



Rebranding

A familiar group of musicians with a new name will visit the Opera House. See Arts + Leisure.



Eagles soar

Right from the start it was the Eagle girls' day against VUHS on Tuesday. See how on Page 1B.



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Up to 130 housing units eyed in city

By ANDY KIRKALDY

VERGENNES — The addition of a single clause to one sentence in the Vergennes City Plan could open up a vacant 14.4-acre parcel off the north end of Main Street for around 130 housing units.

And River's Edge Associates LLC, the development company eyeing the parcel, is targeting

those units for the "workforce housing" price range, said River's Edge principal Peter Kahn.

The Vergennes City Council last week called two public hearings to discuss adding that key clause to a provision in the city plan that now limits residential uses in the Northern (See Housing, Page 13A)

Bugs keeping us swatting

Mosquito counts higher this year due to wet weather

By MARIN HOWELL

ADDISON COUNTY — The past few months have brought lots of rain to Addison County, and, with that rain, lots of mosquitoes.

Wetter-than-normal conditions this summer created more of the pools of stagnant water that the insects use for breeding, resulting in a substantial rise in the region's mosquito population.

"(The increase) was very significant, particularly with regards to upland mosquitos," said Craig Zondag, field coordinator for the

Lemon Fair Insect Control District. "We've probably not seen mosquitoes like this since 2006."

The Lemon Fair Insect Control District, LFICD, helps monitor and manage the mosquito population in Bridport, Cornwall and Weybridge. The LFICD uses an integrated pest management approach to control the area's mosquito population when necessary, using methods that are both effective and environmentally sensitive, such as by the application of mosquito larvicides.

Each year, the team collects mosquitos using CDC light traps. As of Sept. 5, the total number of mosquitoes collected by the district's eight light traps was on track to surpass 105,000 for the year, well over the LFICD's previous highest trap year of 64,827 mosquitos in 2021.

Will Mathis, the operations coordinator for the Otter Creek Watershed Insect Control District (formerly the BLSG), could not be reached for this story. But at an August meeting he described this summer as hectic and said that (See Mosquitos, Page 14A)



Smack in the kisser

KINDERGARTNER ELIZABETH HECK clearly loves smashing a paper plate of whipped cream in the face of Bristol Elementary School Principal Aaron Boynton in front of a whole school assembly this past Thursday. She was one of 15 students who got to pie the principal and two assistants as a reward for gaining the most points for good behavior and other positive things at the school. See more photos on Page 10A.

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People are seeking help with animal welfare

Eye county response team, state support

By MARIN HOWELL

MONKTON — When around 30 cats were left in Monkton's Morse Park this past April, residents quickly sprung into action to rescue the abandoned animals. Over the next several months, community members worked to rehabilitate and rehome many of the cats, but struggled to find resources to get help handling the situation.

Now, the Addison County Sheriff's Department is in the process of developing a team that would investigate such cases and help communities deal with animal (See Animals, Page 13A)

City looking at \$2.3 million for fire trucks

By ANDY KIRKALDY

VERGENNES — Vergennes voters soon will weigh in on a \$2.35 million bond to pay for two new trucks for the city's fire department and to refurbish a third.

City council members at their Sept. 26 meeting supported a presentation by Fire Chief Dave DiBiase and City Manager Ron (See Fire trucks, Page 11A)



By the way

Middlebury dance phenom Christal Brown has done it again. The New England Foundation for the Arts recently named her as one of 20 honorees that were awarded a share of \$2.03 million through the National Dance Project to support the creation of 20 new dance projects that will (See By the way, Page 14A)

Program recycles children's clothing

By MARIN HOWELL

NEW HAVEN — The grounds of Beeman Elementary School were transformed this past Thursday into a treasure trove of gently used children's shoes, winter gear and clothing items. Families making their way to the school's Open House that evening were encouraged to peruse the piles and freely take what they needed — an opportunity made possible by the Mount Abraham Unified School District Extended Learning Program's Recycle/Reuse Project.

The project, in partnership with Middlebury nonprofit retail shop Junebug, collects pre-loved items like kids' clothing, coats and shoes and then sets up shop at MAUSD schools, where community members are invited to pick through recycled goods.

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Couple thinking big on mansion restoration

200-year-old, 9-bedroom Middlebury home will finally get a major facelift

By JOHN FLOWERS

MIDDLEBURY — If Middlebury's Means Mansion could talk, it would likely invite you to mix yourself a martini, pull a chair up to one of its seven Middlebury-marble-lined fireplaces and hear stories about the many visiting scholars, dignitaries and local movers-and-shakers whose signatures adorn the guest books once kept at the 208-year-old, nine-bedroom estate at 51 Seminary St. Ext.

Once an opulent jewel in a crown of historic homesteads that pepper the Middlebury Village Historic District, time, neglect and a battery of Vermont winters have dulled the luster of Means Mansion. The two-story, Federal-style structure that once beckoned to passersby from its perch at the eastern edge of the village is now a brooding, tree-shrouded hulk, with peeling paint, mismatched windows, a scruffy yard and a seemingly interminable collection of rooms screaming out for new wallpaper, paint — and (See Means Mansion, Page 12A)



KATHLEEN BRISSON SHOWS off one of the seven fireplaces in the 200-year-old Means Mansion in Middlebury, which she and husband, Randall, recently purchased and plan to renovate over the next two years.

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Shine on supermoon

THE HARVEST SUPERMOON rose dramatically over Nancy Hanks Peak in Lincoln on Sept 28.

Photo by Dale Cockrell

Thompson reflects on Porter years

MIDDLEBURY — Porter Medical Center President and Chief Operating Officer Tom Thompson led the Middlebury hospital and associated health care practices for nearly three years before he left the posts on Sept. 18 to take care of his ailing wife, Lori.

In Thompson's stead, Bob Ortmyer has expanded his work with the University of Vermont Health Network (UVMHN) and add the post of Porter's interim president and chief operating officer to his existing role as president of New York state's Elizabethtown Community Hospital.

Thompson has had a 40-year career in healthcare management and served as the President/CEO of six Midwestern hospitals from 1989 to June of 2019 before coming to Porter in February 2020. He was working remotely and caring for his wife for a couple months before stepping away from the role in September.

Thompson took some time with *Addison Independent* Senior Reporter John Flowers last week

to update his situation and share his thoughts on his time at Porter.

When did you decide that it'd be best to step down in order to devote more time to your wife and her convalescence?

When my wife was diagnosed with a recurrence of breast cancer in July, I worked with the UVMHN and Porter Medical Center leadership teams to set up a remote schedule and maintain a core set of meeting priorities to stay connected to work priorities while supporting my wife's care needs. While this worked OK, it was very taxing and I started to feel that my effort in both areas was not meeting my expectations. While I love my work and our team at Porter, my wife and our family needs to come first.

Is there any chance you might return to your job at a later date?

UVMHN leadership and my team have been very accommodating of my need to step away at this time. We have not reached a firm conclusion about the future. There will be a point in time when the organization needs to move on and/or where my return would be an avoidable disruption. It is great to have my friend and colleague Bob Ortmyer step in and support the team in the interim.

What Porter Medical Center-related accomplishments are you most proud of during your tenure as Porter president?

I was initially asked to come to Porter in February 2020 to bring experience and stability to the president role for an interim period and see the organization through some major projects. Having fallen in love with Vermont and Porter, I accepted an offer to stay



TOM THOMPSON

on permanently in October 2020.

Our team has realized many accomplishments, and I am proud to have been able to serve and support them during this time. Some select areas of pride include:

- Weathering the COVID-19 pandemic with our community. While it was a period of great unrest and uncertainty, leading through the pandemic enhanced collaboration across agencies and communities so we could do our best work. I am proud that Helen Porter Rehabilitation and Nursing, particularly, made it through the heart of the pandemic without incidence of COVID and COVID-related deaths among our residents.

- Implementing the Epic electronic health record system. We completed our Epic electronic health record implementation in Fall 2021. While delayed by a year due to the pandemic and other issues, our implementation process was cited as best practice by the Epic organization. This system greatly enhances care across our health system and beyond by enabling real-time sharing of important health information.

- Building trusting staff relationships. We have completed two formal union contract negotiations in my tenure, and both were conducted with civility and our community's interest at heart by all parties. We have prioritized focus on market competitive compensation, workplace safety and well-being, and enhancing resources for staff, all of which have been very challenging subjects

(See Thompson, Page 3A)

Community members weigh in on race issues

Urge Addison Central School District to seek to improve its climate

By AUDITI GUHA

VTDigger.org

MIDDLEBURY — Greg Akinbiyi had a simple, heartfelt message for leaders of the Addison Central School Board members at their Sept. 25 meeting.

"I am scared to send my son to school," said Akinbiyi, who is Black and who recently moved to Middlebury with his 19-month-old child.

Akinbiyi was among more than a dozen people who spoke at the meeting after Esther Charlestin read her recently published commentary to the board, explaining why she resigned recently from her job as dean of climate and culture at Middlebury Union Middle School.

Charlestin, a Black woman, left the post after less than a year. She told VTDigger it took her months to realize that the heaviness she was feeling throughout her tenure was the cumulative effect of the racism she faced at work.

"Hearing Esther share her story, I'm terrified," Akinbiyi said. "I know you all have a lot of different challenges that you're sorting through, but I just want to make it known that I am here and my son is here and I hope he can be in the schools but I am also very scared."

Several community members commended Charlestin for speaking out, acknowledged that racism exists in Vermont and urged the district to do better during a half-hour of public comments.

According to parent Sam Ostrow, there is a tendency in the region to shut down discomfort and make it go away. He encouraged district officials to have a "robust and open conversation" about school policy and race.

"What it comes down to, for those of us white folks trying to work on this, is for us to each work on ourselves and to be open to our discomfort," he said, "and think about the ways that we can do better."

A number of those who spoke during the Sept. 25 public comment period expressed disappointment in Charlestin's resignation and what they called the district's inability to confront racism that is pervasive and often overlooked by the largely white school district.

One asked how the district can repair the harm that has been done. Another wondered why it

has taken the district over a year to pin down an equity policy that works. Another said she would leave if she could — and applauded Charlestin's decision to remain and help improve the community.

"We shouldn't need a lot of reasons to do anti-racism and anti-oppression training for the kids, for the teachers, for the administration," said parent Poppy Rees, "besides not wanting to harm the people of color who are in the community."

Rees said it took leaving Vermont for her to realize how white the state is and how isolated people of color feel. How we deal with race in this state often conflicts with its progressive reputation and its stated goal of attracting newcomers, she said. "We have a lot of things going for us but I think this really is a huge weakness that we haven't even fully acknowledged."

"Racism is alive and well in Vermont," said an online participant who identified herself as a white student from Middlebury College. She implored school administrators to examine themselves and their policies, to be proactive rather than reactive when it comes to confronting racism.

"Take the initiative to do something before something else happens, and make that change so that this doesn't happen to another person," she said.

Beyond the microaggressions she faced, Charlestin said in the commentary, she was twice called the N-word — once by a student to her face and another time when the word was scribbled in a girls' bathroom wall.

"So the writing was on the wall, but what was the community response? How many students walked into the bathroom? What policies do we have in place when things are not just hidden? How do we support students and let them know that this is not OK and this is not tolerated in our spaces?" she said. "Nothing was done, as far as a community approach, to answer that question."

Earlier in the meeting, Nicole

Carter, assistant superintendent and director of equity and student services, presented a district policy addressing racist acts and speeches. The two-pronged policy outlines how the district currently helps prevent employee harassment, as well as student hazing, harassment and bullying.

According to Carter, there was too little data pertaining to employee harassment to present without breaching confidentiality. But she said there were 72 investigations into student hazing, harassment and bullying during the 2022-23 school year. Of those, 7% were specifically related to race, Carter said.

Some board members raised concerns that both buckets were not given equal treatment, and that because of confidentiality issues, there was no process in place to let the board know when an incident triggers an investigation. They also asked about what restorative practices were in place. Carter said there were none.

Timothy Williams, the interim school superintendent, said last week that the Addison Central district was working to advance diversity, equity and inclusion; has hired experts for professional development; and is finalizing a draft strategic plan to support the prevention of and responses to incidents of racism.

Weiwei Wang, representing the statewide nonprofit Vermont Professionals of Color, said Charlestin's experience is not the first instance of racism in Middlebury that the organization has heard about.

"I really want to emphasize that you all, as a school board, have the opportunity to be leaders in the state to turn your current system around and make the district safe for Black and brown students, faculty and staff as well as community members," she said.

Charlestin — who has since started a company to provide strategic planning and build culture through diversity, equity

(See Racism, Page 9A)

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— parent Greg Akinbiyi



ESTHER CHARLESTIN, FORMER dean at Middlebury Union Middle School, reads her recently published commentary at the Addison Central School Board's Sept. 25 meeting, explaining why she resigned from the job.

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City sump pumps on firing line Thompson

By ANDY KIRKALDY
VERGENNES

The Vergennes City Council last week addressed one of the trickier elements of the expensive ongoing effort to stop the city's wastewater and sewer collection system from overflowing into Otter Creek — the many sump pumps that swing into action during heavy rains.

They reviewed a memo that suggested resolving the problem would entail both extensive public outreach and a new, more tightly written ordinance that would offer a mixture of carrots and sticks to eliminate sump pumps and roof and foundation drains that empty into the collection system.

A draft of such an ordinance will be written in the months to come and probably be unveiled early next year, according to City Manager Ron Redmond.

The problem is clear. The recent Hoyle Tanner & Associates study of infiltration of rainwater and groundwater into the collection system pointed to sump pumps as a major contributor toward sewer system overflows that can reach hundreds of thousands of gallons, as did at earlier evaluations of the overflow problem. Those overflows are typically mostly water, but also include septic waste.

At the council's Sept. 26 meeting Mayor Chris Bearor offered what he called basic math: One simple sump pump can move 2,400 gallons of water in an hour.

That means, Bearor said, just 25 pumps illegally hooked up to the sewer system — including the one in the basement of Vergennes City Hall, officials confirmed — can add 60,000 gallons of water in an hour to help overwhelm the system operated by Rick Chaput.

"Rick sees it," Bearor said. At the meeting Hoyle Tanner Senior Environmental Engineer Paula Boyle presented a technical memo that pointed out the shortcomings of the city's existing

law that bans sump pumps as well as various types of drains.

Essentially, Boyle wrote, the law has no teeth: "The language does not explicitly detail relevant elements of their restriction and does not include strong language."

Boyle and her colleagues researched laws regulating sump pumps and drains in other communities and recommended clearer language in line with Vermont Department of Environmental Quality guidelines: "Regulation language related to the restricted, illicit connections will be strengthened to ensure that illicit connections, such as sump pumps, are prohibited and penalties for illicit connections will be outlined."

"The language (in the existing law) does not explicitly detail relevant elements of (sump pump) restriction and does not include strong language."

— Environmental Engineer Paula Boyle

At the same time, Hoyle Tanner and city officials alike acknowledged the difficulties of compliance for many property owners.

Deputy Mayor Dickie Austin highlighted the central issue, that residents would in many cases be losing "the one thing that keeps their basement dry," and finding alternatives could be expensive.

"I think we really need to be brainstorming that incentive piece," Austin said.

The Hoyle Tanner memo noted other communities offered amnesty programs, with low-cost or free disconnection during an enrollment period; cost-share programs, with municipal support for the expense; rebate or reimbursement programs; municipal support for redirection efforts for water removed from basements; or time-of-sale provisions, requiring property owners to resolve issues before a transfer of ownership.

In response to a question, Boyle said incentive programs have worked elsewhere: "We've seen a lot of success in Massachusetts, for some reason. There are all sorts of incentives you can come up with."

Boyle also emphasized what city officials have previously acknowledged: "It's difficult to inspect facilities and remove sump pumps when it's raining five inches or more ... You need a location to discharge this clear water to."

Officials spent time on the redirection question. Redmond said it will be important to provide options and support, and mentioned ARPA funding as a possible source of help.

"We need to be creative and clever on where we can redirect some of this. We want to be more deliberate than to say we're just going to shut it down," he said. "We're really interested in how do we work with our community members."

Chaput suggested rain gardens and rain barrels as options that could work in some situations, and said some soils would be more receptive than others to absorbing pumped or drained water. Redmond said a pipe system could link pumps to gutters in some cases, and presented slides with a "dry pit installation" and a "French drain."

Boyle also emphasized what she saw as the other key element of successful adopting a new ordinance.

"The public outreach is going to be a big component of the next phase of his work," she said. "A really strong ... draft first, then a real strong public outreach campaign is really important."

Councilors discussed rewriting the existing ordinance, but ultimately agreed with Councilor Sue Rakowski that a blank slate drawing from other communities' laws would be a better approach in crafting something to present to residents in a few months.

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— City Manager Ron Redman

Gov. Scott pursues further FEMA aid

Requests disaster declaration for Addison and Rutland counties

By JIMMY NESBITT,
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Communities in Addison and Rutland counties could recover some of the money spent repairing public infrastructure following severe flooding in early August if the federal government approves a request from Gov. Phil Scott.

Scott made the request on Wednesday, Sept. 27, to President Joe Biden for a major disaster declaration, according to the governor's office. The declaration, if granted, would make available Federal Emergency Management Agency funding through its Public Assistance Program to both counties for expenses incurred from Aug. 3 to 5.

Municipalities could be reimbursed for 75% of funds spent on such expenses as debris removal, road and public building repairs, and staff overtime related to the flood, according to Scott's office.

Following a presidential disaster declaration, FEMA may provide

public and individual assistance. The latter benefits individuals and families who suffered losses in a disaster. Scott's request calls for public assistance, not individual assistance.

"For Addison and Rutland counties, the severe storms and flooding from early August compounded the impacts of July flooding and rainfall, overwhelming state and local resources," Scott said in a press release. "Municipal budgets are stretched thin as towns work to recover from these additional storms, and another disaster declaration is needed to help address infrastructure damage that is not covered by the July disaster declaration."

Federal assessors have identified more than \$1.2 million in program-eligible costs incurred by public entities in Addison and Rutland counties, according to the governor's office.

In the disaster declaration request, Scott's office pointed out

that 6 inches of rain fell in three hours, "which equates to a 1,000+ year storm." And that followed July storms that dumped 5 inches of rain over 12 hours, which is typical of

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(Continued from Page 2A) during and after the pandemic. We have led with transparency and integrity during a very difficult time in healthcare and the general economic environment.

• Raising the bar on safety culture. We have prioritized transparency in processes and systems supporting quality, safety and performance improvement and focused on a workplace culture that reinforces this priority.

• Building leadership capabilities. We implemented physician-administrative leadership dyads throughout our care system to improve our leadership as well as break down silos to create one system of care.

• Connecting with our community as partners in Mission. As important as any other strategy, Porter has stepped up its role as an anchor organization within

the communities we serve. We have enhanced our ability to meet our Mission through intentional collaborations with organizations like Porter Auxiliary, Counseling Service of Addison County, End of Life Services, Middlebury College, and area municipalities and law enforcement. We established our Community Development Council, supported our Porter Auxiliary, and strengthened our Patient and Family Advisory Council to engage community volunteers and residents in our Mission in new and different ways. We have built our local governance to be more representative of the communities we serve and have started hosting our board meetings in communities throughout our service area. We have emphasized being connected to community as instrumental to our future and followed through on that commitment.

• Being a good UVMHN partner. We have been formative in the evolution of the UVM Health Network. Though not the largest of the UVMHN partner organizations, Porter has engaged actively in the Network's strategy and development as supporting the interests of the communities we serve.

Are you confident in Porter Medical Center's future?

Yes, very much so. Porter's plans are focused on doing the fundamentals with great reliability we well as building on its capabilities in a manner that is consistent with community need and which are clinically appropriate and financially sustainable. As a UVMHN partner organization we have resources at our disposal that we would not have as an independent organization to do the best we can for our communities.



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Editorials

More reasons for you to take action on climate

Important news on the local climate front this week came when Vermont State Treasurer Mike Pieciak spoke in favor of proposed legislation that would divest the state's pension fund from investments in fossil fuel companies. The bill Pieciak referred to was introduced this past session and would phase out such current investments by the end of the decade.

Pieciak signaled his support of the legislation at a conference on Vermont climate policy last week.

"The first thing as treasurer is to do no harm to the pension system — and I don't believe this bill does that," Pieciak said, as reported by Vermont Public. "Then you also need to look at the financial risk of investing in fossil fuels over the short, medium and long term. And I think this bill creates a framework to do just that and to reduce our risk over time."

The statement is important because Pieciak, who was elected State Treasurer in November 2022 and assumed the position at the start of 2023, departs from the previous state treasurer who had opposed divestment because of what it might do to the pension funds. The bill, S.42, originated in the Senate and passed last April on a third reading, 22-8. It currently sits in the House Government Operations and Military Affairs committee and will be taken up there in January.

The legislation was introduced by the climate action group, Third Act, which was started by Ripton environmentalist Bill McKibben. The organization specifically encourages Americans over 60 to get involved because of their large numbers and political strength. In a recent report on Vermont Edition, McKibben praised the leadership and energy from young people throughout the world on climate-related issues, but said getting involved with the climate movement isn't just for young people.

"It's neither fair nor practical to demand that high school (or college) students solve the biggest problems that we've ever faced," he said. "They don't have the structural power to do it. If you look around for who does have structural power, well, it's people with airlines like mine. There are 70 million people over the age of 60 in America, we punch way above our weight."

With the effects of climate change all around us, now's a good time to join the fight and while this divestment issue in Vermont seems like a sure bet to pass the Legislature, it's also likely that Gov. Phil Scott could oppose it — as he has on several other climate-related issues. And that's where older voices and sheer numbers matter: when politicians see more and more people, across all ages, advocating for rational changes in climate policy, it's that much more difficult to ignore.

Angelo Lynn

McCarthy's fall, GOP's travesty

The ouster of House Speaker Kevin McCarthy is notable for many things — including it's the first time in the nation's history that a speaker has been dethroned, let alone done so in such a mindless manner — but one salient point stands out: the key antagonist, Rep. Matthew Gaetz, managed the coup with just seven other Republicans and did so without a plan to deal with the consequences.

For those readers who might only catch the headlines, it's notable that 210 House Republicans supported McCarthy. That a handful of self-absorbed bomb-throwers can render the House immobile is a travesty in itself — and an indictment of Republican leadership.

That it was done with no Plan B is beyond reckless. But that such recklessness fits Gaetz's modus operandi, along with a handful of allies, defines the dysfunction of the House under Republican control.

Their goal isn't to govern, but to score political points so their social media feeds appeal to individual donors moved by those willing to blow-up the status quo. Donald Trump and his supporters fit into this same mold. No realistic solutions are offered; but they're very good at blaming others for the complex problems the nation faces.

We're not sorry to see McCarthy go. He was a self-serving, double-crossing politician willing to lie to friend and foe while rarely putting the national interests ahead of his personal ambition. One of his few noble acts was staving off a government shutdown last week by partnering with Democrats at the last minute, but such brinkmanship was due to McCarthy's unwillingness to compromise much earlier and for putting the Speaker's role in such a precarious position in the first place.

As a footnote to history, his failed speakership (269 days) will define the unruliness of a Republican Party struggling to get its footing after the destabilizing influence of ex-president Trump.

What happens next is anyone's guess. Republicans are at each other's throats and certainly have no fondness for Gaetz and his rightwing gang. There is already talk among mainstream Republicans about expelling Gaetz. To that end, it's possible the party could elect a more moderate leader who would insist the self-imposed rules that strangled McCarthy be tossed out and a status quo be reinstated that allows the Speaker to compromise with Democrats when needed to approve necessary legislation in the national interest. That would make sense.

But don't hold your breath. The party has been on self-destruct mode since Trump came on the scene, and as long as he's still defining their stage not much is likely to change.

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Independent photo/Steve James

Understanding others' narratives

I have bungled many situations in my life. Some stand out above others.

After graduating from college I worked for a while at a county park leading hikes, bike tours, and canoe trips. An enthusiastic high school student joined one of our outings and volunteered to assist me on subsequent cycling trips that spring. He showed up regularly with all the latest equipment — waterproof map holder, lightweight panniers, rearview helmet mirror — while I pedaled along in my used Peugeot with the handlebar tape unraveling. It was great having the assistance of a technical expert who knew about tire pressure, gear changes, metric equipment. I wanted to find a way to appreciate this young man's generosity with his time and talents.

One day after a long ride through the open and gently rolling hills of local farm country, he invited me to his home, where his parents had prepared a traditional Thai meal. Afterward we viewed slides he'd taken on his cycling trips and discussed our common interest in photography. The final image he projected was shot through the branches of a huge maple in full foliage, a study in clear blues and greens, a bright star of sunlight glowing through the leaves defining a splash of ruffled edges.

"This is the best photograph I've ever taken. The lighting is perfect," he told me.

Right then, I got an idea. I would quietly slip this image out of the pile of slides and surprise him with a large framed copy. He wouldn't realize it was gone until I presented the gift.

I didn't think it fully through. He called me at the park a few days later, asking if I knew what happened to his favorite slide. I flushed but didn't confess, unwilling to let go of my plan. That was a foolish and even selfish error.

After the photo was mounted and framed I attempted to bring it to his home, which I had only visited that one evening by following his navigation. His family lived in a large development with sinuous roads twisting in every direction. The house seemed to have vanished.

After driving in circles for some time, I gave up.

Summer came and went. He was going off to college. I left my job at the park and moved out of state. While packing I found the framed photo in a closet, his slide still taped behind it. I gave it to my sister, hoping I'd feel better if someone enjoyed it. Still, I held the

vision it would one day find its way back to its owner. That didn't happen. I never saw him again.

This event troubles me still. From this young man's perspective, I stole a valued possession from him, then lied about it after he had been generous and kind and his immigrant family had opened their home to me. If that happened to me, I would feel disillusioned, offended, wounded.

What impression did I give this young person of adults, of our culture, of the way the world works? How did this impression impact his subsequent interactions? And mostly, what can I do about it as the years slip by? I have no answers.

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Ways of Seeing

By Alice Leeds



It's my transport, not my identity

You know the kind of person who takes great pride in the car they drive and spends all kinds of time and money accessorizing and maintaining it?

I am not that kind of person.

I drive a used 2014 or 2015 Chevy Equinox — or "Equin x," according to what's left of the emblem on the back hatch. The car suits me: It's dependable but unexciting, rapidly aging and easy to miss in a crowd. The make is so common that I routinely attempt to climb into someone else's if it's parked within five spaces of mine.

I'm not sure of the model year; that tells you all you need to know about how interested I am in cars. The only thing I care less about is jet skis; fortunately, I don't need one of those to get to the grocery store.

As a young adult, I treated my car like a combination storage unit and dumpster. I only started keeping it marginally cleaner when a family of neighborhood raccoons inquired about using it as a seasonal rental.

Still, when our kids were little, it served as a repository for their spare sweatshirts and used lollipop sticks. They customized the interior by smearing their fingerprints on the windows and grinding goldfish crackers into the upholstery.

For my part, I continued to leave empty coffee mugs in the cupholders and throw hair ties and ballpoint

pens around the cabin like party favors.

Over time, however, the kids grew up, and I began driving less. Some late-onset maturity — the same magical force that finally inspired me to start keeping my keys in the same spot — got me to stop leaving stuff in the car.

When I was giving the Equin x its semiannual vacuuming the other day, I was struck by how far I had come: Other than a few crumpled receipts and a handful of loose change in the console cubby — crucial for the two or three times a decade I drive on toll roads — the interior was practically empty.

I may not use the car like a mobile junk drawer anymore, but it's not like I actively take care of it, either. There are people who wash their cars regularly and have standing appointments with the detailer. I, on the other hand, have been driving around for weeks with my granddaughter's cryptic message — "h e t p t" — scrawled in the grime on my passenger door.

Eventually the rain will take care of it; for now, kindergartners keep flashing me what appear to be gang signs as I drive through town.

One long-ago summer, I had my car detailed. There was an incident in which, while loading groceries, I dropped a gallon of milk in the cargo area. It split open, dumping all 128 ounces into the nether regions (See Jessie, Page 5A)

Letters to the Editor

Piece on geese nice; pic a miss

Thank you for the special Fall section in the September 28th edition of the *Independent*. The article about Canada Geese was especially interesting. However, the photos published with this article are of Snow Geese, not Canada Geese. If Addison County residents would like to view migrating waterfowl (geese and ducks), please visit our very own Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area. They have a fabulous Visitor Center along Route 17 in Addison. Starting this week the Visitor Center will be open Wednesday through Sunday. For more information visit vtfishandwildlife.com/watch-wildlife/dead-creek-visitor-center.

Margie Latham
DCVC volunteer
Middlebury

Hard to see any good from #45

I am still waiting to hear why so many hold Trump in a positive way. Listing bad things about him is easy as he has done so many things that hurt this nation.

I heard of a list of Trump accomplishments. What I found was an annotated list showing that 90% had nothing to do with Trump and 10% were made up. Lies.

We already know that Trump makes up stories as needed, and are not believable.

He is now calling for someone to shoot masses of thieves. But, that is Trump. Seems to have no reverence for our laws (execution only after a fair trial, etc.), and he shows that by trying to get away with disobeying so many laws so often.

When will he finally be brought to justice, as a defendant in court? When will courts stop his tirades against our nation and justice system? He works newer and newer sets of lawyers to death trying to defend him.

And, I hear, that he doesn't bother to pay those who have helped him.

Please, someone, tell me of some good that Trump has done for this nation. His lies aren't enough.

Peter Grant
Bristol

Hanley a model police leader

Not many towns or cities in the United States get the benefit of 30 years from a police chief, and especially one who so embodies the "protect and serve" philosophy, with a heavy emphasis on the "serve" part. Middlebury made a great decision when it hired Tom Hanley as its chief.

I was a young reporter at this paper when Chief Hanley was hired. At that time, the police department seemed to have a bunker mentality, hostile to the press and skeptical of the public. When presented with the challenges we faced getting public information from the police, Tom was shocked. Public information was public information, he said, and told us to contact him if there was ever a problem. Rarely, if ever, was there a problem. In fact, police officers under the chief became very responsive to information requests, and seemed happy to share the good work they were doing.

Chief Hanley immediately started making the police department accessible to all the public. He moved to a neighborhood policing model that gave areas of the town access to an officer they could reach and who would be responsible following up with citizens of that area. While that has evolved over the years, the commitment to responsiveness never wavered.

I particularly remember the Pine Meadows double-homicide/suicide in the 1990s, a complex daytime tragedy that included a fear that the shooter was on the loose near downtown. Chief Hanley handled the unprecedented situation professionally, making

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Around the bend

By Jessie Raymond



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Letters to the Editor

Some words depicting the homeless are 'unwanted'

"Unwanted person." That is the term twice used in the *Addison Independent's* Middlebury Police Log to juxtapose the interest of a business and the presence of a human being. The term "unwanted campers" was used in an apparent conflict between another property owner and other people.

I am confident that no harm was intended in the use of these terms. The writer was simply trying to describe a difference between an entity that is desirable in the Middlebury community and others that are presumably not.

The vandalism and destruction described in last week's Middlebury police log are deplorable. Property was damaged and destroyed. As the law-and-order President Ronald Reagan once said about individual people who break the law, "it is time to restore the American precept that each individual is accountable for his (sic) actions."

The "unwanted persons," "unwanted campers," the destructive perpetrator, and several other subjects of the Middlebury Police Log are unsheltered homeless people living in our community.

Vermont gets lots of attention for having the 2nd/3rd (depending on California's status on any given day) highest rate of homelessness per capita. Like many other areas, Addison County lacks adequate affordable housing, access to mental health services, and responsive substance use disorder treatment and recovery centers. Our hospitals are overburdened and our homeless shelters are overflowing.

A statistic that does not garner much attention is that Vermont has the lowest rate of unsheltered homeless people per capita in the country. Why? Because Vermonters come together to work hard problems.

Addison County has some of the most compassionate citizens anywhere. The compassion and commitment to justice of our county's medical professionals, law enforcement, human service workers, educators, elected representatives, and business owners are demonstrated every day in the way they consistently relate to the inherent worth and potential of every human being.

If we are going to successfully address the challenges of poverty, homelessness, mental

illness, substance disorders, and disenfranchisement in this county, we will do it together. Citizens reaching out and connecting with other human beings. Individual accountability to the law? Yes, when equal justice dictates. But we must call out as wrong terms like "unwanted person" that threaten to split our community into "us" versus "the other." That is not the Vermont my family chose to raise our children in, and it is not the America we combat veterans fought for.

I listened to a homeless man shouting at a business owner and police officers last week, "Do you think I want to be here?! Do you think I want to live like this?! We were just looking for a place to rest!" Whether they are under the Cross Street bridge, deep in the woods, or in a shelter, homeless people carry the stigma of failure and shame everywhere they go. Yet if you look in their eyes, you will see someone's child or parent or grandparent or sibling. We risk losing part of our humanity when we start seeing anyone as an "unwanted person."

Tom Morgan Panton

ACSD response to racism fell short

After reading Adison Central School District Interim Superintendent Timothy Williams's commentary in the Sept. 21 *Addison Independent*, it has taken me numerous revisions to articulate my feelings. I grappled with expressing my genuine emotions while hoping my heart

would resonate with others as I engaged in this dialogue. I believed responding was essential, given my role as a BIPOC Consultant collaborating with the district to "do the work." While some may argue that the school district intended to acknowledge our collective efforts, I must candidly convey that the mention of my name within the article did not feel like appreciation. Instead, it felt more like an attempt to dismiss Esther Charlestin's experiences, conveyed through a tone reminiscent of, "I have a Black friend, and look at how hard we are trying."



Community Forum

This week's writer is Justice Elijah, a social and racial justice consultant and founder of Spreading Justice LLC.

allyship and leveraged their privilege to advocate for and champion the establishment of this space. It's vital to recognize that the BIPOC space goes beyond being a mere gathering of BIPOC students. It serves as a safe space, a haven of support, and a place where these students can be themselves without the weight of systemic oppression bearing down on them. What might seem like an hour on a schedule for some holds a much deeper significance for these students. Within that allotted time, they found rest from the daily struggles and microaggressions. They could finally experience safe community building. A place where their voices are heard, their experiences validated, and their identities celebrated.

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ACSD, you witnessed a Black woman depart from your leadership team due to the overwhelming racism she endured. Your response primarily revolved around justifying the internal investigation and emphasizing the completion of your task list. The emphasis seemed to be on your actions rather than acknowledging the harm inflicted. While I genuinely appreciate the mention of my name and our collaborative efforts, I believe it should have been presented differently. It should not have followed Esther's narrative without a sincere apology.

I was deeply disappointed when my name was used as a partner in the "work" without any acknowledgment or an apology to Esther for her painful experiences. This issue is particularly close to

my heart because I have been in Esther's shoes. I have experienced harm within this community without acknowledgment or recognition — only justification for how they believed they treated me. What is often the case for many marginalized communities is that we share a collective trauma, as we understand that what happens to one of us could just as quickly happen to another.

To compound this, the district failed to credit Natasha Causton and Michelle Steele, who played instrumental roles in creating the BIPOC space. Their unwavering commitment and tireless efforts cannot be overstated. They demonstrated extraordinary dedication by actively seeking external funding sources and hiring me as the BIPOC consultant. In doing so, they exhibited remarkable

privilege to advocate for and champion the establishment of this space. It's vital to recognize that the BIPOC space goes beyond being a mere gathering of BIPOC students. It serves as a safe space, a haven of support, and a place where these students can be themselves without the weight of systemic oppression bearing down on them. What might seem like an hour on a schedule for some holds a much deeper significance for these students. Within that allotted time, they found rest from the daily struggles and microaggressions. They could finally experience safe community building. A place where their voices are heard, their experiences validated, and their identities celebrated.

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Here are several practical steps I believe should be taken:

1. Offer Esther an official, public acknowledgment for the harm she has endured during her tenure.
2. Sustain an open dialogue about how to rectify the harm inflicted.
3. Continue actively engaging and collaborating with BIPOC individuals on matters related to these topics.
4. Be receptive to correction when wrong and foster an environment where learning and growth are encouraged.
5. Remember that forgiveness is not an entitlement; all we can do is put forth our best effort and commit to the work.

Let us forge ahead toward a more equitable, inclusive and just community.

Conlon letter

(Continued from Page 4A) himself available to the press late into the night. Most remarkably, he willingly and openly discussed difficult decisions he made, for better or worse, such as not identifying the suicide victim as the shooter sooner by rolling his body over. This would have ended the need for lockdowns and other safety measures, but potentially harmed the crime scene investigation.

I later worked with immigrant dairy farm workers in Vermont when their numbers and presence in Vermont were growing — and so were encounters with local and state police, some of whom felt obligated to enforce federal

immigration laws and detain these workers who were mostly out shopping.

Chief Hanley changed the narrative in Vermont. He said making anyone in Middlebury fear talking to the police was counter to good policing. Immigrant farm workers were just as likely to be victims or witnesses, and he wanted everyone to feel comfortable reporting crimes. His policy soon became statewide policy, and put Middlebury on the map as a welcoming place.

Thirty-plus years as police chief creates a lot to say — but just two more features of Tom's tenure stand out to me. Several years ago, Chief Hanley and his department honored

one of their own for bravery during an armed standoff. At a time when police shootings are a daily feature of the news, this officer put himself in significant danger, but de-escalated the situation and resolved it without violence. That is policing everyone can be proud of.

Finally, Chief Hanley left the department with two highly qualified, long-serving candidates to replace him. Few towns are so lucky.

I may not be a Middlebury resident, but I am thankful our shiretown police department has been well led. Congratulations to Chief Hanley on an amazing tenure.

Peter Conlon Cornwall

Jessie

(Continued from Page 4A) of the car. (The smell did go away. I just can't remember whether the detailing did the trick or whether I sold the car.)

Barring another dairy disaster, however, I don't see more detailing in my future. I'm passionate about many things, but not, for example, having spotless fins on my dashboard vents. You'll never see me polishing my car's headlights or crouching to inspect the body for minor dents.

I just don't care. In fact, when I got the Equin x, the rear hatch paint was chipped in several places. I intended to have it repaired immediately. The chips are still there.

And in case those weren't enough to get me over the car's new-to-me preciousness, Mark helped me by driving the tractor bucket into the bumper within the first month.

The resulting crinkle is still there too.

Sometimes I wish I had a fancier car, but I know I'd never keep it up the way it deserved. Plus, I've heard what some people pay each month for their flashy new vehicles; for that kind of money, I'd rather buy a modest second hand.

I don't begrudge anyone their shiny, keyless, heated-seat, sunroofed, parking-assisted, new-car-smelling, rapidly depreciating investments. For now, however,

I'm content with my dull, dusty, dinged-up Equin x.

Now and then, I feel a pang of envy toward people who drive around town with their chins held high and a smug look that says, "My car is cool and so am I."

But I've made peace with my own signature look while driving: a slight grimace that says, "It's not pretty, but it's paid for."

Ways of Seeing

(Continued from Page 4A) But I did learn and grow from my oversight. I would not hold on to a mistruth again, however innocently. I try to give others the benefit of the doubt, knowing some acts that seem cruel are intended as a step towards kindness, no matter how awkward or obscure to the viewer.

I recall the words of a wise friend: in the most challenging disputes, there are many narratives, and

each one is true. To find our way forward, we need to seek ways to honor the many truths, no matter how disparate. It's a formidable task.

Alice Leeds, of Bristol, taught in a variety of private and public schools and colleges for forty years. Presently retired, she tries to engage in some useful endeavor each day. She enjoys hearing from readers at aleeds@gmavt.net.

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Presented by Eileen Lawson
 Geriatric Social Worker, Elderly Services
 Date: Tuesday, September 26, 4:30-6:00 p.m.

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Falling victim to a telephone or computer scam can happen to anyone, but members of our elderly community are the most vulnerable. Learn specific strategies you can use to keep yourself or your loved ones from becoming victims of this type of scam.

Presented by: Chief Tom Hanley
 Middlebury Police Department
 Date: Tuesday, October 17, 4:30-6:00 p.m.

Session 2: My Reflections on Living with Dementia

Jane Dwinell will read from her recently published book and take your questions. There are 13,000 people over age 65 in Vermont currently with a dementia diagnosis. It is a disease that touches everyone, yet there remains a stigma around talking about it. Jane's husband Sky did what he could to erase that stigma. He died in 2021, and since then Jane has been continuing the work that he started.

Presented by Jane Dwinell, author of *Alzheimer's Canyon: One Couple's Reflections on Living with Dementia*.
 Date: Tuesday, October 3, 4:30-6:00 p.m.

Session 4: Does Your Loved One Have Memory Loss?

Families have many questions when a relative is forgetful. When do I intervene? What is the right approach? We will discuss tips for everyday living with a person who has memory loss.

Presented by: Joanne Corbett
 Clinical Social Worker, Elderly Services
 Date: Tuesday, November 7, 4:30-6:00 p.m.

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Obituaries

Rosamond Hay (Smith) Shepard, 94, of Bristol

BRISTOL — Rosamond Hay (Smith) Shepard passed away peacefully on Sept. 26, 2023. She was born Feb. 7, 1930, in Bristol, Vt., to Carl and Harriet (Lapar) Smith. She was the youngest of seven, growing up on North Street in Bristol Village.

She married Charles Shepard on May 7, 1949, in Bristol. They raised their five sons, Edward, George, Thomas, Carl and John, also on North Street in Bristol Village. Along with raising her sons, Rosamond cared for her parents as they aged and after their death was the primary caregiver of her beloved brother Frank who had special needs.

Rosamond was a seamstress, personal care attendant and worked for Porter Hospital in Middlebury for 40 years, working on the main floor and OB as a nurse's assistant and finishing her career as the hospital's sterilizer. Rosamond was an amazing cook. She won awards at the county fair for her baked beans and loved to make her beans for the Bristol Fire Department, where her husband and sons George and Edward were members. On holidays her family couldn't wait for her rolls to come out of the oven. On Halloween she supplied the neighborhood with the best molasses popcorn balls. The memories she made baking with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren will always be cherished.

Rosamond enjoyed knitting and crochet, gardening and hanging the laundry outside, even in the dead of winter. Her grandchildren



ROSAMOND HAY (SMITH)
SHEPARD

were supplied with a new pair of mittens every Christmas, a tradition she continued with the greats. At Christmas Grandma-Great (as she was lovingly called by some of her great-grandchildren) made a cloth bag where inside she put a pair of mittens, an orange, and some quarters. They loved these simple gifts. She said these were gifts she received as a child.

Cancer affected Rosamond's life in a profound way, she endured through the pain of losing three sons, George (1989), John (2014), Thomas (2015), and her husband Charles (2004) to the horrible disease.

Rosamond is survived by son Edward and Suzanne Shepard of Bristol and their children Daniel (Tonya), Tricia (Jason) Vincent and Matthew; daughter-in-law Jane (Thomas) Shepard of Bristol and their children Kristi (Todd)

Jennings, Jason (Michelle) and Benjamin (Trish); and son Carl and partner Joan Rosebush of Burlington and John's children Kaleb (Mavis) and Natasha. She also leaves behind her great-grandchildren, Colin and Elayna Jennings; April, Moe and Sawyer Shepard; Lauren and Taylor Sylvester; Maizy and Remi Shepard; Payton Vincent; Silas and Sadie Shepard; Cole and Haley Shepard; Kylee and Sophie Shepard; and great-grandchildren Everett Jennings and Odin Leggett, along with many special nieces and nephews.

Rosamond was predeceased by sons George, Thomas and John, her husband, Charles, and her parents, Carl and Harriet, brothers Frederick, William, John and Franklin, and sisters Florence and Albertine.

The family would like to thank the following for the amazing care and companionship they gave Rosamond the last few years; Jeanette Bedell, Deborah Bessette, Cori Pike, Barbara Prime and Ashley Tatro. Your patience and compassion was truly appreciated. Also, thank you to Helen Porter Healthcare & Rehab Respite Care unit for the hospice care of Rosamond during her end of life.

Visiting hours will be on Friday, Oct. 6, from 5-7 p.m. at Brown-McClay Funeral Home in Bristol. The funeral will be on Saturday, Oct. 7, at 11 a.m. at St Ambrose Catholic Church in Bristol.

In lieu of flowers please make donations in Rosamond's name to Helen Porter Health & Rehab or Project Independence. ◊

Stella A. (Devino) Dugan, 93, of Vergennes

VERGENNES — It is with our deepest sympathy that we announce the passing of Stella A. (Devino) Dugan on Sept. 26, 2023, at Porter Hospital in Middlebury, Vt., at the age of 93. She was born to Eunice and John Devino on Feb. 27, 1930, in Panton, Vt.

She moved from Addison to Vergennes to attend High School, from which she graduated in 1948. She married her husband, Rex, on Christmas Eve, 1948. She moved into the Dugan residence on East Street, where she lived up until her passing.

Stella is predeceased by her father, John (1957); husband of 28 years, Rex (1977); her son, Stephen (1981); her brother Edward (1981); her brother John (1992); and her mother, Eunice (1992). She is



STELLA A. (DEVINO) DUGAN

survived by her children, Marcia (Randall) Ouellette and John (Aleta) Dugan; grandchildren

Christina (Robert) Shea, Annie (Eugene) Stearns, Diana (Scott) Rose-Joyal, Erika (JC) Hart, Adam Dugan, Stephanie Dugan, JC Dugan and Maci Dugan; her great-grandchildren, Riley (Courtney) Shea, Konnor (Leigh) Shea, Taylor (Reese) Stearns, Seamus Rose and Logan Stearns; and her great-great-grandchildren, Oakley Shea (Riley) and Grayson Shea (Konnor).

A wake will be held at Brown-McClay Funeral Home located at 48 South Maple St, Vergennes, Vt., on Thursday, Oct. 5, from 5 to 7 p.m. The family will have a private burial service at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, we ask that a donation be made to the Vergennes Fire Department, 50 Green St., Vergennes, VT 05491 in name of Stella Dugan. ◊

Frank S. Emanuel, 88, formerly of Middlebury

KAHANA, Hawaii — Frank S. Emanuel, 88, of Kahana, Maui, passed away peacefully on Sept. 22, 2023, surrounded by his loving family at his home in Kahana while under hospice care. Frank passed away two weeks short of the 55th anniversary of his wedding to his wife, Jane.

He is survived by his sister, Grace Gilkeson; his wife, S. Jane Emanuel; sons, Frank "Ty" and Robert "Rob"; daughter-in-law Mary; Ty's partner Amanda;

grandson Leo Emanuel; and several nieces and nephews.

Frank graduated from The University of Vermont and served overseas as an officer in the United States Air Force. His profession was Hotelier, managing resorts in Florida and Vermont. He and Jane were owner-innkeepers of The Middlebury Inn for 30 years before retiring to Maui.

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FRANK S. EMANUEL

Roberta C. (Ladik) Hatch, 84, of Whiting

WHITING — Roberta C. (Ladik) Hatch, age 84, of Whiting, died peacefully on Tuesday, Sept. 26, 2023, at Helen Porter Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center.

Born in Boston, Mass., on Nov. 2, 1938, she was the daughter of Stephen and Claire (Nason) Ladik.

Roberta was married on Feb. 4, 1961, to Keith F Hatch, who predeceased her in 1994.

Bobbi, as her friends called her, worked for Texas Instruments and Augat/Pylon before moving to Vermont in 1987. She ran her own childcare for many years and was most known around Middlebury at various retail locations. Bobbi loved interacting with folks as they passed through A&P and Kinney Drugs. Her favorite place on earth was at home, beside her wood splitter, enjoying the day, the breeze, the fall colors, the summer sun, all gifts from God, while splitting wood to keep her warm all



ROBERTA C. (LADIK) HATCH

winter.

She is survived by her children, Kristen Charles and her husband, Stephen of Florida; David Hatch of Whiting; and Jennifer Bergevin of Middlebury. She is also survived by six grandchildren, Jason Picard,

Allyssa (Swift) Galarza, Makayla Hatch, Derek Hatch, Samantha Hatch and Rebekah Crossman; three great-grandchildren, James Picard USMC, Cody Picard and Marriska Colford; as well as her sister, Laurie Whitney of Lewis, Colo., and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her parents and her brother, Peter Ladik, in 2011.

A celebration of life will be held at Memorial Baptist Church, 97 S. Pleasant St., Middlebury, on Saturday, Oct. 21, at 11 a.m., with refreshments following downstairs. In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to Helen Porter Healthcare and Rehabilitation - Memory Care Unit or Homeward Bound.

The family is especially thankful to the staff at Helen Porter Memory Care, in particular, Kady Popp, for their care and support during the past year and a half. ◊

Peter J. Cousino II, 68, of Bristol

BRISTOL — Peter J. Cousino II changed addresses on Sept. 30, 2023. He now resides in Heaven with his Savior. Peter was born on Aug. 11, 1955, to Peter and Bernadette (Blaise) Cousino. He spent his formative years attending schools in Bristol, Vt., and graduated from Mt Abraham Union High School in 1973.

He entered the U.S. Air Force and was in basic training within two weeks of graduating. Peter spent his first years of service in San Bernardino, Calif., where he married Susan Lawrence. His next tour was in Lakenheath, England, where his son Peter John the III was born. He also spent a tour in Mildenhall, England, before coming back to the U.S., where he was stationed in Albany, N.Y., where his daughter, Marcie was born. Peter's third child, Linsey was born in Little Rock, Ark., where he served his last active duty. Peter then returned to Bristol, Vt., where his last son, Andrew was born, and he finished his military career by serving 12 years in the Air National Guard as a medic.

He retired from the service in 1994. After returning home and purchasing his family farm, Peter became an LPN. He worked for many years as a nurse at Helen Porter Nursing Home and Porter Hospital while simultaneously taking care of elderly people in his home. Although Peter's first marriage did not work out, he and Sue raised their four children with love and respect separately. In May of 1994, Peter met Gail Bushey, the love of his life. Along with Gail, he fell in love with her two children, Kayla and Cody Brown. He grew to love these kids like his own. Gail and Peter were a match made in heaven, and on July 24, 2010, they were married. She was able to put up with his non-stop teasing and his barrage of jokes, both clean and questionable. She complimented him perfectly with a shared love of animals. Peter could deny her nothing, so they had alpacas, ducks, cows, horses, rabbits and many other farm animals. It was a true Old McDonald's homestead.

There was nothing in the universe more important to Peter than his family. He adored his wife, children and especially his grandchildren. If you knew him, you knew that there was never a child whom he didn't love or who didn't love him. They were all his favorites and his kids. The sheer number of people who



PETER J. COUSINO II

came to visit him and joke and laugh and love with him is mind boggling. You could count on hearing a joke or being pranked or scared by Peter every single time you saw him.

Many of you have likely experienced his kindness through vegetables grown in his own perfect garden. The porch was full of fresh tomatoes and cucumbers and squash to be shared with anyone who stopped in. And you had to go out and look at his Greenhouse to watch the vegetables grow every time you stopped in. Those vegetables even made it to campgrounds where Peter shared them with fellow campers. He had a love of camping and spent many summers making new friends in campgrounds.

Every 3rd of July, Peter and Gail hosted a huge party. Everyone brought something and the kids swam while the adults talked and then watched the fireworks together. He loved that party, and he enlisted the help of anyone he could get when he started planning it. But Christmas was his favorite holiday by far! He decorated extensively both inside and out. No less than four full-sized Christmas Trees were decorated every year. The living room was packed with presents for his family and his eyes were shining throughout the entire season.

Large family dinners were a common occurrence at the Cousino house. Peter loved to cook a turkey dinner for his family. He started listening to Christmas Carols in September, so thankfully he got to hear some of his favorites this year. Last year, Gail and Peter were able to knock a few things off his bucket list when they traveled to Yellowstone and to England, where they visited his old stomping

grounds. He also visited Alaska last year and caught a huge Salmon.

Although Peter fought hard to stay with us who are still on this Earth, he eventually accepted that he would join the family who has gone before him and be there to welcome us when our time comes. Peter is predeceased by his parents, Peter and Bernadette Cousino, and brothers Eugene, Joseph, Lucius Sr., Guy (Pauline), Ambrose, and Thomas Cousino. He is also predeceased by two sisters, Marjorie Paquette (Emile) and Veronica Mayer (Raymond).

Peter leaves his devoted wife, Gail Bushey Cousino of Bristol, his four children, Peter John Cousino III (Tomomi) of Huntington, Marcie Cousino of Bristol, Lindsey Williams (Nicholas) of Middlebury and Andrew Cousino of Bristol; his stepchildren, Kayla and Cody Brown of Bristol; his precious grandchildren, Peter John Cousino IV, Lucus and Leah Williams and Sydney Cousino.

He also leaves seven siblings: Yvonne Morgan of Middlebury, Roger Cousino (Denise) of Vergennes and South Carolina, Charles Cousino (Susan) of Vergennes and Florida, Anne Myrick (Peter Perlee) of Bridport, Patricia Atkins (Victor) of Lincoln, Linda Roscoe (Kirk) of Bristol and Mary Bingham (Robert) and Peter's favorite of Bristol. Peter leaves his best friend and partner in crime, Lucius Cousino Jr., with great reluctance. He also leaves in Peter's own words, "the daughter who adopted him" Gina Wrest of Essex Jct. We would be remiss if we didn't mention Java and Sassy, the two special dogs who guarded him and loved him as much as he loved them. Peter leaves a multitude of nieces and nephews and special friends whom he loved dearly.

Peter, "We will think of you as if you are in your prime, Handsome, Strong and always on time. A man admired by people far and wide. And especially to us who knew you inside."

Visiting hours were held on Wednesday, Oct. 4, from 5 to 8 p.m., at Brown-McClay Funeral Home in Bristol. A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 5, at St. Ambrose Church in Bristol. Interment will be at Mt. St Joseph Cemetery in Bristol. To send online condolences to his family please visit www.brownmccclayfuneralhomes.com. ◊

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Maurice Langevin, 92, of Bridgton, Maine

BRIDGTON, Maine — Maurice Langevin was born July 6, 1930, in Jonquiere, Quebec, Canada. He died at his home in Bridgton, Maine, on May 13, 2023 at the age

of 92. He is survived by his sons, Christian, Joss, Paul and Karl. He is also survived by his ex-wives Line Mixer and Lois Langevin.

Services will be held at the Lincoln United Church in Lincoln Vt., on Saturday, Oct. 14, from 2-3:30 p.m.

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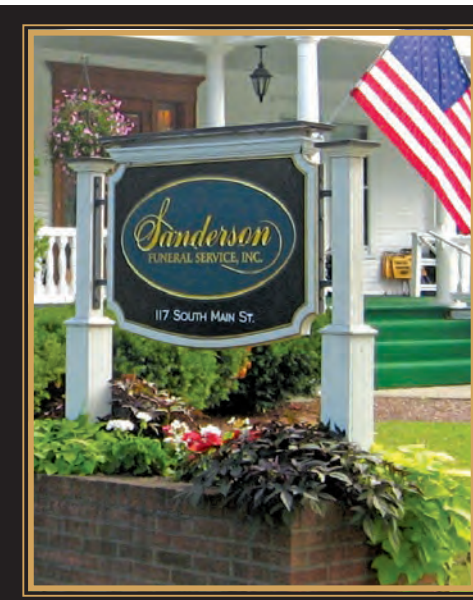
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Howard Walter “Skip” Brush, 82 of Middlebury

MIDDLEBURY — Howard Walter “Skip” Brush, 82, of Middlebury passed away peacefully at home on Oct. 2, 2023, with Cynthia, his wife of 58 years and his family by his side. He was born June 23, 1941, in Middlebury to Howard E. and Ivis (Dayton) Brush.

He is survived by his wife, Cynthia (Menard) Brush of Middlebury; his son Chris Brush and his wife Kim of Greenwich, Conn., and their children, Kate and Ryan; his son Matt Brush and his wife Hannah of Leicester and their children Carlisle and Channing; his sister, Carole B. Cummings, and her husband, Michael, of Ripton; and his sister-in-law, Jeanette Brush, of Salisbury. He also leaves behind several nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews and numerous cousins. Skip is predeceased by his father and mother, Howard E. and Ivis (Dayton) Brush; his brother William L. “Billy” Brush; and his brother Fletcher “Buster” Brush.

Skip graduated from Middlebury Union High School in 1959 and from Wentworth Institute in Boston in 1961 with an associate degree in Architectural Engineering. Following graduation, Skip joined the family business — Brush Motors in Middlebury. From 1963-1969, he served in the Vermont Air National Guard. Following the sale of Brush Motors in 1979, Skip began working at Middlebury College in the Purchasing Department, where he worked until his retirement in 2008. He served

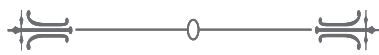


HOWARD WALTER “SKIP” BRUSH

on the Board of Directors of the New England Board of National Association of Educational Buyers.

As many others in the family, Skip spent a considerable amount of time providing civic service to his community. He served on the Board of Directors of the Addison County Chamber of Commerce. Skip was a member of the Middlebury Rotary Club for over 25 years, including serving as President for a year. In addition, Rotary presented him with the Paul Harris award for service to the community. He served on the Mary Hogan School Board for 10 years and served for many years on Middlebury’s Planning Commission and Design Review Board, including being a member of Middlebury’s Bridge Committee.

Skip was always very active and



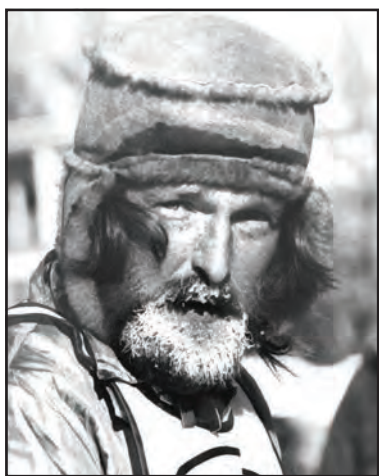
Douglas Butler of New Haven

NEW HAVEN — On Sept. 28, 2023, this world lost a one-of-a-kind, original, great human being, Douglas Butler of Munger Street, New Haven, left this world to be with his predeceased family — he is the son of the late Lawrence and Ruth (Pierce) Butler.

He is survived by his wife, Debbie (Giard) Butler, his high school sweetheart and wife of 48 years; sons Greg and Casey; daughter-in-law Jill; grandson, Colten; sister, JoAnn Madison; brothers, Stephen, Earl and Timothy; sisters-in-law, Brenda and Kathy; brother-in-law, Jeep Madison; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Doug graduated from Middlebury Union High School in 1972 and Vermont Technical College with a degree in Agriculture. His entire work life was in the field of agriculture. He owned and operated a third-generation family farm, later renaming it Cobble Hill Dairy Farm; owned and operated Butler Beef; and owned and operated Cobble Hill Kennel. As part of his love for cows and the dairy industry, he was responsible for the rescue of numerous diseased herds from across Vermont.

Doug’s passion for the dairy industry started as a youth with



DOUGLAS BUTLER

his involvement in 4-H, Addison County Field Days, and advancing to the Eastern States Exposition with his prized Ayrshire, Ada.

In every area of his life Doug’s strong work ethic was evident. He was passionate about life and lived by the motto, “We are dead a lot longer than we are alive,” so he lived each day to the fullest.

In living life to the fullest he was an avid sportsman, hunter and fisherman. His love for dogs was evidenced as a competitive sled dog racer, at the highest level, competing in the World Championship Sled Dog Races, as



Caleb Joseph Reynolds, 17, of Irasburg

IRASBURG — Caleb Joseph Reynolds, 17, passed away Wednesday, Sept. 27, 2023, at his home in Irasburg.

He was born April 11, 2006, in Denton, Texas, the son of Anthony Reynolds.

His hobbies and the things he enjoyed doing included working out, being tech savvy, and building things with his hands.

Caleb was a very kind and funny boy with an infectious smile.

Caleb is survived by his father Anthony Reynolds; three siblings Conner Reynolds, Seamus

Reynolds, and Maddie Reynolds; a sister, McKinzie Gilbert; grandfather Larry Reynolds; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 8, at Brown-McClay Funeral Home in Bristol. Visiting hours will be on Sunday from 1 to 2 p.m. at the funeral home in Bristol.

Any donations can be sent to Anthony Reynolds, 2861 Back Coventry Road, Irasburg, VT 05845. To send online condolences to his family please visit www.brownmccclayfuneralhomes.com.

passionate about Middlebury’s youth sports. He helped coach, organize, schedule and/or fundraise for hockey, baseball, football and lacrosse over the years. He was president of the Middlebury Amateur Hockey Association as well as the Friends of Middlebury Hockey. Skip acted as the liaison between Middlebury College, MAHA and Middlebury Union High School Hockey facilitating the use of the Duke Nelson Arena for numerous years prior to the Memorial Sports Center, of which he served on the Memorial Sports Center Commission.

He was recognized for his contributions to Middlebury Amateur Hockey with the naming of their annual spring hockey tournament as the “Skip Brush Hockey Classic” as well as receiving the Robert E. Collins recreation award. While he enjoyed giving back to the community, Skip also took great pride watching and cheering his sons and grandchildren in their athletic endeavors.

The family will hold a private burial. A funeral mass will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 20, at The Church of the Assumption (St. Mary’s) in Middlebury, Vt. with a reception immediately following the service. Memorial contributions may be made to the Friends of Middlebury Hockey PO Box 835 Middlebury VT, 05753.

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

depicted in the film “Underdog.”

This love of the outdoors was nurtured from his youth as part of the Butler clan gathering at their grandparents’ camp at Monkton Pond, where he learned fishing, water skiing and ice fishing.

As one relative remembered him, “If anyone lived life to the absolute fullest it was Doug, he was never not moving, thinking and planning, but always smiling. Like Doug would say, ‘Do it til you can’t.’”

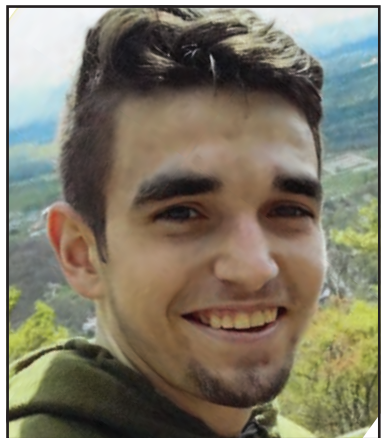
He was always known for “coloring outside the lines.”

Doug never met a stranger. Every person, to him, was just a friend he hadn’t met yet. He always had a story, or a few words, to lift their spirit.

Come join us on Oct. 29, at 1 p.m., at the Middlebury American Legion Hall to join the family in a celebration of Doug’s life to share stories about how Doug touched your life.

The Butler family would like to express their deep appreciation to all the first responders for their quick and professional response to their emergency.

To honor Doug’s love for animals, please make any donations to Homeward Bound in Middlebury, Vt.



CALEB JOSEPH REYNOLDS

Nancy J. Preston Sabin, 84, of Charlotte

CHARLOTTE — Nancy J. Preston Sabin, a remarkable woman of determination, compassion, and unwavering dedication, passed away on Sept. 27, 2023, at the age of 84. Born in Santurce, Puerto Rico, on April 9, 1939, to Roger and Doris Preston, Nancy’s life was a testament to her resilience and commitment to serving her community.

Nancy’s life journey was marked by her unrelenting pursuit of perseverance, independence, education and service. She chose a unique path by not completing high school, opting instead to obtain her GED later in life, driven by her deep desire to pursue a career in social services. Her mother once offered her a tempting trip to Europe with a best friend as an incentive to finish high school, but Nancy’s heart was already taken by love, and she chose the path of marriage.

Nancy’s life was intertwined with the military, as she proudly served as an Air Force wife to the late SSGT Robert Quenneville, traveling the world alongside her husband and family. Her family background was equally impressive, with her father holding the prestigious position of vice president of GE International.

Nancy made the difficult decision to return to Vermont as a divorced mom with her four children to be closer to her family, facing challenges of raising them on a chambermaid’s salary. Undeterred by the obstacles, she returned to school to further her education, taking classes at The University of Vermont. She encountered a hurdle when she felt that some of the required religion classes did not relate to her degree and chose not to earn her last three credits to finish.

Yet, her determination and drive led to her work as the parent coordinator of Burlington Day Care, (because she was “real” with no words held back with parents Dr. Julie Lepeschicic encouraged her to further her education) and director of Ceta for OEO, where she forged a close friendship with the late Sandra Dragon, who served as her mentor.

Nancy’s remarkable career culminated at the Joyal Training Center, where she tirelessly assisted individuals facing challenges in finding employment. It was at the Joyal Training Center that she met her late husband, Jim Sabin, finding love in the midst of her dedicated service.

They opened their home to many



NANCY J. PRESTON SABIN

foster kids and in the 70’s took in and housed many boarders from the Waterbury State Hospital. Proud of her heritage, Nancy celebrated her family’s legacy as fifth-generation original settlers of Charlotte, Vt. She cherished the knowledge that her grandchildren will continue to call this area home.

In her later years, Nancy immersed herself within the fabric of Charlotte, owning Needleworks, a craft supply store, and actively participating in local governance. She filled her calendar with selectboard meetings, diligently ensuring that procedures and “Robert’s Rules” were followed. She was known to drive to private meetings, making certain that no decisions were made without her or the townspeople’s knowledge. Her dedication extended to her involvement with the Charlotte Grange, and she once held the town auditor position.

“Mamma” Nancy’s commitment to her community earned her recognition in the *Burlington Free Press*, where she was featured multiple times as their Super Senior of the week. Her tireless efforts on behalf of migrant farmers in Vermont, affectionately referred to as “Her boys,” left an indelible mark on those she served. She went above and beyond, often driving hundreds of miles to ensure everyone had access to medical appointments and livable wages. She delivered groceries and located numerous employment opportunities for those who sought her help, even at the most inconvenient hours of the night.

In her final years, Nancy was fortunate to receive the best, in-home, loving care and companionship of her devoted longtime friend and caregiver, Norma Guzman, along with the support of Doris Brace. Their

unwavering dedication and friendship provided Nancy with comfort, companionship, and a sense of security during her later stages of life.

Nancy’s life was a testament to the enduring power of not taking no for an answer, speaking her mind in circumstances when no one else would, being unafraid to challenge the rule when she thought it was for the good of others, standing up for those who couldn’t or wouldn’t speak for themselves and the love of a clearance rack. She will continue to shine brightly in the hearts of those she leaves behind.

Nancy leaves behind a legacy of love and service through her loving family, including Valerie and Rob Mullin; Neil and Karen Quenneville; Nina Badger and Partner Bob Wahl; Victor Quenneville and Shelly Cyr; grandchildren Derek and Chelsea Coombs and their children Henry and Holden, Ryan Coombs and fiancée Andrea; Bryce Mullin, Jeremy and Laura Quenneville and their children Lilly and Sophi; Danielle Murray, Jenn and Chris Bergeron and their children Eelin and Rao; Crystal Kinsman and partner Leon with children Milo and Theo; Todd and Jess Badger and their daughter Ruby; Mat Badger and partner Hailey; Cobi Badger and partner Alysia and father Todd Badger Sr.; Sheena Goyette and daughter Nevaeh; Lance Quenneville, Monica Quenneville and her children Olivia and Dominic; Hailey Quenneville and fiancé Dave, and her foster daughter Lynn Greene and her son Mark.

Nancy’s life will be celebrated with visitation on Friday, Oct. 6, 2023, from 4-7 p.m. at Ready Funeral and Cremation Service, South Chapel, 261 Shelburne Road, Burlington, Vt. A funeral service will follow at Charlotte Congregational Church on Saturday Oct. 7, at 11 a.m.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers donations be made to Amy’s Armoire, 114 North Main Street Suite 2, Barre, VT 05641 and at amysarmoire.org/donate.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Ready Funeral and Cremation Service. To send online condolences to the family please visit www.readyfuneral.com.

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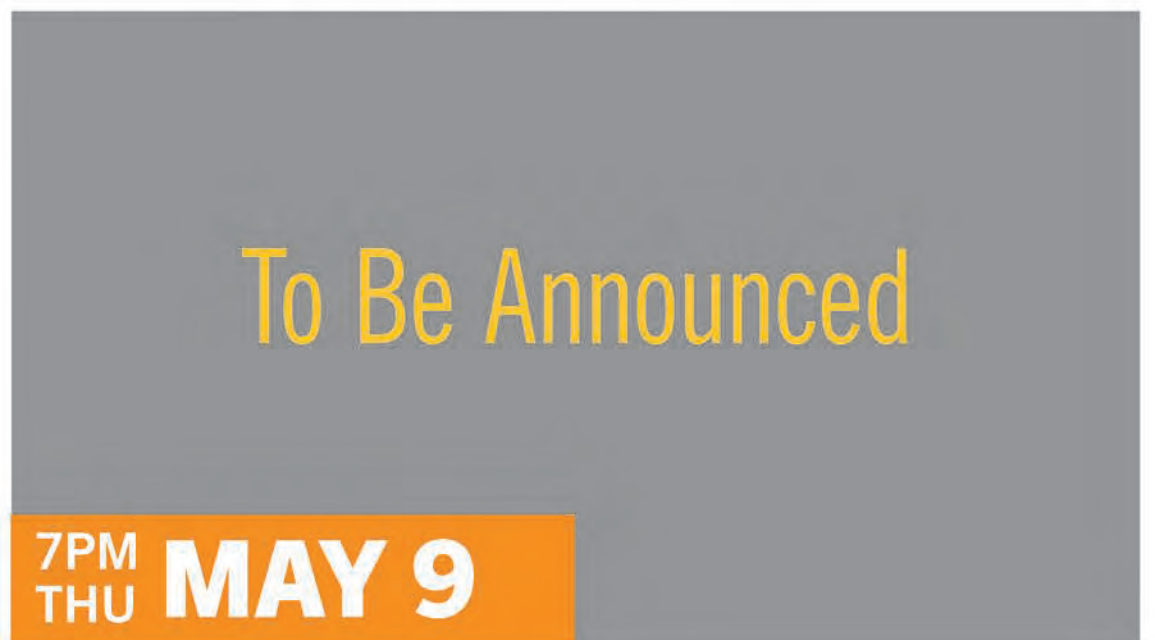
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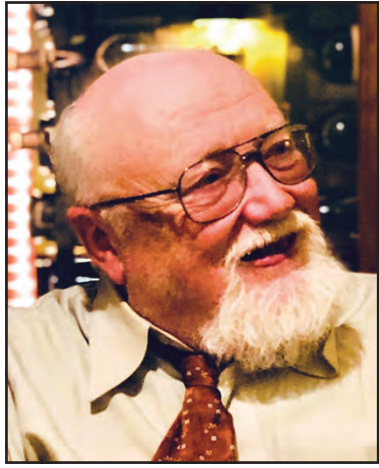
Obituaries

Rodney 'Hot Rod' Smith, 78, formerly of Bristol

BURLINGTON — Rodney "Hot Rod" Smith, 78, passed away peacefully on Sept. 30, 2023, with his dear friend by his side. Rodney was born in Newport, R.I., on Sept. 29, 1945, the son of Rutherford (Hap) Smith and Helen Claffin.

Rodney grew up farming for his family and later spent 30 years working for The Windjammer Restaurant, where he developed life-long friends who were like family. Rodney had an exceptional gift for forming deep and lasting connections, and he cherished every moment spent with friends and loved ones. He lived a life that illuminated the hearts of those around him, and his passing is a reminder of the enduring power of love and friendship.

With a heart brimming with warmth, he embraced each day with a smile, radiating optimism to all



RODNEY "HOT ROD" SMITH

who were fortunate enough to know him. A beacon of positivity and hard work, he is leaving behind cherished memories and a legacy of joy.

Rodney possessed a fervent affection for antiques, cherishing

the rich narratives and historical significance they encapsulated. His discerning eye for the elegance of yesteryears was exemplified through his remarkable assortment of antique treasures, a true homage to his reverence for the past.

He is survived by his sister, Sharon Cauthorn and her son Michael Cauthorn, several cousins and close friends, as well as the loving staff and caregivers at St. Albans Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center.

Calling hours will take place on Sunday, Oct. 8, 2023, from 5-6 p.m. with funeral services immediately following at 6pm at Brown McClay Funeral Home, 4 South Street, Bristol, VT 05443

May he rest in eternal peace, forever remembered for his kindness, hard work, and boundless love for people. ♦

Wadsworth letter

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awareness and capacity, as reported in his community forum in the Sept. 21, 2023, *Addison Independent*, are a good start; as Esther said in her OpEd of Aug. 31, there is much work to be done. However, the work must include more than statements, initiatives, and trainings. The work must include creation and ongoing evaluation of management policies and systems that support those statements, initiatives, and trainings.

Interim Superintendent Williams is correct in using the word courage, as change is hard. It will take courage to honestly and ethically train all ACSD employees (why limit to 6th-12th?). It will take even more administrative courage to ensure that policies and systems

are enacted promptly to support on-going practice of what's learned in the trainings. To not change is to miseducate, perpetuating a system of inequity, disenfranchisement, cynicism, and/or fear.

The administration should update and adopt a comprehensive supervision and evaluation plan (and appropriate training in that process) for all levels of management from the superintendent to principals to teachers to staff; even more administrative courage is required. A robust supervision and evaluation system is essential if the district truly wishes to hold all ACSD employees accountable to the trainings referred to by Interim Superintendent Williams.

Esther was harmed. Can those harms be repaired? Repairing

harm involves empathetic acknowledgement, action for prevention, and apology. Since appropriate repair allows the person affected to have a voice in the process, Esther should be invited into its creation; otherwise, any public apology is likely to be inadequate window dressing at best, furthering the harms.

I applaud Interim Superintendent Williams's efforts to include the community. I and others look forward to hearing more about opportunities to engage in these much-needed community conversations.

Education is happening in every moment of every day — is it the education that our community needs? The children are watching.

Christina Wadsworth
Weybridge

Racism

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and inclusion education — said the district needed to improve its systems and put better policies in place.

"I believe in this community," she said. "I'm not going anywhere."

She said she knows there are plenty of people in Vermont who do the work and feel the same way. But for those who are white, she said, "know that you all have blinders because it's not part of your experience — and that's OK.

Do we have folks helping us with the blinders, is the question."

"My ask is that you're intentional," she said. "I ask that you think of my story and say we won't let this happen again to another BIPOC person we hire and bring into our community."

Speaking for herself as a community member, school board chair Barb Wilson told VTDigger that she "really welcomed" the comments.

"I believe that racism is a major

issue in the state of Vermont and must be addressed. No community, including ours, is exempt from this and I am committed to keeping our focus on this and ensuring that the board has the training and support it needs to make sure that our policies are effective in helping to address racism in our schools," she said. "I also look forward to working with the community because it's going to take us both to make the strides that we need."

Aid

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100-year storm.

With 23 or more days of rain in July in Middlebury and Ripton, the soils didn't have a chance to dry out. Then when record rains fell on Aug. 3-4, "sheet run-off cause extensive flooding.

"More than 250 Middlebury households called Vermont-211 to report flood damage, mostly to basements, including many with damages to furnaces and electrical

systems," the disaster declaration request reads.

The governor's office outlined damage in Bridport, Cornwall, New Haven, Starksboro, Ripton, Weybridge and Hancock.

Because the incident period for the July declaration closed before the August incidents, a separate declaration was necessary, after the threshold was met.

The declaration request also seeks funds from the Hazard Mitigation

Grant Program, which can be used to provide 75% reimbursement for projects anywhere in the state that reduce the likelihood of damage to public infrastructure in future disasters.

The request was sent to FEMA for review. The agency is expected to make a recommendation and then send it to Biden for a final decision.

Local faces PPP fraud count

By MIKE DONOGHUE
Vermont News First

BURLINGTON — An Addison County woman, who was convicted for lying to improperly obtain nearly \$140,000 from federal programs in 2018, is facing a new felony charge that she lied multiple times to get more money under the Payroll Protection Program, court records show.

Jennifer Stocker, 46, of New Haven has struck a deal with federal prosecutors that they will recommend 25 months in federal prison for her to settle her new case and for violating the sentencing terms of her old case, according to a signed plea agreement filed in U.S. District Court.

Stocker also has agreed to pay \$86,873 in restitution to the Small Business Administration to cover the money and interest from the two PPP loans she received as part of the latest criminal case against her. She is due in federal court Friday afternoon to admit to the new fraud and for violating probation in her old case.

Under the signed agreement, Stocker will admit in court to lying to obtain \$59,395 for one loan in 2020 and for lying to obtain \$26,663 in another loan in 2021, both through the PPP, a COVID relief effort. She lied on her application by saying she had not been on probation nor had been convicted of a felony in the previous five years, records show.

Stocker also will admit that she violated her supervised release terms imposed in an earlier federal felony fraud case when she made false statements to both the U.S. Department of Agriculture and to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. She was under a court order to make \$139,397 in restitution in that 2018 case.

This is at least the third prosecution filed by the U.S. Attorney's Office in Vermont concerning fraud involving PPP funds obtained by businesses. At least two other investigations about ill-fated PPP applications are pending.

Stocker was due in federal court Sept. 1 to plead guilty, but her lawyer Assistant Federal Defender Sara M. Puls filed a motion to continue the hearing for at least a month. Puls said she and her client needed more time to confer about

the "unusual issues posed by the cases for the defendant as well as the next procedural steps in the cases." She did not specify what those might be for Stocker.

Puls and Assistant U.S. Attorney Nicole P. Cate had negotiated the deal that included Stocker waiving the requirement that she be indicted by a federal grand jury on the new fraud charge, but Cate took no position on the delaying resolving the two cases.

Stocker is charged with making a false statement on May 6, 2020, about her criminal record to the Vermont Federal Credit Union in an effort to help influence her application under the PPP, court records show.

Stocker had maintained she was not on probation nor had been convicted of a felony in the previous five years when she knew she had pleaded guilty on July 2, 2018, for knowingly making false and fraudulent statements for another federal assistance program, court records note.

She made false statements about being married when dealing with both the U.S. Department of Agriculture and to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Stocker was married in December 2007 and proceeded to submit numerous applications for various government benefits in which she knowingly concealed that she was married, court records show.

The false statements spanned from April 2010 to December 2015, according to Cate.

Stocker also forged a supervisor's signature on at least one form and submitted it to a Vermont agency that administers benefits — purportedly to verify her employment had ended when she was actually on maternity leave, Cate said during Stocker's original sentencing in October 2018.

Judge Geoffrey W. Crawford accepted the plea deal at the time and imposed a sentence of five years on probation.

Crawford also ordered Stocker to make nearly \$140,000 in restitution. It covered \$81,253 for the Department for Children and Families Child Development Division, \$34,710 for DCF's Economic Services Division and

\$23,434 for the Vermont Health Access Department, records show.

Stocker was on probation when she submitted several applications to the bank in April and May 2020 for a PPP loan on behalf of Twelve Acres LLC, which she was the half owner, according to her signed plea agreement.

She filed another application for Twelve Acres in February 2021 in which she said she was the full owner. Twelve Acres has been involved in a couple of businesses, including a hair salon and spa, state records show.

Under the new case involving the PPP loans, Stocker could have received up to 30 years in prison, followed by up to five years of supervised release and up to a \$1 million fine. Stocker also faced up to five years in prison for the violating her probation.

In the 2018 fraud case, both the prosecution and the defense had recommended placing Stocker on probation for five years because it was her first known criminal conviction, records show. The federal sentencing guidelines, which are advisory, had proposed she go to prison for between 10 and 16 months.

The U.S. Probation Officer later filed a petition again Stocker, a mother of four children, for violating her probation by failing to make restitution payments as ordered by the judge, including 10% of her gross monthly income. She did not make any payments between February and July 2022, the probation office said in July 2022.

It is unclear how much Stocker has paid toward the \$139,357 restitution order. Both the U.S. Attorney's Office and the Federal Court Clerk's office have said they consider the amount paid by criminal defendants toward a restitution order or the outstanding balance not public information.

Court records do show she has made at least \$4,475 in payments to the clerk's office. Court records show money also has been taken out of her tax return and from other benefits, but do not say how much.

Stocker maintains she is unable to make payments toward the court order, her lawyer said in court papers.

Take a hike and enjoy the local foliage

ADDISON COUNTY — Peak foliage is here, and over the next week there are numerous opportunities to get outside and enjoy it.

Branbury State Park and the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation are offering three different guided hikes between Oct. 6 and 8, beginning with one to Rattlesnake Cliffs are on Friday, Oct. 6. Hikers will meet at 11 a.m. at the Silver Lake Trailhead parking on Route 53 for a moderate out-and-back hike totaling 3.2 miles, this hike features scenic views and a chance to see the cliff-style ecosystems at the top of many mountains in the Green Mountain National Forest.

A guided hike on Hogback Mountain in Goshen will run on Saturday, Oct. 7, starting at 1 p.m.

at Blueberry Hill Outdoor Center on the Goshen Ripton Rd. An easy 3-mile loop trail that should take 1-2 hours, this trail circles around the peak of Hogback Mountain, features scenic views, and is perfect for viewing the fall foliage.

The final guided hike of the week will be a moderate 5.3 miles passing near the Falls of Lana en route to Silver Lake. Beginning at the Silver Lake Trailhead Parking on Route 53, hikers can enjoy quiet scenery and clear views of the lake as well as a view of the waterfall.

For more information on any of these guided hikes contact Charlie Slack at 757-707-0783.

Green Mountain Club Bread Loaf section is running three hikes in honor of Long Trail Day, Saturday, Oct. 7, with trips to

Mt. Roosevelt and Mt. Wilson in Lincoln, Emily Proctor trail to Skylight Pond in Ripton, and Sucker Brook Trail to Middlebury Gap in Ripton/Hancock. All three hikes are moderate to challenging, and sure to get the blood flowing. More information on each hike and contact information for hike leaders can be found at gmcbreadloaf.org.

Anyone curious about Raven Ridge in Monkton can join the Green Mountain Club hike there on Wednesday, Oct. 11. It's a 2.2-mile moderate hike of about 490 ft. in elevation gain with views of the Champlain Valley and interesting geological formations. For more information and to register contact leader Ruth Penfield at ruthpenfield@gmail.com or 802-388-5407.

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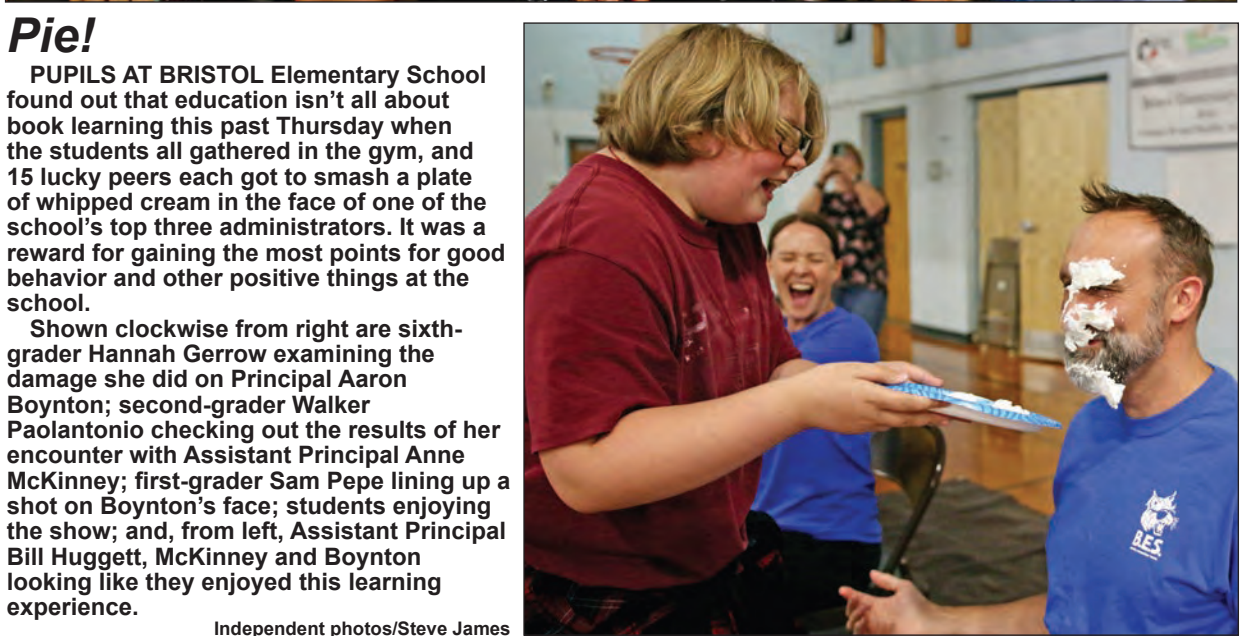
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PUPILS AT BRISTOL Elementary School found out that education isn't all about book learning this past Thursday when the students all gathered in the gym, and 15 lucky peers each got to smash a plate of whipped cream in the face of one of the school's top three administrators. It was a reward for gaining the most points for good behavior and other positive things at the school.

Shown clockwise from right are sixth-grader Hannah Gerrow examining the damage she did on Principal Aaron Boynton; second-grader Walker Paolantonio checking out the results of her encounter with Assistant Principal Anne McKinney; first-grader Sam Pepe lining up a shot on Boynton's face; students enjoying the show; and, from left, Assistant Principal Bill Huggett, McKinney and Boynton looking like they enjoyed this learning experience.

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Fire trucks

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Redmond about the need for the bond to replace two aging vehicles and rehab a third.

While expecting the bond vote in late November or early December, the council did not set a date for the election because officials would like to add other items to the ballot in hopes of attracting more residents to the polls, as well as catch up on housekeeping.

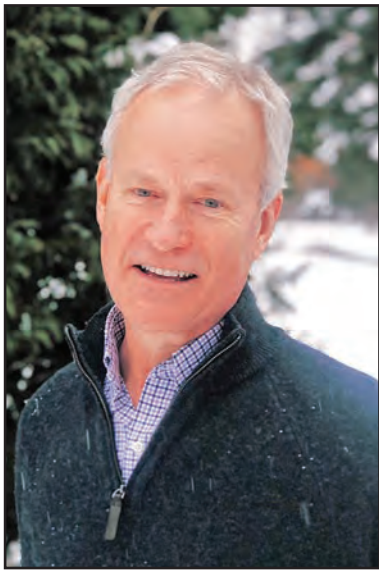
Thus, residents at the same time could also be asked to approve a reworked and extended lease for the Vergennes Opera House, and conversion of several existing special funds into officially voter-approved funds. Redmond offered as an example a fund that now handles donations for the city's recreation department.

Redmond said the city's auditor has recommended all those funds, as are already the Vergennes Water Tower and Watershed funds, be approved by voters. But he also said the auditor has not yet forwarded the necessary paperwork, although a reworked opera house lease is closer to being ready for voter consideration. Therefore the vote date remains up in the air, although it will probably be pinned down at the council's Oct. 10 meeting.

DiBiase told the council that in the past year two separate fire department committees have been looking at the best way to replace a 1994 tanker truck that was scheduled to be phased out five years ago and the 21-year-old heavy rescue truck that he described as "the busiest truck in the station" and was purchased used in 2009.

In a memo to the council, DiBiase wrote the committees "investigated a multitude of purchase options including used vehicles and have come to the conclusion that building new vehicles is the most prudent path forward," and that "both vehicles (to be replaced) continue to need increasingly more maintenance."

The new tanker truck will cost an estimated \$625,000, and the heavy rescue vehicle, which can do double duty as a pumper truck, comes with a price tag of roughly



CITY MANAGER
RON REDMOND

\$1.125 million, according to paperwork at the meeting.

The vehicle to be rehabbed is a 1998 ladder truck that DiBiase said is only one of two such trucks in Addison County, the other being based in Middlebury. He said experts told department officers the truck could probably last a few years longer if it were refurbished at a cost estimated around \$350,000.

DiBiase urged the council to schedule a vote during this calendar year because fire vehicle prices typically rise "10 or 15% at the first of the year" under current conditions.

Any payments on bond votes approved this year would not begin until the vehicles are delivered in about two years, officials said, and would be shared proportionately with Ferrisburgh, Panton and Waltham, parts of which the city department covers. City officials said they have been and will be in touch with their counterparts in those neighboring towns about the potential purchases and economic impact.

Councilor Emily Rossier asked DiBiase if the purchases met "regional needs," given Ferrisburgh and Vergennes have

discussed spending \$40,000 to \$50,000 on a study of regionalizing fire and rescue services.

DiBiase pointed to the county's scarcity of ladder and heavy rescue vehicles, noting only Middlebury and Bristol join Vergennes in owning heavy rescue vehicles.

"The three big hubs provide services that generally the other groups don't, which means we incur some more costs," he said.

DiBiase added the tanker to be fixed up is "fundamental (for working) outside the hydrant districts," and that he had also met with Ferrisburgh firefighters and its selectboard to discuss the equipment.

DiBiase proposed a Nov. 7 vote, but councilors were concerned about turnout and, without setting a specific date, opted for a vote later in the year.

Councilor Cheryl Brinkman wondered if the vote could be held on Town Meeting Day, but DiBiase pointed out the financial implications.

"It's a quarter-million-dollar decision if we don't vote on it this year," he said.

The council then decided to work to add the other items to the ballot in hopes of luring more residents to the polls.

"It's a sweet spot of how many things can you have ready to go as soon as that date," said Councilor Sue Rakowski.

In the meantime DiBiase said he would take the consensus backing of the council and the projected vote date and start negotiating with vendors to lock in 2023 prices.

"As long as you guys support it, that's a good first step for us," he said.

And Deputy Mayor Dickie Austin said maybe residents would be happy to come out for an early winter vote to save some on the bond rather than wait for prices to rise.

"Just as a motivation, to save 10% of 2.3 million?" Austin said. "Oh, hell yeah."

"It's a sweet spot of how many things can you have ready to go as soon as that date."

— Councilor Sue Rakowski

New Haven man faces charges

Vt. State Police Log

ADDISON COUNTY — Vermont State Police were joined by law enforcement officers from three other local agencies in the investigation, pursuit and capture of a 78-year-old New Haven man, who now faces multiple charges.

Troopers joined Vergennes police on the morning of Sept. 26 in their assessment of an ongoing threatening complaint that occurred on Green Street in Vergennes. State police learned that the man involved was identified as Gary A. McIntyre, 78, of New Haven. McIntyre had left the scene prior to police arrival, and word was spread to other police departments to be on the lookout for McIntyre and his vehicle.

State police Cpl. Justin Busby located the vehicle in question, chased it and apprehended McIntyre.

Police cited McIntyre for violation of an abuse relief order, violation of conditions of release, speeding, grossly careless and negligent driving and attempting to elude a police officer.

The Vermont State Police were assisted by members of the Middlebury Police Department and the Addison County Sheriff's Department.

Meanwhile, state police are warning the public about recent scam calls in which the caller pretends to be a VSP commander or trooper. Reports to the state police indicate the imposter tells the recipient of the call that he or she is subject to a pending legal matter. If leaving a message, the scammer provides a number for the recipient to call back.

These calls are not originating with the Vermont State Police. If anyone receives such a call, they should hang up or not call back at the number provided, and instead telephone their local VSP barracks to confirm the authenticity of the message. In Addison County call

total loss. Police issued her a ticket for driving too fast, which carries a fine of \$200 and two points on insurance.

• On Sept. 30 shortly before 7 a.m. closed one lane of Route 22A in Orwell for six hours while investigating and cleaning up after a tractor-trailer crash south of Cook Road. Police report that Sheyalo A. Bwana, 50, of Syracuse, N.Y., was driving a 2023 International LT625 southbound on 22A when he left his lane and went off the southbound shoulder and struck a tree. Middlebury Regional EMS took Bwana to Porter Medical Center for suspected injuries. Police issued him a ticket for going outside of his lane.

• On Oct. 3 at a quarter past midnight responded to a one-car crash on River Road in New Haven. Troopers report that Skyler LaPre, 18, of Middlebury was driving a 2010 Ford Focus westbound when he lost control of his vehicle, left the roadway, and struck a tree head on. LaPre sustained suspected minor injuries and was able to exit the vehicle prior to it becoming engulfed in flames. Police said speed appeared to be a factor in this crash.

The car was a total loss. Troopers were assisted on scene by members of Bristol Rescue Squad and the New Haven Fire Department.

In another incident, a vehicle crashed on a county highway but did not hit a tree. Troopers report that on Oct. 3 at a little before 2 p.m. Roy Ware, 83, of Shaftsbury was driving a 2023 Kawasaki KLR650 motorcycle on Route 125 near National Forest Road 43 in Hancock when he apparently oversteered through a curve causing the motorcycle tires to lose traction and tumble. Ware was transported to the nearest hospital via ambulance.

VSP's New Haven barracks at 802-388-4919.

VSP reminds the public never to give out personal information or to pay money, obtain gift cards or money orders, etc., in response to unknown or suspicious callers. People also are encouraged to report suspicious calls to the Vermont Attorney General's Office, Consumer Assistance Program, at 1-800-649-2424 or online at ago.cap@vermont.gov. More information is at ago.vermont.gov/cap/scam-prevention-through-awareness-and-education.

In other recent activity, troopers on Sept. 26 at around 6 p.m. responded to a report that someone had violated a restraining order on Maple Street in Waltham. After investigating, police took Jacob D. Burmania, 28, of Middlebury into custody and cited him on two counts of violation of an abuse prevention order by entering the lands/premises of a Maple Street home.

State police also responded to three recent motor vehicle accidents in which a car or truck struck a tree. Specifically, troopers:

• On Sept. 27 at around 10:42 a.m. dealt with a one-car crash on Lime Kiln Road south of Monkton Road in Monkton. Police report that Mikalah Russell, 18, of Bristol was driving a 2013 Honda Civic southbound along a curve on Lime Kiln Road at an unreasonable speed for the dirt road conditions. The Civic left the road off the northbound side before striking a tree and coming to a position of uncontrolled rest. Russell was taken to Porter Medical Center for a precautionary evaluation with no expected injuries. The car was a

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Mansion

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people. But the bones are still there, insist Randall and Kathleen Brisson, a Shoreham couple who recently purchased the stately home and its 3.08 acres for \$500,000. The duo — who have extensive experience in restoring historic properties — are committed to spending the next two or more years bringing the mansion back to its former glory.

Their ultimate goal is to convert the building into two upscale, 4,000-square-foot condominiums, while introducing additional dwellings in barn-style structures similar to those that once stood at the site.

Randall got interested in old homes as a high schooler, when he helped move a bunch of them while working for Emile Desautels in Salisbury. They renovated a late-18th century Elijah Wright home on North Orwell Road in Shoreham. They restored (and owed for 21 years) the oldest house in Middlebury, the so-called “Founder’s House” on Seymour Street. And they recently completed an award-winning restoration of 1846 Colchester Ave. in Burlington, a structure that once served as a store, a blacksmith and wheelwright shop.

The couple learned about the Means Mansion opportunity from Greg Hamilton, owner-operator of Stone Block Antiques in Vergennes. Middlebury College had asked him to clear out some of the remaining items from the mansion prior to sale of the property, according to the Brissons.

“It was serendipity,” Kathleen said of the encounter with Hamilton.

As it turned out, the timing was right for the Brissons to take on a new challenge.

“We were looking for another project, getting the itch,” Randall said with a smile.

They were given an up-close look at the property and immediately fell in love.

“We walked through and said,



RANDALL AND KATHLEEN Brisson of Shoreham recently acquired the 208-year-old Means Mansion at 51 Seminary St. Extension in Middlebury. The Brissons have experience in historic renovations, and plan to respectfully transform the sprawling home into two condominiums, while introducing additional housing units on the 3-acre property.

Independent photos/Steve James

“We can do something here.” It was just a matter of “What?”

Randall and Kathleen gave the *Independent* a tour of their purchase last week. It was like walking through history, atop maple and pine floors, up cherry-wood stairways, past clawfoot bathtubs and copper sinks. And fireplaces. Lots of fireplaces, which were needed back then to retain some measure of warmth in the abode. One of the Brissons’ few concessions to modernity will be a hookup to natural gas heat.

“It’s pretty charismatic,” Randall said while navigating the maze of parlors, studies, bedrooms, living rooms, bathrooms, kitchens and pantries.

“It’s a big asset and it hasn’t been touched,” he added wondrously. “You want to find an antique in the attic or an old car that’s a barn find, something that nobody’s touched for 50 years, so it hasn’t been screwed up.”

And they pledged not to screw it up for whomever lives there again someday.

“We want to keep all of that feel, all of the patina,” Randall said. “The ‘green’ value is that

it’s already here. It’s got a cultural significance here on this little hill, it’s got history and I believe there’s value in both the cultural patina and the physical value that goes with *not* destroying it.”

200 YEARS OF HISTORY

The original, Federal-style part of the building was completed around the end of the War of 1812, and is attributed to celebrated architect/builder Lavius Fillmore, whose impressive portfolio also includes the Congregational Church of Middlebury. The new estate was originally dubbed “Stonecrop Ledge,” and was made for Dr. William Bass, who had arrived in Middlebury as one of the first three physicians in town.

Among Stonecrop Ledge’s notable characteristics outlined in its historic preservation application: Circular drive, contemporary stone walls fronting its east and west sides, two “formal” facades, both distinguished by beaded clapboards and trimmed with beaded corner boards. It is endowed with elliptical windows on each façade.

A rear addition was built onto the home circa 1894, exemplifying elements of Colonial Revival and



KATHLEEN BRISSON THINKS this historical wallpaper around the dramatic curving staircase inside Middlebury’s Means Mansion might date back to the early 1900s. She and Randall Brisson plan to lovingly restore the old home into two condominiums.

prairie style, according to Randall.

By the Brissons’ reckoning, the 1815 portion of the house hasn’t been occupied for at least 30 years, while the 1894 addition was last occupied in 2007, by P.J. Larocque.

The mansion inherited its current name from David MacGregor Means, a professor of both psychology and political science at Middlebury College who purchased Stonecrop Ledge in 1894. Many people know the “Means” family name as it relates to the nearby “Means Woods.” That 29.4-acre forested area was given to the town in 1969 by Elinor Means.

In the spring of 2022, Middlebury College paid \$1.5 million to Marjorie Mooney for a 35-acre-parcel off Seminary Street Extension that included the Means Mansion estate. The college’s main interest was the land, which it will sell to Summit Properties in increments as that company develops the property into 218 units of mix-income housing.

Means Mansion didn’t fit into



THE OLD HOUSE’S seven fireplaces are lined with local Middlebury marble, and it includes distinctive features like the wooden tank on this old toilet.

Summit’s plans, so the college elected to sell that asset to another party. The college (through a real estate broker) put the property on the market. A handful of prospective bidders emerged, and the Brissons submitted the winning

offer. It takes a certain kind of buyer to take on a project like Means Mansion, the Brissons acknowledged.

“A lot of people came through (See Brissons, Page 13A)



ALTHOUGH SOME CONTRACTORS may be scared away by the state of the Means Mansion, Randall Brisson said it has good bones even though some parts of the 1815 home haven’t been lived in for 30 years.

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Animals

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cruelty-related incidents.

"We would want to focus on when animals are in danger, they're not being cared for properly or not living in the right conditions," Addison County Sheriff Mike Elmore said of the team. "A lot of towns that we contract with don't necessarily have a way to address some of the issues that they have going on, so that's the primary goal of this team is to help these towns address some of the problems they see come up."

APRIL INCIDENT

According to Vermont Fish & Wildlife authorities, former New Haven resident Sarah J. Preston abandoned the 30 or more cats in Monkton on or around April 16. Preston last month pleaded not guilty in Vermont Superior Court in Middlebury to the animal cruelty charge.

According to an affidavit in the case, Preston was evicted from her New Haven apartment this past spring after it began to have a strong cat odor and she failed to consistently make rent payments.

In a written statement included in the affidavit, Preston said she started out with two cats in 2018 and "things just got out of hand." She wrote that she began struggling to pay rent and was notified of the cat odor emitting from her apartment in August of 2022, and that while she started to give away some of the animals, ultimately dumped about 30 cats in the Monkton park this past April.

"I regret my choices and I should have taken better care of the situation," Preston wrote.

Monkton residents began to find the cats a day or so after they were left in the park. Helena Nicolay, a Monkton resident and wildlife rehabilitator, said her husband encountered one of the first cats near the Monkton Dog Park while walking their dog.

Later that day, Nicolay saw a social media post saying another Monkton resident had found a cat in the same area.

"I thought, 'Wow, what a coincidence, two cats being trapped on the same day.' It didn't stop there," Nicolay said.

Residents continued to find and catch cats near the park from April 17 to May 3. Around 27 cats were caught in total.

"I ended up taking care of 15 cats, and one had kittens, so then it was 20 cats," Nicolay said.

Monkton resident Beverly Soychak said other community members helped adopt cats or set up temporary shelters to house the animals.

"We had it really well organized, but it was a lot of work," Soychak said of the effort.

Soychak said it was at first a challenge to find a place to keep the animals while they awaited new homes.

"Right now, if you have a cruelty case, and you have to confiscate animals, there's nowhere to put them," she said. "You have to find someone with a nonprofit rescue, shelter or sanctuary. These animals have to stay where they are until you find somewhere to put them."

Soychak said she was unable to find a shelter that could take the cats at first, as many area rescues were



MONKTON RESIDENT AND wildlife rehabilitator Helena Nicolay points to the spot in Morse Park where residents began finding abandoned cats. Community members worked to rehabilitate and rehome nearly 30 cats that were left in the park this spring.

Independent photo/Marin Howell



BONKERS WAS ONE of nearly 30 cats abandoned in Monkton's Morse Park this past April. A team of residents helped catch and rehome the animals.

Photo courtesy of Helena Nicolay

Jessica Danyow, executive director of Homeward Bound, the Addison County Humane Society, said lack of space is an obstacle the shelter often faces when asked to help with animal welfare cases.

Danyow added that having other housing opportunities for animals involved in such cases could help streamline support.

"It's a question of resources. I think the state should be prepared in cases like this to provide for temporary housing so that organizations like (Homeward Bound) can help over time," she said.

Community members in Monkton were ultimately able to connect with From Feral to Family, a Vergennes nonprofit that socializes feral cats. While the group of cats was not feral, Soychak said the animals were in severe emotional distress and needed to be rehabilitated before they could find new homes.

Residents also helped raise funds to cover the cats' veterinary care, as many of the animals were struggling with injuries or illnesses. They connected with Vermont Companion Animal Neutering, a nonprofit spay/neuter clinic that provided services for some of the animals.

Queen City Cats, a Burlington cat rescue, also helped the group find homes for eight of the animals. The group is still looking for homes for two of the felines.

ANIMAL CRUELTY TEAM

Looking back on the effort, Soychak said community members needed more help in handling the incident. She sees the creation of an animal cruelty team within the sheriff's department as a way to provide support to communities dealing with similar cases.

"(The team) is desperately needed since there is no other state division assigned these cases except Vermont

Fish & Wildlife, and as good a job they do in our area, it's nowhere near enough," Soychak said. "It won't address some of the most dire situations facing communities, and that's where do animals go, but at least when you make a call for help it will be answered. The rest will be a work in progress."

The team would specifically help with investigating animal welfare cases in the region.

Elmore said the sheriff's department has explored the new team as a way to respond to more animal cruelty incidents in the county.

"We just noticed there's been it seems an uptick in the amount of cases we're seeing with animal cruelty, and we wanted to have people on our team that could take part of their week and focus on that," he said. "Besides me, I have two other deputies who are passionate about helping animals, and they really showed an interest in joining the team."

The department has already started to look into some of those cases and is now exploring how to raise funds to support that work and how to dedicate more time to the effort.

Elmore said the department is also exploring training opportunities for the team.

"It's not as simple as taking a four-hour course and then you're good to go in terms of handling animal cruelty cases. There's a lot that goes into it, and we want to address it as best we can," he said.

The animal cruelty team's services would be available to any town in Addison County.

Elmore noted that the team's work could potentially be augmented by a larger county-wide team that would help with other aspects of handling animal cruelty cases like rehabilitation and rehoming.

"I definitely feel like this is one place where we can help out," he said of the effort. "We have people that want to help out in this area and are willing to jump in. We see a need and we see a way that we can fulfill that need so we just want to step in and help out however we can."

STATEWIDE SUPPORT

Soychak would also like to see improvements in the state's approach to handling animal cruelty incidents. She said a lack of state funding and resources makes it challenging for residents to navigate these cases.

"The only place in Vermont where you can get any help when these situations happen are nonprofits funded by the public," she said. "We need a state facility, we need

efforts to remedy the situation after the sales contract was signed, but the Brissons' interest was in returning the Means property to West facing, and had plans for the undeveloped space, and we decided there was no equitable resolution to be found," Hooper said.

As for the future of the Means Mansion, Middlebury College officials remain confident in its new stewards.

"As we announced in August of 2022, our intention when purchasing of the 35-acre parcel was to subdivide the main historic residence out and offer it for sale to someone who would honor the historic nature of the old mansion while maximizing the allowable density to add much needed affordable, workforce and market rate housing for the community," said college spokesman Jon Reidel.

"We found that in the Brissons established stewards of other Vermont historic projects and a good local partner who deeply cares about Addison County."

Reporter John Flowers is at johnf@addisonindependent.com.

Housing

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Gateway district. That district includes much of the property along Main Street from about the Vergennes Animal Hospital northeast to the Ferrisburgh line.

Currently, regulations in the land's Northern Gateway zoning district read that residential units are "prohibited at the ground level," a provision intended to encourage businesses and offices in what is a mixed-use area.

The proposed change would add to that specific clause the language, "in buildings within 300 feet of the edge of the public right-of-way of Main Street/Route 22A."

Thus, Planning Commission Chair Shannon Hagggett said, that one key parcel further off the highway and city's main artery — a parcel that has already drawn River's Edge's interest — could host a significant amount of housing.

River's Edge is the developer of the Claybrook project, consisting of new single-family homes on Commodore Drive off West Main Street. Kahn told the *Independent* that River's Edge's preliminary plans for the 14.4 acres are to build 130 one-, two- and three-bedroom rental and condo units in "multi-household" buildings that he said "will be more affordable for people with regular jobs."

The area at the east end of Main Street is zoned to allow one dwelling unit per 7,000 square feet of land, which would normally permit around 90 dwelling units on the land, which lies behind the police station and is accessed by a right of way between the police station and

state funding, we need help."

Danyow echoed that sentiment, adding that the fragmented system for responding to these incidents can present obstacles.

"I think that one of the biggest challenges, and this has been the case for 30 years, is the lack of consistency and coordination

between municipalities and the

state and law enforcement," she said. "The patchwork nature of how law enforcement works in Vermont makes it really difficult to address and handle cases like this."

Danyow noted that new legislation is set to be introduced in the upcoming year that would

address some of those challenges. "I think that paying attention to that as the legislative session opens up and having people who care about animals, which there are so many of us, being able to support that and letting our legislatures know that this is needed will be important," she said.

But Kahn said with a 50% density bonus for workforce housing allowed by city zoning regulations, the land could thus accommodate 130 units.

Kahn said River's Edge's has an agreement with the owner of the property, Vermont Industrial Parks LLC, an entity related to J.P. Carrara & Sons of Middlebury, to purchase the property if all goes well.

Kahn approached the planning commission this past summer on behalf of River's Edge to suggest the changes to the plan and zoning regulations. Planners agreed his suggestion was logical and that the company's proposal could provide needed housing.

Hagggett told the city council at its Sept. 26 meeting that planners believed it was an oversight on their part not to have made an exception for the parcel when the Northern Gateway district was created in the city plan.

"When we originally wrote that we hadn't considered one parcel, which has the ability to have subdivision and housing opportunity," Hagggett told the council.

Hagggett also told the council that allowing residential uses off the main thoroughfare would not harm the main purpose of the Northern Gateway zoning district.

"By doing this we still maintain the integrity of what we wanted in the Northern Gateway District, which is really to make it commercially oriented," he said.

The city council's first of two public hearings on the city plan change will be Nov. 14 at 5:45 p.m.

Hagggett told the *Independent* that if the city council approves

the change after two hearings, the planning commission would then quickly forward similar language to the council to amend the district's zoning to allow ground-floor housing 300 feet from the roadway. He added the Vermont Industrial Parks parcel is the only land the change would significantly affect.

If that zoning amendment is also approved after a similar public process, it could take effect by springtime, he said.

Kahn said River's Edge could then begin the permitting process, and that if all went well groundbreaking was realistic for early 2025.

Hagggett and Kahn both said they are optimistic that the project could see smooth sailing in permitting at the state level because the land lies in a state-designated Neighborhood Development Area. That status means the project is eligible for what Hagggett called "a streamlined Act 250 review."

Kahn contrasted River's Edge's preliminary plans for the northeast end of Main Street with its Commodore Drive project at the opposite end of the city's main thoroughfare. He said the cost of building new, detached single-family homes is placing them out of reach of many with steady incomes.

"We would like to produce housing that is, frankly, more affordable," Kahn said. "Not necessarily affordable housing, but workforce housing is more affordable than what we can realistically produce at this point in a single-family development."

As for demand for what River's Edge is proposing?

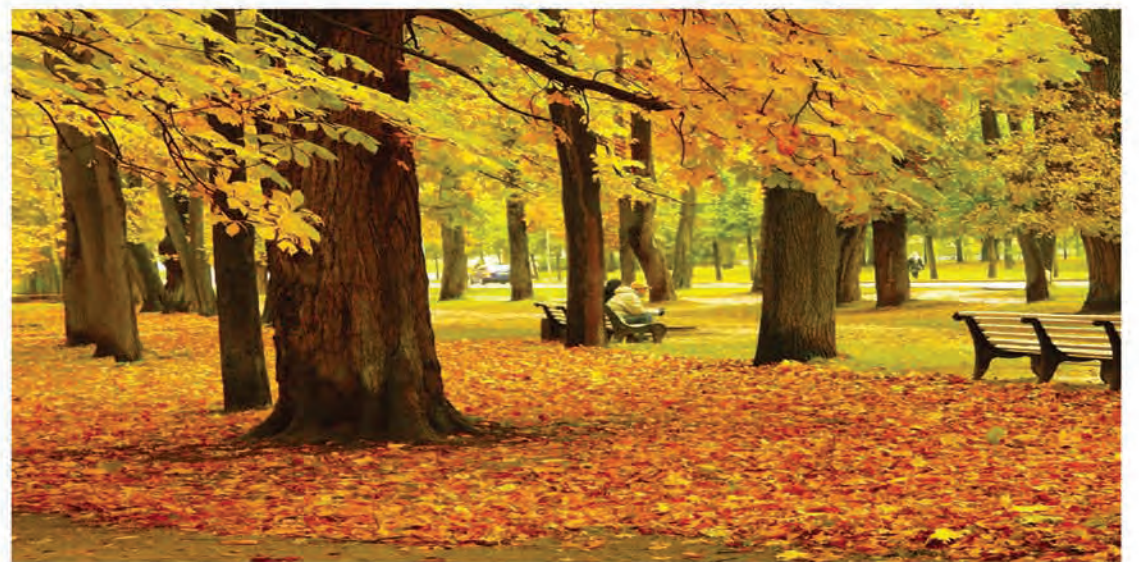
"I've actually already received calls," Kahn said.

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Brissons

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here and couldn't see past the dollars. If that's where you start from, this isn't a project for you," Randall said.

But the Brissons are a small operation and they, as the two principals, don't get paid upfront or during the renovation.

"We're still our own boss here," Randall said. "There's a value to that that gets tagged on at the end."

He and his wife are aware of how a vintage home can beckon builders like a beautiful sea siren, only to leave dreams and finances dashed upon the rocks of unforeseen expenses.

"There were several proposals that dead-ended," he said, referring to other contractors who thought they had the means to take on Means.

Fortunately, Randall and Kathleen have found the home to be in relatively sturdy condition. They credited the original builders and the timber quality for ensuring air circulation through the building, which prevented extensive rot and mold that can take hold in the

"tighter" homes of the 20th and 21st centuries, Randall explained.

It's an architectural safeguard, among many, that the Brissons plan to maintain.

"We're passionate about improving things and restoring old buildings," Kathleen said.

There was a minor hitch during conveyance of the Means Mansion to the Brissons.

Middlebury Selectman Andy Hooper and his spouse, Middlebury College Economic Prof. Caitlin Myers, reside next to the Means property. After the college bought the land last year, the couple asked about acquiring a 25-foot setback to provide a buffer to the Means property.

"The college agreed and said they would submit the property transfer as a boundary adjustment and we would likely only be responsible for the cost of the survey," Hooper said in an email exchange.

But ultimately, the boundary adjustment didn't get done before the property was under contract to the Brissons.

"The college made extensive

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Mosquitos

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by that month the district, which stretches from Lake Dunmore to Pittsford, had trapped 33,548 mosquitos.

Mathis said there are many more places for mosquitos to breed in these conditions, such as wet lawns, discarded tires and any standing water, he told the *Brandon Reporter*. The Brandon-area mosquito district has been spraying adulticide since early summer, but has been frequently interrupted by rain and mechanical problems. Spot checks of frequent mosquito breeding grounds have shown large amounts of eggs.

Zondag explained that many mosquitos this year were hatching in upland areas rather than floodplains, as the summer's repeated rains created more breeding opportunities for upland mosquitos.

"We had sustained puddling in upland habitats. Even lawns, there were some lawns where puddles never dried up, and they were even breeding mosquitos," he said. "It wasn't just limited to flood plain and swamp mosquitos. They were everywhere this year."

Zondag said LFICD responded to more complaint calls this summer, working with residents to reduce the mosquito population on their properties. The district also worked to control nuisance

mosquitos in the floodplains using hand treatments and FourStar Briquets, a timed-release larvicide.

Zondag noted that the district is limited in the treatment options it's able to employ.

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— Craig Zondag

"We're not able to utilize best management practices as of yet due to resources and availability of technology that would really help us in the future," he explained. "I'm keeping my fingers crossed for next year that some doors will open."

The field coordinator added that managing this year's mosquito population presented a bigger task than the district could take on.

"This season was so far beyond what a small district could do for really knocking down mosquitos," he said. "Despite our efforts, you'd never know that we did anything, and I'm not sure that that would have been different if we put up an aircraft and did an aerial treatment."

As this year's mosquito season comes to a close, Addison County residents can continue to reduce mosquito populations on their land by draining any pools of stagnant rainwater. Some might have already started to notice less of the insects buzzing around.

"I'm getting reports already that mosquitos aren't nearly as bad as what it's been. That's definitely evident in our light

trap numbers, which have come down substantially," Zondag said. "It will take a good killing frost to really knock the rest of the population down."

Zondag noted that in the meantime, it's still important for residents to protect themselves from the insects. He explained that late season mosquitos are typically multivoltine, meaning they lay more eggs and live longer than other mosquitos. Multivoltine mosquitos take more blood meals throughout their lifetime, which gives them more opportunities to feed on animals infected with the West Nile Virus or other diseases and build up a viral load that could then be transmitted to humans.

Throughout the summer, the Vermont Agency of Agriculture collects and monitors mosquitos at sites around the state, testing the insects for various mosquito-borne viruses. As of Sept. 30, those tests had found mosquitos carrying the West Nile Virus in six Vermont towns, including Vergennes and New Haven. Mosquitos carrying Eastern Equine Encephalitis, or EEE, were also found in three northern Vermont towns.

Zondag emphasized that Addison County residents should continue to protect themselves from mosquitos as they head outdoors to enjoy dryer weather this fall.

"People should not let their guard down," Zondag said. "If you're sitting outside and you're gardening and thinking 'Oh it's only one mosquito,' I'm saying pay attention to that one mosquito."

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Recycling

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Extended Learning Program (ELP) Co-director Mandy Chesley-Park said the project is designed to keep needed resources in use and accessible to local families. The Reuse/Recycle Project team has seen success with the program so far and hopes to reach more of the 5-town community moving forward.

“We’re planning on moving into schools where open houses are happening, other events and figuring out how to layer this so that where there’s a crowd, where there’s the humans, let’s provide a resource,” she said.

The Recycle/Reuse Project took off around a year ago, when ELP staff and Junebug Executive Director Maria Graham saw an opportunity to meet community needs and achieve shared goals.

For ELP, the recycled clothing project offered another avenue for its community outreach work. ELP offers a variety of afterschool, summer and other programs for MAUSD students in pre-K through middle school.

Chesley-Park said that over the years the ELP has evolved into a broader rural development and community outreach program.

“This (project) is one arm of that program, and people like Maria and her organization are an incredible boon in the partnership because what we can do is reach a broader population and ensure resources are shared across even school district boundaries and across Addison County,” she said.

Junebug was also excited to join in on the project.

Graham said the program offers the resale shop another way to get the donations it receives out into the community. Junebug sells second-hand clothes for babies, children, teens and mothers-to-be.

“We actually see this program as helping our outreach at Junebug and helping us reach a wider population,” Graham said. “There are so many clothes that we aren’t able to resell in the store that (ELP staff) are now able to help us give away for free.”

The team hosted its first Recycle/

Reuse Project event this past December at Bristol Elementary and found the offering to be popular amongst 5-town area families.

“That first program we had furniture, towels, bedding, toys, clothing,” Chesley-Park said. “It was like a pre-Christmas smash, out of the park. We had hundreds of individuals over two days coming through.”

THREADS ON WHEELS

This past summer, ELP staff set up the secondhand clothing spread during its daily summer programs. Chesley-Park said the location offered an opportunity to make the donated items available in a space that local families visited regularly.

“We started to conceptualize how we could provide this service where families are already crossing paths, where there’s already a known service,” she explained. “Meeting people where they are and families where they are has led us to this moment where we’re looking at this pop-up design.”

The Recycle/Reuse Project will now take its show on the road, using a trailer to house donations and move the selection to different MAUSD schools. The team’s visit to Beeman this past Thursday marked the first stop, and the project will also set up shop at:

- Robinson Elementary School in Starksboro on Oct. 6 from 4-7:30 p.m. and Oct. 7 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Bristol Elementary School on Oct. 13 from 4-8 p.m.

Organizers see the project as an opportunity to share more than gently used clothes and shoes. Kristi Bedard, ELP Operations Coordinator/Family Support, said the pop-up events also create a space for local families to connect with one another.

“One thing that I already see evolving is the way that every family that comes and takes clothing is also chatting with each other,” Bedard said. “There’s such a powerful thing that can happen when families that may or may not be struggling or in a challenging time can come together and see each other.”

The team is also excited about how the project helps start conversations about sustainability.



RECYCLE REUSE PROJECT organizers (from left) Mandy Chesley-Park, Kristi Bedard, Maria Graham and Amy Chesley are excited to bring the program’s secondhand clothing supply to more schools in the 5-town area this fall.

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“Part of the education piece of this is an environmental piece because it really is sharing clothing that is a resource and then you don’t have to go buy as much new,” Graham explained.

EXPLORING EXPANSION

The Recycle/Reuse Project is currently geared toward families in the 5-town area, though Graham said she is exploring how the program could be replicated in other parts of the county.

“(Junebug) has this supply of clothing we have to figure out what to do with so I’m to figure out how we may be able to replicate this on a smaller scale, a different scale. There’s got to be something we can do to get clothes out to people,” she said.

The nonprofit has grown a lot since it opened 14 years ago, and Graham said partnerships like the Recycle/Reuse Program are an important part of distributing the donations Junebug receives to more local families.

“This is such an amazing community. They want to recycle, they want to reuse and for kids’ clothes, we keep being the catalyst for that,” she explained. “I think it’s grown so much now that we need help from folks like (ELP) who can help us reach more kids and more families because there’s also a greater need than there was 14 years ago.”



NEW HAVEN RESIDENTS Margo, left, and Dylann Roleau browse some of the offerings at the Recycle/Reuse Project’s pop-up event at Beeman Elementary School last week. The project collects gently used children’s clothing, shoes and winter gear and then invites local families to freely take what they need during pop-up events like this one.

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Panther skate

THE FALL LEAVES were still on the trees on Sunday, Sept. 24, but it was still a good time to swish around on the ice at Middlebury College's Kenyon Arena for some lucky local kids who took part in the annual opportunity to skate with the Panther men's ice hockey team. To celebrate 100 years of the Middlebury men's hockey program, the Panthers skated with some of their youngest local fans. Clockwise from left are four-year-old Hattie Noel getting a hand from sophomore defenseman Sam Amato; Adler Holbrook, 7, posing with senior team captain Nolan Moore; the entire men's team taking the ice with the youngsters; rookie forward Ben Boren helping out a kid with his stick; and 6-year-old Harrison Noel getting some glide time near the rink wall.

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COMMODORE JING WILLIAMS and Eagle Ellie Thomas battle for the ball during Tuesday's girls' soccer game at Mount Abe.

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Eagle girls fly over VUHS

Mount Abe scores six in first half, cruises to big victory

By ANDY KIRKALDY

BRISTOL — The Mount Abraham Union High School girls' soccer team scored early and often in Tuesday's home game on the way to an 8-1 victory over visiting local rival Vergennes.

Senior forward Natalie Atkins provided the initial spark, with a goal in the fifth minute and an assist to sophomore leading scorer Isla Underwood in the seventh.

Commodore midfielder Ashtin Stearns got one back for the

visitors in the 20th minute, but two minutes later Atkins slipped the ball to junior forward Louisa Painter for a 3-1 lead. By the end of the half the Eagles had tacked on three more goals.

Mount Abe, coming off a 6-2 loss at Milton on Saturday in which a few minor injuries left them shorthanded, improved to 6-2-1, good for fourth place in Division II. The Eagles have scored 13 goals in their past three games.

"We've been working a lot on

finishing, and it's starting to pay dividends. Early in the year we were leaving a lot of goals on the table," said Coach Dustin Corrigan.

With almost all of the Eagles available against the Commodores on Tuesday, Corrigan substituted freely, and the cogs kept turning smoothly.

"It's a good group. They play well together," Corrigan said. "We've got a lot of depth ... When we've got the whole complement of what we've got, we're definitely a strong side."

VUHS Coach Dwight Irish's team remains above .500 at 5-4-1, is undefeated against D-III and D-IV competition, and was coming off a 2-2 road tie at D-II Green Mountain Valley. All that shows progress after a one-win season a year ago.

Still, Irish said a game like Tuesday's can show the Commodores what they still must work on. He cited "coming out stronger," marking more carefully, moving the ball more quickly, and communicating more effectively.

"In the second halves we've been playing better. Coming out and playing that way from the start is one thing we can learn from it," he said. "You can always learn something from any game, but playing a better team opens your eyes to things to work on, (See Mt. Abe v. VUHS, Page 5B)



EAGLE FORWARD LOUISA Painter shields the ball from Commodore defender Alaina LeBeau and looks to make a play at Mount Abe on Tuesday.

Independent photo/Steve James

VUHS boys' soccer gets off to slow start, falls to GMVS

By ANDY KIRKALDY

VERGENNES — The Vergennes Union High School boys' soccer team allowed visiting Green Mountain Valley to get off to a quick start on Monday, and the Commodores never recovered in a 3-0 setback despite outplaying the Gumbies throughout the second half.

The Commodores dropped to 3-5 and out of the top eight in Division III, while the D-II Gumbies improved to 3-1 with their second win of the fall over VUHS — the first came in Waitsfield in overtime on Sept. 1.

GMVS outshot VUHS in the first half, 8-3, and scored all of its goals in the first 21:08, one by converting a nice through ball, and the others on a Commodore misplay and a penalty kick after a handball.

The Commodores bounced back to outshoot GMVS in the second 40 minutes, 12-8, hitting the crossbar twice and failing to convert other promising opportunities, all while limiting the Gumbies' good looks at goal.

VUHS Coach Kevin Hayes said that in the first half, "Each mistake cost us dearly," while crediting the Gumbies for taking advantage.

"We weren't physical enough," Hayes said. "They're a physical, athletic team, and we have to match that against them, and we didn't early on."

He also acknowledged the Commodores have at times struggled to score even while

generating chances, and that problem cropped up after halftime.

"We finally figured some stuff out in the second half and settled down. Again, not putting the ball in the net has been one of our challenges," he said. "We need to shut things down defensively and get a couple goals on the break or some kind of combination play. It's been tough this year, goal-wise."

The trouble for the Commodores began eight minutes in, when Henri Michaud sent Hemi Meikle into the box toward the right post. VUHS goalie Devin Brisson came out to meet Meikle, but the Gumby tapped the ball past him for the lead.

Three-plus minutes later Gumby Ebbe Longstreth took advantage of a communication lapse between a defender and Brisson. Longstreth followed an unexpected pass backward and knocked it home before Brisson could respond.

The Commodores had a good chance to get on the board after a corner kick. GMVS cleared the original serve, but the ball went to VUHS senior midfielder Oakley Francis on the right side. Francis sent the ball back to the goal front, but it was just out of the reach of senior striker Eyon Tembreull.

Then in a scramble in front of the other goal a few minutes later a ball a Gumby sent out front from close range nicked a Commodore hand, sending Michaud to the penalty stripe. He buried it into the lower

(See Soccer, Page 5B)



PANTHER RECEIVER PATRICK Jamin finds daylight after one of his eight catches for 185 yards in the Middlebury College football team's home win over Bowdoin on Saturday.

Independent photo/Steve James

Panther football outlasts Bowdoin

By ANDY KIRKALDY

MIDDLEBURY — The Middlebury College football team outlasted visiting Bowdoin on Saturday, 34-27, a result that left both teams with 2-1 records. The Panthers will look to stay close to the top of the NESCAC standings this Saturday, when they visit Williams at 2 p.m.

Middlebury scored on a three-play drive to open this past Saturday's home game. Quarterback Cole Kennon passed to Patrick Jamin for 60 yards to set up a 1-yard touchdown pass to Donovan Wood. Kicker Zach Levy, who scored 10 points in the game, added the extra point.

The teams then traded touchdowns to leave the score at 14-14. The Polar Bears marched 74 yards to reach the end zone on a short run by QB Andrew Boel. The kick by Jotham Casey knotted the contest at 7-7.

Middlebury responded with a 75-yard drive capped by a 15-yard Kennon strike to Cole Crider. Next, on the opening play of the second quarter Boel tossed a scoring pass to

Colton Fahey to make it 14-14.

Later in the period Panther John McCool forced a fumble and recovered it near midfield, and Middlebury running back Walker Coleman broke free for a 51-yard rushing touchdown to make it 21-14.

The Polar Bears then went on an 82-yard drive capped by a 19-yard Boel TD pass to Brendan King, and it was 21-21. The Panthers closed the half by marching to set up a 21-yard Levy field goal to take a 24-21 lead.

At 11:29 of the third quarter, Bowdoin kicker Casey hit a 27-yard boot to tie the game at 24-24.

Middlebury was up next with a 20-yard Kennon TD pass to Wood make it 31-24. Another Casey field goal cut the lead to four late in the third period.

An interception set up Bowdoin deep in Panther territory early in the fourth quarter, but Finn Muldoon raced across the end zone to pick off a Boel pass and end the threat.

Then the Panthers mounted a long drive keyed by a 64-yard Kennon scramble and a third-down completion to Jamin. Levy

concluded it with a 29-yard field goal for a 34-27 lead with about three minutes to go. Pass breakups by Rocco Stola, Teddy Daniel and Sam Wilson thwarted the final

Bowdoin possession.

Bowdoin outgained Middlebury, 530-506 yards, as Boel completed 32 of 52 passes for 417 yards; he

(See Football, Page 5B)



PANTHER RUNNING BACK Walker Coleman leaves would-be tacklers in the dust during a 51-yard TD ramble on Saturday, when the Middlebury College football team defeated visiting Bowdoin, 34-27.

Independent photo/Steve James

Field hockey teams lose

ADDISON COUNTY — In a light schedule, the Mount Abraham, Middlebury and Otter Valley high school field hockey teams each lost in their only outing between Sept. 28 and Oct. 4.

The Tigers were also set to host the Eagles on Wednesday after the deadline for this issue.

EAGLES

On Sept. 28 the Eagles remained winless since their season-opening victory at MUHS, falling at Colchester, 1-0. The Eagles carried a 1-7-1 record into their game at MUHS on Wednesday.

TIGERS

On Saturday host Division I contender Champlain Valley

blanked the Tigers, 7-0, getting three goals from Claire Kim and one save from Sophie Comeau. Jolee Hefferman made 12 saves for the 1-5-1 Tigers, who visit OV on Thursday.

OTTERS

On Tuesday another D-I title contender, Bellows Falls, blanked the Otters, 6-0. OV dropped to 3-5 despite 10 saves from goalie Lily Morgan. The 5-2 Terriers pulled away late, with four goals in the final quarter.

Ava LaRoss led BF with three goals, while goalie Livie Clough made two saves.

The Otters' Saturday game at Brattleboro was postponed.



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Friday, Oct. 6th

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- Varsity girls' soccer vs Milton, 4:00 pm start
- JVA Girls Volleyball vs CVU, 4:30 pm start

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9/29 MUHS vs Mt Anthony 27-19
 9/30 OV vs Milton 20-0
 9/30 Springfield vs MAV 23-20

Field Hockey

9/28 Colchester vs Mt Abe 10-0
 9/30 CVU vs MUHS 7-0
 9/30 OV at Brattleboro Postponed
 10/3 Bellows Falls vs OV 6-0
 10/4 Mt Abe at MUHS Late

Girls' Soccer

9/27 Milton vs VUHS 10-0
 9/27 Mt Abe vs MUHS 3-2
 9/29 OV vs West Rutland 6-0
 9/30 Rice vs MUHS 5-1
 9/30 Milton vs Mt Abe 6-2
 9/30 VUHS vs GMVS 2-2
 10/3 Mt Abe vs VUHS 8-1
 10/3 Rutland vs MUHS 0-0

Boys' Soccer

9/27 Fair Haven vs OV 1-0
 9/28 Mt Abe vs Milton 1-1
 9/29 Rice vs MUHS 1-0 (OT)
 9/29 VUHS vs Missisquoi 3-1
 9/30 GMVS vs Mt Abe 2-1
 9/30 Mt Anthony vs OV 2-0
 10/2 GMVS vs VUHS 3-0
 10/3 MUHS vs Missisquoi 5-1
 10/3 OV vs Fair Haven 5-2
 10/4 VUHS at Mt Abe Late

Girls' Volleyball

9/28 MUHS vs Harwood 3-0
 10/3 MUHS vs Lyndon 3-2

COLLEGE SPORTS

Field Hockey

9/27 Midd vs Skidmore 7-1
 9/30 Midd vs Wesleyan 5-1

Men's Soccer

9/30 Midd vs Wesleyan 2-0
 10/3 Midd vs Vassar 2-2

Women's Soccer

9/30 Midd vs Wesleyan 0-0

Football

9/30 Midd vs Bowdoin 34-27

Schedule

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Football

10/6 Hartford at MUHS 7 PM
 10/7 Missisquoi at MAV 1 PM
 10/7 OV at Rice 2:30 PM
 10/13 MUHS at S. Burlington 7 PM
 10/14 Rice at MAV 1 PM
 10/14 Missisquoi at OV 1 PM

Field Hockey

10/5 MUHS at OV 4 PM
 10/6 Mt Abe at CVU 4 PM
 10/7 S. Burlington at MUHS 10 AM
 10/10 Mt Mansfield at MUHS 4:30 PM
 10/12 MUHS at Burlington 4 PM
 10/12 Mt Abe at S. Burlington 4 PM
 10/12 Woodstock at OV 4 PM
 10/14 OV at Springfield 11 AM

Girls' Soccer

10/6 Mt Abe at Fair Haven 4 PM
 10/6 Milton at MUHS 4 PM
 10/6 VUHS at Rice 4 PM
 10/7 OV at Stratton 2 PM
 10/10 OV at Fair Haven 6 PM
 10/11 VUHS at MUHS 4 PM
 10/11 Rice at Mt Abe 4 PM
 10/13 OV at Woodstock 4 PM
 10/13 Milton at VUHS 4 PM
 10/14 Mt Abe at MUHS 10 AM

Boys' Soccer

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
 10/10 Stratton at OV 4 PM
 10/10 VUHS at MUHS 4 PM
 10/10 Rice at Mt Abe 4 PM
 10/13 Mt Abe at MUHS 4 PM
 10/13 VUHS at Milton 4 PM

Girls' Volleyball

10/10 Hartford at MUHS 6 PM

10/12 MUHS at Colchester 6 PM

COLLEGE SPORTS

Field Hockey

10/7 Midd at Colby Noon
 10/8 Midd at Endicott Noon
 10/14 Midd at Trinity 11 AM
 10/15 Midd at Conn Noon

Men's Soccer

10/7 Midd at Colby 2 PM
 10/11 Midd at E. Nazarene TBA
 10/14 Midd at Trinity 2 PM
 10/15 Midd at Conn 2 PM

Women's Soccer

10/7 Midd at Colby 11 AM
 10/8 Midd at Babson Noon
 10/14 Midd at Trinity 11 AM
 10/15 Midd at Conn 11:30 AM

Football

10/7 Midd at Williams 2 PM
 10/14 Midd at Trinity 1 PM

Girls' volleyball picks up two more triumphs

MIDDLEBURY — The Middlebury Union High School girls' volleyball team picked up two more victories in the past week to improve to 8-1.

On Sept. 28 the Tigers topped visiting Harwood, 25-13, 25-9, 25-18. Sienna Rubright led the Tigers with six aces, and Georgie Kiel recorded the team's first solo block.

On Tuesday the Tigers pulled out a three-set victory at Lyndon, 22-25, 25-14, 25-19, 18-25, 15-9. Further information was not available after the team pulled in at 11 p.m. that night.

The Tigers next host Hartford at 6 p.m. on Tuesday.

Football: MUHS, OV prevail

By ANDY KIRKALDY

ADDISON COUNTY — In high school football action this past weekend, Middlebury and Otter Valley both remained in the hunt for tops seeds in their divisions with road victories, while the Mount Abraham-Vergennes collective team took a close loss away from home.

TIGERS

On this past Friday, the Tigers got past host Mount Anthony, 27-19. MUHS took a 7-6 halftime lead, scoring on an 11-yard run by quarterback **Jacob Kemp**.

MUHS extended the lead to 21-6 on **Jackson Gillett's** 55-yard TD run to open the second half, followed by **Tucker Morter's** 20-yard fumble return for another score on the ensuing kickoff. A nine-yard **Gavin McNulty** scoring run later in the third quarter pushed the Tiger lead to 27-6.

Patriot QB Dreland Carey tossed

two of his three touchdown passes in the late going to pull MAU closer. He finished 10 of 15 for 185 yards with two scoring tosses to Carter Thompson and one to Kaiden Mailhot, but Gillett also picked him off twice. The Patriots remained winless.

Gillett ran 18 times for 145 yards, and McNulty rambled 71 yards on eight carries. Kemp completed five of 10 passes for 63 yards.

The Tigers improved to 4-1, good for a tie for second place in Division I with Champlain Valley and Burr & Burton, heading into their showdown this Friday night against undefeated first-place Hartford at Doc Collins Field.

OTTERS

On Saturday, the Otters posted a 20-0 win at D-II Milton. While the Otter defense was pitching a shutout, OV got touchdowns from **Isaac Whitney** on the ground, a pass from **Zach Dragon** to **Chase**

Razanouski, and a kickoff return by **Mason Bushee**.

The Otters, currently in a three-way tie for first place in D-III with Woodstock and Windsor, will visit D-II Rice this Saturday afternoon.

EAGLES

On Saturday, the D-II Eagles lost a tight battle at D-III Springfield, 23-20. The Cosmos improved to 3-2, while MAV dropped to 1-4.

Jamison Couture rushed for two touchdowns and 127 yards on 15 carries to lead the MAV offense, and **Tyler White** returned an interception for the other score.

MAV QB **Rhett Lathrop** completed 15 of 25 passes for 200 yards, five of them to **Ian Funke** for 90 yards and five more to **Ryan Wright** for 54 yards. Funke also picked off a Cosmo pass and blocked a field goal.

MAV will look to pick up a win with a home game this Saturday against Missisquoi.

Football

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also tossed two picks.

Kennon completed 21 of 41 attempts for 358 yards, including

eight passes to Jamin for a career-high 185 yards.

McCool recorded game highs in tackles (13) and solo stops (eight),

including 2.5 tackles for losses. Tomás Kenary had a sack for a loss of 12 yards; he leads NESCAC with 5.5 sacks.



MIDDLEBURY WIDEOUT MIKE Ahonen goes high to make a catch during the Panther football team's victory over visiting Bowdoin on Saturday.

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PANTHER JUNIOR MIDFIELDER Caroline Haggerty launches one of the Middlebury field hockey team's 27 shots in a 5-1 home win over Wesleyan on Saturday.

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College teams duel league foes

Field hockey, men's soccer win, women's soccer ties

ADDISON COUNTY — The Middlebury College field hockey and men's soccer teams rolled to victories this past weekend, but the women's soccer team had to settle for a tie in its only action. The Panther men also picked up a road tie on Tuesday.

FIELD HOCKEY

Middlebury's field hockey team breezed to a pair of victories to improve to 9-0, 5-0 in NESCAC play, and retain its top ranking in NCAA Division III.

On Sept. 27 the Panther field hockey team breezed to a 7-1 victory at Skidmore, which dropped to 3-4. Audrey Lazar and Amy Griffin led the attack with two goals apiece, and Georgiane Defeo, Lilly Thieberg and Ellie Harrison each netted one. Middlebury goalie KK Newton made one save, while three Thoroughbred goalies combined to make 10 stops.

On Saturday the Panthers scored five unanswered first-half goals at home against NESCAC foe Wesleyan and coasted to a 5-1 victory. The Panthers earned a 27-5 advantage of shots on goal. Lilly Branka scored twice to pace the Panthers, Caroline Segal scored a goal and set one up, and Griffin and Hanna Medwar also found the back of the cage.

Cardinal Sarah Porter broke up the shutout on a penalty corner with time expired. Two Panther goalies made a save apiece, while Audrey Pace made 13 for the 6-2 Cardinals, who suffered their first

league loss.

MEN'S SOCCER

The men's soccer team moved to 6-0-3 with a league win and a non-league road tie.

On Saturday the Panthers defeated visiting NESCAC foe Wesleyan, 2-0, when Jordan Saint-Louis scored one goal and assisted another in the second half. Saint-Louis snapped a scoreless tie in the 64th minute, taking a Kyle Nilsson feed and finding the lower left corner. In the 81st minute, Colin Dugan converted a Saint-Louis feed, also into the lower left corner.

Ryan Grady made three stops for the shutout, and keeper Josh Nadison made five saves for Wesleyan (2-3-2, 0-2-3 NESCAC).

On Tuesday the Panthers and host Vassar tied, 2-2. Middlebury took a lead in the 13th minute on a Vassar own goal heavily influenced by pressure from Saint-Louis. In the second half's 14th minute, Vassar's Duncan Kecker heading in a corner kick to tie the game.

Middlebury regained the lead at 11:42, when Alem Muris Hadzic one-timed home a Saint-Louis feed on a give-and-go. Vassar equalized with just over four minutes to play on another header of a corner, this time from Danny Berry.

Grady made four saves for the Panthers, and Vasilis Ganasoulis made three for Vassar (5-3-3).

WOMEN'S SOCCER

The Middlebury women's soccer team duelled to a 0-0 home tie with Wesleyan on Saturday despite

outshooting the Cardinals, 25-6. Wesleyan keeper Molly Brumbach made 14 stops, including a few brilliant saves on Fanny Lodge, Sophia Cole and Chloe Swindle. Abby Ward set up some of the best Panther chances, and goalie Carolyn Kelley made three saves, one particularly challenging. The Panther defense also blocked a pair of shots in a first-half scramble.

The Panthers stand at 4-2-3, 1-2-2 NESCAC, and Wesleyan is 4-2-3, 2-1-2 in the league.

WOMEN'S GOLF

The 25th-ranked Middlebury women's golf team this past Saturday and Sunday earned its second team title of the fall, winning the Wesleyan Invitational in Middlefield, Conn., with a two-day score of 471 (313-158), while Ella Han earned medalist honors. Bowdoin and Hamilton rounded out the top-three, both finishing with a score of 490.

Due to weather, the second day of the tournament featured just nine holes.

Han secured medalist honors with a two-day carding of 115 (77-38). The individual title finish was the first of her collegiate career. Audrey Tir was right behind Han, finishing in a tie for second place. The Panther closed the opening round with an 18-hole low 75, before firing a 42 on Sunday to card a 117.

Finishing one shot behind Tir was Morgan Lee, tying for fifth overall with a two-day score of 118 (77-41).

Sophia Hwang (11th place with a 122) and Piper Jordan (34th place with a 131) rounded out the Panther scoring.

Tiger golf heading to D-II tourney

RANDOLPH — At the Montague Country Club on Tuesday, the Middlebury Union High School golf team finished fourth in the Division II qualifying tournament and will compete for the state D-II title this coming Tuesday at the Basin Harbor course.

The Tigers, led by Kellen Bartlett's 82, finished tied for fourth with Harwood at 90 over par.

Harwood, second a year ago, won at 51-over, followed by Peoples (68 over) and Lyndon (86 over). Woodstock (97 over) was the sixth and final qualifier.

Defending champion Otter Valley finished seventh at 105 over, but Lucas Politano will defend his 2022 medalist honor at Quechee next week after finishing as top qualifier

on Tuesday with an even-par 70.

Mount Abraham's Jack Breault (79) also qualified to compete as an individual this coming Tuesday.

The Tiger scorers were Bartlett, 82; Cooper Quinn, 90; Landon Kean, 96; and Ben Fuller, 102, for a total of 370.

OV shot 385: Politano, 70; Jackson Howe, 104; Jacob Tripp, 105; and Rowen Steen, 106.

Mt. Abe came in a 396: Jack Breault, 79; Stefan Johnson, 99; Brody Barnard, 104; and Walker Forand, 114.

NVAC TOURNEY

On Sept. 28, the MUHS and Mount Abe golf teams finished 10th and 11th, respectively, in a 12-team, all-division field at the NVAC Metro Championships, held

at the Champlain Country Club in Swanton.

Eagle golfer Breault posted the best round among players on the two local teams, firing an 80, seven strokes behind medalist Cooper Guerriere of Champlain Valley.

South Burlington's team score of 316 edged CVU (319) for the team title, with Spaulding (340) a distant third. St. Albans and Essex tied for fourth at 344.

MUHS edged Mount Abe for 10th, 392-393. The Tiger scorers were Bartlett, 87; Quinn, 93; Fuller, 102; and Kean, 110.

Behind Breault at 80, the Eagle scorers were Johnson, 95; Barnard, 102; and Forand, 116.

Girls' soccer: Eagles edge Tigers

ADDISON COUNTY — A dramatic victory by Mount Abraham over Middlebury highlighted local girls' soccer action between Sept. 27 and Oct. 3.

In other games, Vergennes earned a road tie, the Eagles lost away from home, the Tigers lost one outing and tied another, and Otter Valley won big.

Vergennes also visited Mount Abe on Tuesday; see story on Page 1B.

TIGERS AT MOUNT ABE
On Sept. 27 the host Eagles rallied past visiting MUHS, 3-2, after twice falling behind by one goal. Hazel Guilmette netted the game-winner, with an assist from Natalie Atkins, with 37 seconds left in regulation.

Solstice Binder gave the Tigers their first lead in the game's first minute, with an assist from Meredith Horne. Anna Stilwell's unassisted goal in the 16th minute tied the score for the Eagles.

Binder's unassisted strike in the second half's second minute restored the Tiger lead, but with 8:53 to go **Lauren Cousino** leveled the score at

2-2, with an assist from **Maya Shea**, setting the stage for Guilmette's late strike.

Eagle goalie **Joanna Toy** made five saves, and Tiger keeper **Kassidy Brown** stopped eight shots. The Eagles moved to 5-1-1 with the result, while the Tigers dropped to 3-4.

COMMODORES

On Saturday host Green Mountain Valley and VUHS ended in a 2-2 deadlock. Meadow Brunelli scored both Gumby goals, one tying the game in the late going, and GMVS keeper Alyssa Lux made saves. **Ava Francis** and **Ashtin Sterns** found the net for VUHS, and goalie **Quincy Sabick** made eight saves. The Commodores entered Tuesday's game at 5-3-1.

EAGLES

On Saturday host Milton improved to 7-1 with a 6-2 victory over Mount Abe. Holley MacLellan led the Yellowjackets with a hat trick and goalie Ella Scharf made seven saves. The Eagles dropped to 5-2-1 despite goals from **Isla Underwood**

and **Lauren Cousino**, assists from Underwood, and 12 saves from **Rosemary Behounek**.

TIGERS

On Saturday visiting Rice dealt the Tigers a 5-1 setback. Five Green Knights contributed a goal apiece, and Rice keeper Sunshine Clark made three saves. **Caroline Nicolai** scored for MUHS, and Brown made five saves.

On Tuesday the Tigers and host D-1 Rutland tied, 0-0. RHS goalie Emma Grimes made 12 saves, and Brown earned her shut out with seven saves. The Tigers moved forward with a 3-4-1 mark.

OTTERS

On Sept. 29 the Otters blanked visiting West Rutland, 6-0, as **Mallee Richardson** and **Tegan Boynton** each scored twice. **Michelle Hendee** scored and assisted **Randi Lancour's** goal, **Allie Charbonneau** picked up an assist, and **Linnea Faulkner** worked the shutout in the OV net. OV improved to 6-3 at the expense of the 6-2 Golden Horde, which saw a six-game winning streak snapped.

Boys' soccer: Teams find wins

ADDISON COUNTY — In recent high school boys' soccer play, Middlebury split two games, Mount Abraham earned a tie in two outings, Vergennes picked up a victory, and Otter Valley won once in three away contests.

On Monday Vergennes also hosted Green Mountain Valley; see story on Page 1B. The Commodores were also set to visit Mount Abe on Wednesday after the deadline for this issue.

TIGERS

On Sept. 29 visiting Rice topped the Tigers, 1-0, in overtime on a Wilfred St. Francis strike. Rice goalie Nate MacDonald made five saves, and Tiger keeper **Jonathan Kafumbe** stopped two shots.

On Tuesday the Tigers coasted at Missisquoi, 5-1, to improve to 5-2-2, unofficially good for fifth place in Division II. **Sam Weenk's** hat trick led the Tigers, and **Jake Mitchell** and **Iver Anderson** added a goal

apiece. **Eddie Fallis** chipped in two assists, **Ollie Choudhury** and **Milo Rees** added one helper apiece, and Kafumbe had another two-save outing.

EAGLES

On Sept. 28 the Eagles and host Milton duelled to a 1-1 tie. **Judah Jackson** headed in the tying goal with an assist from **James Graziadei** for Mount Abe in the final minute of regulation, and goalie **Evan Audy** made 11 saves. Milton goalie Dylan Mitchell made 14 saves.

On Saturday host Green Mountain edged the Eagles, 2-1, getting goals from Henri Michaud and Finlay Wagner and eight saves from Shamus O'Brien. Jackson scored for Mount Abe (2-4-1) and Audy parried 10 shots.

COMMODORES

On Friday the Commodores bested host Missisquoi, 3-1. **Tiegan Buskey** scored twice for VUHS, and **Oakley Francis** added the third

goal. **Ryker Mosehauer**, **Ethan Croke** and **Aidan Fuller** picked up assists, and goalie **Devin Brisson** made three saves as VUHS moved to 3-4 heading into Monday.

OTTERS

On Sept. 27 host Fair Haven nipped the Otters, 1-0, on a late **Jack Almeida** goal. **Noah Woodbury** made five saves for the Slaters as they improved to 4-2. On Saturday Division I host Mt. Anthony blanked the Otters, 2-0.

On Tuesday the Otters reversed their earlier loss at Fair Haven with a 5-2 win over the host Slaters. **Owen Thomas** led the attack with three goals, **TJ Baron** had a goal and two assists, and **Drew Pelkey** added the final marker. Goalie **Isaiah Wood** made 12 saves as the Otters improved to 6-4.

Woodbury made 11 saves for the 4-4 Slaters, which got goals from **Andrew Smith** and **Jace Hetrick**.

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EAGLE GOALIE JOANNA Toy sprawls to deny a potential bid from VUHS forward Tryphene Miguel on Tuesday at Mount Abe; the ball rolled just out of Miguel's reach.

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Mt. Abe v. VUHS

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for sure.” On Atkins’s first goal, she cut into the box from her position on the left wing and finished low with her left foot inside the near post. The second goal came on a long, low serve to the far post to Underwood, who one-timed it home.

Seventeen minutes in the Commodores got the ball into the Eagle box for the first time when midfielder Isabella Van Voorst served from the right side, but the Eagles cleared.

The second time was a goal. A run by sophomore striker Ava Francis drew a foul about 25 yards out, and Stearns blasted a high shot home at 20:30. It would be one of two VUHS shots in the

half. Eagle goalie Joanna Toy handled a Francis left-footed bid from the top of the box in the 34th minute.

At 19:44, the Eagles made it 3-1. Atkins cut to the endline just left of the goal, and VUHS goalie Frances McAllister, expecting a shot, came out to meet her. Instead, Atkins slid the ball to Painter out front for a tap-in.

In the rest of the half defender Annie Dufault scored on a 26-yard direct kick, Underwood drilled home a loose ball from the 18, and Lauren Cousino broke into the box and converted with her left foot into the left side.

McCallister, who made eight saves in each half, did well to deny Hazel Stoddard in the 37th minute. The Commodores had

a chance to add a goal a minute late, but Kaelin Sullivan’s strong serve from the left side rolled inches away from the lunging right foot of forward Tryphene Miguel, who had much of the far side of the goal open.

The VUHS defense, keyed by Alaina LeBeau and Siobhan Potter in the middle, settled down in the second half. But Hazel Guillmette added a pair of goals for Mount Abe, the first on a rebound of a Piper Guillmette shot and the second in a scramble out front after an Underwood shot.

The Eagle defense — Whitney Dykstra started in the middle with Dufault and Nell Harvey on the flanks — did not allow a second-half shot to reach either Toy or Rebecca Behounek, who replaced Toy midway through the half.

“Defensively we’re solid,” Corrigan said. “We’ve got a number of people who are playing very well in the backfield.”

He believes the Eagles, a regular visitor to the D-II final four even with a low seed in recent years, could make another deep playoff run.

“I expect us to be right in the mix,” Corrigan said.

From the VUHS perspective, Irish said the Commodores have to take results like Tuesday’s in stride and maintain a positive frame of mind.

“The first thing is to try to keep the morale up. We knew these were going to be the hard games,” he said. “Keeping the spirits up will be No. 1. If that’s OK, then you can get to work.”



MOUNT ABE FORWARD Natalie Atkins sprints past VUHS defender Octavia Devine on Tuesday at Mount Abe. Atkins scored the first goal and assisted the next two in the Eagles’ 8-1 win.

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Soccer

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right corner to make it 3-0 at 19:01. VUHS gained some traction late in the half, but Gumby first-half goalie Finlay Wagner (one save) just beat Francis and junior Reese Paquette to defender Connor Kelly’s header on a restart, and GMVS back Andrew Latter broke up senior middle Ryder Messinger’s strong run in the final minute.

In the second half the Commodores’ more assertive play drew a series of fouls that created a half-dozen chances on restarts. Hayes also changed his team’s formation and shuffled personnel in search of more offense.

“I put Oakley up a little higher, but I also put some more aggressive younger players up the field more, because I knew they would play

with abandon and just play with more freedom,” Hayes said. “The message was go out there and get one goal at a time in the second half, and just try to create some stuff.”

Messinger, sophomore midfielder Ryker Mosehauer, junior midfielders Ethan Croke and Spencer Grimm, Tembrell, sophomore striker Tiegen Buskey, Francis and junior striker/midfielder Gabe Scribner all had or created chances after the break.

Francis hit the crossbar, as did Croke, charging in from the right, on a one-time volley on a Francis restart. And as well sending in dangerous free kicks, VUHS forced the Gumby backs to defend well in the run of play, and GMVS second-half goalie Shamus O’Brien made three saves.

The Commodores also settled down in the back. Most of the Gumby’s second-half shots were speculative, and Brisson (four saves) handled them without drama. Junior Spencer Gebo started at sweeper, with Paquette and Grimm on the flanks and Kelly at stopper.

“We’ve got quick backs. I think we’re OK in the back,” Hayes said.

The road doesn’t get easier with two away games next, at Mount Abraham on this Wednesday after the deadline for this issue and then at Rice on Saturday.

Hayes said he expects a team that graduated nine seniors from a group that contended for D-III titles in each of the past two seasons will continue to improve.

“I think we’ll be fine by the end of the season, I really do,” he said.



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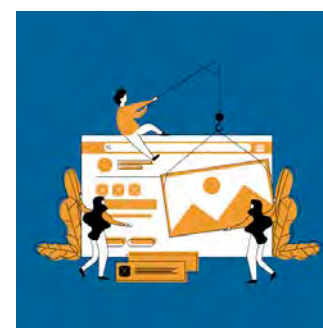
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MHS/MUHS hall of fame welcomes half-dozen members

MIDDLEBURY — The Middlebury High School/Middlebury Union High School Hall of Fame will introduce this year's nominees at half-time of the Tiger football game vs. Hartford this Friday, Oct. 6.

On Saturday nominees will receive formal induction into the Hall of Fame at 10 a.m. at the Middlebury American Legion Post 23 on Boardman Street.

The MHS/MUHS Hall of Fame was first started in 1986 with the induction of 12 alumni. The Hall recognizes alumni who demonstrated excellence in scholarship, in a technical or trades field, in an artistic field, or in athletics.

The Middlebury alumnus must have graduated 25 years or more ago to be considered. Nominees must have demonstrated citizenship during school and following graduation. Hall of Famers are leaders in their respective communities who have continued to benefit the communities in which they live.

This year's class demonstrates the qualities that embodies the Hall of Fame. This year's inductees are: **LINDA JAMES BARRETT**

Linda graduated from the class of MUHS 1973. During high school, she was active in the band all four years as well as sang in the chorus. Linda also was involved in many activities that benefited many students at MUHS. She participated in the Penny Carnival,

Freshman Reception and the Junior Prom. Linda was also a staff member for the school yearbook, *The Quatrain*.

Linda is married to Leonard Barrett. Together they participated in many Tiger activities. Linda was the concessions stand manager at Tiger football for 30 years. She recently retired from that volunteer position and will be greatly missed. Linda was also a longtime Addison County Fair & Field Days volunteer coordinating the Taste of Vermont Dinner for many years. Linda was also the President of Friends of Middlebury Football. Her volunteer involvement benefited so many MUHS students.

When Linda was not volunteering her time, she worked as the Addison Central School District Clerk of the board. She worked for years at the Bridport Central School as an administrative assistant. She was presented the Barbara Whittemore staff award for dedication to the school.

Linda was active in school and remained active both in her volunteer efforts and in her career, benefiting many people in a positive manner. Linda certainly represents the values of the MHS/MUHS Hall of Fame.

BETH CAUL DOW

Beth Caul Dow has called Middlebury home for 70 years. During that time Beth has served Middlebury in the town clerk, recreation, planning/zoning, assessing, town manager and

listers' offices. Beth graduated high school in 1969. Beth was cheerleader for four years for basketball and three for football, and a member of the Varsity Club. She worked on the *Tiger's Tale* newspaper.

In 1972 she began her career with the town of Middlebury and worked as the town clerk's assistant. After working in other capacities, in 1983 then-Town Manager Rick McGuire assigned her exclusively to the assessing office, where she served until the fall of 1984.

Beth worked briefly in the private sector while still maintaining a relationship with the town offices after successfully running for Middlebury's board of listers, serving the town in that capacity.

Beth returned to serve the town as administrative assistant in the town's planning and zoning office where she worked until she transitioned to secretary to the town manager — where she's been ever since. She's served under five town managers, as well as several town clerks, recreation directors and planning/zoning heads.

Beth has enjoyed her interactions with the people of Middlebury. Current Town Manager Kathleen Ramsay praised Beth's service to the town. "Given that she's done virtually every job in the municipal building except for town manager, she's been like a secret weapon," Ramsay said. "If there's ever a gap somewhere, or someone needs a

little piece of history, she's there to help."

JENNIFER PERINE QUINN

Jennifer is a 1996 graduate of MUHS. She was a four-year member of the field hockey team and a starter for the 1995 state championship team. She also played for four years on the basketball and lacrosse teams. She captained both the basketball and lacrosse teams in her senior year. After high school Jennifer attended UVM majoring in the Allied Health Sciences program. She was awarded Clinician of the Year award at the John Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Md., and the Ochsner Clinic in New Orleans, La. Jennifer returned home to Middlebury and began her career at Addison County Home Health and Hospice, where she is currently in her 19th year. Jennifer is currently the Director of Therapy at ACHHH. For her, patient contact in their homes is the most rewarding part of her work.

Jennifer has remained committed to the youth of Addison County. She chaired the Middlebury Elementary Association for three years, as well as serving on the Mary Johnson Children's Center Board, which she chaired for several years. Jennifer has also coached the youth of Middlebury, in youth basketball, lacrosse and soccer. Jennifer's leadership skills exemplified at work and in the community, and her giving back to the youth of the area, make her an

outstanding candidate for the Hall of Fame.

CHARLES "BUTCH" SHAW

Butch graduated from Middlebury Union High School in 1966. He played football, basketball and baseball. He was also part of Hubie Wagner's first wrestling club. Butch coached wrestling at Otter Valley as their assistant coach some years later. After graduating from the Massachusetts Trade Shops School in Boston, he returned to Vermont and located in Pittsford. Butch is a Licensed Master Electrician and a Traffic Signal Technician. He formed a family business, CEA Inc., a commercial electrical contracting firm, in 1980.

Butch joined the Pittsford Fire Department in 1969, serving as Assistant Fire Chief for 30 years. He now serves as the Senior Safety Officer. In 1973, Butch became a Justice of the Peace and a member of the Pittsford Board of Civil Authority, where he served as chair for over 20 years.

Butch continued service to the citizens of the state of Vermont when he became a member of the House of Representatives representing Pittsford and surrounding towns in 2010. Butch has served as vice chair of Committees for Transportation, and Corrections and Institutions. He has been a member of the Judicial Retention, Justice Oversight, the Advisory Committee on the State House, and the Legislative Representative and

Commissioner on the Northeast Fire Protection Commission representing the state of Vermont. Butch chairs the Rutland County Legislation Delegation. Butch's service to his community and the state of Vermont exemplifies the qualities of the Hall of Fame.

COREY PRATT

Corey Pratt graduated from MUHS in 1992. He lives in Bridport and may be best known as the co-owner of Pratt's Store. In high school Corey played football, baseball and basketball. Corey was also a member of the Distributive Education Clubs of American, serving as chapter president his senior year. In high school Corey was awarded the Playing the Game Award, which exemplifies good sportsmanship, team spirit and a strong work ethic. He also received the Unsung Hero Award presented to a senior on the football team who has contributed to the success of the team with little or no recognition.

Corey has continued his service to his community as Justice of the Peace in Bridport for 13 years, serving on the fire department for 27 years, working to train and educate members of the department. Corey has volunteered with youth sports in hockey, football and lacrosse. In 2022 Corey was named Citizen of the Year by the Middlebury American Legion. During COVID, Corey and the Pratt's Store staff worked tirelessly to remain open to the community. Corey has assisted on many community dinners.

Corey is best exemplified as that quiet, steady hand behind many events in Bridport, Addison County, and beyond; never expecting recognition, but remaining steadfast because his actions benefit the people of his community. Corey truly represents the qualities of a Hall of Fame Member.

BRIAN CARPENTER

Brian Carpenter graduated from Middlebury Union High School in 1980 and from St. Lawrence University in New York in 1984, where he received a Regular Army commission through the Reserve Officer Training Corps upon graduating. He served on active duty with the United States Army in Germany, Panama and several stateside bases before joining the Vermont Army National Guard in 1993. Brigadier Gen. Carpenter retired in September 2014 after serving as an Assistant Adjutant General of the Vermont National Guard.


While in high school Brian played football, skied on the Nordic team and ran track. He played on championship football teams in his junior and senior years and was captain his senior year as the quarterback. The Nordic ski teams also won three state championships and Brian captained that team his senior year. Brian was a member of the National Honor Society and class President his junior year.

Brian is the President and General Manager of Champlain Valley Equipment, a family-owned farm equipment dealership. Brian served the Middlebury community for nine years on the town Public Works Committee, was elected to the Middlebury selectboard in March 2014 and has chaired the board since 2016. Brian also served as chairman of the North American Equipment Dealers Association board for 2016 and 2017; chairman of the New Holland Dealer Council; chairman of the Kubota Dealer Council; and serves on various other boards. Brian coached Middlebury youth flag football and youth and high school lacrosse for many years. Brian distinguished himself in both service to the country and to his community.

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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.

Ladies Aid Industria Fall rummage sale in Lincoln. Saturday, Oct. 7, 8-10:30 a.m., Burnham Hall, 52 E. River Rd. See Oct. 5 listing.

Canal Collections Corner workshop in Ferrisburgh. Saturday, Oct. 7, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Lake Champlain Maritime Museum, Basin Harbor Rd. In commemoration of the 200th anniversary of the opening of the Champlain Canal, this workshop will feature items from the museum's collections related to the canal boats of Lake Champlain.

"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, 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. \$7.

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.

Sib-to-Sib at the Quad Ball classic in Middlebury. Saturday, Oct. 7, noon to 2 p.m., meet at Chellis House, 56 Hillcrest Rd. All middle schoolers are invited to watch the Quadball tournament on the Middlebury College campus with the Sib-to-Sibmentors. Cheer on the Middlebury team as they compete and enjoy food trucks, local vendors, music, dogs and more. Register at go.middlebury.edu/sib2sib.

Bingo in Vergennes. Saturday, Oct. 7, 5 p.m., St. Peter's Parish Hall, 85 S. Maple St. Doors open at 5 p.m., Bingo starts at 6 p.m. A family-friendly event. All cash prizes, 50/50 raffle. Refreshments sold. Sponsored by St. Peter's Cemetery Committee to benefit the ongoing efforts for cemetery improvements.

oct 8 SUNDAY

Breakfast Buffet in Vergennes. Sunday, Oct. 8, 8-10 a.m., St. Peter's Parish Hall, 85 S. Maple St. Omelets to order, scrambled eggs, French toast, bacon, sausage, fruit, plain and blueberry pancakes, maple syrup, sausage gravy on biscuits, corn bread, home fries, mini muffins, juice, milk and coffee. Adults \$12/children 8-12 \$7/under 8 free/immediate family \$32 (maximum). Offered by Vergennes Knights of Columbus to support their community service programs.

"Quilting in the Land of Milk and Honey" quilt show in Middlebury. Sunday, Oct. 8, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Middlebury Rec Center, 154 Creek Rd. See Oct. 8 listing.

Auditions for "Brandon Has Talent" in Brandon. Sunday, Oct. 8, 3-6 p.m., Brandon Town Hall, 1 Conant Sq. If you like to sing, dance, play an instrument or have a special talent, all you need to do to be a member of the 9th Annual "Brandon Has Talent" show is contact Dennis at denniswarden@gmail.com or call and leave a message at 802-247-5420 to schedule a day and time to audition. You must provide your own music, preferably on a cell phone that can connect to a Bluetooth speaker.

oct 9 MONDAY

Addison Four Corners Store 200th anniversary celebration in Addison. Monday, Oct. 9, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Addison Four Corners Store, 4934 Route 22A. Product tastings, maple treats, smoked meats and cheeses, Citizen Hard Cider, Amber's



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homemade preserves, apples/apple cider, cider doughnuts, pastries and cotton candy. More info at 802-759-2332.

Auditions for "Brandon Has Talent" in Brandon. Monday, Oct. 9, 6-8 p.m., Brandon Town Hall, 1 Conant Sq. See Oct. 8 listing.

oct 10 TUESDAY

American Red Cross blood donation in Middlebury. Tuesday, Oct. 10, 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Vermont Hard Cider, 1321 Exchange St. The Red Cross experienced a significant blood and platelet donation shortfall in August, contributing to the current blood and platelet shortage. To ensure the blood supply recovers, the Red Cross must collect 10,000 additional blood products each week over the next month to meet hospital and patient needs. \$15 Amazon.com Gift Card by email for coming to give Oct. 1-20. Book a time to give at one of these locations by downloading the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

"Six Men who Shaped the American Revolution: The Commander: George Washington" virtual lecture. Tuesday, Oct. 10, 11 a.m., Zoom. Middlebury College Professor Emeritus Russell Leng ends his series with this talk on our first president. Prof. Leng suggests reading "His Excellency: George Washington" by Joseph Ellis (2004) pp. 1-146, if you are interested in advance reading. There will be time for Q&A following the presentation.

"AI-designed organisms: a case study in the social impacts of AI" in Middlebury. Tuesday, Oct. 10, 5 p.m., Room 216, Middlebury College McCardell Bicentennial, Bicentennial Way. Josh Bongard will give the keynote address at the Vermont Academy of Science and Engineering's annual Fall meeting. Free and open to the public.

oct 11 WEDNESDAY

Backyard Composting workshop in Middlebury. Wednesday, Oct. 11, noon, Ilsley Public Library, 75 Main St. Join Addison County Solid Waste Management District invites you to learn what makes a compost pile successful, the different types of compost, how to build a pile, and ways to troubleshoot common compost problems. Free. Register at tinyurl.com/ACSWD-Backyard-compost.

"Justin Morgan's Horse: Making an American Myth" in Orwell. Wednesday, Oct. 11, 7 p.m., Orwell Free Library, 473 Main St. All Morgan horses today trace their lineage back to a single horse: a mystery stallion named Figure, owned by singing teacher Justin Morgan in the late 18th century. But who was Figure, really? Amanda Gustin of the Vermont Historical Society explores the story of the first Morgan horse — a complicated and fascinating story tied up with the idea of Vermont identity, the relationship between humans and animals, the creation of American myth, and much more.

oct 12 THURSDAY

"Prevent, Detect, Report" presentation in Shoreham. Thursday, Oct. 12, 2 p.m., Shoreham Congregational Church, 28 School Rd. Learn to protect yourself from scammers who want to steal your Medicare information. Everyone is welcome to attend this informative and free presentation, a short introduction to the basics of protecting your Medicare information, presented by the staff of Community of Vermont Elders, which administers the state's chapter of Senior Medicare Patrol. Free.

Energy-saving programs and incentives presentation in Ripton. Thursday, Oct. 12, 6:45 p.m., Ripton Community House, Route 125. The Ripton Renewable Action Committee invites you to a conversation with Green Mountain Power about how to reduce your carbon footprint at home. Refreshments provided.

oct 14 SATURDAY

Monthly Wildlife walk in Middlebury. Saturday, Oct. 14, 8-10 a.m., Otter View Park, Weybridge St. and Pulp Mill Bridge Rd. Otter Creek Audubon Society and MALT invite community members to help survey birds and other wildlife at Otter View Park and

Hurd Grassland. Beginning birders welcome. Come for all or part of the walk. More info call 802-388-6019 or 802-388-1007.

"Middlebury and the Marble Border of Western New England" in Middlebury. Saturday, Oct. 14, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Community Room, Ilsley Public Library, 75 Main St. Join historians Glenn Andres and William Hosley in an illustrated lecture about Middlebury and the Marble Corridor, followed by a tour of Middlebury's West Cemetery. More info and tickets at ilsleypubliclibrary.org.

Prize Bingo in Leicester. Saturday, Oct. 14, 1 p.m., Senior Center, Leicester Four Corners. Refreshments are served and all are welcome. Funds raised help with the maintenance of the historical buildings at the Four Corners.

Raptor Road Trip with VINS in Orwell. Saturday, Oct. 14, 4 p.m., Orwell Town Hall. If you had wings like a hawk, where would you fly? Birds of prey are found all over the world, in all kinds of environments. Join us on an imagined journey across the United States, and encounter some resident raptors in their ecosystems. We'll learn about the habitat needs of each species, as well as their range and behavior in the wild. Who knows whooooo we'll encounter?

Take-out only harvest dinner in Monkton. Saturday, Oct. 14, 4-5 p.m., Monkton Friends Methodist Church, 78 Monkton Ridge. Dinners will contain baked ham, macaroni and cheese, squash, coleslaw, a dinner roll and apple crisp. There is a gluten-free option. Cost \$12. Reserve your dinners by Monday, Oct. 9, at 802-453-3020. Leave your name, phone number, number of dinners, and how many are to be gluten free. Proceeds go to Vermont flood relief.

Youth Ministry Bingo in Vergennes. Saturday, Oct. 14, 5 p.m., St. Peter's Parish Hall, 85 South Maple St. Doors open at 5 p.m., Bingo starts at 6 p.m. This is a family friendly event. All cash prizes, 50/50 raffle. Refreshments sold. This event is sponsored by St. Ambrose and St. Peter's Youth Ministry to benefit the on-going program costs.

Takeout only turkey and all the fixin's supper in Vergennes. Saturday, Oct. 14, 5-6 p.m., Vergennes United Methodist Church, Main Street, (across from the Vergennes Opera House). Menu includes roast turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, vegetable, roll, and dessert. Adults \$12. Take out preorder only. Must place order by 7 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 12, at 802-877-3150.

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All-you-can-eat pancake breakfast in Addison. Sunday, October 15, 7-11 a.m., Addison Fire Station, junction Routes 17 and 22A. Menu includes plain and blueberry pancakes, sausage, bacon, home fries, coffee, hot chocolate and orange juice. \$10 adults/\$7 kids under 12. Benefit of the Addison Volunteer Fire Department. Funds will be used to purchase equipment. More info at 802-759-2237.

Middlebury Car Show and Fall Festival in Middlebury. Sunday, Oct. 15, 10 a.m., downtown Middlebury and Triangle Park. Hosted by the Addison County Chamber of Commerce and the Better Middlebury Partnership, see more than 75 classic cars and trucks alongside vendors, great food, live music, raffle drawings, and more. With kids' activities as well, this event is fun for the whole family and free for spectators.

Willowell Perennial Harvest Festival in Monkton. Sunday, Oct. 15, noon-5 p.m., Willowell Foundation, 36 Stoney Meadow Ln. Explore the green pathways of The Gordon Sculpture Park and Willowell's outdoor campus for this family-friendly celebration of our local food systems. Music by the New Nile Orchestra and others, magic show by Tom Verner; story telling; poetry readings, face painting and other kids activities; horse drawn wagon rides, and seasonal refreshments. Free, rain or shine.

Moving the New Haven Train Depot presentation in Ferrisburgh. Sunday, Oct. 15, 2 p.m., Ferrisburgh Historical Society, 6 Little Chicago Rd. Bernard Noble will give a presentation on how the New Haven train depot was moved from New Haven Junction to North Street in New Haven village.

ADDISON COUNTY

School News

Devyn Pratt, a Criminal Justice major in the class of 2024 from Bridport, was named to the dean's list for the spring 2023 semester at Saint Anselm College in Manchester, N.H. To be

eligible for this honor, a student must have achieved a grade point average of 3.4 or better in the semester with at least 12 credits of study that award a letter grade.

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Community service in the garden

By JILL VICKERS

NEW HAVEN — When classes resumed in late August at Beeman Elementary School in New Haven, it was time for pulling potatoes. Sixth graders, earning credit toward community service, joined parent volunteer Kristin Geiger to find the buried treasure. Turns out, not all kids know that much of the food on their plates comes from plants. When roasted potatoes appeared at lunch time, students could see the connection between plants and food for themselves.

Last year when Geiger took the leadership role, she began by asking kids what they like to eat. Carrots, peas and potatoes were popular answers and, of course, there must be pumpkins. Geiger also conferred with Beeman's food service manager Tammy Jewett so that the harvest will lead to food choices in the cafeteria. Geiger also made sure there was a bed devoted to annuals like sunflowers and cosmos that students could pick to create bouquets for their classrooms.

Initially, years back, teachers and parents created the garden for vegetables. Then when Erin Ruble was coordinator of the Four Winds Nature Program at Beeman, she secured a grant to create a pollinator-friendly garden and bought cherry trees, flowering perennials, a bird feeder and seeds and a bench. Agway donated more perennials, and community members pitched in to build the new garden and upgrade the existing one.

Now a few years later, the garden is a mix of plants grown for vegetables and others for flowers and their pollinators. Geiger is there at recess about once a week maintaining it. Students who wish to can run over from the playground to see what they can do in the garden. It could be using a trowel to dig out a weed, searching for beans hidden in the bushy plants and picking them, crushing a



KRISTIN GEIGER, PARENT volunteer, shares fun facts with Beeman Academy students Collin Hubbell, Casey Barber and Fern Hance on what's happening in the garden.

Photos courtesy of Jill Vickers



LACEY BARBER CARRIES a bouquet of flowers she picked from the Beeman Academy garden.

tarragon leaf for its smell, or lemon balm leaf for its taste. She points out the bees and other insects that are using the blossoms for nectar and pollen.

The garden is also a lovely space for a moment alone or to visit with a friend. Once a month, Geiger also meets with students for hands-on learning natural science lessons in the garden. These are part of the Four Winds Nature Program provided by Beeman Elementary and its PTO. As the garden is pesticide-free, it is safe for children and wildlife.

Many in New Haven have had a hand in creating and maintaining the

gardens. Ashley and Julie Bessette, sisters-in-law, have been pivotal in this as part of the PTO. Julie is also the school administrative assistant. Principal Travis Park has been supportive all along the way. Emily Hilbert, gardener at the New Haven Congregational Church pollinator garden, has donated pollinator-friendly plants. Fran Putnam has donated native plants from her garden. The Green Haven Gardens and Nurseries business donated strawberry plants. Vermont Garden Network provided packets of seeds for a minimal shipping fee. American Meadows donated plants at the end of the spring buying season. All of this occurs because there are many, many people in New Haven who care about the school and help insure it continues to provide a great educational experience for children, grades kindergarten through sixth grade.

Geiger added that she has received assistance from Pollinator Pathway of Addison County through its monthly steering committee gatherings.

For more about the organization and its mission to support diverse communities working together to restore habitat for pollinators email pollinatorpathway.addisoncty@gmail.com or check out the page on the Pollinator Pathway Northeast website <https://www.pollinator-pathway.org/towns/addison-county>.

Group hopes to share Ann Story's history

SALISBURY — Inspired by a remarkable patriot and settler of the town of Salisbury in the 1770s, a group of interested individuals have formed an all-volunteer nonprofit organization and given it the name: Friends of Ann Story. These history-minded citizens want to include the well-documented legacy of Ann Story as a centerpiece of the upcoming 250th anniversary period of the War for American Independence, a struggle which broke out in 1775.

Three of the several founders of Friends of Ann Story (Rebecca Hougher of Fair Haven, Jim Rowe of Huntington, and Tom Hughes of Middlebury) announced this new Friends group to the Rutland County-based Ann Story chapter of the Daughters of the American

Revolution on Sept. 14 and to the board of managers for the Vermont society of Sons of the American Revolution on Sept. 15. Donations from individuals and pledges made on those two days raised over \$500 in start-up funds for Friends of Ann Story work.

Story was the young widow of Amos Story, and the mother of sons and daughters, who was considered, in the 1770s, to be the "mother of the Green Mountain Boys" militia. The location of her cave/hideout, dug into the riverbank of the Otter Creek, is in eastern Cornwall and was marked with a stone monument in 1914. From the cave site, the location of Ann Story's log cabin is one-quarter mile east in western Salisbury and was marked with a large stone monument in

1905. From the log cabin site, Ann Story's marked grave is located little more than two miles north, in Farmingdale Cemetery in Middlebury.

Representatives of Friends of Ann Story attended a meeting of the town of Salisbury selectboard this past June 27. They briefly discussed the needs for the 0.6-acre property, owned by the town, where the monument marking the site of Ann Story's log cabin stands. Several project ideas have arisen, including appropriate signage, careful clearing of overgrowth vegetation, and historic interpretation of Ann Story and her cabin. Research into this topic continues.

The public is invited to learn more and offer assistance via the Friends Of Ann Story Facebook page. Donations by check should have the payee line read "Crown Point Road Association" with "friends of Ann Story" on the memo line; such checks may be mailed to: Whitney Christie, 52 West Street, Proctor VT 05765.

Lincoln

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NEWS

LINCOLN — In collaboration with the Lincoln Historical Society, the library will be hosting an afternoon of Memories of the Lincoln General Store on Monday, Oct. 23, at 1 p.m. This new exhibit in the community room features historical photos of the general store when it was a two-story building and when fire damaged the building. Share stories you've heard from your elders or some of your own favorite memories. Light refreshments will be served.

FROM BARB RAINVILLE, Emergency Management

Coordinator

As the summer changes to fall and leads us into winter there are several things you can do to be prepared for what's coming. Make your appointment now to change over to winter tires. Change the batteries in your smoke detectors and your carbon monoxide detectors. If you don't have a smoke or CO detector get one, they are inexpensive and could save a life. Get your chimney inspected/cleaned and your furnace cleaned and replace any air filters. Test your furnace to be sure it comes on and works appropriately.

If you have a generator, check the fuel and oil. Test start it outside and make any repairs. Finally, review your family's safety plan so everyone knows what to do in case of an emergency.

SAVE THE DATE

The next senior meal will be held on Thursday, Oct. 19, at Burnham Hall. Music begins at 11:30 a.m., and lunch will be served at noon. Cost of the meal is by donation.

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Leicester

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NEWS

LEICESTER — Town Clerk Julie Delphia reminds residents that 2023 property taxes are due by the end of the day, on 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 Saturday, Oct 14, at 1 pm. at the

Senior Center. Refreshments are served and all are welcome. Funds raised help with the maintenance of the historic buildings at the Four Corners.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK FROM AREA HIGH SCHOOLS

Mount Abraham Union High School

Joanna Toy

Joanna Toy is Mount Abraham Union High School's Student of the week. Joanna lives in Starksboro with her parents, Kristen and Andy, her sister, Gretchen, and her rabbit, Arlo.

Joanna takes every opportunity to get involved. She plays sports, captaining the soccer and softball teams. Last year she attended Girls State, where she won the Zumba award (a very proud moment for her) as well as Model Town. Last year she was chosen to attend the VPA Athletic Leadership Conference as well. She has received several All-State honors, as well as All-League honors for the past two years. Joanna also participates in theater and will star in the fall musical, playing the role of Lord Pinkleton in "Cinderella." She is looking forward to being part of the spring musical as well.

Joanna continues to try new things. As a senior she has joined a cappella. She has taken on many leadership roles — she is a member of the Eagle Leadership Society, the class of '24 secretary for the past four years and has taken on community service projects such as starting the initiative to stock the bathrooms with feminine hygiene products. She consistently earns high honors in academics and habits of work grades.

Joanna's all-time favorite class is chorus, but Psychology with Mr. Beckwith definitely comes in a close second. Joanna continues to seek opportunities to challenge herself and is taking a Gender Studies class with Community College of Vermont.

During the summer she works at the Starksboro Cooperative Preschool. She volunteers at the American Legion dinners and at Vermont City Marathon at the water stations. When she has a free moment she enjoys playing volleyball with the Monkton rec league. She loves spending time with her friends and family, going for hikes, and sewing.

"It's super important to put yourself out there and participate in a bunch of different activities," she says. "Yes, it's exhausting to have a ton of things going on at once, but high school is a perfect time to explore your interests and make connections with people who enjoy the same things that you do. Don't get stuck in the idea that you have to choose between sports and theater, or art and music. Sometimes, experimenting with something new is all it takes to discover a new passion or interest."

Mt. Abe wishes Joanna Toy all the best next year, when she plans to attend a small college somewhere around New England or New York.



Joanna Toy MAUHS

Otter Valley Union High School

Linnea Faulkner

Otter Valley Union High School's Student of the Week is Linnea Faulkner. She divides her time between her mom, dog and cat in Brandon and her father, step-mother, two step-siblings and dog in Pittsford

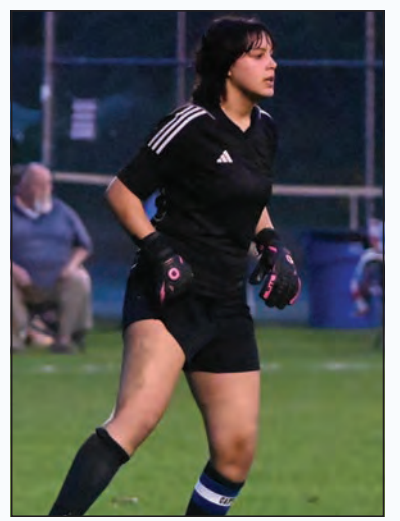
Linnea has always enjoyed school, both learning and the social aspect. She loves seeing her friends every day while being able to pursue her academic interests at the same time. Her current favorite classes are AP World History and a dual enrollment Environmental Science class through Community College of Vermont. Linnea has great working relationships with many of her teachers and particularly enjoys the way Hollie Kretzer teaches, as well as her ability to connect with her students.

Linnea has received numerous honors at school. She's a member of the National Honors Society, received the Yale Book Award and a scholarship to Russell-Sage College, and a Women in STEM award among others. Linnea is very passionate about the environment and nature. She has loved science since early childhood. She is an honor roll student and a captain of the Varsity Girls' Soccer team. She is a two-year Slate Valley League A-Team Award recipient and last year she was named as an All-State Keeper. She's been recognized as MVP for every season she has played and was recently named Athlete of the Week by the *Rutland Herald*. She participated in Concert Band for her first two years of high school and is now in Jazz Band. Linnea is in the BIPOC Club at OV as well. She plays club soccer in the winter/spring with Vermont Fusion Soccer.

When not focusing on school, soccer and her college applications, she referees for the Brandon and Pittsford Recreation youth soccer teams. She volunteers to run a keeper clinic in Brandon for aspiring young players. During the summers she works at Camp Betsey Cox in Pittsford and this past summer for two weeks went on a service trip through the camp to Bolivia. Linnea also enjoys going to the gym, hiking, skiing, cooking, spending time with her friends, thrift-shopping, going on drives, and listening to a lot of music.

Linnea says school has taught her that no matter who you are, you are bound to struggle. "Regardless of your struggle, you have to remember that you are not alone, and you not only have people that can support you, but you are more capable than you think you are," she says.

Linnea's academic aspirations include going to college and majoring in either Ecology, Environmental Science or Biology. She also hopes to play soccer at the next level at a Division II or III college. Her top school of choice at the moment is Tufts University. We will miss her at Otter Valley, but wish her all the best as she moves forward.



Linnea Faulkner OVUHS

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MUHS students earn academic honors

MIDDLEBURY — Five students at Middlebury Union High School earned academic honors from the College Board National Recognition Programs. These programs celebrate students' hard work in high school and showcase their strong academic performance. The academic honors for rural area, Black, Indigenous, and/or Latino students are an opportunity for students to share their strong academic achievements with colleges and scholarship programs that are seeking to recruit diverse talent.

The five MUHS students who received the academic honor are Baxter Harrington, Elliot Monk, Milo Rees, Zachary Nevins, and Zuri Voorhees. Monk is attending Early College in the 2023-24 academic year, the other four are all seniors at MUHS.

"We're thrilled to celebrate our students and recognize them for the great work they've been doing. We're proud of their strong academic performance in the classroom and on College Board assessments like the PSAT/NMSQT®," said Adrien Preston, Director of School



FIVE MUHS STUDENTS recently received the Rural Academic Honors recognition by the College Board. The students include Baxter Harrington, left, Zachary Nevins, Milo Reese and Zuti Voorhees. The fifth, Elliot Monk is attending early college.

Photo courtesy of Middlebury Union High School

Counseling at Middlebury UHS. "Our students are engaged talented individuals and receiving this honor is just an additional recognition of their many contributions to our school and the surrounding community." The criteria for eligible students

include:

- GPA of 3.5 or higher.
- PSAT/NMSQT or PSAT 10 assessment scores that are within the top 10% of assessment takers in each state for each award program or earned a score of 3 or higher on

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Vergennes Police Log

VERGENNES — Vergennes and Vermont State Police worked together on three incidents on Sept. 26 involving troubled individuals, and then responded together to a third report of possible gunshots later in the week.

The first came when employees of the city's National Bank of Middlebury branch reported a male customer threatening both self-harm and another individual inside the bank. Police said he was gone on arrival, but were later informed the customer had returned and was parked in the bank lot. VSP and city police responded, and as he left state police followed his car to New Haven.

City police said he drove erratically, possibly with intent to cause an accident, and VSP followed him to his home. City police were unaware of any further action taken by state police.

Later in the day Vergennes police helped VSP take a suspect into custody in Waltham. Police said the man was in violation of a relief-from-abuse order filed by his parents that required him to stay away from them when he started a fire in their garage. Again, VSP handled any charges.

On Sept. 29 city police and VSP searched the area near McKnight Lane in Waltham and the south end of South Maple Street in Vergennes after a report of that fireworks or gunshots had been heard, but found no issues.

Between Sept. 25 and Oct. 1

Vergennes police also went out on 11 cruiser patrols; conducted 26 traffic stops, some around the county on grant-funded Governor's Highway Safety Patrol duty; fingerprinted eight job applicants; responded to a false alarm; and also:

On Sept. 26 contacted a heavy-duty wrecker to help a disabled tractor-trailer truck near the west end of the Otter Creek bridge.

On Sept. 27:

- Calmed Walker Avenue neighbors involved in the latest outbreak of an ongoing feud and advised them to stay away from each other.

- Took an email complaint that a large dog had been running off-leash at Falls Park, although it apparently caused no problems. Police forwarded to city hall the email's suggestion that a sign reminding park users of the city leash law be erected.

On Sept. 28 checked the welfare of a West Main Street resident on behalf of her daughter and reported her to be OK.

On Sept. 29:

- Returned a \$315 check found outside Shaw's Supermarket to its owner.

- Took a report that a delivery truck had backed into and damaged a Main Street building.

On Sept. 30 while on an out-of-town traffic patrol cited Tanya Brace, 33, of Leicester for a criminal count of driving with a suspended license. Police said Brace's license had been suspended because of a driving while under the influence charge.

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2023 Garden Game

The Game is ON!

There were six new hefty entries in this week's Garden Game. **Edna Miller** started off the week with an 8.25" C radish. The first of its kind in this year's game, Edna's radish takes the top spot. She also brought in a helpful gardening tip - Edna plants radish seeds with her squash to prevent vine borers. It works!

Next up was **Sue Galipo** with three stellar veggies. Sue's beautiful Swiss chard clocked in at 22" L x 12" W, landing her in the lead for the edible leafy greens category. At 23.25" C, her rutabaga is the first of the season and puts her in the star position. While impressive, Sue's 9" L x 7" C sweet potato was not quite enough to overtake Carol Krawczyk's super spud.

The final entries of the week were a watermelon and sweet potato brought to us by **Donna Bezanson**. Donna said that between the mosquitoes, hungry deer, and excessive rain, she wasn't able to have as much of a garden this year. It seems that what she did end up growing turned out pretty great though... Donna's watermelon measured 21.5" C and her sweet potato was 20" L x 9" C. They're not quite big enough to earn her any title spots but they sure look tasty.

It seems as though we're finally getting some beautiful summer weather this week. Let's see if it helps your gardens grow!

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) - Sue Galipo, 22" x 12"
- 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) - Edna Miller, 8.25"
- Rhubarb (length) - Lorraine Abramson, 30.5"
- Rutabaga (circumference) - Sue Galipo, 23.25"
- 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"

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THE LINCOLN GENERAL Store, here in the 1940s, when it was owned by Earl Carpenter, is the focus of the Lincoln Historical Society's display at the Lincoln Library from now until November.

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Lincoln General Store historical exhibit on tap

LINCOLN — Vaneasa and Dan Stearns' recent retirement from the Lincoln General Store inspired the Lincoln Historical Society, in collaboration with the Lincoln Library, to focus its current exhibit on the history of the General Store.

Since the early 1820s, as the populations grew in West Lincoln and South Lincoln as well as Lincoln Center, the area attracted as many as four or five stores.

Lincoln's population in 1800 was 97. By the 1880s, it was 1,368. In 1960, it had fallen to 481, reflecting the changing rural economy after World War II. Lincoln's current population is just now approaching 1,300.

Population fluctuations, economic crises, diseases, fires, and floods make a story of resilience and service reflected in the general store. The story concerns the

Lincoln Center store, where the Lincoln Lumber Company opened and ran a company store, including a post office, apothecary, and lodgings, as early as the 1870s.

The exhibit has four different views of the iconic store up to 1946, when the store, owned by Earl Carpenter, almost burned to the ground. The surviving store is essentially the vibrant era of that long history, still the hub

of a community renewed and committed to seeing it continue.

Included in the exhibit are an evocation of the general store in the 1950s up to the present from the collections of the Lincoln Historical Society Museum. There is also a notebook for visitors to comment on memories of the store. The exhibit is open during library hours and will continue until November.

Monkton

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NEWS

MONKTON — The Russell Memorial Library announces Craft Your Closet. This will be a free monthly class to repair, restyle and make items to supply your closet. Chrissy Bedard, local maker and mender will teach you the simplest methods of mending to the basics of textile creation, introducing you to weaving, crocheting, and spinning. In addition to the classes, an open workshop will be offered monthly for you to bring a project that you are working on to seek help or just to chat with other attendees while you work.

These classes will be the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month from 6 to 8 p.m., starting on Tuesday, Oct. 10, with Clothes Mending Essentials. The Open Workshop for October will be on the 24th. To learn more call 802-453-4471 or email Russellmemlibrary@gmail.com.

Watch for upcoming monthly classes. A felted animal workshop will be coming on October 21st with Sharron Bigelow teaching. Watch for more information as the date nears.

The Monkton Friends Methodist Church is hosting another Take-Out Only Harvest Dinner (including Gluten free) on Oct. 14. Takeout dinners will contain baked ham, macaroni and cheese, squash, coleslaw, a dinner roll and apple crisp. The cost is \$12 for each regular or gluten free meal.

Please reserve your dinners by Monday, October 9 by calling and leaving a voicemail at 802-453-3020 and leaving your name, phone number and the number of dinners

you wish to order, plus how many are to be gluten free. Or you can go to forms.gle/hbtEft21VGcB4s9c9 and fill out the order form.

You will be able to pick up your meals on Saturday, Oct. 14, between 4 and 5 p.m. in the parking lot of the church at 78 Monkton Ridge. You may pay when you pick up your meal(s), by cash or a check made out to Monkton Friends Church.

The Friends Methodist Church has shared proceeds from the Harvest Supper to help local concerns of food and/or housing insecurities (such as heat) over the years. One third of the proceeds from this Harvest Dinner will be donated to help support Vermont's flood relief efforts this year.

Watch for upcoming information about this year's Trunk or Treat event and an upcoming bazaar soon.

A Perennial Harvest Festival will be held at Willowell from noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 15, at the Willowell land at 36 Stoney Meadow Lane. Come explore The Golden Sculpture Park and Willowell's outdoor campus. This is a family friendly celebration of their local food systems. There will be music by the New Nile Orchestra, plus other music. There will be face painting along with kids' activities, horse-drawn wagon rides, a magic show by Tom Verner of Magicians Without Borders, storytelling, and poetry readings by Angela Patten, Bianca Stone and Daniel Lusk. Refreshments will be available.

This is a FREE event. All are welcome. To learn more go to www.willowell.org/events/harvestfest.

Annual Ripton Ridge Run to be held October 8

RIPTON — This year will be the 36th time that the Ripton Ridge Run will be held. This year's race is on Sunday, Oct. 8, at 12:30 p.m., and, as always, includes a 5K run, a 10.4K run (clockwise this year), and a non-competitive 5K Fun Walk. There is also a shorter event for younger children with a great trail through the woods in which everyone gets a ribbon.

Over the years, this fun and competitive race continues to attract participants from all over Addison County, Vermont and New England. Everyone agrees that it's a great way to experience fall in all its glory and get active at the same time.

All participants will receive a long-sleeved t-shirt, a delicious homemade bagged lunch, and access to our live raffle with some great local items. Awards also go to top finishers and include the coveted handmade glass medallions and Middlebury Money.

Pre-registration is now open at www.riptonridgerun.org, and in-person race-day registration starts at 11 a.m. at the Ripton Elementary School.

For more information, call the Ripton Elementary School at 802-388-2208 during school hours, email riptonridgerun@gmail.com or go to: www.riptonridgerun.org.

Shoreham church to host Medicare fraud talk

SHOREHAM — The Shoreham Congregational Church will host a free presentation on Medicare fraud called "Prevent, Detect, Report," on Thursday, Oct. 12, at 2 p.m.

Estimates put the U.S.'s annual losses to Medicare fraud, errors and abuse at \$65 billion. It is everyone's duty to

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protect this critical health benefit by learning to recognize the signs of Medicare crime and stop the scams before they happen.

"Prevent, Detect, Report" is a short introduction to the basics of protecting your Medicare information, presented by the staff of Community of Vermont Elders, which

administers the state's chapter of Senior Medicare Patrol.

From learning how to read your monthly statement to the importance of never giving out your Medicare number unsolicited, this program provides critical information for all Medicare beneficiaries.

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Tree stand safety tips from Vt. Fish and Wildlife

VERMONT — Tree stands get hunters out of sight and smell of wary deer, but they can also get hunters into trouble. Here are some tips from Vermont Fish and Wildlife to help stay safe and get the most out of your tree stand hunting experience:



- Choose a live, straight tree, and avoid ash that may be in decline due to emerald ash borers.
- Buy smart. Only use stands certified by the Tree Stand Manufacturers Association (TMA). Inspect them each time you use them. Check your tree stand for wear and tear each time you go out into the woods.
- Know the rules. On state lands, it is illegal to place nails or other hardware into trees or to build

permanent structures. On private lands, you must have landowner permission to erect a tree stand, cut or remove trees or other plants, or to cut limbs. All stands, including ground blinds, must be marked with the owner's name and address.

- Always wear a full-body safety harness, even for climbing. Most falls occur going up and down the tree and getting in and out of the stand. Make sure your safety harness is in good condition. Especially, check the straps.
- Don't go too high. The higher you go, the smaller the vital zone on a deer becomes, while the likelihood of a serious injury increases. Climb within your personal limit.

- Never carry firearms or bows up and down trees. Always use a haul line to raise and lower all gear. Make sure your firearm is unloaded.
- Familiarize yourself with your gear before you go. The morning of opening day is a poor time to put your safety belt on for the first time.

- Be careful with long-term placement. Exposure can damage straps, ropes and attachment cords. Also, the stand's stability can be compromised over time, as the tree grows.

Learn more about Tree Stand Safety at www.tmastands.com/safety/.

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STATE OF VERMONT SUPERIOR COURT PROBATE DIVISION ADDISON UNIT DOCKET NO. 23-PR-05281 IN RE ESTATE OF: EDWARD MICHAEL CUNNINGHAM NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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

Dated: September 27, 2023
/s/ Jennifer E. Faillace, Esq. for Administrator Lauren Woods
Address: Getzinger & Faillace, PLLC
PO Box 515, Waitsfield, VT 05673
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Publication: Addison Independent
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Address of Probate Court: 7 Mahady Court Middlebury, VT 05753

BRIDPORT CENTRAL CEMETERY HEADSTONE REPLACEMENT NOTICE

The Bridport Board of Cemetery Commissioners gives this notice that due to the poor condition of any headstones (gravestones) (including lack of identifiable information) for the following ten deceased persons whose lots are located in the Bridport Central Cemetery; the headstones are planned to be replaced beginning as soon as November 7, 2023: Apollos Derby (died Sept. 8, 1842, age 74 years); Harvey J. Howe (died Aug. 11, 1858, age 22 years); George Isaac Pettibone (born Oct. 31, 1852, died April 8, 1873); Alonzo Cushing (died April 18, 1821); Delores Lynn Michelle (died Aug. 3, 1950, age 3 months 28 days); Joseph M. Howe (died Oct. 31, 1914, age 61 years); Mary Jane Howe (born May 3, 1846, died June 1, 1936); Abigail Derby (died March 7, 1813); Anna Turrill DeLong; and James Dukett. If any of the respective relatives of said deceased persons wish to claim any such removed headstones, you need to make arrangements to do so by November 6, 2023, with David A. Bronson, Sexton, address 991 Torrey Lane, Bridport, VT 05734 and telephone no. (802) 758-2546. This Notice is dated September 27, 2023.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO BROWNFIELDS REUSE AND ENVIRONMENTAL LIABILITY LIMITATION ACT PROGRAM

Please take notice that the Town of Addison, VT whose mailing address is 65 VT Route 17 W, Addison, VT 05491, is applying to the Vermont Brownfields Reuse and Environmental Liability Limitation Program (10 V.S.A. §6641 et seq.) in connection with the redevelopment of property known as the Addison School of the Addison North West School District in the address of 121 VT Route 17W, Addison, VT 05491. A copy of the application, which contains a preliminary environmental assessment and a description of the proposed redevelopment project is available for public review at the Addison Town Clerk's Office and at the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation offices in Montpelier. Comments concerning the application and/or the above referenced documents may be directed to Sarah Bartlett, Environmental Program Manager at (802) 249-5641 or at sarah.bartlett@vermont.gov. Comments may also be submitted by mail to the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation, Waste Management Division, 1 National Life Drive - Davis 1, Montpelier, VT 05620; attention: Sarah Bartlett, Environmental Program Manager.

TOWN OF BRISTOL BASIN STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT PUBLIC CONCERNS MEETING

Monday, October 16, 2023
Selectboard Meeting starts at 7:00pm
Physical Location: Downstairs at Holley Hall
<https://zoom.us> • Meeting ID: 879 1281 0018 • Passcode: 619003
Phone In: 1-646-558-8656

Basin Street meets the Main Street and East Street intersection at a 20% slope making it hazardous for motorists and pedestrians, especially in winter conditions. The slope between Main Street and Basin Street lacks a sufficient stormwater collection system, resulting in chronic erosion problems and sloughing of the embankment. It is also the only access to several residences and to the Bristol Core sewer system and storage building.

Funded in part through a VTrans Transportation Alternatives Grant and a Downtown Transportation Fund and Clean Water Initiatives Grant, the multidisciplinary engineering and design firm DuBois & King has been hired to evaluate the situation and develop a cost-effective solution to improve vehicular and pedestrian safety, improve stormwater management, and mitigate the slope failures.

This local concerns meeting will be an opportunity for members of the community to learn more about the project and to share information, concerns, and ideas. The project development process will be explained in general terms, a summary of the identified problems and/or conditions will be presented, and comments and concerns relative to the proposed project will be sought. The purpose of this meeting will not be to present solutions, rather to better define the problems and potential alternatives.

This will be an early item on the Selectboard's regular meeting agenda. The meeting starts at 7:00pm and this item will follow some preliminary agenda items.

Questions or concerns? For more information, contact Municipal Project Manager Patrick Travers at p.travers@gpinet.com, (802) 782-3354 or Town Administrator Valerie Capels at (802) 453-2410 ext. 1, townadmin@bristolvt.org.

ANWSD BOARD MEETING NOTICES FOR OCTOBER 2023

Wednesday, Oct 4	5:30 PM	Community Engagement Committee Mtg. Zoom Only
Friday, Oct 6	7:30 AM	Facilities Committee Meeting ANWSD Central Office
Thursday, Oct 12	4:30 PM	Finance Committee Meeting ANWSD Central Office
Monday, Oct 16	4:50 PM	Policy Committee Meeting VUMHS Library
	6:00 PM	ANWSD Board Meeting VUMHS Library

TOWN OF STARKSBORO, VERMONT WWW.STARKSBOROV.TORG NOTICE OF WINTER PARKING BAN ORDINANCE

On October 3, 2023, the Selectboard of the Town of Starksboro, Vermont, adopted the "Winter Parking Ban ordinance" pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 1971. This notice is published pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 1972 to inform the public of these amendments and of the citizens' right to petition for a vote to disapprove these amendments. The ordinance proposes a winter parking ban to be effective from Nov. 1 to May 15 each year. The full text of the Ordinance may be examined at the Starksboro Town office at 2849 VT Route 116, Starksboro, and may be examined during regular office hours, M-Th 8:30-4:30.

CITIZENS' RIGHT TO PETITION FOR VOTE

Title 24 V.S.A. § 1973 grants citizens the right to petition for a vote at a special or annual Town Meeting to disapprove ordinance amendments adopted by the Selectboard. To exercise this right, citizens must present to the Selectboard or the Town Clerk a petition for a vote on the question of disapproving the amendments signed by not less than five percent (5%) of the Town's qualified voters. The petition must be presented within forty-four (44) days following the date of the adoption of the amendments. Unless a petition requesting a vote is filed pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 1973, the "Winter Parking Ban" shall become effective sixty (60) days from the date of said adoption.

PERSON TO CONTACT

Additional information pertaining to this Ordinance may be obtained by contacting Rebecca Elder, Town Administrator at PO Box 91, Starksboro, or by calling 802-453-2639 during regular office hours.

TOWN OF BRIDPORT PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Bridport Zoning Board of Adjustments will hold a public hearing on October 18th at 7pm in the Bridport Town Office, at 82 Crown Point Road, on each and to consider each of the following application(s):

- At 7:05 PM on Application (#23-36) by Mr. & Mrs. Duddles** for the purposes of establishing a maple sugarhouse and processing kitchen for farm products. Tax ID# 11-071 owned by Mr. & Mrs. Duddles. The property is located at **4163 VT Route 22A, Bridport, VT 05734.**
- At 7:30PM on Application (#23-35) by Mr. Stephen Hammond** for the purposes of operating Vacation Rentals by Owner Tax ID# 05-018 owned by Stephen Hammond. The property is located at **50 Way Lane Extension, Bridport, VT 05734.**
- At 8:00 PM on Application (#23-40) by Mr. & Mrs. Anderson** for a Conditional Use for construction of a 24' x 28' garage on slab; setback does not meet current requirement. Tax ID# 06-029. The property is located at **2758 Basin Harbor Rd., Bridport, VT 05734.**
- At 8:30 PM on Application (#23-44) by Mr. Jeffrey Wagner** for a Variance to build a 28' x 40' out-building within 50' of property line. Tax ID# 11-050.1. The property is located at **504 North Cream Hill Rd., Bridport, VT 05743.**

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 Bridport Zoning Board of Adjustments proceeding is a prerequisite to the right to take any subsequent appeal on any decision of it on an application.

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Public Meetings

AL-ANON OFFERS HELP and hope to anyone who has been affected by a loved one's drinking. Middlebury hosts an online meeting Sunday night 7:15pm and a face to face one Wednesday at 1:30pm at CVUUS (2 Duane Court Middlebury near the high school) that you can also access by Zoom. Visit vermontalanonlateen.org for links and list of other meetings in the region. If you'd like to speak to an Al-Anon member, call our answering service (866-972-5266) and an Al-Anon member will call you back.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS in person meetings are available. For a list of local virtual meetings visit <http://bit.ly/district9aa>. For more information visit <https://aaavt.org/> or call the 24 hour hotline at 802-802-AAVT (2288).

VERGENNES FREE THINKERS Founded in 1935 on the principle of one alcoholic helping another to achieve sobriety, A.A. is an effective and enduring program of recovery that has changed countless lives. A.A. has always been committed to making its program of recovery available to anyone, anywhere, who reaches out for help with an alcohol problem. The Vergennes Free Thinkers meeting was created in January of this year to maintain a tradition of free expression, conduct a meeting where alcoholics may feel free to express any beliefs, doubts or disbelief they may have, to share their own personal form of spiritual experience, their search for it, and/or their rejection of it, without having to accept anyone else's beliefs or having to deny their own. Meetings are held with a high regard for compassion and inclusion without judgment or exception. If you think we can help, please join us on Thursdays at 6pm by contacting vergenne-freethinkers@gmail.com for Zoom and in-person meeting information.

Public Meetings

THE TURNING POINT CENTER of Addison County is open for in-person services, Monday through Friday, 10am-4pm, 54A Creek Road, Middlebury. We are available by phone 24/7 at 802-388-4249.

VERMONT SUPPORT LINE Are you struggling with a challenging situation? Do you have feelings of sadness, loneliness, isolation, anger, or depression? You don't have to face it alone. Talk with a caring person who understands what you're going through today by calling or texting the free and confidential Pathways Vermont Support Line available 24/7 at (833) VT - TALKS.

Services

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Garage Sales

MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE 60 years of stuff from furniture to dishes and lots of other stuff. Saturday, Oct. 7, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. 11 Swanage Court, Middlebury.

Help Wanted

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TOWN OF LINCOLN

Highway Maintenance Worker

The Town of Lincoln offers excellent pay and benefits in exchange for honest, reliable Highway Maintenance Work. We are seeking a person who is at least 18 years old and energetic with a "can do" attitude. You must hold or be able to obtain a valid Vermont CDL Class A or B Driver's license with a clean driving record. [Town will train and cover the CDL cost as necessary]

You must understand basic mechanics, be willing to work long, unpredictable hours, particularly on winter maintenance and have a high school diploma or GED. Preferably you will also have some knowledge and experience operating construction equipment and some experience plowing snow and general road maintenance.

Apply now: admin@lincolnvermont.org
or at the Lincoln Town Office, 62 Quaker Street, Lincoln, VT 05443.

Help Wanted

Town Clerk and Town Treasurer
Town of Cornwall, VT

The Town of Cornwall seeks a highly qualified person to fill the position of both Town Clerk and Town Treasurer. The Clerk is responsible for planning, directing, managing and general oversight of all activities and operations of the Town Hall. The Treasurer maintains the Town's financial system and records as well as administers Town finances. These positions involve a variety of complex administrative tasks, and require sound, independent judgment and action. Since the positions are statutorily separate, the candidate can apply for one or both positions.

The ideal candidate will be proficient with various computer programs, including Microsoft Excel and Word as well as email programs. The Town uses NEMRC as its accounting software. Previous work experience in a municipal office is desirable. Both positions require interaction with the public and Town employees. Strong record-keeping and organizational skills are also required. These are both appointed positions that report to the Select Board. If the successful candidate is appointed to both positions, the two positions combined would be full-time.

Candidates must have an appropriate combination of education and job experience. Job descriptions will be available. The salary will be commensurate with experience. Benefits may include health insurance, retirement, dental, vision and disability based on the position filled. Applications will be reviewed upon receipt.

To apply, please send a resume, cover letter and list of three references to:
Tanya Byker, Select Board Chair, Town of Cornwall, 2629 Route 30, Cornwall, VT 05753, or via email to tbykercornwall@gmail.com.
Tanya Byker's phone number is 616-443-6109.

VIA
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Architectural Designer

Vermont Integrated Architecture, P.C. (VIA) of Middlebury, VT seeks a designer with 1-5 years of experience with design and construction documentation for sustainable residential, commercial, and institutional projects. Position requires excellent communication skills, strong proficiency producing technical drawings with Revit, detailed knowledge of construction documentation and related systems, and a willingness to collaborate. Experience with Revit, AutoCAD, and Adobe Creative Suite programs required. Commitment to and experience with energy efficiency and sustainability strategies in buildings a plus. Position is full-time and in-person at our Middlebury, Vermont studio.

Send letter of interest, resume, and portfolio to
gwen@vermontintegratedarchitecture.com.

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www.residenceottercreek.com



Help Wanted

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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.

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Help Wanted

Garage Sales

YARD SALE, SATURDAY, Oct. 7, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., 180 Foote St. Middlebury. Two-family sale, some furniture, tandem kayak, pottery, household items, clothing, books, and other cool stuff. No early birds, please.

Help Wanted

TIRED OF BEING RETIRED? Limited hours. A&W and Greg's Market. Applications available at Greg's. Pick your own hours.

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Help Wanted

For Rent



Downtown Middlebury: Spacious Office Suite for Rent

Available October 1st this two-room light-filled suite is located in a historic brick landmark at 88 Main Street. The two adjoining rooms total 575 sq/ft on the main floor, with natural light and 10-foot ceilings. An elevator at the rear entrance provides ADA access. Rent includes electricity, air conditioning, and heat, and access to a fully-equipped shared kitchen. Phone and internet connectivity are available, or you can install your own. No off street parking. Monthly rent is \$1,200, all inclusive, with a deposit and 1 year lease required.

Contact Bob at Vermont Folklife for more information or to tour the space. info@vtfolklife.org or 802-595-2825.

For Rent

Vacation Rentals

ADDISON: LAKE CHAMPLAIN waterfront camp. Beautiful views, gorgeous sunsets, private beach, dock, rowboat and canoe included. \$999. weekly, or call for weekends. 802-349-4212, no texts.

For Rent

ALL REAL ESTATE advertising in this newspaper is subject to the Federal Fair Housing Act of 1968 as amended which makes it illegal to advertise any preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, national origin, sexual orientation, or persons receiving public assistance or an intention to make any such preference, limitation or discrimination. This newspaper will not knowingly accept any advertisement for real estate which is in violation of the law. Our readers are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised in this newspaper are available on an equal opportunity basis. To complain of discrimination, call HUD Toll-free at 1-800-424-8590. For the Washington, DC area please call HUD at 426-3500.

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For Rent

DRY, WINTER/SUMMER STORAGE SPACE in Addison. Available storage space in my barn for summer/winter storage. The barn is structurally sound and weather-tight with electricity. No heat or running water. The barn is also available for lease. The entrance door measurements are 8' wide by 7' high. For more info: 802-363-3403 or rochon_m@yahoo.com.

MIDDLEBURY BRIARWOOD APARTMENTS is currently taking waitlist applications for 2- br apartments. No smoking/ No pets. Income limits apply- rent based on income- 2 person minimum occupancy. Equal Housing Opportunity. Handicapped accessible. 802-247-0165 TTY: 800-253-0191 www.SummitPMG.com.

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Att. Farmers

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Haig Physical Medicine

Sustainability Program Coordinator For The Vermont RETAIN Grant

Haig Physical Medicine PLC seeks a full-time Sustainability Coordinator for our work with the State of Vermont's federal RETAIN grant, with a task of helping build and sustain efforts that keep people at work despite medical and psychiatric disability. Over the next 1 1/2 years we will build programs in areas of research, education, patient care, consulting, and advocacy.

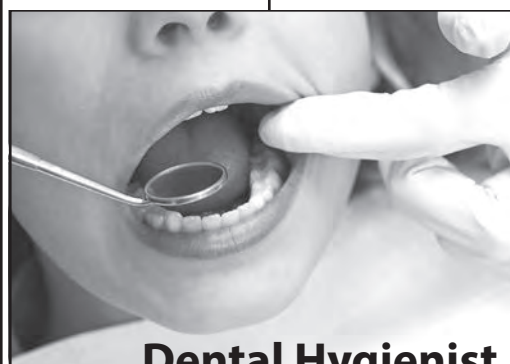
This full-time job requires a minimum bachelors, preferred master's degree in a related area. Important skills include organization, strategic planning, communication, marketing, computer and interpersonal relations. Much work can be done virtually but some travel to our Middlebury office and elsewhere will be required. Competitive salary and benefits.

Haig Physical Medicine PLC encourages applications across age, gender, race, culture and ability.

Send cover letter and CV to andyhaig@umich.edu
First review deadline is October 15, 2023.

Help Wanted

Help Wanted



Dental Hygienist

Dental office seeking per diem hygienist in Vergennes to fill in periodically.

Please send resume to: congaltan@yahoo.com

Help Wanted

VERMONT SOAP

Production Team Members

Vermont Soap is looking for attentive, reliable and responsible people to work in our production department.

This position requires basic computer skills, attention to detail, the ability to sit or stand for long periods of time and the ability to lift up to 50lbs. Must be a team player and also able to work independently.

This is a full time position (Mon-Fri 7-3:30) with paid vacation time, paid holidays, 401k with employer match, and more!

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AGWAY

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Warehouse Worker

Loading and assisting with customer orders from the yard, warehouse and store; Stocking shelves and Filling propane tanks. Skills/Qualifications: Ability to lift 50 lbs repeatedly throughout the day. Ability to demonstrate strong organizational skills. Forklift & Skid steer experience preferred. Weekends and dependability a MUST! Preferable age 18+.

Cashier - Customer Service

Immediate Openings available. Must be able to work until 6pm. Weekdays and Weekends a MUST. Up to 40 hours per week. Wage commensurate with experience.

Please send resumes to info@middleburyagway.com or fill out an application at **Middlebury Agway**, 338 Exchange Street, Middlebury VT.

Please no phone calls.

Middlebury Agway 338 Exchange St. - Middlebury, VT.

Public Notices

can be found in this **ADDISON INDEPENDENT** on Pages 11B, 15B and 16B.

TOWN OF ADDISON PUBLIC NOTICE

The Town of Addison Development Review Board will convene a public hearing on Monday, October 23, 2023 at 7:00PM at the Addison Fire Station to consider the following applications:

- Application (#23-11) Michael McGrath requesting approval for subdividing 10.11-acre parcel to (2) 5.1 acre lots on property located at 132 Pleasant View Terrace (tax map ID# 15-28). If he is ready to present a preliminary plan to continue. A mylar will need to show all the changes for final approval with B.L.A. and meets all requirements.
- Application (#23-14) Joseph Cousino and Simona Apetrei requesting approval to subdivide their 11.11-acre parcel into (2) lots (Lot 1- 5.6 acres and Lot 2 - 5.51 acres). Lot 2 will consist of a 500KW Solar Array. The proposed subdivision is located at 5195 VT RTE 22A, Addison, VT (Parcel ID# VA5195). Needs to present a preliminary plan and have a DRB signature box.

The applications are available for inspection at the Town Clerk's Office during normal office hours. Interested parties who wish to appeal or to be heard must attend the hearing or may be represented by an agent or an attorney. Communications relating to the application may be filed in writing with the Board either before or during the hearings.

N.B.: Participation in a hearing is necessary to establish status as an "interested party" and the right to appeal a decision rendered in that hearing, according to the provisions of 24 V.S.A. 117 S.S.4464 (a) (1) (C), 4465(b) and 4471 (a). Participation consists of offering through oral or written testimony, evidence or a statement of concern directly related to the subject of the hearing.

Respectfully Submitted,
John Spencer, Chair
Starr Phillips, Board Secretary
Michael Wojciechowski, Zoning Administrator



Addison County Parent/Child Center

Join the Parent/Child Center Team we are immediately seeking:

- Childcare/Parent Educator** to work with our childcare program that supports children, 0-5, and their families. Flexibility and collaboration are a must, total hours negotiable: a minimum of a related Bachelor's degree preferred

- Van Driver** to transport children, youth and parents to our center from around Addison County. You must have a clean driving record and experience with children and families. This is a 20-hour position, hours split between mornings and afternoons

These positions can be combined; experience with children and families preferred.

Contact Info: Please contact **Donna Bailey** at dbailey@addisoncountypcc.org

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Transient cited for unlawful mischief in Middlebury

MIDDLEBURY — Middlebury police issued citations for unlawful activity to two women in downtown Middlebury this past weekend.

First, police cited Cassandra Chasse, 32, who they described as transient, into court to answer a charge of unlawful mischief following an incident underneath the Cross Street Bridge at 1:51



Auctions

PUBLIC AUCTION

**TOM BROUGHTON
PUBLIC AUCTION
BRIDPORT, VT 05734
JCT. 22A & 125**

9:00AM SUNDAY - OCT. 8th 9:00AM

Tom Broughton Auctions is back for a second auction to sell the collection of the late Ralph Farnsworth of New Haven VT. This sale consists of museum quality antique + collectibles which Ralph accumulated along with his father throughout their years. We have moved the following to the Auction Barn in Bridport:

Jacot Stella 1900 Music Box with records - several Edison cylinder phonographs and others - (5) early gas pumps - pedal cars and tractors - large Sears, A & W and Abrams advertising signs along with several others - large assortment of gauges - glass Texaco pump top (great condition) - electric trains - CocaCola coolers - small safes - early fans - vast assortment of oil cans - Toledo scales - large Howe 1500# brass scales - large Addison County 1857 wall map - Dupont blasting machine - Addison, Lamoille/Orleans, Franklin/Grand Isle County atlases - (2) early bayonettes - nice collection of postcards (some local) - child's Singer sewing machine - training bomb - several iron implement seats - apple peelers - early salesman Clothes Wringer - parking meter - pedestal air pump - outhouse seats - traffic lights - early corn shellers and choppers - large school dinner bell - nice red and white quilt - large wooden pulleys - lightning rods - assorted road maps - several early hand-forged door handles - Bennington door knobs - small cast iron toys - early advertising fans - WWI stereoview set - early light fixtures - assorted telephones - miniature stenciled sleigh - large assortment of cylinder and 78 records - milk bottles - maple tins - early photograph album - mortar and pestle - advertising boxes - Bell & Howell Model 70 movie camera - miniature screw jacks - early pencil sharpeners - pitcher pump - small milk cans - marbles - dentist tools - hay forks and corn planters - tractor lawn sprinkler collection - (2) early outboard motors (1 Evinrude) - Shell tall quart glass oil bottles - kitchen gadgets - yard stick collection - 22 pistols - many, MANY other items too numerous to mention...

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Photos available at both sites
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(802) 758-2494

Middlebury Police Log

p.m. on Sept. 29.

The next morning, at 5:19 a.m., officers took Chasse into custody and cited her for six counts of felony unlawful mischief after she allegedly damaged several vehicles and the front door of the Haymaker Bun Company. Per court order, she was released on a citation to appear in court on Monday.

In the wake of these incidents, police performed patrols in Bakery Lane on the morning of Sept. 30, through that evening and into the afternoon of Sunday, Oct. 1. Police served a notice against trespassing on a person on behalf of a downtown business.

And also, at a quarter to 2 a.m. on Sunday, Oct. 1, officers arrested Shawna R. Thorpe, 42, reported to not have a home, and cited her for failure to appear in court. Police ordered her to appear in court the following day.

It wasn't all arrests downtown. In the area of Main and Cross streets, police helped two unsheltered people find emergency housing at around 9:40 p.m. on Sept. 29.

In other recent activity, Middlebury police:

- On Sept. 25 logged a report of a bicycle stolen from behind the college athletic center.

- At a few minutes after midnight on Sept. 26 went to the Cross Street Bridge and helped a person experiencing a mental health crisis get access to treatment.

- Checked the welfare of a person on Court Square on Sept. 26 at around 7:30 a.m.

- Assisted Vermont State Police after they chased a person in a vehicle on Hunt Road in New Haven on Sept. 26 at 9:15 a.m.

- On Sept. 26 assisted Middlebury Union High School with its Breadloaf Day, a community-building experience in Ripton.

- On Sept. 26 helped out a resident affected by an online scam.

- On Sept. 26 returned a found cell phone to its owner.

- On Sept. 26 were told by a merchant that they had denied a person who attempted to purchase a firearm.

- On Sept. 27 began investigating the theft from a motor vehicle on East Main Street.

- On Sept. 27 dealt with overhead wires that had been pulled down by a truck on Seminary Street.

- Were called to assist a business owner with a person without a house living on Bakery Lane on Sept. 27 at 10:14 a.m.

- Continued to investigate a possible case of unlawful trespassing at Middlebury College's Battell Hall on Sept. 27

- On Sept. 27 assisted an out-of-town resident with a possible

violation of a protection order on Cross Street at Bakery Lane.

- Helped a South Pleasant Street resident shoo away an unwanted person on Sept. 27.

- Assisted the Bristol Rescue Squad with a medical call in New Haven on Sept. 27.

- Assisted drivers at a fender-bender on North Pleasant Street on Sept. 28.

- Checked on the welfare of a person sleeping in a car on Charles Avenue at 11:19 p.m. on Sept. 28.

- Began investigating the theft of a firearm from a Jayne Court apartment on Sept. 28.

- On Sept. 28 just before 5 p.m. handled a minor two-car accident.

- On Sept. 28 intervened in a verbal dispute in the Buttolph Drive area.

- Responded to a report of a cow on Route 7 in East Middlebury at a quarter to midnight on Sept. 28. Almost four hours later, police were called to investigate a crash of a motor vehicle into a cow in the area of Routes 7 and 125.

- At 4:41 a.m. on Sept. 29 received a report from an Apple watch that someone had fallen in the neighborhood south of the middle school. Officers determined that there was no emergency.

- Logged a report of a woman screaming on Bakery Lane close to the Cross Street Bridge at 7 a.m. on Sept. 29.

- Dealt with a minor two-car crash on Court Street Extension at a little after 8 a.m. on Sept. 29.

- Were called to Ilsley Library at around 3:15 p.m. on Sept. 29 for a report of a woman behaving violently; she was calm when police arrived, and library staff let her enter.

- Served a temporary relief from abuse order in the Blake Roy Road neighborhood on Sept. 29.

- Cited Scott Warner, 54, of Middlebury for violation of an abuse prevention order on Court Street on Sept. 29.

- Got individuals standing in

Main Street to move out of the road just after midnight on Sept. 30.

- Looked into an 11 a.m., Sept. 30, crash in which a vehicle struck a building on Court Street.

- Responded to another crash 80 minutes later in which a motor vehicle and a motorcycle collided at the intersection of Main and North Pleasant streets. Police said the larger vehicle, possibly a black Subaru SUV, left the scene driving northbound. The motorcycle driver was treated for minor injuries at the scene.

- On Sept. 30 at around 3 p.m. looked for a man who was asking people for money at a Court Street gas station and refusing to leave until police were called. Police looked for the man, but didn't find him.

- Took a report at 5 p.m. on Sept. 30 that vehicles parked for a Middlebury College Family Weekend gathering at a Court Street home were blocking a driveway and the road.

- Stopped a vehicle on Wilson Road at 6:30 p.m. on Sept. 30 and cited Michael Jerome, 26, of Cornwall for driving with a criminally suspended license. Police also discovered that Jerome had two active cite-and-release warrants out for his arrest.

- At 8:15 p.m. looked into a report of a person yelling in the parking lot behind Ilsley Library.

- Served a no-trespassing order to a person on Boardman Street on Oct. 1.

- Investigated a minor two-car crash with no injuries at the intersection of Foote Street and Quarry Road on Oct. 1 and 12:30 p.m.

- Cited Scott M. Warner, 54, for violation of a relief from abuse order on Blake Roy Road on Oct. 1.

- Directed traffic on Seymour Street around a sinkhole in the road on Oct. 1.

- Assisted Middlebury Regional EMS at a medical call in the area of Morse Hill and Tilton roads.

Public Notices

can be found in this
ADDISON INDEPENDENT on Pages 11B, 15B and 16B.

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.

HEARING NOTICE TOWN OF ORWELL DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

The Orwell Development Review Board will meet in person on Thursday, October 26th, 2023 at 7:00pm at the Orwell Town Clerk's Office located at 436 Main Street, Orwell, VT.

By Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87159590685> or phone 1-929-205-6099, use meeting ID: #871 5959 0685 to conduct the following business:

1. Permit #9-49-23: Frank Wilk for a Variance to replace existing camp with residence located at 61 Sunrise Lake Road, Orwell, VT.
2. Permit #9-50-23: Dave Sears/HBK Outdoor Sport, LLC for a Conditional Use Permit for a Home Business located at 39 VT Route 22A, Orwell, VT.

Information pertaining to this matter may be viewed M, T, Th & Fr. 9:30-12:00 and 1:00-3:30 at the Orwell Town Clerk's Office located at 436 Main Street, Orwell, VT.

Joseph Andriano, Chair
Orwell Development Review Board

TOWN OF MIDDLEBURY SELECTBOARD MEETING

**ROOM 116 – LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM
TOWN OFFICES – 77 MAIN STREET
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2023 - 7:00 P.M.**

Also available via Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81455437356>
By Phone: +1 646-558-8656 (not toll-free)
Webinar ID: 814 5543 7356

For those wishing to watch but not participate:
Selectboard meetings are livestreamed to MCTV's YouTube Channel:
<https://www.youtube.com/user/MCTVVT>
and also broadcast live on Comcast Channel 1071

AGENDA

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| 7:00 | 1. **Call to Order |
| | 2. *Approval of Agenda |
| | 3. *Approval of Consent Agenda |
| | 3a. Approval of Minutes of the September 26, 2023 Regular Selectboard Meeting |
| | 3b. Acceptance of Selectboard Subcommittee Meeting Minutes (if any) |
| | 3c. Application for Second Class Liquor License and Tobacco Substitute License by New Owners of Middlebury Discount Beverage, MacIntyre Discount Beverage, LLC. |
| | 3d. Approve Grant Agreement for 2023 ARPA Statewide Sewer Overflow Elimination and Abatement |
| | 3e. Consent Agenda Placeholder |
| | 3f. Town Manager's Report |
| | 4. **Citizen Comments (Opportunity to raise or address issues not otherwise included on this agenda) |
| 7:10 | 5. **Agenda Placeholder |
| 7:15 | 6. **Rick Buck, Owner of Mr. Up's, regarding the issue of homelessness in Middlebury |
| 7:45 | 7. *Request from Churchill Family of 1 Forrest Lane for the conveyance of an easement from the Town |
| 7:55 | 8. *Approval of Grant Application for the Community Partnership for Neighborhood Development Grant Program in Support of Summit Properties' Development on Seminary Street Extension |
| 8:05 | 9. *Response to Letter from the Middlebury Cemetery Association regarding the Starr Cemetery Fund |
| 8:15 | 10. *Consideration of Verizon's Request to Amend its Cell Site Lease for the Chipman Hill Tower (pending availability) |
| 8:25 | 11. *Approval of Application for Flood Resilient Communities Buy-out Program – 83 Court Street |
| 8:35 | 12. **Agenda Placeholder |
| | 13. **Agenda Placeholder |
| 8:45 | 14. *Approval of Check Warrants |
| | 15. **Board Member Concerns |
| | 16. **Executive Session – Not Anticipated |
| | 17. **Action on Matters Discussed in Executive Session |
| 8:45 | 18. *Adjourn |
- * Decision Item ** Possible Decision

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).

Reporting of Offender Information.
Vermont Proposed Rule: 23P033

AGENCY: Agency of Human Services, Department of Corrections

CONCISE SUMMARY: The Vermont Department of Corrections (DOC) is proposing the repeal of the Reporting of Offender Information Rule, APA #96-18/CVR #13-130-017 because it is no longer the guiding document for this subject matter. DOC policy, #251.01, Offender/Inmate Records and Access to Information, dated 8/18/2019, and its associated guidance documents, and APA Rule #19-035/ CVR 13-130-036, describe the procedures that the DOC shall follow when releasing, or permitting the inspection of, a record belonging to individual under the custody or supervision of the DOC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Christopher Antoine, Staff Attorney, Agency of Human Services, Department of Corrections 280 State Drive, Waterbury, VT 05671 Tel: 802-241-2442 Fax: 802-241-0020 Email: christopher.antoine@vermont.gov URL: <http://www.doc.vermont.gov>
FOR COPIES: Ana Burke, Senior Policy & Implementation Analyst, Agency of Human Services, Department of Corrections 280 State Drive, Waterbury, VT 05671 Tel: 802-241-2442 Fax: 802-241-0020 Email: ana.burke@vermont.gov

Suitability in Annuity Transactions (Reg. I-2023-01).

Vermont Proposed Rule: 23P034

AGENCY: Department of Financial Regulation

CONCISE SUMMARY: The Department is proposing a new rule that requires producers, as defined in the rule, to act in the best interest of the consumer when making a recommendation of an annuity and to require insurers to establish and maintain a system to supervise recommendations so that the insurance needs and financial objectives of consumers at the time of the transaction are effectively addressed.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Stan Macel, Assistant General Counsel, Department of Financial Regulation, 89 Main Street, Third Floor, Montpelier, VT 05620 Tel: 802-272-2338 Fax: 802-828-5593 Email: stan.macel@vermont.gov URL: <https://dfr.vermont.gov/about-us/legal-general-counsel/proposed-rules-and-public-comment>

FOR COPIES: Hillary Borcharding, Assistant General Counsel, Department of Financial Regulation, 89 Main Street, Third Floor, Montpelier, VT 05620 Tel: 802-249-6512 Email: hillary.borcharding@vermont.gov

Manufactured Food Rule.

Vermont Proposed Rule: 23P035

AGENCY: Agency of Human Services, Department of Health

CONCISE SUMMARY: The purpose of the rule is to provide the requirements for the safe and sanitary manufacturing, packing, holding, and distributing of human food offered for sale in Vermont. This rulemaking does the following: (1) Updates the rule for consistency with Title 21 Chapter 1 of the C.F.R. (2) Reformat, reorganizes, and clarifies the federal regulations cited in the Incorporation by Reference section. (3) Defines the scope of the Department of Health issued food manufacturing license. Specifically, the rule clarifies the prohibition of manufacturing of food containing THC under the Department of Health license. (4) Updates the information required on food labels manufactured by license exempt food manufacturers and license exempt bakeries. (5) Modifies the rule for clarity.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Meg McCarthy, Department of Health, 108 Cherry St, Burlington, VT 05401 Tel: 802-863-7280 Fax: 802-951-1275 Email: ahs.vdhrules@vermont.gov URL: <http://www.healthvermont.gov/about-us/laws-regulations/public-comment>

FOR COPIES: Natalie Weill, Department of Health, 108 Cherry St, Burlington, VT 05401 Tel: 802-863-7280 Fax: 802-951-1275 Email: ahs.vdhrules@vermont.gov

REACH THE COUNTY, PLACE YOUR AD HERE. CALL 388-4944

ADDISON COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS Scrap Metal Hauling & Recycling Services, CY2024

ISSUE DATE: September 29, 2023
ISSUED BY: Addison County Solid Waste Management District
BID DUE DATE: Tuesday, October 31, 2023 by 4:00 PM
CONTACT: Teri Kuczynski, District Manager OR Don Maglienti, Program Manager
Tel: (802) 388-2333
E-mail: teri@acswwd.org
don@acswwd.org

The ACSWMD seeks proposals from qualified companies to provide scrap metal hauling & recycling services by trucks equipped to haul open-top, 100-cu. yd. transfer trailers (or alternative configuration of open-top roll-off containers that are suitable for loading scrap metal over a 15' tip wall) from the District Transfer Station at 1223 Rt. 7 South in Middlebury, VT to the contractor's scrap metal recycling facility. To arrange a site visit, contact Gary Hobbs, Transfer Station Supervisor, (802) 388-2333, Ext. 229, or via e-mail: gary@acswwd.org. The term of this service contract will be 1/1/2024-12/31/2024.

For a copy of the complete RFP, call the District at 802-388-2333, or go to the District website at AddisonCountyRecycles.org. All proposals will remain confidential until opening at 10 a.m. on 11/1/2023 at the District office co-located at the Transfer Station.

Proposals should be sent via mail, hand-delivery, fax, or e-mail to:

Teresa A. Kuczynski, District Manager
Addison County Solid Waste Management District
1223 Route 7 South
Middlebury, VT 05753
Fax: (802) 388-0271
E-mail: teri@acswwd.org

ARTS + LEISURE

The Addison Independent

October 5, 2023



Marsh Lights band members (pictured from left to right) Steve Waud, Ryan Crehan, Colby Crehan, Mitch Barron and Charley Eiseman will take the Vergennes Opera House stage on Saturday, Oct. 14, at 7:30 p.m. These musicians formerly played together as PossumHaw and the Bluegrass Gospel Project.

PHOTO / B. CREHAN

Marsh Lights sounds familiar for a reason

Marsh Lights? Hmmm, don't remember them? How about PossumHaw or the Bluegrass Gospel Project, do those names ring a bell? Well, Marsh Lights is the same crew — Colby Crehan on lead vocals, rhythm guitar and keyboard; her husband

Ryan Crehan on vocals, banjo and harmonica; Charley Eiseman on vocals

BY **ELSIE**
LYNN PARINI

and lead guitar; Steve Waud on vocals and mandolin; and Mitch Barron on vocals and upright bass. The five players will return to the Vergennes Opera House — with a new name and a lot of new, original music — for a concert

on Saturday, Oct. 14, at 7:30 p.m.

Colby and her bandmates have received accolades, including Vermont Vocalist of the Year and Vermont Song of the Year (Tammie Awards, Barre-Montpelier Times-Argus). The group's strong rapport built over years of performing together makes for a band that can go light and heavy, solemn and joyful, fast and slow.

"We are so excited to be able to share our new music with the Vergennes community," Colby said. "After years of performing at the VOH with the Bluegrass Gospel Project, it really feels like coming home for me."

Vergennes Opera House President Gerianne Smart agrees. "There is something about Colby's voice, her delivery, the harmonies and her emotional commitment to the songs that resonates deeply with audiences," Smart said. "Several years ago, the Bluegrass Gospel Project chose the Vergennes Opera House as the venue for their final concert, and we haven't forgotten that special night. We are all looking forward to welcoming Colby back to our historic stage."

Colby grew up playing the piano and moved to the South at a young age, where she was exposed to a lot of bluegrass musicians.

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Biannual quilt show comes to Middlebury

The Milk and Honey Quilters Guild of Middlebury, is busily assembling this year's biannual show, "Quilting in the Land of Milk & Honey," scheduled for Oct. 7-8, at the Middlebury Rec Center on Creek Rd. Past shows have exhibited over 200 quilts made by local artisans, attracting 600 or more visitors over the weekend.

With the demise of the Vermont Quilt Festival this spring and the introduction of the New England Shop Hop (promotion coordinated by regional quilt shops) the guild anticipates drawing a bigger crowd to Middlebury than ever. The show will include a 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.

The show will be open Saturday, Oct. 7, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., and Sunday, Oct. 8, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

2023 FEATURED QUILTER

Among the features of the show, the guild has chosen to spotlight one quilter who has produced an exceptional body of work. This year's featured quilter, Sandra Bonomo from Salisbury, has been a member of the Milk & Honey Quilters Guild since the early 2000s, having served in various capacities over the years and currently as co-president. She retired in 2019 after 33 years working for the Middlebury College Language Schools in various positions.

When asked how she got started in quilting, Bonomo said, "One of my sisters taught me to sew in elementary school. I dabbled in making clothing through high school, but I always wanted to make a quilt so when I saw a class was available, I signed up."

She remembers making her first quilt in the early 1990s after taking a "Trip Around the World" class at Ben Franklin's with a woman named Phyllis. From there, she made a few more quilts during the 1990, but really took off in the early 2000s. She won a blue ribbon at the Vermont Quilt Festival the first time she entered.

She used to take as many classes as she could in order to learn different techniques. Now she only takes classes if there's a technique she's not familiar with or can't figure out on her own. Instead, she teaches quilting. Bonomo is a Studio 180 Certified Instructor and Sue Pelland Certified Instructor. She frequently teaches how to make barn quilts through programs sponsored by the Quilters Corner at Middlebury Sew & Vac.

When asked for thoughts, comments, or quotable quotes about quilting, she said "What's the one about, 'if you can't see it from 20 feet on a galloping horse, don't worry about it?'" And there's always, "Measure twice, cut once."

She doesn't necessarily have a favorite color. "I'm always drawn to jewel tones," she said, "but I pretty much love them all."

Any quilting she won't do? "Hand piecing or hand quilting," she said. "One of my very first quilts was a queen size Bargello which I decided to hand quilt! I'll never do that again!"

SPECIAL TRAVELING EXHIBIT

In addition to pieces made by local quilters, this year's show will feature an exhibit on loan from Studio Art Quilt Associates. These fine art quilts in miniature feature exquisite handwork to cutting-edge techniques, the diversity of the art quilt medium allows for personal expression and creative exploration.

QUILTS OF VALOR

As a local non-profit organization, the Milk and Honey Quilters Guild strives to give something back to the community. This year's show will



SANDRA BONOMO

include an exhibit of pieces made for Quilts of Valor, which awards handmade quilts to service members or veterans who have been touched by war. The quilts serve as a message to say, "Thank you for your service and sacrifice in serving our nation."

NON-PROFIT FUNDRAISER

Throughout the year, Milk and Honey Quilters Guild members create handmade holiday ornaments to sell at the show. The proceeds are donated to a local non-profit organization selected by the show committee. This year's ornament sales will benefit Addison County Restorative Justice Services, which offers a path for local individuals to repair some of the harm caused by their actions and to build the skills necessary to avoid future involvement with the juvenile or criminal justice system.

ABOUT THE GUILD

Milk and Honey Quilters Guild began more than 20 years ago as a small, informal, and supportive group for quilters and anyone interested in quilting. Today the group has grown to 70 members.

It's World Singing Day on Oct. 15, join the chorus in Bristol

On Sunday, Oct. 15, 5 Town Friends of the Arts is sponsoring a celebration of World Singing Day at Holley Hall in Bristol, from 1-4:30 p.m.

Throughout the afternoon, 10 groups or individuals will be performing and leading the audience in song. Performers include: Maiden Vermont, Womensing, Linda Malzac, the Middlebury College Community Chorus, Rick Ceballos and Lausanne Allen, Dedicated, The Singletons, and Mary Sullivan on guitar.

The event will end with a group sing along lead by local singer and songwriter Moira Smiley.

"Our mission is to inspire, expose and create art of all kinds in the local communities and have it accessible to all. This event does just that in a fun way and for all ages. Who doesn't love a sing along and a free concert?! said Linda Cormany, board co-chair of 5 Town Friends of the Arts.

Outside the hall, La Chapina will be selling

Guatemalan food. Sandwiches, desserts and snacks will also be provided. Art activities will be available too.

World Singing Day (worldsingingday.org) was founded in 2012 by Colorado musician Scott Johnson and has gathered momentum around the globe. Since then hundreds of groups have joined to celebrate singing on the 3rd weekend of October. The event brings people together in their communities all around the world through the simple act of singing together.

MUSIC

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"I started to learn and play bluegrass style rhythm guitar down there," she said. "I certainly owe a lot of how I play to learning a more traditional bluegrass style."

Colby met her husband in 1999, working a summer on Cape Cod. The couple came to Burlington, Vt., for Ryan to attend UVM.

"We had lived all sorts of places," Colby said, "and we discovered we actually really like it here."

The couple took a break from the Vermont music scene and traveled to Wyoming and then to Bulgaria (for a Fulbright scholarship Ryan received to go study wetland restoration along the Danube River) before returning home.

"I started writing music again, and thought I'd start up a band again, so I reached out to our original band mates and see if they were game," Colby explained.

They were all in. And Marsh Lights was formed.

Marsh Lights's new songs explore bravery, darkness, spirituality and grace with lyrics that



often employ metaphoric places and female heroes and perspectives. Marsh Lights also pulls from the old songbook of PossumHaw, particularly the songs found on their last recording, the 2017 live album "Limberpine."

"While I don't write autobiographical songs," Colby said, "I can always relate to the characters and stories in the songs in a deeply personal way. I hope our listeners will feel the same connection."

In addition to Colby's lyrical pieces, the band also plays instrumentals written by banjoist Ryan Crehan and mandolinist Waud. "The

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— Colby Crehan

instrumentals are high-energy, expressive and a lot of fun," Colby added. "They provide a great contrast and really set the stage on fire."

This show on Saturday evening will officially open the VOH 2023-2024 season. Doors and cash bar open at 6:30 p.m., and the concert begins at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased online at VergennesOperaHouse.org.

Marsh Lights will keep playing around the region including at Burnham Hall in Lincoln on Saturday, Feb. 10, at 7:30 p.m. For more info and to see their full schedule visit marshlightsmusic.com.

Cornwall author's debut novel explores running, recovery and the messiness of life

Three years ago Mike Magluilo was a managing director at a global investment bank. Today he's proofreading his debut novel about a fictional teenage runner.

Set in 1980s Chicago, "A Reason to Run" is a story about a teenage boy, his bike, a tragic accident, and the healing power of running. The book began in the summer of 2020 as a letter the author wrote to his sons about growing up. The letter snowballed into a novel when Magluilo chose later that year to leave a career that kept him away from home.

Running serves as the conduit for the lessons main character Bags learns during his recovery from tragedy. Running helped Magluilo navigate recovery through tragedies of his own: a life-threatening hospitalization as a teen, the loss of his

first son at four months old, and unhealthy relationships with alcohol and tobacco.

"We're all recovering from something. We are what we've done, and there's no going back," explains protagonist Bags. "The only story we get to write is the one we choose to live in the next moment of our lives."

"Like Bags, writing helps me find the stuff that matters by guiding me into the messiness beyond the voice in my head and giving me words to describe what I find there," said author Magluilo.

Magluilo is a writer and recovering finance professional, father of three and husband of one, and lives in Cornwall. He enjoys clean living and dirty jokes and loves old dogs and small gestures. Magluilo's work has appeared in Zig Zag Lit Mag, Cold Lake Anthology, and Flash Fiction Magazine. Follow Magluilo at MikeMagluilo.com.

"A Reason to Run" will be on sale Oct. 3, and is available for preorder now through The Vermont Book Shop in downtown Middlebury.

"WE ARE ALL RECOVERING FROM SOMETHING."

— Bags, character in "A Reason to Run"

MIDDLEBURY PERFORMING ARTS SERIES
FALL 2023 SEASON

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ART ON EXHIBIT

Landscapes & portraits on exhibit at Jackson Gallery

The Jackson Gallery in the lower level of Middlebury's Town Hall Theater welcomes Ripton artist Molly Hawley for an exhibit of landscapes and portraits. "Extraordinary Ordinary" opened on Sept. 22 and will be on view through Nov. 4.

Hawley works in a number of media to explore how the surface images of the visible world represent a deeper reality. With an extraordinary sensitivity to light, color and texture, her landscapes invite the viewer to see beyond the edges of the composition. She adjusts the contrast to suit the landscape — softer for the seascapes, more vivid for the Autumn foliage scenes. Her portraits have a distinctive quality that lies in their depth of feeling, the captured resemblance, and their strong, evocative sense of place.

Hawley began her undergraduate studies at Middlebury College, then went on to specialize

in graphic art at the Boston Museum School and The Cleveland Institute of Art where she received a BFA in printmaking. She has since worked extensively in other media, including pastel and oil painting, and more recently has produced a number of multi-media works combining fabric, photography, painting and drawing. For years she has painted commissioned portraits for private clients and institutions.

She studied for a number of years with the plein air masters Cedric and Joannette Egeli at the Cape Cod School of Art in Provincetown. Her portraiture has been informed by her work with portrait masters Jose Cintron and Burt Silverman. In addition to her continuing portrait commissions, she is actively at work on an extended series of Cape Cod and Vermont landscapes at her studio in Ripton. Her work hangs in the permanent collections of Baldwin Wallace College, Cleveland's University School,



This portrait by Molly Hawley is one of the pieces on view at Jackson Gallery in the lower level of Middlebury's Town Hall Theater. Her exhibit will be on view through Nov. 4.

Roxbury Latin School, and in many private collections.

Gallery hours are Monday through Friday noon to 5 p.m., and when performances are taking place.

Art on Main opens new exhibit in Bristol

Art on Main in Bristol will host a reception and artist talk for a new exhibit showcasing work by Dominique Gustin and Matlakwauhti Mayforth, on Friday, Oct. 6, from 5-7 p.m.

"My work draws from a loose imaginative landscape," reads Gustin's artist statement; "using photography, poetry, synthography, collage, digital and mixed media, and encaustic to form visual narratives that are both mysterious and familiar."

Mayforth discovered ceramics when she attended school in Monterey, Calif. In 1977, she returned to her native state of Vermont, rented space in a pottery studio and went to work. Today, she is a studio potter and teaches clay classes for the Town of Bristol.

The work by these two Vermont artists will be on view through Nov. 8. Stop in to see it in person any Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Edgewater celebrates two opening receptions

This Thursday, Oct. 5 from 5-6:30 p.m. catch two art openings at Edgewater's two Middlebury galleries. "Nature's Inner Light," a two person exhibition featuring new work by Penny Billings and Holly Friesen, is on view now through Nov. 15 at the Gallery at the Falls (1 Mill Street). "Simple Matters," a solo exhibition of new work by Kathryn Milillo, will be on view Oct. 3-Nov. 15, at the Gallery on the Green (6 Merchants Row.)

The newest exhibit by Milillo features Vermont's rolling hills and interwoven fields and forests have a quiet rhythmic beauty. The architectural vernacular of our farm structures and dwellings is straightforward, simple, largely free of adornment, and speaks to functionality and durability. In "Simple Matters," Milillo pays homage to Vermont's landscape and architecture while exploring the play of light on objects, color relationships, and negative spaces in her compositions. Milillo is a quiet observer. She finds serenity in looking, recording and interpreting what she sees.

For more information about Edgewater's exhibits visit edgewatergallery.com.



KATHRYN MILILLO

ART ON EXHIBIT

ART ON MAIN

25 Main St, Bristol

Visit artonmainvt.com or call 802-453-4032 for more info.

Dominique Gustin and Matlakwauhti Mayforth

featured in a new exhibit of mixed media. On view through Nov. 8.

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.

EDGEWATER ON THE GREEN

6 Merchants Row, Middlebury

Visit edgewatergallery.com, call 802-989-7419 or email info@edgewatergallery-vt.com for more info.

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JACKSON GALLERY

68 S Pleasant St, Middlebury

Visit townhalltheater.org/jackson-gallery or call 802-382-9222 for more info.

"Extraordinary Ordinary," a solo exhibit of portraits and landscapes by Ripton artist Molly Hawley. On view now through Nov. 4.

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

SEE EXHIBITS ON PAGE 9

Cosmic Forecast

ARIES: March 21/April 20. Aries, unless you are ready to take charge and spearhead an initiative for change, you may have to simply go with the flow this week. Think on it.

TAURUS: April 21/May 21. Ideas for creative projects keep popping up in your mind, Taurus. It's just a matter of figuring out which avenue you want to explore and then finding the time to make it happen.

GEMINI: May 22/June 21. Gemini, some shake-ups at work may leave you wondering how secure things will be for you moving forward. Start asking a few pointed questions.

CANCER: June 22/July 22. Are you ready to take the plunge and make a big move in your career, Cancer? The stars are pointing you in that direction. It could be just the change you are looking for.

LEO: July 23/Aug. 23. In your mind you did something that was well within your rights, Leo. Others who were affected by your actions may not view it in entirely the same way. Revisit the situation.

VIRGO: Aug. 24/Sept. 22. Virgo, it is time to start making a solid plan for the future and not just day-by-day actions to squeak by. You are one cog in a wheel that needs to move along smoothly.

LIBRA: Sept. 23/Oct. 23. Libra, before you fire off an email or ask questions, gather as much information as you can. You want to be sure you have all of the facts before you start to dig a little deeper.

SCORPIO: Oct. 24/Nov. 22. Your focus on finances has been intense of late, Scorpio. While you have been doing your best to balance the budget, expenses seem to keep growing. Try other options.

SAGITTARIUS: Nov. 23/Dec. 21. Sagittarius, even though you have been instrumental in your involvement with a particular situation, there is nothing much more you can do this week. Let it rest for now.

CAPRICORN: Dec. 22/Jan. 20. Capricorn, the way you are going about things is entirely in your best interest without much consideration for others. This can be dangerous, especially when you need a hand.

AQUARIUS: Jan. 21/Feb. 18. Aquarius, while you have been diligent with trying to get ahead at work, right now things are not falling into place. Consider whether this may be the time to find someplace new.

PISCES: Feb. 19/March 20. Keep all of your options open this week, Pisces. Even if you do not have plans right now, something may pop up unexpectedly that is right what you need at the moment.

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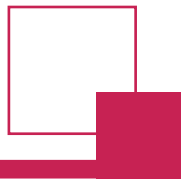
FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

OCT. 6 — Le Corbusier, architect (d)
OCT. 7 — Sherman Alexie, writer (57)
OCT. 8 — Faith Ringold, artist (93)

OCT. 9 — Marie Kondo, organization expert (39)
OCT. 10 — Guiseppi Verdi, opera composer (d)
OCT. 11 — Michelle Wie, golfer (34)
OCT. 12 — Bode Miller, alpine skier (46)

CALENDAR

OCT. 5-12
2023



THURSDAY, OCT. 5

ART OPENING IN MIDDLEBURY. Thursday, Oct. 5, 5-6:30 p.m., Edgewater Gallery on the Green, 6 Merchants Row. An opening reception for the exhibit Kathryn Milillo "Simple Matters." On display through Nov. 14.

ART OPENING IN MIDDLEBURY. Thursday, Oct. 5, 5-6:30 p.m., Edgewater Gallery at the Green, 1 Mill St. An opening reception for the exhibit Penny Billings & Holly Friesen "Nature's Inner Light." On display through Nov. 15.

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 Theater 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.

FRIDAY, OCT. 6

PHOTOGRAPHY OPENING IN MIDDLEBURY. Friday, Oct. 6, 3-7 p.m., PhotoPlace Gallery,

3 Park Street. An opening reception for new show, "In Praise of trees," which runs from Oct. 3-27.

RECEPTION AND ARTIST TALK IN BRISTOL. Friday, Oct. 6, 5-7 p.m., Art on Main, 25 Main St. Come meet the artists and see their work in a new exhibition by Dominique Gustin and Matlakwauhti Mayforth. Exhibit runs through Nov. 8.

"THE GLASS MENAGERIE" PLAY IN WAITSFIELD. Friday, Oct. 6, 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 Oct. 7, 8 and the following weekend. Tickets at theaterengine.com or by calling 802-583-4220. More details at valleyplayers.com.

"HOCUS POCUS" ON SCREEN IN SHOREHAM. Friday, Oct. 6, 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.

MAMAJAMAS IN BRANDON. Friday, Oct. 6, 7:30 p.m., Brandon Town Hall, 1 Conant Sq. Founded in 1994, the Middlebury Mamajamas are Middlebury College's youngest gender inclusive a Cappella group. They woo audiences with a widely varied repertoire that includes artists ranging from Michael Jackson to Adele and everything in between, and most arrangements are created by their very own members. Tickets adult \$8/seniors and students \$6.

MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE THEATER

DEPARTMENT'S FIRST SHOW ON STAGE IN MIDDLEBURY. Friday, Oct. 6, 7:30 and 10 p.m., Hepburn Zoo, Hepburn Rd. See Oct. 5 listing.

SATURDAY, OCT. 7

"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.

ART ON THE TRAIL IN BRISTOL. Saturday, Oct. 7, 10 a.m.-noon, Bristol Trail Network. Explore the world of nature and art journaling with BTN Artist-in-Residence Charon Henning. Bring a sketchbook with pens and/or pencils to begin your journal. Free, but registration is required. All ages and skill levels are welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Email oddangellc@gmail.com to register and for workshop location.

"SHARING CREATIVE TALENTS" ART SHOW IN BRANDON. Saturday Oct. 7, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Brandon United Methodist Church, 1 Franklin St. A two-day exhibition of drawing, painting, photography, music and writing. There will be coffee and refreshments at noon with a presentation of music and readings.

ARTISTS' RECEPTION IN VERGENNES. Saturday, Oct. 7, 11a.m.-1 p.m., Bixby Memorial Library, 258 Main St. The Bixby's community room will be adorned with a display of local watercolor art from the The Vermont Watercolor Society Burlington Chapter. All are welcome to come and explore these high-level watercolor paintings and meet the artists.

QUILTS OF VALOR PRESENTATION IN MIDDLEBURY. Saturday, Oct. 7, 2 p.m., Middlebury Recreation Center, 154 Creek Rd. In conjunction with their upcoming show, the Milk & Honey Quilters Guild will host a presentation of Vermont-made "Quilts of Valor" to eight honorees. The Quilts of Valor Foundation (qovf.org) has awarded over 350,000 handmade quilts to active service members and veterans. The quilts serve as a message to say, "Thank you for your service and sacrifice in serving our nation."

MOON HOLLOW IN MIDDLEBURY. Saturday, Oct. 7, 3-6 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, doughnuts, a pie and some grub from food vendors available for purchase. More info at facebook.com/mountainmaccider.

"MY BEST GIRL" ON SCREEN IN BRANDON. Saturday, Oct. 7, 7 p.m., Brandon Town Hall, 1 Conant Sq. "My Best Girl" starring Mary Pickford & Charles "Buddy" Rogers. In a big city department store, romance blossoms between a humble stockroom clerk and the store owner's son...who is already engaged. A sparkling "rich man, poor girl" romantic comedy from 1927. A Free will donation event.

MAIDEN VERMONT IN MIDDLEBURY. Saturday, Oct. 7, 7 p.m., Town Hall Theater, 68 S. Pleasant St. Maiden Vermont is a women's a cappella chorus that specializes in barbershop style harmonies. They sing regularly at fundraisers for non-profit organizations, summer, fall and holiday festivals, reunions, naturalization ceremonies, and private functions. Tickets \$15 adults/ \$10

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MCTV SCHEDULE Channels 1071 & 1091		MIDDLEBURY COMMUNITY TELEVISION: P.O. Box 785, Middlebury, Vt. 05753		Please see the MCTV website, www.middleburycommunitytv.org, for changes in the schedule; MCTV events, classes and news; and to view many programs online. Submit listings to the above address, or call 388-3062.	
MCTV Channel 1071	5:30 p.m. Dr. John Campbell	5 p.m. Energy Week	11 a.m. All Things LGBTQ	9 p.m. Jody Brakeley	Tuesday, October 10
Friday, October 6	6:30 p.m. Eckankar	7 p.m. Selectboard, Public Affairs	12 p.m. School Board Meetings	5:30 a.m. Chair Yoga	
Through the Night: Public Affairs	7 p.m. Catholic Mass	Thursday, October 12	5 p.m. Foltz Studio Ep. 3	6:30 a.m. Foltz Studio Ep. 3	7:30 a.m. Foltz Studio Ep. 2
7:30 a.m. Congregational Church	7:30 p.m. Vermont Kindness Project	Through the Night: Public Affairs	6 p.m. Foltz Studio Ep. 1	8:30 a.m. Foltz Studio Ep. 1	12 p.m. Jody Brakeley
9 a.m. Energy Week	Monday, October 9	5 a.m. Dr. John Campbell	7 p.m. Foltz Studio Ep. 2	1:36 p.m. Jack Mayer	4 p.m. Yoga
10 a.m. Selectboard, Public Affairs	Through the Night: Public Affairs	8 a.m. Congregational Service	8 p.m. All Things LGBTQ	5 p.m. School Board Meetings	Wednesday, October 11
4 p.m. Memorial Baptist Church	5 a.m. Vermont Kindness Project	11 a.m. Energy Week	9 p.m. Emily Bernard	5 a.m. Chair Yoga	6 a.m. All Things LGBTQ
5:30 p.m. Selectboard, Gov. Scott	6 a.m. Gov. Scott, Public Affairs	12 p.m. Selectboard, Public Affairs	Sunday, October 8	7 a.m. Jody Brakeley	8:36 a.m. Grace Coolidge - Influence & Image
Saturday, October 7	10 a.m. Selectboard, Public Affairs	9:30 p.m. Eckankar	5 a.m. All Things LGBTQ	12 a.m. State Board of Education	6 p.m. School Board Meetings
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7:30 a.m. Gov. Scott, Under the Dome	10 p.m. Vermont Kindness Project	Friday, October 6	8 p.m. Foltz Studio Ep. 2	8 a.m. Yoga	10 a.m. Food & Cooking Programs
10 a.m. Selectboard, Public Affairs	Tuesday, October 10	5 a.m. All Things LGBTQ	10 a.m. School Board Meetings	12 p.m. Recent School Board Meetings	7 a.m. Jody Brakeley
4 p.m. Memorial Baptist Service	Through the Night: Public Affairs	6 a.m. Jody Brakeley - Brain/Body/ Behavior Connection	4 p.m. Emily Bernard	8:30 p.m. Grace Coolidge	10 p.m. All Things LGBTQ
5:30 p.m. Eckankar	8:30 a.m. Energy Week	10 a.m. Foltz Studio Ep. 2	5:10 p.m. Foltz Studio Ep. 3		
6 p.m. Energy Week	9:30 a.m. Eckankar	11 a.m. Foltz Studio Ep. 3	8:01 p.m. Jack Mayer - Weimar Germany and the Rise of the Third Reich		
7 p.m. Catholic Mass	10 a.m. Selectboard, Public Affairs	4 p.m. Foltz Studio Ep. 3	Monday, October 9		
7:30 p.m. Select Board	4 p.m. Congregational Service	5 p.m. All Things LGBTQ	5 a.m. Jack Mayer - Weimar Germany		
10 p.m. Montpelier Happy Hour	5:30 p.m. Montpelier Happy Hour	6 p.m. First Wednesday Professor Emily Bernard on Beloved by Toni Morrison	9:30 a.m. Food & Cooking Programs		
Sunday, October 8	7 p.m. Selectboard, Public Affairs	6 p.m. School Board Meetings	10:50 a.m. Emily Bernard		
Through the Night: Public Affairs	Wednesday, October 11	Saturday, October 7	12 p.m. School Board Meetings		
7:30 a.m. Gov. Scott	Through the Night: Public Affairs	5 a.m. Jody Brakeley	6 p.m. All Things LGBTQ		
9 a.m. Catholic Mass	5:30 a.m. Gov. Scott	6 a.m. The World Fusion Show	7 p.m. Foltz Studio Ep. 2		
10 a.m. Energy Week	6:30 a.m. Energy Week		8 p.m. Foltz Studio Ep. 3		
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17 years of age or younger/family of three or more \$30. What does this mean? A family of three or more can call the THT Box Office Monday through Friday and get tickets for only \$30 total.

"THE GLASS MENAGERIE" PLAY IN WAITSFIELD. Saturday, Oct. 7, 7 p.m., Valley Players Theater, 4254 Main St. See details in Oct. 6 listing.

CAITLIN CANTY IN LINCOLN. Saturday, Oct. 7, 7:30 p.m., Burnham Hall, 52 E. River Rd. Burnham Presents welcomes Caitlin Canty to the Burnham Hall. Vermont native Canty is an American singer/songwriter whose music carves a line through folk, blues, and country ballads. Doors open at 7 p.m. Refreshments available. Tickets \$15/\$20/\$25 or pay what you can. More info at burnhampresents.org or 802-349-3364.

DREAMERS' CIRCUS AT MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE. Saturday, Oct. 7, 7:30 p.m., McCullough Student Center, Old Chapel Rd. This ambitiously inventive Nordic trio is one of the world's most talked-about acts in the acoustic realm. Their hit "The World Was Waiting" feels spot-on, as we've been eagerly awaiting their return ever since their joyous, sold-out Middlebury performance in March 2020, just before the pandemic hit. Be there to hear their virtuosic and incendiary musical abilities on the fiddle, accordion, piano, and cittern. Tickets: \$25/20/10/5; streaming tickets: \$15/5, available at go.middlebury.edu/tickets or 802-443-MIDD (6433).

MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE THEATER DEPARTMENT'S FIRST SHOW ON STAGE IN MIDDLEBURY. Saturday, Oct. 7, 7:30 p.m., Hepburn Zoo, Hepburn Rd. See Oct. 5 listing.

SUNDAY, OCT. 8

"QUILTING IN THE LAND OF MILK AND HONEY" QUILT SHOW IN MIDDLEBURY. Sunday, Oct. 8, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Middlebury Rec Center, 154 Creek Rd. See Oct. 8 listing.

RIPTON RIDGE RUN IN RIPTON. Saturday, Oct. 8, 12:30 p.m., Ripton Elementary School, 753 Lincoln Rd. The annual fundraiser to benefit the Ripton Elementary School includes a 5K run, a 10.4K run, a non-competitive 5K Fun Walk and a short, non-competitive Kids Race for young children. The race will be followed by lunch, awards and raffle. Race day registration and in-person check-in is between 11 a.m. and noon. More info at riptonridgerun.org.

"SHARING CREATIVE TALENTS" ART SHOW IN BRANDON. Sunday Oct. 8, 12:30-2:30 p.m., Brandon United Methodist Church, 1 Franklin St. See Oct. 7 listing.

RODRIGO VALENCIAS IN BRISTOL. Sunday, Oct. 8, 1-4 p.m., Bristol Trail Network Business Park Loop. Take a walk and enjoy Bristol's new Music on the Trail summer series, where you can hear live music at an easily accessible spot on the Bristol Trail Network. Bring a chair or stool if you wish to sit and listen, or simply pause while hiking the trail. There will be signs for "MUSIC!" at entry points to the trail. Look for a small white tent.

"THE GLASS MENAGERIE" PLAY IN WAITSFIELD. Sunday, Oct. 8, 2 p.m., Valley Players Theater, 4254 Main St. See details in Oct. 6 listing.

JOE & JACKIE IN MIDDLEBURY. Sunday, Oct. 8, 3-6 p.m., VFW, 530 Exchange St. Come dance to Joe and Jackie. Free. Kitchen open

4-6 p.m.

PITCH PINE TRAIL MUSHROOM WALK IN SALISBURY. Sunday, Oct. 8, 3 p.m., Pitch Pine Trailhead, Plains Rd. The Salisbury Conservation Commission hosts another mushroom walk led by Meg Madden. Previous walks led by Meg on this and other trails in the area have been very entertaining and informative. More info and sign up contact Preston Turner at boobabu662@yahoo.com, 802-352-4778 or 802-989-6847.

AUDITIONS FOR "BRANDON HAS TALENT" IN BRANDON. Sunday, Oct. 8, 3-6 p.m., Brandon Town Hall, 1 Conant Sq. If you like to sing, dance, play an instrument or have a special talent, all you need to do to be a member of the 9th Annual "Brandon Has Talent" show is contact Dennis at denniswarden@gmail.com or call and leave a message at 802-247-5420 to schedule a day and time to audition. You must provide your own music, preferably on a cell phone that can connect to a Bluetooth speaker.

MONDAY, OCT. 9

AUDITIONS FOR "BRANDON HAS TALENT" IN BRANDON. Monday, Oct. 9, 6-8 p.m., Brandon Town Hall, 1 Conant Sq. See Oct. 8 listing.

TUESDAY, OCT. 10

DONNARAE MENARD IN VERGENNES. Tuesday, Oct. 10, 6-7 p.m., Bixby Memorial Library, 258 Main St. Local author DonnaRae Menard will discuss her novel "Murder in the Meadow," the story of protagonist Katelyn Took who returns to her family's farm and finds forgotten memories but also unexpected danger.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 11

"VAN GOGH & JAPAN" ON SCREEN IN MIDDLEBURY. Wednesday, Oct. 11, 11 a.m., Town Hall Theater, 68 S. Pleasant St. One cannot understand Van Gogh without understanding how Japanese art arrived in Paris in the middle of the 19th century. The first installment of the 2023-24 Great Art Wednesday's series journeys from the Van Gogh Museum, Amsterdam, to Van Gogh's adopted home of Provence, France and eventually to Japan itself, providing a fascinating look at just how remarkable this influence proved to be. Tickets \$15/season pass \$75, available at townhalltheater.org.

THURSDAY, OCT. 12

NEEDLEPOINT WORKSHOP IN MIDDLEBURY. Thursday, Oct. 12, 1-3 p.m., Henry Sheldon Museum, 1 Park St. Make your own needlepoint key fob! Learn the basics of needlepoint during this two-hour workshop with Pearl Riney. Kits are available for purchase at henrysheldonmuseum.org/events.

"THE FARM BOY" ON SCREEN IN MIDDLEBURY. Thursday, Oct. 12, 7 p.m., Town Hall Theater, 68 S. Pleasant St. MNFF Selects begins in 2023-2024 season with this film by Vermont filmmaker George Woodard. The Farm Boy is a WWII-era story about a young man, Calvin Dillard, who drives a milk truck for his father. He meets a girl from a neighboring farm at a barn dance. They fall in love and eventually get married but, the day after their marriage, Calvin is sent to war in Europe. Woodard who will attend the screening and do a Q&A session following. Tickets \$14 advance/\$16 at the door. Season pass (8 films) \$90. Available at townhalltheater.org.

Join a talk & tour of West Cemetery in Middlebury

On Saturday, Oct. 14, the Henry Sheldon Museum will present an illustrated talk and tour of West Cemetery from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Glenn Andres and Bill Hosley will lead this discussion about "Middlebury and the Marble Border of Western New England."

Middlebury straddles a continuous vein of marble extending from the Canadian border southward through Vermont and the Berkshires — known as the "Marble Border of Western New England." As early as the 1780s regional stonecutters began to exploit this high-quality resource and in the early 19th century Middlebury mechanized its marble production to produce architectural components that were sought by major architects. Their products were marketed through outlets in Boston and New York and shipped as distantly as Montreal, Savannah, and London.

Elsewhere along the range, centers like Rutland, Pittsfield, Mass., and Marbledale, Conn., were providing thousands of monuments, gravestones, and architectural features to buildings, cemeteries, and town squares; exporting artfully finished products to points south and beyond.

Middlebury's West Cemetery, with more than 3,000 burials and markers, some as early as the 1790s, is a veritable museum of history and art. Frequently, cemeteries located in regions where marble was quarried and worked feature gravestones and monuments that are a testament to the stone carver's skill and craftsmanship.



Middlebury Marble Works, ca. 1900.

IMAGE / COLLECTION OF HENRY SHELDON MUSEUM

Andres is Professor Emeritus of the History of Art and Architecture at Middlebury College where he taught the history of architecture and urbanism from 1970 to 2015. He served as a long-time member of the Vermont Advisory Council on Historic Preservation and was a trustee of the Henry Sheldon Museum. He is the author of the *Walking History of Middlebury*, and co-author of the *Buildings of Vermont*.

Hosley is an independent scholar, historian, writer, and photographer, who retired from a long career as a museum curator and director. He was formerly Director of the New Haven Museum and Connecticut Landmarks and served as a curator and exhibition developer at the Wadsworth Atheneum, where he organized major exhibitions including *The Great River: Art & Society of the Connecticut Valley*, *The Japan Idea: Art and Life in Victorian America*, and *Sam & Elizabeth: Legend and Legacy of Colt's Empire*.

This event will take place in the Jessica Swift Community Meeting Room at the Ilsley Public Library, 75 Main Street, Middlebury. Tickets are: \$35 for the public; \$25 for Henry Sheldon Museum members. The price includes both presentations, a tour of West Cemetery, same day free admission to the Henry Sheldon Museum, and refreshments. To purchase tickets in advance and for further information visit henrysheldonmuseum.org/events or call 802-388-2117.

FILM SCREENING

MNFF Selects kicks off monthly movie screening with 'The Farm Boy'

The 2023-2024 MNFF Selects Monthly Movie Screening Series at Town Hall Theater in Middlebury returns with this season's theme of "Great Stories, Well Told." MNFF Selects kicks off Thursday, Oct. 12 with "The Farm Boy," Vermont director George Woodard's epic World War II-era drama. Woodard will participate in a Q&A following the film, moderated by MNFF Producer Lloyd Komesar.

The MNFF Selects Series Pass is \$90 for all 8 films and it is transferable to someone else should the passholder be unable to attend a screening. Individual advance tickets are \$14. Walk-up tickets night of show are \$16. All passes and advance tickets are available through the Town Hall Theater box office: M-F 12-5 p.m., 802-382-9222 or online at townhalltheater.org.

THURSDAY, OCT. 12
THE FARM BOY

Directed by George Woodard

The Farm Boy is a WWII-era story about a young man, Calvin Dillard, who drives a milk truck for his father. He meets a girl from a neighboring farm at a barn dance. They fall in love and eventually get married but, the day after their marriage, Calvin is sent to war in Europe. A farm boy who can fix anything in an emergency, Calvin's mechanical skills serve as his salvation during what will become known as one of the most famous of WWII battles – the Battle of the Bulge. As his unit heads north, he is hit by enemy fire and left for dead. "The Farm Boy" is a story of both first love and a war driven adventure, filled with tension and action, through the Ardennes Forest in Belgium, 1944.

- THURSDAY, OCT. 12, AT 7 P.M.
THE FARM BOY
- THURSDAY, NOV. 16, AT 7 P.M.
THE LEAGUE
- THURSDAY, DEC. 21, AT 7 P.M.
IMMEDIATE FAMILY
- SUNDAY, JAN. 7, AT 2 P.M.
A COMPASSIONATE SPY
- THURSDAY, FEB. 15, AT 7 P.M.
THE STONES AND BRIAN JONES
- THURSDAY, MARCH 14, AT 7 P.M.
THE CONSPIRACY
- THURSDAY, APRIL 18, AT 7 P.M.
BEYOND UTOPIA
- THURSDAY, MAY 9, AT 7 P.M.
TO BE ANNOUNCED SOON

Filmed in black and white, using wide angle lenses and conventional camera techniques of that time period, "The Farm Boy" was shot mostly on director George Woodard's farm in Waterbury Center.

There will be a 10 minute intermission at the 90 minute mark.

Q&A with George Woodard to follow the screening, moderated by MNFF Producer Lloyd Komesar.

UPCOMING MUSIC

Town Hall Theater & Jazz Middlebury present a new three-part jazz series beginning Oct. 13

In March, music fans of all ages flocked to see the Jazz at Lincoln Center touring band at Middlebury's Town Hall Theater (THT). Now, the new House of Jazz Series brings a trio of world-class jazz acts to THT this fall, winter and spring — thanks to a new partnership between Jazz Middlebury and Town Hall Theater.

"We are honored to partner with THT for this tasty series. As the drummer Art Blakey once said: 'Jazz washes away the dust of everyday life,'" said Gary Sarachan, founder of Jazz Middlebury.

THT executive director Lisa Mitchell added: "When we saw young music students jumping up and down ecstatically at the Jazz at Lincoln Center 'Songs We Love' show at

THT, we knew we needed to make world-class jazz a more prominent offering. Jazz Middlebury is the perfect partner to carry this vision forward."

On Friday, Oct. 13, at 7:30 p.m., the series kicks off with Samirah Evans and Her Handsome Devils. Evans is a celebrated performer and recording artist known for her dynamic and soulful approach to music, especially in the jazz and blues genres. She enjoyed a 15-year run as a featured vocalist at the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival, and has played with jazz legends including James Brown, B.B. King, Dr. John, Aaron and Charles Neville, Terence Blanchard, and many more. Evans is an Artist Associate in Jazz Voice at Williams College. She and her husband relocated to Vermont following Hurricane Katrina. Evan's



Handsome Devils include Conor Meehan, Matt Dwonszyk, Michael Zsoldos and Miro Sprague.

Tickets \$27/advance. \$32 at the door.

The House of Jazz winter offering features Miles Donahue and friends on Saturday, Feb. 3, at 7:30 p.m. Donahue, a Middlebury College music professor, is fluent in both saxophone and trumpet, and is a celebrated composer and recording artist. He has been hailed as a jazz treasure and one of the best kept secrets of the genre. More details to come on this hot musical night in February.

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EXHIBITS

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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.

An opening reception will be held on Oct. 6, from 3-7 p.m. On view Oct. 3-27.

ROKEBY MUSEUM

4334 Route 7, Ferrisburgh

For more info visit Rokeby.org or call

802-877-3406

"Finding Hope Within: Healing & Transformation through the Making of Art within the Carceral System." On display is artwork created by artists from within a Carceral facility or through collaboration between an artist on the "inside" and an allied artist on the outside who may have access to a wider range of mediums and tools. Each piece speaks to the ideas of healing, forgiveness and growth. On view with regular admission to Rokeby Museum through Oct. 14.

"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 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.

"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.

SPARROW ART SUPPLY

52 Main Street, Middlebury

Visit sparrowartsupply.com or call 802-989-7225 for more info.

"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.

Bread Leaf View



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Join us for a
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OPEN HOUSE WEEKEND

October 7 & 8, 2023

10am - 4pm

-  Chuck Herrmann and friends exhibit is "Then and Now"
-  Maple History/Sculpture/Carving/Folk Art with William Rich Holway
-  Take a stroll through the self-guided Sugarwoods Trails and view the fall colors
-  Greg Pask from Middlebury College will showcase his farm research on the winter firefly
-  Enjoy our famous ice cream social - pure maple ice cream, whipped cream, and maple sprinkles
-  Coffee, milk, cider, and fresh maple cream donuts
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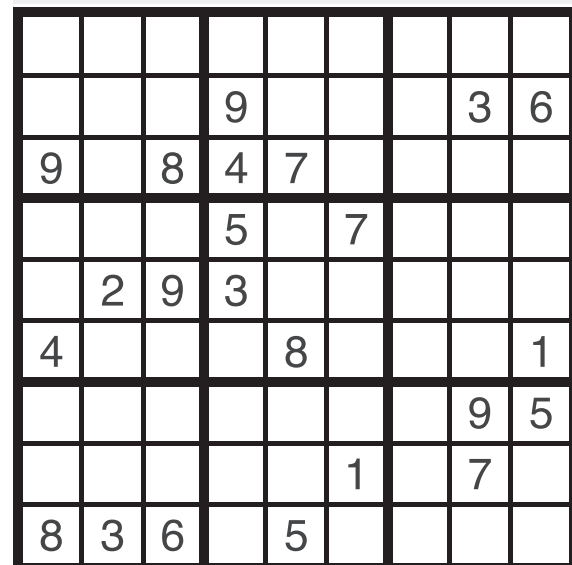
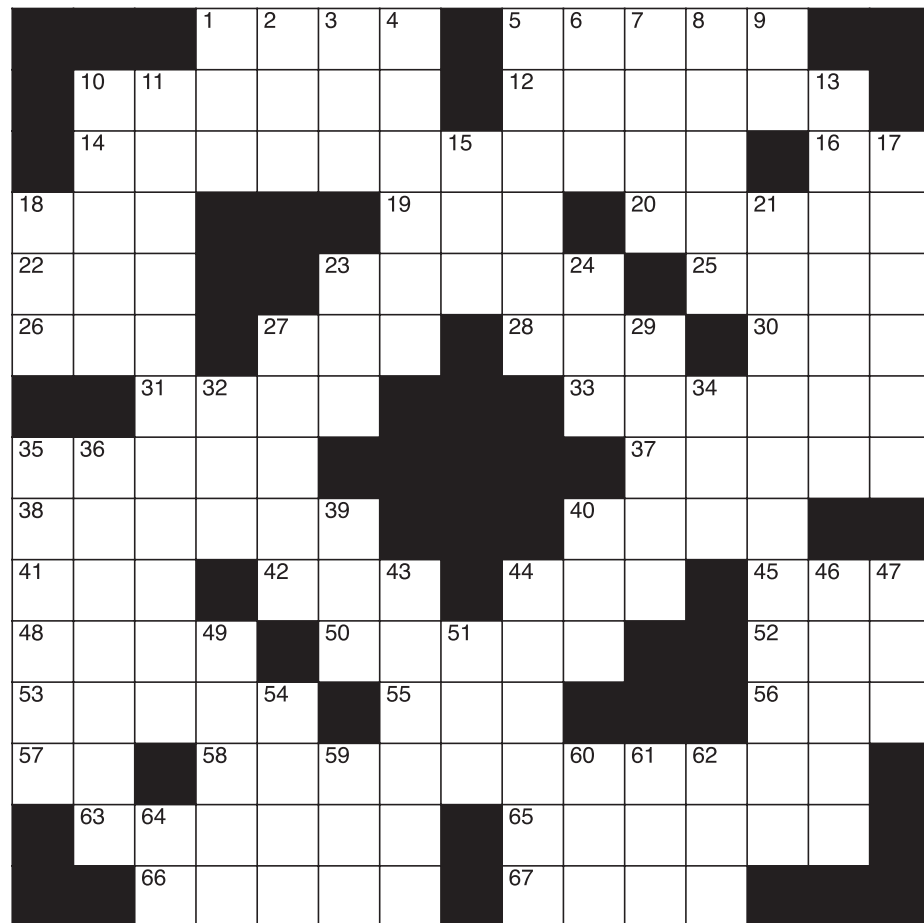
- 1. Flat tableland with steep edges
- 5. Byproduct of fire
- 10. Talked
- 12. Unique skill
- 14. Unembarrassed
- 16. Where teenagers go
- 18. Boxing's GOAT
- 19. Used to anoint
- 20. Reproductive structure found in rust fungi
- 22. Auburn great Newton
- 23. Some are for Christmas
- 25. Dried, split pulses
- 26. Self
- 27. Where to get your mail

- 28. High schoolers' test
- 30. Flightless bird
- 31. Expectorated
- 33. Practice of misrepresenting the truth
- 35. Type of patch
- 37. French river
- 38. Told on
- 40. Hillside
- 41. Peyton's little brother
- 42. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 44. Progressive country musician
- 45. Witness
- 48. Brews
- 50. Yellowish-brown
- 52. Arctic explorers (abbr.)

- 53. Mexican agave
- 55. Type of "cast"
- 56. Popular breakfast food
- 57. Atomic #52
- 58. Position north or south of the equator
- 63. Gadget
- 65. Another recording
- 66. Irregular bulges in cell membranes
- 67. Dark brown

DOWN

- 1. Licensed for Wall Street
- 2. Partner to flow
- 3. A very large body of water
- 4. Accumulate on the surface of



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

- 5. Central cores of stems
- 6. Angry
- 7. Spanish stew: ___ podrida
- 8. Fastened with a pin
- 9. On your way: ___ route
- 10. Soviet labor camp system
- 11. Enmities
- 13. B complex vitamin
- 15. Go quickly
- 17. Toast
- 18. A team's best pitcher
- 21. Philly culinary specialty
- 23. Small child
- 24. Unhappy
- 27. Trims away
- 29. Full of tears
- 32. Touch softly
- 34. Former OSS
- 35. A person's chest
- 36. Came from behind
- 39. Fall back
- 40. Nellie ___, journalist
- 43. A part of a river where the current is very fast
- 44. Weather
- 46. Sports broadcaster lan
- 47. Electroencephalograph
- 49. Phenyl salicylate
- 51. Web of Things
- 54. Ship goods as cargo
- 59. The bill in a restaurant
- 60. Young female
- 61. OJ trial judge
- 62. One's grandmother
- 64. West Siberian river

This week's puzzle solutions can be found on Page 13.

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Ida Parini, age 5, Weybridge



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Cheeze-It

Cheez-It came in with her kittens, who have all been weaned. She is an estimated 2.5 years old and is very affectionate. She likes other cats.



Popsicle

Popsicle is a goofy and affectionate young guy who we estimate to be 1.5 years old. He is very sweet and playful. Popsicle has been an indoor/outdoor cat and might like to continue being able to have outdoor adventures. He gets along with cats, but we are unsure about dogs.



Santa (3.5 years old) and **Claus** (1-year-old) are a bonded pair of affectionate neutered males. They came to the shelter as surrenders and should be adopted together.



Snoopy

Snoopy is a gentle, sweet 10-month-old who was found as a stray. He is very affectionate. Snoopy gets along well with other cats, and we are unsure about dogs.



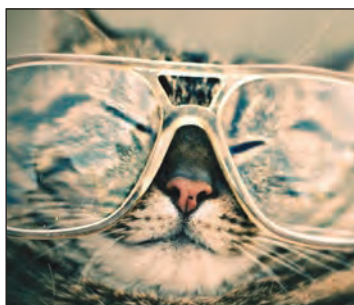
Mowgli

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Kid-centric opera comes to Brandon

BARN OPERA (which recently expanded its reach to more Vermonters by launching Opera Vermont) welcomes young children and families to experience their first brush with opera at Rossini's "La Cenerentola — Cinderella" on Oct. 13 and 14 at BARN OPERA House in Brandon.

To facilitate the full accessibility of the opera, and to combat any preconceived notions of what opera is, BARN OPERA, and Artistic Director, Joshua Collier, has devised a clever way to offer the same experience to viewers of opera from four years old to 100 years old, by collaborating with the fictional "Lyric Opera of Whoville." In this production, with the effervescent music of Rossini, the opera will be billed as being in the "Who" language - meaning that for the kids that cannot read the supertitles, they will be involved regardless, in the performance. Collier says "if the four year olds cannot read the supertitles, then no one can," and has developed a performative production without the requirement of said titles.

The story of Cinderella will largely be the same as other iterations of the fairy tale, with the exception that the role of the Fairy Godmother will be portrayed by a baritone, as Rossini excluded the magic from the show by exchanging it for Alidoro, a philosopher.

There are many tricks up Collier's sleeves with this production, and with bright lights and bright colors, gorgeous music, hysterical singing actors, this will be the perfect and definitive answer to the age-old question about which would be a great first opera.

The star-studded cast for this production of Cinderella (or in Italian, as will be sung — hush, don't tell the kids!) will be led by mezzo-soprano JoAnna Pope as Cinderella. Her Prince Charming, or Don Ramiro as listed in the opera, will be performed by tenor Christopher Plaas.

Father of Cinderella (Don Magnifico) is baritone, and Associate Director Nicholas Tocci. He will be flanked, however, by two newcomers in Erin Sura and Laura McHugh as Cinderella's stepsisters — Tisbe and Clorinda, respectively.

As the valet to Prince Charming, the hysterical baritone Darrell J. Jordan; and the role of the Fairy Godparent turned Philosopher Alidoro, will be played by British baritone Mica Liberta-Smith.

The ensemble will be led by BARN OPERA's Music Director and Artistic Advisor of MidAmerica Productions, Cailin Marcel Manson, and pianist Liya Nigmati will accompany all rehearsals and play BARN's Steinway concert grand piano in the production conceived and directed by Artistic Director, Joshua Collier.

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OPERA

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Unlike most BARN performances, this performance has different logistics for each performance. For both

performances, audience members of every age are encouraged to wear their best "Seussian" or outlandish attire. It is possible that the kids that will be sitting on the floor will have an opportunity to come onstage at the end, and take photos with the cast.

On Friday, Oct. 13, the doors will open at 6:30 p.m., and the event will begin at 7:30 p.m. On Saturday, Oct. 14, the doors will open at 5 p.m., and the event will begin at 6 p.m. Tickets and more info are available at barnopera.com/tickets.

JAZZ

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In spring 2024, Mathis Picard will once again grace THT's stage on Friday, May 10. His electrifying performance with the Jazz at Lincoln

Center touring band at THT in March 2023 had music fans on their feet. Picard is a French-Malagasy pianist, composer, producer, and bandleader who will be making a solo appearance in Middlebury as part of his world tour. Rooted in the tradition of live acoustic performance, while incorporating the latest technology, Mathis creates his own musical style influenced by his multi-national background. Mathis has been playing the piano since age 3 and has shared the stage with artists such as Wynton Marsalis, Ron Carter, Lillias White, DJ Kindness, Veronica Swift and more.

Tickets for Samirah Evans and Her Handsome Devils are on sale now and can be purchased at townhalltheater.org or by calling 802-382-9222. THT's Cady Fund offers ticket subsidies to ensure cost is not a barrier to access.



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On Friday, October 13 at 7:30pm, the series kicks off with

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Evans is a celebrated performer and recording artist known for her dynamic and soulful approach to music, especially in the jazz and blues genres. She enjoyed a 15-year run as a featured vocalist at the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival, and has played with jazz legends including James Brown, B.B. King, Dr. John, Aaron and Charles Neville, Terence Blanchard, and many more. Evans is an Artist Associate in Jazz Voice at Williams College. She and her husband relocated to Vermont following Hurricane Katrina. Evan's Handsome Devils include Conor Meehan, Matt Dwonszyk, Michael Zsoldos and Miro Sprague.



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