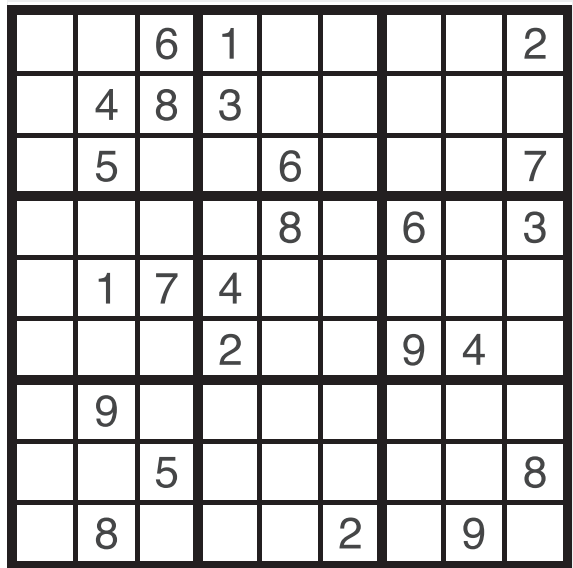
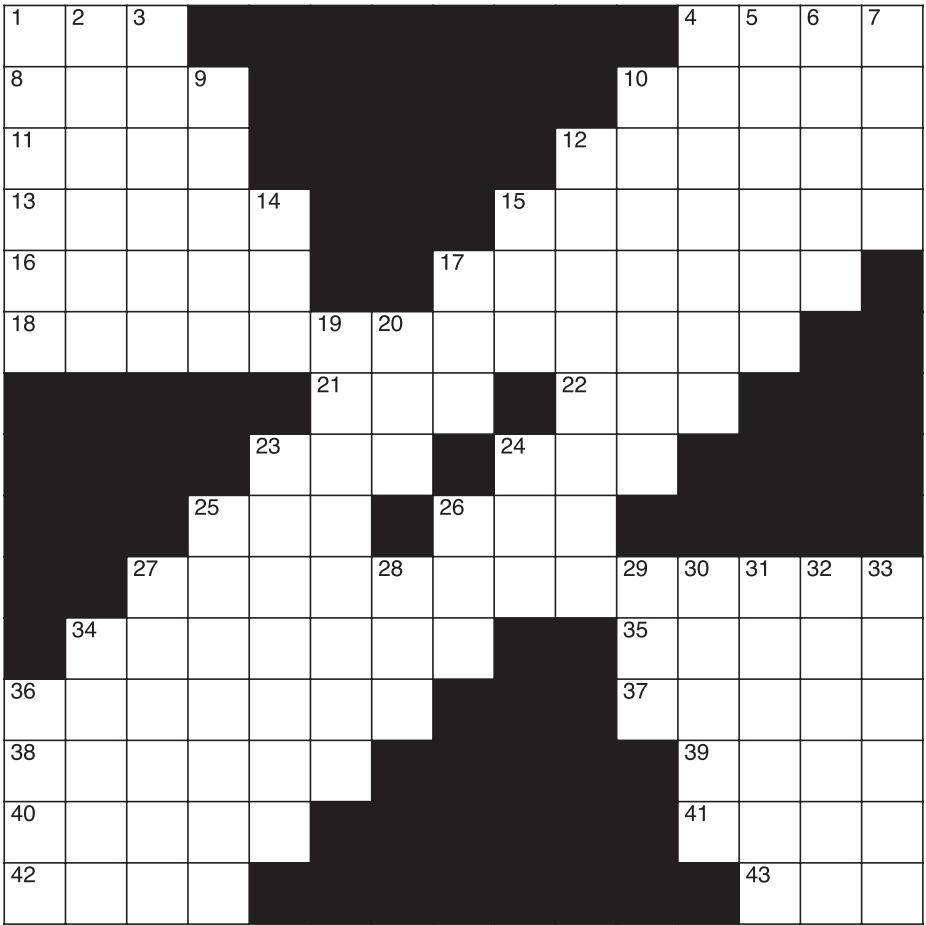
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15. Group of living organisms
16. Organic compound derived from ammonia
17. High honors
18. 5-year-olds'

- classes
21. Swiss river
22. Old woman
23. Cash machine
24. A way to soak
25. Hair product
26. Deride
27. "The Blonde Bombshell"
34. Cause to become insane
35. Bluish greens
36. Supported with money
37. Type of equation
38. Court officials
39. Indian god

40. Rids
41. Leak slowly through
42. Units of ionizing radiation
43. Midway between south and southeast

DOWN

1. Native of Slovakia
2. Deli meat
3. Fibrous substance in fungi
4. Cutting
5. Vedder and Van Halen



Sudoku

Each Sudoku puzzle consists of a 9x9 grid that has been subdivided into nine smaller grids of 3x3 squares. To solve the puzzle each row, column and box must contain each of the numbers 1 to 9. Puzzles come in three grades: easy, medium and difficult.

Level: Medium

6. Horror comic novelist
7. Rulers of Tunis
9. Shaped like a circle
10. Make a pig of oneself
12. Aphorism
14. Witness
15. Single Lens Reflex
17. Freshwater
- North American fish
19. Nautical ropes
20. Leg (slang)
23. Pokes holes in
24. Moved quickly on foot
25. Fix-it shops
26. Type of bread
27. Repaired
28. Synthetic diamond (abbr.)
29. Type of drug (abbr.)
30. German city along the Rhine
31. Animal disease
32. Martini necessities
33. Get away from
34. Village in Mali
36. Djibouti franc

This week's puzzle solutions can be found on Page 14.

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GOLDENROD: A USEFUL WILDFLOWER

Of all the wildflowers — or weeds, if you prefer — goldenrod (*Solidago*) is one of the most recognizable. Its plumes of bright yellow flowers atop tall stems bob in the breeze, making its presence hard to miss. If you have allergies, every time you drive by a stand of it growing

BY **DEBORAH J. BENOIT**

along the roadside, you probably wish goldenrod would just go away.

Goldenrod blooms during late summer and early fall, the same time and likely in the same places as the real villain in all that sniffing and sneezing, ragweed (*Ambrosia artemisiifolia*). In a clear case of guilt by association and by being the flashier of the two, goldenrod gets blamed for the ills brought on by the usually overlooked ragweed.

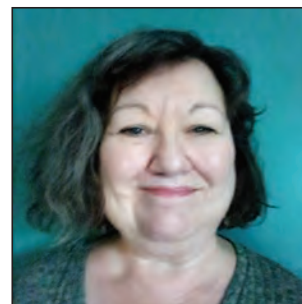
Ragweed's pollen sails easily on the breeze. Goldenrod's pollen is heavier, stickier and relies on pollinators to spread.

Solidago, the scientific name for goldenrod, means to make whole. Flowers, leaves and stems have been made into herbal remedies for centuries. It's been used in folk medicine to help heal wounds, as a diuretic, to treat inflammation, and as treatment for a variety of illnesses.

Historically, goldenrod took its place in America's story when British tea was shunned after the Boston Tea Party and colonists turned to home grown berries and plants to create what were known as "liberty teas." Goldenrod, fresh or dried, is still a popular ingredient in herbal teas today.

Adding to its versatility, goldenrod flowers can be used to create a natural dye. At their height of freshness, they yield a bright yellow while those turning to seed will result in a duller color.

A native plant found across the United States, goldenrod is a perennial, hardy to U.S. Department of Agriculture Plant Hardiness



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Zone 2. It grows between three and six feet tall, most enthusiastically in full sun. It dies back after the first frost, only to return again in the spring.

There are over 100 species of goldenrod. About a dozen species are found in Vermont.

Goldenrod is the state flower in Nebraska and Kentucky. In South Carolina, it's the state wildflower. In Delaware, sweet goldenrod (*Solidago odora*) is the state herb.

Goldenrod makes itself at home in naturalized areas of yards and creates a colorful backdrop in the home garden in the fall. Its feathery flowers add fill, color, and texture when added to cut flower arrangements.

If you invite goldenrod into your garden, be sure it's in an area where it can be contained. At the very least, plan to actively discourage its spread into other parts of the garden where it isn't wanted.

Goldenrod can be a bit of a bully. It not only spreads by seed but produces underground runners (called rhizomes) that can easily invade.

Planting goldenrod near a physical barrier, such as a wall, can prevent its spread underground. Cutting off faded flower heads and carefully disposing of any that have gone to seed outside the garden (not in the compost pile) can also help prevent the growth of new plants.

If your goldenrod tends to fall over as it matures and reaches its full height, it can be cut back by about a third in early summer. The result at bloom time will be a more compact plant with more flowers to enjoy.

Goldenrod's nectar is an important food source for pollinators. If found near crops, it invites bees, butterflies and hummingbirds to visit the garden. Goldenrod also provides a home for other beneficial insects. In the fall, its seeds feed birds such as goldfinches and cardinals.

All said, goldenrod is much more than just a pretty plant.



Goldenrod, which blooms during late summer and early fall, is not only an important food source for pollinators but can be used in herbal teas and to make natural dyes.

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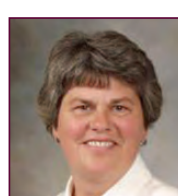
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