



## 'Rewilding'

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Middlebury has a wide variety of offerings for families and adults this winter. See the pullout inside.



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## Prominent leaders changing at Porter

### Ortmyer settles in as interim chief

By JOHN FLOWERS

MIDDLEBURY — Bob Ortmyer was content.

He was in his 30th year as an administrator with the WellSpan Health System in York, Pa., a network of eight hospitals serving folks in South-Central Pennsylvania and parts of northern Maryland.

York was where he'd spent his entire adult life and where he and his wife, Toby, had made a home with their three boys.

But the allure of Addison County inspired the couple to make this area more than a vacation spot.

And they have — in a big way. Bob Ortmyer in September (See Porter, Page 9A)



DR. ANNA BENVENUTO

## Dr. Benvenuto caps eventful 11-year run

By JOHN FLOWERS

MIDDLEBURY — When Dr. Anna Benvenuto leaves Porter Hospital's employ later this month, her 11-year tenure will represent only a fraction of the institution's 98-year history as Addison County's healthcare hub.

But those 11 years, during which Benvenuto held several leadership roles, saw some of the (See Benvenuto, Page 15A)



## Long haul

A PORTION OF the throng of nearly 400 runners taking part in this past Sunday's Middlebury Maple Run trot down South Street in the first mile of the annual race, which includes a half-marathon (13.1 miles), a two-person relay and a 3-mile fun run. See more photos on Page 13A.

Independent photo/Steve James

## County arts offerings gathered in one place

### THT launches new free website

By JOHN FLOWERS

MIDDLEBURY — Town Hall Theater has taken another step in its emergence as a regional arts organization, with the launch this week of a new website that'll serve as a comprehensive digital arts calendar for all of Addison County.

It's called AddisonArts.org, a free platform that THT officials believe can serve as a one-stop-online-shop for discovering arts and culture events throughout the region.

"What we want is for people to bookmark this site and have it... as a place to go to quickly see what's going on, and easily filter for things like (venue) accessibility, by price, by time and genre," said Zach Shivers, THT's box office & digital manager.

Shivers and THT Executive Director Lisa Mitchell took time on Monday to explain the genesis

and goals for AddisonArts.org, which already features a panoply of listings spiced with vibrant video and photos. The website divides

events into seven categories, including stage, music, film, visual art, learning, community and kids & family. Visitors can also search for events by Addison County town and venue. As an added

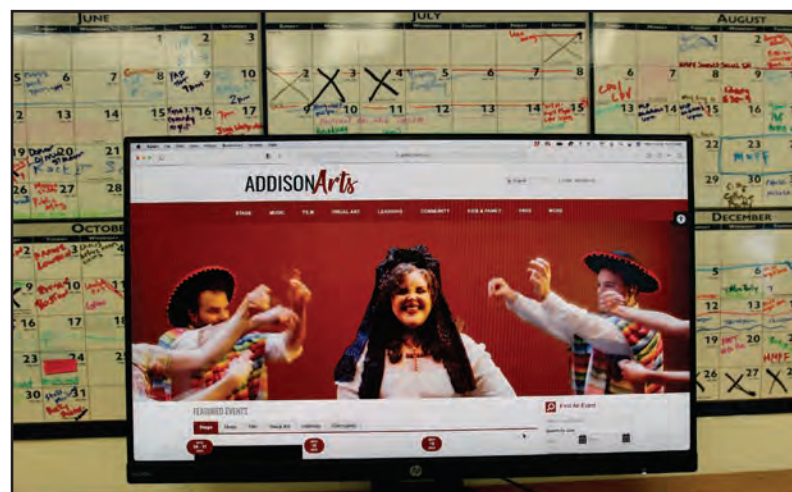
convenience, there's also a "buy tickets" option for THT events listings.

The new website has been a couple years in the making. Shivers was part of the influx of urban dwellers who sought the comforting green hills of Vermont during the early stages of the COVID-19 pandemic in March of 2020. He'd been living in New York City, running a data department for a kitchen appliance company on Wall Street. Shivers had family in Vermont, which allowed him to telecommute to his NYC job.

"As I walked through Middlebury and fell in love with the town, nature and the stillness, I started to rethink whether I wanted to return to New York," he recalled.

He concluded that marketing kitchen appliances didn't dovetail with his ethos of "value-based, purpose-driven work."

Shivers thought he'd take a THT box office job while working out (See Arts, Page 15A)



MIDDLEBURY'S TOWN HALL Theater has launched a new website called AddisonArts.org, which replaces boxy calendars to serve as a free online venue for Addison County artists and arts organizations to promote upcoming shows, screenings, exhibits and classes. Independent photo/Steve James

## College seeks \$600M to enhance experience

### Intends to bolster aid & academics

By MARIN HOWELL

MIDDLEBURY — Middlebury College has launched the public phase of the largest fundraising campaign in the institution's 223-year history. The "For Every Future" campaign aims to raise \$600 million to support a variety of initiatives intended to enrich students' experiences at the institution and help prepare them for the world that awaits them upon graduation.

What would all this money buy? More than a third of the funds would increase financial aid that could diversify the student body. The campaign also is targeting an expansion of key academics particularly

interdisciplinary programs, and funding of internships and experiential learning (including athletics).

About 20% of the funds are aimed at building projects, including at the Snowbowl.

"This is an amazing, world-class institution and so for us to be involved with an initiative that will give it the fiscal fortitude to continue onward and upward, to expand its reach and to continue to be a place that generates value and import in American education and the teaching and learning of liberal arts is what this is really about," Dan Courcy, vice president for advancement at the college, said (See College, Page 11A)



## Classic cold

DURING MIDDLEBURY UNION High School's Tuesday evening dress rehearsal of the thespians' production of "Frozen: The Musical," Ella Kozak, playing Anna, sings before a crowd in the palace of Arendelle. Anna, her sister Elsa, and the whole Disney crowd will put on a terrific show at the MUHS auditorium this Thursday and Friday evenings and Saturday afternoon. See more photos on Page 10A. Photo by Jason Duquette-Hoffman

## Monkton history comes alive thanks to three active residents

By MARIN HOWELL

MONKTON — Around two years ago, Monkton residents Candace Polzella, Lauren Parren and Cindy Walcott embarked on a quest to learn more about the history of the town they call home.

Their exploration of Monkton's past has included hours spent scouring old newspapers, visiting local libraries and interviewing longtime town residents. The trio has compiled some of their findings into informational projects that include a walking tour of the Monkton Ridge and a book on the history of East Monkton.

Through these projects and future endeavors, the team is hoping to share stories of Monkton's past with community members and invite residents to learn more about their local history.

"Each one of the people who's lived here has contributed in one way or another, positively or negatively, to what makes Monkton the way it is today," Parren said.

(See Monkton, Page 12A)



## By the way

While her appearance on TV's "Wheel of Fortune" game show occurred last August, Bristol's Hannah Zeno had quite the rooting section for the long-awaited broadcast of her episode this past Thursday, Nov. 2. Zeno hosted a viewing party that drew more than 60 people, and many more in Addison County and beyond watched from the comfort of their own living rooms. Zeno wasn't able to disclose how she (See By the way, Page 12A)

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# Covered bridge gets full federal funding

By JOHN FLOWERS

SALISBURY/CORNWALL — Officials in both Salisbury and Cornwall have just sent the Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTrans) a unified message on a permanent replacement for the historic Station Covered Bridge that once connected their two towns across the Otter Creek via Creek Road (in Salisbury) and Swamp Road (in Cornwall):

The message: Build a new covered bridge, as opposed to a standard steel and concrete span.

It's a solution eligible for full federal funding and one that town officials believe would pay homage to the 1865 covered bridge that was consumed by a suspicious fire on Sept. 10, 2016.

They also believe a return to a replica one-lane bridge would perpetuate the message that heavy vehicles aren't welcome on what are fragile access roads — especially on the swampy Cornwall side.

"We are leery of a two-lane bridge because of the problem that Cornwall, in particular, has with the access road," said Cornwall Selectman John Roberts. "We think the road on our side would collapse pretty quickly if we had regular truck traffic on it."

A temporary bridge was installed at the site following the fire, and

it's accommodating around 540 vehicles per day. At the same time, VTrans's structures division has been working with Salisbury and Cornwall stakeholders on a permanent successor to a Station Covered Bridge that not only accommodated vehicles, but also served as a home for bats.

The *Independent* last year reported VTrans had presented the towns with three bridge replacement options: A steel-beam, concrete-deck version; a truss-style option; or another covered bridge.

*"In this case, we can design and construct the covered bridge to the approximate dimensions of the original covered bridge."*

— VTrans Project Manager James B. McCarthy

All three options called for a span length of 150 feet.

Cornwall and Salisbury leaders surveyed their citizens and the replica covered bridge proved the top choice among

folks in both towns. "I think a lot of folks in town who will appreciate that what was destroyed will be replaced," Salisbury selectboard Vice Chair Paul Vaczy said.

Still, VTrans officials returned to the towns this past summer with two final project choices:

- A new steel-girder, two-lane bridge. The estimated \$3.1 million in construction costs would include concrete deck, steel girders, bridge railing, new abutments and roadway approach work. That price tag wouldn't include the option of a "covered-bridge top,"

or any fire-retardant, insecticide, utility line extension and fire detection features, according to the VTrans draft proposal.

It's a bridge that could be posted for up to 80,000 pounds. The existing support pier in the creek would have to be removed.

"The width of this new bridge will require new abutments, as the existing abutments are too narrow and most probably are not structurally capable of supporting the loads of this new bridge (type)," VTrans Structures Project Manager James B. McCarthy stated in a Sept. 26 letter to officials in both towns.

A new, one-lane covered bridge built on the existing abutments and pier. A weight limit for the span has yet to be calculated, though the former covered bridge had a load rating of 18 tons (36,000 pounds) for a two-axle truck. Roadway approach work would be minimal, as this design would match the existing width, horizontal and vertical alignment, according to VTrans officials.

The estimated construction cost of \$3.9 million would include fire-retardant, insecticide, utility line extension, fire detection system and sprinkler system (water or chemical).

While it has the bigger price tag (\$3.9 million versus \$3.1 million), the new covered bridge would ironically be the least costly of the two bridge replacement scenarios for the two towns, based on the federal reimbursement allowance. James B. McCarthy, a VTrans structures project manager, explained Salisbury and Cornwall

had the good fortune of being picked for a limited program that'll pay 100% of construction costs.

"There were a handful of towns whose projects were selected, and this (project) is one of them," McCarthy said, adding, "it saves the state some money, too."

He noted a covered-bridge rebuild has other advantages, in this case.

"For a new covered bridge to be constructed on the existing abutments and pier, this project is considered a rehabilitation, versus ... a new bridge," McCarthy explained. "In this case, we can design and construct the covered bridge to the approximate dimensions of the original covered bridge."

Salisbury and Cornwall would only be on the hook for \$15,000 (2.5%) of the preliminary engineering costs.

Though construction costs for the steel-girder bridge option would also be completely bankrolled by the feds, the two towns would owe \$20,000 for preliminary engineering and up to \$750,000 for a covered bridge top and whatever fire-retardant, insecticide, utility line extension and fire detection features they might choose to include, according to the VTrans draft proposal.

Cornwall and Salisbury had been banking on a larger local outlay for the bridge replacement. The communities each received an insurance settlement after the original covered bridge burned, and in Cornwall's case, it was well into the six figures. Now it appears the towns will have the luxury of investing those funds in other public works and/or capital projects.

For example, Roberts said he'd like to see the town fix the approach road to the bridge.

"There's a kink in the road," he said. "It would be nice to straighten that out so people could see better. On the Salisbury side, it's a straight run."

"If we're going to build a new bridge, why not solve a few other problems," he added.

So when will the new replica bridge go up? It's tentatively slated for VTrans's FY'25 construction season — a year and a half from now. McCarthy said plans call for the road to be closed (with detours) during construction, and he believes the agency will be able to keep open the fishing access near the bridge.

The coming months will see VTrans do more design work and apply for the requisite permits, while town officials will brainstorm ways to keep heavy vehicles from trying to use the new covered span.

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# State sets new rules for winter shelters

By LOLA DUFFORT

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VERMONT — The state of Vermont will once again pay to shelter people experiencing homelessness in motels during the bulk of the cold-weather months, regardless of that day's forecast or whether they meet certain eligibility requirements.

But this blanket offer of state-subsidized shelter won't kick in until Dec. 15. And until then, getting help will be a lot more complicated.

Someone currently seeking shelter from the state can only receive a voucher to stay at a hotel if they meet certain criteria. A person who receives federal disability benefits, for example, is typically only eligible for a voucher that lasts 28 days. But during colder weather, Vermont relaxes these requirements through its "adverse weather conditions" policy, although how it does so has varied in recent years as the state grapples with its housing crisis.

The Department for Children and Families announced its new cold weather rules on Monday, Nov. 6. And for the second year in a row, the state is adopting a hybrid approach.

From Nov. 15 until Dec. 15 — and again between March 15, 2024

and April 15, 2024 — emergency housing will be regionally authorized night-to-night based on strict, weather-dependent criteria:

- Temperatures (or wind chill) must be forecast to dip below 20 degrees Fahrenheit or,
- Temperatures must be forecast to dip below 32 degrees and there must be a greater than 50% chance of precipitation.

• Either condition must be forecast to be met for at least three hours within the hours of 6 p.m. and 6 a.m., based on the town in which DCF's local district office is located.

But from Dec. 15 through March 15, 2024, vouchers can be authorized in 30-day increments, regardless of the weather. And people seeking shelter won't be required to meet typical eligibility requirements, although they will have to contribute part of their income toward their stay.

Brenda Siegel, a housing advocate, called the policy "absolutely unacceptable" for waiting until Dec. 15 to relax eligibility and offer seasonal vouchers.

"It's horrifying that the administration thinks that it's OK for people in Vermont to be outside right now overnight," she said.

(See *Unhoused*, Page 7A)

# City seeking \$500K grant for rec pavilion roofing

By ANDY KIRKALDY

VERGENNES

— The Vergennes Parks and Recreation Committee, with the backing of the city council, is swinging for the fences in its effort to raise enough money to complete the more than \$1 million pavilion project in the recreation area off East Street known as Veterans Park.

Actually, it might be more accurate to say city officials are aiming high: Most of the roughly \$750,000 needed to complete the project will go to putting a roof over the 9,600-square-foot slab that was installed in 2022 near Vergennes Union Elementary School, along with electrical service to provide lighting once a roof is added.

Now there is a plan to obtain most of that funding. At the council's Oct. 24 meeting, councilors signed off on a grant proposal that would fund that roof: It seeks \$500,000 from the Vermont Outdoor Recreation Economic Collaborative (VOREC) program administered by the Vermont Department of Forest, Parks and Recreation.

City rec committee member

Robyn Newton told councilors at the meeting and later the *Independent* there is reason for optimism Vergennes could be awarded the grant, for which the city is technically the applicant.

Newton said the pavilion project is also being resubmitted for consideration to be included on the Addison County Regional Planning Commission's Regional Priority Project List, which not only could help with the VOREC grant, but also in efforts to bridge the remaining funding gap.

According to Oct. 24 council minutes, in response to a question, Newton "explained that while this money (the VOREC grant) will not completely finish the Pavilion, they do have avenues for other money to complete it."

One source, Newton told the *Independent*, for example, is the Northern Borders Regional Commission's Northern Catalyst Program, which she said takes into consideration the county planning commission's Regional Priority Project List.

"Projects that make it onto their list may get more favorable (See *Pavilion*, Page 3A)

# Bristol Library receives Clif Grant

BRISTOL — The Lawrence Memorial Library in Bristol was one of 12 libraries throughout the state to receive a 2023-2024 Rural Library Grant from the Children's Literacy Foundation. The grant program is intended to help small-town libraries generate excitement around reading, boost circulation and strengthen relationships with their communities.

The grant will provide \$2,500

in new children's books for the Lawrence Memorial and the Bristol Elementary School libraries, storytelling sessions, book giveaways and other programming. The Clif grant will also help support a partnership between the Lawrence Memorial Library and Bristol Elementary School, which kicked off with a storytelling event on Wednesday.

The event provided an opportunity

for the Lawrence Memorial Library to showcase the 120 new titles it received through the grant program. Bristol Elementary School Librarian Kari Jipner also displayed some of the new books the elementary school library was able to purchase with grant funding.

Additional activities supported by the grant program will continue to unfold throughout the school year.



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**Fun run**

SCORES OF STUDENTS, teachers and families belonging to the Middlebury Union Middle School community showed up on campus on Oct. 28 for an annual "Color Fun Run," which sees participants run or walk through a gauntlet of fun, messy and colorful pitfalls. The event was sponsored by Friends of MUMS and was staffed by volunteers who threw color, passed out t-shirts, led jazzercise, hosted a bake sale, created a bubble pit, handed out snacks, organized crafts and games, and much more. The school raised more than \$6,500 to help fund field trips, guest speakers, performances and extracurriculars.

Photographs by Ethan Murphy, Kylie Wolgamott and Erik Koskinen

**Pavilion**

*(Continued from Page 2A)*  
 consideration with the Northern Border Regional Commission," Newton wrote in an email.  
 Newton is also optimistic about other funding sources, and said the city rec committee has had success with its own fundraising efforts that would get a further spark with VOREC support. The committee also had \$100,000 on hand as of May.  
 "We are working with a grant writer to continue to find and apply for additional grants that arise," she wrote.  
 "We are also continuing to fundraise throughout the year with various events such as our Pavilion Concerts, our recent Halloween Dance, Super Bowl Raffles and more. We appreciate the continued support of our community and hope the VOREC grant will give us the boost to receive additional funding sources."

sources of grants, Newton wrote, have also "told us they like to be closer grants to finish projects."  
**STATUS QUO**  
 The work done in 2022 was the completion of phase one, which was supported by substantial volunteer efforts, in-kind contributions from contractors and professionals, and funding from Ferrisburgh's Hoehl Foundation as well as the city.  
 The effect of the work was a major expansion and leveling of the East Street recreation area's outdoor skating rink and basketball courts, plus the addition of electrical service.  
 The work improved and made larger a formerly tilted surface and reinforced it to accommodate a planned open-sided pavilion roof that would be 17 feet tall, high enough to allow basketball in warm months and protect skaters — and the ice they glide on — in the winter.

Backers maintain the covered structure could be a multi-season, weather-proof community hub for concerts, workshops, outdoor classes and events for the nearby school, and other community events, as well as sports.  
 Pavilion supporters told the council in May that Phase 2, actually buying and installing that pavilion roof, would be more a difficult proposition, in part because of its \$750,000 price tag, which includes a 15% contingency.  
 At that point the project had been turned down for Congressional directed spending, and for grants from the Vermont Community Foundation, and the Northern Borders Catalyst, USDA Rural Development and Vermont Community Development programs. But rec committee members told the council then some of those sources are among the possibilities in the future, and now that is the case.

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## Editorials

## Gaza invasion puts a new light on American priorities

Ten days ago, Vermont Sens. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) and Peter Welch (D-Vt.), were joined by Sens. Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.) and Jeff Merkley (D-Ore.) in sending a letter to President Biden expressing their serious concerns of Israel's invasion and potential occupation of Gaza. They asked important questions about the consequences.

The Biden administration has tried to press these questions and others on Israeli President Netanyahu, who has largely rejected America's counsel and pushed forward with an assault that has killed thousands of mostly innocent citizens of Gaza and now is talking about a longer-term occupation of the area.

Yes, Israel has the right to defend itself against the barbarous attack on Oct. 8 led by Hamas. So too, however, does the United States have a right to withhold or restrict support to an over-reaction by Israel against the Palestinian people. Many are voicing that concern. And it's not just a humanitarian concern; the political consequences are dire.

"Israel suffered a barbaric attack and is well within its rights to defend itself in keeping with international law, including the protection of civilians," the senators wrote. "We note recent reports that senior U.S. officials — including Secretary of Defense Austin — have conveyed to the Israeli government their serious concerns about the risks associated with this (a full-scale assault and occupation of Gaza). We share many of these concerns, not just relating to the timing and difficulty of such an operation and its likely humanitarian toll, but also regarding the difficult questions about the political reality it will leave in its wake."

More recently, the debate over the mounting casualties Israel's assault is inflicting is creating serious political blowback and putting the nation's foreign policy in the region, which had been on the edge of substantial breakthroughs, at risk.

To that end, and as Congress considers the administration's emergency funding request for Israel and Ukraine as well as the House's misguided counter under House Speaker Mike Johnson, the senators poised several questions that need answers before more aid to Israel is given, including:

- How long will it take to establish military control of Gaza, and what level of insurgent activity does the administration anticipate from that point?
- How will the success of the operation be measured?
- How likely is it that other regional actors — especially Iran-backed proxies — would enter the conflict, and what effect would that have on U.S. forces in the region?
- What political authority would administer Gaza after an Israeli operation?
- Will the hundreds of thousands of Palestinians who have been displaced be guaranteed safe return to their homes?
- What impact will the invasion and occupation of Gaza have on the international community's support for Israel?
- What political process will follow this conflict, and what is the desired end-state in Gaza?

The senators are also right to insist the "United States must take a leading role in charting out a future that respects the lives of Palestinians and Israelis alike." But making that point sound equitable to Palestinians and their supporters after Israel has already had its way will undercut America's authority in the region. And because continued military and financial aid is the only leverage the U.S. has over Netanyahu, the Biden administration may need to reign in Netanyahu's worst tenancies, even if that means withholding crucial aid in the short term. That's because, maintaining some credibility with Palestinians and their supporters may be the only way the U.S. has a role to preventing a larger conflict in the Middle East. That notion takes priority over any short-term support Israel needs to wage its assault and occupation of Gaza.

Angelo Lynn

## It takes a village

Quaint sayings have their place, and the headline of this piece captures what it takes to put on and pull off an event as seemingly straightforward as a half-marathon through town. The Middlebury Maple Run was this past Sunday and drew about 450 registrants and 400 race-day participants; a significant jump over the 175 or so who ran in it last year.

Good weather helped make this year's event a rousing success, but that's just skin-deep. The work behind the scenes is what really matters. Consider, at the get-go, the coordination it takes to find a suitable weekend to hold such an event without other town-college conflicts that would make it untenable. Consider the more than 30 volunteers needed the day of the event, plus a dedicated 4-person crew the week prior. Consider that two sheriff's deputies spent their morning helping monitor traffic at key road intersections of the race, as did two Middlebury police officers to get runners through the crucial intersection just south of the roundabout to Academy Road at the start of the run — requiring closing Route 125 and Route 30 and South Street for the better part of 15-20 minutes. A team from the Middlebury Regional Emergency Medical Services also spent their morning helping with traffic control and providing EMT services and a sag wagon. The town's Department of Public Works set out traffic cones and temporary barricades for crucial intersections.

As host of the race, the Addison Independent also reached out to more than a dozen area sponsors, who contributed significantly to the race's financial success, as did other local businesses by providing vital services — from food to medals, maple leaf syrup jars for prizes, a tent and 20 porta potties, and using the parking lot at Porter Medical Center and the facilities at MREMS for the start-finish area. We have a thank you ad in this issue that singles out the run's supporters in other ways but suffice it to say that it takes many hands to make an event like this succeed.

What's striking is that it's not unusual. At almost every event throughout the year what goes on behind the scenes is often overlooked, but it's what lays the foundation for success. It's also what being a community is all about and it's with that sense of community pride that we often hear the saying, "it takes a village." Our many thanks to all.

Angelo Lynn

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## The gauntlet

**AUTUMN SPRITZER BRACES** for a skirt of colored powder as she passes the town recreation center during the Middlebury Union Middle School "Color Fun Run" on Saturday, Oct. 28. As in the Indian festival of Holi, people celebrate by running and dancing amidst a spray of vibrant colors.

Photo by Erik Koskinen

## An ode to keeping old windows

While sustainability in building and construction has been around for a while now, one aspect that people are starting to take into account is the idea of embodied carbon. This is the total carbon footprint of an item, before, during, and after its construction. It includes the extraction and transportation of the materials used to make it, the carbon used in installing and maintaining it, as well as the disposal of materials during and after construction. What this basically comes down to is the fact that to make new stuff, even efficient stuff, we create a big carbon footprint. Things that already exist don't have this cost.

This is where old-time Vermonters may actually have been on the forefront of the green movement. They were good at making do with what they had.

Here's a story from my dad to illustrate. When he was growing up he spent a lot of time pulling and straightening nails so they could reuse them. When they built an addition on their house they didn't buy any new nails. I'm sure most old barns and basements in Vermont have tin cans full of old nails that someone saved to use again. However, most people building houses these days are not sifting through old tin cans of nails. It's so easy to just buy new nails. Reusing those old nails, however, means no added production and shipping costs, which also reduces their carbon impact.

Many Vermonters know the phrase, "Use it up, wear it out, make do or do without" which comes from a

World War II campaign to conserve resources and keep prices down. In our current quest for more efficient and green living, the idea of conserving existing materials as a means of conserving energy is a factor we have often overlooked. Indeed, another new trend in green thinking is that instead of focusing on new technologies and making new things, we should simply be focused on making and using less.

We can see these two contrasting ways of thinking about being green and efficient in terms of our windows. Many folks are replacing old wooden windows with new efficient ones to lower energy consumption. However, research shows that in most cases, conserving and repairing existing windows is actually more sustainable when looking at a larger picture of sustainability, including energy consumption and the embodied carbon costs.

Windows seem to be the scapegoat for air leakages in houses. However, the Department of Energy cites that only 10% of air leakages are attributed to windows: 14% are attributed to fireplaces, and 30% escapes through floors, walls, and ceilings. Despite this, old windows are often the first thing to go in our quest for more efficient houses.

Multiple studies show that a properly maintained wooden window with a storm can actually be more efficient than new replacement windows.

These old wooden windows were made with higher (See *Ways of Seeing*, Page 5A)

## Ways of Seeing

By Claire Corkins



## Logging, including on Snake Mt., boosts biodiversity

"The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department began to acquire land for Snake Mountain WMA in 1959 from the A. Johnson Lumber Company, which has reserved timber rights. Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department funding, generated from hunting license sales, was used for most purchases."

The above is from the Snake Mountain pdf, which, along with information about 103 other wildlife management areas, can be found on the Vermont Fish & Wildlife website. The quote is also incomplete. A good portion of the over 130,000 acres of land in Vermont wildlife management areas was purchased with funds generated by the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act.

The Act was passed by Congress in 1937 at the urging of America's hunters. For the past 86 years, it has imposed an 11% tax on firearms, ammunition, and archery equipment and has distributed the proceeds to state governments for wildlife projects, including land purchases. There is no comparable tax on birding gear, hiking gear, canoes, snowshoes, kayaks, or

anything else to pay for the 104 Wildlife Management Areas in Vermont. If you're not buying a hunting license or the products covered by Pittman-Robertson, you're a free rider in Vermont WMAs.

The 1,215 acres of publicly accessible land in Snake Mountain WMA would likely be in private hands if the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department hadn't had the prescience to purchase it. I suspect that the former carriage road on the west side would be gated, paved, and accessed by late model Range Rovers on their way to houses or hotels that would have been built on the overlook on the west side. There'd also be no parking area with a kiosk nor logging road on the east side of the mountain. Without that parking area, try to access Snake Mountain from Snake Mountain Road.

Purchasing Snake Mountain actually had a price. That included the A. Johnson Company having timber rights. If you'll explore other WMAs on the Fish & Wildlife site, you'll see this is a pretty common arrangement. In fact, the reason these WMAs

exist is to provide diverse wildlife habitat. That means older, taller trees have to be cut for new growth. In contrast, a mature forest with a high canopy is a pretty barren place at ground level.

The open areas left by the loggers will explode with growth over the next 10-20 years. Most people won't see much of this, because they avoid first growth areas. Until a canopy of older trees rises to shade the ground and kill the undergrowth, first growth areas with their low, brushy, pointy, thorny, viney plants that are unpleasant to walk through provide habitat to many critters you won't see in the mature forests in the Green Mountains.

Before I retired from teaching, I had to take continuing education courses to maintain my teaching license. The best course I ever took required a Sunday-Friday stay at a Vermont Fish & Wildlife camp on Buck Lake in Hardwick. Every day all of us students hiked or canoed with State of Vermont foresters, botanists, and wildlife experts. The person running the course had a mantra: cut it and they will come.

(See *Kelley letter*, Page 5A)

## Letters to the Editor

## Serious safety issue in school

As a grandmother to two girls attending Robinson Elementary School in Starksboro, I'm totally petrified for them. Robinson School has enrolled a student who is suspected of a shooting crime.

Think about this for a minute. Very sad situation for sure.

I'm just beside myself that this shooter is in my granddaughters' school. I called the principal and discussed my worries with her on Friday. I know she can't discuss students with me, but I could and I did.

Her only response to me was our school is safe. Over and over she told me this.

Well as a grandmother who has entered that school many times, never was anyone checked for any kind of a weapon.

My point here is how would they know if this student entered school with a weapon of any kind.

Please, people, beware of who and what is happening at Robinson?

I'm terrified for my two granddaughters.

This is not OK in any possible way that this child is in our school. This child needs to be removed from there immediately.

Thank you.

Pam Jennings  
Bristol

## Centenarian grateful to all

Many thanks to all who came to help me celebrate my 100th birthday. It was great seeing everyone. Many thanks for all of the flowers, cards, gifts, birthday wishes and donations to the Shrine Children's Hospital in my name.

Many thanks to the American Legion for the use of their hall and for setting up tables and chairs for us. And especially, many, many thanks to my family for all of the planning and work of creating such a special day.

Joyce Marshall  
Middlebury

*Editor's note: The Independent normally runs notes of personal thanks as paid advertisements; if we published a thank you letter every time one person was grateful to another person or group of people we would not have any room for news stories. We make an exception here because of the milestone event that is truly out of the ordinary.*

## Treat accused minor with care

An Open Letter to Addison County State's Attorney Eva Vekos:

Ms. Vekos, I want to thank you for your decision to release the 14-year-old charged with shooting another child to his family while awaiting trial. As you so eloquently stated, it does not make sense to put a youth in a situation where he would be exposed to adult criminals or effectively be held in solitary confinement.

I hope your experience as a juvenile public defender will also inform your next steps, and that your office will drop the murder charges against this child and charge him as a youthful offender in juvenile court, Family Division.

As a teacher of middle school children and a clergy member in Addison County who has worked with families in crisis, I often coach parents to understand the way the teenage brain works. Science has confirmed what we have long known: Teenagers are not capable of fully developed cause-and-effect thinking or future planning. They are biologically driven to seek risk and the approval of peers, and these needs regularly override other motives. Over the course of adolescence they become gradually able to hold onto other perspectives and control their impulses. By 18, while they still lack experience, and may not make judgments an older adult would make, they do at least have the cognitive capacities to reason. A 14-year-old simply does not.

This tragic accident has ripped (See *Diehl-Nobel letter*, Page 5A)

# Letters to the Editor

## Charging alleged shooter as adult 'unfathomable'

My heart goes out to the family and friends of Madden Gouveia. I can't imagine how painful it must be to lose a child, and to lose a child in a shooting, here in Bristol — it is all unfathomable. I join many others here in Bristol, holding Madden's family and friends in our hearts and prayers. I am concerned, too, that as a community we are about to head down a path that only compounds this tragedy. Hussein Mohamed is also 14 — a child — and I find the thought of him being tried as an adult very disturbing. From our years in middle school until reaching adulthood, human brains

have a long way to go to fully develop. (Thank goodness! And more power to anyone reading this who works with or is raising a kid in Middle School!) I am glad I live in a society that generally recognizes that kids and adults need to be treated differently in the eyes of the law. But wait — here in Addison County, we are looking to make an exception? This doesn't make sense to me. I can't help but wonder whether racism plays a part, and whether if it had been a white kid shooting a Black kid we would be so quick to charge that white kid as an adult. In the U.S., Black teens are

disproportionately tried in adult court. This is a chance to do better here at home in Addison County. Trying Hussein as an adult will not bring Madden back or make Vermont safer. I just don't see any good that can come of it. I love my Bristol and Addison County community, and I don't want to see this community treat a 14-year-old as the equivalent of a fully developed adult in court. We injure ourselves to do this. May our pursuit of justice be paired with wisdom, understanding, and healing.

**Anya Schwartz  
Bristol**

## Unconscionable acts on both sides in Middle East

How can it be that after all these centuries of "progress," we humans still try to resolve our differences by killing each other and destroying what we have labored to build? There is no sense or gain in it for anyone, only more suffering and grief. Hamas's massacre of Israeli civilians and abduction of hostages is unmitigated, depraved evil. It is rightly compared to the Holocaust. No English words are strong enough to describe or adequately condemn it. Certainly, Palestinians have legitimate grievances against Israel's government, especially the continuing occupation of the West Bank, the expansion of illegal settlements and the oppression of Palestinians by the settlers and the army. But celebrating the Hamas atrocity as "resistance"

is blasphemy — an obscene perversion of language. The same is true of Israel's continuing obliteration of Gaza, killing thousands of civilians, injuring thousands more and leaving them homeless without electricity, food, water and medicine. Calling this "defense" is likewise blasphemy, obscenity and perversion. The only reasonable response from the outside world, especially the United States, is to demand a halt to the killing, secure the release and return of all hostages and provide care for the injured and orphans. Arguing over who is more in the wrong, denouncing students, government and university officials, unions, newspapers, social media platforms and organizations of all types for being unequally — or equally — sympathetic

to the victims on both sides or insufficiently critical of one perpetrator vs. the other only adds fuel to the fire. It is especially painful to see Americans who are united on many other important issues attacking each other instead of working together for a realistic truce (if peace is too much to hope for.) One more horrific possibility we've been reading about is that American progressives are so incensed by President Biden's support of Israel that they are vowing not to vote for him — letting Donald Trump win by default, as happened in 2016. That would add one more perversion to the list, for which the world would pay far into the future.

**Judy and Michael Olinick  
Middlebury**

## Police, rescue workers treated missing man kindly

I would like to thank the Vermont State Police and rescue workers of Hancock and neighboring areas who helped look for my son when he had gotten lost while hiking on Oct. 10, and who brought him home when he was found the morning of Oct. 11. I am grateful not only for their effort and time, which included a sleepless night for many, but for their kindness. When, after hearing about the event two weeks later, I asked

my son if he had been afraid while alone in the woods that night, he said, "I was worried that everybody would be mad at me." Instead, he experienced only kindness and concern, and no anger or irritation. The only troubling element in the story my son recounted is that he said he had encountered a camper at about dusk, but when he tried to ask her where he was, she told him to go away. I cannot blame a woman who is alone in

the woods for being wary of a man who approaches; perhaps she had experienced trauma in the past, as many women have. I consider myself more than blessed to have two adult sons who, each over six feet tall, are all heart and muscle. Any fear I used to have, of big burly men, has been replaced by an assumption that men, especially young men, are kind and good. Neither of my sons has an aggressive bone in their

(See Walter letter, Page 7A)

# Ways of Seeing

(Continued from Page 4A) quality materials than can be found today. With care, they will last. They were designed to be taken apart, their parts replaced or fixed. Most new windows come as a single unit. When something fails, the whole unit must be replaced.

Properly maintained wooden windows will also avoid common complaints such as getting painted shut or not working due to broken ropes and weights. Proper weatherstripping and glazing will keep them from rattling and forming gaps.

New windows have the allure of being maintenance-free but often have a lifespan of just ten to twelve years, creating a cycle of manufacturing and disposing of more and more materials.

For the thrifty Vermonter, there are several reasons to consider maintaining old wooden windows rather than buying new ones. Replacing windows involves large investments in manufactured materials, while repairing them provides money for local tradespeople. It is also generally cheaper to repair than to replace. Studies show that recouping the cost of new windows in energy savings takes far longer than those new windows will probably last. One study showed that the energy savings between an old single pane window and a new double pane thermal replacement window averages just under \$10 a year. For a \$400 window it will take about 40 years to payback your investment, and this doesn't include the embodied energy to make these new windows.

My last reason for maintaining old windows has no scientific study to back it up, but is simply aesthetics. Old windows fit old houses. They belong there. They have character. I love the irregularities of old wavy glass. My home was built in 1896 and still has its original windows, which I will keep. We make sure they all have weatherstripping, working ropes and pulleys, and

storm windows. With proper care they should last at least another hundred years. Claire Corkins grew up and lives in Bristol and studied Human Ecology at College of the Atlantic in Maine. After college she worked abroad teaching English as a second

language. She currently works with her father in such various endeavors as painting houses, tiling bathrooms, building porches, and fixing old windows. She hikes, reads, plays ice hockey, travels, and wishes she could wear flip flops all year round.

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# Kelley letter

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As a group teachers tend to lean left politically, so the first few days of the course most of my colleagues complained about the mantra. By the end of the week, they were repeating it. They understood the price of not logging is a lack of forest diversity that leads to a lack of wildlife diversity. I always thought it ironic that such a progressive collection of people who championed diversity in their classrooms and in society had been so opposed to the same concept in our forests.

Yup, logging can be ugly in progress, but think of what machinery has done and continues to do to make farming possible in all those pastoral scenes on route 23 in Weybridge. If you've had a new house built, how'd that look

before landscaping? Remember tropical storm Irene just 12 years ago? Unless you know what you're looking for, new growth along Vermont's streams have hidden all the damage.

Before the arrival of any homo sapiens, Vermont forests were managed. Lightning caused fires which led to new growth. The modern world won't tolerate forest fires. Beavers lived in every bit of moving water. They felled trees, built dams, and moved on and repeated the process when their preferred food ran out. When the abandoned dams failed, meadows appeared, and first growth followed. We don't give beavers free reign in our landscape. Unless you want old growth forests with high canopies, very little undergrowth, and the limited

variety of critters that rely on it, we need more logging in our forests. Logging on a road that was built and deeded for logging as part of a sales agreement doesn't seem like too high a price to have accessible public land. Vermont State Foresters will make sure that when the cutting is done, the logging road up the east side of Snake Mountain will be restored according to best practices. In a few years, the changes created by the logging will provide homes for wildlife that wouldn't exist without it. Consider being a little patient and enjoying the transformation. By the time the loggers return to use their road, most of us will no longer be here.

**Mike Kelley  
Middlebury**

# Diehl-Nobel letter

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apart families and left a harm that can never be undone. Our focus now should be on helping the community heal and this child find a path toward integration and healthy social behaviors. None of this will be accomplished by being tried in adult court.

Finally, I hope that the Addison County State Attorney's Office will consider carefully before it again charges a juvenile as an adult. Doing so is a national trend and represents an after-the-fact, punitive approach to dealing with our collective failure to provide children with the safe environment they need to grow into healthy adults.

In this case, the charging of a child as an adult also caused the boy's name to be revealed to the public, opening him and his immigrant family to unnecessary scrutiny and potential harassment in a time of inflamed racial and religious rhetoric. This also negatively impacts public safety.

I hope that in Vermont we can continue to espouse the value of justice, tempered not just with mercy, but also a scientific, brain-based understanding of child development and the effects of trauma. Using what we know from

neuroscience and psychology to inform our treatment of children will surely give us the best outcomes for a safer Vermont.

**Rev. Abigail Diehl-Noble  
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# Obituaries

## Samuel R. Booska, 72, of East Middlebury

EAST MIDDLEBURY — Samuel R. Booska, age 72, passed peacefully, surrounded by children, at his home in East Middlebury.

Sam was born in Warrenton, Va., on January 3, 1951. He grew up in a military family. Following his education, he joined the United States Army and served in Vietnam. Following his Honorable Discharge, he came to Vermont and began his working career at Brandon Training School until their closing in 1993, and afterwards worked another 20 years for the Vermont Department of Labor, retiring in 2013.

He enjoyed soft ball, cribbage, horseshoes, loved watching old western movies and visits from family and friends. He was a member of Middlebury American Legion Post 27.

Surviving are his son, Christopher J. Booska (Trudy) of Brandon; one daughter,



SAMUEL R. BOOSKA

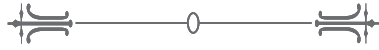
Michelle M. Whitney (Jason) of East Middlebury; three brothers, Earl Booska and Ora Booska, both of Bristol, and Carl Booska of Vergennes; and two sisters, Penny Schill of Toledo, Ohio, and Terri Booska of Burlington. Grandchildren Dakota Booska,

Cole Booska, Ryan Harvey, Corrin Laraway, Tyler Laraway, Justin Whitney and Tyler Whitney; four great-grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews and cousins also survive him. He was predeceased by his parents, sister Jane Booska and his life partner Kerry Ward.

A graveside committal service and burial, with Military Honors, will take place, on Sunday, Nov. 12, at 11 a.m., at Farmingdale Veterans Cemetery in East Middlebury. Following the ceremony the family will receive friends, for a celebration of his life at Middlebury American Legion Post 17, from noon until 3 p.m.

Memorial gifts in lieu of flowers may be made, in his memory to; Middlebury American Legion Post 27, 49 Wilson Road, Middlebury, VT 05753.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Miller & Ketcham Funeral Home in Brandon. ♦



## Lance Lattrell, 80, of Lincoln

LINCOLN — We are sad to announce the passing of Lance Lattrell of Lincoln, Vt. He died at 80 years old on Friday, Oct. 27, 2023, after a short battle with cancer. Even though cancer took him away from this world, his loving heart left a beacon of light for all in the community.

Lance joined the army and served in the Vietnam War and worked for weatherization for 15 years. He also worked for Lincoln Community School for many years and Saturdays at the Lincoln dump, where he liked chatting with everyone that came through.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing, golf, watching wrestling, and helping out others whenever

needed.

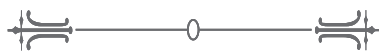
He is survived by his sister, Diane Lattrell; his niece, Melissa Plante (Leo); and cousin, Dennis Lattrell. Lance was predeceased by his mother, Evelyn Greene, and his brother, Scott Lattrell.

We would like to thank his long-time friends and neighbors and the Lincoln community for all their love, support and prayers for Lance. He was so very proud to be part of the Lincoln Community. He was born in Lincoln and he will be buried in Lincoln, as he said with a smile on his face.

Services will be held at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to Lincoln Community School in Lincoln, Vt. ♦



LANCE LATTRELL



## Helen Elizabeth Kahrs, 89, of Addison

ADDISON — Helen Kahrs of West Addison Vt., passed away on Nov. 3, 2023, after a struggle with dementia. She was 89.

Born in Albany, N.Y., into a Catholic family with six sisters, Helen moved frequently in her childhood, living primarily in Burlington, Vt., and Troy, N.Y. She attended SUNY Oneonta. Early in her career she found a teaching position in a two-room

schoolhouse. (Having slightly more experience than the other teacher, she became the principal). Helen met her husband, Edward Kahrs in Lake Placid in 1959 and they were married six months later, moving to Grand Isle in the Niagara Falls region to start a family. In 1968, finding promising teaching jobs for both Helen and Ed in Orange and Rockland County, the family moved to the Hudson Valley, residing in Highland Mills for many years.

Helen spent 14 years instructing first graders at Lee Road School in Cornwall, then left to start a new adventure: founding the Butterhill Day School. The daycare center expanded to several locations, becoming the standard bearer for childcare in the area.

Helen retired from education in 1999, relocating to West Addison,



HELEN ELIZABETH KAHRS

Vt., where she and Edward resided for over twenty years, unbothered by the harsh winters.

She is survived by her three children, Larry, Lee and John. ♦

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## Jean Reiser Arrowsmith, 97, of Lincoln

LINCOLN — Following her death on Oct. 30, 2023, Jean Reiser Arrowsmith of Lincoln, Vt., was laid to rest in a private green burial in Vermont Forest Cemetery, Roxbury, Vt. She was 97 years old, a proud achievement even for a Vermonter. A memorial of her life will be held in her hometown of Lincoln, Vt., in the springtime, when new hope awakens and the flowers begin to bloom again.

Jean was born in 1926 in Worcester, Mass., to Helen and Edmund Reiser, and grew up in Massachusetts and New York. She studied at Barnard College, University of Michigan at Ann Arbor and the University of Vermont, where she received her M.Ed. in Counseling. She worked at the Rural & Farm Family Vocational Rehab and Head Start before she found her favorite job at the Addison County Parent/Child Center. After retirement, she volunteered for 20 years at the Hassayampa River Preserve in Wickenburg, Ariz., and worked until her death as a beloved volunteer at the Lincoln Library.

In her private life Jean married



JEAN REISER ARROWSMITH

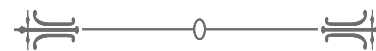
William Ayres Arrowsmith in 1945 and moved and traveled extensively in those early years. She was a lifelong, avid birder, gardener and reader.

Jean is survived by her sister, Lois Reiser Hansen; her daughters, Beth and Nancy Arrowsmith; granddaughter, Anna (Nina) Eleonore Arrowsmith; great-granddaughter, Lily Malina Arrowsmith; niece, Sharon Cressman; and numerous extended



family members. Extraordinary thanks from Jean and her family to Homesharer Arthur Brooks and to her team of caregivers and close friends: Arthur Brooks, Sas Carey, Jenne Morton, Annapurna Rosalii, and Anna Lienau.

Donations in Jean's memory may be made to these local organizations: Lincoln Library, Magicians Without Borders and the Addison County Parent/Child Center. ♦



## Audrey J. (Sargent) Provost-Hall, 90, formerly of Vergennes

BURLINGTON — On Sept. 19, 2023, at the age of 90, Audrey J. (Sargent) Provost-Hall passed away peacefully with her daughters at her side at Birchwood Terrace Healthcare in Burlington after a long battle with dementia.

She was born in Johnson, Vt., on July 22, 1933, the daughter of Frank and Marion (Hooper) Sargent. She is predeceased by her first husband, John M. Provost, in 1986; her sister Fran, brother Sam Jr., and her second husband, Dana Hall.

She was employed at Sears & Roebuck, where she met her first husband, John. For a number of years, she was an LPN at Clark's Nursing Home in Vergennes, and then later a dorm mother at Northlands Job Corp, where she met her second husband, Dana.

Audrey was a devoted, selfless, and loving mother, wife, and grandmother. She lived for many



AUDREY J. (SARGENT) PROVOST-HALL

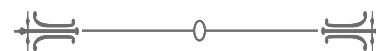
years in Winooski and Vergennes/Ferrisburgh before moving to Essex Junction. In her earlier years, she and John enjoyed spending time with their many friends, and later, traveling throughout the country with Dana. She adored her

many dogs, enjoyed bird watching, was passionate about tending to her beautiful flower gardens, and loved Sunday visits with her family.

She is survived by daughter Pam Provost (Danny Plouff), daughter Cindy Provost, and son Daniel Provost (Mary), sister Virginia O'Brien, and granddaughters Erin Wildman, Allison Provost, and Mia and Mykala O'Farrell.

The family of Audrey wishes to extend their sincerest appreciation to Birchwood Terrace Memory Care for their thoughtful and compassionate care, as well as Bayada Hospice for the companionship they provided.

A private ceremony and burial will be held for family at the Lamoille View Cemetery in Johnson. In remembrance of Audrey's life, donations may be made to the Humane Society of Chittenden County or the American Diabetes Association. ♦



## Yvon J. Pouliot, formerly of Middlebury

WILDER — Yvon J. Pouliot passed away at his home in Wilder, Vt., on Oct. 28, 2023, with his loving family by his side.

Yvon enjoyed being outdoors, whether he was gardening, fishing, or hiking, and he had a special love of the ocean. Yvon had a fondness for animals. He loved bats and could never resist trying to pick up any snake he came across. Yvon was a hockey coach for numerous youth teams, including at the high school level. He loved mentoring, guiding, and sharing his love of the sport with his players. Yvon worked for the Town of Middlebury for 20 years as a facilities supervisor and designed many of the downtown gardens.



YVON J. POULIOT

He is survived by his wife, Melanie, and his children, Matt Putnam-Pouliot (Chris), Megan Pouliot, and Dillon Pouliot, as well as his beloved grandson Rico Putnam-Pouliot. He will be missed by his dog Chloe.

Yvon was a beloved brother of

Nicole Poginy (Mike), Jocelyn Pouliot (Barb), Clement Pouliot, Suzanne Coggeshall (Bob), and Joanne Allen (Danny). He was predeceased by his parents, Albert Pouliot and Irene (Goupil) Pouliot, and his brother Laurent Pouliot.

Yvon was loved by his in-laws Pat Fallon (Laurie), Wendy Hunt (Rob), and Peter Fallon. He was predeceased by his mother-in-law Christine Fallon and sister-in-law Kim Soule (Bill).

He was loved by many nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews.

A calling hour will be at Sanderson-Ducharme Funeral Home on Saturday, Nov. 11 at 10 a.m., followed by a service at 11 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to Meals on Wheels, % Bugbee Senior Center, 262 North Main St., White River Jct., VT 05001-7027.

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## Leola Mildred Deering, 95, of Bridport

BRIDPORT — Leola Mildred Deering, a native of Chester, N.H., and a resident of Bridport, Vt., passed away on Oct. 26, 2023, at the age of 95. She was a loving wife, mother to 10 children, and a homemaker.



**LEOLA MILDRED DEERING**

Leola loved sewing, quilting, and enjoyed spending time on the lanes bowling. In her younger years she loved to travel. As her children left home she worked for several years for Home Health and then Middlebury College. She was also a member of The Order of the Eastern Star.

She is survived by eight children, Merry Ellen (Michael) Duclos, Betty Lou Gorton, Betty Lee Hutchins, Clarence (Karen) Deering, David (Debbie) Deering, Chesley (Tina) Deering, Paul (Brenda) Deering and Polly (Michael) Rheaume; 23 grandchildren, Shana (Mark) Cheeks, Melody (Mickey) Gilley, Dawna Taylor, Lena (Mark) Freeman, Quinlan (Nargus) Rakin,

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(Chelsea) Rheaume and Nicole (Brian) Heffernan; 41 great-grandchildren and 16 great-great grandchildren; and special niece and great nephew, Janice (Jim) Fusco and Connor.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Lester and Christy Hunt Mitchell; husband, Harold E. Deering; sister and brother-in-law, Mary and David Griffin; daughters Anna Taylor and Zilda Deering; and grandsons Jeffrey Taylor and Mathew Deering, and great-granddaughter Grace Riley.

Calling hours will be on Wednesday, Nov. 1, from 10 to 11 a.m., at Sanderson Funeral Home in Middlebury. Funeral service will begin at 11 a.m. in the funeral home chapel. Interment will be at Forest Hill Cemetery in Derry, N.H.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the Homeward Bound and a special thank you to the Bridport and Middlebury Emergency Response for their outstanding services. ♦

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## Unhoused

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And while a night-to-night approach may — on paper at least — get people inside during fall and spring's colder weather, Siegel argued there are numerous reasons why it was both impractical and inhumane.

People who are unsheltered can't reliably charge their phones (if they have one) to call the state for that night's voucher — and if they do, they might face long wait times, made longer by the fact that high numbers of people are trying to access a benefit they are required to renew daily. And they also can't plan ahead, Siegel noted, which makes it even more difficult to

arrange the needed transportation.

The department did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Motel-based shelter will only be available if there are vacancies in participating establishments. A capacity list published by DCF on Monday indicated that availability was limited or nonexistent in six of 12 regions across the state; this includes Middlebury, which is listed as having no emergency housing in a motel as of Wednesday, Nov. 8.

DCF regularly posts updates about motel capacity and whether the adverse weather conditions policy is in effect on its website at [dcf.vermont.gov/benefits/EA-GA](http://dcf.vermont.gov/benefits/EA-GA).

## Walter letter

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bodies, and unlike their mother, they don't even swear.

When my babies were born, a quote was circulating that "Making a decision to have a child ... is to decide forever to have your heart go walking around outside your body" (Elizabeth Stone). This remains true into their adulthood, so for all who helped to bring Tom home, and for his father's care, I will be forever grateful.

**Barbara Walter**  
"Tom's mom"  
Burlington

## Letters to the Editor

### We must learn from history and demand peace

Is it possible for the U.S.A. to regain its position on foreign wars? Our founding fathers believed that imperialism would be the downfall of our country if we ever beset such a road. It is hard to argue that any war or warring party our government has supported with American tax dollars has been a good decision when viewed from the convenient cover of hindsight. The notable exception to this is WWII, where we intervened to prevent genocide.

Vietnam, Korea, The Gulf War, Iraq, Afghanistan, and the countless government coups that our tax dollars have funded seem to have been for the purpose of expanding American power, influence, and imperialism across the globe. Though these wars were waged in the name of freedom, the consequences often are that the local populous of the war-torn regions end up impoverished and fester anti-American sentiment.

The rise of the Nazi Germany was a direct result of the Allied countries demanding too many pounds of flesh from the losers of WWI. The populous grew bitter

and impoverished and in such conditions evil flourished. We must act justly to our enemies or chance becoming the evil we attest to fight, or at the very least risk nurturing the darkest aspects of humanity.

It is the nature of power to corrupt and to entice those holding power to seek more. I have friends and neighbors who think that it is a good thing the U.S.A. is the dominant world power. There are also many who think that raising ourselves up on the backs of others is unsustainable and will only lead to discord on the world stage. I think George Washington would fall into the latter camp.

The U.S.A. has more foreign military bases than all the other countries in the world combined. Ask yourself, are those guns pointed at the locals for their own protection, or for our continued dominion?

Our hegemony benefits us undoubtedly, but is our benefit at the cost of others? Did the colonial vampirism ever stop, or is it just wearing another hat, one that has sequins and shiny words

like "freedom" and "capitalism" embroidered on it?

No current major candidate — Trump, Biden, or RFK Jr. — shares George Washington's position on foreign wars. Both RFK Jr. and Trump seem closest to such a position except when it comes to Israel, where it seems ghastly ironic that a state created in the wake of the holocaust is waging war on civilians in Gaza that many have called a genocide.

Let's learn from history. At one point we funded Al Qaeda to fight the Soviets. That came back to bite us. Israel funded Hamas, B.B Netanyahu admitted it saying the reason was to lessen Palestine's chances at statehood. The lesson we must take from all these instances is that we must stop sending weapons abroad and funding war of any kind. We must start sending bread and books instead if we want to leave our children a better world than the one we have today. We The People must demand peace on the world stage.

**Benjamin Fisher**  
Bridport

### Congress must protect public lands, water, climate

The House FY24 Interior Appropriations bill will harm our sacred Earth and our beloved communities.

Right now, as a member of Vermont Interfaith Power and Light, I urge Vermonters to contact Representative Becca Balint to urge that she go on record against this legislation. Please read the message from IPL's President below and act now.

Today, the U.S. House voted on its Interior-Environment appropriations bill. As people of faith, we believe budgets are moral documents. How we spend our money reflects our values as a nation. The U.S. House of Representatives FY24 Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies appropriations

bill includes devastating environmental cuts that attack key programs and institutions that are working to protect our public lands, water, and climate.

In response, Interfaith Power & Light released this statement from Rev. Susan Hendershot, President of Interfaith Power & Light:

"As our beloved communities continue to face growing threats from climate change through rising temperatures, wildfires, smoke hazards, and rising sea levels, these funding cuts proposed by fossil fuel-backed politicians move us further from our climate goals and will have real consequences for frontline communities and our Sacred Earth.

Our faith traditions call us to

care for our neighbors and to protect our climate for current and future generations. IPL urges Congressional leadership to reject the bill in favor of a bipartisan solution that includes the maximum amount possible for climate and environmental justice funding. We also urge Congress to oppose poison pill riders that attack bedrock environmental protections like NEPA and fast-track fossil fuel projects without a thorough review. We have a moral duty to be stewards of the Earth, which supports all life, for all people and all of Earth's creatures."

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## Man arrested twice in two days

MIDDLEBURY — Middlebury police arrested a 70-year-old man twice in two days following reported disturbances in the downtown.

First, on Oct. 30, police cited Timothy Farr — who has no listed address — for disorderly conduct, unlawful trespass, resisting arrest and two counts of violating his conditions of release, following an incident at a North Pleasant Street home. Police said they were called to the home on a report of “an intoxicated man causing a disturbance.” Middlebury authorities were assisted at the scene by officers from the Vergennes Police Department and Addison County Sheriff’s Department.

Then, on Oct. 31, police again cited Farr for unlawful trespass, resisting arrest and disorderly conduct, after responding to a trespassing complaint at the Charter House Emergency Shelter.

In other action last week, Middlebury police:

- Regularly patrolled the Bakery Lane area where a small group of houseless people have been camping under the Cross Street Bridge.
- Responded to a report of an intoxicated man in the Porter Hospital parking lot on Oct. 30.
- Checked on a report of a man lying in a parking lot off North Pleasant Street on Oct. 30. Police said the man told him he had been resting.
- On Oct. 30 checked on a report of “loud banging noises” in Buttolph Acres. Police said someone had been setting off fireworks in the area.
- Responded to a verbal dispute in

the Buttolph Acres area on Oct. 30.

- Responded with Middlebury Regional EMS (MREMS) to a medical emergency at a North Branch Road residence on Oct. 30.
- Found a Middlebury Union High School student to be in possession of candy containing THC (tetrahydrocannabinol) on Oct. 30. THC is the main psychoactive substance present in marijuana.

### Middlebury Police Log

violating her conditions of release, in the Boardman Street area on Oct. 30.

- Cited Cassandra Chasse, 32, on an arrest warrant for failure to appear in court, following an investigation in the Boardman Street area on Oct. 30.

• Joined in a birthday celebration for a 92-year-old resident of Helen Porter Nursing Home on Oct. 30.

- Responded to reported vandalism to the Otter Creek Child Center fence on Weybridge Street on Oct. 30.

• Investigated an allegation that someone had vandalized a vehicle parked in the Bakery Lane area on Oct. 31. Police said they determined the complainant had intentionally damaged her own vehicle.

- Received a complaint about an upset woman yelling on the Bakery Lane parking lot on Oct. 31.

• Searched in vain for a man who had allegedly been showing signs of emotional distress in the Court Street area on Oct. 31.

- Assisted a local resident who had become a victim of fraud on Oct. 31.

• Assisted a woman who had been experiencing a mental health crisis on Buttolph Drive on Oct. 31.

- Responded to a reported verbal altercation between people in the Elm Street area at around 12:15 a.m. on Nov. 1.

• Investigated a trespassing complaint in the North Pleasant Street area on Nov. 1.

- Assisted Charter House Emergency Shelter officials with a person trespassing on their property on Nov. 1.

• Received a report of someone taking a windshield wiper off a vehicle parked in the Bakery Lane area on Nov. 1.

- Received information on Nov. 1 about an alleged vehicle-pedestrian accident in Court Square on Nov. 1. Police reported no significant injuries to the pedestrian.
- Took into protective custody an

intoxicated man who had trespassed on Charter House Emergency Shelter property on Nov. 1. Police said they took the man to Rutland to receive detox services.

- Received a report of vandalism to a downtown business on Nov. 1.
- Checked on a box truck that had become stuck at the intersection of Routes 7 and 125 on Nov. 2.

• Investigated a report of a dog and cat that had been left in a vehicle parked at Porter Hospital during a cold Nov. 2 evening. Police said the animals weren’t in distress and were to be taken to a nearby home following hospital visiting hours.

- Investigated a truancy complaint on behalf of MUHS on Nov. 2.

• Responded to a student-behavior issue at Middlebury Union Middle School on Nov. 2.

- Helped a Jayne Court resident who was experiencing a mental health crisis on Nov. 2.

• Helped a person who was experiencing a mental health crisis in the Bakery Lane area on Nov. 2.

- Intervened at a domestic dispute at a Case Street residence on Nov. 4.

• Intervened at a public dispute at McDonald’s Restaurant off Court Street Extension on Nov. 4.

- Helped a local person who was experiencing a mental health crisis on Nov. 4.

• Patrolled the Bakery Lane area, where there’s been a small encampment of houseless individuals, during the night of Nov. 4.

- Responded to a noise complaint at 14 Cross St. at around 5 p.m. on Nov. 4. Police said they told the tenants to lower the music volume.

• Helped a woman retrieve a knife she had found on the roof of her Maple Street apartment on Nov. 4.

- Received a report about a vehicle being egged in the South Pleasant Street neighborhood on Nov. 4.

• Assisted MREMS with an intoxicated patient on Nov. 4.

- Assisted campers under the Cross Street Bridge off Bakery Lane on Nov. 4.

• Responded with MREMS to a Route 7 South address at around 12:30 a.m. on Nov. 5 for a report of an intoxicated person who was threatening self-harm. Police said the first responders were able to peacefully resolve the incident and gave the individual a ride to Porter Hospital for treatment.

- Assisted MREMS on an emergency call in the South Leno Lane area on Nov. 6.

## Hunters asked to send in deer teeth

MONTPLEIER — The Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department is asking hunters for help gathering biological data on the state’s deer population. Hunters who get a deer during the Nov. 11-26 regular deer season are asked to provide an incisor tooth from their deer. Tooth envelopes are available at all deer reporting stations.

Biologists are collecting

middle incisor teeth from all regular season bucks to evaluate regional differences in ages and antler characteristics as well as to help estimate population size, growth rate, health, and mortality rates. Each tooth will be cross-sectioned to accurately determine the deer’s age, and the results will be posted on the Fish and Wildlife website next spring.

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# Porter

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was named interim president of Porter Medical Center (PMC). He replaced Tom Thompson, who resigned this fall to help care for his ailing spouse.

The PMC job is actually just half of Ortmeyer's workload; he also serves as president of Elizabethtown (N.Y.) Community Hospital, a post he accepted on July 12, 2021. Both Porter and Elizabethtown are affiliated with the University of Vermont Health Network (UVMHN).

"It came about pretty quickly and I was honored to be asked to do it," he said of his sudden assignment at Porter. "I feel we had the Elizabethtown Hospital at a place that allowed me to do this."

The Ortmeyers developed their affinity for Addison County around 18 years ago, after vacationing at a camp in West Addison. Lake Champlain afforded them boating and other recreational experiences amid the beautiful backdrop of Vermont and upstate New York.

"We fell in love with the place; it's become near and dear to our family," he said.

In 2019, after their sons had moved on to college and their own professional pursuits, the Ortmeyers bought their own home in Addison County.

"It was our getaway; we were here a lot," Ortmeyer, 58, said.

The couple soon reasoned their getaway could become their go-to home, if they found the right jobs. And two years ago, Bob found the right opportunity — in Elizabethtown.

"One of the big attractions for me is that (Elizabethtown) was part of a network that still has the community hospitals that have a focus of providing as much care within the communities as possible so (patients) don't have to travel as much," he said.

His last WellSpan assignment was as vice president of operations at Ephrata Community Hospital, a 140-bed facility serving a population of around 140,000 in Lancaster County, Pa. By Pennsylvania and WellSpan standards, Ephrata was considered

a small, rural hospital.

Needless to say, Ortmeyer's definition of "small" and "rural" has changed since joining UVMHN. Elizabethtown, where he spends his Tuesdays and Thursdays, has 25 in-patient beds — the same number as Porter, where he spends his Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

"Now this is rural," he recalled of his reaction to his new stamping grounds.

He believes both PMC and Elizabethtown share a common geography, one that sees a cross-pollination of UVMHN employees between the Middlebury and Ticonderoga, N.Y., areas. For example, Ortmeyer noted Porter CFO Scott Comeau holds that same position with the Elizabethtown hospital.

"Being in a large network and having the IT infrastructure that connects our hospitals together allows us to do a lot of stuff, from our financial accounting to clinical practice," he said. "And we all have the same electronic medical records system."

Ortmeyer loves the scale, ambiance and reputation of Porter, and is glad to have been warmly welcomed by his new colleagues.

"It has that great smalltown feel," he said. "You have employees here who are incredibly committed to the hospital and Helen Porter (Rehabilitation & Nursing). People who've grown up in the community and worked their whole career here. It's very similar to Elizabethtown; a tight-knit community."

Ortmeyer has no idea how long he'll be helming PMC, but he knows he's enjoying the job. Tentative plans call for UVMHN to embark on a search for a permanent president early next year, he acknowledged.

That said, Ortmeyer doesn't plan to be a stay-the-course placeholder for the next person.

"I'm approaching the work like it's my permanent role; you can't do it otherwise and do it well," he said. "I would love for this role to continue, with me serving both communities."



**BOB ORTMYER IS almost two months into his leadership role at Porter Medical Center and he says he's enjoying it immensely.**

Independent photo/John Flowers

## ON THE AGENDA

He's mapped out several tasks for the coming year, including:

- Revisiting Porter's 2024 spending proposal that didn't pass muster with state healthcare budget regulators. The Green Mountain Care Board in September reduced PMC's request for higher charges from 5% to 3.1%.

"We need to make a few adjustments," he said. "We need to look at our processes and how we become more efficient and do things differently. I'm a firm believer that there's always a better way."

- Filling vacant positions at PMC, of which there were 68 as of Tuesday. Like other hospitals, PMC has had to fill some nursing position vacancies with more expensive travelling RNs, which has had big impact on the budget. Ortmeyer is pleased to see PMC intensify its recruitment process, a strategy that includes pipelines to area schools and colleges — including the Patricia Hannaford Career Center.

"Travelers are the biggest drain, from an operating expense

standpoint," he said. "We have around 75 travelers hospital-wide."

- Filling vacancies on PMC's leadership team, including the chief medical officer post recently vacated by Dr. Anna Benvenuto (see related story). Dr. Jun Chon of Elizabethtown Community Hospital has taken the role on an interim basis.

- Designing programs and amenities to improve both "patient and employee experiences," according to Ortmeyer.

"We need to make sure our employees want to come to work and that they have the tools they need and provide them with a positive experience here," he said. "They're the backbone of keeping our place running."

Ortmeyer also wants to see PMC develop greater visibility outside of its campus, in concert with other like-minded organizations and the business community.

"It's stewardship," he said. "It's also our philanthropy and volunteering efforts — what more do we need to do to get out in the community? I think there's more we can do."

He'd like to see Porter build closer relationships with the next generation of healthcare providers.

"Anything we can do with training — leveraging our academic medical center to benefit us here in the community in any way possible," Ortmeyer said. "We can give (medical) residents some rotations here so we give them exposure to rural healthcare."

Another one of his priorities: "Hitting our financial targets. Though we had a bit of a setback with the GRCB, we still need to maintain those (budget) margins we set. That helps fund needed investment within our facility and staffing so we can continue doing what we're doing."

Ortmeyer stressed that while he holds Porter's top administrative job, success depends on the sum of the organization's parts.

"We're a team," he said. "I'm guiding; I'm not the one doing it. And it feels really good as a resident of Addison County to know I'm part of providing the care here."

Reporter John Flowers is at [johnf@addisonindependent.com](mailto:johnf@addisonindependent.com).

# VIA buys Maclay Architects

MIDDLEBURY — The Middlebury architecture firm Vermont Integrated Architecture P.C., known as VIA, last week announced it would merge into its operations the Waitsfield firm Maclay Architects. The latter will become VIA/Maclay Studio as of Jan. 1.

Bill Maclay has been practicing in the Mad River Valley for more than 50 years and is recognized nationally for his work as a pioneer of sustainable architecture. He chose VIA of Middlebury for a merger because, he said, the two companies share these values and have demonstrated a similar commitment to care for the planet and our local communities through the practice of architecture and design.

While Maclay will remain partially involved in the firm as a mentor, advisor and collaborator on various projects, he also plans to update his book, "The New Net Zero," with expanded carbon assessment and community innovation chapters. In addition, he's working on another book exploring architectural design. And he's looking forward to spending more time with his family.

When Bill Maclay approached Andrea Murray and Ashar Nelson, founders of VIA, in 2019 about a possible transition, he was clear his intent was to ensure his clients and staff continue to be well-cared for and served for many years to come. VIA promises to do this.

"We intend to maintain our office in Middlebury as well as the Maclay Studio in Waitsfield," they said in a newsletter announcing the merger. "Current Maclay clients should rest assured that projects in the works will be completed by Maclay staff with oversight from Bill."

"The collective wisdom of our two firms in the realm of sustainable architecture is significant," Murray and Nelson continued. "We look forward to partnering with friends, clients, consultants, builders, communities and new collaborators to continue to make the world a better place."

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# College

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of the campaign.

The For Every Future campaign has been several years in the making and was developed based on objectives outlined in the Envisioning Middlebury Strategic Framework, the strategic plan the college adopted in 2018. "That (plan) was the result of lots of conversations about what Middlebury wants to achieve, where it's been and where it wants to go," Courcey explained. "We kind of took from that strategic plan the seeds of ideas relative to fundraising and what we could do in terms of adding to Middlebury's resources."

Philanthropy has for centuries played a vital role in supporting private colleges and universities like Middlebury, and organizing multi-million- and billion-dollar capital campaigns has become a common way for institutions to raise funds to further their missions. According to Gallup, higher education institutions collectively raised \$41 billion in 2016 alone.

While larger institutions have launched more ambitious, billion-dollar fundraising efforts, Middlebury's \$600 million target is comparable with recent campaigns organized by other small, private colleges. Maine's Bowdoin College in 2020 announced a \$500 million capital campaign, and Williams College in Massachusetts in 2019 wrapped up a seven-year campaign that raised just more than \$700 million.

A team of around 60 college officials has worked to put together Middlebury's For Every Future campaign. An eight-person Campaign Leadership Committee has been identified to oversee the fundraising effort.

The college began counting toward the campaign in July of 2021 and hopes to reach its \$600 million fundraising goal by June 2028. As of Oct. 23, the institution was a little more than halfway toward meeting that goal, with \$337,669,468 raised. Included

in that total is a \$38 million gift from a college alum that marks the second-largest gift and the largest planned gift in the institution's history.

### CAMPAIGN PRIORITIES

In particular, the campaign outlines five priorities that raised funds will help support: access, academic excellence, experience, annual giving and capital improvements.

**Access-** The campaign is seeking to raise \$215 million to increase financial support available to students. Campaign funds will be used to increase financial aid for domestic and international students at the college and bolster support for financial aid at the Bread Loaf School of English, the Language Schools and the institution's other graduate programs.

According to the campaign website, funds will also be used to provide financial support to students beyond tuition and fees so they can access essentials like laptops and winter clothes and have the support needed to pursue extracurricular experiences like internships and outdoor activities.

**Academic Excellence-** College officials are hoping to generate \$120 million to support and expand academic programming at the institution. Specific funding priorities include increasing academic programs in new and interdisciplinary areas like data analytics, environmental leadership, Black studies and conflict transformation.

"We want our students to graduate literate in those four areas, and so that's all driven and propelled by academic mission, and where we're going with this

campaign is a big part of that," Courcey said.

Raised funds would also be put toward supporting core academic areas, providing foundational support for research at the college and institute academic centers, and ensuring college faculty have access to resources and tools to enrich their teaching and research.

**Experience-** The campaign sets a goal of raising \$70.5 million to support experiential learning opportunities outside of the classroom that help prepare students to be "work ready and world ready" upon graduation. Raised funds will help expand internships and other experiential learning opportunities throughout the institution, bolster the college's varsity athletics programs and provide additional funding for student-faculty research at the college and Middlebury Institute.

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— Middlebury College Vice President Dan Courcey

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**Annual giving-** \$77.5 million of the campaign revenues will go toward bolstering the institution's Annual Fund gifts. Such gifts provide unrestricted dollars that are used to support a range of programs across the institution.

"It's a home for people who want to engage with Middlebury at all levels, and it's budget-supporting. It fills a critical need every year at the institution to do what we need to do," explained Alanna Shanley, associate vice president

for advancement and campaign engagement at the college and campaign co-executive director.

**Capital improvements-** The campaign aims to raise \$117 million for a variety of capital improvement projects unfolding on the institution's Vermont campus. Ongoing and future projects include construction of a new first-year dorm building that will replace Battell Hall and a new art museum.

Raised funds will also help support improvements to the college's athletics facilities, such as renovations to the Middlebury College Snowbowl, and to the Quantitative Learning Center in McCardell Bicentennial Hall.

### ENGAGEMENT

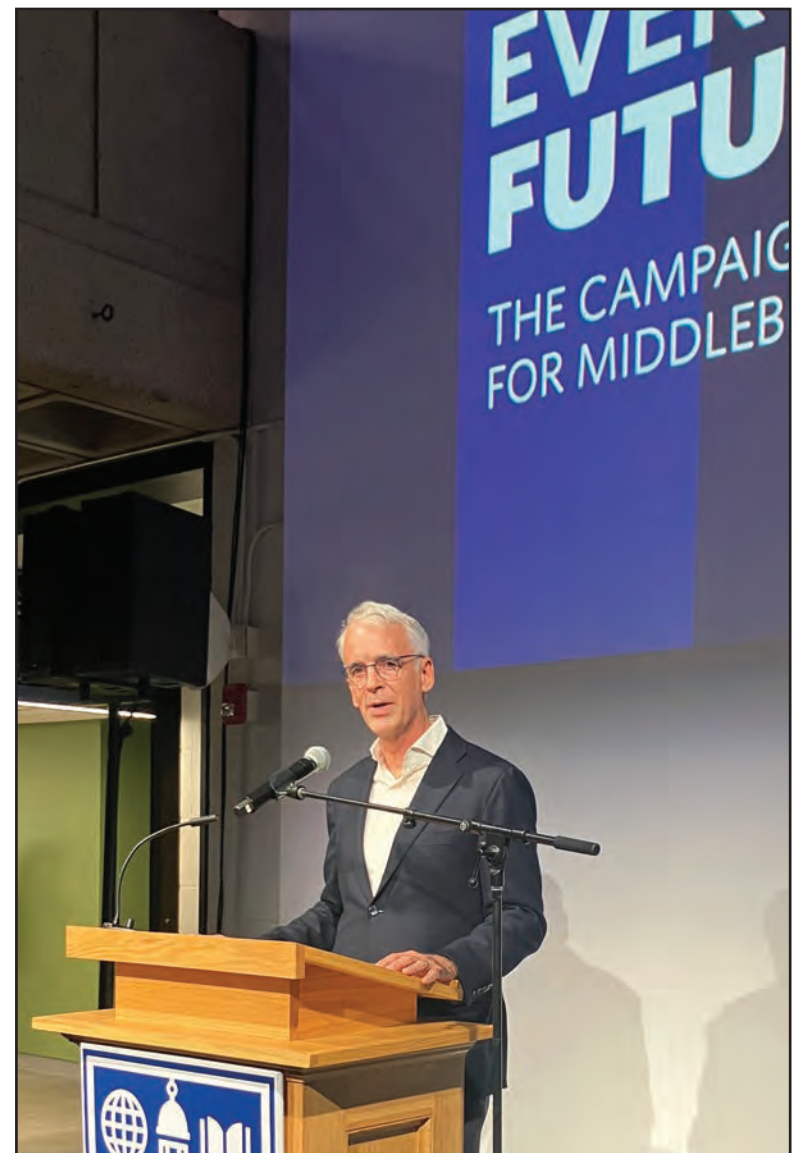
In addition to raising funds, college officials have set a goal of engaging with 85% of the institution's undergraduate alumni through the campaign. Engaging with former students can take a variety of different forms.

"Engagement is defined by someone either making a gift, coming to an event, talking to us one-on-one in a way or volunteering for us. Those are the four levers we're really driving on," explained Jami Black, associate vice president for advancement and campaign operations and campaign co-executive director.

As of Oct. 23, 64% of undergraduate alumni had connected with the college either through making gifts or other engagement opportunities, and the campaign team was looking to engage with more former students.

"For us, it's about finding a way to make Middlebury meaningful and not necessarily based on a nostalgic-based approach, but how we can create value for connecting with Middlebury in real time to their everyday lives. That's really important to us, and it's important for the school and its continued growth," Courcey said.

To celebrate the launch of the For Every Future campaign,



PARKER HARRIS, WHO graduated from Middlebury College in 1989, speaks to at an Oct. 26 kick-off event for the public phase of the college's "For Every Future" campaign, which seeks to raise \$600 million. Harris is a co-chair of the campaign.

Independent photo/John S. McCright

Middlebury College held a kick-off event on Oct. 26 at the Johnson Memorial Building on the Middlebury campus. In the coming months, the institution will host additional launch events in Burlington and major cities throughout the country.

As the public phase of the campaign unfolds, college officials noted a few aspects of the fundraising effort that they were excited about, such as supporting the priorities outlined in the campaign and engaging with alumni.

"I find these priorities to be really core to who we are and building on

them is only going to strengthen our ability to continue to do what we do well and give us some space to innovate toward future, relevant offerings for our students," Shanley said. "To me, this seems like the right campaign at the right time, so I'm thrilled about the work we're going to be able to do their and I'm thrilled about the engagement work we're going to take on. Engaging with Middlebury alumni is fun, it's rewarding and I'm excited to see what happens when we bring new people into the fold and what that can do for the institution, and ideally, what it will do for each individual who's involved as well."

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# Monkton

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The group's first project began unfolding a few years ago, shortly after Parren joined the Monkton Museum and Historical Society.

"I've been here 40 years and knew really nothing about the history of the town and just never took the time to learn about it," Parren told the *Independent*. "(Museum and Historical Society President Kristen Farrell) had a survey and asked us what we would like to see, and I said I'd like to see a driving tour of Monkton."

Parren learned that such a tour had already been put together, and began working on an updated version with Polzella, a fellow historical society member and a lifelong Monkton resident. The pair originally planned to compile a driving tour of the entire town, but ultimately decided to narrow the scope of the project.

"We realized it was way too much because we wanted it to be manageable and fun," Polzella recalled. "We started with a tour of the Monkton Ridge."

Walcott got involved in the project in February of 2022, a few months before the completed tour was presented to community members. After a year of planning and collaborating with other invested community members, the trio unveiled the finished 0.8-mile-long tour at Monkton's 34th annual strawberry festival and book in June 2022.

The self-guided walking tour begins and ends at the new library and town hall at 92 Monkton Ridge Road and brings participants to 25 historical sites throughout the ridge. Residents and interested tourists can access a digital version of the tour guide on the Monkton

Museum and Historical Society's website, monktonhistory.org.

The finished project proved to be popular among community members and was also influential in helping the town apply for a village district designation for the Monkton Ridge area, a designation the town received from the Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development this past December.

## SHARING STORIES

Upon completing the walking tour, the trio decided to continue their research and explore the history of one of Monkton's other boroughs. They chose to focus on East Monkton next, an area that Polzella had spent time studying during efforts to preserve the historic East Monkton Church.

At first, the group thought their next project would largely resemble the walking tour.

"When we started on that project, we thought we would repeat what we'd done (in the ridge), which was more of a focus on the buildings," Walcott said. "Soon, we realized that just wasn't going to work and that we really wanted to find a way to tell the story of East Monkton in a more compelling way."

"With the focus on people instead of buildings," Polzella added.

The trio set out in search of the stories of current and former East Monkton residents, browsing old newspapers and combing through annual town reports. Every Monday, the group would meet at the Monkton town offices to discuss their findings and divvy up research assignments.

Through their research, the trio found countless stories worth sharing, such as the tale of a young boy named Ralph Meader who lived in Monkton during the early 1900s.



**MONKTON RESIDENTS CINDY Walcott (left), Lauren Parren and Candace Polzella have spent the past two years diving into the history of the town they call home. Their research has resulted in several projects, including the East Monkton history book and a banner in the Monkton Town Offices inviting residents to contemplate the town's past.**

Independent photo/Marin Howell

"Little Ralph Meader ventured across the road and sunk down into the road up to his chest. He had to be pulled out and unfortunately, his boots didn't make it," Walcott said with a laugh. "We use that (story) every time we make a presentation because it makes people laugh, but it really illustrates the condition of what was totally dirt roads until we started paving in the early 1960s."

In addition to scouring written records, the trio found that talking with longtime residents helped bring their research to life.

"(One resident shared) that to stay warm in the morning at a local school you had to dance to the Victrola until the fire got going," Parren said. "She's sitting right next to us now and talking to us today, it's not like that was 200

years ago."

Residents' stories are among the many included in the East Monkton history book that the group published along with the Monkton Museum and Historical Society in August. The publication can be accessed on the historical society's website or purchased in a printed format for \$12.

## AVAILABLE RESOURCES

The trio perused a variety of resources to complete the Monkton Ridge walking tour and East Monkton history book. Those resources included the Bixby Memorial Library's archives in Vergennes, a collection of history books at Monkton's Russell Memorial Library and old newspapers.

"What's we discovered is that in the days before the *Addison*

*Independent*, there were at least six local newspapers in this area. In Bristol, in Vergennes, in Middlebury, in Orwell," Walcott said.

Walcott noted that Vermonters can view those publications and other Vermont newspapers on [www.newspapers.com](http://www.newspapers.com) for free using their my.Vermont.gov account.

"We're so fortunate that we're living in the digital age where we can access some of these resources from the comfort of our homes," Walcott said.

## FUTURE ENDEAVORS

Another one of the group's history-related undertakings has been to catalog the Museum and Historical Society's collection, which was last updated around the 1970s. Over the past year, the group has cataloged more than 500 items in the society's collection and has an estimated one-third of the collection left to work through.

"We have been working on making sure that we know what we have, the intent being that that will help us understand how we can make that collection more accessible to people," Walcott explained. "Just things that would really strike people's fancy and maybe encourage them to be more involved."

The team said community members are invited to participate in ongoing and future projects, which include a new banner in the Monkton Town Offices that asks residents to answer the questions, "What would you like to know about Monkton's past?" and "Why is it important to preserve Monkton's history?" Residents can attach written answers to the banner at the town offices or submit their responses to Parren at [laurenparren@gmail.com](mailto:laurenparren@gmail.com).

The trio has also been brainstorming future projects to pursue with the Monkton Museum & Historical Society, such as maintaining an overgrown cemetery in town and organizing an oral history day where residents can share their stories.

"There's so much to do; we'll be meeting every Monday for decades," Parren joked.

Those interested in learning more about future projects can keep an eye out for details on the historical society's website at [monktonhistory.org](http://monktonhistory.org).

# By the way

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performed at the wheel when we interviewed her for our Thursday, Nov. 2 edition. But we can now tell you that she won \$19,000, plus a trip to Aruba. Congratulations, Hannah!

The groups "Showing Up for Racial Justice" and "If Not Now" have organized a "Ceasefire Shabbat" for Friday, Nov. 10, from 4-5 p.m. at the corner of Merchants Row and Main Street in Middlebury. Participants — many of them members of the local Jewish community — will gather to call on those in power to impose an immediate ceasefire between Israeli and Hamas forces, "to oppose any policy that gives one group of people more human rights than another," and to "demand a thriving future for all Israelis and Palestinians," according to an email publicizing the event. The shabbat is in keeping with Jewish spiritual teachings calling on people to repair the world — "Tikkun Olam." The Ceasefire Shabbat will include a lighting of candles, welcome Shabbos with prayers and singing.

Another way to do something around this crisis is to join members of Middlebury's St. Stephen's Episcopal Church as they gather at 7:30 p.m. at the church during upcoming Tuesdays — Nov. 14, 21, & 28 — for a brief evening service featuring lighted candles and prayers for peace in the Middle East. All are welcome.

Please be aware of the Nov. 15 deadline to apply for assistance from the United Way of Addison County's "Addison County Responds: Flood Relief Fund." UWAC created this fund to support Addison County residents who experienced home and/or property damage from this past summer's unrelenting rainfall. A volunteer group of community members had already reviewed 77 flood relief applications by midweek. To apply go to [tinyurl.com/3ubar8f7](http://tinyurl.com/3ubar8f7).

Join U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders and Director of Vermont State Parks Nate McKeen for a stick-season hike and town meeting about the great outdoors at Button Bay State Park in Ferrisburgh this Sunday, Nov. 12, at 10:30 a.m. There will be a light breakfast and town meeting about the importance of getting outside before setting off on a family-friendly, one-mile hike along the shores of Lake Champlain. You'll need to RSVP for this event by going to [tinyurl.com/4vthsbu7](http://tinyurl.com/4vthsbu7). Bagels and coffee will be available beginning at 10 a.m. Participants are asked to arrive no later than 10:30 a.m. to allow time for parking.

The Middlebury Area Land Trust is teaming up with the folks at Otter Creek Audubon Society to prepare the 55-acre Hurd Grassland in Weybridge for migratory birds — and your help is needed. On Sunday, Nov. 12, from 1-3 p.m., representatives of the two environmental nonprofits will mobilize at the grassland to remove vegetation on the conserved property. This event will require the use of handsaws, which will be supplied by MALT. Organizers are also looking for volunteers with chainsaw experience who are able to bring their personal chainsaws to the event. Email [info@malvt.org](mailto:info@malvt.org) if interested in volunteering.

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### A fun half

AFTER A PANDEMIC dip in numbers, participation in the annual Middlebury Maple Run jumped to nearly 400 on Sunday, when mild temps and no precipitation made for perfect conditions to run a 13.1-mile half marathon. The race started at the Middlebury Regional EMS headquarters near Porter Hospital, skirted downtown, wound through Weybridge, crossed the Middlebury College campus and took a jaunt out South Street Extension before returning to the finish. Two 19-year-olds ran under 6 minutes per mile to finish in an hour and 17 minutes. Everyone seemed to have a great time. In addition to the USATF-certified half marathon, there was also a two-person relay, and a 3-mile fun run on the mix of trail, paved and dirt roads. Top finishers were awarded — of course — Vermont maple syrup.

Independent photos/Steve James



# Vekos defends charging 14-year-old

By ALAN KEAYS  
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MIDDLEBURY — The case of the 14-year-old boy accused of fatally shooting his peer in Bristol last week has raised questions around charging juveniles as adults and where they should be held.

Asked by a reporter why she decided to bring a murder case against the teen in adult court, Addison County State's Attorney Eva Vekos called it "a good question."

"A life was lost because of what happened, so we have to address that in the most serious of terms," Vekos said after a hearing in the case concluded Nov. 1 in Addison County Superior criminal court in Middlebury.

"Being charged as an adult doesn't mean he's necessarily going to be convicted as an adult, but it's a starting point," Vekos said. "This was a loaded weapon and the behavior as far as we're concerned was so, you know, reckless to an extreme where somebody's dead because of it."

Over the course of a hearing that started Oct. 31 and stretched into the following morning, Vekos initially sought to have the teen held without bail. But she ultimately dropped her request after hearing testimony from a Department of Corrections employee who said the defendant would have to be housed with adults or separated in a setting that is similar to solitary confinement.

Through his attorney, the teenager, a resident of Burlington, pleaded not guilty to charges of second-degree murder, involuntary manslaughter and aggravated assault in the fatal shooting in Bristol of another 14-year-old, Madden Gouveia of Shelburne.

VTDigger generally does not identify juvenile defendants and is not doing so in this case at this time.

Marshall Pahl, Vermont's deputy defender general, who is representing the teen, said investigation into the incident was in the early stages.

"This is a case where the allegation is one of essentially tragic carelessness," Pahl said. "Whether or not that's enough to support a second-degree murder charge, it's going to depend on a lot more facts coming out."

The defense attorney also said that it was too soon to say if he would attempt to have his client's case moved to family court, where the defendant would be treated as a juvenile and the proceedings would be closed to the public.

Vekos, the prosecutor, declined to say if she would challenge a bid to have the case moved to family court. "Not clear yet," she said when asked last week.

## WHERE TO BE HELD

A second-degree murder conviction carries the possibility of life in prison. That potential penalty made the defendant eligible to be held without bail while the case against him is pending.

Vekos said she dropped her push for the teenager to be held without bail after the court heard from Joshua Rutherford, a facilities administrator for the corrections department.

The teen was released to the custody of his parents in Burlington and must abide by a 24-hour curfew at his home except for school, medical appointments, therapy sessions and court hearings. In addition, the teen is not permitted to possess any firearms or other dangerous weapons.

"After hearing that testimony, it was evident, and should be brought out to light, that the only option is really to house a youth with adult inmates, which is never a good idea," Vekos told reporters. "From my point of view, it didn't seem to be consistent with public safety to put this youth in a situation where he would learn from adult criminals, or become mentally, physically harmed by being housed with them or also physically and mentally harmed by being in isolation."

The prosecutor also talked about the lack of options that have existed in such situations since the 2020 closing of the state's only secure detention facility for minors, the Woodside Juvenile Rehabilitation Center in Essex.

"The case has brought to light one of the serious failings that our state has made when it comes to juveniles, crime and how to deal with it," Vekos said.

The state closed the 30-bed Woodside facility after a federal judge granted an injunction calling for improvements, amid accusations of improper use of restraints and seclusion, as well as the mistreatment of youth held in the facility. At the time, a declining number of youth were being held at Woodside.

Asked why she initially pushed to hold the teen without bail when it is widely known that there are limited options for housing a youth in custody in Vermont, Vekos again called it a "good question" and a "starting point."

She had since worked to have "all the issues fleshed out," including meeting the teen's family and hearing about the options at corrections facilities.

Pahl, the Burlington 14-year-old's defense attorney, said the question of where to hold juveniles in custody facing serious offenses is one that may be addressed in the coming months. The state hopes to open four secure residential beds in Middlesex at the site of a former psychiatric facility. The facility is not expected to be ready until at least January.

"We need placements for children who find themselves in situations like this," Pahl said. "If this had happened eight or nine months from now when the Middlesex facility is up and running, I would expect we wouldn't have had this type of a hearing. But as (it) is we just simply do not have placement available for (Pahl's client)."

## JUVENILE ISSUES

The prosecutor said that the judge's ruling against her request to close the courtroom to the public limited her ability to bring in additional evidence related to juvenile matters that have to be kept confidential. "It was really unfortunate that we couldn't

bring in evidence that we wanted to yesterday, because I think that would have painted a different picture, but we were barred by confidentiality rules," she said.

In another Addison County case in September a juvenile allegedly shot and killed a 48-year-old woman in Waltham, according to police. The victim was identified by police as Michelle Kilbreth, but citing the juvenile's age, the authorities did not name him.

Police said Kilbreth had been in a fight with another woman and Kilbreth lost control of a handgun she had in her possession. A juvenile picked up the gun and fired it, striking Kilbreth several times and killing her, according to police. Her death has been ruled a homicide.

Vekos said Wednesday that the Waltham case remained under investigation and that she was meeting weekly with state police on it. The prosecutor pushed back on a suggestion that the Waltham homicide was similar to the Bristol case — but treated differently.

"A lot younger, a lot younger than 14 in the Waltham case, so age made a big difference in that case and there were just extenuating circumstances there," Vekos said. "Those two shootings, fatalities really aren't comparable in my mind."

Vekos declined to reveal the age of the juvenile in the Waltham case, saying, "We're talking about a juvenile and an open investigation."

Gov. Phil Scott deferred when asked about the prosecutor's charging decision during his weekly press conference last week.

"Obviously, this is her decision to make. The state's attorney has their prerogative," Scott said. "But I would say under the circumstances, depending on the information she has that I may not have, she's doing what she thinks is best, and I support that."

The governor's deference to the county prosecutor in this case stands in contrast to a move he made in 2019 when he objected to a decision by Chittenden County State's Attorney Sarah George to drop three high-profile murder and attempted murder cases.

Lola Duffort contributed reporting.



EVA VEKOS

## Vt. State Police Log

ADDISON COUNTY — Vermont State Police responded to multiple reports of an active fight on the side of Route 7 near the intersection with Fern Lake Road in Leicester on Sunday at around 10 minutes before 1 p.m.

Troopers said their investigation showed that Megan Amoroso, 35, of Brandon intentionally caused bodily injury to a household member. So they arrested Amoroso, took her to the New Haven barracks and cited her for domestic assault.

In the past week, troopers also dealt with a trio of motor vehicle incidents. The most serious of these took place this past Saturday, Nov. 4, when troopers responded to a two-vehicle crash on Route 7 near Dog Team Road in New Haven at a few minutes before noon.

Police report that Brittany Aunchman, 29, of Salisbury was driving a 2012 Chevy Colorado northbound on Route 7 when she failed to stop for a 2020 Ford F-150 pickup driving by Tony Neary, 83, of Middlebury; the pickup was stopped to make a left turn onto Dog Team Road. Both drivers sustained minor injuries as a result of the collision and were taken to Porter Hospital for evaluation.

The F-150 sustained rear-end

damage; the Chevy was considered a total loss.

Route 7 traffic was temporarily halted while New Haven Fire Department and Middlebury Area EMS dealt with the crash scene and driver.

Police cited Aunchman for driving under the influence.

Separately, on Oct. 31 at around 4:30 p.m., troopers saw a motor vehicle violation and stopped the car on Route 7 near Little Chicago Road in Ferrisburgh. They cited the driver, identified as 43-year-old Benjamin Smith of Bristol, for driving with a criminally suspended license. While dealing with him, state police also found an active warrant for Smith's arrest because he failed to complete work crew as required from a case dealing with home improvement fraud, police report. Police lodged Smith at the Marble Valley Regional Correctional Facility without bail.

Finally, on Nov. 2, at a few minutes before 11 p.m., troopers from the New Haven barracks were patrolling Route 7 near New Haven Junction when they saw a vehicle traveling 92 miles per hour in a 50 mph zone. Police stopped his car and issued Ryan Sears, 30, of Winoski a speeding ticket that carried a potential fine of \$627.

## Driver ticketed after a two-car accident

### Vergennes Police Log

VERGENNES — Vergennes police on Oct. 31 ticketed a New York driver for a two-car accident on North Main Street right outside the police station that resulted in one vehicle rolling over.

Police said the southbound vehicle heading to Moriah crossed over the center line, clipped the left rear of another vehicle and caused it to flip over. The driver of that vehicle was transported to the UVM Medical Center, but police said his injuries were not serious, and he ultimately declined treatment.

City police ticketed the driver of the southbound vehicle for

failing to maintain his lane and for operating at an "unreasonable and imprudent" speed.

On the day before — Monday, Oct. 30 — city police responded on behalf of Vermont State Police along with the Vergennes Area Rescue Squad to the Aubuchon Hardware parking lot across the city line in Ferrisburgh, where an elderly woman was struck by a

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# Arts

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his next career move. But that gig turned into something bigger, thanks to the serendipitous timing of a Vermont Arts Council grant for THT to create an “Addison Art Media Partnership (AAMP).”

AAMP is a multi-camera media hub within THT that allows it to livestream a variety of entertainment and cultural events that fans near and far can view in real time or on playback. The beneficiaries of AAMP include Middlebury Community Television, the THT’s 12 resident companies and members of the business community, uniting them under a digital platform that can export arts programming and education to an eager audience.

Mitchell explained AddisonArts.org is part of that AAMP vision. And THT officials saw Shivers — with his tech experience and appreciation for the performing arts — as the perfect person to help make AAMP and AddisonArts.org a reality.

“I showed up with the idea I would be selling tickets in a box office... and it wasn’t until I came to a meeting and Lisa said, ‘Wait, you know we just got this grant, and we noticed you have film experience, right?’” Shivers recalled with a smile. “It felt like it was meant to be.”

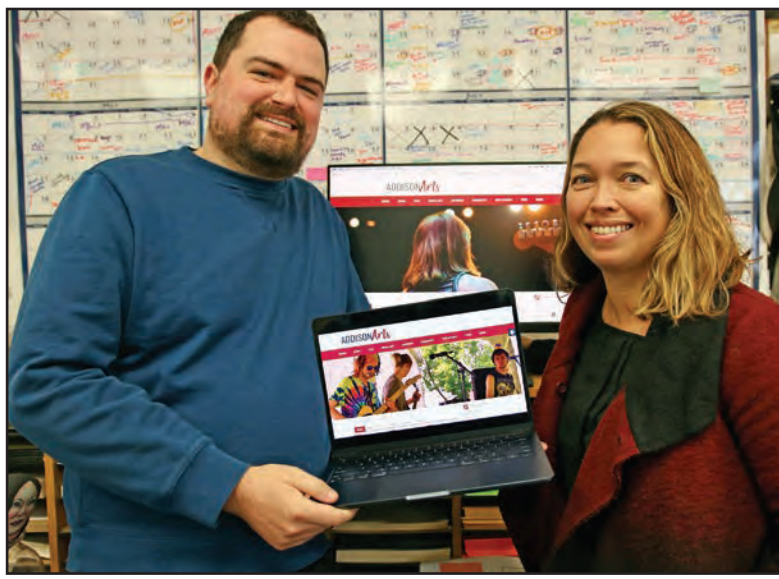
Mitchell noted the Vermont Arts Council grant of \$120,000 included funding for Shivers’s digital role with THT. Given THT’s growing embrace of technology as a means of gaining a wider audience, she expects the digital job to become permanent.

“We kind of created a position around the fact that Zach had this video background, so it’s been a huge value-add to THT,” Mitchell said.

AAMP has already been paying big dividends. Quality recordings of events (not affected by copyrights) are allowing homebound folks to enjoy THT entertainment. Recordings are also allowing actors and singers to self-critique, while receiving audition-quality footage for future gigs.

Livestreaming has also caught on, according to Mitchell. That fact became poignantly clear on March 26 of this year when THT hosted a memorial service for Melissa Bergeron of Colchester, who was killed in an act of domestic violence. Shivers said more than 1,000 people digitally attended the Bergeron memorial.

**AN ONLINE ARTS HUB**  
Spreading the word about events



**TOWN HALL THEATER’S box office & digital manager Zach Shivers and THT Executive Director Lisa Mitchell show off some of the features of their new AddisonArts.org website, which not only shows their theater’s programming, but displays stage, music, film and other events at other local venues.**

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like the Bergeron memorial are key, and THT believes AddisonArts.org will become the perfect vehicle to do so — for free and for any individual, group or organization that wants to pre-publicize an arts and/or culture event happening in Addison County. It’s to be a common megaphone for those putting on events, and a catch-all for folks looking for something to do, whether it be art openings and exhibits, live music, theater or education.

In addition, users can post and view volunteer opportunities and casting calls, according to Mitchell.

Town Hall Theater is owner and manager of the site. Those who want to post on AddisonArts.org submit their event item through the website, which also features the digital fingerprints of Middlebury College summer interns Maggie Blake, Peyton Mader, Naomi Clark and Benjamin Weiss. THT is dedicating staff hours to maintain the site and moderate content, with Box Office Associate Justin Koontz playing a big role.

In addition to providing another publicity venue for arts events, the new website is expected to help venues and performers avoid scheduling conflicts, according to Shivers.

“We want all of the artists’ work to be appreciated by all of our fellow institutions, and to do that, we want to try not to step on each other’s toes, which can be very hard to do,” he said. “We can’t easily see what other people are doing, and (AddisonArts.org) allows us... to not program something on a night when we might be competing for an audience. We want, wherever something is happening, to have everyone able to go.”

**TWO YEARS FUNDING**  
Shivers acknowledged

AddisonArts.org has a big advantage with being grant funded.

“There’s no profit motive at all here,” he said. “We don’t have to worry about ads, we don’t have to sell subscriptions, we can just focus on making it the best platform possible for our community.”

The state grant will carry the website through its first two years. Mitchell believes AddisonArts.org will be able to stand on its own after the grant is gone, because the biggest costs came up front.

“We’re invested in the future of our digital program; we think this is a really important area of opportunity, accessibility and we have plans to build it out,” she said.

Mitchell sees particular promise in using AddisonArts.org and AAMP to publicize and livestream arts education programming. THT has made major inroads in that category, with summer camps for youngsters and seminars/workshops for adults.

“We have the idea of filming a variety of education classes that could be accessed at any time, and ticketed things that could be enjoyed from the comfort of your home in the dead of winter,” Mitchell said.

In other THT-related news, Mitchell reported the nonprofit has raised almost \$6.1 million toward an \$7.5 million expansion of its historic home at 68 South Pleasant St. The centerpiece of the project is the 7,000-square-foot, three-story addition that’ll be built onto the southwest end of THT.

Folks seeking to donate to the THT addition effort should visit [tinyurl.com/ykxscwz2](http://tinyurl.com/ykxscwz2).

Mitchell said construction could begin as soon as Dec. 11, “if all goes according to plan.”

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# Benvenuto

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most profound and tumultuous operational changes — not to mention a worldwide pandemic — that the institution has ever seen.

Benvenuto, a graduate of Middlebury College (2000) and the University of Vermont College of Medicine (2008), joined the Porter medical staff in 2012 as an OB/GYN specialist, caring for patients at the Porter Women’s Health practice throughout her tenure. She became Porter’s chief of OB/GYN in 2015, overseeing the merger of midwifery and Women’s Health practices at Porter.

“When I started, we had three providers and now we have 10,” Benvenuto said with pride.

Her ascent continued in 2017, when she was named medical director of specialty services, overseeing all the procedural areas and services at Porter Hospital, including anesthesia, orthopedics, general surgery, EMT, OB/GYN and podiatry.

Then, in April of 2019, Benvenuto became Porter’s chief medical officer, followed in October of 2020 by her selection as regional physician leader within the UVM Health Network medical groups. The UVM Health Network is a six-hospital and home health & hospice system (including Porter) with more than 1,000 physicians and 2,000 nurses and other clinicians in Vermont and northern New York.

Why did Benvenuto choose to practice and live in Addison County in 2012?

Having attended Middlebury College was a big reason, she acknowledged. In addition, a close friend and fellow UVM alum, Dr. Kate Howard, had settled at Porter and recruited Benvenuto to join her. At that time, veteran OB/GYN physicians Drs. James Malcolm and Alan Ayer were looking to retire.

And of course one could do a lot worse than start a home in Addison County.

“I grew up in rural upstate New York, in dairy country,” Benvenuto said. “At that time my kids were 2 and 6, and the ability to raise them in a small town, also with colleges and culture, was attractive to me, both personally and professionally.”

She was sold after meeting what she said was a “high-quality medical staff” and being introduced to “a great primary care network” with a variety of medical services and disciplines.

Benvenuto was also struck by how hospital employees “really wanted to get to know each other and work together to serve the community.”

She said she was honored to take on extra leadership tasks, though they came at some personal sacrifice in terms of time spent with family and other priorities.

“To me, it connects back to service,” Benvenuto said. “It was the ability to ensure that people practicing medicine have what

they needed to do their jobs well that was my initial calling into physician leadership.”

Benvenuto acknowledged the many changes she’s seen during her time at Porter. One of the biggest was the institution’s affiliation with UVMHN in 2017. Prior to that, Porter was an independent community hospital.

Affiliation, according to Benvenuto, has brought financial stability and more diverse services and supports to a Porter Hospital that was financially ailing.

“Porter was in dire straits,” she recalled. “The last six years, rural hospitals across the country have been closing or reducing services. We have either maintained or increased services during that time, which wouldn’t have been possible from the position we were in.”

Porter’s affiliation advantages “have been tremendous” she added, citing, among other things, the transition to an Epic electronic medical records system, better access to medical supplies and the ability to tap medical expertise from physicians across the network.

Benvenuto also believes Porter can more effectively lobby for healthcare changes by being part of a bigger healthcare network.

“Right now, healthcare is very political,” she said. “Having people who are very laser-focused on how government and regulations are impacting the way we provide care and conduits for conversation with government agencies and legislators — those are the things people don’t see.”

## BIG TRANSITIONS

Benvenuto hailed Porter’s transition to the Epic system, which allows hospitals to seamlessly compile and share patients’ medical records.

When she arrived at Porter, Benvenuto was still using paper for transcription of surgical notes, reports and prescriptions.

“There’s a lot of comfort in that, but it was very hard when you needed to look back and find things when you needed them, or when you had transfers of care between different part of our organization,” she said. “It was really fragmented.”

“There was a lot of fear about, ‘If we put all these computers in patients’ room, is the provider only going to look at their screen and not the patient and family member?’” Benvenuto said. “That was a big transition.”

Another big transition, according to Benvenuto, is how Porter physicians have been interacting with their peers across the network, as opposed to exclusively within

the Porter silo.

“We’re transforming that work into one medical group that feels like colleagues at each of the partner hospitals, and not as individual medical groups,” she said. “We all organize into clinical departments with colleagues from six different sites across Vermont and north New York. We’ve started to see how it unlocks the ability to recruit new physicians into our area, the ability to collaborate

on how patients move through the entire health system in different ways, and how we pay attention to the quality of healthcare provided at each organization.”

Benvenuto often spent time in the healthcare pressure cooker — particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic.

It was an uncertain and frightening time, she said, because medical officials didn’t know what

was coming next.

But it was also a great time to be a medical professional, according to Benvenuto.

“There was such a sense of purpose and clarity during that time — and teamwork,” she said. “There was a lot of support for each other, and, within the health network, we had multiple phone calls daily... You never felt alone.”

While Porter got low on supplies, it never ran out during the pandemic, according to Benvenuto.

“It was really clear that we had a tremendous amount of support for having the things we needed,” she said. “While we got close, we never ran out of masks or gowns or gloves. Those foundational things were missing in places a lot bigger than ours.”

So what’s next for Benvenuto? She’s taken a job with the Ob Hospitalist Group, which provides skilled obstetrics clinicians to hospitals.

“I will be assigned to multiple hospitals to provide interim coverage,” said Benvenuto, who will continue to reside in the county and receive healthcare at Porter.

Her departure is bittersweet. “This is an organization I love and that has given a lot to me. I have built deep relationships with patients and community members and have an amazing team of people I worked with. It’s just time for the next thing. I feel really excited about learning new health systems, different ways of delivering care in different areas of the region,” she said.

Linda Schiffer, chair of the UVMHN Porter Medical Center board, said Benvenuto’s absence will be felt. “We will miss Anna’s caring manner, medical expertise, and administrative insights, and all join in wishing Dr. Benvenuto the very best on this next chapter in her career,” she said.

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# Vergennes log

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vehicle. Police said VARS took the pedestrian to the UVM with fairly serious, but non-life threatening, injuries.

Between Oct. 30 and Nov. 5, Vergennes police also:

- On Oct. 30 helped Middlebury police deal with an unruly homeless person at a shelter.

- On Oct. 31:
  - Checked a report from the Maplefields convenience store of suspicious persons and

determined they were Middlebury College students working on a survey.

- Participated in a Trunk-or-Treat event at the city fire station.

- On Nov. 1 directed traffic while the fire department extinguished a fire at a Main Street home; police reported the structure was saved.

- On Nov. 2 spoke to the owner of a trailer parked on Green Street allegedly posing a safety hazard.

- On Nov. 3 at the station on behalf of state police evaluated a

driver suspected of driving under the influence of drugs.

- On Nov. 5:

- Recommended Main Street tenants involved in a parking dispute take up the issue with their landlord.

- Spoke separately to an unhappy couple on Hillside Drive when a woman accused her estranged husband of parking too closely to her apartment; police said he stated he was visiting friends.

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# Rowers compete on the Otter Creek

VERGENNES — Local high school rowing teams closed out their Vermont fall rowing season with heart, soul, and style this past Saturday, Oct. 28, in the annual Otter Creek Challenge Race, hosted by Lake Champlain Maritime Museum.

Athletes from Mount Abraham, Vergennes and Champlain Valley union high schools; Lake Champlain Waldorf School; and South Burlington, Rice Memorial and Burlington high schools gathered at Vergennes Falls Park to race a course along Otter Creek. They launched near the falls and

rowing down the creek before turning around and sprinting back to where they started, with family and friends cheering all along the creek.

The day began with good conditions for the novice boats' short-course race; balmy temperatures and mild wind held out until the novice crews were finished racing. The novices put on a good showing, and the Waldorf School's six in Jimmy D led the pack home with a time of 23'57" on the short course. They were followed by the combination SBHS/VUHS boat, CVU, and a VUHS crew. A Mount Abe novice four competed alongside the sixes, pulling a 26'51."

The experienced crews took their turn next, with sixes from VUHS and Mount Abe and a four from SBHS representing. Experienced (and intermediate) crews raced on a slightly longer course, and the Vergennes crew took the lead and put up the best long-course time of the day with a 32'23." Mount Abe and SBHS followed in hot pursuit.

By this point in the day, the wind had picked up. While crews enjoyed a tailwind and current at their backs for the first half of the race, they had to dip into their reserves of strength to fight the



THE VERGENNES EXPERIENCED six team in "Annie O" at the base of the Falls during the Otter Creek Challenge Race on Oct. 28. Photo by Buzz Kuhns

headwind once they turned and back towards the falls. Coxswains from each team could be heard encouraging their crews to finish strong, and the intermediate crews in the final race of the day gave it their all.

These intermediate crews included two sixes from CVU and one each from Rice and BHS, as well as a four from BHS. They put

on an exciting race, with the CVU crew in Northern Sun ultimately finishing first with a 38'58." The lone intermediate four, crewed by BHS, finished with a competitive 41'47." The rain, which had held off until the end of racing, began to fall as the final boats pulled into shore.

The rowers rounded out the day with pizza provided by New

England Federal Credit Union, the awards ceremony, and the annual costume contest.

Prizes were given for best and most creative individual and group costumes. There were many good costumes, and it was a tough decision. The group awards ultimately went to a crew dressed as VUHS Coach Dennis West and a CVU crew dressed in pink Barbie

costumes. Individual awards were presented to a "pirate cow" and the Jungian archetype "the sage."

The successful race day is a testament to the Museum's Champlain Longboats sponsors, to the coaches and parents, to Museum's staff, and above all to the intrepid athletes who gave it their all.

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MT. ABE'S EXPERIENCED six in "Rising Tide" races back in the final sprint of their course during the Otter Creek Challenge Race on Oct. 28. Photo by Buzz Kuhns



THE VERGENNES NOVICE six team won best group costume dressed as their team coach Dennis West at the Otter Creek Challenge Race on Oct. 28. Photo by Buzz Kuhns

The 2023 Middlebury Maple Run ½ marathon and 3-mile fun run was a huge success, drawing more than **400 runners** and their fans to Middlebury last Sunday.

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TIGER SENIORS MILO Rees (#22) and Iver Anderson hunt a rebound as teammate Oliver Choudhury's long second half direct kick bounces off the Harwood crossbar during the D-II semifinal on Nov. 1. Independent photo/Steve James

## MUHS boys fall one goal short in semi

By ANDY KIRKALDY

MIDDLEBURY — The No. 2 seed Middlebury Union High School boys' soccer team's dream of a Division II title crashed into a nightmare on Nov. 1 vs. visiting No. 3 Harwood in a snow-tinged semifinal.

The Highlanders took advantage of small Tiger miscues in the first 5:33 to stun their hosts with three goals in that period on the way to a 4-3 victory. The 12-1-4 Highlanders advanced to a Saturday final vs. No.

9 Rice.

That opening burst — plus misfortune for MUHS that included a surprising non-call late in the first half and a second-half shot that bounced off the Harwood crossbar — proved to be enough for Harwood to hold off the determined Tigers.

The Tigers finished 12-3-2 after their second frustrating home semifinal loss to the Highlanders in two years. The program has advanced to the semifinals in each of the past five seasons without

bringing home a trophy.

MUHS Coach Chris George praised both teams afterward.

"All credit to them (Harwood). You're not going to win a game when you give up three goals in the first five minutes," George said. "We almost did. But that's because we never stopped believing in ourselves, and we never stopped believing that we could. We never stopped believing we had more goals in us. We kept going, and we never quit. And that has been a hallmark of our whole season."

The first Harwood goal came 2:55 after kickoff and was the first of three scored by Steele Nelson. Teighen Fils-Aime bolted down the right side and was unhindered in serving about 10 yards out from the Tiger goal. Nelson, cutting in unmarked, hit a one-time volley inside the near post.

Eamon Langlais made it 2-0 two minutes later by cleanly heading a Jack Greenwood corner kick from the right back inside the right post. Nelson made it 3-0 with 5:33 gone, picking up a loose ball at the top of the Tiger box after a failed clearance, bolting past two defenders and drilling a low shot home. Tiger goalie Jonathan Kafumbe had no chance at any of the goals.

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TIGER DEFENDER MILO Rees breaks up a Harwood advance during the Division II semifinal on Fucile Field on Nov. 1. Independent photo/Steve James

## Panther men to host in NCAAs

By ANDY KIRKALDY

MIDDLEBURY — Fourth-seeded Tufts upset the top-seeded host Middlebury College men's soccer team on Saturday, 2-1, in a semi-final game in the NESCAC tournament. The Jumbos dealt the 12-1-4 Panthers their first loss of the season and denied them the league's playoff championship.

But on Monday afternoon the Panthers still received an NCAA Division III tournament bid, as did the three other teams who participated in the weekend's NESCAC final four: champion

Amherst (12-2-3), which defeated Tufts (12-3-3) in Sunday's final, 1-0; and Connecticut College (11-1-5), which fell to Amherst, 2-1, in Saturday's other semifinal.

In fact, the Panthers will host a four-team regional this weekend, and would head to a four-team sectional the following weekend if they advance by winning games at home this Saturday and Sunday.

On this coming Saturday, Middlebury will face Western New England (6-6-7) at 11 a.m., with Johns Hopkins (12-4-4) and Babson (11-3-7) set to square off at 1:30

p.m. Saturday's winners will meet on Sunday at 1 p.m. for the right to advance to a four-team sectional the following weekend at a site to be announced.

Amherst, winner of the NESCAC playoff tournament as the No. 2 seed behind Middlebury; Trinity of Texas (12-2-3); and Cortland State (15-2-2) are hosting the other regionals that will feed the sectional contests on Nov. 17-19.

The winner of the sectional moves on to the tournament's final four in Salem, Va. The semifinal (See Panthers, Page 4B)



MIDDLEBURY MIDFIELDER BEN Powers launches a header toward the Tufts goal during Saturday's NESCAC semifinal. Independent photo/Steve James

## Panther field hockey wins 10th NESCAC title; set for NCAAs

By ANDY KIRKALDY

MIDDLEBURY — The players and coaches of the Middlebury College field hockey team say they just focus on the task at hand and take it practice by practice and opponent by opponent.

In the meantime the 18-0 Panthers are rewriting the record books.

On Sunday they defeated No. 4 seed Williams, 4-0, in the NESCAC tournament final. Middlebury earned its sixth-straight league title and 10th overall. Both are NESCAC records, as is the team's 43 wins in the league postseason.

Sunday's win also qualified the Panthers for the NCAA Division III tournament, where they will be seeking the program's sixth straight national title.

The Panthers, ranked No. 1 in NCAA D-III, are not hosting an NCAA tournament regional, apparently because with the Panther men's soccer team also hosting the area lacks enough accommodations.

The NCAA instead sent them to a sectional hosted by Messiah University in Mechanicsburg, Pa. With a record of 17-1, Messiah is ranked No. 5 in the most recent poll.

No. 2 Babson (20-1), No. 3

Christopher Newport (17-0) and No. 4 Johns Hopkins (18-1) will also host NCAA tournament games this weekend. The semifinal and final will be held on Nov. 17 and 19 in Newport News, Va.

The Panthers will play on Saturday, Nov. 11, at 11 a.m. against the winner of a Wednesday game between William Smith (13-7) and Susquehanna (15-5). Messiah will take to its home field at 2 p.m. on Saturday against either Cortland (17-1) or Stevens (17-2). Saturday's winners will

we're still looking at the mistakes we made in that game to then improve and get better."

DeLorenzo said the Panthers are not distracted by shiny baubles like undefeated seasons or trophies because they never discuss anything at practices or meetings except improvement, next opponents, and team bonding.

"We keep a team focused by focusing on what created those wins. We never talk about the record," DeLorenzo said.

"We didn't even talk about this being a NESCAC championship game. We talk about it being a game against Williams today, on Nov. 5. And that's how you approach it like you do the first game of the season and the 10th game of the season. And it feels the same to them, so they play without any fear."

**PANTHERS, 4-0**

In their win on Sunday the Panther outshot the 10-7 Ephs, 30-6. They also started quickly, scoring twice in the first 10 minutes after forcing Eph goalie Gates Tenerowicz (11 saves) to stop Katherine Lantzy in the opening minute.

Three minutes in Tenerowicz denied Panther midfielder Caroline Segal's first bid from

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*"We don't rest on our laurels"*

— Katie George

play on Sunday at 1 p.m. for the right to go to the final four.

Whoever they play, the Panthers are unlikely to be swayed from the day-to-day approach that Senior Tri-Captain Katie George said Coach Katharine DeLorenzo has instilled and has led to a 124-5 record over the past six seasons.

"We don't rest on our laurels," George said. "So every day we're looking to get better and at what we learn from a game. So even if we come out winning a game,



PANTHER LILLY BRANKA whips home the penalty stroke that was the Middlebury field hockey team's fourth and final goal in their NESCAC championship game victory over Williams on Sunday. Independent photo/Steve James



WILLIAMS GOALIE GATES Tenerowicz sprawls to deny Panther Katie George on this play, but George notched one of the Middlebury's field hockey team's four goals in their NESCAC final in on Sunday. Independent photo/Steve James

## MUHS football comes oh so close

Tigers lose by three in semifinal to top-seeded Hartford

HARTFORD — The Middlebury Union High School football team's dreams of a second straight trip to the Division I championship game were dashed on Friday.

The undefeated and top-seeded Hartford Union High School football team that night hung on for a 20-17 victory over visiting

No. 5 Tigers in a Division I semifinal.

It was easily the tightest game of the season for the 10-0 Hurricanes. Their next closest contest came on Oct. 6 against Middlebury, a 35-21 victory on Doc Collins Field. The Tigers finished at 6-4.

The Hurricanes will face No.

2 Burr & Burton for the title on this Saturday at Rutland High School. On this past Saturday the Bulldogs prevailed over No. 3 Champlain Valley, 34-27, in the other D-I semifinal. Hartford easily handled the Bulldogs in Hartford during the regular season.

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**PANTHER CAROLINE SEGAL** lines up the shot that turned in the Middlebury field hockey team's first goal in their 4-0 win over Williams in Sunday's NESCAC final.

Independent photo/Steve James

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 closer range as Segal cut in from the left. But Segal tucked her own rebound home to start the scoring. George made it 2-0 with 5:40 gone. Center back Charlotte Marks threaded a 30-yard pass to Sadie LeStage to the right of the goal, and LeStage quickly slid the ball to George bolting through the circle. George ripped an eight-yard one-timer home to complete the play.

A sprawling save by the Williams goalie just 20 seconds into the second frame on a close-range bid by George kept the score 2-0, and then the Ephs began to slow the Panthers down. They clogged the passing lanes, and began to gain some possession.

The Ephs had their best scoring chance with 8:45 gone in the quarter, when Jacqui Sandor blasted a shot from the right side that Panther goalie KK Newton (two saves) denied with her left pad. Eph Kiki Higgins's rebound attempt went just wide. The Ephs also earned two corners in the period.

The Panthers adjusted at halftime. DeLorenzo said she asked her backs to move the ball from side to side wider and

quicker, and that opened up passing lanes up the middle to key middies Amy Griffin and Segal.

George, whose three goals this weekend gave her 20 for the season and 67 for her career, good for third in program history, said it was an example of the Panthers learning on the fly.

"We had to come up with a new plan because they were stuffing us up the sidelines," George said. "We found more lanes in the middle and tried to move the ball faster."

It worked: The Panthers dominated the third period, earning eight penalty corners to none for Williams, and forced Tenerowicz to make eight of her saves in the second half.

Senior Audrey Lazar had the best early chances before Griffin made it 3-0 following a penalty corner. The Ephs broke up the initial play, but the Panthers sent the ball back in to Griffin inside the arc. She stickhandled closer and wristed a shot into the right side of the cage.

Middlebury middle Lilly Branka made it 4-0 by whipping a penalty stroke into the upper left corner 4:34 into the fourth quarter.

DeLorenzo was pleased with the

effort: "It was brilliant to watch, heads up, eyes wide open, used every inch of the field offensively, covered every inch of the field defensively," DeLorenzo said.

The Panthers got to Sunday's NESCAC final by defeating No. 12 Amherst, 4-1, in the tournament's semifinal on Saturday in Middlebury. George got two goals, Segal and Hanna Medwar tallied a goal apiece, and Newton saved two shots on goal.

Moving forward, it's probable that the Panthers will face tougher challenges in the NCAA tournament than they have in this past NESCAC season and tournament.

But they might also have intangibles on their side, as well. George was asked what it has been like the past few years playing in the Middlebury College field hockey program.

"It is an experience like no other, and I'm forever grateful," she said. "And I know that everyone on my team feels the same way, that gratitude, that joy. We just love coming to practice and love being a team and love playing together, and that's what we're feeling, that love and that inspiration from each other."

## River surveys suggest damage to fisheries done by the 2023 floods

"It was comparable to Tropical Storm Irene. We lost a lot (though not all) of the young-of-year age class."

Austin Galinat, a fisheries scientist with Vermont Fish and Wildlife, was giving me an overview of some of the results of the late summer and early autumn river surveys. Although Austin is relatively new to Vermont, having moved to the state a little over a year ago, he has been working in fisheries for several years. He grew up in the Black Hills of South Dakota and earned both Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees in Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences at South Dakota State University. Before moving to Vermont to his current job, he worked for the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission monitoring Chinook salmon juvenile migration and adult escapement (the number of adults returning upriver to spawn) in the Sacramento River system.

The young-of-year that Austin was speaking of are the fish — in this case, especially trout — that hatched this year. After sharing the survey results that the abundance of young fish was down compared with previous years, he went on to explain "yearlings are small and cannot handle the increased velocity in the rivers" during extreme floods. The good news from much of their survey work is that they found little decline in populations of the larger fish: those over about six inches in length. Even when the water is raging near the surface, down on the substrate (along the stream and river bottoms) the current remains much slower. "Adult fish also move out into flood plains [until the flooding subsides] and then return to the channels."

Although Galinat himself (as noted above) is new to the Green Mountains, his department has many years of results from previous surveys — referred to as longitudinal data — to which they can compare any given year. The surveys are typically done with electroshocking techniques during the summer. The shock temporarily stuns nearby fish that

can then be collected in a net, measured, counted and released. The data allows the Fish and Wildlife Department to explore questions about population abundance, what species are (and are not) present, and how these factors are changing over time — for example in response to habitat degrading from climate change factors or development, or even habitat improvement



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such as from the removal of dams or replacement of under-road culverts. Answers to these questions can in turn help the state make decisions about where more stocking might be beneficial as well as where they might be able to cut stocking and focus efforts on native fish.

They conclude the survey process by early October, when brook trout and brown trout start to spawn, both to avoid disturbing the redds ("nests" or "spawning beds" are synonyms for redds) of these fish and also because survey data could be skewed since the spawning fish are moving a lot during that season.

Galinat's region is southwestern Vermont, which includes all the waters from about Vergennes down to the borders of Massachusetts and New York except for the Battenkill River. The region includes headwaters of Otter Creek, the Middlebury River and New Haven River drainages in Addison County, and Castleton River along with its tributaries.

Because of this year's historic flooding, survey efforts were in many ways both more difficult and more important. Water was too high for too long to get into many of the main stems of rivers that they often survey before the spawning season. Thus, though they did eventually get into two stems of the Middlebury River, much of their 2023 survey efforts focused on small headwater streams simply because they could get there. They eventually were able to survey 18 sites across 12 streams.

Galinat said that one of the surprises of the survey, given that the flooding was a significant stressor on many fish populations, was how plump the fish were in some locations.

The higher relative weight of the fish compared with past seasons was "hard to explain" he said. The floods can cause havoc among aquatic invertebrate species, especially on insects in their larval stage — species such as mayflies, caddisflies and stoneflies, which are important food sources for trout. At the same time, the floods also can wash considerable amounts of terrestrial nutrients into the water, which not only feed fish but also provide food for the grazing invertebrates.

All of this can make it difficult to predict longer-term consequences of the flooding. "A lot is depending on population density," Galinat explained. "There is only a certain amount of spawning habitat. It's possible that the heavy loads of sedimentation caused by the floods could damage a lot of redds, reducing spawning habitat," so that in addition to the young fish lost this year we will also have fewer juveniles next year. But sometimes, "a whole bunch of new gravel is introduced resulting in really good spawning habitat." That latter result, he said, is actually fairly typical.

Another question is what happened to the juvenile fish that disappeared. Were they flushed downriver? If so, did they survive and will they return? Or will it prove to have been a substantial mortality event? The answers to those questions might not be known until next year.



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MUHS SENIOR MIDFIELDER Iver Anderson battles for the ball with defenders in front of the Harwood goal during the Division II semifinal on Nov. 1.

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## Soccer

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The Tigers began to settle in and win their fair share of challenges and move the ball as the half wore on, earning their first corner kick in the 24th minute. But before they broke through, Kafumbe made a key play, smothering a loose ball just before Nelson arrived.

The Tigers got their first goal with 16:41 left in the half, courtesy of the tandem of senior Eddie Fallis, the team's leading scorer, and junior Oliver Choudhury, a center midfielder. Choudhury, near midfield, threaded a pass through and behind a knot of Highlanders.

Fallis, reading the play, was already in full stride and bolted by the defenders, catching up with the pass near the top of the box. Harwood goalie Finnegan Kramer came out to meet him, but Fallis poked the ball past him and inside the right post.

The Tigers had more chances in the half. Sem Weenk shot high on a feed from Choudhury, and Harwood backs made a pair of saves on defender Milo Rees on a Tiger corner kick.

Then there was the controversy. Another Choudhury through-ball sent Fallis into the Harwood box. Kramer came out to meet him, and apparently knocked Fallis to the wet turf — by then a steady snow had started falling. All eyes went to the official, who made no call. George said later the referee told him he believed Fallis had slipped; few who saw the play shared that opinion.

"It would be a lot different going into halftime down 3-2 instead of 3-1," George said afterward.

Harwood pressed early in the second half, and in the fifth minute Nelson was first to a loose ball in the right side of the box and pinged a low, hard shot off the left post and in. At 4-1, the Tigers prospects looked grim.

But Fallis and Choudhury weren't done. At 24:45 Choudhury found Fallis cutting into the box, and Fallis hit a low shot home. It was his 27th goal of the season to go with 23 assists.

About a minute later Choudhury pounced on a loose ball just outside the Harwood penalty stripe, touched it to his left away from several defenders, and left-footed a shot back inside the right post.

Suddenly it was 4-3 with 23 minutes to go. And a few minutes later the Tigers came within inches of tying the game. Choudhury lined up a free kick about 40 yards out on the left sideline and drilled it toward the far post. The ball eluded Kramer, but hit the bottom half of the crossbar. It bounced toward Anderson, but his bid rolled wide of the right post.

Harwood started putting all its players behind the ball, and chances were few in the final 15 minutes, although junior Tiger defender Jake Mitchell did get his head on a corner kick with 13 minutes to go.

As the going got late, the

Highlanders used traditional stalling techniques to run out the clock, and the horn sounded to end the Tigers' comeback and season.

George said he was proud of his team's grit, which he credits in part to players like Fallis; Choudhury, an assistant captain; captain Gus Hodde, a central defender; Rees; Miles; and senior forward Caleb Burrows.

"The leadership on this team is unbelievable. Gus, the captain, he just never quits. Milo, another experienced guy, never quits. Eddie never quits. Ollie (Choudhury), our vice-captain, never quits, and Caleb, he doesn't say a lot, he just leads by example. There are just so many leaders on this team," he said.

And he said the entire group deserved credit for a strong campaign.

"Earning the No. 2 seed, getting to the semifinals; that's a great season," he said. "We would have liked to get to the final, and have a chance to do that, especially with teams we know well. But that's not how it's going to be."



TIGER SENIOR STRIKER Eddie Fallis bursts past two Harwood players on the way to scoring a breakthrough goal. Fallis scored twice in the Tigers' 4-3 Division II semifinal loss to Harwood on Nov. 1.

Independent photo/Steve James

## Football

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In their semifinal battle in Hartford, the Tigers took the early lead, 3-0, on a 27-yard Tucker Morter field goal. Hartford quarterback Brayden Trombly, who rushed 14 times for 76 yards, gave the Hurricanes a 6-3 lead with a 13-yard scoring run later in the first quarter.

The Tigers next went up, 10-6, when Avery Carl capped a Tiger drive with a 1-yard run early in the second quarter. Hartford back Nick Daniels, who paced the Hurricanes with 10 carries for 115 yards, answered with a 45-yard touchdown midway through the second period, and his team

led at the half, 13-10.

Hartford pinned the Tigers deep in their own end late in the third quarter and then took over on the MUHS 23 after a short punt. Three plays later Daniels scored to make it 20-10 entering the final period.

Middlebury drove deep into Hartford territory midway through the fourth period with Gavin McNulty (14 rushes for 76 yards) gaining yardage. But the drive stalled, and the Tigers came up empty after a missed field goal.

But MUHS forced a punt, and this time found the end zone with a drive sparked by two big

passing plays. Halfback Tassilo Luksch hit quarterback Jacob Kemp to convert a critical fourth down, and Kemp followed with a 19-yard touchdown to Cooke Riney with 4:02 to go. Morter's point-after made it 20-17.

The Tigers went for the onside kick, but the Hurricanes recovered. A roughing-the-kicker penalty on a Hartford punt with a minute to go then effectively ended the Tigers' chances.

## Score BOARD

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS	
<b>Football</b>	
<b>D-I Playoffs</b>	
11/4 #1 Hartford vs #5 MUHS ...	20-17
<b>Boys' Soccer</b>	
<b>D-II Playoffs</b>	
11/1 #3 Harwood vs #2 MUHS .....	4-3
<b>COLLEGE SPORTS</b>	
<b>Field Hockey</b>	
<b>NESCAC Final Four at Midd</b>	
11/4 #1 Midd vs #7 Amherst .....	4-1
11/5 #4 Williams vs #3 Bates .....	2-1
11/5 Midd vs Williams .....	4-0
<b>Men's Soccer</b>	
<b>NESCAC Final Four at Midd</b>	
11/4 #4 Tufts vs #1 Midd .....	2-1
11/4 #2 Amherst vs #3 Conn .....	2-1
11/5 Amherst vs Tufts .....	1-0
<b>Football</b>	
11/4 Midd vs Hamilton .....	41-7

Schedule continued

11/11 TBD vs Midd .....	11 AM
11/11 TBD vs Messiah .....	2 PM
11/12 Final .....	1 PM
<b>Final Four in Newport News, Va.</b>	
11/17 .....	Semifinal
11/19 .....	Final

Men's Soccer	
<b>NCAA D-3 Tournament</b>	
<b>Regional in Middlebury</b>	
11/11 Midd vs W. New England	11 AM
11/11 Babson vs J. Hopkins	1:30 PM
11/12 Regional Final .....	1 PM
11/17-19 Sectional .....	TBA

Football	
11/11 Tufts at Midd .....	12:30 PM
11/18 Midd at Colby .....	11:30 PM

Men's Basketball	
11/11 St. Joseph at Midd .....	4 PM
11/14 Midd at Clark .....	5 PM
11/17 Midd vs Redlands (OH) ..	5 PM
11/18 Midd vs Wittenberg (OH)	7 PM

Women's Basketball	
11/11 Skidmore at Midd .....	2 PM
11/14 Lyndon at Midd .....	6 PM
11/17 Framingham St. at Midd	5 PM
11/18 Springfield at Midd .....	3 PM

Women's Hockey	
11/17 Midd at Trinity .....	7:30 PM
11/18 Midd at Trinity .....	4 PM

Men's Hockey	
11/17 Midd at Colby .....	7 PM
11/18 Midd at Bowdoin .....	3 PM

## Schedule

COLLEGE SPORTS	
<b>Field Hockey</b>	
<b>NCAA D-3 Tournament</b>	
<b>Sectional at Messiah in Pa.</b>	

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PANTHER SENIOR GOALIE Ryan Grady dives to save a Tufts shot during Saturday's NESCAC semifinal in Middlebury.

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TUFTS GOALIE NIKOLA Antic dives on the ball just before Panther midfielder Eujin Chae arrives during Saturday's NESCAC semifinal.

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## Panthers

(Continued from Page 1B) games will be played on Dec. 1, and the final on Dec. 3.

The Panthers are perennial visitors to the NCAA tournament, but have won it all just once, in 2007.

In this past Saturday's loss to Tufts, things went awry for the Panthers early, when senior goalie Ryan Grady failed to field a back pass from a defender, and it rolled slowly into the Middlebury goal to give Tufts the lead 3:06 after the

opening kickoff. It was the first time all season the Panthers had trailed in the first half.

For a time Middlebury pressed for the equalizer. In the half's 13th minute, defender Luke Madden came up on a corner kick and volleyed a loose ball just high from near the top of the box.

Two minutes later, the Panthers came even closer to leveling the score. Jordan Saint-Louis curled a corner kick into the box from the right side, and Will Sawin, at the far

post, headed toward the goal's left corner. A Tufts defender blocked the bid, but did not control the ball. Panther Ben Powers pounced on the rebound, only to see his shot stopped by Jumbo goalie Nikola Antic, who finished with five saves.

Tufts quickly countered off the corner, and Grady dove to make one of his four saves. Tufts then began to press the Panthers, breaking up clearances and stepping into midfield passing lanes. Madden did well to clear one Jumbo corner

kick.

Later in the half, Middlebury began to reassert itself, in the final 10 minutes earning three corner kicks and forcing a foul. And the Panthers capitalized on the restart after the foul with 4:54 remaining before halftime.

From about 28 yards out from the right side, Colin Dugan served to the right of the penalty stripe to Madden cutting in from the far side, and Madden rose up and knocked a header through traffic into the top

left corner. The teams went into the break knotted at 1-1.

Early in the second half, the Panthers had a flurry of chances blocked by the Tufts defense before Jordan Saint-Louis fired from the top of the box, but a diving save from Antic thwarted the bid.

Tufts got the game-winner in the second half's 11th minute. Daniel Yanez received a pass from Sean Traynor just outside the Middlebury box and drilled a strike directly into the top right corner.

Middlebury had a chance in the 66th minute, but a Saint-Louis close-range header on a Dugan serve from the right side sailed just high. Grady dove soon afterward to deny Traynor on one of several threatening Jumbo counterattacks.

With 25 seconds remaining, the Panthers' last chance, a long Sawin blast from the left side, went just wide of the right post, and Middlebury had to sit and wait for Monday's announcement of the NCAA pairings.

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  - Tony Niemo and helpful parents.
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### Special Thanks:

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## Notes

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PANTHER WILL SAWIN put this shot on the Tufts goal on a Panther corner kick, but a defender made the stop during this past Saturday's NESCAC semifinal.

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MIDDLEBURY SENIOR JORDAN Saint-Louis controls the ball against pressure from two Tufts players during Saturday's NESCAC semifinal.

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## nov 9 THURSDAY

**The Land Care Cooperative presentation in Middlebury.** Thursday, Nov. 9, 6-8 p.m., Room 220, Bicentennial Hall, Middlebury College. Middlebury Natural Foods Co-op and ACORN host Abe Collins of The Land Care Cooperative and Mercy Larson of Larson Farm. Come together to educate and organize for a new chapter of cooperation with our farming neighbors to grow topsoil, increase biodiversity, increase the water-holding capacity of our soils, and much more. Light snacks provided. Free and open to the public. RSVP at [acornvt.org/climate](http://acornvt.org/climate).

**"Protecting Nature for Birds and People: Opportunities, lessons and hope from the Massachusetts coast" in Middlebury.** Thursday, Nov. 9, 7 p.m., Champlain Valley Unitarian Universalist Society, 2 Duane Ct. Amy Weidensaul, Ph.D., Senior Regional Director of Mass Audubon will tell us about Mass Audubon's work on the natural and human communities along coastlines that are facing climate impacts such as sea level rise and stronger, more frequent storms; and restoring habitats including salt marshes, dunes, coastal uplands and beaches. Free and open to the public, light refreshments will be served.

**"Frozen: The Musical" in Middlebury.** Thursday, Nov. 9, 7 p.m., Auditorium, Middlebury Union High School, 73 Charles Ave. Elsa and Anna and company take the stage in MUHS's fall musical production. Tickets at [www.showtix4u.com/event-details/76858](http://www.showtix4u.com/event-details/76858).

**"An Evening with Spirit" in Middlebury.** Thursday, Nov. 9, 7 p.m., Town Hall Theater, 68 South Pleasant St. Psychic Medium and Author Josh Simonds comes to Middlebury for an evening of spiritual connection, love, and humor. Tickets \$45, available at [tickets@townhalltheater.org](mailto:tickets@townhalltheater.org), [townhalltheater.org](http://townhalltheater.org) or 802-382-9222.



### Bernie's in town

**U.S. SEN. BERNIE SANDERS will host a breakfast and hike at Button Bay State Park in Ferrisburgh this Sunday, Nov. 12, at 10:30 a.m. Sen. Sanders and Director of Vermont State Parks Nate McKeen will lead a stick-season hike and town meeting about the great outdoors. See calendar listing for more details and registration info.**

Nov. 11, 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. Event sponsored by St. Ambrose and St. Peter's Youth Ministry to benefit the on-going program costs.

**Takeout ham supper in Vergennes.** Saturday, Nov. 11, 5-6 p.m., Vergennes United Methodist Church (across from the opera house). Menu includes ham, mashed sweet potatoes, green beans, roll and dessert. Adults \$12. Preorder by Thursday, Nov. 7, at 802-877-3150.

**Community Fall Potluck in Salisburgh.** Saturday, Nov. 11, 5:30 p.m., Salisbury Community Meeting House, 853 Maple St. Join this potluck, where neighbors bring their own place settings and a dish to share. It's the perfect opportunity to savor a variety of homemade delights while seeing familiar faces and meeting new people. Beverages will be provided. Welcome new town residents and have a chance to win a gift basket.

**King Pede card party in Ferrisburgh.** Saturday, Nov. 11, 6:30 p.m., Ferrisburgh Town Hall and Community Center, 3279 Route 7. A sandwich supper and then on to an evening of fun and games. King Pede is a game that involves "trick-taking" such as in Hearts, Spades or Pitch.

**Ladies' movie night in Middlebury.** Saturday, Nov. 11, 6:30 p.m., Ferrisburgh Town Hall and Community Center, 3279 Route 7. The first movie offering by The Friends of the Union Meeting Hall. This month's film will send you to a summer in the Catskills, where dancing reigns supreme. Rated PG-13. Free, no pre-registration required. Snacks, popcorn, and other light refreshments will be available for purchase.

Linda Andrews will share her insights from her international health Career. Part of the 2023-24 AAUW/Ilisley Speaker Series. Come learn about both sustainable reproductive health systems and the challenges and satisfactions of working internationally.

## nov 16 THURSDAY

**Rodgers & Hammerstein's "Cinderella" in Bristol.** Thursday, Nov. 16, 7 p.m., Auditorium, Mount Abraham Union High School, Airport Rd. More than 100 Mt Abraham 7-12th grade performers will dance, sing, and shine their way through this contemporary take on the magical classic tale. Tickets: \$15 adult/\$12 seniors and children under 12, available at [www.showtix4u.com/event-details/76494](http://www.showtix4u.com/event-details/76494).

## nov 17 FRIDAY

**Rodgers & Hammerstein's "Cinderella" in Bristol.** Friday, Nov. 17, 7 p.m., Auditorium, Mount Abraham Union High School, Airport Rd. See Nov. 16 listing.

## nov 18 SATURDAY

**Monkton Friends Methodist Church Bazaar in Monkton.** Saturday, Nov. 18, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Many crafts and attic treasures for you to browse through and so many goodies as well, such as those wonderful homemade doughnuts, handmade chocolates, pies, cakes, whoopee pies and much more. If you get hungry, you can purchase a lunch to either eat there or take home with you, including soups, chili and sandwiches.

**Joe Andriano legislative office hours in Whiting and Shoreham.** Saturday, Nov. 18, 11 a.m., Whiting Town Hall, Route 30, and 2 p.m., Shoreham Congregational Church, School Rd. Discuss local and state issues with Rep. Andriano, legislator in Montpelier for Whiting, Orwell, Shoreham, Hubbardton and Sudbury. All are welcome; snacks provided. Friendly, informal gathering. All are welcome.

**Puzzle Swap in Middlebury.** Saturday, Nov. 18, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Ilisley Public Library, 75 Main St. Are you a puzzler? Looking to stock up for the long cold winter? Bring any puzzle(s) you have finished and swap it for new ones from fellow puzzlers. Don't have one to swap? Come on down anyway and get a couple.

**Rodgers & Hammerstein's "Cinderella" in Bristol.** Saturday, Nov. 18, 2 and 7 p.m., Auditorium, Mount Abraham Union High School, Airport Rd. See Nov. 16 listing.

**Bingo in Vergennes.** Saturday, Nov. 18, 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.

## nov 19 SUNDAY

**All-you-can-eat Pancake Breakfast in Addison.** Sunday, Nov. 19, 7-11 a.m., Addison Fire Station, Jct. Routes 17 & 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.

**Thanksgiving Community Hymn sing in Vergennes.** Sunday, Nov. 19, 3 p.m., Vergennes Opera House, 120 Main St. Local musicians from several area churches unite for this community event. Sing along to traditional favorite hymns led by a full band of piano, guitar, bass, percussion, brass and a special appearance by the Addison County Gospel Choir. Song books will be provided at the door. Donations toward the All Access Project gratefully accepted. Doors open at 2:30 p.m.

## nov 10 FRIDAY

**Ceasefire Shabbat in Middlebury.** Friday, Nov. 10, 4-5 p.m., Corner of Merchant's Row and Main St. Showing Up for Racial Justice and If Not Now invite you to join them in calling for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza and demand a thriving future for all Israelis and Palestinians. Light candles and welcome Shabbos with prayers, candle lighting, and singing. Grape juice and challah on hand. Everyone who supports an Immediate Ceasefire is welcome. This will be outdoors — please dress warmly.

**"Frozen: The Musical" in Middlebury.** Friday, Nov. 10, 7 p.m., Auditorium, Middlebury Union High School, 73 Charles Ave. See Nov. 9 listing.

**The Sound Investment in Middlebury.** Friday, Nov. 10, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall Theater, 68 South Pleasant St. The Sound Investment Jazz Ensemble is the Middlebury College Music Department's 17-piece big band that builds on the 80-year history of swingin' music. David Allan Rose will be on hand at 6:45 to provide swing dance lessons. Tickets \$15 adult/\$10 student, available at [tickets@townhalltheater.org](mailto:tickets@townhalltheater.org), [townhalltheater.org](http://townhalltheater.org) or 802-382-9222.

## nov 11 SATURDAY

**Monthly wildlife walk in Middlebury.** Saturday, Nov. 11, 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.

**Prisoners of War living history event in Ticonderoga, N.Y.** Saturday, Nov. 11, Fort Ticonderoga. Experience life for captured British soldiers and their families with their harrowing stories as prisoners of war. Explore their perspective during this living history event a glimpse into their tenuous situation as prisoners of war, even before American patriots declared independence. For the full visitor schedule and other details, visit [www.fortticonderoga.org](http://www.fortticonderoga.org).

**Craft Fair with Cinderella and Prince Topher in Bristol.** Saturday, Nov. 11, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Mt. Abraham Union High School, Airport Dr. Have a child who would like to meet royalty? Bring them to the Mt. Abe Craft Fair between 1 and 2:30 p.m. Cinderella and Prince Topher will be holding court and posing for photos. Costumes are encouraged.

**Boys Scouts Wood Badge beading ceremony and other activities in Bristol.** Saturday, Nov. 11, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Bristol Town Green. Troop 543 Boy Scouts of America will hold this ceremony for Scoutmaster Bill Mount. The Wood Badge is a Scouting leadership program and the related award for adult leaders in the programs. Other Veterans Day activities will follow, ending with a Veterans Day memorial presentation at 3:30 p.m.

**Veterans Day celebration in Middlebury.** Saturday, Nov. 11, 11 a.m., VFW, 530 Exchange St. Come commemorate the men and women who served our country. Refreshments and light food will follow the ceremony. More info at 802-238-0074.

**Prize Bingo in Leicester.** Saturday, Nov. 11, 1 p.m., Senior Center, Leicester Four Corners. Hosted by the Leicester historical Society. Refreshments served. All are welcome.

**Ferrisburgh Historical Society in Vergennes.** Saturday, Nov. 11, 1 p.m., Bixby Memorial Library, 258 Main St. Bixby board member and history committee chair Nancy Remsen will share new "finding aids" and online access, as well as recent exhibits that include special collections related to Ferrisburgh history. Volunteer Catherine Brooks will share examples of local history research findings associated with the development of four artifact and document kits now available for borrowing from the library to groups, homeschoolers, and schools. Selected documents will be available to examine.

**"Frozen: The Musical" in Middlebury.** Saturday, Nov. 11, 2 p.m., Auditorium, Middlebury Union High School, 73 Charles Ave. See Nov. 9 listing.

**Goshen Historical Society open house in Goshen.** Saturday, Nov. 11, 2-4 p.m., Goshen Town Hall, 5 Carlisle Hill Rd. Looking to learn more about the history of our beautiful mountain town? Enjoy history in general? Interested in becoming a member? There will be information, displays and items of interest plus refreshments for all. For info or questions contact Madine Reed at 802-353-9554.

**Youth Ministry Bingo in Vergennes.** Saturday,

## nov 12 SUNDAY

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

**Breakfast and Hike with Bernie: A Town Meeting About the Outdoors in Ferrisburgh.** Sunday, Nov. 12, 10:30 a.m., Button Bay State Park, 5 Button Bay State Park Rd. Join Sen. Bernie Sanders and Director of Vermont State Parks Nate McKeen for a stick-season hike and town meeting about the great outdoors. There will be a light breakfast and a town meeting about the importance of getting outside before setting off on a family-friendly one-mile hike along the shores of Lake Champlain. RSVP at [www.sanders.senate.gov/events](http://www.sanders.senate.gov/events).

## nov 14 TUESDAY

**Plastic Recycling: Demystified workshop.** Tuesday, Nov. 14, 5:30 p.m., Location TBD. Filmy, hard, stretchy, made to last, and made to break apart, plastic is versatile and tricky to recycle. Addison County Solid Waste Management District helps you learn the dos and don'ts of plastic recycling. Free. Register at [tinyurl.com/ACSWD-Backyard-compost](http://tinyurl.com/ACSWD-Backyard-compost).

**Bixby Book Club in Vergennes.** Tuesday, Nov. 14, 6 p.m., Bixby Memorial Library, 258 Main St. Come discuss "Remarkable Creatures" by Tracy Chevalier, a gripping historical novel that follows the story of Mary and Elizabeth, two extraordinary 19th century English fossil hunters who changed the scientific world forever.

**Death Café in Bristol.** Tuesday, Nov. 14, 7 p.m., Holley Hall, 1 South St. At a Death Café, people gather to eat cake, drink tea, and discuss death in a relaxed, open setting. A Death Café is a group directed discussion of death with no agenda, objective, or themes. It is a discussion group, rather than a grief support or counseling session. Learn More at [www.DeathCafe.com](http://www.DeathCafe.com). More info and RSVP at [Eventbrite.com](http://Eventbrite.com) or contact Louella Richer at [lricher@portermidical.org](mailto:lricher@portermidical.org).

## nov 15 WEDNESDAY

**"Sharing Lessons Learned in International Reproductive Health Programs" in Middlebury.** Wednesday, Nov. 15, 7 p.m., Jessica Swift Room, Ilisley Public Library, 75 Main St. Nurse practitioner in women's health

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THE BRANDON-AREA school district, RNESU, honored staff members for outstanding contributions to its schools. Shown at the celebration, left to right, are, back row, Emilee Sweatt, Jed Pauls, Nate Traynor, Jill Doody, Christine Landon; and front row, Sarah Gallagher, Christine Roberts, Sue Dier, Jamie DesForges, Laura King.

## RNESU staff honored for their excellence

BRANDON — Rutland Northeast Supervisory Union recently celebrated staff members who have made outstanding contributions and have demonstrated an ongoing commitment to excellence at RNESU.

The 2022-2023 school year honorees include:

**Distinguished Professionals:** Sarah Gallagher, Middle School Math Teacher, Barstow Memorial School; Jed Pauls, School Guidance Counselor, Lothrop School; Sue Dier, Kindergarten Teacher, Neshobe School; Christine Landon, PE Teacher, Otter Creek Academy; Christine Roberts, Community

Based Learning Teacher, Otter Valley Union Middle and High School; Laura King, Instructional Coach, RNESU; and Nate Traynor, Special Services Teacher.

**Outstanding Support Staff:** Joe Boucher, Head Custodian, Barstow Memorial School; Emilee Sweatt, Student Support Professional, Lothrop School; Jamie DesForges,

Student Support Professional, Neshobe School; Jill Doody, Paraprofessional, Otter Creek Academy; and Char Wessing, MS/HS Registrar, Otter Valley Union Middle and High School.

In addition to the above honors, Jed Pauls and Sarah Gallagher were chosen for the 2023 UVM Teacher of the Year award.

## Regular deer season to begin on November 11

MONTPELIER — Vermont's 16-day regular deer season begins Saturday, Nov. 11, and ends Sunday, Nov. 26.

Hunters may take one legal buck during this season if they did not already take one during the archery deer season. The definition of a legal buck depends on the Wildlife Management Unit (WU). A map of the WMUs is on pages 22 and 23 of the 2023 Vermont Hunting & Trapping Guide available from license agents statewide.

"The greatest numbers of deer continue to be in western regions of the state and other valley areas," said Vermont Fish and Wildlife's deer biologist Nick Fortin. "The Green Mountains and Northeast Kingdom offer more of a big woods experience with fewer, but often larger, deer."

Vermont hunting licenses include a buck tag for this season and a late season bear tag (for Nov. 11-19), cost \$28 for residents and \$102 for nonresidents. Hunters under 18 years of age get a break at \$8 for residents and \$25 for nonresidents. Licenses are available on Fish and Wildlife's website and from license agents

statewide. A 2023 Deer Season Hunting Guide can be downloaded from the department's website at [www.vtfishandwildlife.com](http://www.vtfishandwildlife.com). The guide includes a map of the Wildlife Management Units (WMUs), season dates, regulations, and other helpful information.

Hunters are required to report deer in person at a big game reporting station during the regular season. Online reporting will not be available. This requirement allows biologists to collect important information from as many deer as possible.

Hunters who get a deer on Nov. 11 or 12 can help Vermont's deer management program by reporting their deer at one of the biological check stations. In Addison County the location is at Rack N Reel in New Haven.

Hunters who do not go to a biological reporting station are asked to provide a tooth from their deer. Obtain a tooth envelope from your regular reporting agent. Remove one of the middle incisor teeth, being careful to include the root. Place the tooth in the envelope and give it to the reporting agent.

## Salisbury

Have a news tip? Contact Samantha Smith at [design.spruce@gmail.com](mailto:design.spruce@gmail.com)

NEWS

SALISBURY — As the autumn foliage blankets the town of Salisbury, residents are gearing up for a month filled with warmth and togetherness. With November in full swing, two exciting events are on the horizon that promise to enhance the fall spirit and foster community connections.

Salisbury Community Fall Potluck: On Saturday, Nov. 11, at 5:30 p.m., the Salisbury community invites anyone to gather at the Salisbury Community Meeting House, located at 853 Maple Street. This potluck is where neighbors bring their own place settings and a dish to share. It's the perfect opportunity to savor a variety of homemade delights while seeing familiar faces and meeting new people.

Salisbury Free Public Library's Thursday Craftsmen: Looking for a creative escape this fall? Join the Salisbury Free Public Library for their Thursday Craftsmen every week at 2 p.m. Located at 918 Maple Street, these gatherings are open to all ages, but children under 9 are requested to be accompanied by a supervising adult. Whether you're a seasoned crafter or a beginner, these sessions provide the ideal setting to unwind, explore your artistic side, and connect with fellow community members.

Don't miss these opportunities to embrace November and enjoy the warmth of Salisbury's community. For additional Craftsmen and Library details, please visit the Salisbury Free Public Library.

## Leicester

Have a news tip? Call the Addison Independent at 388-4944.

NEWS

LEICESTER — Town Clerk Julie Delphia reminds residents that 2023 property taxes are due by the end of the day, Wednesday, Nov. 15.

Postmarks are not accepted as proof of payment. To avoid taxes being delinquent, make sure payments are delivered

on time. The Leicester Historical Society is sponsoring Prize Bingo on Sat., Nov. 11, at 1 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Refreshments are served and all are welcome. Funds raised help with the maintenance of the historical buildings at the Four Corners.

# STUDENTS OF THE WEEK FROM AREA HIGH SCHOOLS

## Middlebury Union High School

### Asa Baker-Rouse

Asa Baker-Rouse, the son of Meg Baker and Jessica Rouse, is Middlebury Union High School's latest Student of the Week. Asa has two siblings: Cady, a 6th-grader at MUMS, and Toby, a 9th-grader at MUHS. The family has two dogs and resides in Middlebury.

Theater, music and cross-country running are Asa's favorite activities and he reports that seeing his first dramatic production as a five-year-old made an indelible impression. He serves as a youth member of the Middlebury Community Players and has been in four productions at MUHS. He is starring as Kristoff in "Frozen," the high school play this fall. He's part of the ensemble in the upcoming local production of "A Christmas Carol" and loves spending time at the Town Hall Theater. He is looking forward to the Class of 2024 senior play, as yet to be determined, that will be staged in the spring.

He spent two years at the neighboring Hannaford Career Center in the ART (Addison Repertory Theater) Program, where he learned more about production and lighting. Asa says the program was "amazing!" He and his classmates wrote and performed a 90-minute play and he enjoyed learning more about Shakespeare. He adds that his two years at ART confirmed his desire to pursue further studies in the field when he heads off to college. Asa is already getting a jump on his college studies as he is, while in his senior year, taking two classes at Middlebury College. This fall he is enrolled in Beginning Acting and he will take a course in Lighting Design second semester. He plans on studying theater with a possible concentration on elementary education when he heads to college next year.

Asa captained the Tigers' cross-country team this fall and holds a part-time job at the local Unitarian Universalist Society in the nursery. He has helped out in a variety of capacities with local theater groups and the Opera Company of Middlebury to learn more about lighting and to gain technical skills.

As he reflects on his time at MUHS, Asa offers this advice, "Take time to enjoy your classes!" He admits that science took him by surprise as it is a subject he never expected to like, but given his teacher's enthusiasm and encouragement, he really liked it. He expects to graduate in June with IB certificates in Literature, Chemistry and Mathematics. We wish Asa well as he looks ahead to a bright future.



Asa Baker-Rouse MUHS

## Vergennes Union High School

### Eyon Tembreull

Eyon Tembreull of Vergennes is Vergennes Union High School Student of the Week. He is the son of Mark and Tracy Tembreull and brother to Audrey, Oliver and Eliot.

When reflecting on his years at VUHS, Eyon has found that he really appreciates VUHS's small size. He finds it easier to engage in his studies and provides opportunities for one-on-one interaction with his teachers. His favorite class is Modern Expression. It has taught him both reading and writing skills and how to communicate effectively and professionally in both writing and speech. Eyon appreciates his teachers at VUHS, and says he has built great relationships with them. He particularly appreciates Science teacher Sarah Thompson, who creates a great, engaging environment for students to learn and challenge themselves in the world of science. Eyon has been nominated or both the National Honor Society and the National Technical Honor Society. He was also chosen for Green Mountain Boys State. He was honorary captain of the Vergennes varsity soccer team and will captain the Commodore baseball team in the spring. He also plays hockey in the winter.

In the summer he works as a kids' camp counselor at Basin Harbor and says he enjoys giving the kids a great, fun experience. He also plans to volunteer at the Vergennes Fire Department. In his free time Eyon likes to be active, whether at sports practice or going to the gym. He finds it very important in maintaining his mental and physical health. He also like hanging out with friends — "it's good to spend time with people who you like and who are important to you," he says — and playing video games.

One of the most moving and important experiences Eyon has had at VUHS was his work sophomore year to get in shape and improve his health. With the help of his friend and baseball coach, he began weight training and other pre-season baseball workouts. With their support and encouragement, Eyon lost 60 pounds. "Many times I wanted to give up, but I didn't," he says. "I went through many obstacles during my journey. It's our obstacles that make us who we are." To underclassmen, Eyon's advice is this: Everyone has a story, everyone has been through something that has changed them, so never judge a book by its cover.

Eyon plans on attending Vermont State University, Lyndon, next fall. All of us at VUHS wish him best of luck.



Eyon Tembreull VUHS

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# Lincoln

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## NEWS

LINCOLN — Registration is now open for Lincoln youth basketball. The three teams will consist of grades K/1/2 and focus on skills and drills and grades 3/4 and 5/6 will have practice and games. The season runs from after Thanksgiving to February break. To register, please sign up at [lincolnsports.org/basketball](http://lincolnsports.org/basketball).

The program is also in need of coaches. If you are interested in volunteering, please email [info@lincolnsports.org](mailto:info@lincolnsports.org).

The knitters, crocheters and felters group will be meeting weekly on Wednesdays from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the library. This is a casual group of people interested in creating with yarn and wool. If

you have a project in mind for the gift giving season, come with ideas to share or questions to ask.

On Wednesday, Nov. 15, there will be an open studio session at the library from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Artisans will be making woven holiday placements or ornaments.

This month's senior meal will be held on Thursday, Nov. 16, at Burnham Hall. The Mt. Abraham Union High School a cappella group, Sweet Transition, will sing at 11:30 a.m. and lunch will be served at noon. The meal includes baked ziti, veggies, homemade rolls, fruit jello and brownie sundaes. Meal is by donation.

Until next time ... Expect Nothing. Appreciate Everything.

# Monkton

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

## NEWS

MONKTON — The next Craft Your Closet class will be held on Nov. 14, titled "Weaving Fabric." This free event is taught by Chrissy Bedard and continues on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Russell Memorial Library. Come and join in on the fun!

Story Hour at the library continues to be on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month from 10 to 11 a.m. for children of all ages. Children will hear a story, songs and have a simple craft project to do. Call 802-453-4471 for more information.

The Monkton Friends Methodist Church will hold its annual Bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 18, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. This year's bazaar offers for sale many crafts and attic treasures for you to browse through. Also so many goodies will be available to purchase, such as those wonderful homemade donuts! Along with that there will be handmade chocolates, plus pies, cakes, whoopee pies and much more. If you get hungry, you can purchase a lunch to either eat there or take home with you, including soups, chili and sandwiches. Don't miss this wonderful yearly event.

Monkton Museum and Historical Society will host A Vermont Humanities Council lecture on Monday, Nov. 20, in the Monkton Town Hall Community Room, 92 Monkton Ridge. Historian Jill Mudgett will present "The Hills of Home: Mountains and Identity in Vermont History." It begins at 7 p.m.

Vermonters have strong ideas about the importance of their mountain topography. Where did our pride in Vermont's landscape come from, and why is it that we see our shared identity as rooted in the land? Evolving human ideas about the Vermont mountains form the base of this lecture. The story begins with the state's founders and moves forward through Vermont history to explain how environmental understandings changed over time. Mudgett's lecture is timely and relevant in its relationship to current interdisciplinary scholarship, and offers us tools to understand the origins and meaning of our own strongly-held attachments to the Vermont landscape. This is a free event. All are welcome!



## Eagle tunes

MUSIC STUDENTS AT Mount Abraham Union High School delivered their "Cider and Donuts" concert at the Bristol school on Oct. 21. Shown clockwise from above: High School Chorus members, under the direction of Megan LaRose, are all smiles as they kick off the concert with "It's Alright" by Curtis Mayfield & the Impressions, setting the stage for the audience to relax and enjoy the music of the evening; senior Joe Darling play the bassoon joins in with the rest of the instrumental ensembles, which started the year under the tutelage of retired MUHS teacher Anne Severy while MAUHS Music Director Matthew Tatro was away on paternity leave; senior Alexis Gordon takes center stage with the Mount Abe a cappella group Sweet Transitions during her solo in "On My Way Home"; among the players in the Mount Abe band are brass players June Yates-Rusch on trombone and Benj Havey on euphonium.

The event culminated in community conversation and consumption of cider and, of course, doughnuts. In the audience at the concert was Bill Bowers, who coined the Cider & Doughnuts Concert name in the 1990s when he conducted at Mount Abe.

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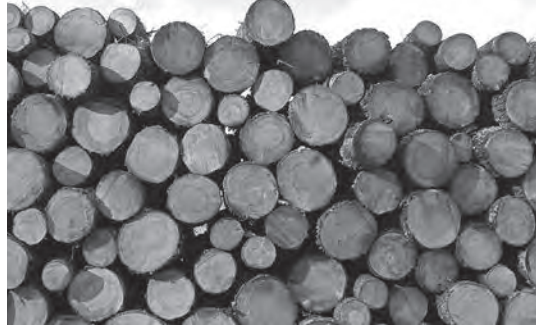
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**RESIDENTIAL CARPENTER.** Goldeneye Design & Build is seeking a full-time Carpenter for residential new builds and remodels primarily in Addison county, and occasionally in adjacent counties. The ideal candidate is capable of efficient execution of high-quality construction and finish work. To apply, please email Nate Newman at [goldeneyedesign2020@gmail.com](mailto:goldeneyedesign2020@gmail.com) and include your work history or resume.

**For Sale**

**2022 CAN AM** 4X2, 90 CC'S in excellent condition. \$2,200 or best offer. Call 802-759-2030.

**For Rent**

**12' X 25' STORAGE SPACES** in Brandon. Call 802-349-4212.

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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](mailto:rochon_m@yahoo.com).

**Help Wanted**

**ADDISON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**CUSTODIANS**

Addison Central School District is seeking Custodians full or part-time and day or night shifts.

**These positions are full-year positions. Addison Central School District offers competitive wages. Employee benefits include:**

- Health, Dental, Life, AD&D, Long Term Disability coverage
- Contribution to up to a family health insurance plan, contribution to a Health Savings Account, or a Health Reimbursement Arrangement
- Access to a flexible spending account
- Single dental insurance plan funded by the school district with the option to purchase dependent coverage
- Long-term disability plan with a 90-day elimination period, benefit pays 66 2/3% of salary, funded by the school district
- Life insurance valued at \$30,000, funded by the school district

**Other Benefits**

- Paid time off
- Retirement annuity match of up to 5% of salary
- Employee Assistance Program

**Apply by submitting a letter of interest, resume, and three current reference letters via School Spring or by sending a hard copy to:**

Tim Williams, Superintendent  
Addison Central School District  
49 Charles Avenue  
Middlebury, VT 05753

Applications will be accepted until positions are filled E.O.E.

**Help Wanted**

**Town of Bristol**

**TOWN TREASURER**

The Town of Bristol is seeking an organized and motivated candidate to serve as its **Town Treasurer**. The 32-hour per week salaried position offers a competitive salary, benefits, flexible schedule, and opportunity to work in a vibrant community, (pop. approx. 4,000) located in the Champlain Valley in Addison County, Vermont.

The **Town Treasurer** is responsible for keeping all of the Town's funds, including receipt, investment, and disbursement of funds; keeping a record of taxes voted, billed, and collected; collecting delinquent taxes; collecting other funds received by the Town; and paying orders drawn on Town accounts. The Treasurer provides human resources support and manages employee benefits and payroll; supports the Water Department and Sewer Department with billing and management of accounts; works closely with auditors to annually reconcile Town accounts; adheres to internal controls; and provides support to the Recreation, Police, Public Works, Fire, Lister, and Zoning Departments, the Town Clerk, and the Town Administrator in budgeting, capital budgeting, grants management, and reporting.

An associate's or bachelor's degree in accounting, public administration, or similarly applicable discipline is preferred, or a course of study in accounting or equivalent subjects, and/or a combination of lived experience in the area of accounting (public or private sector), including experience managing payroll, employee benefits, and accounts payable and receivable.

A detailed job description is available at [www.bristolvt.org](http://www.bristolvt.org). Salary: \$22.00 to \$28.00 per hour, commensurate with experience.

The position is advertised until filled. To apply, please e-mail a cover letter, resume, and three references to [townadmin@bristolvt.org](mailto:townadmin@bristolvt.org) with Bristol Town Treasurer in the subject line or send by mail to:

**Bristol Town Treasurer Search**  
P.O. Box 249  
Bristol, VT 05443

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# Addison Independent CLASSIFIEDS

## For Rent

**FOR RENT OFFICE** or retail space. Prime route 7 south location. Ample parking and great exposure for your business! Former US Forestry building with large reception area and 4 large offices. Serious inquiries only please 802-377-7588.

## LAKE DUNMORE: COZY

2BR cottage for short (4 or more days) or longer rentals until June 1, 2024. Comfortably furnished, plowing, WiFi, satellite TV, fully equipped kitchen. 10 minutes to Middlebury or Brandon. 802 352-4236; karen@northcovecottages.com

## MIDDLEBURY, OFF CAMPUS HOUSING

available. 802-388-4831, AJ Neri Property Rentals.

## For Rent

**VERGENNES VALLEY VIEW APARTMENTS** is currently taking wait list applications. Occupants must be 62+ years of age. No smoking/ No pets. Income limits apply - Rent based on income. Equal Housing Opportunity. 802-247-0165 TTY: 800-253-0191 www.SummitPMG.com.

## VERGENNES, GREAT LOCATION

by the Otter Creek Falls and city docks to Lake Champlain. Small, older 4 bedroom house with garage. Rent is \$1,500 per month. Pay your own utilities. Call 518-546-7424.

## VERGENNES: WOMAN

in her 50s, active outdoors with kayaking, horseback-riding, and photography, seeking housemate who will enjoy 2 friendly large dogs! Private bath, unfurnished bedroom. \$550/month plus utilities-sharing. No additional pets. 802-863-5625 or HomeShareVermont.org for application. Interview, references, background checks required. EHO

## WEYBRIDGE: RURAL HOME

to share, just 5 minutes to Middlebury College. Retired professional woman who enjoys opera, art, and community involvement. Furnished bedroom, private bath, with shared kitchen. \$500/month plus taking turns with cooking and cleaning common areas. Attending events together would be a plus! Must be cat-friendly; no additional pets. 802-863-5625 or HomeShareVermont.org for application. Interview, references, background checks required. EHO

## Want to Rent

**LOOKING FOR OFFICE/STUDIO** space in Midd or vicinity. 300-500 sq. ft. Max rent \$600 - call Patty 802-989-5188.

## Att. Farmers

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

## WHITNEY'S CUSTOM FARM WORK

Pond agitating, liquid manure hauling, drag line aerating. Call for price. 462-2755, John Whitney.

## Wanted

## OLD & USED GUNS WANTED

Rifles, Hand guns, Shot guns  
Top prices paid.

P: 802-775-2859  
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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.

# We are thankful for the community spirit that runs strong in Cornwall

The Cornwall Trunk or Treat had a great sophomore year this year. The weather mostly cooperated, it felt like a smoother parking to event transition, and it felt bigger this year. Aside from a sprinkle early on, the weather was great

for us again this year. It looked like great fun was had by all, with the kids enjoying the extra activities of pumpkin carving, having the town Grader to look at and climb on, Halloween sensory items, and the hay ride.

Now it's time to thank everyone who helped make this a great, fun day for all. First and foremost, thank you to Champlain Valley Motorsports, Inc. for again graciously donating their space for our event. Next, we want to thank all the people who provided the wonderfully decorated trunks, without whom we couldn't call it Trunk or Treat! Thank you to the Fire and Highway department

members who donated their time and brought out the Fire and Highway trucks, and Grader. Thank you again to Kerianne Severy with the Vermont Children's Museum for the sensory station and all the behind the scenes help. Thank you to Middlebury Pediatric dentistry for the toothbrushes. Thank you to Kinney Drugs for their generous donation of candy for us to hand out.

There were a few private citizens who made monetary donations for candy and to help pay for the Porta-potty who we want to thank. Thank you to

S&J Excavation and Peet Farms Greenhouses for surprising EVERYONE with the hay rides. Lastly thank you to everyone who came out to enjoy our event. Without you, there wouldn't be a reason to put on a gathering like this. We love to see all the costumes and excitement.

If anyone who attended this event would like to share some feedback, good or bad please send it to Ian Ross at addison.department.store@gmail.com. There is always room to learn and improve. It may even help us in improving next year's 3rd Annual Cornwall Trunk or Treat.

Ian Ross  
Cornwall

# Auctions

## MARKET REPORT ADDISON COUNTY COMMISSION SALES

RT. 125 • EAST MIDDLEBURY, VT  
Sales for 11/02/23 & 11/06/23

BEEF	LBS.	/LB	\$
Goodrich	1405	\$1.30	\$1826.50
Nop Brothers	1325	\$1.10	\$1457.50
Nea-Tocht	1735	\$1.02	\$1769.70
Defreest	1735	\$0.95	\$1648.25
Conants	1130	\$1.10	\$1243.00
Deer Valley	1540	\$0.82	\$1262.80

CALVES	LBS.	/LB	\$
Vorstevel	86	\$7.10	\$610.60
Goslign	91	\$7.00	\$637.00
Champlainside	85	\$6.80	\$530.76
Livingston	92	\$3.50	\$295.24
Barnes Btw	95	\$3.40	\$296.16
P. Ainsworth	92	\$3.20	\$269.85

Total Beef - 152 Total Calves - 248  
We value our faithful customers.  
Sales at 3 pm - Mon. & Thurs.  
call 1-802-388-2661

## Full Passport Service

### Addison County Courthouse

The Addison County Clerk located in Frank Mahady Courthouse is available to accept passport applications and provide passport photos.

### REGULAR HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday - 9am to 1pm

Wednesday - 8:45am to 4:00pm

Friday - Closed

APPOINTMENTS REQUIRED.

802-388-1966

addisoncountyclerk@gmail.com

## REQUEST FOR QUALIFIED BIDDERS

### VUMS - VERGENNES UNION MH SCHOOL BATHROOM RENOVATIONS - 2023

2023-11-07

### Request for Contractor's Qualifications Statements (AIA A305)

For inclusion on a selected list of General Contract Bidders for Vergennes Union High School, 50 Monkton Road, Vergennes, VT, 05491.

Scope of work includes complete renovation of two sets of student bathrooms (4 rooms total = 1,200 SF), roughly \$650,000. Construction period April 2023 to mid-August 2023.

For a copy of the Request for Contractor's Qualifications Statement, and the Owner's pre-qualification criteria, contact Rollin Tait, Black River Design Architects, 73 Main Street, Room 9, Montpelier, VT, 05602. Email: rollint@blackriverdesign.com. Tel: 802-223-2044.

Qualifications Statements are due by 2:00 pm, December 11, 2023 at Black River Design offices. Electronic submissions only to: rollint@blackriverdesign.com This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

## TOWN OF WALTHAM

### NOTICE OF HEARING FOR SUBDIVISION PERMIT

**Application:** #22-032, a Seven (7) Lot Planned Unit Development (PUD) and Subdivision application submitted by Stephen Delphia (Applicant) for Parcel # 05-20-29, West of Hidden Meadows Lane.

The Development Review Board will hold a Public Hearing on this application on November 20, 2023 at the Waltham Town Hall, 2053 Maple Street. The meeting opens at 5:30PM, and the hearing is scheduled on the docket at 6:15PM.

A copy of the application is available at: Waltham Town Offices during regular business hours of 9AM to 3PM, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

**Pursuant to 24 V.S.A 446(a)(1)(C) and 4471(a), participation in this local proceeding is prerequisite to the right to take any subsequent appeal.**  
Dated at Waltham, Vermont this 31st day of October, 2023

## TOWN OF MIDDLEBURY DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT COMMISSION (DIDC)

### BUDGET HEARING

The Middlebury Downtown Improvement District Commission (DIDC) will hold a public hearing on the Downtown Improvement budget for FY24 (July 1, 2023- June 30, 2024) and FY25 (July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025).

The hearing will be held at 12 pm on Wednesday, November 29, 2023, in the Large Conference Room of the Middlebury Town Offices, 77 Main Street, Middlebury, with an option of attending via videoconference (instructions below).

At the hearing, the DIDC will discuss annual operating budget expenses for the District and gather input on and consider potential projects for Downtown Improvement District tax revenue to fund.

For additional information in advance of the hearing, please visit the DIDC page on the Town's website, www.townofmiddlebury.org ≥ Government ≥ Middlebury Boards - Committees - Commissions ≥ Downtown Improvement District Commission, or contact Town Manager Kathleen Ramsay, kramsay@townofmiddlebury.org.

### To join the meeting:

Please visit the link below to join the webinar:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84276580918>

Or Telephone:  
Dial +1 646 558 8656

Webinar ID: 842 7658 0918

## TOWN OF MIDDLEBURY

### PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Middlebury Development Review Board will hold a public hearing(s) at the Middlebury Municipal Offices, Large Conference Room, 77 Main Street, Middlebury, VT on Monday, November 27, 2023, beginning at 7:00 p.m. to consider the following application(s). The hearing will be available to participants via a Zoom video link. The Zoom link will be provided on the meeting agenda posted on the Town's website.

1. Application (file #2023-07-016.000-SD) is a request by Kristen Mitchell for final plan/plat approval for a 2-lot subdivision of her property located at 82 Birchard Park, pursuant to the Middlebury Zoning Regulations (MZR). Applicant proposes to subdivide the property into two parcels of 0.52 and 0.35 respectively. The property is identified as parcel #007016.000, which is in the R-4 zoning district. Staff has determined that this is a "minor subdivision" as that term is defined in the MZR.

The applications will be heard in the order listed. Plans and additional information may be viewed at the Planning and Zoning Office in the Town Offices or by calling 388-8100, Ext 226. Participation in this public hearing is a prerequisite to the right to take any subsequent appeal as an "interested person(s)". Interested persons wishing to participate in this hearing may do so by contacting David Wetmore at 388-8100, Ext. 226 or email to dwetmore@townofmiddlebury.org.

David Wetmore  
DRB Coordinator, AZA

## TOWN OF ADDISON PUBLIC NOTICE

The Town of Addison Development Review Board will convene a public hearing on Monday, November 27, 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). Needs to present a final mylar & 5 paper copies to continue. A final mylar will need to show all the changes for final approval with B.L.A. and meet all requirements with 400' road frontage & Class 3 Road Standards.
- 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 final mylar & 5 paper copies showing the changes and meet all requirements for the Commercial Neighborhood Village Center.

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

## WARNING

### ANNUAL MEETING OF THE VERGENNES-PANTON WATER DISTRICT, INC.

DECEMBER 11, 2023

The legal voters of VERGENNES-PANTON WATER DISTRICT, INC. are hereby notified and warned to meet at the V.P.W.D. business office building on 63 School Street in the City of Vergennes in said District, on the 11th day of December, 2023 at 7:00 P.M. in person to transact the following business to wit:

### ARTICLE I: To elect by ballot the following officers:

- a moderator
- a clerk
- a treasurer

### ARTICLE II: To hear and act upon the reports from the officers of the VERGENNES-PANTON WATER DISTRICT, INC.

**ARTICLE III:** To have presented by the Board of Commissioners of the VERGENNES-PANTON WATER DISTRICT, INC. their estimate of expenses for the ensuring year and to appropriate such sum as it, the VERGENNES-PANTON WATER DISTRICT, INC. deems necessary for said expenses together with the amount required to pay the balance, if any, left unpaid expressing said sum in dollars in its vote.

### ARTICLE IV: To establish salaries for the Commissioners and other elected officers of the Water District.

**ARTICLE V:** To see whether the voters of said Water District will authorize its Board to borrow money pending receipt of water rents, by issuance of its notes or orders payable not later than one(1) year to date.

### ARTICLE VI: To transact any other business proper to come before said meeting.

Dated at Vergennes, Vermont, this 9th day of November, 2023

Maria L. Brown, Clerk  
VERGENNES-PANTON WATER DISTRICT

# Public Notices Index

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Addison Northwest School	Waltham (1)

## ADDISON COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Addison County Solid Waste Management District Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on its proposed draft CY2024 Annual Budget on Thursday, November 16, 2023 at 7:00 PM at the ACSWMD Office, 1223 Rt. 7 South, Middlebury, VT, and via Zoom. Zoom log-in instructions will be included on the meeting agenda. For a copy of the meeting agenda and/or proposed draft CY2024 Annual Budget in the District's 2023 Annual Report, please visit the District website at [www.AddisonCountyRecycles.org](http://www.AddisonCountyRecycles.org), or call the District at 802-388-2333.

## TOWN OF MIDDLEBURY SELECTBOARD MEETING

### ROOM 116 – LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM

### TOWN OFFICES – 77 MAIN STREET

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2023 - 7:00 P.M.

### Also available via Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82045622840>

By Phone: +1 646-558-8656 (not toll-free)

Webinar ID: 820 4562 2840

For those wishing to watch but not participate:

Selectboard meetings are livestreamed to MCTV's YouTube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/MCTVermont>

and also broadcast live on Comcast Channel 1071

### AGENDA

- 7:00 1. \*\*Call to Order
2. \*Approval of Agenda
3. \*Approval of Consent Agenda
- 3a. Approval of Minutes of the October 24, 2023 Regular Selectboard Meeting
- 3b. Acceptance of Selectboard Subcommittee Meeting Minutes (if any)
- 3c. Proclamation Supporting Small Business Saturday, November 25, 2023
- 3d. Consent Agenda Placeholder
- 3e. Consent Agenda Placeholder
- 3f. Town Manager's Report
- Correspondence from the Vermont 250th Anniversary Commission
  - Correspondence Regarding an Opioids Class Action Suit against McKinsey & Company, Inc.
4. \*\*Citizen Comments (Opportunity to raise or address issues not otherwise included on this agenda)
- 7:10 5. \*\*Agenda Placeholder
- 7:15 6. \*\*Danielle Wallace, Executive Director of the Turning Point Center of Addison County, with a report on the Turning Point Center's program activities funded by the Town of Middlebury through its distribution of the second National Opioid Settlement to the Turning Point Center
7. \*Emmalee Cherington, Director of Public Works-Planning, with Recommendations and Brief Project Updates from the Infrastructure Committee Meeting of November 9, 2023
- 7a. \*Recommendation on Transfer of Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrade Preliminary Engineering Report Peer Review Contract to Wright-Pierce Engineering
- 7b. \*Recommendation on Award of Contracts for Ceiling Fans and a Dehumidifier to address humidity/air exchange issues at the PD Adaptive Reuse/Storage Facility.
- 7c. \*Recommendation on Award of Contract for Upgrade of Wastewater Pump Station #3 on Weybridge Street
- 7d. \*Approval of Middlebury Skate Park Grant Application
- 7e. Project Updates
- 7:35 8. \*Emmalee Cherington, Director of Public Works Planning, regarding public works project financing
- 8a. \*Approval of Notice of Intent to Bond for Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements
- 8b. \*Approval of Application for State Clean Water Loan Financing for the Design of South Street Phase V, Sewer and Stormwater Improvements
- 8c. \*Approval of Application for State Clean Water Loan Financing for the Design of Bakery Lane Sewer and Stormwater Improvements
- 8d. \*Approval of Application for State Clean Water Loan Financing for the Design of Adams Acres
- 7:45 9. \*Dana Hart, Library Director, and Joseph McVeigh, IPL100 Project Team, with updates on the Ilsley Public Library Renovation/Expansion Project, and recommendations from the IPL100 Project Team Meeting on November 9, which could include recommendations on adjustment of the easterly boundary line of the IPL Property, and reportioning of the existing east parking lot and utilities in the interest of retaining all existing parking spaces.
- 8:05 10. \*\*Dana Hart, Library Director, with a Report on Preliminary Meeting with Representatives of Weybridge Selectboard with Regard to Extending Services to Weybridge
- 8:15 11. \*Recommendation for Award of a Sole Source Contract for Teen Center Upgrades
- 8:20 12. \*\*Report from Organizational Meeting of the Policy Review Committee, October 10, 2023
- 8:25 13. \*Agenda Placeholder
14. \*Agenda Placeholder
15. \*\*Agenda Placeholder
16. \*\*Agenda Placeholder
17. \*Approval of Check Warrants
18. \*\*Board Member Concerns
19. \*\*Executive Session – Anticipated – Legal Matters
20. \*\*Action on Matters Discussed in Executive Session
- 8:40 21. \*Adjourn

\* Decision Item \*\* Possible Decision

# ARTS + LEISURE

on Independent

November 9, 2023



Tim Parsons, Middlebury College's Landscape Horticulturist, bends down to inspect some new lawn planted as part of the college's "rewilding initiative." The effort aims to improve the environmental impact of the institution's nearly 100 acres of maintained lawn.

INDEPENDENT PHOTO / STEVE JAMES

## Rewilding to increase the ecological value

A nice green lawn is surely a pleasant component in any residential garden. For instance, I like to think of "lawn" as a way of creating a visual frame around my planted beds, helping me focus on the flowers and other plants which I enjoy.

BY JUDITH  
IRVEN

And, since lawn grass can be walked across without causing damage, our lawns invite us to enjoy the flowers up close, while also providing space for sitting or gentle strolling, as well as places where children can play.

However, in addition to providing me with

beautiful flowers and nutritious food, I also want my total garden to be a positive force within the overall environment — a place where wildlife like birds, butterflies, bees and so many other creatures that are part of our natural world, can thrive and reproduce.

But, beyond providing the occasional worm to be foraged by birds like robins and blue birds, our typical residential lawns offer very few ecological benefits to the overall environment.

Doug Tallamy, the noted environmentalist and Professor of Agriculture and Natural Resources at the University of Delaware, refers to the expansive lawns he sees in suburbia as "ecological wastelands" or "green deserts."

Meanwhile our weekly mowing rituals not only take our precious time, but — unless one uses an electric mower — they also spew out considerable amounts of the greenhouse gases that degrade the environment.

So for all these reasons I want to minimize the amount of lawn in my garden — while still maintaining its aesthetic benefits

*This is a bit like wanting to have my cake while also eating it!* And I sense that I am not alone in these desires.

### THE LAWNS AT MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE

This past August, I was delighted to

SEE REWILD ON PAGE 2

## REWILD

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participate in a group walk-about at Middlebury College to see their new “rewilding” initiative, whereby they are gradually reducing the hours they devote to lawn mowing, and also shrinking the total lawn area.

The walk-about was led by Tim Parsons and sponsored by the Vermont Nursery and Landscape Association. Parsons is the college’s Landscape Horticulturist with the responsibility of managing the entire beautiful outdoor landscape both at the Middlebury campus and at the Bread Loaf campus in Ripton. This monumental task not only includes caring for the many magnificent and noteworthy trees on campus, but also maintaining all open lawns and landscape plantings.

The ornamental lawns are an essential component of the Middlebury Campus, as they frame the college’s many iconic buildings. In addition, they provide congenial areas where members of the college community can gather, or alternatively, spend precious quiet time alone.

However, the lawns at the Middlebury campus encompass a total of 97 acres — which does not even include the extensive athletic fields.

And, until recently, all these lawns were mown weekly, involving 1,920 hours of staff time plus an additional cost of over \$10,000 for the diesel fuel. Furthermore, this lawn maintenance emits approximately 20 metric tons of carbon into the atmosphere yearly, and over 400 pounds of other gaseous pollutants.

Struck by the negative impact on the environment, as well as all the time and money associated with this mowing routine, Parsons has been actively seeking ways to reduce both the annual mowing time per acre, as well as the total number of acres of lawn to be mown on a regular basis.

And he wants to accomplish this while still maintaining the special qualities, which the lawns offer the entire college community. Campus landscapes are historically open spaces, with large, expansive views. The challenge is to maintain these areas ecologically, preserving the history without the traditional maintenance.

And, as you might expect, there is so much useful information which all homeowners and gardeners can learn from this ongoing effort. So let’s take a look how this is playing out at the college.

And certainly, as we experiment with different ways of reducing the amount of lawn we mow in our own gardens, the college’s experience with a no-mow regime may feel familiar.

### THE RE-WILDING STUDY

In 2022, Parsons approached the Sustainability Solutions Laboratory in Middlebury’s Franklin Environmental Center to help him develop a better way forward. That summer two students, Aria Bowden ’23 and S.J. O’Connor ’24, volunteered to conduct an extensive study of the different areas of lawn on campus and the way each area was actually being used by the college community.

They then developed specific recommendations for evolving each area of lawn, with the dual goals of reducing the overall maintenance burden, while also enhancing the environmental benefits of these open spaces.

Finally they documented all their findings in a paper titled “Rewilding and Restoration of Ecological Habitats on Middlebury College’s Main Campus” (see [go.middlebury.edu/rewild](http://go.middlebury.edu/rewild)).

As you can imagine, they found that, while some parts of the campus lawn are in regular use by both students and visitors, other sections of lawn are rarely stepped on. Indeed — a quick look at Google Earth shows how all the buildings

at Middlebury College are interconnected with wide concrete paths. And certainly, from my own observations, the predominate way people walk between the buildings is to use these paths.

So, not surprisingly, the actual lawn between these paths is used far less.

Bowden and O’Connor recommended that the

“BEYOND PROVIDING THE OCCASIONAL WORM TO BE FORAGED BY BIRDS LIKE ROBINS AND BLUE BIRDS, **OUR TYPICAL RESIDENTIAL LAWNS OFFER VERY FEW ECOLOGICAL BENEFITS TO THE OVERALL ENVIRONMENT.**”

### THE INITIAL NO-MOW PROGRAM

Back in 2009, Middlebury College initiated a “no-mow” program — whereby 16 acres of lawn, located in sparsely used parts of the outer campus, were mown just twice a season.

However, over time, they found that the gradual incursion of weeds — including prickly thistles and other thorny plants, as well as some non-native species — felt really out of place in the managed landscape of a college campus. So “no-mow” land was gradually reduced to just four acres (to read more, head online to [go.middlebury.edu/landscape](http://go.middlebury.edu/landscape)).

season-long weekly mowing regime should be restricted to just those areas of the lawn that they found to be in active use, which they designated as “High Performance Lawn” areas. These areas are mown at a more sustainable height of between 3 and 3.5 inches — something we can also do in our own lawns.

Also, by reducing the size of the highly managed lawn areas, more organic and sustainable approaches to lawn care become much more feasible and possible. For other areas they recommended two different “mowing reduction schedules,” described below.

They also visualized parts of the college lawn gradually transitioning to specific forms of

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Planting pollinator gardens is part of Tim Parsons' plan for "rewilding" portions of the Middlebury College lawns.

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*rewilded* areas — both to provide beneficial habitats for pollinators and other wildlife and because they would require just a single mowing in the fall.

So, this past summer, in a trial section of campus near the library on South Main Street — where it is easily visible to both members of the college as well as the general public — Parsons and his staff have been actively implementing new rewilding proposals.

And remember: This is just the first year in their overall process of reinventing the lawn.

### REDUCING THE WEEKLY MOWING RITUAL

#### PARK LAWN

The park-like hill below the Chapel at the college is home to a number of really beautiful mature trees. But, because of the ledge the "College on this Hill" sits upon, the soil here tends to be dry and also of poor quality. Consequently, the lawn in this area grows more slowly and has a tendency to turn brown.

Thus the recommendation was to reduce the frequency of mowing on this hill as well as in other areas with mature trees.

So, starting next spring, the mowing routine on this lovely hill will be reduced to twice a month. This more prescriptive maintenance approach should save significant time and resources while maintaining a historical viewshed.

#### ROUGH LAWN

There are also several areas of lawn at the college — designated as "rough lawn" — where

starting this past year, the weekly mowing ritual was restricted to the cooler months of April and May, which is when grass grows fastest.

In addition, toward the end of May the college welcomes many visitors to campus for the commencement ceremonies, when having shorter grass for visitor gatherings is desirable.

But from June onwards — when the higher summer temperatures cause the grass to grow more slowly — these areas are now being mown just once a month. The result is a meadowy lawn with a rougher but still very pleasant texture.

### REWILDING TO INCREASE THE ECOLOGICAL VALUE

In addition to reducing the mowing frequency for different areas of the lawn as described above, Parsons and his staff are also actively converting entire sections of lawn with the goal of increasing their ecological benefit — a process they call "rewilding."

This past summer they began with a trial area to the south of Starr Library and down towards South Main Street.

### CLOVER AREAS

Clovers (and yes — there are several kinds) are an incredibly beneficial group of plants for the environment.

• Firstly, clovers — as well as a number of other plants including those in the pea family — are known as "nitrogen fixing plants." These plants have the ability to extract nitrogen from the air and then store it in their roots — where eventually it becomes available to other plants

as soil fertilizer.

• And secondly, the flowers of all clovers are a wonderful source of nectar for bees and other pollinators. Indeed, especially in springtime, I find the various clover plants that have "volunteered" in my home lawn are abuzz with bees. I quite often need to stop my lawn mower so that a busy bee can finish getting its nectar.

So, as part of their rewilding initiative, in some sunny areas Parsons and his crew are completely replacing the lawn grass with low-growing clover "meadows."

In addition to providing all the environmental benefits of the more familiar taller clover, the expanse of lower growing micro-clover which they planted near the college library this past spring (from seed purchased from DLF Pictseed) has a ruffled texture that I found quite delightful. It was also abuzz with pollinators!

And, furthermore, it only needs mowing a couple of times a year! The short stature of the clover also prevents mice from inhabiting the space and moving into the library in the winter.

### NATIVE FESCUE AREAS

Last spring, as part of their lawn replacement initiative, Parsons and his crew also established wide areas near the library with Red Fescue (*Festuca rubra*). Red Fescue also only needs mowing once a year in the fall.

When I visited in August, these fescue areas had acquired a delicate wavy texture which looked especially lovely next to the lawn buffer which they maintain alongside the pathways.

The purpose of this buffer is to prevent ticks being transmitted from the taller fescue to pedestrians on the paths. However, in addition I found it created a delightful visual frame adjacent to the wavy texture of the fescue.

The college already had Red Fescue in the existing lawn (as do most Northeast lawns), so they utilized a specialty herbicide that killed all of the non-native grasses present, such as Kentucky bluegrass, ryegrass, and tall fescue, but kept the red fescue. Removing all the sod was impractical on such a large scale across campus and would have released quite a lot of carbon already locked into the soil, negating the goal of reduced carbon emissions by cutting back on lawn maintenance. But by removing all the invasive weeds and grasses the red fescue quickly dominated the area and thrived without the competition.

Homeowners cannot buy this treatment to do themselves, although many lawn care firms are available. If you are dealing with a smaller area, you could also solarize the area (put down plastic covering) prior to seeding. It is

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important to know that, before seeding an area for rewilding, all original lawn grasses should be thoroughly removed. Red Fescue (or even other native grasses) are readily available by seed, and easy to establish in these new solarized areas.



*This is the newly planted clayplain forest pictured this fall.*

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### CLAYPLAIN FOREST PLANTINGS

The long term rewilding plans also call for converting parts of the outer campus to Clayplain Forest — using native trees such as various species of maples and oak, as well as American beech, white pine and hemlock, all with an underplanting of shrubs and perennials. The goal of these forest plantings is to mimic the original Champlain Valley ecosystem while also bringing more species diversity to the campus.

### PERENNIAL GROWDCOVERS, POLLINATOR AND WILDFLOWER GARDENS

The long-term plan also recommends that, in order to create a beneficial habitat for pollinators and other wildlife, a variety of flowering plants be established in certain areas around the campus.

However it was also recognized that, at least initially, these plantings will likely be more labor-intensive to maintain. A trial area was planting this summer of a wildflower pollinator mix in the front of the Axinn library and should bloom next year. More of these plantings will only be initiated gradually as time permits.

### IN CONCLUSION

Our college neighbors are undertaking a very thoughtful and careful approach to enhancing their expansive grounds for the benefit of the overall college community. But, at the same time, they are also seeking to reduce the carbon footprint associated with their lawns while transforming them to benefit the wider environment.

It is my fervent hope that, as we seek to manage our own much smaller home landscapes, we can all learn from this effort.

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# ART ON EXHIBIT

## Brandon Artists Guild features *Judy Knope*

Brandon Artists Guild will feature the photography of Judy Knope this November, with a special reception and artist talk on Friday, Nov. 17, from 7-8:30 p.m.

"For me, photography is the only way to capture a moment," Knope commented. "By combining light and emotion I hope to create something pleasing to the viewer. My aim is to go beyond the familiar 'big picture' landscape approach to show a different side of everyday objects."

Knope said that photography has always interested her. From age eight when she had her first Kodak Instamatic to today's digital tools.

"My earliest memory is taking photos of every cactus seen on a family vacation,"

she said. "I can still remember my father commenting 'So many cactus photos?' when we picked up the developed photos at the drug store. My family saw photos as important.

"Having moved on from cactus I still haven't nailed down my path of photography, but maybe when I grow up," Knope said. "Drawing the viewer in by capturing details or different views of objects we look at every day but don't see creates interest and thought and my goal."

Knope's work is primarily done in black and white. And her scenes often include sights from the coast of Maine. See this "mostly self-taught" photographer's work on exhibit at BAG this month, and stop in for a chance to meet her on Friday, Nov. 17.



Meet photographer Judy Knope on Nov. 17, from 7-8:30 p.m., at Brandon Artists Guild.

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**"Pop-Up Books."** A new exhibit of pop-up books has been installed in the Davis Family Library atrium at Middlebury College. This exhibit was curated by Middlebury College student Anne Lofgren, class of 2023. On view through mid-November.

## EDGEWATER AT THE FALLS

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**"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. On view Sept. 9-Nov. 30.

## EDGEWATER ON THE GREEN

6 Merchants Row, Middlebury  
Visit [edgewatergallery.com](http://edgewatergallery.com), call 802-989-7419 or email [info@edgewatergallery-vt.com](mailto:info@edgewatergallery-vt.com) for more info.

**"Simple Matters,"** a solo exhibition of new work by Kathryn Milillo, featuring Vermont's rolling hills and interwoven fields and forests have a quiet rhythmic beauty. On view Oct. 3-Nov. 28.

## JACKSON GALLERY

68 S Pleasant St, Middlebury  
Visit [townhalltheater.org/jackson-gallery](http://townhalltheater.org/jackson-gallery) or call 802-382-9222 for more info.

**"Learning Together,"** is an exhibition of MSS student and instructor work, showcasing the breadth of artistic mediums taught at the school to people of all ages and abilities as well as the joy of the creative process. An opening reception will be held on Friday, Nov. 10, from 5-7 p.m. Open to all. On view Nov. 10-Dec. 22.

## MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE MUSEUM OF ART

72 Porter Field Rd, Middlebury  
For more info visit [middlebury.edu/museum/exhibitions](http://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

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**"Last Call."** This is the final exhibition at Northern Daughters, and will feature the work of Anne Cady, Bonnie Baird, Maria Flores Galindo, Chelsea

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# Cosmic Forecast

**ARIES:** March 21/April 20. Aries, you may see the details of a situation a little differently this week. While you may have been sticking to one way of doing things for some time, a new way may mean a breakthrough.

**TAURUS:** April 21/May 21. Taurus, your passion for a long-forgotten project is renewed. Dust off what you started, and see it through to completion. The results may surprise you.

**GEMINI:** May 22/June 21. Are you ready to communicate, Gemini? It's time to have an important conversation with someone close to you. It may not always be comfortable, but it needs to be done.

**CANCER:** June 22/July 22. Cancer, a message will come to you that will shed light on something that you have been missing for some time. In fact, it is so simple you won't know why you missed it before.

**LEO:** July 23/Aug. 23. Leo, you may need some financial fixes this week. Take control of your spending and identify ways you can curtail it further going forward. Ask for help, if necessary.

**VIRGO:** Aug. 24/Sept. 22. Lately your good advice and common-sense offerings have largely gone unheard or unheeded, Virgo. This week someone starts giving you the attention you deserve.

**LIBRA:** Sept. 23/Oct. 23. Libra, if brain fog has set in the last few days, you may get a reprieve this week. Rather than floundering around, you'll have a direction to go and be focused on your goals.

**SCORPIO:** Oct. 24/Nov. 22. You may have been too close to the action to realize an important piece of the puzzle, Scorpio. After having an opportunity to step back for a bit, the picture becomes much clearer.

**SAGITTARIUS:** Nov. 23/Dec. 21. Sagittarius, career gears could be spinning right now. You have a lot of questions to ponder, including whether you should stay put at work or maybe look elsewhere.

**CAPRICORN:** Dec. 22/Jan. 20. Actions speak louder than words, Capricorn. Others will take note of your efforts and embrace any chance to work alongside you.

**AQUARIUS:** Jan. 21/Feb. 18. It is time to stop waffling on a particular situation, Aquarius. You have done the research and checked it over many times. Make a decision knowing you are prepared.

**PISCES:** Feb. 19/March 20. You may need a crash course in negotiation, Pisces. There is something you have your eye on, and you may have to haggle over the details so things go your way.

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NOV. 11 — Kurt Vonnegut, writer (d)  
NOV. 12 — Juana Inés de la Cruz, Baroque-era writer, philosopher composer & poet (d)

NOV. 13 — Auguste Rodin, sculptor (d)  
NOV. 14 — Fanny Mendelssohn, musician and composer (d)  
NOV. 15 — Georgia O'Keefe, artist (d)  
NOV. 16 — Chinua Achebe, writer (d)

# CALENDAR

NOV. 9-29  
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**THURSDAY, NOV. 9**

**"FROZEN: THE MUSICAL" IN MIDDLEBURY.** Thursday, Nov. 9, 7 p.m., Auditorium, Middlebury Union High School, 73 Charles Ave. Elsa and Anna and company take the stage in MUHS' fall musical production. Tickets at [showtix4u.com/event-details/76858](http://showtix4u.com/event-details/76858).

**"AN EVENING WITH SPIRIT" IN MIDDLEBURY.** Thursday, Nov. 9, 7 p.m., Town Hall Theater, 68 South Pleasant St. Psychic Medium and Author Josh Simonds comes to Middlebury for an evening of spiritual connection, love, and humor. Tickets \$45, available at [tickets@townhalltheater.org](http://tickets@townhalltheater.org), [townhalltheater.org](http://townhalltheater.org) or 802-382-9222.

**INSPIRIT DANCE: WHAT WE ASK OF FLESH IN MIDDLEBURY.** Thursday, Nov. 9, 7:30 p.m., Dance Theater, Mahaney Arts Center, 72 Porter Field Rd. The premiere of choreographer Christal Brown's evening-length dance and installation is inspired by the writings of poet Remica Bingham-Risher, as well as Brown's caregiver journey with Alzheimer's and dementia, and her explorations of legacy. This soulful, profound performance is a physical examination of the capacity of human life and the intricacies of the mind. Tickets: \$25/20/10/5 available at [go.middlebury.edu/tickets](http://go.middlebury.edu/tickets).

**FRIDAY, NOV. 10**

**"KILLERS OF THE FLOWER MOON" DE-BRIEFING IN MIDDLEBURY.** Friday, Nov. 10, 4:45-5:30 p.m., Marquis Theater, 65 Main St. Whiting resident and Native American Randy Kritkauskay will be on hand to help viewers process questions raised by Scorsese's movie in a discussion and Q&A between the afternoon and evening showings.

**ART OPENING RECEPTION IN MIDDLEBURY.** Friday, Nov. 10, 5-7 p.m., Jackson Gallery, Town Hall Theater, 68 South Maple St. "Learning Together: An Exhibition of Middlebury Studio School Student and Teacher Work," showcases the breadth of artistic mediums taught at the school to people of all ages and abilities as well as the joy of the creative process. Viewers will learn about MSS programs while getting to know the artistic voices of our Middlebury community.

**"THE 25TH ANNUAL PUTNAM COUNTY SPELLING BEE" IN MIDDLEBURY.** Friday, Nov. 10, 7 p.m., Wilson Hall, McCullough Student Center, Old Chapel Rd. Middlebury College Musical Theatre presents this hilarious Tony Award-winning musical. Six Middlebury students compete as quirky, overachieving children desperate to win their county's spelling bee. Tickets \$10/\$8/\$5, available at [www.middlebury.edu/college/box-office](http://www.middlebury.edu/college/box-office).

Strong language, not recommended for young children.

**"FROZEN: THE MUSICAL" IN MIDDLEBURY.** Friday, Nov. 10, 7 p.m., Auditorium, Middlebury Union High School, 73 Charles Ave. See Nov. 9 listing.

**INSPIRIT DANCE: WHAT WE ASK OF FLESH IN MIDDLEBURY.** Friday, Nov. 10, 7:30 p.m., Dance Theater, Mahaney Arts Center, 72 Porter Field Rd. See Nov. 9 listing.

**THE SOUND INVESTMENT IN MIDDLEBURY.** Friday, Nov. 10, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall Theater, 68 South Pleasant St. The Sound Investment Jazz Ensemble is the Middlebury College Music Department's 17-piece big band that builds on the 80-year history of swingin' music. David Allan Rose will be on hand at 6:45 to provide swing dance lessons. Tickets \$15 adult/\$10 student, available at [tickets@townhalltheater.org](http://tickets@townhalltheater.org), [townhalltheater.org](http://townhalltheater.org) or 802-382-9222.

**DISSIPATED 8 IN BRANDON.** Friday, Nov. 10, 7:30 p.m., Brandon Town Hall, 1 Conant Sq. Middlebury Colleges all-male a capella group returns for their 7th year. Their signature harmonies, touch of comedy and interaction with the audience make them a Town Hall favorite. Tickets \$8 adults/\$6 seniors and students.

**SATURDAY, NOV. 11**

**INSPIRIT DANCE: WHAT WE ASK OF FLESH IN MIDDLEBURY.** Saturday, Nov. 11, 2 p.m., Dance Theater, Mahaney Arts Center, 72 Porter Field Rd. See Nov. 9 listing.

**"FROZEN: THE MUSICAL" IN MIDDLEBURY.** Saturday, Nov. 11, 2 p.m., Auditorium, Middlebury Union High School, 73 Charles Ave. See Nov. 9 listing.

**KING PEDE CARD PARTY IN FERRISBURGH.** Saturday, Nov. 11, 6:30 p.m., Ferrisburgh Town Hall and Community Center, 3279 Route 7. A sandwich supper and then on to an evening of fun and games. King Pede is a game that involves "trick-taking" such as in Hearts and Spades or Pitch. This is a game of fun and skill so come prepared to use your strategic thinking

**LADIES' MOVIE NIGHT IN FERRISBURGH.** Saturday, Nov. 11, 6:30 p.m., Ferrisburgh Town Hall and Community Center, 3279 Route 7. The first movie offering by The Friends of the Union Meeting Hall. This month's film will send you to a summer in the Catskills, where dancing reigns supreme. Rated PG-13. Free, no pre-registration required. Snacks, popcorn, and other light refreshments will be available for purchase.

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<p><b>MCTV Channel 1071</b> <b>Friday, November 10</b> Through the Night: Public Affairs 4 a.m. Selectboard, Public Affairs 7:30 a.m. Congregational Church 9 a.m. Gov. Scott 10 a.m. Selectboard, Public Affairs 3 p.m. Vermontitude: Emilie Kornheiser 3:16 p.m. What's Going On: Gaza and Palestine 4 p.m. Memorial Baptist Church 9 p.m. Dr. John Campbell</p> <p><b>Saturday, November 11</b> Through the Night: Public Affairs 6:30 a.m. Vermontitude 7:16 a.m. Gaza and Palestine 8:30 a.m. Health Care Today 9 a.m. The Juxtaposition 9:30 a.m. Straight Talk Vermont 4 p.m. Memorial Baptist Service 5:30 p.m. Eckankar 6 p.m. Gov. Scott 7 p.m. Catholic Mass 7:30 p.m. Public Affairs 11 p.m. Dr. John Campbell</p> <p><b>Sunday, November 12</b> Through the Night: Public Affairs 5:30 a.m. Dr. John Campbell 9:00 a.m. Catholic Mass</p>	<p>9:30 a.m. Public Affairs 11 a.m. Memorial Baptist Service 12:30 p.m. Selectboard 3 p.m. Vermontitude 3:16 p.m. Gaza and Palestine 4 p.m. Congregational Service 6:30 p.m. Eckankar 7 p.m. Catholic Mass 7:30 p.m. Public Affairs 8:30 p.m. Health Care Today 9 p.m. The Juxtaposition 9:30 p.m. Straight Talk Vermont</p> <p><b>Monday, November 13</b> Through the Night: Public Affairs 5 a.m. Press Conf., Public Affairs 10 a.m. Selectboard, Public Affairs 3:30 p.m. Dr. John Campbell 8 p.m. Health Care Today 8:30 p.m. Montpelier Happy Hour 9:30 p.m. Eckankar</p> <p><b>Tuesday, November 14</b> Through the Night: Public Affairs 5:30 a.m. Selectboard, Public Affairs 9:30 a.m. Eckankar 10 a.m. Selectboard, Public Affairs 3:30 p.m. Health Care Today 4 p.m. Congregational Service 7 p.m. Selectboard, Public Affairs</p> <p><b>Wednesday, November 15</b> Through the Night: Public Affairs</p>	<p>6 a.m. Health Care Today 6:30 a.m. Gaza and Palestine 7:14 a.m. Vermontitude 7:30 a.m. Memorial Baptist Service 9:30 a.m. Catholic Mass 10 a.m. Selectboard, Public Affairs 5 p.m. Health Care Today 5:30 p.m. The Juxtaposition 6 p.m. Straight Talk Vermont 7 p.m. Selectboard, Public Affairs</p> <p><b>Thursday, November 16</b> Through the Night: Public Affairs 7 a.m. Select Board 8 a.m. Congregational Service 12 p.m. Selectboard, Public Affairs 9:30 p.m. Eckankar 10 p.m. Vermontitude 10:16 p.m. Gaza and Palestine 11 a.m. Dr. John Campbell</p> <p><b>Channel 1091</b> <b>Friday, November 10</b> 5 a.m. All Things LGBTQ 6 a.m. AAUW - Putin in Chechnya &amp; Ukraine 8 a.m. OLLI Lecture Series - The Many Variations of Medicare 9:30 a.m. OLLI Lecture Series - From the Parlor to the Polling Place</p>	<p>4 p.m. All Things LGBTQ 6 p.m. School Board Meetings</p> <p><b>Saturday, November 11</b> 5 a.m. School Board Meetings 10:30 a.m. Many Variations of Medicare 12:00 p.m. Labor In the Food System 1:02 p.m. Putin in Chechnya &amp; Ukraine 2:40 p.m. Brattleboro Literary Festival 6 p.m. All Brains Belong 10 p.m. All Brains Belong VT 11 p.m. Putin in Chechnya &amp; Ukraine</p> <p><b>Sunday, November 12</b> 4 a.m. Labor In the Food System 5:03 a.m. All Things LGBTQ 6 a.m. Danville Town Band 7:30 a.m. From Parlor to the Polling Place 10 a.m. School Board Meeting/s 3:20 p.m. Putin in Chechnya &amp; Ukraine 5 p.m. All Things LGBTQ 6 p.m. At The Ilsley: Sas Carey 7:10 p.m. Labor In the Food System 8:15 p.m. Brattleboro Literary Festival 9:30 p.m. The Constellations, History, Mythology, and Identification</p> <p><b>Monday, November 13</b> 5 a.m. Brattleboro Literary Festival 9 a.m. Food &amp; Cooking Programs 1 p.m. Recent School Board Meetings 6 p.m. All Things LGBTQ 7 p.m. Sas Carey</p>	<p>8:10 p.m. Putin in Chechnya &amp; Ukraine 10 p.m. The Constellations</p> <p><b>Tuesday, November 14</b> 5:30 a.m. Chair Yoga 6:30 a.m. At the Ilsley - AAUW - Putin in Chechnya &amp; Ukraine 8:10 a.m. The Constellations 9:30 a.m. Many Variations of Medicare 1:30 p.m. OLLI Lecture Series 3 p.m. All Brains Belong VT 4 p.m. Yoga 5 p.m. School Board Meetings, State Board of Education</p> <p><b>Wednesday, November 15</b> 5 a.m. Chair Yoga 6 a.m. All Things LGBTQ 7 a.m. Brattleboro Literary Festival 12 p.m. State Board of Education 6 p.m. School Board Meetings</p> <p><b>Thursday, November 16</b> 5 a.m. Putin in Chechnya &amp; Ukraine 6:38 a.m. Brattleboro Literary Festival 10 a.m. Yoga 11 a.m. Food &amp; Cooking Programs 12 p.m. School Board Meetings 7 p.m. Foltz Studio 8 p.m. All Brains Belong VT 9 p.m. All Things LGBTQ 10 p.m. Sas Carey</p>	

**"THE BIG PARADE" SILENT FILM ON SCREEN IN BRANDON.** Saturday, Nov. 11, 7 p.m., Brandon Town Hall, 1 Conant Sq. We salute Veterans Day with this sweeping saga about U.S. doughboys signing up and shipping off to France in 1917, when they face experiences that will change their lives forever — if they return. A free will donation event.

**"THE 25TH ANNUAL PUTNAM COUNTY SPELLING BEE" IN MIDDLEBURY.** Saturday, Nov. 11, 7 p.m., Wilson Hall, McCullough Student Center, Old Chapel Rd. See Nov. 10 listing.

**CONTRA DANCE IN CORNWALL.** Saturday, Nov. 11, 7-9:30 p.m., Cornwall Town Hall, Route 30. Will Mentor will be calling, with music by Red Dog Riley. Masks optional. \$5 to \$10 or pay what you can.

**DANISH STRING QUARTET IN MIDDLEBURY.** Saturday, Nov. 11, 7:30 p.m., Robison Hall, Mahaney Arts Center, 72 Porter Field Rd. Named "one of the best string quartets before the public today" by the Washington Post, the Danish String Quartet certainly made an impression when first performing here in 2017: Our sold-out audience gave them a standing ovation before we even hit intermission, and audiences have been asking for their re-engagement ever since. Tickets \$25/20/10/5, available at [go.middlebury.edu/tickets](http://go.middlebury.edu/tickets).

## TUESDAY, NOV. 14

**BIXBY BOOK CLUB IN VERGENNES.** Tuesday, Nov. 14, 6 p.m., Bixby Memorial Library, 258 Main St. Come discuss "Remarkable Creatures" by Tracy Chevalier, a gripping historical novel that follows the story of Mary and Elizabeth, two extraordinary 19th century English fossil hunters who changed the scientific world forever.

## WEDNESDAY, NOV. 15

**GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB BACK ROADS HISTORY WALK IN LINCOLN.** Wednesday, Nov. 15. Walk on the back roads of Lincoln with sweeping views of the Monroe Skyline and bits of local history. Easy to moderate pace and a few hundred feet of elevation gain. Contact Cecilia Ewert at [ceciliaelwert@yahoo.com](mailto:ceciliaelwert@yahoo.com) or 802-377-7196 to register and for more information. More at [gmcbreadloaf.org](http://gmcbreadloaf.org).

## THURSDAY, NOV. 16

**"THE LEAGUE" ON SCREEN IN MIDDLEBURY.** Thursday, Nov. 16, 7 p.m., Town Hall Theater, 68 S. Pleasant St. Directed by acclaimed filmmaker Sam Pollard, "The League" celebrates the dynamic journey of Negro League baseball's triumphs and challenges through the first half of the twentieth century. The story is told through previously unearthed archival footage

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and never-before-seen interviews with legendary players like Satchel Paige and Buck O'Neil — whose early careers paved the way for the Jackie Robinson era — as well as celebrated Hall of Famers Willie Mays and Hank Aaron who started out in the Negro Leagues. An MNFF Selects Series film. Individual tickets \$14 in advance/\$16 at the door/series pass \$90. More info at [townhalltheater.org](http://townhalltheater.org).

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## FRIDAY, NOV. 17

**GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB HIKE IN COLCHESTER.** Friday, Nov. 17, Niquette Bay. Enjoy several natural communities along two forested ridges and a sandy terrace for a moderate 3.8-mile loop with about 480 ft. elevation gain. Approximately 2.5 to 3 hours with lunch and visit to shoreline of Lake Champlain. Contact leader Ken Corey at [kencorey53@gmail.com](mailto:kencorey53@gmail.com) or 802-349-3733 to register or for more information. More at [gmcbreadloaf.org](http://gmcbreadloaf.org).

**RODGERS & HAMMERSTEIN'S "CINDERELLA" IN BRISTOL.** Friday, Nov. 17, 7 p.m., Auditorium, Mount Abraham Union High School, Airport Rd. See Nov. 16 listing.

**WARREN MILLER'S "ALL TIME" ON SCREEN IN MIDDLEBURY.** Friday, Nov. 17, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall Theater, 68 S. Pleasant St. "All Time features deep dives into elements that Miller first identified as the stuff of which snowy dreams are made. From the birth of ski towns like Sun Valley and Aspen to the icons and innovators, the film will spin through the years like snow ghosts, bringing humor and inspiration from today. Tickets \$25 in advance/\$27 day of show, available at [townhalltheater.org](http://townhalltheater.org).

## SATURDAY, NOV. 18

**GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB HIKE IN LEICESTER/GOSHEN.** Saturday, Nov. 18, Minnie Baker, Chandler Ridge, and Silver Lake Trails. Hike 7 miles, elevation gain about 1,200 ft, approximately 5-hour hike involving a car spot. Enjoy great views of Silver Lake, cascades, Lake Dunmore, the Adirondacks from Lennie's Lookout, and Falls of Lana. Contact Susie Davis Patterson at [spatters@uvm.edu](mailto:spatters@uvm.edu) or at 802-777-1832. More at [gmcbreadloaf.org](http://gmcbreadloaf.org).

**"X: THE LIFE AND TIMES OF MALCOLM X" LIVE IN HD IN MIDDLEBURY.** Saturday, Nov. 18, 1 p.m., Town Hall Theater, 68 S. Pleasant St. Anthony Davis's groundbreaking and influential opera, which premiered in 1986, arrives at the Met at long last. Theater luminary Robert O'Hara, the Tony-nominated director of "Slave Play," oversees a potent new staging that imagines Malcolm as an Everyman whose story transcends time and space. Tickets \$26 adult/\$12 student available at [townhalltheater.org](http://townhalltheater.org).

**NO STRINGS MARIONETTES "SCROOGE, A CHRISTMAS CAROL" IN BRANDON.** Saturday, Nov. 18, 2 p.m., Brandon Town Hall, 1 Conant Sq. Families and children of all ages can celebrate the season and enter the wonders of a traditional adaptation of this well-loved holiday classic. A special finger puppet workshop will be held prior to the performance from 1-1:45 p.m. with the show starting at 2 p.m. Tickets \$8 adults/\$5 seniors and students/children 5 and under free.

**RODGERS & HAMMERSTEIN'S "CINDERELLA" IN BRISTOL.** Saturday, Nov. 18, 2 and 7 p.m., Auditorium, Mount Abraham Union High School, Airport Rd. See Nov. 16 listing.

## SUNDAY, NOV. 19

**GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB HIKE IN MIDDLEBURY.** Sunday, Nov. 19, Chipman Hill. How many paths are on Chipman Hill? We will try to hit them all on this roughly three-hour hike. Moderate terrain and fast to moderate pace. Expect 5-7 miles with few stops. Bring snacks and water. Morning event, we should be done by lunch. Contact Ellen Cronan for more info at 908-595-2926. More at [gmcbreadloaf.org](http://gmcbreadloaf.org).

**CHAMPLAIN VALLEY FIDDLERS LUNCHEON AND FIDDLE JAM IN MIDDLEBURY.** Sunday, Nov. 19, noon-4 p.m., VFW, 530 Exchange St. Menu includes chicken tenders, potato salad, shepherd's pie, green bean casserole, macaroni and cheese, rolls, apple crisp or chocolate cake/ \$10 members, \$20 non-members More info contact Susie Coburn at 802-352-4489. Music by Joe and Jackie Rivers from 1-4 p.m.

**THANKSGIVING COMMUNITY HYMN SING IN VERGENNES.** Sunday, Nov. 19, 3 p.m., Vergennes Opera House, 120

Main St. Local musicians from several area churches unite for this community event. Sing along to traditional favorite hymns led by a full band of piano, guitar, bass, percussion, brass and a special appearance by the Addison County Gospel Choir. Song books will be provided at the door. Donations toward the All Access Project gratefully accepted. Doors open at 2:30 p.m.

**THE HINESBURG ARTIST SERIES PERFORMANCE IN HINESBURG.** Sunday, Nov. 19, 4 p.m., Champlain Valley Union High School. Both the CVU band and chorus will perform a variety of music that will appeal to all ages. While the concert is free, donations are gratefully accepted.

## TUESDAY, NOV. 21

**THE CHAAWP SALON IN RIPTON.** Tuesday, Nov. 21, 6-8 p.m., Chipman Inn, Route 125. Artists, Artisans, Writers, Poets! Come share your work and ideas, discuss your aesthetic, creative philosophy and process, and engage in creative community and camaraderie. A "salon" rather than a "workshop," you can ask for feedback if you wish, but the core idea is to inspire one another and strengthen our literary and artistic community. More info contact Cindy Hill [wordwomanvt@yahoo.com](mailto:wordwomanvt@yahoo.com).

## SATURDAY, NOV. 25

**KING PEDE CARD PARTY IN FERRISBURGH.** Saturday, Nov. 25, 6:30 p.m., Ferrisburgh Town Hall and Community Center, 3279 Route 7. A sandwich supper and then on to an evening of fun and games. King Pede is a game that involves "trick-taking" such as in Hearts and Spades or Pitch.

## WEDNESDAY, NOV. 29

**GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB HIKE IN BRISTOL.** Wednesday, Nov. 29, Watershed Center, Plank Rd. Moderate 5.5-mile hike to a scenic ridge with possible extensions on side trails. Steady elevation gain about 640 feet. Dress in warm layers. Waterproof boots and poles recommended. Limit 10 participants. For more information and to register contact Ruth Penfield at [ruthpenfield@gmail.com](mailto:ruthpenfield@gmail.com) or 802-388-5407 to register or for more info. More at [gmcbreadloaf.org](http://gmcbreadloaf.org).

**THE GLOBAL BODY IN CONFLICT: MOVEMENT MATTERS SERIES WITH TATIANA DESARDOUIN IN MIDDLEBURY.** Wednesday, Nov. 29, 4:30-6 p.m., Dance Theater, Mahaney Arts Center, 72 Porter Field Rd. Artis Tatiana Desardouin's work explores race, Black culture, immigration and colonization through Hip-Hop dance. Get an introduction to hip-hop and house dance culture, drills, foundations, and incorporate some variations and freestyle exercises and journaling for introspective anti-racist work. Open to students, faculty, staff, and people beyond the college.

# UPCOMING MUSIC

## The Danish String Quartet returns to the Mahaney Arts Center, Nov. 11

Named “one of the best string quartets before the public today” by the *Washington Post*, the Danish String Quartet made an impression when they first performed at the Mahaney Arts Center in 2017. The sold-out audience gave them a standing ovation before they even hit intermission, and audiences have been asking for their re-engagement ever since. The Middlebury Performing Arts Series brings the Quartet back to the MAC on Nov. 11 with a lush program of works by Purcell, Haydn, and Shostakovich, plus the quartet’s acclaimed arrangements of Nordic folk music.

Longtime friends and virtuosic musicians, these four self-described “relatively bearded Scandinavians, sometimes mistaken for Vikings” have been playing as a quartet for over 20 years. They are renowned for impeccable musicianship and sophisticated artistry, as well as a clarity and unity of ensemble that comes from developing together as artists from a young age. They exude a palpable joy in music-making that has made them one of today’s most highly sought-after classical quartets, performing to sold-out concert halls around the world.

### ABOUT THE QUARTET

Violinists Frederik Øland, Rune Tonsgaard

Sørensen (who appeared at Middlebury in October, playing fiddle with the enormously popular folk trio Dreamers’ Circus), and violist Asbjørn Nørgaard met as children at a music summer camp where they played soccer and made music together. They quickly became best friends and have been united ever since. As teenagers, they began studying together with Professor Tim Frederiksen of Copenhagen’s Royal Danish Academy of Music. In 2008, the three Danes were joined by Norwegian cellist Fredrik Schøyen Sjölin. They explain cheekily, “He looked like a character from *Game of Thrones*, and we thought he was a perfect match.”

Among the Quartet’s many accolades are Musical America’s 2020 Ensemble of the Year award and the Borletti-Buitoni Trust. In 2013 they were named BBC Radio 3 New Generation Artists and appointed to the coveted Chamber Music Society’s The Bowers Program. In 2011, they received the Carl Nielsen Prize, the highest cultural honor in Denmark.

This season, the Danish String Quartet continues its DOPPELGÄNGER series, an ambitious four-year international commissioning project which pairs world premieres from four renowned Scandinavian



*The Danish String Quartet will perform classical works and new arrangements of Nordic folk music at the Mahaney Arts Center on Saturday, Nov. 11.*

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composers (Bent Sørensen, Lotta Wennäkoski, Anna Thorvaldsdóttir, and Thomas Adès) with late major chamber works by Franz Schubert. The Quartet will perform 28 concerts across North America this season, over the course of three separate tours, and is Artist in Residence at London’s famed Wigmore Hall.

Don’t miss the Danish String Quartet on Saturday, Nov. 11, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25 for the general public, \$20 for Middlebury faculty/staff and alumni, \$10 for youth, and \$5 for Middlebury College students. The concert is expected to sell out in advance. For tickets or information, call 802-443-MIDD (6433) or visit [middlebury.edu/arts](http://middlebury.edu/arts).

# FILM SCREENING

## Silent classic ‘The Big Parade’ to screen with live music in Brandon

It was the “Saving Private Ryan” of its time — a movie that showed audiences combat as experienced by a soldier whose life is changed forever by the horrors of war.

It was “The Big Parade” (1925), a sprawling World War I epic and a box office sensation that made MGM into a powerhouse studio in Hollywood’s golden years.

See for yourself as “The Big Parade” is screened one time only in honor of Veterans Day on Saturday, Nov. 11, at 7 p.m., at Brandon Town Hall.

The show will feature live accompaniment by silent film musician Jeff Rapsis.

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*Silent film megastar John Gilbert and co-star Renée Adorée embrace in “The Big Parade” (1925), MGM’s landmark World War I silent film blockbuster. To honor Veterans Day, the movie will be screened with live music on Saturday, Nov. 11, 2 p.m., at the Brandon Town Hall and Community Center. Admission is free.*

# PUZZLES

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## ACROSS

- 1. Happen again
- 8. Large flightless birds
- 13. A type of account
- 14. Beyond what is natural
- 15. Beloved comfort food
- 19. Rural delivery
- 20. Belonging to us
- 21. Typical
- 22. Pie \_ \_ \_ mode
- 23. Returned material authorization (abbr.)
- 24. Not us
- 25. Discharge
- 26. Made empty
- 30. Fishing net

- 31. Fast-moving, harmless snake
- 32. Analyzed into its parts
- 33. In a way, chilled
- 34. Hindu queen
- 35. Circles around the sun
- 38. Used for emphasis
- 39. Reactive structures
- 40. Recommendations
- 44. Feel intense anger
- 45. Puke
- 46. Rural Northern Ireland community
- 47. Naturally occurring solid material
- 48. British watch brand

- 49. Toddler
- 50. Integrated circuit
- 51. Being revered
- 55. "Pets" you can grow
- 57. Continual
- 58. Puts together in time
- 59. Houses temporarily

## DOWN

- 1. Vital public document
- 2. Disinter
- 3. Musical performances
- 4. After B
- 5. Every body has one

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## Sudoku

Each Sudoku puzzle consists of a 9x9 grid that has been subdivided into nine smaller grids of 3x3 squares. To solve the puzzle each row, column and box must contain each of the numbers 1 to 9. Puzzles come in three grades: easy, medium and difficult.

**Level: Medium**

(abbr.)

- 6. Utilize
- 7. In a way, disproved
- 8. Fisherman's tool
- 9. Of she
- 10. Trauma center
- 11. Commercial flyer
- 12. Administered medicine to calm
- 16. Popular R&B performer
- 17. Regretted
- 18. Leg (slang)
- 22. "Night Train" author
- 25. More supernatural
- 27. Baltimore ballplayer
- 28. Shoe parts
- 29. Scores perfectly
- 30. More lucid
- 32. Trim by cutting
- 34. Disreputable people
- 35. Dramatic behaviors
- 36. Disorder
- 37. Private box in a theater
- 38. More dried-up
- 40. Raw
- 41. In operation
- 42. Pillager
- 43. Butterflies with brown wings
- 45. Disallow
- 48. Own up
- 51. Hungarian city
- 52. A way to condemn
- 53. Tax collector
- 54. Lease
- 56. Not out

This week's puzzle solutions can be found on Page 13.



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# FILM SCREENINGS

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DECEMBER MNFF SELECTS FILM:  
THURSDAY, DEC. 21, AT 7 P.M.  
"IMMEDIATE FAMILY"

## Film celebrates the journey of Negro League baseball

Next week, Thursday, Nov. 16, at 7 p.m., the 2023-2024 MNFF Selects Monthly Movie Screening Series continues with a presentation of "The League," at Town Hall Theater in Middlebury.

Directed by acclaimed filmmaker Sam Pollard, "The League" celebrates the dynamic journey of Negro League baseball's triumphs and challenges through the first half of the 20th century. The story is told through previously unearthed archival footage and never-before-seen interviews with legendary players like Satchel Paige and Buck O'Neil — whose early careers paved the way for the Jackie Robinson era — as well as celebrated Hall of Famers Willie Mays and Hank Aaron who started out in the Negro Leagues.

The Selects theme this season is "Great



"The League" will screen at Town Hall Theater in Middlebury on Thursday, Nov. 16, at 7 p.m.

Stories, Well Told" and "The League" is exactly that, an essential American story told in a striking and illuminating way. This powerful documentary explores Black baseball as an economic and social pillar of Black communities and a stage for some of the greatest athletes to ever play the game, while also examining the unintended consequences of integration.

Following the screening, join Middlebury

College Professor Karl Lindholm and Professor Emeritus Bill Hart for a discussion of the film.

Tickets for MNFF Select films are \$14 in advance, or \$16 on the night of the show. Passes for the MNFF Select Series are available now for the remaining seven films, and cost \$75. All passes and advance tickets are available through the Town Hall Theater box office: M-F 12-5 p.m. in-person, by calling 802-382-9222 or online at townhalltheater.org.

## Scorsese film connects with Whiting Native American

Martin Scorsese's new film, "Killers of the Flower Moon," is more than just a cinematic creation for one Addison County Native American. Randy Kritkauskay, an enrolled Potawatomi tribal member who now resides in Whiting, has familial connections with both the geographic setting of the film and its story line.

"My ancestors were forcibly removed from the upper Midwest and eventually relocated in Oklahoma just before the oil boom," Kritkauskay said. "We were given small parcels of land in exchange for ending our traditional collective land ownership and social structure. And then, in a less life-threatening variation of the fate suffered by the Osage people, we were robbed of oil wealth. The Osage were killed so that the oil on their lands could be stolen. We were 'just' cheated."

Kritkauskay's family still owns a small plot of land in Oklahoma. When oil was discovered and wildcat drillers and investors piled into the state early in the 20<sup>th</sup> century, his family had hopes of benefitting from oil wealth. His grandfather signed a lease with an oil company that only paid the lease amount due when the family hired a lawyer decades later.



Randy Kritkauskay holds his grandfather's stock certificate for "The Texas Boy Oil Company."

His grandfather's heirs were paid \$7.93 each after lawyer fees were subtracted.

"The oil companies slant drilled under Native lands to extract oil and to avoid paying royalties," Kritkauskay added. "They didn't kill us. They just cheated us 'legally'. I guess we should be grateful as we survived, unlike many Osage who were murdered, as portrayed in 'Killers of the Flower Moon.'"

Hearing about the film and reading the

book, Kritkauskay realized that "Killers of the Flower Moon" might well leave some viewers struggling with guilt feelings and wondering what if anything can be done a century later to address historic injustices.

"We can't undo the past," Kritkauskay noted. "All of us, Native Americans and settler descendants, need to find ways to move on and begin healing ourselves as well as the planet. Big oil is still a threat, and is taking lives, in less obvious ways."

With hopes of helping those who see the Scorsese film, Kritkauskay approached the owner of the Marquis Theatre in Middlebury and asked if it would be possible to hold a de-briefing and Q&A before or after a showing. He agreed.

On Friday, Nov. 10, from 4:45 to 5:30 p.m., between the early afternoon and evening screenings of the film, Kritkauskay will offer an opportunity to process questions raised by Scorsese's movie.

"It is my objective to make viewers not feel guilty," he said. "My objective is to explore ways of moving forward together."

**FILM**

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"The Big Parade," released just a few years after World War I ended, was hailed by critics as the first Hollywood film to depict the harsh reality of combat and its impact of troops in the trenches and foxholes. Its hellish battle scenes were staged on a massive scale and still retain their ability to shock audiences.

The picture, based on the best-selling novel "What Price Glory?" follows the story of a young man (John Gilbert) who rebels against a privileged background by enlisting in the army just before the U.S. enters World War I.

He is shipped out to France, where he falls in love with a local French woman before being transferred to the front. There, he and his squadmates face the German war machine, where they must endure the ultimate tests of duty and honor in a battle they come to see as meaningless.

In addition to vivid war scenes, the film contains a famous dramatic sequence in which the French woman

(Renée Adorée) realizes her love for the soldier, and tries to find him to say goodbye as the massive convoy of troops pulls out for the front. Another celebrated sequence depicts the light-hearted first meeting of the soldier and the girl, in which he teaches her how to chew gum.

"The Big Parade" went on to become the top-grossing movie of the entire silent film era, earning \$6.4 million domestically and making director King Vidor into the Steven Spielberg of his day. It stood as MGM's biggest single box office hit until the release of "Gone With the Wind" in 1939.

Don't miss MGM's silent blockbuster "The Big Parade" this Saturday evening at the Brandon Town Hall. Admission is free, with donations accepted in support of ongoing Town Hall renovations. For more info, visit [brandontownhall.com](http://brandontownhall.com) and [jeffrapsis.com](http://jeffrapsis.com).



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**Butters**

Butters is a one-year-old sweetheart. She loves to give and get affection and gets along with other cats. Butters did not like the dog in her previous home.

**Darth Vader**

Darth Vader is a 3-year-old shy, nervous young cat who just loves to play. He does best when he is with other cats. He will allow being pet, but he is still learning to trust people. Darth would do best with a family who has another cat, and who will have a lot of patience for him as he comes out of his shell.



**Han Solo**

Han Solo is a 4-year-old sweet, chatty guy. He makes little chirping noises wherever he goes! Han gets the morning zoomies and enjoys spending time on the cat porch in the sunshine. He gets along with cats.

**Bella**

Bella is a sweet 10-year-old, 68-pound senior. She loves her toys and all the yummy treats! Bella really enjoys going out for walks with our volunteers, and to play in the yard. She is a bit insecure when being introduced to new dogs and needs time to feel comfortable around them. She is good around children, but is not a big fan of cats. Bella is very affectionate and likes to be near people. She is strong on a leash, but is easy to manage with the right walking gear. Bella enjoys car rides and to go swimming in the lake. She is excellent at solving puzzle toys and will do so with a wagging tail.



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IT'S TIME TO PLANT GARLIC!

**F**resh garlic from your garden is hard to beat, and now is the time to get it started for next year. Let's look at a few tips for a successful garlic crop using science and some practical gardening knowledge.

We should always try to get the best variety for local conditions. Garlic includes two major groups, "hardneck" and "softneck." Both are good and can be grown in Vermont, but most people favor hardneck for its hardiness and great flavor. Softneck garlic stores well and is easy to grow.

Garlic is propagated from the cloves, so once you have a variety that does well, you can stay

with it by keeping some of your biggest bulbs to plant for the next year. A good rule of thumb is that a pound of garlic bulbs (about 10) will have about 50 cloves.

Bigger cloves produce bigger, more vigorous plants. Unfortunately, most supermarket garlic has been treated with an anti-growth chemical so isn't good for planting. Source your seed garlic locally and then save your own each year.

Whether you purchased seed garlic or saved some of your own, mid-October until late-November is the time to plant, depending on the weather. You can plant garlic until the soil starts to freeze or is covered with snow.

What's important is that the bulbs get just



Jim Corven is a UVM Extension Master Gardener from Mount Holly, Vt.

enough time to begin growing roots but not enough time to send up a shoot that gets frozen and dies back. This gives the garlic a necessary head start in early spring.

Garlic and other plants that are part of the Allium family (like onions and leeks) are heavy feeders so need deep, fertile, well-drained soils. A soil pH of 6-7 is ideal.

Since garlic is an early grower, it's best to put essential nutrients in the soil when planting. My practice is to apply a layer of compost (1 to 2 inches deep) over the bed surface if fertility is needed. A soil test should give you a sense of what nutrients may be needed. No need to work the compost in as nature will take care of that over the winter and create rich organic matter that garlic needs.

I plant a double row spaced a foot apart in raised beds by digging two parallel trenches to a depth of 4 to 5 inches. Plant your cloves, pointy end up and the flat, root end down (yes, it matters) spaced 6 inches apart. Cover the planted trench with soil and gently tamp it down. The top of each clove should be about 1 to 2 inches below the surface when covered.

Be sure you mark the ends of each row. Finally, cover your garlic bed with about 4 to 6 inches of straw mulch, very gently tamped down so fall winds don't blow it away. The straw is very important to prevent freezing and heaving of the cloves during winter plus it will suppress spring weeds and keep the young plants moist during early summer growth.

There is great personal satisfaction in getting your garlic planted. It's a wonderful feeling knowing that your first garden crop of the next year is sown and already started when the first snows are falling!



Garlic cloves should be planted, pointy end up and the flat, root end down, and spaced 6 inches apart with the top of each clove about 1 to 2 inches below the surface when covered with soil. After planting garlic, cover the garlic bed with about 4 to 6 inches of straw mulch, which prevents freezing and heaving of the cloves during winter and suppresses spring weeds and keeps the young plants moist during early summer growth.

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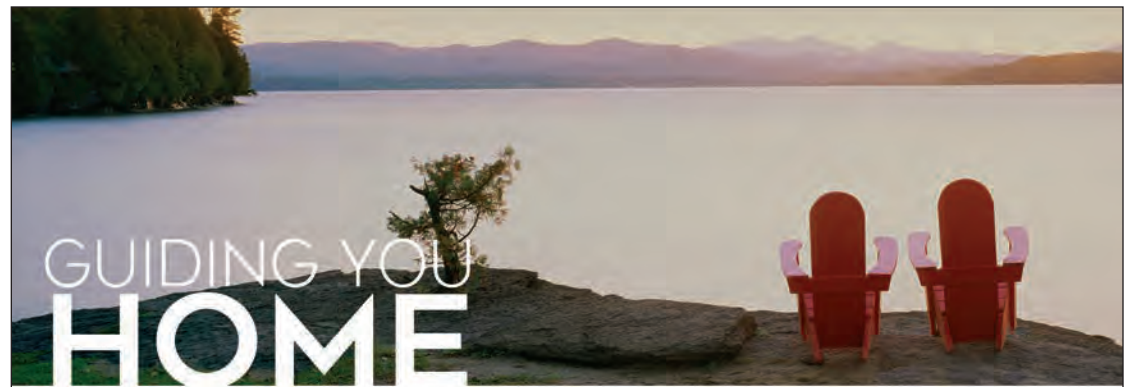
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**EXHIBITS**

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Granger, Julia Jensen, Rose Umerlik, Hannah Sessions, Pamela Smith, Carla Weeks, and Hannah Secord Wade. On view Nov. 4-Dec. 31. The gallery will close at the end of December 2023. A closing

party will be held on Saturday, Dec. 9, from 5-8 p.m.

**PHOTOPLACE GALLERY**

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“The Poetry of the Ordinary,” is a juried photo exhibit that captures the simple poetic elegance of the ordinary. Juror Sarah Sudhoff selected approximately 35 images for exhibition in the Middlebury gallery, and 40 more for the online gallery. On view Nov. 3-24.

**SHELDON MUSEUM**

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“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.”**

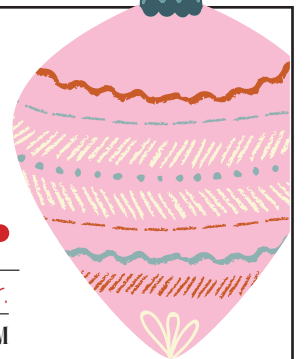
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