



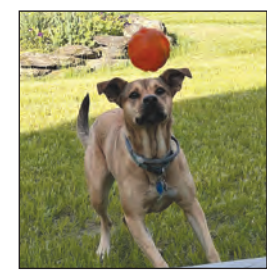
Nostalgia

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Local Pets

See images of the county's four-legged community in our photo contest. Inside Arts + Leisure.

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Parade pride

ADDISON COUNTY CELEBRATED Memorial Day on Monday with marchers, parades and smiles. First, Middlebury came to life with its procession of bands, boosters and bigwigs. Above right, two-and-a-half-year-old Forrest Dobson of Addison sees something of interest along Middlebury's Main Street. After that, Vergennes hosted the biggest parade in the state. Above left, two darlings in red, white and blue show their pride in the heart of the Little City. See more Memorial Day photos on Pages 3A, 4A, 11A and 13A.

Independent photos/Steve James

ACSD brings aboard three new principals

Elementary schools get leadership

By JOHN FLOWERS

MIDDLEBURY — The Addison Central School District Board on Tuesday endorsed the hiring of three new principals to lead the Bridport, Cornwall and Shoreham elementary schools.

One of the proposed hires needs little introduction: Jennifer Urban, the current acting principal of Shoreham Elementary, who on July 1 will take the reins of Bridport Central School. Urban previously

served as assistant principal to Matthew Brankman, who until early this year had helmed both the Bridport and Shoreham elementary schools. Brankman announced a few months ago his plan to leave the district at the end of this school year, whereupon he shifted his remaining time to Bridport while Urban was put in charge of the Shoreham school.

The other two principals-to-be (See Principals, Page 14A)

Starksboro Democrat Olson runs for House

By JOHN FLOWERS

STARKSBORO — Longtime lawyer Herb Olson spent a very memorable 15 years of his career (1987-2003) as a member of the Vermont Legislative Counsel, helping state lawmakers draft bills targeting healthcare, economic development, taxation and other weighty policy issues.

Now Olson, a Starksboro Democrat, wants to write a few bills of his own — as a representative of the two-seat Addison-4 House district that includes Bristol,

Lincoln, Monkton and Starksboro.

He's confident his professional and civic experience has put him in a good position to work on healthcare, housing, education finance and other hot-button topics that should figure prominently on the Legislature's 2025-2026 agenda.

"I think I have a good set of skills. I know state government inside and out and know the good work that state employees do. I can talk to anyone of any political stripe, and I respect folks, no matter where (See Olson, Page 16A)



WITH A GAMALIEL Painter cane in one hand and a Middlebury College degree in the other, Pearl Obeng-Sefah gushes with joy at Sunday's commencement. The daughter of Ghanaian immigrants graduated magna cum laude with a major in Neuroscience and a minor in Chinese (she also speaks American Sign Language and the West African language Twi). She hopes to become a physician.

Independent photo/Steve James

Over 400 earn Middlebury diplomas

College commencement honors, encourages 'People of the Eclipse'

By MARIN HOWELL

MIDDLEBURY — Four years after the COVID-19 pandemic canceled and drastically altered high school graduation exercises across the globe, members of the Middlebury College Class of 2024 finally got a chance to walk across the stage in front of friends and family at the college's commencement ceremony

this past Sunday.

"For those of us that graduated high school in 2020, welcome to our very first graduation," said student commencement speaker Adaylah Ley, a history of art and architecture major from Somerset, N.J.

While the May 26 commencement was the first (See Graduation, Page 14A)

Towns are surveying key wildlife corridors

Projects help identify habitat connectors

By MARIN HOWELL

BRISTOL — From black bears and bobcats to gray foxes and gray squirrels, Addison County is home to a plethora of wildlife.

It's also home to many humans. To survive and reproduce in areas broken up by human activities and development, local species rely on wildlife corridors, or pathways linking habitat areas that allow animals to move around and find resources to meet their basic needs.

A group of Middlebury College students spent this past spring studying such corridors in Bristol to help inform town planning and offer local officials recommendations for ensuring future development keeps wildlife in mind. Similar studies have taken off in other Addison County towns in recent years, including in New Haven and Monkton.

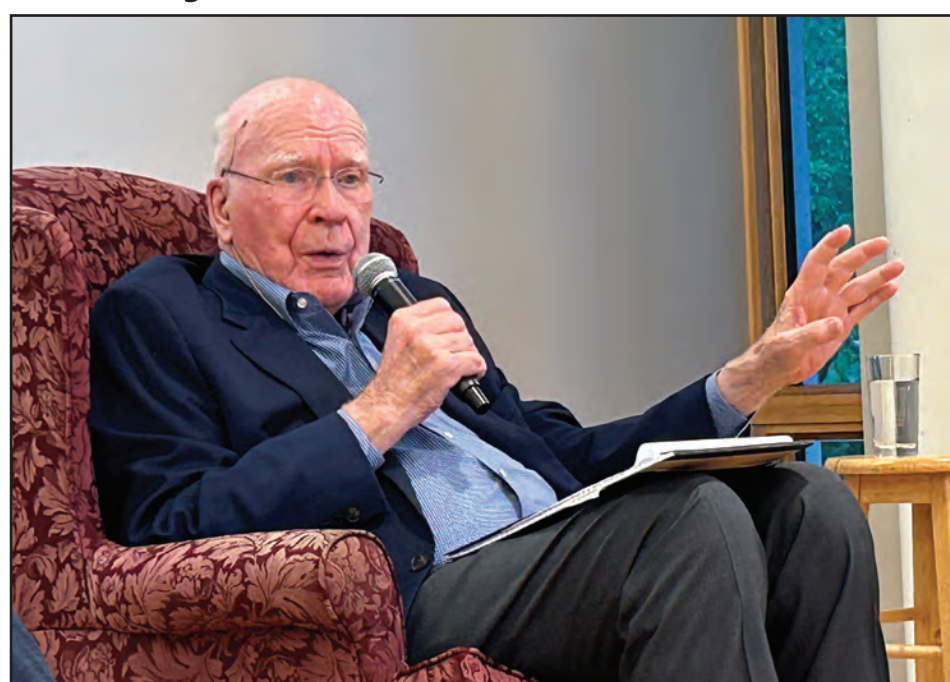
"The wildlife corridors we've been studying are crucial for (See Wildlife corridors, Page 12A)



By the way

You'll understand if Salisbury's Chip Piper is catching up on some rest these (See By the way, Page 12A)

Leahy wows crowd with witty recollections



FORMER U.S. SEN. Patrick Leahy, D-Vermont, touches upon various milestone moments of his life and his 48-year political career during a recent appearance at the Champlain Valley Unitarian Universalist Society sanctuary in Middlebury.

Independent photo/Angelo Lynn

In Midd, touches on career, youth, incidents, highlights

By JOHN FLOWERS

MIDDLEBURY — Patrick Leahy grew accustomed to standing in bright lights and being put on the spot during his almost 50-year career representing Vermont in the U.S. Senate.

But this was different.

Far from the pressure cooker of his former D.C. stamping grounds, Leahy on May 22 found himself in the friendly confines of the Champlain Valley Unitarian Universalist Society's sanctuary at 2 Duane Court in Middlebury. His inquisitors weren't from the *Washington Post* or CNN; rather, they were two esteemed judges whom Leahy had supported and mentored.

The spotlight was on Leahy — not to lead a Senate Appropriations Committee hearing, but to simply talk about himself.

And he did, for more than an hour, at what was simply billed as "An evening with Senator Leahy," co-sponsored by the Hawthorne Club and the Henry Sheldon Museum of Vermont History. It gave the third longest-serving U.S. senator in history an (See Leahy, Page 10A)

ACSD and its teachers sign contract

By JOHN FLOWERS

MIDDLEBURY — The Addison Central School District (ACSD) and its teachers' union this week tentatively agreed to a new contract for educators that will, among other things, afford them base-pay increases of 6%, 5% and 3% during the next three academic years.

The ACSD board endorsed the three-year pact with the Addison Central Educators Association (which goes by the abbreviation ACEA) at its Tuesday gathering. The contract lays out compensation and expectations for educators during the upcoming 2024-'25, 2024-'26 and 2026-'27 school years.

The ACEA represents preK-12 teachers throughout Addison Central, which delivers public education to children in the towns of Bridport, Cornwall, Middlebury, Ripton, (See ACSD contract, Page 12A)

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Orwell lawyer appointed to federal judgeship

By ALAN J. KEAYS
VTDigger.org

ORWELL — President Joe Biden plans to nominate Mary Kay Lanthier, the supervising attorney in the Rutland County Public Defender's Office, to be the next federal judge for Vermont, the White House announced on Thursday, May 23.

Lanthier, an Orwell resident who has served in her current role since 2007, would succeed Judge Geoffrey Crawford on the federal bench if confirmed by the U.S. Senate.

Crawford formally announced last summer his intention to step down this August and move to senior status. In that capacity, he would still preside over cases, but on a more limited basis.

Vermont Defender General Matthew Valerio on Thursday praised the selection of Lanthier for a seat in the federal bench.

"She's honestly one of the best and the brightest among us," he said. "You couldn't have a more ethical, decent, balanced person."

Prior to her position in Rutland, Lanthier served as a public defender in the Addison County Public Defender's Office from 2000 to 2003. She also worked in private practice as an associate and then partner at the firm Marsh & Wagner in Middlebury from 2003 to 2007, and as an associate at Keiner & Dumont from 1998 to 2000.

From 1996 to 1998, Lanthier served as a law clerk for trial court judges in Chittenden and Addison county courts. She received her law degree from Northeastern University School of Law in 1996 and her bachelor's from Amherst

College in 1993.

In an email Thursday, Lanthier said she was "directing all inquiry" to the White House.

Sandra Lee, a public defender based in Burlington, said she'd known Lanthier for many years and the two worked together when Lanthier was in private practice in Middlebury.

"Mary Kay Lanthier is one of the most qualified individuals, in my opinion," she said. "Her broad breadth of experience I think will help her and I know will inform her as a judge."

U.S. Sens. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., and Peter Welch, D-Vt., announced in a statement last November that together they were organizing a joint Judicial Nomination Advisory Panel to screen candidates and make recommendations to Biden for filling Crawford's post.

It carries a lifetime appointment.

The two senators issued a joint statement Thursday expressing

As a public defender "you just get to meet so many people at so many different stages of their lives and really stand between them and the power of the government."

— Mary Kay Lanthier in 2016

support for Lanthier's nomination and pledging to help "guide" her nomination through the U.S. Senate.

"As a former public defender," Welch said, "I look forward to Ms. Lanthier's public service continuing in this new capacity in the community she calls home."

In her current job, Lanthier represents indigent clients facing criminal

charges ranging from murder to retail theft. She described that work in a 2016 story in *Seven Days*.

"There's no better job," she said at the time. "You just get to meet so many people at so many different stages of their lives and really stand between them and the power of the government."

Lanthier said, "The bad guys aren't always bad ... You shouldn't be defined by the worst mistake or worst thing you did."

If confirmed by the U.S. Senate, she'd join U.S. District Court Judge Christina Reiss on the federal bench from Vermont. Reiss presides in U.S. District Court in Burlington while Lanthier would primarily preside in U.S. District Court in Rutland.

Judge William K. Sessions III
(See Lanthier, Page 9A)



VERMONT FISH AND Wildlife Department Botanist Grace Glynn inspects a dense growth of false mermaid-weed under a canopy of ostrich fern in a sandy floodplain in Addison County.

Photo courtesy of Vermont Fish & Wildlife

Plant thought to be extinct found in Addison County

MONTPELIER — Botanists with the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department have rediscovered a population of false mermaid-weed (*Floerkea proserpinacoides*) — not seen in Vermont since 1916 and believed to be locally extinct — along a stream in Addison County.

"We've been searching for this plant for years," said Grace Glynn, Botanist at the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department. "We knew of two original sites where false mermaid-weed existed in the 1800s and early 1900s but is absent today. We think the species was lost from those sites perhaps due to development, invasive species, or extreme flood events. So, we're thrilled to know that false mermaid-weed has persisted along a separate stream all this time."

False mermaid-weed is a delicate annual herb with small, greenish flowers, typically found in floodplain forests along low-gradient rivers. The species is Vermont's only plant that is both a spring ephemeral and an annual. Spring ephemeral perennials like trout lily and spring beauty spend much of the year as dormant bulbs after flowering and leafing out in the spring. In contrast, individual false mermaid-weed plants die after producing seeds by early June. Each winter, a new flush of seeds

germinate under the snow.

A regionally rare species, false mermaid-weed is listed as endangered in Connecticut and historically known from only one population in Massachusetts.

"It's a remarkable rediscovery, comparable to the recent rediscovery of small whorled pogonia after a similar lapse of time," said Art Gilman, Research Botanist at the University of Vermont's Pringle Herbarium. "It is especially interesting because the species is hardly known to any Vermont botanist — it is unassuming and easily overlooked. However, false mermaid-weed adds a significant element to our biodiversity as a member of a family that does not have any other representatives in the state."

Glynn says the population was found earlier this month thanks to Molly Parren, a Turtle Technician at the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department. Parren was surveying wood turtle habitat in Addison County when she noticed a species of very rare wild garlic (*Allium canadense* var. *canadense*) growing along the stream.

"Molly sent me a photo of the wild garlic, and a small plant in the corner of the frame caught my eye. I couldn't believe it, but there was the false mermaid-weed,"

said Glynn. "I immediately called Molly and said, 'you won't believe what you just accidentally found!'" Glynn returned to the site the next day and found hundreds of false mermaid-weed plants growing on a rich floodplain terrace.

"We're very fortunate that we were able to get landowner permission to survey this false mermaid-weed population," said Glynn. "We were able to show the landowners the plants and talk about the habitat that false mermaid-weed is relying on to persist at this site. It speaks to the importance of good stewardship of private lands in Vermont. If the riparian buffer along this stream hadn't been kept intact, neither false mermaid-weed nor wild garlic

would be here."

The Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department plans to work with nearby landowners to survey riparian areas along the stream for additional plants. More occurrences of false mermaid-weed have now also been documented on protected lands just downstream of the rediscovery site.

"We think that there could be more unmapped populations of false mermaid-weed downstream on both private and public lands," said Glynn. "Our planned inventory work will give us a better understanding of false mermaid-weed's habitat needs and distribution. Ultimately, we want to know how we can help this species flourish in Vermont into the future."



THOUGHT TO BE extinct, false mermaid-weed was recently found blooming along a stream bank in Addison County.

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Bristol honors the fallen

A COLOR GUARD from American Legion Post 19 of Bristol led a Memorial Day commemoration ceremony on the Bristol town green on Monday afternoon. Post Commander Ron Larose and Sergeant at Arms Loren Lathrop laid a wreath at the Veterans Memorial and Lt. Kathleen Ambrose of the Vermont Army National Guard gave an address from the gazebo. A healthy number of citizens attended the gathering and kept a respectful silence.

Photos by Mark Bouvier

OV eyes 3rd vote; looks for interim head

By JOHN S. McCRIGHT

BRANDON — The Otter Valley Unified Union School District Board last week OK'd an updated spending plan for residents to vote on next month that trimmed a little more from the two budget proposals that failed this spring.

They also decided the superintendent who will oversee implementation of the budget will serve on an interim basis, because they've yet to find any experienced school administrators who want the job.

"We really need someone who has lots of experience," said Laurie Bertrand, chair of the Rutland Northeast Supervisory Union Board, which oversees the OVUUS and the Barstow Unified Union School District.

RNESU Superintendent Kristen Hubert announced this spring she'd be leaving at the end of the school

year. The school board early this month offered the superintendent's job to Brooke Olsen-Farrell, superintendent of the Fair Haven-area Slate Valley school district. But Olsen-Farrell decided to stay where she is, Bertrand said.

The RNESU decided it really needs a new leader with a long tenure leading educational institutions, because the Brandon-area schools are losing many experienced employees due to retirement and attrition, Bertrand said. She pointed out that Michael Ruppell, principal of Otter Valley Union High School, will be among the most senior administrators in the district next year — though he's been on the job only two years.

"We have a very young administration," Bertrand said. "We need someone who can help everyone feel supported."

Bertrand said Olsen-Farrell was

the only superintendent candidate who had experience, and there just aren't many people looking to fill the job.

"It's a very small pool," she said. The school board is hoping to find an experienced administrator — perhaps a recently retired school superintendent — willing to take the job for a year.

Residents in the six towns encompassing the Otter Valley Unified Union School District on June 11 will vote on a slightly smaller proposed budget for the coming academic year. The third vote will ask for OVUUS spending of \$26,808,822, which is down around \$430,000, or 1.5%. It cuts things like the OVUUS assessment to RNESU, the Neshobe Elementary dean of students, the Otter Valley Nordic ski team, the late bus run for middle school activities

(See RNESU, Page 9A)

Local libraries net accessibility grants

New Haven, Orwell & Bixby serve entire community

By MARIN HOWELL

ADDISON COUNTY — Three Addison County libraries have been awarded grants to help improve the accessibility of their offerings and better serve people with disabilities.

The New Haven Community, Bixby Memorial Free and Orwell Free libraries were among 310 libraries throughout the country included in the second round of grants awarded through the American Library Association's Libraries Transforming Communities (LTC) Accessible Small and Rural Communities program.

Through the initiative, the American Library Association will provide over \$7 million in grants to small and rural libraries to help them improve the accessibility of their facilities, services and programs and better serve residents with disabilities. The Bixby was also among the first round of grantees, along with the Starksboro Public and Lawrence Memorial libraries.

Bixby Library Director Catharine Findiesen Hays said a priority for her Vergennes library has been finding a way to get community members to its second floor after a chair lift on the main staircase that provided handicapped access to the top floor failed and could not be repaired or replaced.

The situation provided an opportunity for the library to step

back and think about accessibility more broadly, an effort it began to tackle with community engagement efforts after receiving the first of its two grants.

"We were just thrilled and honored to have been selected for the second round, and I feel as though it's a testament to how we went about really engaging the community and using several different methodologies to get input," Hays told the *Independent*.

Hays said working with the grant has allowed the library to begin putting together a master plan for how it wants to address accessibility. "That's what our next step is and as soon as we have the details, we'll sort of have a plan for how we engage the community," she said. "With a 110-year-old building we are hoping to do something that honors that legacy and build something that we can all be proud of in future decades."

Libraries selected for the grant first conduct community input-gathering sessions to make sure their work aligns with local needs. Participating libraries are required to identify the primary audience they are looking to reach (such as deaf community members or homebound seniors) and hold a community conversation to guide the improvement of the library's services. Awarded libraries then use grant funds to create services or improve facilities based on the

needs identified.

IN ORWELL

"Two things I appreciate about this funding from the ALA is the focus on community involvement and the flexibility the grantors offer after those community conversations," Orwell Free Library librarian Kate Hunter said.

Hunter said her library plans to use the \$10,000 grant it received to install a book return next to the parking area and pave the walkway to the library's ramp.

"While that is the plan, we are ready to adjust according to the needs expressed by community members willing to offer guidance," Hunter said. "Completing the two intended projects will make accessing our building more comfortable for all library users. The outdoor book drop will provide a place to return items that doesn't involve going up and down five steps."

The library is conducting one-one-one conversations with both those who have a mobility disability and caretakers in the community.

"We hope to learn about the challenges they face when coming to the library and what they envision as the most pleasant visit into our space," Hunter said. "Later this summer, a gathering will pull more community members together to weigh in on this and other projects happening at the library."

IN NEW HAVEN

The New Haven Community Library received \$10,000 through the program and has chosen to focus on community members with mobility disabilities, with potential projects including resurfacing the library's outdoor patio to make it more accessible and installing automatic door openers.

New Haven Community Library librarian Ruth Shattuck Bernstein noted that community outreach (See Libraries, Page 9A)

"I see libraries as modern community centers; here to serve all in our community and it is so important to be oriented outwardly and doing everything we can to engage with, include, and serve everyone, especially those who might have the most difficulty accessing us."

— New Haven Librarian Ruth Shattuck Bernstein

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Editorials

Sen. Leahy: His legacy is a window into bipartisan politics not to be forgotten

In the past couple of weeks, I was fortunate to spend several hours with former Sen. Patrick Leahy, first during an in-person interview at his new offices at UVM for a story in the *Addison Independent*, then a week later at a group dinner with the Senator and his wife, Marcelle, followed by listening to his 90-minute talk at the Champlain Valley Unitarian Universalist Society sanctuary in Middlebury.

During each meeting the spotlight was on his 48-year career in the Senate, largely told through the stories that meant the most to him.

What emerged was a more revealing portrait of a man long moved by social justice, but also as a legislator keen on serving his beloved Vermont to the best of his ability, and of serving humankind in many ways.

After graduating from law school from Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., he returned to Vermont to practice law, joining the firm headed up by former Gov. Phil Hoff. He was appointed state's attorney for Chittenden County and served eight years doing something he loved: prosecuting cases in a court of law and sharing his knowledge with law enforcement officers and other prosecutors throughout the state. In 1974, at 33 years old, he decided to run for the U.S. Senate, with hopes to follow in the footsteps of Sen. George Aiken.

It was an audacious move. Never elected to a previous office with just eight years as a county prosecutor under his belt, he sought to be the youngest and first-ever Democrat elected to the U.S. Senate from Vermont.

That he won a narrow victory over Republican Richard Mallary is testament to the times (in the aftermath of Watergate and Nixon's resignation), but also to Leahy's hard work and astute understanding of the issues and of Vermonters.

Once elected, he pledged to follow his conscience, not the politics of the moment, on the tough issues. To that end, one of his earliest consequential votes was to deny continued funding of the war in Vietnam. Even with presidential pressure, Sec. of State Henry Kissinger paying a personal visit, and many visits from widely respected senators, the freshman senator held his ground on five consecutive votes — with the issue losing by a single vote several times. Leahy recalled that staunch conservative Sen. Robert Byrd, D-WV, was asked if he really meant to cast a no-vote on the final tally, and he replied: "Yes, they've lied to me long enough."

Such vignettes of important moments in the nation's history are made all the more poignant by Leahy's personal recollections — almost always mixed with a sense of humor, or drama, and often both.

Leahy would go on to lead the effort to ban the export and use of land mines, oppose entering the Iraq war, and authoring the Leahy Law — a provision that requires the U.S. to deny military funds to nations who are violating human rights with that aid. Along with his establishment of The Leahy War Victims Fund, which among other things provided wheelchairs to land mine victims throughout the world, his humanitarian work and his judgement in times of war sets him apart, if not as a pacifist, then certainly as someone who read the intelligence thoroughly before committing U.S. resources to conflict and someone who sought to limit the tragedy of war among civilian populations. He would also go on to promote the Violence Against Women Act (which dealt with intimate partner violence), which later extended protections to the LBGTO community.

That sense of justice and goodwill to all people, yet with a prosecutor's determination to hold the guilty responsible, comes across in Leahy's 90-minute conversation with Middlebury-area residents this past Wednesday evening. While reporter John Flowers captures the highlights of the conversation, do yourself a favor and set aside 90-minutes this week to watch the tape of that conversation with Leahy as captured by Middlebury Community TV.

It's a fascinating window into history, but it's also a peek into a bipartisan era of national politics that sometimes worked and shouldn't be forgotten. Find the link on the *Addison Independent's* website or at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FD5j7BqQ2k>.

Angelo Lynn

3 area school budgets must pass

In a legislative column in today's issue, Sen. Ruth Hardy and Rep. Peter Conlon write a telling piece shedding more light on this year's contentious school budgets. They also urge residents of three area union school districts — Mount Abe, Otter Valley and Slate Valley — to pass their budgets on the upcoming votes.

Each school district has seen its budget defeated twice. Conlon and Hardy help residents understand some of the underlying causes of the higher property tax burden, and counter misinformation by Gov. Phil Scott, who is using the issue to bash school boards for excessive spending rather than explain the more complex reasons behind this year's high taxes.

It's another perspective on an issue that all of us must try to better understand before we face the same concerns with next year's school budgets. See the column on Page 5A.

And, as both representatives suggest, if you live in those districts, vote yes on your school budget. Denying them a third time won't change tax rates enough to make a difference and only hinders the school's ability to teach its students this coming fall.

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A wave and a smile

AFTER DELIVERING A Memorial Day address at the soldier's monument in Middlebury, Vermont's senior U.S. Senator, Bernie Sanders, sped up to Vergennes to take part in the Vergennes parade, where he is shown waving to constituents.

Independent photo/Steve James

What do we want? Nuance!

About a month ago, I came across a photo shared by Rabbi Jay Michaelson on his Substack blog, "Both/And." It depicts a protester carrying a sign that, at first blush, looks like many a protest sign through the ages. Until you stop to read it: What Do We Want? Nuance! When Do We Want It? After an Extended Period of In-Depth Conversation. Now, that was my kind of placard. I took a screen shot of the photo, sent it to the most vexed of my friends and received a steady stream of grateful responses.

Once the semester was well and truly over (except for the grading), I printed out a large color version of the "What Do We Want?" photo and taped it to my office door. As my students turn in their final papers and my colleagues walk past my office, this passionate plea for deep listening and a willingness to learn about multiple cultural truths will be fairly hard to miss. It is not a "pro-Palestinian" statement, neither is it a "pro-Israel" statement. Simply put, it is pro-listening and pro-learning. It invites us to ask questions of one another, to listen to (and for) difference and to sit down and talk about it.

In the essay where I first discovered this photo, "The Frantic Politics of Cortisol," Michaelson, details the protective, evolutionary function of cortisol, a "stress hormone" that will serve you well if you are being chased by a fast-moving predator. But "on a communal level," Michaelson writes, "cortisol is often deeply destructive — and wildly overvalued. On Right, Left, and Center we live in a time in which displaying the symptoms of rage and fear is richly rewarded." Those

rewards, he continues, include extensive media attention "as if more cortisol means more truth. (It is usually the opposite.) After all, who gets excited by protesters calling for more nuance, empathy, and dialogue?"

Over the past month, as I have tracked campus protests in Vermont, across the country and now in Europe, my longings for authentic, nuanced conversation have grown side-by-side with a sense of despair about whether such a thing is still possible. Of course, this sense of despair is nothing compared to the despair wrought by war itself. Nevertheless,

Ways of Seeing

By Rebecca Kneale Gould



as a friend of mine observed, I was getting "crispy." Then, finally, I got out of dodge and received a critical infusion of goodness and hope: three days of conversation about religious pluralism that were rich in complexity, attentive to nuance and rooted in compassion. The context was an alumni reunion and celebration at the Harvard Divinity School, where a magnificent crew had gathered to celebrate the many achievements and legacies of our shared mentor, the distinguished scholar of both Hinduism and American Religious Pluralism, Professor Diana L. Eck.

To convey the extent of Professor Eck's impact would be a way-past-the-word-limit column in itself. But I can capture something of that impact by describing my experience of being with colleagues and former students who all spoke about how our lives (as scholars, filmmakers, activists, clergy and even a former CIA operative) were deeply influenced by Eck's example.

Actress Amy Brenneman spoke about learning (See *Ways of Seeing*, Page 5A)

My auto relationship has 'shifted'

Time changes a person. I was recently thinking about the first car I ever bought, a Datsun B310 "fastback" coupe, and how carefree I was back in my youth.

In 1988, during my sophomore spring at Middlebury, I began to dream of having my own wheels (so I could feel like an adult, but with someone else still doing the cooking and cleaning). When I saw an ad posted by an upperclassman for the well-used silver car, I scrounged up \$450 and bought it.

I don't remember how old the Datsun was, but it had seen some things. In my eagerness, I overlooked its thirst for a biweekly quart of oil and the grinding noise it made in its nether regions during sharp turns. And that it had a manual transmission.

I did not know how to drive a manual. I had had a few stick shift lessons as a teen. But my intellectual understanding of shifting was far more advanced than my hands-on skills. Still, lots of real dummies I knew could drive a stick. How hard could it be?

In the stop-start confines of our little town, it was harder than I had anticipated.

In 1988, the lower part of College Street was still a two-way. The incline leading up to the Main Street intersection (now the roundabout) meant that I would

often find myself stopped directly in front of what was then Lyons Place. There, students eating creemees outside could watch me — right foot on the brake, left foot on the clutch, heart in my mouth — attempting to put the car into first without either stalling out or rolling backward into the vehicle behind me.

I soon learned to drive through campus and approach town from South Main just to avoid humiliating myself on that hill in front of an audience of my peers.

I knew that if I could just get on a road where I could cruise along in fourth or, dare I say, fifth gear, I could get the hang of shifting. But downtown Middlebury was not that place.

A week after I bought the car, I decided to make the three-plus-hour trek down NY-22 through New York to my home in the southwestern corner of Massachusetts. I reasoned that if I didn't know how to drive a stick on Friday leaving town, I sure would by the time I got back on Sunday.

That took moxie, something I have since run out of. Once I turned onto Route 74 in Cornwall, I felt like everything was going to be all right, as long as I didn't have to stop — or, more to the point, start moving again. And I would have had it pretty easy if not for (See *Jessie*, Page 5A)

Letters
to the EditorMedicare now
more affordable

Thank you, legislators, for listening to Vermonters' voices and improving Medicare affordability.

This year, low-income Vermonters on Medicare shared their stories about struggling to afford health care and other basic needs and implored the Legislature for help. One Vermonter described their transition onto Medicare:

"The premiums are more with much less coverage. I just don't go to the doctor anymore because of the deductible and copays. I never know what they will be and can't take the chance."

Until this year, many policy makers were unaware of the "Medicare Cliff" — the precipitous drop in financial support and access to care for people on Medicare (older adults and people living with a disability). But low-income Vermonters have known about it for years because of their lived experience of losing coverage and having to pay more when transitioning onto Medicare.

During the past legislative session, the Office of the Health Care Advocate and partner organizations worked tirelessly to amplify Vermonters' voices and suggest ways that policymakers could help. As the State Health Care Advocate, I noted that once legislators understood the options in front of them, they stepped up to the plate and did what they could during this very tight budgetary year to improve the lives of some of our most vulnerable Vermonters.

Thanks to the Legislature's actions, as early as Jan. 1, 2026, Vermont will extend eligibility for its Medicare Savings Program (MSP) to an additional 12,000 Vermonters. It is anticipated that people on Medicare with annual incomes up to \$29,367 (if single) and \$39,858 (if married) will qualify.

The MSP provides a crucial (See *Fisher letter*, Page 5A)

Panton land is
wasted on solar

My reaction to Bill McKibben's letter to Editor, May 16, *Addison Independent*, supporting the Panton solar project was one of great distress.

I'm sure that we agree on many things including the need to fight climate change. But wasting prime agricultural lands is not one of them.

The Panton solar project will remove permanently 300 acres of prime agriculture land from production. The thought McKibben espouses that the solar panels will give the land a rest is a felicity, which will not come true. Once agricultural land is removed from production, that change is permanent. Industrialization, in this case solar, or any kind of development removes land from agriculture.

McKibben also says that the production from this land, "is not in high demand." Well Bill, suppose you proffer that thought to the people of Gaza or the other half billion starving and malnourished people of the world.

Agriculture production is a worldwide enterprise. All crop production, no matter where, impacts world food production. If the Mato Grosso agricultural area of Brazil has a production hiccup, the price of corn is impacted worldwide. The war in Ukraine has impacted world wheat prices.

Further, Bill, solar electrons are not a crop. Not crop and food production. There are other ways to produce clean energy, and other places better suited for solar than on prime agriculture soils. These ag soils are not replaceable or expandable. Except by cutting down rain forest in some far-off place that, which you probably, and I for sure, am not in favor of.

This project proposes to construct solar panels on an area of prime agricultural soil of statewide significance. Vermont must protect its important agricultural soils. The soils of the Panton solar (See *Stone letter*, Page 5A)

Fisher letter

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 lifeline for older adults and people living with a disability, allowing them to afford health care and keep more of their hard-earned Social Security income to spend on basic needs like housing, food, and medicine. While the expansion will cost the state \$4.7 million, it's a smart investment with an estimated return of bringing \$48.1 million in savings and benefits to Vermonters each year:

- An additional 12,000 Vermonters will get to keep \$2,096 in their pockets each year because this expansion will pay their Medicare Part B premiums. The total value of this new benefit is close to \$25 million per year for some of the most vulnerable Vermonters living in our communities. This will act as an ongoing economic stimulus for older adults and people with disabilities.

- An additional 10,000 of the lowest-income Vermonters on Medicare will have their copays and deductibles covered. By covering copays and deductibles for Medicare Part A (hospital) and Part B (medical) services, legislators have ensured these Vermonters can get the health care they need, when they need it, and that providers are compensated for this care.
- An estimated 3,769 Vermonters will qualify for financial help with prescriptions for the first time. This benefit will be 100% federally funded through the Low-Income Subsidy (LIS).

This is a phenomenal victory for Vermonters who are enrolled in Medicare (older adults and people living with a disability), who have long been subject to the lowest level of financial support of any population when accessing health care.

There are too many legislators

to thank everyone by name here, but we want to give a particular shout out to local Senator Ruth Hardy, as well as Representatives Diane Lanpher, Robin Scheu, and Mari Cordes for their leadership on this issue. Their efforts were an important part of this success. We also appreciate the House Health Care Committee and its leadership for getting the ball rolling, the Senate Health & Welfare Committee and the leadership of both the House and Senate Appropriations Committees for recognizing this was a priority even during a very tough budget year.

With appreciation, on behalf of low-income Vermonters on Medicare, we wanted to pause and thank legislators for a job well done this year!

**Mike Fisher
 & The Office of the Health
 Care Advocate
 Lincoln**

Jessie

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 a paving job on Route 22A that required me to inch along a few feet at a time for nearly 15 minutes. Sometimes I managed to slide into first. Other times, I lurched and stalled. A few flaggers laughed and pointed at me. But I only cried once.

As I predicted, by the return trip I had begun to feel comfortable with, even confident in, my shifting.

I was not, however, prepared for my tie-rod end or some related part to hand in its resignation, effective immediately, on Sunday afternoon, somewhere around Hoosick Falls. I have no memory of how I found a

mechanic, paid for the repair or got back to campus, but I bet it seemed like less of an emergency than that it would today.

I'm different now; I can't handle automotive surprises of any sort, and I tend to overreact. The last time my check engine light came on, for instance, I keeled over stiff, like a fainting goat.

This past Sunday afternoon, I was returning from Burlington in my boring but reliable 2014 Equinox. I thought I recognized the tailgater behind me, who I believe was thanking me in American Sign Language for sticking so religiously to the speed limit.

But the rear windshield was dusty and smeared, and I couldn't see well. When I turned on the wiper, the blade moved, but no wiper fluid dribbled onto the glass. The reservoir was empty.

College me wouldn't have cared. But current me treats all car problems, from a failed Bluetooth pairing to a blown transmission, the same way: by panicking.

Don't worry; I got home safely. Mark and I disagree on how I handled the situation, but I stand by my actions.

Like I told him: What's the point of paying for roadside assistance if we never use it?

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 empathy by studying the religions of the world in the way that Professor Eck deftly taught them, as if from the inside out. Anantanand Rambachan, a scholar of Hinduism and author of *Pathways to Hindu-Christian Dialogue*, described the trials and rewards of keeping up multi-religious friendships in a time of growing Hindu nationalism. He articulated his increased commitment to identify and work against those elements within his own religious tradition that were rigid, unwelcoming or non-inclusive. In so doing, he echoed the essence of a conversation I had had earlier that morning with a former undergraduate classmate who is now serving a joint UCC-Methodist congregation (a pluralist adventure in itself!) As we walked a dimly remembered route from the Law School to the Div School, my clergy friend reflected on how she saw her role in this moment: to call out the worst legacies of white Christian nationalism, while putting forward a revolutionary, justice-seeking Christian vision.

Still later in the day, Professor of Middle Eastern Studies, Ali Asani, spoke with tremendous empathy for the current plight of Gazans and Israelis alike, making no attempt to "take sides" or engage in moral one-upmanship. He solemnly named the tragedies, articulated the complexities of the challenges before us and then leaned into the beauty of pre-colonial South Asian literature as a source of hope for us all. As Asani wrote in his essay honoring Professor Eck, "One can

easily understand how the non-binary worldview (neither "Hindu" nor "Muslim") of these ancient poetic traditions and their key messages — self-empowerment, critique of those in power and their hypocrisy, social individual inner search — would resonate with those who are alienated by contemporary movements of religious exclusivism and their discourse of hatred and "othering."

Our alumni conference proved to be a balm for my tired and somewhat battered soul. As befits a scholarly gathering, plenty of multi-syllabic words were spoken. But every speaker who stepped up to the podium did so in a posture of deep listening and desire for genuine engagement, a posture we had all learned from our much-admired mentor, Professor Eck. Most reflections were centered on questions, not answers. No one dug in their heels or uttered pat slogans. Everyone — from age 82 to 22 — displayed a genuine eagerness to learn. And in this stately room, chock full of Ph.D.'s, the virtues that were most on display were those of curiosity and humility. That isn't typical. But for this community devoted to the hard (and fun) work of religious pluralism, these virtues are essential for that good work to be done.

To be clear, I am all for worthy protests and have dodged tear gas and police at various points in my own protest life. I'll support any truly non-violent call to bring warfare to a definitive end. But protests, counter-protests, and unwanted police responses are so

often shot through with "communal cortisol," aggressiveness, forceful demands and media hype. Sometimes, alas, they can become their own occasions for violence, thereby risking distraction from the causes that they seek to address. In such contexts, I try to remind myself that another, better world is possible. A couple of weeks ago, I was lucky enough to visit and help create such a world. Like a journey to Brigadoon, it was all a bit magical and fleeting. Nevertheless, for the moment, it was enough.

For those whose eyes light up when they see the phrase "for further reading," here are some suggestions:

- Diana L. Eck, *Encountering God: A Spiritual Journey from Bozeman to Banaras* (Beacon Press, 1993),
- Diana L. Eck, *A New Religious America: How a "Christian Country" Has Become the World's Most Religiously Diverse Nation* (Harper San Francisco, 2001) and, hot off the press,
- Jennifer Howe Peace and Elinor J. Pierce, eds. *Pilgrimage, Place and Pluralism: Essays in Conversation with Diana Eck* (Red Elixir, 2024). This anthology includes essays by Anantanand Rambachan and Ali Asani, who are mentioned above, as well as by Middlebury College President, Laurie L. Patton and yours truly.

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Stone letter

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 project are widely distributed throughout the Champlain Valley. These soils are highly farmable and productive. Addison County is a major agriculture area including dairy, apples, small grains, corn, hay including grasses, vegetables, legumes and other farming. Even turkeys. The soils of the proposed solar site are no different than the majority of the soils of Addison County. They are productive soils of great significance and must be protected for agriculture.

My 48 years' experience farming these types of soils on our family farm in Orwell have shown me they are very productive and well suited to agriculture production. These soils are a large part of the soils that the Vermont Land Trust has conserved. We have conserved the whole of our 800-acre farm.

The VLT thinks conservation of agriculture soils is so important they have conserved over "10% of the 1.3 million acres of prime and statewide soils in Vermont and VLT thinks there is a lot more work to done."

There is no way at this time to know positively how much agriculture land will be needed in Vermont for future food production, but if we do not conserve for future

use the lands we now have, we will be committing a very foolish act.

This project runs counter to Vermont's long and successful programs of preserving farmland. Vermont has contributed millions and millions of dollars to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board, for a long time. Precisely to preserve ag soils.

In 1986, as Commissioner of Agriculture, I was part of the initial effort to get legislation passed to set up the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board. A large part of these funds — taxpayers' money — are being used to conserve by purchasing easements on farm and forest land, via the Vermont Land Trust and other such organizations. Vermonters have taken seriously the conservation of agriculture land. These conservation efforts are designed to make sure we have farmland for the future by purchasing development rights, to conserve farm and forest land.

It is wrong to now allow the development of agriculture land, with solar panels, when so much time on the part of Vermonters, and so much money, so much good will of the people of Vermont, has been spent toward conserving irreplaceable agriculture lands.

From the Vermont Land

Trust annual report 2022-2023; "Vermont's conserved land, including the 630,000+ acres we helped protect, strengthens our ecosystems and benefits all forms of life. We are so grateful to those who, over decades, have conserved and stewarded their land to benefit all of Vermont, and beyond."

Vermont has spent many millions of dollars on the Current Use Program (Use Value Program) to assess agriculture land and buildings fairly, so that agriculture pays its fair share of property taxes. This fair taxation significantly helps farmers keep on farming.

And lastly, Vermont regulates quite strictly a farmer's use of manure and phosphorus and herbicides. Our farm is required to have a Nutrient Management Plan, which prescribes which fields and how much manure and phosphorus can be spread. We care about Lake Champlain.

Bill, let's reassess the Pantown solar project. Move it somewhere else, not on prime ag soils. Let's preserve our prime ag soils. Keep our farmers farming. Keep agricultural a vital part of Vermont. And power our EVs and heat pumps some other way.

**Paul Stone
 Orwell**

It's time to pass school budgets

In the coming days and weeks, three school districts serving students from Addison County and beyond will revote budgets for the next school year. Since Town Meeting Day, when the budgets for Mount Abe, Slate Valley and Otter Valley union school districts were first defeated, the district school boards have made difficult, responsible decisions to cut staff, programs and investments, while keeping core teaching and learning alive and robust.

Meanwhile, those of us in the Legislature, tasked with funding locally approved school budgets, have heard the pleas of taxpayers and committed significant state dollars to reducing the local property tax impact of education spending increases statewide, driven by factors such as overall inflation, a 16 % hike in health insurance costs, and a dramatic increase in student mental health and remedial education needs as federal dollars to support those students goes away.

These districts can't responsibly cut more. It is time to approve their budgets so school leaders can plan for the next school year and provide the vital programs and services that so many students need.

These three districts, like all the districts with unapproved budgets in Vermont, don't fit the picture the Governor has painted in the last six months. Their budget increases are reasonable given forces beyond their control, their per pupil spending is well below their neighboring school districts, and their staff-to-student ratios are where they should be. The Governor continues to irresponsibly stress that school spending is out of control and

school boards need to respond. These three districts already have. Over the past 10 years, they have closed underenrolled schools, consolidated grades and made important investments in their buildings when resources allowed.

For each of these districts, the newly proposed budgets have been significantly narrowed and would actually result in lower homestead tax rates than this year. Increased property tax rates come only after the common level of appraisal (CLA) is applied, which essentially adjusts appraised property values to reflect fair market values, with the goal of ensuring that all towns pay their fair share into the state Education Fund. When properties are under-valued, the tax rate increases. As towns complete reappraisals, the CLA impact will decrease.

The newly proposed Slate Valley School District budget proposes to spend only \$11,295 per pupil, a decrease from this year and significantly less than the statewide average. The equalized tax rate is actually 2.61% less than this year. After the CLA is applied, tax rates increase, but at a lower level than the statewide average. Similarly,

the newly proposed Mount Abe budget lowers the homestead tax rate by 4.7%, with tax rate increases of 4% to 7% after the CLA adjustment, which is a similar range to previous year's approved budgets. The most recent budget proposed for Otter Valley showed per pupil spending \$1,000 less than the state average and an equalized property tax rate increase of 3.7%.

These three districts have been among the most careful districts in the state when it comes to spending their taxpayer dollars and responding to the demands of their voters. It is time to approve their budgets.

Meanwhile, the Legislature has taken concrete steps to address the high cost of education in Vermont. In addition to committing \$70 million to lower local tax rates, we passed bills allowing districts in regions around the state to more easily join forces and lower the cost of services such as busing, food service, and expensive special education programs. The Legislature has also laid the groundwork for a return of state aid for school construction projects, which hasn't existed since 2008. It has also proposed — pending the bill being signed by Gov. Scott — a Commission on the Future of Public Education, which will (See *Legislative Review*, Page 9A)

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Obituaries

Kim Bean, 63, formerly of Bridport

MORAVIAN FALLS, N.C. — Kim Bean, a longtime Bridport resident, died Saturday, May 11, 2024, in Moravian Falls, N.C., at the age of 63.

Throughout her long battle with early onset Alzheimer's disease, Kim maintained her smile and found joy in the little things in life — dancing in her chair to jingles on commercials, lighting up at the mention of M&M's, and recounting her favorite story from the past that she clung to until the very end. A story that earned her the moniker "Captain Morgan" at the day center that she attended.

A devoted wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend, Kim was one of the most selfless and empathetic people you will likely ever encounter. She always put the needs of others before her own. She was always there for anyone in need, whether that be a shoulder to cry on, a bed to sleep in, a home for an animal, or a hand-crocheted afghan to bring you warmth. If you came into her world, you were immediately welcomed as family.

As a wife and mother, her dedication and love of her family were the center of her existence. You couldn't leave the house without her first telling you that she loved you and to be safe. She was a voice of reason, and always indulged in a round of what she referred to as "Good idea, Bad



KIM BEAN

idea" when helping you weigh the pros and cons of a life decision.

Outside of her family, one of Kim's proudest life moments was earning her GED in 2012. She persevered through the challenge and was asked to speak at her graduation — a task that put her well outside her comfort zone. Never one to seek being the center of attention, she was reluctant, but gave a moving and inspiring speech about the challenges she faced and the personal pride she achieved in obtaining her diploma.

She adored the community in Bridport, Vt., that welcomed her and her family with open arms. Working in jobs that put her in the center of that community brought

her great joy, including her time working at Pratt's Store, and the Bridport Post Office. Additionally, living in Bridport afforded her the opportunity to bring one of her lifelong dreams to fruition — she was able to have the horses she had always wanted!

Kim leaves behind her husband of 45 years, Alan Bean Sr.; her daughter, Tricia Jones and husband David; her son, Ernest Bean and wife Leslie; and her grandchildren, Gabriel Bean, Briana Tetreault, Carson Tetreault, Ariana Bean, and Kaitlyn Bean. She is also survived by her mother, Shirley Reynolds; and siblings, Gary Reynolds, Laurie Reynolds, Robin Crandall, Debi Lynch, Jody Mercaldi, Mark Reynolds, Morris Reynolds Jr., Stephanie Reynolds, Kelly Bell, and Dillon Palmer; as well as many nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her father, Morris Reynolds Sr.; stepfather, Lyle Litchfield; and beloved son Alan Bean Jr.

A celebration of Kim's life will be held at 1 p.m. on Sunday, June 9, at American Legion Post 14, 100 Armory Lane, Vergennes, Vt.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Kim's memory to the day center that Kim attended and loved: Ruby Perdue Day Center, 1915 W. Park Drive 200, Wilkesboro, NC 28659. ♦

Judith Herbst Witters, 79, of Lincoln

LINCOLN — "Once there was... there was... and there was not" a storyteller named Judith Herbst Witters. She told many stories, but they were all part of a larger one, her life. As she told her story, it changed into many forms, and whirled around her, moving her across the world and in and out of lives. Some of these stories were beautiful, entrancing, enlivening, and some were difficult and painful. But she held on with the strength of a mother, with the strength of someone who truly loved, because she wanted all these stories to turn into the one thing that is all things: love.

On the morning of May 3, 2024, Judy ended a long struggle with a chronic respiratory illness that she had managed with grace and determination. She was born in Richmond, Ind., where she made many life-long friends and learned her love of horse riding. She received a bachelor's degree in English from De Pauw University in 1967 and went on to earn an M.A. in Education at the University of Maine, most of an M.A. in English at Boston University, and an M.F.A. in creative writing from Vermont College. She lived in many places and loved to travel and have adventures all over the world — Sweden, the American Southwest, Scotland, Madagascar. She started her family with Lee in Massachusetts, and then they followed her heart and moved their family to Norwich, Vt. — a community that was so important to their family life.

During those years, she honed her craft, storytelling, teaching



JUDITH HERBST WITTERS

and telling in schools and libraries all over Vermont. Her Christmas stories at the Hanover Inn became an institution. Always, and even more as she aged, other than children, the natural world was most important to Judy. She helped organize a group of naturalists (Keeping Track) who worked to track wildlife corridors in the Upper Valley.

When her third grandchild was born, Judy moved to Lincoln, Vt., to be closer to her children, where she lived tucked against Mt. Abraham with her horses and dogs in a wonderful community. It is in that home where — after days spent surrounded by her whole family — she died peacefully, with her daughter, son, and dog by her side.

In 2016, Judy took stock of her life and wrote some goals that resonate and may serve as a lesson to so many of us. Judy was always so giving and sharing with her

curiosity and realizations about life. Her priorities at the end of her life were:

- "Being IN the natural world fully with my animal friends, the forest animals, water, [and] the seasons.
- Offering helpful, kind neighboring.
- Being a sturdy, honest, loving friend.
- Being a responsible keeper of my own good health.
- Learning as a pianist.
- Listening, really listening to my life."

Judy is predeceased by parents, Robert Emerson Herbst and Margaret M. "Peggy" Herbst. She is survived by her husband, Lee; her son Sean and his wife Christy; her daughter, Molly and her husband Pat; grandchildren Ben, Miles and Hazel; her brother, David Herbst and his wife Lisbeth, and their children Liza, Derek and Martin; and cousins Bill, Dick and Jim Affolter and their families; her horse, Dexter; her loyal dog, Jack; and her cat, Wendell.

In lieu of flowers, we ask people to give in support of two things she loved most: horses and reading. The first is the farm where her horse, Dexter, lives. Eddy Farm has a long tradition of giving back to the community and making horses accessible to many for whom they wouldn't otherwise be (just like Judy did). Donations to Eddy Farm can be made online at eddyfarmschool.org/ or if you prefer by check to: Eddy Farm, 1815 South Street Ext., Middlebury, VT 05753. The second is the organization with which Judy worked through the years, teaching children and adults the craft of story. Donations to the Vermont Humanities Council can be made in honor of Judith Witters and Vermont Reads online at vermonthumanities.org/ donate or by sending a check to: Vermont Humanities, 11 Loomis St, Montpelier, Vt., 05602. ♦

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C. Deem Schoenfeld, 96, of Middlebury

MIDDLEBURY — C. Deem Schoenfeld, 96, died on May 19 at the Porter Medical Center in Middlebury. He was born on April 12, 1928, in Bruin, Pa., the son of William Wayne and Mildred (Deem) Schoenfeld.

After his early years in Bruin, the family moved to Butler, Pa. Having never seen a football prior, Deem became a captain of the football team in his senior year, and also lettered in golf.

His sense of adventure emerged at an early age and included an impromptu hitchhiking trip to California at age 17. He spent early years working jobs including washing dishes at Chautauqua Institution in New York, working shifts at the Armco Steel Plant in Butler, and delivering mail at Christmas.

Three days after getting a summons to join the Army in April, 1946, Deem enlisted in the Navy, where after high school graduation he became a hospital corpsman, stationed at naval hospitals in St. Albans, N.Y. and Oakland, Calif. He graduated from Allegheny College in 1952, where he was a four-year letterman in football. During college, he married J. Carol "Toots" Robb, who he had met years earlier, when, having seen her excellent softball throwing skills, he decided she was the girl for him.

Deem graduated from medical school at the University of Pennsylvania, and after his internship at Geisinger Hospital in Danville, Pa., spent five years in general practice in Butler, Pa. Deciding he wanted more time with his growing family, Deem moved the family to Jericho, Vt., where he spent three years in radiology residency at the University of



C. DEEM SCHOENFELD

Vermont before settling in Rutland. He spent 25 years at the Rutland Hospital, including several years as head of the Radiology department. He took pride in the hundreds of technicians he helped train, as well as in his early specialties in mammography and nuclear medicine.

Deem and Carol moved from Rutland to Middlebury in 1990, where Deem retired in 1994.

Deem and Carol have five children, and they spent years attending countless sports games and concerts. They passed on to their children a love for travel, sports, music and the arts, adventure, learning, great meals and engaged conversation. They loved traveling, taking many trips across the United States and to Europe, Canada and Mexico. They delighted in their many grandchildren and great-grandchildren, traveling often to visit them, and welcoming everyone home for beloved holiday gatherings. His immediate family includes 37 — each of whom he delighted in gifting a book of their

choice each Christmas. He ardently supported independent bookstores by shopping exclusively at the Vermont Book Shop in Middlebury.

His love of sports included years of skiing, hiking, cycling, running, tennis and most importantly, golf, especially during his 32 years of retirement, where he was a long-time ringleader of weekly matches at the Ralph Myhre course in Middlebury, and courses around Vermont and New York. He helped organize group golfing trips to Scotland and Ireland. He shot his most recent hole in one in his 90s and regularly shot his age. His competitive fervor extended to duplicate bridge, which — along with golf — he played with dedication and focus until his death.

He is pre-deceased by his wife. He is survived by his sister-in-law, Mary Ann Monfre of Butler, Pa.; children, Michael Schoenfeld (Jane Schoenfeld) of Middlebury, Vt., Susan Schoenfeld (Larry Kupferman) of South Burlington, Vt., Robin Schoenfeld-Fox (Mark Fox) of Rutland, Vt., John Schoenfeld (Laura Schoenfeld) of South Burlington, Vt., and Mary Margaret Schoenfeld (David Low) of Arlington, Va.; 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by dear friend Pat McCafferty of Butler, Pa., and countless golfing friends who live in and around Middlebury.

A memorial service will be held at a later time, and the family requests no flowers. Deem's family is grateful for the excellent care he received from nurses at Porter Medical Center, especially Blair, Rachel, Grace and Julia. To send condolences, visit www.sandersonfuneralservice.com. If you want to honor Deem, go buy a book from an independent bookstore! ♦

Sudona 'Sudsey' Lou Hanfield, 74, of Brandon

BRANDON — Sudona "Sudsey" Lou Hanfield, age 74, passed away Wednesday, May 22, 2024, at Rutland Regional Medical Center.

Sudsey was born in Rutland on Dec. 11, 1949. She was the daughter of Raymond and Gertrude (Pulling) Handfield. She grew up on the family farm in Brandon. She graduated from Otter Valley Union High School, class of 1968. Sudsey was a farmer. She loved the family farm, and later the Rivers Farm and working for Joyce Wheeler farming. Sudsey also drove a bus for Rutland Northeast Supervisory Union for 40 years. She later drove a bus for Bet-cha transportation for over 10 years. She enjoyed fishing and berry picking, for everyone else but never for herself. She loved to visit with everyone and make corn and apple fritters to share.

She is survived by three sisters,



SUDONA "SUDSEY" LOU HANFIELD

Gladys Ricketts, Velma Blodgett and Edna Kerr; and three brothers, Donald Hanfield, Russell Hanfield and Willaim Hanfield. Many

nieces, nephews and cousins also survive her. She was predeceased by her parents; three sisters, Martha Hanfield, Pauline Emmons, and Thelma Savela; and two brothers, Francis "Herb" Hanfield and Lewis Hanfield.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, May 29, at 11 a.m., at the Miller & Ketcham Funeral Home in Brandon, with graveside committal services and burial following in the family lot at Pine Hill Cemetery.

Memorial gifts in lieu of flowers may be made in her memory to Brandon Area Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 232, Brandon, VT 05733 or to Rutland County Humane Society, 765 Stevens Road, Pittsford, VT 05763.

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

Sharon Bassett Butterfield, 71, of Middlebury

MIDDLEBURY — It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of Sharon Bassett Butterfield, a beacon of love and warmth in our community. Sharon graduated from Fair Haven High School in 1971. Sharon left us peacefully on May 21, 2024, at the age of 71.

Born on Jan. 28, 1953, Sharon's infectious smile and compassionate spirit brightened the lives of all who knew her. Her love for children was evident in her career; she ran a cherished in-home daycare for over ten years. The children under her care were not just children but extensions of her family, each one touched by her nurturing and attentive nature.

In the past nine years, Sharon extended her caring nature to the elderly, dedicating her time to preparing meals for the Residents at Otter Creek. Her meals were more than just food; they were an expression of her love and care,



SHARON BASSETT BUTTERFIELD

bringing comfort and joy to many seniors in our community.

Sharon's legacy is defined by her immense kindness and unwavering dedication to others. She is survived by her loving husband of 49 years, Edgar Butterfield Jr.;

her three sons, Eric, Jamie and Jeremie; and five grandchildren, who were the light of her life. Her family, friends, and all those she touched will forever remember her generous spirit and the warmth of her smile. Sharon is survived by her beloved siblings: Karen, Brian, Kathy and Brad.

The family received friends and loved ones at a wake to honor Sharon's life on Tuesday, May 28, from 4 to 6 p.m., at the Sanderson-Ducharme Funeral Home, located at 117 South Main St., Middlebury. A service to honor Sharon's memory was held on Wednesday, May 29, at 1 p.m., at The Methodist Church in Middlebury. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the American Cancer Society. There may be a celebration of life later to be announced on social media.

Sharon Bassett Butterfield's life was a testament to the power of love and kindness. Her memory will live on in the hearts of all who were fortunate enough to know her.

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William 'Bill' Lasher, 86, of Vergennes

VERGENNES — William "Bill" Lasher, cherished father of Anne Lasher Payne, passed away peacefully after a brief illness on Saturday, May 11, 2024, at UNC Hospitals. His beloved daughter Anne and dear family friend Pranitha were at his side. His heart never recovered from the death of his soulmate, Jean, in 2023, and he longed every day to once again be with her.



WILLIAM "BILL" LASHER

Bill was born in Vergennes, Vt., on Nov. 26, 1937, to the late Clinton Lasher and Marie Houle. He was raised by his grandparents Frederick and Mae (Vanderhoof) Lasher. Bill graduated from Vergennes High School in 1958 and began a career as an aircraft parts technician at Goodrich. He was a trusted employee who worked on the stealth bomber and other sensitive projects and remained with the company until his retirement. Bill married the love of his life, Jean Dempsey, on Aug. 10, 1963, and they celebrated 60 years of marriage last year.

His passion in life was his family, especially his daughter, Anne, who was his pride and joy and remained daddy's little girl until the end. His grandson and namesake, Will, of Creedmoor, N.C., was the apple of his eye. He was so proud of Will, and the two loved spending time together telling jokes. Each Christmas they would enjoy putting up lights and decorating the tree together.

Bill spent time living in North Carolina for parts of the past six years, receiving medical care for himself and Jean. He was appreciative of the relationship he cultivated with his son-in-law

Arthur, who supported him during the last two months of his life while he received treatments at UNC.

Bill's faith was extremely important to him, and he was a member of Saint Peter's Catholic Church in Vergennes, Vt., and Saint Bernadette's Catholic Church in Butner, N.C. Bill was an extremely proud member of the Knights of Columbus. He remained an active member to the Knights in both Vermont and North Carolina and valued the support and prayers of his brother knights.

Bill had a larger-than-life personality and was a kind and thoughtful soul, with a wonderful sense of humor. He was quick with a joke and loved to make people laugh. Bill never met a stranger — he loved to talk to everyone. One of his favorite pastimes was to dress up for all the holidays and bring joy to those around him. He even had a leprechaun costume made and would celebrate every Saint Patrick's Day and the Irish Festival

each July in Miramichi, New Brunswick, Canada.

Bill is survived by his daughter, Anne; grandson, Will; dog, Kara; and son-in-law Arthur Payne. He will be greatly missed by those who had the pleasure of knowing him, especially his close friends Mary Kay and Maurice Lussier, Erin and Greg Tosi, Jay and Pranitha Ramlakan, Fr. Yvon Royer, and Tom Saltus. He will be remembered by all of the family he leaves behind, including his cherished brothers- and sisters-in-law and many nieces and nephews.

Bill had recently participated in a grief support group and was so grateful for the love and support he found within that group, as well as the support he received from his neighbors through the years. In addition to his parents, grandparents, and beloved wife, Jean, Bill was preceded in death by his aunt Marion Dempsey.

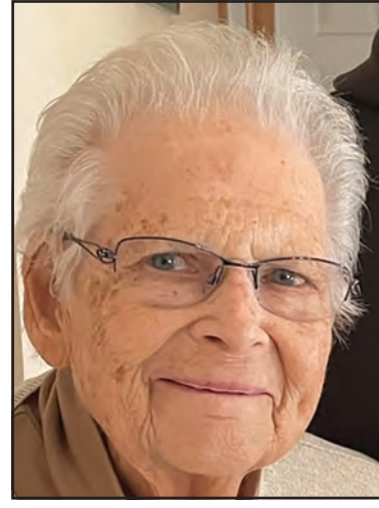
A funeral Mass will be held at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Vergennes on Wednesday, June 5, at 10:30 a.m. Private interment will be at St. Peter's Cemetery. Friends and family are invited to a reception at the Parish Hall following the funeral.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in his name may be made directly to either St. Peter's Catholic Church, 85 S Maple Street, Vergennes, VT 05491 (802) 877-2367 or St. Bernadette Catholic Church 804 West D Street Butner, NC 27509 (919) 575-4537

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

Margaret 'Margo' Emmell, 86, of Ferrisburgh

FERRISBURGH — With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of Margaret "Margo" Marie (Barbic) Emmell on May 25, 2024, at the age of 86. Margo peacefully left this world surrounded by her loving family and the supportive team at the University of Vermont Medical Center.



MARGARET 'MARGO' MARIE (BARBIC) EMMELL

Born on March 23, 1938, in Cooperstown, N.Y., Margo was the beloved daughter of Evelyn (Barbic) and Ward Cupps. She spent her life spreading joy, kindness, and love to everyone she met. Margo married the love of her life after 18 days, Andre Emmell, and together, they shared more than 62 beautiful years of marriage filled with love, laughter, and countless cherished memories.

Margo is survived by her devoted husband, Andre Emmell, and her sons, Todd Emmell of Colchester, and Scott Emmell and his wife Alice of Bristol. She was a proud and loving grandmother to Amber Emmell, Ashley (Emmell) Laforest and her husband Zach, Daniel Emmell and Brianna Rafus, Erica (Bergfeld) Reed and her husband Brad, and Ryan Bergfeld and his wife Danielle. Her joy was further amplified by her great-grandson, Cash Bergfeld.

in-law Annette; and her beloved daughter, Rebecca Jo Bergfeld (Kersman). Margo's heart was always filled with the memories and love of those she lost.

Margo had a remarkable ability to bring people together and cherished every moment spent with her family and friends. Margo loved making people happy with her crafts and special, personally made cards to spread joy. Whether it was a simple family gathering or a joyous celebration, her presence was the heart of every event. Her laughter, wisdom, and unwavering support will be deeply missed.

A memorial service to honor and celebrate Margo's life will be held on June 8, at 11 a.m., at the North Ferrisburgh United Methodist Church (NFUMC) at 227 Old Hollow Road, North Ferrisburgh, Vt. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations be made to the church.

Margo's legacy of love, compassion and dedication to her family will forever be remembered. She leaves behind a tapestry of cherished memories that will live on in the hearts of all who knew her. Rest in peace, Margo. Your spirit and love will continue to guide and inspire us always. ♡

Janice Myrick Whitman, 94, formerly of Middlebury

ST. ALBANS — Janice Myrick Whitman, a long-time resident of Middlebury, Vt., and most recently of St. Albans, Vt., passed away on Dec. 2, 2023. She was born on Oct. 28, 1929, in Bridport, Vt., to Kenneth and Beatrice Myrick. She was a graduate of Middlebury High School in 1947. Jan married the love of her life, Robert Whitman, in January of 1949. She was employed at Porter Hospital, the Addison County Probate Court, and Middlebury College, where she was Secretary to the Dean of Students, Steven Rockefeller, for many years. Jan enjoyed spending time with her family and friends and many of her most treasured memories and stories were of

those she loved.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 71 years, Robert Whitman, in February of 2020. Jan is survived by her daughter, Barbara Sawyer; son-in-law, Bill Sawyer; grandchildren, Chip (Alisha), Adam (Timiny) and Brian Sawyer. She is also survived by her six great-grandchildren, Liam, Andrew, Teddy, Hudson, Palmer and Rowan "Winnie" Sawyer.

There will be a celebration of life for family and friends in St. Albans followed by interment at the St. Mary's Cemetery in Middlebury, Vt. on June 15 at 3 p.m.

Online condolences at www.healdfuneralhome.com



JANICE MYRICK WHITMAN

Mary Frances Chapman, 63, of Middlebury

MIDDLEBURY — Mary Frances Chapman, 63, passed away unexpectedly on May 2, 2024, after suffering from a stroke.

Mary was born on July 19, 1960, in Middlebury, Vt., the daughter of John and Shirley Chapman. She attended both Vergennes and Middlebury Union High Schools, graduating from MUHS in 1979. Additionally, Mary took courses at both Champlain College and the Community College of Vermont.

Through much of her life Mary dealt with managing her mental health and substance addiction, as she was very committed to her wellness. In the last decade she was able to use her experiences to become a strong advocate for those struggling with issues like poverty and housing insecurity. During that time she became a member of the Community Bridges project through CSAC. She also served on the board at John Graham Shelter.

Mary also found a love for painting, most specifically in paint pouring. She had goals to turn her passion into a profession, and dreamed of exhibiting her pieces someday. Mary also loved gardening and sitting on her front porch listening to the birds and



MARY FRANCES CHAPMAN

feeding the squirrels.

Mary was predeceased her mother, Shirley Chapman. She is survived by her father, John Chapman of Addison; two daughters, Amy Fitzsimmons of Hinesburg, and Christina Chapman of Kannapolis, N.C.; three sisters, Peggy Chapman and Michelle Provencher of Huntersville, N.C., and Maddy Martell of Lincoln; brothers, Michael Chapman of Hancock, and Mark Chapman of Addison; her beloved grandchildren, Jules, Zoë, Wilder, and Niko;

her nieces, Bridgette Sheppard and Rachel Chapman; nephews, Douglas Burnham Junior and Dale Provencher; three great nephews, and two great nieces.

Mary's family invites you to join them for a celebration of her life. They will be gathering at the Middlebury Recreation Center at 154 Creek Road on Saturday, July 20, from 11 to 1 p.m. ♡

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Brenda Joyce Bruyneel, 82, of Orwell

ORWELL — Brenda Joyce Bruyneel, age 82, passed away May 23, 2024. A graveside service will be held on July 13, at 11 a.m., in Mountain View Cemetery, Orwell.

A full obituary will be published in a later edition of the *Addison Independent*.

Miller & Ketcham Funeral Home in Brandon is in charge of arrangements.

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MARGARET J. HUTCHINS

Margaret was a stay-at-home mom with her four daughters until they were in school. She worked at MUHS cafeteria as a cook and for several years worked for M&M Taxi service. She was a member of the Middlebury Eastern Star organization and of the Champlain Valley Fiddlers. She loved dancing, music and playing cards. She also enjoyed attending Elderly Services in Middlebury.

She was predeceased by her parents; her loving husband, Robert; sisters Shirley, Joyce and Mary; her parents-in-law, Robert and Marion Hutchins; and brothers-in-law

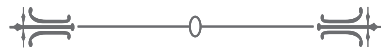
Larry and Ronald Hutchins. She is survived by her loving daughters, Joan (Jeff) Forbes, Martha (Barry) Forbes, Joyce (Larry) Sunderland, and Becky (Bruce) Hutchins; her dear brother Wiley (Agnus) Duclo; sister Barbara Knight; her sisters-in-law Hilda Tourge and Janet

Hutchins; seven grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandson; and several nieces and nephews.

The family wishes to extend their heartfelt gratitude to Addison County Home Health & Hospice, especially her nurses Laura and Stephanie, for the exceptional care they provided to her and all of our family; and to Elderly Services for providing her much enjoyment for many years.

A celebration of her life will be held on June 2, at 1:30 p.m., at the VFW in Middlebury. All are welcome to come and share stories and memories of Margaret. A private burial will take place at a later date.

Donations in her memory can be made to Addison County Home Health & Hospice P.O. Box 754 Middlebury VT 05753 Or Elderly Services P.O. Box 581 Middlebury, VT 05753. ◊



Tammy Barrows Myrick, 65, formerly of Panton

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Tammy Barrows Myrick, age 65, of Knoxville, Tenn., formerly of Panton, Vt., and Portland, Maine, passed away on Wednesday, May 22, 2024.



TAMMY BARROWS MYRICK

Tammy was a member of Church Street United Methodist Church, as well as United Women in Faith. She loved hiking, gardening, biking, kayaking, and just being outdoors. In cooler weather, you could find her near the fireplace, reading her favorite book, or studying the Bible. Most notably, she was a Stephen Minister, a caregiver. She was also a Stephen Ministry leader, teaching others about giving care.

Tammy was a natural caregiver. It was a gift from God, and the ministry became her passion in later years. Tammy was preceded in death by her parents, Samuel Barrows and Patricia Smith Newton Barrows. She is survived by her

husband, Larry Myrick; sons, Lance (Christine) Myrick and Jim (Gabbie) Myrick; daughter, Sarah Myrick; grandchildren, Alex Corsones and Connor Myrick; brothers, Craig (Kathy) Newton and Sean

Barrows; sisters, Cherie Angier and Pam Shafer; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

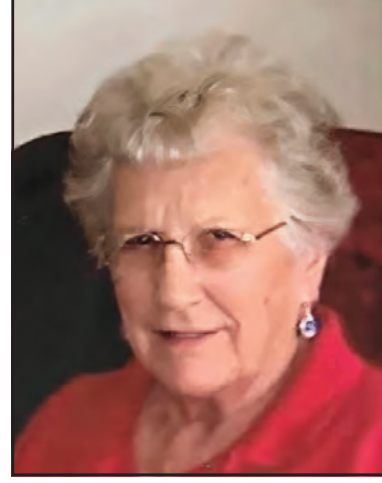
The family would like to thank the Stephen Ministry, the Health Care Ministry, the Murphy Builders Pathfinders Sunday School, and the United Women in Faith at Church Street United Methodist Church. Also, much gratitude to pastors Catherine Nance and Tim Best.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, June 8, at 11 a.m., at Church Street United Methodist Church, 900 Henley St., Knoxville, TN 37902. In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests that donations be made to the Stephen Ministry or the Health Care Ministry at Church Street United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 1303, Knoxville, TN 37901.

Online obituary may be viewed, and condolences extended at www.rosefuneraltn.com. ◊

Helen P. Vrooman, 98, longtime Bristol resident

BRISTOL — Helen P. Vrooman passed away peacefully in her sleep on May 20, 2024, after a brief illness.



HELEN P. VROOMAN

Helen was born on July 14, 1925, to Ernest and Ethel Wimett. She spent her childhood on the family farm in Bridport. She graduated from Middlebury High School in 1943. She married Robert Layn and had two children, a son Daniel, and a daughter Janet. They bought a home in Bristol in 1956, which she still lived in for the next 66 years until her recent stay at Eastview in Middlebury.

Helen began her working career at the Van Raalte Company in Bristol and then took an accounting position at Robinson's Oil Company. While working and raising her family, she attended Champlain College at night, earning her associate's degree in Accounting and the title of the first woman to graduate from the college's night program. Helen remained at Robinson's for 35 years until her retirement.

In 1970, she married the love of her life, Barent Vrooman. Barry was a Mason from Libanus Lodge, and Helen was a prominent member of the Order of the Eastern Star. Together they served in and enjoyed the Masonic community for many years.

She was an avid reader with an impressive book collection and was jokingly called "The Mayor" because everywhere she went, she ran into people she knew. She loved to attend band concerts on the green, senior lunches, and the weekly "coffee klatch" with her gal pals. You could also find her on her porch during the fair-weather months enjoying "wine time".

Her love of family knew no bounds. Helen is predeceased by her husband, Barent Vrooman; her parents, Ernest and Ethel Wimett; her sister, Doris Brisson and brother-in-law Robert Brisson; her son-in-law Asahel Hoffnagle; and step-grandson Paul Poynter.

She is survived by her son, Daniel Layn and his wife Donna, their daughter Nicole Dale and her husband Daniel (Kylie and Jack Pedersen and Rhett Dale), and their son Brett Layn and his wife Danielle (McKenna, Maleah); her daughter, Janet Hoffnagle and her daughters Danielle McMahan (Courtney and John Roettinger) and Patricia Nason and her husband Bruce Nason (Jordan and Janelle and their children, Brittany and her children, Connor); her step-son Jay Vrooman and his wife Marlene, their children Lisa Poynter (Ashley and Steven Hutchinson, and their children and Hailey and Andres Modesto and their daughter) and Mark Vrooman and his wife Eileen; her step-daughter Janice Silver, and three very precious great-great grandchildren, Rhys, Ryder and Remi.

Calling hours will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. on Friday, May 31, at Brown-McClay Funeral Home in Bristol. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 1, at the Bristol Federated Church. Committal will be private at a later date at the discretion of the family. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Addison County Home Health and Hospice, PO Box 754, Middlebury, VT 05753. ◊

ADDISON COUNTY

School Briefs

Gabriel Quesnel, a 14-year-old hockey player at MUHS, was recently selected to represent Vermont at the 2024 New England District Select 15 Player Development Camp at the International Skating Center of Connecticut in Simsbury, Conn., May 17-19. He was one of only nine forwards selected for his age group. Quesnel was also recently selected to play for the Tier 1 elite Vermont Junior Catamounts team. This is a split team so he will still play for MUHS next year.

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GABRIEL QUESNEL

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Eleanor Lynn Zinke, 82, of Vergennes

VERGENNES — Eleanor Lynn Zinke took her leave of us on a beautiful Vermont spring afternoon, May 9, 2024, as quietly and calmly as she lived her life. Born in Connecticut, Lynn moved with her family to South Florida when she was eight. As an adult, Lynn lived several places, including stints in Arizona and Bermuda, before heeding her cousins' advice and settling in the hill country of Northern Vermont during the early 1970s with her former husband and two children.



ELEANOR LYNN ZINKE

Lynn's early career in administration and operations took her from Rossignol and Garmont to Garden Way and Harrowsmith, as well as opening and managing Chapters Bookstore and Cafe in Shelburne. After her children grew up and moved into their careers, Lynn took the opportunity to purchase a one-way, around-the-world plane ticket, finally indulging her wanderlust. One of her favorite stops was an extended visit in Hong Kong, which allowed her to travel solo deep into mainland China, an experience she cherished. The conclusion of her trip resulted in a two-year stay in Boston, where she worked at the Women's Educational and

Industrial Union before returning to Vermont.

As Lynn settled back in, she found a new home base in a lovely cottage, perfectly sized for her, on the lake outside Vergennes. Lynn then worked a series of retail jobs, often with friends, primarily in Shelburne village. This allowed her to indulge her passion for meeting new people and more importantly, helping them. Whether it was assisting a customer decide on the perfect wedding gift, bringing a grieving friend a Harrington ham and a bottle of wine, or helping

an old friend, as she aged, with day-to-day tasks, one of Lynn's greatest strengths was her capacity to help others in ways large and small.

Lynn's greatest pride was her children, Meghan (Andrew) and Senan, whom she supported and encouraged in all their endeavors. It brought her no small measure of joy to have her intrepid children ultimately return to their home state, where she was able to see them regularly and involve herself in their lives.

In addition to her children, Lynn is survived by her sisters, Gay (Mike) Gallagher, Diane Cooper and Karen (Irv) Rose; her cousin, Blair (Bob) Hall and their children; several nieces, nephews and extended family. Special thanks go to Kasie, Tim, Aria, and Sebastian, for their excellent care of Lynn during her final years.

Lynn loved the arts in all forms: literature, fine arts, music, dance, performing arts, etc. In lieu of flowers, if you are so moved, a donation in Lynn's name to your local library, museum, performing arts center, or other arts foundation would be appreciated. A memorial celebration may be planned at a later date.◊



ROLLIN "BUTCH" JIMMO

Rollin 'Butch' Jimmo, 63, of Monkton

MONKTON — Rollin "Butch" Jimmo passed away May 13, 2024, after a life-long battle with cancer. He was the son of Robert and Saunnie Jimmo, husband of Angie.

There will be a celebration of life held at the American Legion Post 19 in Bristol on June 29 from 1-4 p.m. ◊

Legislative Review

(Continued from Page 5A) study short-term cost-containment strategies, as well as dig into the deeper causes of high costs, with a goal of providing the Legislature with proposals for difficult future changes to our public education system statewide.

For now, we need to let our school districts get ready for summer programs, the return of students in the fall, and the activities that bring school and broader communities

together for sports, plays, concerts and exhibitions. It is time to support our students and schools and vote yes on the upcoming budgets for Mount Abe, Otter Valley and Slate Valley. Thank you.

Peter Conlon is the chair of the House Education Committee. Ruth Hardy is chair of the Senate Government Operations Committee. Both have served many years as school board chairs.

RNESU

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The result of the cuts would put per-pupil spending at \$12,355, which is lower than the \$12,436 figure that the April 23 version of the budget represented.

"Parents were saying, 'We deserve a good education for our kids,'" Bertrand said. "We are already below the average in per-

pupil spending." She noted there was a "very lively conversation" on further cuts.

"We talked about lots of things we could cut ... that would have lowered the education quality," she added.

OVUUS delivers preK-12 public education to students in Brandon, Leicester, Whiting, Goshen, Sudbury and Pittsford.

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Libraries

(Continued from Page 3A) and engagement with populations with disabilities is a key part of the grant and an ongoing effort that will take place through September. The librarian is completing a series of webinars and an online course offered through the grant, all aimed at training library staff on how to lead community conversations.

"Now through September we will be explicitly working on engaging with those with disabilities in our community to see how we can best use these funds (and make other changes perhaps as well!) This will take the form of a community conversation event, as well as a survey, some phone calls, and even informal conversations," Shattuck Bernstein told the *Independent*.

While the library's work with the grant focuses on those with mobility disabilities, Shattuck Bernstein noted the library is interested in hearing from people with, or supporting those with, other disabilities as well.

"If you or a family member, friend, or someone with whom you work, has a disability of any form, please feel free to reach out to us with your

ideas and suggestions," she said.

Shattuck Bernstein added that the library is grateful for the opportunity to work with the grant and thrilled by its focus on community engagement.

"I am very excited to develop my skills in this area, as I think it is essential to library work," she said. "I see libraries as modern community centers; here to serve all in our community and it is so important

"Two things I appreciate about this funding from the ALA is the focus on community involvement and the flexibility the grantors offer after those community conversations."

— Orwell librarian Kate Hunter

to be oriented outwardly and doing everything we can to engage with, include, and serve everyone, especially those who might have the most difficulty accessing us. We strive to be in active collaboration with community member individuals and organizations always, developing how best to reach our community as well as with what resources."

Shattuck Bernstein noted the third round of grant awards from the LTC: Accessible Small and Rural Communities program will come around this fall. Those interested in being notified when applications open can sign up for the American Library Association's Programming Librarian newsletter.

Lanthier

(Continued from Page 2A) Biden, in a statement Wednesday, marked the confirmation of the 200th federal judge since he took office in January 2021. According to that statement, 64% of his judicial appointments have been women, and 62% were people of color.

The White House, in a release announcing Lanthier's nomination and another in Pennsylvania, said the nominations "continue to fulfill" Biden's "promise to ensure that the nation's courts reflect the diversity that is one of our greatest assets as a country — both in terms of personal and professional backgrounds."

ADDISON COUNTY

School Briefs

Gregory Swain of Bristol has been named to the dean's list at Angelo State University in San

Angelo, Texas, for the 2024 spring semester. To be eligible for the list, full-time undergraduate students must maintain a 3.25 or better grade-point average on a 4.0 scale. Swain is majoring in Intelligence and Analysis.

Also, according to the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, more than 40% of the president's judicial confirmations have been people who were public defenders or civil rights lawyers, or both.

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Leahy

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 opportunity to take a victory lap in Addison County following his retirement this past January.
 Prompting him with questions about his childhood, career, family and interests were U.S. District Court Judge William K. Sessions III and Chief Judge Beryl Howell of U.S. District Court (District of Columbia). Both are former associates and longtime friends of Leahy, who regaled a crowd of more than 150 people with colorful anecdotes — some humorous, some poignant, all of them edifying — that brought a sense of humanity to world events spanning nine presidential administrations and several wars.
 What follows are a sampling of

those anecdotes, as recounted by Leahy:
 • Growing up in Montpelier, where his family ran a printing press on State Street, across from the Vermont Statehouse.
 He recalled the then-unfettered access to the Statehouse — even for himself and a companion who one day decided to ride their tricycles on the top floor. He recalled accidentally running into a desk, whereupon he heard a man's voice say, "Yesssss?"
 Leahy said he asked the man if he was the governor, and was told, "Yes I am, now get out!"
 "We thought that was pretty fun," Leahy said. "Our parents did not."
 The former senator continues

to have fond memories of his childhood in Vermont's capital, where he said "you knew everybody" and people looked out for their neighbors. Leahy said his parents would occasionally buy groceries for acquaintances who were struggling.
 "It was wonderful," he said of his childhood.
 • His decision to become a lawyer, after having graduated from St. Michael's College (Class of '61) and having earned his law degree from Georgetown University in 1964. Then-Gov. Phil Hoff appointed Leahy the Chittenden County state's attorney in 1966.
 "I found the law fascinating," he said.

He recalled Hoff calling him to his home and asking him to take the state's attorney's job.
 "There was a huge backlog of cases to be tried and argued before Vermont Supreme Court. He said, 'Clean up the mess.'"
 Leahy rolled up his sleeves and dove into the caseload. He was on-call seven days a week.
 "I loved it because I was in a courtroom all the time," he said.
 • His decision in 1974 to run for U.S. Senate, after eight years as a prosecutor.
 He knew upfront it would be an uphill battle.
 "I was reminded ... that there had never been a senator under 50 elected in Vermont; I was 33 when I announced," he said.
 Also, Vermont in those days was as solidly red and it is blue these days. At the time, Vermont had never elected a Democrat to the U.S. Senate.
 While Leahy had had a successful run as Chittenden County's top prosecutor, his résumé was still thin. He'd been advised to run for city council or perhaps a Vermont House post prior to aiming for the top.
 But Leahy and his team assembled a dedicated group of volunteers who lobbied on his behalf throughout the state. That, along with a lot of campaigning, earned him a surprising win over the favored Republican at the time, Republican Congressman Richard W. Mallary.
 "Our car was barely drivable at the end of the campaign," he said with a smile.
 Leahy noted he has two cherished newspaper clips stemming from that 1974 election. An article published five days prior to the election bearing the banner headline, "Poll Dooms Leahy." The other, a report of the election result that screamed, "Leahy Unexpectedly Wins."
 Once elected, the senator proved unbeatable (though he had a very close victory in 1980



SENATOR PATRICK LEAHY

against Republican Stewart Ledbetter, winning 49.76% to 48.59%, the year Ronald Reagan won the presidency in a landslide.)
 He won his elections comfortably thereafter, but Leahy stressed his candidacy always required a thumbs-up from his longtime spouse.
 "Marcelle and I discussed it; there's no decision made without her. She's the real hero," he said, pointing her out in the crowd.
 • Moving up the Senate ranks.
 Leahy went on to hold several lofty positions in the Senate, but he noted that gaining power in Congress was a slow process influenced by ability, politics, hard work and some luck.
 He reminisced about strolling into the U.S. Senate chambers for the first time in 1975 and encountering then U.S. Senate President Pro-Tem James Eastland, a Mississippi Democrat.
 "He asked me, 'Boy, how old are you?'" Leahy said, recalling Eastland as somewhat of a curmudgeon. "Anyone tell you you're too young to be a U.S. Senator?"
 Leahy, not yet 35 at the time, responded "Yes — my opponent, for one."

of the Armed Services Committee from West Virginia — was asked if he had really intended to vote against war funding.
 "He said, 'Yes. They've lied to me long enough,'" Leahy said. After the fifth vote, the measure died and the war was over.
 • Leahy's opposition to landmines. Leahy led a crusade against use of the devices in warfare, which he noted were taking a toll on civilians.
 He's proud of what's now known as "The Leahy War Victims Fund," used by USAID throughout the world to help civilians maimed by landmines and other weapons of war. Its genesis dates to 1989 and a trip Leahy made to southeast Asia.
 He recalled a subsequent trip to Vietnam, accompanied by paralyzed Vietnam War veteran Bobby Muller, during which wheelchairs were given out to people with war-related disabilities. Leahy recalled encountering, at one of their appearances, a Vietnamese national — whose legs had been taken by a landmine — who appeared to stare vindictively at the senator.
 "I thought he must hate me," Leahy said.
 He recounted how he went over to the man, took him in his arms, and placed him in one of the wheelchairs.
 As Leahy started to stand back up, the man grabbed his shirt, pulled him down, and "kissed me," the former senator recalled, choking back tears. "You don't forget moments like that."
 • Batman. Leahy became a huge fan of the comic book hero Batman. He's made cameo appearances in five Batman films.
 "I liked him because he had no superpowers; he used his brains," he said.
 He and DC Comics teamed up for a 1996 Batman comic called "Batman: Death Of Innocents," which revealed the horrors of landmines. He used it gain support for legislation to ban the use of and exportation of landmines, which, initially was given little hope of passage, but after Leahy's consistent work passed in the Senate, 100-0.
 • Current rancor in Congress regarding the appointment of judges and other issues. Leahy once chaired the Judiciary Committee, which vets prospective judges and coordinates the confirmation process.
 "It has deteriorated terribly," he said of the current process, marked by acrimony — particularly when it comes to U.S. Supreme Court picks.
 He pointed to the late Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor as one of the judges he saw confirmed during his tenure. A President Ronald Reagan appointee who was conservative on many issues, he said senators from both parties nonetheless recognized her as honest and fair. She was confirmed in 1981 by a 99-0 vote.
 "I think she turned out to be one of the best justices we've had," Leahy said. "Now, we have a polarized political (situation), which sometimes forces presidents to nominate people who shouldn't be there, because it fits a political agenda."
 Leahy also talked about children's literacy issues, his love for photography, cleaning up Lake Champlain, the Dalai Lama and a number of other issues. A full MCTV recording of his CVUUS appearance can be found at addisonindependent.com.
 Reporter John Flowers is at johnf@addisonindependent.com.

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Wildlife corridors

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maintaining local wildlife diversity and ecological balance at the interface of urban and natural landscapes,” said Middlebury College student Eli DiBari. “In Bristol, as in many other places, these corridors serve as essential pathways that connect fragmented habitats, allowing wildlife to move safely between different areas, and limiting human-wildlife interactions. As communities expand and more homes are developed, habitats can become more and more fragmented, making wildlife corridors even more important.”

Students’ research was conducted in year-long collaboration with the Bristol Conservation Commission and completed as part of the college’s Community Engaged Practicum. Through the course, students collaborate with local partners and organizations on a community-engaged project.

The conservation commission hopes to use student findings to meet some of its goals outlined in the 2020 Town Report and to inform Bristol’s next Town Plan, local Conservation Commission

Chair Carolyn Dash said.

“We realized the town plan wildlife corridor maps hadn’t been updated in nearly 20 years, and we didn’t have the expertise to tackle this issue,” Dash said at a May 9 commission meeting where students presented their findings.

In the spring of 2023, former Middlebury student Lauren Gemery laid the groundwork for the project completed in 2024. Through independent study, Gemery synthesized wildlife data from previous town reports, began exploring potential sites for camera trapping studies and explored what other towns had done to update their wildlife maps, along with conducting other research.

This past fall, Middlebury student David Goldsmith explored the composition and activity of wildlife in two Bristol parks using game cameras.

Research conducted by students this spring built off of those efforts, as well as regional and state research.

A large part of the work consisted of camera trapping at sites in or around Bristol, particularly targeting mammals in areas of

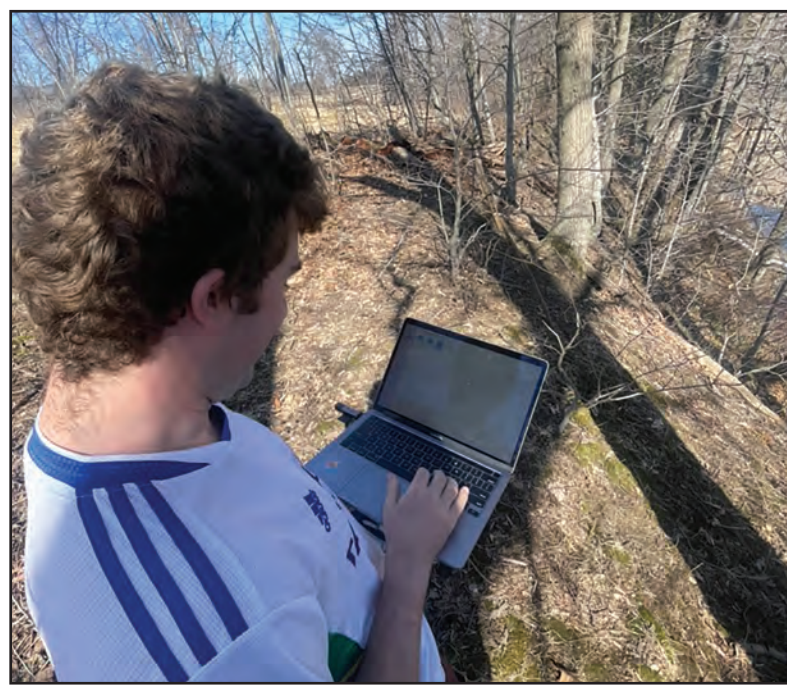
non-conserved river corridors and large, non-conserved forest blocks.

Students set up 17 cameras at sites near Piney Woods Road, Bristol Pond, Notch Road, and along the New Haven River near the Bristol Cliffs Wilderness.

“We’re really interested in these areas because these are the forest blocks in between the protected area,” explained Middlebury student Max Zeltsar. “For maintaining movement along the mountains, ridges within Bristol and in and out of the town, these areas are really essential, especially up by Bristol Pond.”

Students collected more than 20,000 photos of wildlife from February through April. **BOBCATS, COYOTES ETC.**

Near Bristol Pond, students set up cameras in a narrow stretch of forest sandwiched between open farmland and a cliff leading to the pond. The corridor connects key wildlife regions in the Hogback Mountains and the lands of the Watershed Center. Students’ cameras captured more than 100 northern raccoons crossing the area, as well as bobcats, coyotes and porcupines.



A GROUP OF Middlebury College students spent this past spring semester out in the Bristol landscape, collecting data on the town’s wildlife corridors and the animals that use those pathways. Other Addison County towns have tackled similar projects in recent years. Photo courtesy of Eli DiBari

“Even how it small this site is, I thought it would be useless, but it’s actually being used,” said Middlebury student Brian Lee.

The group also placed cameras off Piney Woods Road, in a mixed-use area of development. Their cameras spotted less wildlife activity, but picked up white-tailed deer, eastern cottontail and eastern gray squirrels.

“We were curious how these areas that have dispersed housing with a lot of open fields, what the wildlife corridors and connectivity look like in these types of areas,” said Middlebury student Bailey Walker. “We mostly saw deer in the fields coming through, and definitely a lot less wildlife activity and diversity compared to a site with a lot of riparian habitat like Bristol Pond.”

In addition to collecting data through camera trapping, students also surveyed Bristol residents on what wildlife they’ve spotted around their homes and their thoughts on conservation.

Students came up with a few suggestions to guide future development and conservation decisions in Bristol.

They emphasized that incorporation of different sources and perspectives helps create the most robust framework for future development decisions. They also said centralized development within the Bristol village is the most effective way to allow for growth of the town and local businesses while preserving wildlife corridors.

The group believes community members in Bristol are interested and invested in the future of local wildlife.

Students created several resources to pass on to Bristol’s conservation commission, selectboard and planning commission. Those products include:

- A report with recommendations

for future approaches to wildlife connectivity work and infrastructure development in town.

- An interactive ArcGIS map that can be used to compare land ownership in Bristol with conserved or protected land and identified wildlife corridors.

- An online ArcGIS StoryMap that Bristol homeowners can access for information and resources on wildlife in the area and ways to protect habitat on their property.

The group also created a “Bristol Homeowner Habitat Management” pamphlet, which provides information and resources for residents for taking care of the wildlife in their backyard.

“It’s clear that you guys really love this land around you, and there’s also people who may be moving into this area who might not be as familiar with it,” Middlebury student AJ Rossbach said. “We targeted this pamphlet to be for new homeowners in the area who might not have as much experience in Bristol and Vermont, both to show them about the ecology we have here and the animals that live around them.”

Rossbach noted residents can play a key role in supporting local wildlife.

“Over 70% of Bristol is privately owned, so private landowners do have a considerable impact in how Bristol is able to continue maintaining its wildlife populations through its habitat,” she said.

MONKTON AND NEW HAVEN

Other towns have tackled similar projects. The Monkton Conservation Commission in 2023 sponsored a natural resource inventory mapping of the town, conducted by Arrowwood Environmental. The effort was completed in coordination with the Monkton Planning Commission and supported by the selectboard.

Arrowwood did an identification,

inventory and assessment of natural resources in Monkton, including areas like forest blocks and habitat connectors defined by Vermont’s Act 171. The act amended the state’s planning statutes to encourage municipalities to address the protection of such areas while supporting the local forest products industry.

The assessment involved the use of remote mapping technology, in-person visits and on-the-ground mapping.

“The mapping includes a connectivity layer, which indicates areas that have the most connectivity value in red, next-best in orange, and yellow having some value to wildlife,” explained Monkton Conservation Commission member Jaime Schulte. “In combination with forest blocks, core forest, conserved lands, and other layers this helps to create a good view of wildlife corridors across Monkton.”

Schulte said next steps are with the town’s planning commission, as they look at updates to Monkton’s Town Plan and zoning. The online map, Arrowwood’s presentation to the community and a detailed report can be found online at tinyurl.com/ye2c5ys2.

In New Haven, the conservation commission began planning a wildlife crossing survey in 2022.

“We were inspired to undertake this project by current concerns over fragmentation of wildlife habitat,” New Haven Conservation Commission Co-Chair Dave Lewis said. “Another Addison County Conservation Commission had completed a two-year project that undertook collection and recording of data that indicated areas where wildlife corridors intersected with roadways, documenting which mammal species were crossing roads. The information was used to create an overlay map for the town to highlight and categorize potential sensitive areas to be used in possible future town planning. In New Haven, our goal is the same.”

The commission began by working with habitat maps created by Fish & Wildlife and sorted through sites for areas to investigate. The commission looked for places where a wildlife corridor meets a roadway and is continued on the other side of the road. “The animals are compelled to cross in order to roam in the habitat. If the corridor goes away on either side then the habitat access is diminished and fragmented,” he explained.

As of November 2023, the commission has been collecting data using digital game cameras. Lewis said the group is currently using 12-13 cameras.

“We have some community volunteers helping with camera monitoring and are collecting information on a common site to keep the data collated and secure. We continue to look for possible sites and work with landowners permission foremost,” he said.

ACSD contracts

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Salisbury, Shoreham and Weybridge.

“Negotiations were highly collegial, with both sides working toward compromise on the many items proposed,” ACEA lead negotiator Nichole Brigger said of the talks that produced the deal. “Even when a solution was not easy, the ACSD board acknowledged the challenging issues facing educators at this time. We look forward to continuing serving the educators and students of ACSD.”

Steve Orzech, the ACSD board’s lead negotiator, couldn’t be reached for comment as the *Independent* went to press on Wednesday.

It’s an agreement that was hashed out over several months and comes around a month before the current three-year deal expires on June 30.

It should be noted that health insurance coverage wasn’t in play during the negotiations. Vermont public school teachers’ healthcare benefits are now negotiated as a statewide contract.

The Commission for Public School Employee Health Benefits in March unanimously agreed to a two-year extension of the current school employees’ healthcare plan that will take it through Dec. 31, 2027. The current plan calls for educators to pay around 20% of their healthcare premiums.

Brigger, coordinator of Middlebury Union High School’s Language and Literature Department

in addition to her ACEA duties, cited major provisions of the new ACSD/ACEA deal:

- Pay increases — added to base plus step movements — of 6% in 2024-2025; 5% in ’25-’26; and 3% in ’26-’27.

“These increases help with the deficit created due to inflation,” she said.

- A requirement for all new teachers to be a part of what Brigger described as “a robust mentoring program.” This program comes with an increase in stipend to \$1,500 for mentors.

- The addition of a “safety, security and wellbeing of students and staff” clause that recognizes the sometimes-tense workplace conditions in the post-COVID era. Sporadic, volatile situations involving uncontrollable situations have required teachers to at times clear their classrooms and/or call for police help.

“Teachers shall not be required to work under unsafe or hazardous conditions or to perform tasks which endanger their own or their students’ health, safety or well-being,” reads the clause. “The administration will investigate reports of unsafe conditions and will make every reasonable effort to rectify the situation.”

- A bump in compensation for summer curriculum writing responsibilities, from the current \$175 for a 7.5-hour day, to \$40/hour (or \$300 for a 7.5-hour day).

- Compensation (\$40 per hour) for teachers who substitute for a colleague during their planning periods, which was previously unpaid.

- The ability for retiring teachers to sell their sick leave back to the district for what Brigger described as a “small daily amount” — \$20 per day for those who’ve worked up to 10 years for the district, and \$30 per day for those who’ve worked more than 10 years.

“This clause will expire at the end of the three-year contract,” Brigger said of the sick-day cash-out. “We are testing it out to see if it is a feasible way to honor retirees and decrease the need for substitute teachers.”

Brigger expanded upon her reaction to the new agreement:

“Our goal with this contract is to ensure that ACSD attracts and retains the most qualified teachers for our students,” she said. “The International Baccalaureate program is drawing many families to our district, and we want to ensure the students have access to the highest quality teachers. In addition, recent safety challenges, protecting planning time (particularly for elementary educators), compensation for class coverage, and teacher burnout were a focus of negotiations. The ACSD board was open to real conversations about what our teachers need and responded with a package that is designed to provide support for our teachers and students.”

By the Way

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days. He completed a decamarathon — that’s a marathon each day for 10 consecutive days — at Silver Towers in Ripton and Goshen, a grueling odyssey that began on Thursday, May 16, and ended on Saturday, May 25. He did it as part of his annual effort to support nonprofit causes targeting substance use disorder. As of Tuesday, he’d raised around \$13,000 for two organizations: Turning Point Center of Addison County and Jenna’s Promise. He’s also selling raffle tickets for an ATV. Please check out Trailrun4recovery.com to learn more about his epic run and to donate. “It was an amazing challenge,” he told the *Independent* through an email. “Healing up from blisters this week! Over 100 hours of running and 50,000 feet of elevation gain.”

Lincoln volunteers will join forces this Saturday, June 1, from 9 a.m. to noon, to remove invasive wild chervil from the community’s roadsides. Stopping the spread of invasive plants encourages diversity of other plants, which in turn helps pollinators. Participants will meet at 9 a.m. at the Lincoln Fire House Pavilion to get road assignments and other helpful information. A delightful lunch from the Lincoln Store will be provided at noon. Organizers will have several shovels available to borrow. Please wear long sleeves and pants, good shoes and gloves, and bring your own plant-removal shovel if you have one. June 1 has

also been flagged as a volunteer day in New Haven, where helpers are needed beginning at 9 a.m. to clean and repair headstones in Riverside Cemetery off River Road. The Vermont Old Cemetery Association will be on hand to assist. There are many headstones in the cemetery that are in desperate need of cleaning/repairs, or both. Participants should dress in old clothes and are asked to bring as many of the following as possible: Water bottle, brick hammer, kneeling pad or short stool, a maul, snack/lunch, shovel, sunscreen & bug spray, work gloves, plastic bristle brushes, toothbrushes and wheelbarrow. If you are interested in helping, please email newhavenclerk@gmavt.net.

Mount Abraham Music Department wrapped up their year this past week honoring their Seniors and performing their last songs at Spring Concert 2024. However, Sweet Transition is not done yet! These singers will perform at graduation next week, and have also secured a spot on the voting ballot for the 2024 National Life Group Do Good Fest. Ten high school music groups have been selected to compete for a \$5,000 prize for their music department, and a chance to open for performances on July 13. Sweet T is hoping to rally the support of our communities by asking you to go to the Beat For Good page on the Do Good Fest website (dogoodfest.com/beatsforgood) take a listen, and cast your vote!

Voting for these singers closes this Sunday, June 2, and you can vote once per day.

UVM Extension Master Gardener Marijke Niles, the owner of Marijke’s Perennial Gardens Plus in Starksboro, will lead a talk titled, “Create Your Own Pollinator Gardens: One Step at a Time” at Bristol’s Holley Hall on Sunday, June 2, from 3-4:30 p.m. Niles will share tips and tricks for creating biodiverse habitat for pollinators using pesticide-free native plants. Native plants provide nectar and pollen for the pollinators who are busy searching for food and water on the landscape during each of three blooming seasons. A guided garden tour will immediately follow, led by members of Bristol Co-Housing’s Sustainability Committee. The Bristol Co-Housing property is an easy, two-minute walk from Holley Hall. The event is free, though donations will be welcomed to help defray costs of future programs. Join online at pollinator-pathway.org/towns/addison-county.

Woohoo! It’s almost time to plan for the Salisbury Free Public Library’s 7th annual Art & Chocolate event on Saturday, June 8, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., at Salisbury Community Center. This is a fundraiser to support the library. Organizers are reaching out to area artists and crafters who might want to participate in this event to sell their wares, arts & crafts. For more information, contact Janet Mosurick at janmosurick@yahoo.com.

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Shire town rolls

MONDAY MORNING'S MEMORIAL Day Parade in Middlebury drew many public servants, musicians, children, emergency responders — and above all, veterans, all of whom honored those who made the supreme sacrifice for our nation. Participants pictured here include bagpipers, firefighters, the Middlebury Union High School band, members of the Yellow House Community, the Ilsley Library, young student athletes, toddlers and even a few farm animals. At the bottom left, note that when Bridport's antique fire truck stalled going up the hill in front of the post office, Middlebury firefighters jumped in and pushed the vehicle around the corner so the parade could continue.

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Principals

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are Nadya Bech-Conger, who'll take over as leader of Cornwall's Bingham Memorial Elementary School, and Lashawn Whitmore-Sells, who's been picked to lead Shoreham Elementary School.

A 10-member ACSD Principal Screening Committee presided over the application process for the three jobs, and early this month advanced six candidates for school tours and a public interview process. The district gave ample opportunities for the community to meet and question the candidates in person or virtually, as well as provide emailed feedback.

The field included Urban; Whitmore-Sells; Bech-Conger; Jacquelin Pike, who is assistant principal at Brandon's Neshobe School; Erica Williams Harryman, the current principal at Lothrop School in Pittsford; and Amanda Morse.

ACSD Interim Superintendent Tim Williams identified each of the principal choices in separate May 22 emails to the Bridport, Cornwall and Shoreham school communities. Those announcements were finalized after press time for the May 23 edition of the *Independent*.

What follows are brief bios the ACSD offered for each of the proposed new principals. The *Independent* will do more substantial reporting on the new hires during the coming weeks.

JENNIFER URBAN

In addition to her recent experience as assistant principal at Bridport and Shoreham and as acting principal at Shoreham, Urban brings 12 years of experience in the ACSD, including "a strong background as an elementary

classroom teacher," according to district officials. She's also served the district as a paraeducator, International Baccalaureate teacher leader, and dean of students.

"She is extensively trained in Responsive Classroom, International Baccalaureate's PYP, UDL, Concept Based Learning, Restorative Practices, and Trauma Informed Practices," reads her bio.

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"She holds a Bachelor of Education from Champlain College and recently completed the St. Michael's College School Leadership Program. "She lives in Lincoln with her husband and a puppy named Murphy," the bio reads. "She loves reading, taking walks in the woods and spending time with family and friends. She expressed great excitement to join the Bridport community as... principal."

District officials praised Urban for "her dedication to students and staff, and the ACSD community," and "for all of the contributions she made to Shoreham this year."

Officials noted Urban said she chose to be a candidate

for all of three principal openings "because she did not go through a formal interview process for her current position in Shoreham and she wanted to ensure that the right leaders were matched with the right schools."

NADYA BECH-CONGER

Bech-Conger will succeed Bingham School Principal Heather Raabe, who recently announced she'd be stepping down at the end of this academic year after a five-year stint.

"She brings more than 25 years of teaching and educational leadership experience in Rhode Island,

Massachusetts and Vermont, most recently in the Burlington School District as the associate director of Teaching and Learning," reads her bio.

In addition to her current role, Bech-Conger has served as a dean of students, high school Spanish teacher, 7th-grade math instructor, and salsa dancing teacher.

"As an educational leader, she focuses on creating the conditions for staff and students to do their best work," reads the bio.

"She expressed excitement to join Cornwall school as a partner in the effort to improve learning for each and every student."

Bech-Conger holds a B.A. from Middlebury College and an M.A.T. from Brown University. She grew up speaking Norwegian, and is also fluent in Spanish. She moved with her family to Addison County two years ago, and her teenage children attend school here.

LASHAWN WHITMORE-SELLS

Whitmore-Sells will take the baton from Urban at the Shoreham school.

"(She) was among a very strong pool of applicants for our three open principal positions," according to district officials.

Whitmore-Sells brings 25 years of experience as an educator in Vermont, beginning as a classroom teacher and then graduating to leadership roles as an assistant principal, principal, and her current role as Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Coach at the Champlain Valley School District.

She holds a BS in Elementary Education from the American International College and a M.Ed. from the University of Richmond.

"She finds joy in the ability to connect with students and staff in creating an inclusive community for all," reads her ACSD-provided biographical information. "She has worked to establish a collaborative learning environment with high expectations while building positive relationships that support academic and social growth of all students in their school community. She shared that she is extremely excited to join the Shoreham community."

Red Sox's Castiglione gets a degree

Among those receiving honorary degrees from Middlebury College at Sunday's commencement was Joe Castiglione, The Voice of the Boston Red Sox for the past 41 years.

Joe is a member of the Red Sox Hall of Fame and this year's recipient of the prestigious Ford C. Frick Award for Excellence in Broadcasting presented by the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum. He is the longest tenured announcer in Red Sox history: the announcers' booth at Fenway Park is now "the Joe Castiglione Booth."

Joe's connection to Middlebury is genuine and deep: his Uncle Salvatore and Aunt Pierina Castiglione taught in the Italian Department for nearly 40 years and his sister Cherie graduated in the class of 1972.

On Monday, Joe Castiglione was back behind the mic in Baltimore calling the game between the



JOE CASTIGLIONE, THE Voice of the Boston Red Sox for four decades, accepts congratulations from Middlebury College President Laurie Patton who had just awarded him an Honorary Doctorate in Humane Letters at Sunday's 223rd Middlebury Commencement.

Photo by Brett Simison

Red Sox and Orioles, seamlessly interspersing descriptions of his weekend at Middlebury with his account of the game's action.

Graduation

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for many of the 474 graduates recognized, it also marked the last for Middlebury College President Laurie Patton, who in January will leave the institution to become president of the American Academy of Arts & Sciences.

Middlebury College Board of Trustees Chair Ted Truscott on Sunday lauded Patton for her service to the college and presented her with a replica of Gamaliel Painter's cane, a keepsake symbolic of the college's founder.

"This is an unexpected moment for all of us, and I think we're all still processing," Patton said. "The academy's mission of strengthening American democracy through the cultivation of thought leadership is core to my life's work, and I bring to that all that Middlebury has taught me about that mission and the work ahead. I hope to make you proud."

During her remarks, Patton acknowledged how members of the Middlebury College and broader Addison County communities have



PRESIDENT LAURIE PATTON soaked up the love during Sunday's ceremony, as she marked her final Middlebury graduation before heading off to lead the American Academy of Arts & Sciences next January.

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shaped her.

"One of the greatest things to ask when you leave a place, and I hope everyone is asking it today to themselves, is 'How am I different, how has this place changed me?'" she said. "Right now, my heart is filled with gratitude for all that Middlebury has shaped in mind,

heart, body and soul."

Patton thanked Middlebury students for what they taught her through the years and reiterated a message she shared during the college's baccalaureate service on Saturday.

"You are people of the eclipse, (See *Middlebury College*, Page 15A)

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MARTHA AND BISHOP Obeng-Sefah were among the proud parents celebrating their Middlebury College graduate's accomplishments at Sunday's commencement ceremony. Their daughter Pearl, a neuroscience major, was one of the 474 graduating seniors collecting diplomas at the ceremony.

Middlebury College

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and that clamor today that you hear is not only celebrating your journey from a dark, viral corona in 2020 to a blazing, solar corona in 2024 in April. It is also celebrating who you will become," Patton said. "As people of the eclipse you will hear many times in your life a sudden hush when hope seems to vanish. As Middlebury people, you have proven over and over again that you have the strength to persevere beyond that sudden hush, beyond that unexplained darkness and stand witness to the next moment, the moment of hope when you embrace again that brilliant flash of promise."

THE WORK AHEAD

Reflections on the COVID-19 pandemic were present in other remarks. Ley noted in her address how pandemic restrictions shaped students' undergraduate experience.

"From the first moment we stepped outside our rooms, negative tests result in our inboxes and masked-up, we took the campus by storm. From one Panther apart, we formed a community," she recalled.

The graduating senior noted she, like other students, ultimately found her footing on campus and began making memories that won't soon be forgotten.

"Our experiences at Middlebury will serve as an anchor, grounding us in the rhythm of the seasons," Ley said. "Whether you find yourself in bustling cities or tranquil countrysides, the memory of fall foliage painting the campus in hues of red and gold or the quiet beauty of winter snowfall blanketing the landscape will undoubtedly resurface. These seasonal markers will not only remind us of the passage of time, but also of the growth and transformation we underwent during our time at Middlebury."

In her remarks, Ley acknowledged members of the college community who died in recent years; assistant professor of Lusó-Hispanic Studies Raquel Albarrán and students Evelyn Mae Sorensen, Yan Zhou and Ivan Valerio.

Ley also called attention to the lives lost in Gaza during Israel's ongoing war against Hamas. She was one of several graduates carrying Palestinian flags and donning keffiyehs, a traditional Arab headdress that's considered a symbol of solidarity with the Palestinian cause.

"Standing on this stage, moments away from graduating myself, I think of all the Gazan students who cannot graduate from their universities because they've all been destroyed," she said. "And for all of the students on this campus, our friends and peers, who cannot go about their daily lives because their people are dying, we need to keep talking about Palestine."

Ley encouraged fellow students to continue resisting injustice as they enter this next chapter of their lives.

"The work does not stop now that we are done with our assignments and transitioned out of our roles as student leaders. We must continue to stand up for each other, for BIPOC and LGBTQ+ communities, and those who are silenced by the oppressive regimes that strangle our society," Ley said.

"Class of 2024, going out into the world, we must take what we have learned in our four years and break these cycles in our everyday lives," she continued. "The memories and lessons from our collective college experiences serve as examples for what we will face in the real world and how we can navigate these new



MIDDLEBURY UNION HIGH School alumna Alice Ganey, center, was one of several Vermonters to walk across the stage at Middlebury College Commencement on Sunday. She's all-smiles ahead of the ceremony with fellow psychology majors.

challenges as informed individuals."

HEART AND WISDOM

Along with conferring more than 400 undergraduate degrees, Middlebury College also presented honorary degrees to Joe Castiglione; Michael R. Katz; Linda Cliatt-Wayman; Emily Welty and Matthew Bolton; and Terry Tempest Williams. Read more about them with this story on addisonindependent.com.

Williams, an award-winning author and environmentalist, delivered Sunday's commencement address. During her remarks, she told graduates of a trip to Utah's Great Salt Lake, where she and a group of Harvard Divinity School students were met with 80-mile-per-hour winds. She recalled how the students together broke into song to the tune of the storm.



MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT attendees got innovative this past Sunday, using event programs to shield themselves from the hot sun during the ceremony.

"The louder the wind howled, the more powerful their voices became until their song seemed to soften the blow of the storm," Williams said. "Storms are blowing around the world, physically and metaphorically. The winds of change are strong. We have a history of bravery in this country, and we must call it forward now. A livable future is guaranteed only by the degree of our personal engagement, the size of our hearts, the risks we are willing to take, and our commitments to build trust in our capacity to work together among our differences."

Williams addressed the students who'd participated in the Gaza Solidarity Encampment at Middlebury this month. She referenced a "dignified tradition of civil disobedience" in the country, from abolitionists opposing slavery to the women's suffrage movement.

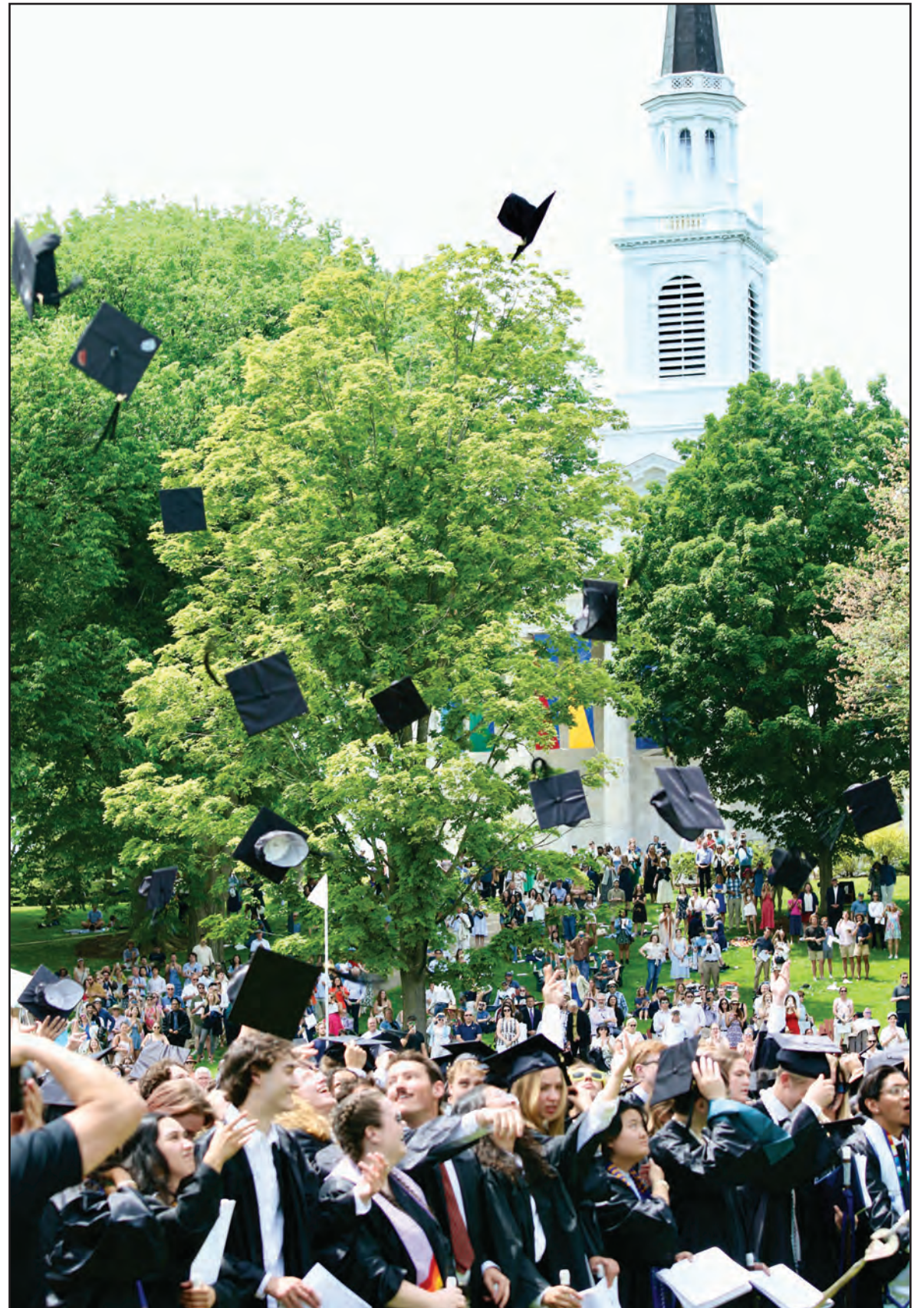
"Thank you for your civil disobedience, offering up your voices on behalf of peace, sustaining social and environmental justice in the fertile gardens of dissent. Your voices matter," Williams told students. "Engaging in civil dialogue, all of us, through varied points of view while honoring our differences, which are beautiful, and painful, and instructive, where empathy and compassion are cultivating respect; it's deeply American."

Williams noted transformative conversations can be challenging but are worth the work. As they navigate turbulent times, Williams urged students to trust their heart for guidance, which she described as "the first home of democracy."

"Each of you is on a spiritual journey, uniquely yours. Let these challenging times open your hearts, not close them. We lose nothing by loving."

The Family of Ken (Sonny) Young would like to express our sincere gratitude for all of the support shown for his Celebration of Life. Many thanks to the Middlebury Rotary and Matthew and Donna Severy for the tents, OMYA for the tables and chairs, Carl at VT Livestock for the pig, Winning Image for the stickers, Tracy and Harriet Wyman for the shuttle vehicle, Crosby's Sales and Service for the mower service, Don Delorm for mowing and letting us use his field for parking, Bill Moore for the music, Bill Warner for roasting the pig, Charlene from Grapevine Grille for pre-event sandwiches, donations and special lanterns made for Relay for Life, the Caards Group, Liz Marino, Mandy Hodson, and Addie Gladding for kitchen help, Brandon Legion for ice, Tony Bates for tent help, Claire Pate for water and flags, Spencer Pelkey for the beautiful painting, all of the gifts of flowers, plants, cards, candle, words of comfort, offers of help, and the hundreds of hugs. We are so fortunate to be part of this very special community.

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GRADUATING SENIORS TOSS their caps into the air following the Middlebury College commencement exercises on Sunday. Shortly after, graduates marched toward Middlebury Chapel to the happy sounds of congratulatory cheers from friends and family.

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Olson

(Continued from Page 1A) they're coming from," Olson said during a recent interview in Bristol.

Olson, 72, joins a robust field of Addison-4 candidates that currently includes fellow Democrats Jeanne Albert of Lincoln and incumbent Rep. Mari Cordes of Lincoln, as well as Republicans Chanin Hill of Bristol, Lynne Caulfield of Monkton and Renee McGuiness, also of Monkton.

As it stands, Republican and Democratic primaries will be required on Aug. 13 to whittle down the field prior to the Nov. 5 General Election.

Interest in the Addison-4 race had undoubtedly been boosted by news that incumbent Rep. Caleb

Elder, D-Starksboro, won't seek re-election; instead, he'll vie for one of the two state Senate seats representing Addison County, Huntington, Rochester and Buel's Gore.

The *Independent* will extend interview requests to all challengers for local House and Senate races and will also conduct candidate Q&A's prior to the elections.

It was around 50 years ago that Olson (Middlebury College class of 1972) and his wife, Liz, built their home off Starksboro's Ireland Road. Soon after settling into their new abode, the couple sought advice from a local postal worker on how to approach their new neighbors.

"She looked at us in the eye —

this kind of odd-looking young couple — and says, 'You'll do fine, as long as you pitch in and volunteer for the community,'" Olson recalled with a chuckle.

They took that advice to heart. Liz worked with the Starksboro library and local preschool program. Herb served stints representing his community on the Mount Abraham Union High School board and Starksboro Planning Commission, where he played a significant role in drafting the community's town plan and first-ever zoning regulations.

Olson's experience as a lawyer and legislative counsel proved very helpful in ensuring Starksboro's planning documents met all the legal tests.

"I was really into it," he said of the zoning bylaw craftsmanship. "I think I helped make it a good foundational document that people could support."

Other entries on Olson's professional resume include:

- A year (1977-1978) as an attorney and law clerk with Vermont Legal Aid in Burlington, representing low-income clients with legal disputes involving Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, housing, veterans benefits, and other grievances.

- Nine years (1978 - 1987) as an assistant attorney general with the Vermont Attorney General's Office in Waterbury. He provided legal support for, and representation of, the Vermont Departments of Corrections, Mental Health &

Developmental Disabilities, and Social & Rehabilitation Services. He also management of the office's Consumer Assistance Program.

- Eight years (2003-2011) as general counsel for the Vermont Department of Financial Services, during which he provided legal and regulatory oversight of health insurance companies, captive insurance companies, other traditional insurance companies, hospital budgets and capital investments, banks, credit unions, licensed lenders, investment firms, broker-dealers, investment advisors, and other regulated entities and individuals.

- Seven years (2011-2018) as executive counsel for the Rhode Island Office of the Health Insurance Commissioner. While continuing to reside in Starksboro, Olson assisted R.I. with policy development, operational support, and legal advice relating to health care affordability, rate and form review, consumer assistance programs, compliance, administrative rules and legislation.

"I worked (with Rhode Island authorities) to do what I think was some good cost-containment around using the sole lever that we had: health insurance," Olson said. "We regulated health insurance companies very well and kept the rates down. Just as important, we defined how they could be allocating the premium dollars. As in Vermont, a disproportionate amount of premium dollars go to hospitals — to the detriment of primary care."

Olson believes primary care is the most cost-effective treatment option for patients. If elected, he said he'd support universal access to primary care in the Green Mountain State.

"There's plenty of money in the healthcare system; one of the things we can do is put the primary care docs in charge of their practices and make sure they get their fair share of the taxpayers' dollars," which he believes are being too heavily invested in a "Burlington-centric" healthcare system.



STARSBORO DEMOCRAT HERB Olson has joined a burgeoning field of candidates joining the race for the Addison-4 district's two House seats.

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He also wants health insurance companies to step up.

"A real focus of mine has been making sure folks with mental health and substance use (disorder) conditions have access to the care they're (entitled to), and make sure they're covered," he said.

For example, Olson wants to make sure insurance companies are paying their share for the increased mental health services students have needed during, and after, the COVID pandemic. He believes a lot of those expenses are being incurred by taxpayers.

"You need the (mental health) services; the question is how to pay for them," he said.

INTEREST IN SCHOOLS

In recent years, Olson has been a member of a citizens' group called "Starksboro Save Our Schools." It's a group that's been lobbying the Mount Abraham Unified School District to keep its elementary schools open. The district had explored school consolidations amid the current trend of declining enrollment and surging education costs.

He believes closing schools wouldn't be a big money saver, but said he's committed to helping the state find a way to lessen the property tax burden on taxpayers footing the public education bill.

"Everyone is wondering how

we got here and how to get out of this mess," he said of the current education tax burden. "There's a huge property tax burden."

Rather than close small schools, Olson wants to look at what he said are the "root causes for spending. All the local property tax money goes into the state's Education Fund and then spent from there. I have a lot to learn, but I want to see how that money is being spent."

Olson wants state government to become reacquainted with a large segment of its constituents.

"Montpelier needs a little help understanding the concerns of rural Vermont," he said.

He's convinced he can effectively bring those concerns to the Statehouse — particularly as they relate to the housing crisis and healthcare reform.

Olson has two grown sons, Carl and Neil Olson. Both were schooled at Starksboro's Robinson Elementary and Mount Abraham Union High School. They now have their own families, which has Olson thinking about what he can do to help the next generations.

"The place where I live and the environment in which I live are absolute treasures for me. I want to make sure that's preserved for my grandkids, in the face of an existential crisis: climate change," he said.

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Eagles stave off Tiger baseball

By ANDY KIRKALDY
BRISTOL — In a Tuesday matchup with Division II postseason implications, the Mount Abraham baseball team survived a wild seventh-inning rally by visiting Middlebury to prevail, 10-9.

The Eagles snapped the Tigers' six-game winning streak, improved to 9-6, and locked in at least one

home playoff game; they were in sixth place as of Wednesday. A victory over Vergennes on Thursday coupled with losses by U-32 and Hartford could move the Eagles up to the No. 4 seed.

The Tigers dropped to 7-8 and find themselves in a battle for the Nos. 7 and 8 seeds with Harwood (6-7) and Otter Valley (8-8). MUHS Coach

Tim Paquette had hoped a seventh straight win and a little luck could have put his Tigers in the Eagles' shoes.

"We wanted to be 9-7 and maybe get two home games," Paquette said afterward, but not before praising his team for scoring seven runs in the top of the seventh to almost pull off a

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TIGER SECOND BASEMAN Gabe Velez successfully applies the tag on sliding Eagle Stefan Johnson during the teams' Tuesday game at Mount Abraham.

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Softball	
5/22 Enosburg vs MUHS	14-2
5/23 Milton vs Mt Abe	6-3
5/23 Enosburg vs VUHS	15-3
5/23 OV vs Fair Haven	12-0
5/23 MUHS vs Rice	14-7
5/25 MUHS vs VUHS	20-3
5/25 Enosburg vs Mt Abe	11-0
5/25 OV vs Bellows Falls	12-6
5/28 OV vs Woodstock	21-0
5/28 MUHS vs Mt Abe	17-4 (6)
5/28 Rice vs VUHS	15-3
5/29 Hartford at OV	Late
Baseball	
5/22 MUHS vs Enosburg	9-2
5/23 Mt Abe vs Milton	5-2
5/23 MUHS vs Missisquoi	13-3
5/23 VUHS vs Enosburg	9-2
5/23 Fair Haven vs OV	11-2
5/24 Missisquoi vs Mt Abe	9-1
5/25 Mt Abe vs Enosburg	7-2
5/25 Bellows Falls vs OV	8-6
5/25 MUHS vs VUHS	13-2
5/28 Mt Abe vs MUHS	10-9
5/28 Missisquoi vs VUHS	7-2
5/28 OV vs Windsor	9-3
Boys' Lacrosse	
5/24 MUHS vs S. Burlington	9-5
5/25 MAV vs Fairfax	8-7 (2 OT)
5/28 MUHS vs Essex	16-11
5/28 MAV vs Spaulding	16-7
Girls' Lacrosse	
5/24 South Burlington vs MUHS	16-5
5/25 MAV vs Rice	17-6
5/28 Essex vs MUHS	16-1
5/29 Spaulding at MAV	Late
Girls' Tennis	
5/22 Montpelier vs MUHS	4-3
5/23 MUHS vs North Country	5-2
5/24 U-32 at MUHS	Forfeit to MUHS
5/29 MUHS at Colchester	Late
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Ultimate	
5/24 Mt Mansfield vs MUHS	15-3
5/28 MUHS vs Mill River	7-6
5/29 St. J at MUHS	Late

COLLEGE SPORTS

Women's Lacrosse

NCAA D-III Final Four In Salem, VA

5/24 Midd vs Franklin & Marshall	15-9
5/24 Salisbury vs William Smith	13-10
5/26 Midd vs Salisbury	16-5



TIGER JUNIOR LEXI Whitney and Eagle senior catcher Jo Toy watch the ball Whitney just drilled to right center as it heads over the fence for her first homer as a Tiger during MUHS's win in Bristol on Tuesday.

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MUHS softball remains on a roll, topples host Mount Abe

By ANDY KIRKALDY
BRISTOL — The Middlebury Union High School softball team continued to roll on Tuesday, this time at the expense of host and defending Division II champion Mount Abraham. The Panthers won, 17-4, in six innings.

In winning for the eighth time in nine outings and improving to 10-6, the Tigers knocked out 17 hits, including three homers and five doubles.

The Eagles, a younger team this year after graduating a number of key players from the squad that easily bested the Tigers in the 2023 D-II final, lost for the third straight time. The perennial

softball power finds itself in unusual territory: at .500 with a 7-7 record, and, given that as of the close of play on Tuesday they were in ninth place, looking at possibly opening the postseason on the road.

The Eagles are set to host a one-win Vergennes team on Thursday, and how they fare at fourth-place Rice on Saturday could determine whether they conclude the season with a winning record and host a playoff game.

After Tuesday the Tigers won't have to worry about travel in the first round. But it looks like they will, as they did a year ago, have

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COMMODORE EYON TEMBREULL slides safely into second base during the VUHS baseball team's 9-2 victory over Enosburg on May 23 in Vergennes.

Independent photo/Steve James

Baseball: Tigers roll; others net wins

By ANDY KIRKALDY
ADDISON COUNTY — Middlebury's hot streak continued to highlight recent high school

baseball action. With three more recent wins, including one over Vergennes this past Saturday, the Tigers pushed their winning streak

to six games and their record to .500 heading into a Tuesday showdown with host Mount Abraham (see story on Page 1B).

Elsewhere, the Commodores and Eagles each split a pair of games, and Otter Valley had to win on Tuesday to get back to .500 after a tough stretch.

Playoff pairings will be announced on Monday.

MUHS OVER VUHS

On Saturday in Vergennes the streaking Tigers sank the Commodores, 13-2, in five innings. **Gabe Velez** earned the pitching win, tossing the five-inning distance, striking out five and allowing three hits and a walk.

Offensive heroes for the Tigers included **Alex Sperry**, who homered, doubled and singled; **Carter Paquette**, who drove in three runs with a pair of hits; **Velez**, with two hits and two RBIs; and **Tim Whitney**, who poked a pair of hits.

Eyon Tembreull took the pitching loss, surrendering 13 hits in 4.2 innings, striking out four and walking none. **Jackson Becher** doubled, and **Reese Paquette** and Tembreull had the other two VUHS safeties.

TIGERS

On May 22 the Tigers defeated visiting Enosburg, 9-2, as **Tucker Morter** tossed a complete-game fanning seven and allowing eight hits, but just one earned run. For MUHS, Paquette finished with two hits, including a tie-breaking two-run homer in the third, and the Tigers put the game away with six runs on four hits in the fifth. **Ryan Brouillard** doubled and singled for MUHS, and Sperry singled twice.

On May 23 the Tigers made

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Schedule

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Softball	
5/30 VUHS at Mt Abe	4:30 PM
5/30 Milton at MUHS	4:30 PM
6/1 VUHS at Milton	TBA
6/1 Mt. Abe at Rice	3:30 PM
6/3	Pairings Announced
Baseball	
5/30 VUHS at Mt Abe	4:30 PM
5/30 Milton at MUHS	4:30 PM
6/1 VUHS at Milton	TBA
6/2	Pairings Announced
Boys' Lacrosse	
5/30 Rice at MUHS	4:30 PM
5/31 MAV at Montpelier	4:30 PM
5/31 MUHS at Mt Mansfield	4:30 PM
5/31 Brattleboro at OV	4:30 PM
6/3	Pairings Announced
Girls' Lacrosse	
5/31 Mt Mansfield at MUHS	4:30 PM
6/1 U-32 at MAV	11 AM
6/1 CVU at MUHS	2 PM
6/3	Pairings Announced
Girls' Tennis	
5/31 & 6/1	Singles & Doubles Tourneys
6/4 or 5	D-II Pairings Announced
Boys' Tennis	
5/31 & 6/1	Singles & Doubles Tourneys
6/4 or 5	D-I Pairings Announced
Track & Field	
6/1 D-II Meet at Burlington	2:30 PM
5/30 D-III Meet at Fair Haven	11 AM
Ultimate	
6/3	Pairings Announced

Schedules, especially at the high school level, change often due to weather and transportation and officiating availability. Please consult school websites to confirm dates and times.



THE PANTHER WOMEN'S lacrosse team celebrates its 16-5 victory on Sunday over Salisbury in the NCAA Division III final. The championship was the program's 10th in its history and third in a row.

Photo by Sideline Media

Middlebury lacrosse cruises to third title

By ANDY KIRKALDY
SALEM, Va. — It would be fair to label this year's NCAA Division III women's lacrosse tournament the Middlebury Invitational.

Middlebury wrapped up its 23-0 season — and third straight NCAA title — on Sunday by polishing off fifth-ranked Salisbury, 16-5, in the tournament final held in Salem, Va. Salisbury finished at 18-4.

The closest any team came to the Panthers in their five-game

tournament run was third-ranked Franklin & Marshall in Friday's semifinal at the same site, a six-goal margin in a 15-9 loss. The Panthers outscored their five NCAA foes by 85-29.

Really, it was the program's fourth straight title, because NESCAC teams did not compete in 2020 or 2021, and the Panthers claimed the 2019 crown as well as the 2022 and 2023 championships. It is also the program's 10th overall,

the team's 51st straight victory, and Middlebury College's 45th NCAA team title.

Sunday's final was typical of the Panthers tournament efforts. Although Salisbury's Erin Scannell gave the Gulls the lead with 2:31 gone, the Panthers scored the game's next 10 goals, three by junior Hope Shue and three by senior Susan Rowley, over the next 20 minutes.

During the streak, senior Niki

Mormile scored with two seconds left in the first quarter to make it 5-1. Middlebury also caused six turnovers in the first period to frustrate the Gulls, and ended up with an 14-11 edge in the turnover department.

After Middlebury took its 10-1 lead midway through the second period, two goals apiece by Miranda Means and Meredith Price, some late in the second quarter and some

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Softball in home stretch

By ANDY KIRKALDY
ADDISON COUNTY — The Middlebury and Otter Valley softball teams each won at least twice to enhance their Division II playoff positioning and highlight recent local high school softball action. Meanwhile Mount Abe dropped a pair of games heading into a Tuesday home battle with the Tigers (see separate story on Page 1B), and Vergennes found itself stuck on one win, with one of its three losses coming to the Tigers.

Playoff pairings will be announced Monday.

TIGERS
 On May 22 visiting Enosburg scored 11 runs in the top of the first on the way to a 14-2, five-inning victory over the Tigers. Details were not reported.

The next day the Tigers bounced back to outslug Rice, 14-7, taking the lead for good with a four-run fourth inning. Five Tigers had multi-hit games: **Lexi Orleans** (homer, single, three RBIs), **Sarah Bevere** (double, single), **Meredith Cameron** (double, single, two RBIs), and **Skyler Choiniere** and **Ireland Hanley** (two hits, two RBIs each). **Emma Deering** went the distance on the mound for the win, striking out five. Rice dropped to 9-2 with the setback.

The Tigers also defeated VUHS on Saturday, 20-3; details of that game were not reported. The Tigers improved to 9-4 and were in fifth place in Division II heading into their Tuesday showdown with the Eagles in Bristol.

EAGLES
 On May 23 host Milton defeated the Eagles, 6-3, as winning pitcher Grace Williams tossed a three-hitter, striking out 12. Williams also hit a key late-game, two-run homer. For the Eagles **Gretchen Toy** took the loss, allowing two earned runs in six innings, striking out six. Coach Don McCormick said that, in addition to having one of Mount Abe's three hits, shortstop **Gen Forand** played well defensively.

The Eagles also lost at Enosburg on Saturday, 11-0; details of that game were not reported. Mount Abe was 7-6 heading into Tuesday's rivalry game with MUHS.

COMMODORES
 On May 23 Enosburg topped the Commodores, 15-3, in five innings.

Commodore **Savanah Blaise** had two hits, including a two-run double that gave VUHS an early lead. **Rory Couture** also doubled for VUHS, and **Katie LaBerge** had a hit. The Hornets improved to 11-1.

On Tuesday the Commodores lost at Rice, 15-3. Blaise hit two homers and recorded three RBIs in the five-inning game.

Even with just one win, points from taking on teams from higher divisions put the Commodores in 11th place in D-III as of Wednesday morning.

OTTERS
 On May 23 the Otters defeated visiting Fair Haven in five innings, 12-0. The game ended on the mercy rule when **Ady Humiston** drilled an RBI triple and then scored on a wild pitch. The Otters' offensive outburst, including a five-run first inning, backed winning pitcher **Sierra Cormany**, who allowed one hit and fanned 10 batters.

The Otters knocked out 10 hits, including two apiece from Cormany, Humiston, **Noelle Seigle** and **Mykenzie Thibault**.

Ashlie Babbie and **Tori Raymond** took turns on the mound for the Slaters, with Babbie taking the loss. Babbie also singled for the only hit for D-II Fair Haven, which dropped to 6-8.

On Saturday the Otters doubled up visiting Bellows Falls, 12-6. Cormany tossed another strong game, striking out 11, but the Otters



VUHS JUNIOR SAVANAH Blaise winds up to deliver a pitch during the Commodores' May 23 home game against Enosburg. Independent photo/Steve James

had to overcome an early 5-2 deficit. They eventually went ahead, 6-5, and after BF tied the game at 6-6, OV scored six straight to pull away. Humiston knocked out three hits for OV, and **Kaylee Maloy** and **Leann Thomas** also submitted multiple-hit efforts.

On Tuesday the Otters made it three straight by thumping host

Woodstock, 21-0, in five innings. Humiston homered and had two other hits for OV, and Seigle also contributed three hits. Cormany threw a five-inning complete game, fanning nine and allowing two hits.

With two games remaining the Otters as of Wednesday morning were 8-6 and unofficially in sixth place in D-II.



VUHS BATTER KATIE Laberge gets a hit during the Commodores' May 23 home game against Enosburg. Independent photo/Steve James

Softball

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 to hit the road for the quarterfinals after other teams, such as Hartford and Lyndon, piled up wins against softer schedules.

But Coach Timm Hanley said his team is playing well, especially offensively in recent games, and they're prepared for challenges.

"The hitting has finally come through. It was a little slow to start, and they're finally seeing the ball," Hanley said. "Now they're on track."

That improvement is not an accident, he added.

"They're going through (batting) stations, rotating through different stations and working on seeing the ball," he said. "They're taking the fielding drills seriously, the grounders, the fly balls, the situations. They're taking every practice like it's playoffs."

On Tuesday the Tigers took a quick 2-0 lead in the top of the first. Lily Dame reached on a one-out single, and raced around to score on a throwing error on a ball hit by Skyler Choiniere, with Choiniere reaching second. Meredith Cameron then singled her in.

Tiger starting pitcher Emma Deering allowed only one baserunner through three innings. She walked Maddie Hayden in the third, and Tiger catcher Sienna Rubright threw her out trying to steal second.

By then the Tigers had added three runs in the top of the third. Choiniere led off the inning by lining an eye-high offering from Eagle pitcher Gretchen Toy over the left-center fence. With one out Cameron singled and Ireland Hanley doubled to put runners on second and third. The run scored on a Rubright fielder's choice in which Mount Abe failed to get an out, and Deering brought in another run with a groundout.

The Tigers added six runs in the fourth on a pair of two-run homers that were each the first for Tigers in their high school careers, plus two doubles and two Eagle errors. Freshman Sarah Bevere pulled her homer down the left-field line after

Choiniere reached on an error, and junior Lexi Whitney lined a laser over the right-center fence to cap the rally and make it 11-0. In between Rubright and Deering poked RBI doubles to right field.

The Eagles got on board in the bottom of the fourth with a rally that started with singles by Sarah Heath, Morgan Larocque and Abba Parker to load the bases. Third baseman Cameron forced Heath at the plate on a ground ball, and then Larocque scored on a Jo Toy fly ball. But the rally fizzled when an Eagle runner was called out on that play for illegally moving after Deering had received the ball in the pitching circle.

An error and a Choiniere double made it 12-1 in the top of the fifth, but the Eagles got that run back in the bottom of the inning when Elise Parker hit a towering shot over the center-field fence.

The Tigers kept swinging the bats in the sixth, adding five more runs. Gretchen Toy hit Whitney with a pitch, and consecutive singles by Lexi Orleans, Dame and Choiniere plated two runs and made it 14-2.

Eagle Coach Don McCormick then called freshman Emma Rubright to the mound. Two walks, a wild pitch, and an error and a Rubright RBI

error and a Rubright RBI single pushed the Tiger lead to 17-2.

The Eagles made a run at avoiding the 12-run mercy rule in the bottom of the inning. Heath doubled to lead off, and with two outs Forand drilled a shot over the left-center fence to make it 17-4. Joy Toy followed with a single, but Deering induced the game's final batter to pop out to second base. In all she allowed six hits, walked one and struck out four.

Having a strong senior pitcher is another reason Hanley is confident in his group.

"It doesn't matter who we play. If we play like we play today, they'll be good," he said. "This is a good softball team."



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Tigers

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miracle comeback.

The Tigers can clinch a first-round home game with a home win over Milton on Thursday, not a bad situation after a 1-7 start.

The Eagles, like the Tigers, had a tough early schedule that included D-I teams. They opened at 1-3.

But Mount Abe Coach Jason Barnard does regret the challenges early on.

"They played really well in the beginning of the year, and it really helped them to play the better competition," he said.

In the beginning of Tuesday's game the Eagles roughed up Tiger starter Tucker Morter, who had put together a string of solid outings. Mount Abe scored three in the first inning and four in the second. Eventually Paquette summoned freshman Ryan Brouillard to the mound, and the Eagles settled for one run in the third and two in the fourth the rest of the way.

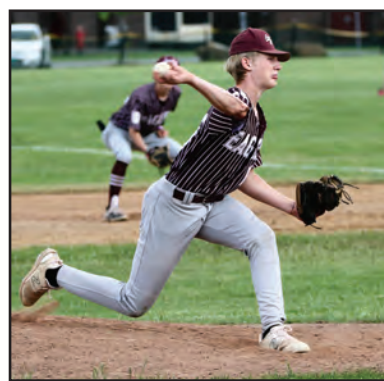
Meanwhile, through six innings Eagle freshman ace Cam Castillo limited the Tigers to two runs, one earned, on three hits while striking out nine.

Offensively for Mount Abe, Brook Barnard finished with two hits, scored twice and drove in a run; Ethan Ready doubled, singled, scored twice, and drove in a run; Stefan Johnson had three hits and scored three runs; Aricin Griffin had a hit, scored a run and picked up an RBI; and Evan Corrigan and Castillo each had a hit and an RBI.

"We hit the ball well, scored a lot of runs, timely hitting, key bunts. We got great pitching out of Cam Castillo," Barnard said.

With Castillo's pitch count rising and an eight-run lead after six innings, Barnard turned to Griffin to close out the game in the seventh. Griffin has a live arm, but has struggled at times with his control this spring.

He walked a handful of batters and threw a wild pitch, and with one out



EAGLE FRESHMAN PITCHER Cameron Castillo delivers a pitch during his team's victory over MUHS on Tuesday. Castillo went six strong innings.

Independent photo/Steve James

and the score 10-5, Barnard waved in Tyler White from center field to finish the job.

"He (Griffin) has been up and down a little bit this year. When he's on he's really good. When he's off, he's not throwing a lot of strikes," Barnard said. "Maybe I left him in a little too long, but I wanted to have him try to work through some stuff, because we do need him for playoffs."

Tim Whitney greeted White with a line single, scoring two runs to make it 10-7. White struck out the next batter, but walked Brouillard to load the bases for Ethan Sweet. Sweet ripped a line shot into right center, plating two more runs, and suddenly it was 10-9. But White got the final out on a fly ball to center field, and the Eagles and their fans breathed sighs of relief.

For the Tigers, Alex Sperry finished with a hit, a walk and three runs; Cole Warren, a hit, a run and an RBI; and Whitney and Sweet each had a hit and the two RBIs in the seventh.

Barnard said both the Addison County teams could be factors in the postseason.

"The way I see it, the Division II playoffs are wide open this year. I think we can make some noise," he said. "And Middlebury could make some noise, too. Hats off to those guys, because they were down, 10-1, and they never gave up."

MAV boys' lax wins two, nears No. 2 seed

By ANDY KIRKALDY

BRISTOL — The Mount Abraham-Vergennes cooperative boys' lacrosse team won a pair of recent games to improve to 8-4 and apparently lock down the No. 2 seed in Division III. Playoff pairings will be announced Monday.

On Saturday the Eagles picked up a pivotal victory, 8-7 in double overtime over visiting third-place Fairfax, which dropped to 5-6.

Fairfax tied the game with 3:01 remaining in regulation, and MAV Coach Ed Cook said, "It was a defensive battle for the rest of the game," with both goalies making saves in the first overtime. In the second overtime Fairfax won the faceoff, but MAV goalie Walker Forand made a save and started a successful clear. The Eagles eventually moved the ball to Noah Ladeau, who scored the golden goal with 1:15 gone.

Ladeau finished with three goals and two assists, and Finzo Kaeck, Chase Atkins, Lorenzo Atocha, Asa Pratt and Joe Sullivan added one apiece. Andrew Nolan contributed two assists, and Forand made 10 saves.

Cook said the away book did not include last names, but noted the Fairfax goalie had a big game, with 19 saves.

On Tuesday the Eagles defeated host Spaulding with less drama,

16-7. Nolan poured in six goals to lead the assault, and Ladeau scored three. Kaeck and Pratt contributed two apiece; Lincoln Painter, Sullivan and Jake Kadar added one each; Atkins chipped in four assists, and Forand made 10 saves.

Noah Long led the Tide with four goals, and Jesse Carrier made two saves.

MUHS boys' lacrosse takes pair Tigers close in on No. 2 nod by knocking off SB, Essex

By ANDY KIRKALDY

MIDDLEBURY — The Middlebury Union High School boys' lacrosse team picked up two more recent wins, including another over defending Division I champion South Burlington, and improved to 10-2.

MUHS is in second place in D-I behind one-loss CVU and ahead of a four-loss third-place Burr & Burton with two games remaining in the regular season. The Tigers are in good shape for the No. 2 seed: They host D-II Rice (8-5) on

Thursday and wrap up with a visit to Mount Mansfield (4-9) on Friday. Playoff pairings will be released on Monday.

This past Friday, the Tigers defeated visiting South Burlington, 9-5. Toby Draper led the attack with fourth goals, and Logan McNulty, Gavin McNulty, Brady Lloyd, Landon Kean and Brady McDonough added a goal apiece. South Burlington's goalie, whose name was not available, made 20 saves. Will Goyette and Brady Sweet each scored twice for the

Wolves, who dropped to 9-4 and into fourth place.

On Tuesday, the Tigers outscored host Essex by 5-0 in the fourth quarter to snap a tie and prevail, 16-11. Draper paced the Tigers with eight goals, Logan McNulty scored four, Angus Blackwell had two, and Brady McDonough chipped in a goal and an assist. Tiger goalie Levi Nueder made 14 saves.

Cooper Yandow's four goals led Essex, and goalie Mason Marckres made 12 saves.

MAV girls' lax fries Rice, reaches 12-2

By ANDY KIRKALDY

SOUTH BURLINGTON — The Mount Abraham-Vergennes cooperative girls' lacrosse team on Saturday breezed past Division I foe Rice, 17-6. The Commodores improved to 12-2 and remained in second place in Division II heading into a home game vs. Spaulding scheduled for Wednesday after the deadline for this print edition.

After that the Commodores have one more regular-season game, at home on Saturday at 11 a.m. vs. third-place U-32, which as of Tuesday also had just two losses. That game could possibly decide second place in D-II.

At Rice on Saturday Annie Dufault paced the MAV attack with six goals and two assists, Anna Stillwell scored four goals, Siena Stanley tossed in three, and Kennedy Denecker, Esme Visco-Lyons, Thompson Davis and Scout Jacobson added one apiece. Nell Harvey chipped in with two assists, and goalie Carley Cook made five saves.

Gillian Gromes led Rice with two goals, and goalie Bethany Nelson made four saves.

Boys' tennis drops first match

By ANDY KIRKALDY

MIDDLEBURY — The Middlebury Union High School boys' tennis team lost its first match of the spring on Tuesday, 4-3 to visiting Champlain Valley.

Unofficially, the setback dropped MUHS to 10-1 and out of first place in the boys' tennis standings behind Brattleboro (13-0). Playoff pairings will be announced next Tuesday or Wednesday, according to the Vermont Principals' Association

tennis guide.

The results in individual matches vs CVU were:

- No. 1 singles, Jackson Murray, M, defeated Oscar Andersson, CV, 6-6 (5-2), retired.
- No. 2 singles, Ziggy Babbott, CV, defeated Charles Young, M, 6-4, 6-1.
- No. 3 singles, Jacob Graham, CV, defeated Iver Anderson, M, 6-2, 6-0.
- No. 4 singles, Kyle Krieger, CV,

defeated Nate Cook Yoder, M, 6-2, 6-1.

- No. 5 singles, Nolan Sandage, CV, defeated Avery Hamilton, M, 7-5, 6-0.
- No. 1 doubles, Eddie Fallis/Milo Rees, M, defeated Silas Cohen/Nick Blasius, CV, 6-4, 6-1.
- No. 2 doubles, Baxter Harrington/Noah Doherty Konczal, M, defeated Dash Tota/Luke Sampson, CV, 6-0, 6-3.

Tigers girls' lax loses to top D-I teams

By ANDY KIRKALDY

MIDDLEBURY — In recent action the Middlebury Union High School girls' lacrosse team lost on the road to two of the state's top teams. The Tigers will take a 5-8 record into their final games, both at home, against Mount Mansfield on Friday at 4:30 p.m. and Champlain Valley on Saturday at 2 p.m. Playoff pairings will be

announced on Monday.

On May 24, host South Burlington defeated the Tigers, 16-5. Sabrina Brunet led five Wolves who scored multiple goals with five, and goalie Victoria Bohlmann made nine saves.

Five Tigers scored a goal apiece: Izzy Quinn, Lia Calzini, Ava Schneider, Sara Ken and Alice Livesay, and goalie Ida Blackwell

made 13 saves.

On Tuesday, undefeated Essex cruised past MUHS, 16-1. Hornets Brea Montague, Elizah Martin, and Adi Stratton scored three goals apiece and combined for nine assists to spark their team. Essex goalie Sierra Harris made seven saves.

Quinn Doria found the net for the Tigers.

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Baseball

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it five straight wins heading into their two local rivalry games by defeating host Missisquoi, D-II's fourth-place team, 13-3 in five innings. Brouillard earned the pitching win, allowing one earned run on five hits and a walk.

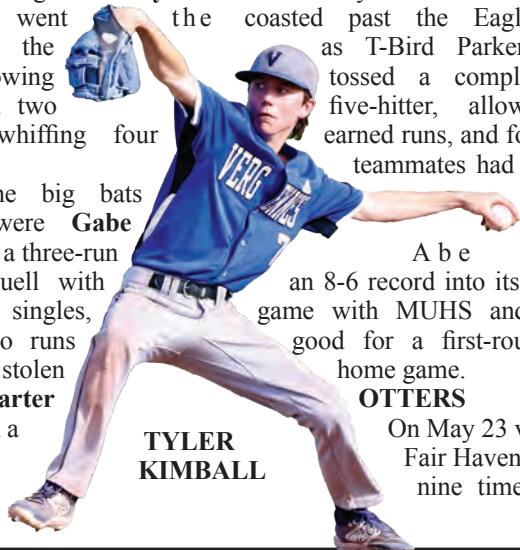
Whitney led the attack with a double, two singles and four RBIs, and Paquette doubled home a run, walked and scored three times. Sperry had two hits and scored twice; **Tucker Wright** had a hit, a run and two RBIs; **Ethan Sweet** had a hit, a run and an RBI; Brouillard had a hit and an RBI; and courtesy runner **Riley Disorda** scored twice.

The Tigers are, as of Wednesday, in seventh place in Division II, but only by a nose. Their Thursday home game with Milton looms large.

COMMODORES

On May 23 the Commodores posted a 9-2 victory over visiting Enosburg as **Tyler Kimball** went the distance for the victory, allowing eight hits and two walks while whiffing four batters.

Wielding the big bats for VUHS were **Gabe Scribner**, with a three-run homer; **Tembrell** with a double, two singles, two RBIs, two runs and three stolen bases; and **Carter McGuire**, with a pair of hits.



TYLER KIMBALL

D-II's third-place team, Missisquoi, avenged an earlier loss at VUHS with a 7-2 victory over the visiting Commodores. Tabor Rich tossed a complete-game six-hitter against VUHS, striking out nine, and also homered, doubled and drove in three runs.

At 4-9 heading into their final two games, the Commodores are in a battle for the No. 8 seed in D-III. They are set to visit Mount Abe on Thursday and Milton on Saturday.

EAGLES

On May 23 the Eagles defeated host Milton, 5-2. Winning pitcher **Cameron Castillo** went four innings, allowing two unearned runs on four hits and two walks, striking out five. **Aricin Griffin** drove in a pair of runs with a hit, **Evan Corrigan** had two hits and an RBI, and **Jamison Huizenga** had a hit and an RBI.

On Saturday the Eagles won at Enosburg, 7-2. Details of that game were not reported.

On May 24 host Missisquoi coasted past the Eagles, 9-1, as T-Bird Parker Hakey tossed a complete-game five-hitter, allowing no earned runs, and four of his teammates had multi-hit games.

Mount Abe carried an 8-6 record into its Tuesday game with MUHS and looked good for a first-round D-II home game.

OTTERS

On May 23 visiting Fair Haven scored nine times in the



COMMODORE OUTFIELDER CARTER McGuire is tagged out trying to take third during the VUHS baseball team's May 23 home win over Enosburg.

Independent photo/Steve James

top of the seventh to snap a 2-2 tie and defeat OV, 11-2, evening the season series between the teams.

Hits by **Trey Lee**, **Sam Kyhill** and **Joe Buxton** scored two runs and knocked OV starter **Isaiah Wood** out of the game, and a **Noah Kenfield** infield hit, an error, four walks, and then RBI hits by Kyhill and Buxton capped the rally.

Lee scored earlier on a **Noah Woodbury** fly ball, and **Max Kyhill** hit an RBI single. Woodbury earned the pitching win in relief of Buxton as the Slaters improved to 6-8.

OV scored on a **Max Potter** RBI double in the first and a **Nolan Tripp** RBI hit in the third inning.

On Saturday visiting Bellows Falls topped OV, 8-6, as the Otters

allowed six unearned runs. **Jackson Howe** was the hard-luck loser on the mound: He tossed a complete game and struck out seven.

Wood homered during a three-hit game for OV; **Jacob Warrell** had two hits. Howe picked up two RBIs, and Potter doubled.

On Tuesday OV broke what had been a five-game losing streak with a solid 9-3 win at Windsor.

The Otters broke the game open with seven runs in the fifth inning, with defensive breakdowns on

Tripp's squeeze bunt leading to multiple runs.

Tripp, Wood, Howe and **Wyatt Cone** all had two hits for OV, which received a complete-game pitching performance from Wood, who scattered five hits and struck out seven, allowing two earned runs.

OV finished the regular season 8-8 and as of Wednesday morning was unofficially in ninth place in the D-II standings and will need help to host a first-round playoff game.



FRESHMAN FIRST BASEMAN Izaak Wolniewicz holds an Enosburg runner on first during the VUHS baseball team's May 23 home win over Enosburg.

Independent photo/Steve James

Girls' tennis splits matches, now 8-3

By ANDY KIRKALDY

MIDDLEBURY — The Middlebury Union High School girls' tennis team split two matches late last week and stands at 8-3 with one match left on the schedule, at Division I Colchester on Wednesday after the deadline for this edition.

The race for a top-four seed in D-II remains unsettled, with Burr & Burton and Rice not too far behind the Tigers, who were in third after their win on May 23, but MUHS has a good shot at hosting a quarterfinal. Tennis pairings will be announced this coming Tuesday or Wednesday, according to the Vermont Principals' Association

website. The Tigers' Friday home match with U-32 was canceled.

SOLONS, 4-3

On May 22 the Tiger lost at Montpelier, 4-3, while playing without the team's seniors. A forfeit at No. 5 singles proved pivotal. Coach Dan Comar praised the efforts of the players who moved up the ladder to compete on a steamy afternoon that saw the match delayed for an hour due to a high heat index reading.

No. 1 singles, Allegra Muller, MHS, defeated Ryte Akramaite, MUHS, 6-0, 6-3.

No. 2 singles, Sophia Boise, MUHS, defeated Finn Lofgren, MHS, 7-5, 6-0.

No. 3 singles, Piper Farnsworth, MUHS, defeated Ellie Duprey, MHS, 6-2, 6-0.

No. 4 singles, Natalie Quinn, MHS, defeated Subia Khan, MUHS, 6-3, 6-3.

No. 5 singles MHS won by forfeit.

No. 1 doubles, Clara Chant/Maryam Khan, MUHS, defeated Somerset Pierce/Mallory Supan, MHS, 6-4, 4-6, 10-6.

No. 2 doubles, Zoe Kuehn/Maggie Kords, MHS, defeated

Olivia Kearley/Sophia Nicolai, MUHS, 6-4, 6-4.

TIGERS, 5-2

On May 23 the Tigers defeated visiting North Country, 5-2. Wins by the Nos. 3, 4 and 5 singles players and both doubles teams provided the margin. Comar noted both doubles teams trailed in their matches and rallied to prevail.

No. 1 singles, Cheska Adonis, NC, defeated Audrey Carpenter, MUHS, 6-3, 6-0.

No. 2 singles, Maya Auger, NC, defeated Akramaite, MUHS, 6-3, 6-4.

No. 3 singles, Sophia Boise, MUHS, defeated Lily Beauvois, NC, 6-3, 7-5.

No. 4 singles, Caroline Nicolai, MUHS, defeated Kaitlyn Spomer, NC, 6-1, 6-1.

No. 5 singles Farnsworth, MUHS, defeated Katie Larsen, NC, 6-1, 6-0.

No. 1 doubles, Chant/Subia Khan, MUHS, defeated Anisa Brauser/Cassidie Burnette, NC, 3-6, 6-0, 10-8.

No. 2 doubles, Amelia Coburn/Maryam Khan, MUHS, defeated Anisa Brauser/Cassidie Burnette, NC, 7-6 (4), 6-1.

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early in the third, brought Salisbury to within 12-5 at 6:22 of the third quarter.

But the Panthers slowly but surely pulled away from there. Caroline Adams scored her second goal of the game to make it 13-5 after three periods, and in the fourth Maggie Coughlin's first strike of the game and then Mormile's second and third scores forced running time.

The Panthers dominated the team statistics. Their margin in draw controls was 17-7; shots on goal, 25-11; and ground balls, 17-7.

Shue's four goals led Middlebury, and her 106 points this season moved her into a tie for the program's single-season record with Jane Earley, who set the mark a year ago. She also led with seven draw controls, one more than Adams. Rowley and Mormile added three goals apiece; Kelcey Dion, two goals and two assists; Adams, two goals and an assist; Coughlin, a goal and an assist; and Skylar Lach, one goal.

Goalie Elizabeth Savage made six saves and led the Panthers with three ground balls, and senior middle Sara Ellinghaus led with

three forced turnovers.

Means and Price paced the Gulls with their two goals each, and goalie Kaitlyn Hunsinger made nine saves.

At the end of Sunday's game, Shue was named the NCAA Tournament's Most Outstanding Player, while Adams, Rowley, Shue and defender Kylie Wilson each earned spots on the all-tournament team.

FRIDAY SEMI

In the semifinal on Friday, May 24, the Panthers never trailed, but Franklin & Marshall hung with them until Middlebury closed the game with a 5-1 run over the final 22:43 to nail down a 15-9 victory.

The Panthers started their decisive run when Lach scored all in one motion on a pass from behind the goal by Britt Nawrocki with 7:43 left in the third period.

Rowley tallied with Middlebury a player up at 4:01, netting a pass from Ellinghaus while cutting through the fan to make it 12-8. The Diplomats pulled to within three with 1:54 left in the third, when Lauren Pittman converted a free position, but the Panthers held them scoreless over the final 16:54.

In the fourth quarter, Middlebury added three goals to create the final score, an Ellinghaus free position at 9:17, a Mormile goal in transition from Coughlin at 7:13, and Shue at 5:52, launching a successful shot while falling to the ground.

Savage made 10 saves for the Panthers, while Rowley led with four goals, and Shue and Kate Motley each scored twice. Coughlin had a goal and an assist, and also scoring were Caroline Messer and Adams. Adams controlled 10 draws, and Shue controlled six.

Diplomat goalie Alyssa Moran made nine saves. Gillian Brennan sparked the F&M attack with three goals and two assists, and Pittman and Lane Lambeth each scored twice. F&M finished its season at 19-4, including two losses to Middlebury.

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Panton farm runoff Supreme Court denies farm's request

By EMMA COTTON
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PANTON — The Vermont Supreme Court has denied a request from the owners of a Panton dairy farm that would have alleviated the burden of a court order issued in March 2022, which requires the farm to make expensive changes in order to stop runoff from flowing across a neighbors' land and into Lake Champlain.

The decision stemmed from a six-day trial that played out in an Addison County courtroom in December 2021 and January 2022. The high-profile case prompted closer scrutiny of the state's regulatory system and moved lawmakers to consider strengthening the state's right to farm law, which protects farmers from nuisance cases.

"The facts remain unchanged in the record before us, and they do not justify, as the trial court stated, 'modification or elimination'" of the 2022 order, Supreme Court Justice Karen Carroll wrote in the decision issued May 24.

The Hoppers, a family that owns land (called Aerie Point Holdings) on the shore of Lake Champlain, brought the case against farmers Hans, Gerard and Rudy Vorsteveld in April 2020, alleging that the farmers were channeling a large amount of runoff through their land and into the lake.

During the jury trial, the Vorstevelds explained that the runoff was coming from their tile drains, perforated pipes that are buried three-feet deep in the soil and empty into common discharge points, which then direct the water over the Hoppers' land and into the lake. Farmers use tile drains as

a tool to improve soil quality and encourage crop growth by draining water from the soil, which is rich in clay in Addison County.

"Sediment and particles carried by the water have increased phosphorus and E. coli concentrations in Aerie Point's farm pond and have caused algae blooms in the lake," Carroll wrote in her decision.

To stop the runoff, the Vorstevelds would likely need to remove the drainage infrastructure, a process that could damage the land and cost millions of dollars, according to court documents.

Addison Superior Court Judge Mary Teachout issued the 2022 decision stating that the farmers needed to find a way to stop the runoff. Then, the Vorstevelds missed a deadline to appeal the decision to the Supreme Court.

The Supreme Court's decision issued on Friday came in response to a request the farmers filed in August 2023, asking for relief from Teachout's 2022 order. Among several arguments, the Vorstevelds said "any measure (the farm) could take to prevent water runoff would be expensive, impractical, and unsustainable," Carroll wrote in a summary of the Vorstevelds' request.

The Vorstevelds also argued that an Environmental Protection Agency investigation regarding filled wetlands on the farm prevented the farmers from complying with court orders. Another argument the farmers presented was that the Hoppers could no longer claim that they suffered harm from the runoff because they no longer grazed animals on the affected land. Also, some areas on the Hoppers'

land that had previously seen erosion had been resolved, they argued, according to the description within the Supreme Court's order.

Finally, the Vorstevelds argued that a change to Vermont's right to farm law, which took place in 2022 after the judgment was issued, meant that they were being held "to a higher standard of farming practices than other Vermont farms."

Carroll wrote that the Vorstevelds seek to "relitigate issues relating to the injunction that were decided at trial and in posttrial proceedings and (have) not demonstrated that there is a significant change" in circumstances that arose after the 2022 order.

Separately, Teachout, the Addison Superior Court judge, ruled earlier this year that the farmers were in contempt of court because they had not made efforts to solve the runoff problem. While they had been "considering costly and logistically complex solutions," Teachout wrote at the time, the farmers "did not begin to develop compliance plans" until the contempt hearing "was imminent."

When Teachout issued the contempt order, she gave the Hoppers and the Vorstevelds four months to engage in mediation and to form a plan for the farm. The discussions have ended without an agreement, according to Merrill Bent, attorney for the Hoppers, who said she filed a motion last week for additional contempt sanctions as a result.

"The ecological damage caused by the farm's discharges has continued this whole time," Bent said in an email. "It is time for the Farm to stop making excuses and comply with the law and the court's orders."

Claudine Safar, attorney for the Vorstevelds, did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

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Juvenile center meeting on tap

VERGENNES — The Department for Children and Families (DCF) next week will hold a public meeting about its recently announced plans to build a secure youth treatment center, called the Green Mountain Youth Campus, in Vergennes.

Situated off Comfort Hill Road on state-owned property, the Green Mountain Youth Campus will focus on rehabilitation and advanced therapeutic interventions. Specifically designed for Vermont's justice-involved youth grappling with complex trauma and treatment requirements beyond community resources, this venture aims to provide essential support where it's needed most.

DCF, which made official its intentions on May 16, said this announcement marks the beginning of a deliberative design and development process that will include community engagement and conversations with neighbors and other stakeholders.

"The State of Vermont is committed to hearing and addressing concerns from the community and will hold a series of public engagement forums specifically to that end," the department said in a press release.

The first public forum will be held on the evening of Wednesday, June 5, at the Vergennes Opera House. Visit the DCF website at dcf.vermont.gov/gmyc for the most up-to-date information. Following the initial period of public engagement, state officials will begin the process of obtaining the permits required for project development.

"The natural beauty of the area and using state-owned land were key reasons behind selecting Vergennes," said Chris Winters, commissioner of Vermont's Department for Children and Families. "Both the campus and the program will highlight the evidence supporting the power of nature to promote healing. This serene setting will foster a sense of belonging and connection among these youth. The focus will be on therapeutic treatment that is trauma-responsive and

evidence-based. These kids are here because they need help in a specialized setting."

This project will include 14 secure beds spread across two programs that are co-located on the same campus. The first program will be an eight-bed crisis stabilization program. This is intended for short-term stabilization, triage, and evaluation with a goal to quickly move those children into the treatment setting that best serves their needs. The second program will be a six-bed, ongoing treatment program for youth whose treatment needs indicate a more sustained secure environment.

The Department of Buildings

and General Services (BGS) will oversee the project. State officials have selected ReArch Properties to be its real estate development partner. State and ReArch officials are working to develop a building that will have minimal impact on the environment and blend with the natural beauty of its surroundings.

"Together, we are building more than just a structure; we are constructing a haven of growth and healing for Vermont's youth," said Michael Biama of ReArch Properties. "We are committed to creating a facility that not only meets a critical need in our state and community today but also stands well prepared to serve this population into the future."

Spotlight on Vergennes

Couple cited after fight outside store

VERGENNES — Simultaneous cases on Saturday, May 25, at around 9:30 p.m. outside the Maplefields convenience store resulted in Vergennes police issuing two citations for domestic assault and one for driving under the influence of alcohol. Vermont State Police helped in one of the cases.

City police said a witness reported seeing a couple allegedly assault each other in the Maplefields parking lot before driving off in a car with a Massachusetts license plate. The witness also reported an apparently intoxicated individual drive off on a motorcycle.

Vergennes police alerted VSP to be on the lookout for the Massachusetts vehicle, and troopers pulled it over and on behalf of city police, cited into court the occupants, both of Feeding Hills, Mass., for domestic assault: Ryan Longtin, 43, and Kristine Chapin, 45.

City police tracked down the operator of the motorcycle, who they identified as Jeremiah Delorme, 28, of Vergennes, and cited him for driving under the influence of alcohol.

In other action between May 20 and 26, Vergennes police conducted 17 patrols by cruiser and 36 traffic stops, processed five pre-employment fingerprint requests, responded to a false alarm, and:

On May 20:
• Were informed by a neighbor that a truck had been left for

Vergennes Police Log

several days in the Vergennes Union Elementary School parking lot. Police said it was up to VUES administrators to decide if they wanted it towed.

• Took a report from a Walker Avenue resident that a jewelry box had been stolen; police believe this complaint might be inaccurate.

• Looked into a report from an Armory Lane resident that tools were stolen.

• Heard from a South Maple Street resident of suspicious banging noises outside of a home; the resident called back and said bears were making the noises.

On May 22:
• Handled a minor two-car accident on North Street.

• Were told a license plate had been taken from a car parked on Armory Lane. The plate was recovered nearby.

On May 23:
• Heard from a person who'd sold a vehicle a while ago that its new owner had still not switched plates, and was still using out-of-date ones that had belonged to the seller.

• Calmed a dispute between a divorcing Second Street couple about who had the right to remain in the home. Two days later, police served an abuse-prevention order

to the male member of the couple and stood by while he left the premises.

• Took a report that a resident had found a loose dog at the intersection of Main and South Maple streets and returned it to its owner.

On May 24:

• Were told of a road rage incident on Route 22A by the father of a young woman involved. He alleged the driver of a tractor-trailer unit had followed her into a pull-off and had waved at her in a threatening manner for no apparent reason.

• Referred a Vergennes Union High School truancy issue to the state's attorney's office.

On May 25, helped VSP at the city station by evaluating a driver suspected of driving under the influence of drugs.

On May 26:
• Were told by two residents of King Street and one of New Haven Road that three individuals had acted suspiciously on their properties, looking in mailboxes and into windows.

• Heard an allegation about a stolen vehicle from a new client of Valley Vista at 1 Alden Place. Police determined the complaint related to the late return of her vehicle to her home by the person who had dropped her off, but that it since had been returned.

• Dealt with a fender-bender in the Maplefields parking lot.

• Took a complaint about barking dogs and an uncooperative owner on South Water Street.

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Paul Smith's College, both these scholars have been named to the Adirondack scholars list, with GPAs of 3.8 or better.

With a GPA of 3.7 or above, **Genevieve Wojciechowski** of Bristol has been named to Southern

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community calendar

may 30 THURSDAY

Thursdays on the TAM in Middlebury. Thursday, May 30, 8:30 a.m., Wright Park; Seymour St. Help MALT clean up the trails in advance of the busy summer season. MALT Trails & Volunteer Manager Liam Hickey will be at the trailhead in the mornings with doughnuts, coffee and tea for volunteers. Enjoy a warm drink and chat, then get to work. Hike the section of trail yourself and return tools on the way back, or wait until 9:30 a.m. to hike as a group. Work includes clearing dead branches and small fallen trees, pruning new growth, and picking up trash. Free. Email Liam@maltvt.org to let him know you're interested.

may 31 FRIDAY

Celestial Soiree in Vergennes. Friday, May 31, 7-11 p.m., Bixby Memorial Library, 528 Main St. Come to the Bixby annual fundraiser — a night to remember under the storied stained-glass dome in Bixby's magnificent marble rotunda. Tickets \$75, include live music and dancing with The Grift, a welcome drink and cash bar, local gourmet eats, and a curated live, silent, and online auction of items and experiences. More info at bixbylibrary.org.

"Frozen Jr." in Bristol. Friday, May 31, 7:30 p.m., Mount Abraham Union High School Auditorium, Airport Dr. Come see 6th-, 7th-, and 8th-graders from MAUSD's Expanded Learning Program perform this one-act musical. Eighty performers from across the school district put on all the memorable songs from the animated film. \$5 per ticket to attend the show in person available at showtix4u.com/event-details/81161, or stream the show online for \$10, buy that at showtix4u.com/event-details/81260. More info at fmafinc@gmail.com or 802-377-3335.

june 1 SATURDAY

Middlebury Garden Club plant sale in Middlebury. Saturday, June 1, 9 a.m.-noon, on the Green, next to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. Get your garden and house plants — annuals, perennials, vegetable starts, shrubs, and more — for the coming season. Plants will be in pots and labeled by name, color and basic care. There will be a table with books and gardening accessories, too. Trays and boxes will be available to carry your selections home.

Rhubarb Festival in Middlebury. Saturday, June 1, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Champlain Valley Unitarian Universalist Society, 2 Duane Ct. Come purchase rhubarb and strawberry-rhubarb pies, assorted sweet and savory preserves, and confections — all made with rhubarb. Shop for fun and colorful bling, browse gently used books, and enjoy rhubarb crisp with ice cream, while listening to live music. Limited handicapped parking is available on site and there is ample parking at the high school.

Used book sale in Middlebury. Saturday, June 1, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Town Office plaza. Rain location, Isley Public Library Community Room.

"Frozen Jr." in Bristol. Saturday, June 1, 2 p.m., Mount Abraham Union High School Auditorium, Airport Dr. See May 31 listing.

The Poetry of Henry Thoreau in Bristol. Saturday, June 1, 7 p.m., Lawrence Memorial Library, 40 North St. Jim Stapleton and Diana Bigelow will present a one-hour performance piece with commentary featuring the poetry of Henry David Thoreau, the 19th Century New England author. A Q&A will follow. No registration required. Donations to the Library appreciated, but not required. More info at 802-453-2366.

june 2 SUNDAY

Taste of Summer in Ferrisburgh. Sunday, June 2, 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Union Meeting Hall, 41 Middlebrook Rd. A jam-packed schedule of live music, food trucks, vendors, displays, activities, 50/50 Raffle and more. For full details on the event, including parking locations, visit unionmeetinghall.org/programming-and-events. Questions? Email unionmeetinghall@gmail.com.

Addison Town Historical Society meeting in Addison. Sunday, June 2, 2 p.m., Addison Community Center (formerly Addison Central School), Rt. 17 West. What was it like to move from a small, one-room schoolhouse to the "new" Addison Central School? ATHS has saved the framed roster of students who made the transition from grades one through seven. All members of the first classes are invited to attend and share their memories and memorabilia of the transition. The school presentation will be followed by a brief business meeting and the election of officers.

Create Your Own Pollinator Gardens: One Step at a Time in Bristol. Sunday, June 2, 3 p.m., Holley Hall, 1 South St. Come to this talk by UVM Extension Master Gardener Marijke Niles. A guided garden tour at Bristol Co Housing will follow at 4 p.m. More info at pollinatorpathway.addisoncty@gmail.com.

june 3 MONDAY

Vergennes City Band rehearsal in Vergennes. Monday, June 3, 7-9 p.m., Vergennes Opera House. All instrumentalists welcome. For more information contact Sue O'Daniel at 802-349-5906. Additional rehearsal and June 10.

june 4 TUESDAY

Bridport Comes Together meeting in Bridport. Tuesday June 4, 6:30-9 p.m., location TBD. Childcare, pizza, dessert, and drinks will be provided. The community will review ideas generated in step one, advocate for what is most important to them, then vote on and sign up to begin moving those priorities forward. Find out more at bit.ly/BridportTogether.

Fireflies and Dark Skies in Middlebury. Tuesday, June 4, 7 p.m., Unity Hall, Congregational Church of Middlebury, N. Pleasant St. Pollinator



Draw them in

LEARN HOW TO Create your own pollinator garden to attract and support monarch butterflies and other pollinators when UVM Extension Master Gardener Marijke Niles gives a how-to presentation in Bristol on Sunday, June 2, at 3 p.m., at Holley Hall.

Pathway of Addison County invites you to step into the enchanting world of fireflies with Emily May, conservation biologist at the Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation. May will address the negative effects of light pollution on fireflies, birds, bats and mammals and share suggestions on how to keep the night sky dark for them. Limited seating. Donations appreciated to help with future programming.

june 5 WEDNESDAY

Historical society meeting in Shoreham. Wednesday, June 5, 6:30 p.m., Stone School House, Route 22A. Shoreham resident Greg Borah will talk about the swamp lots.

june 6 THURSDAY

Book sale donation drop-off in Vergennes. Thursday, June 6, 3-6 p.m., Bixby Memorial Library, 258 Main St. Drop off book donations for the Bixby sale in the back parking lot. Please make sure your donations are published after 2012 and are in good condition. If in doubt bring it in and we let you know.

Twist o' Wool Guild meeting in Middlebury. Thursday, June 6, 6 p.m., American Legion, 49 Wilson Rd. The guild's last meeting of the year. Potluck and meeting Bring food to share (salad, casserole, dessert, etc.), a serving spoon or whatever is necessary, along with a plate, and eating utensils for yourself. If you can't participate in the potluck, come at 7 p.m. to join the meeting.

june 7 FRIDAY

Museum open house for Middlebury College Alumni in Middlebury. Friday, June 7, 10 a.m.-4p.m., Henry Sheldon Museum, 1 Park St. The Henry Sheldon Museum welcomes returning Middlebury College alumni and their families to visit and enjoy the new exhibitions. More info at henrysheldonmuseum.org or 802-388-2117.

Seduction Showcase in Vergennes. Friday, June 7, 7-9:30 p.m., Vergennes Opera House, 120 Main St. Kick off PRIDE Month with an evening of sultry sass and Queeracious fun. Some of your favorite Queer Drag and Burlesque performers will grace the stage to bring you laughs, sighs and make your temperature rise. Hosted by comedian Meredith Gordon, who brings her infamous character Thelma Forbanks to life. Partial proceeds of this event will go to the PRIDE Center of Vermont.

june 8 SATURDAY

Monthly Wildlife Walk in Middlebury. Saturday, June 8, 7 a.m., Otter View Park, Weybridge St. and Pulp Mill Bridge Rd. Otter Creek Audubon and the Middlebury Area Land Trust invite community members to help survey birds and other wildlife at Otter View Park and the Hurd Grassland. Birders of all ages and abilities welcome. Please take common sense COVID-19 precautions. Stay home if you are feeling ill, and wear a mask if you are unvaccinated. For more information, call 802-388-6019.

Vermont Days Weekend. Saturday, June 8, Chimney Point, Mount Independence, and Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic sites. Free admission all day. See historicsites.vermont.gov for more info. Continues Sunday, June 9.

Used book sale in Vergennes. Saturday, June 8, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Bixby Memorial Library, 258 Main St. Used book sale sponsored by the Friends of Bixby Library downstairs in the Otter Creek Room. Enter from the back parking lot. Choose from a large variety of fiction, non-fiction and children's books, some of them freshly donated by our winter reading friends.

Book Sale in Shoreham. Saturday, June 8, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Platt Memorial Library, 279 Main St. Hundreds of hardcovers and paperbacks. Books for all ages. DVDs and audiobooks, too. Take what you like, pay what you think is fair.

Art & Chocolate in Salisbury. Saturday June 8, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Salisbury Public Library, 918 Maple St. For sale: Art and crafts, used books, homemade goodies and chocolate treats. Also, a silent auction by local artists Carrie Ade & Peter Langrock. All proceeds for the Salisbury Public Library.

Dog Park anniversary celebration in Monkton. Saturday, June 8, 1-3 p.m., Pond Rd. A 4th year

anniversary celebration of Monkton's Dog Park. Everyone is welcome. Music, drinks, a raffle and dessert. The 50/50 raffle will help to maintain the park's ongoing care. Authentic Guatemalan food available by La Chapina, (taking pre-orders if you would like to take some home or be assured you get some of their great dishes at www.instagram.com/la_chapina_guate_food).

Prize Bingo in Leicester. Saturday, June 8, at 1 p.m., Senior Center, Four Corners. Sponsored by the Leicester Historical Society. Refreshments served and all are welcome. This will be the last Bingo until September.

Takeout-only chicken and biscuit supper in Vergennes. Saturday, June 8, 5-6 p.m., Vergennes United Methodist Church, Main Street, (across from the Vergennes Opera House). Chicken and gravy over biscuits, mashed potatoes, vegetable, cranberry sauce and dessert. Adults \$12. Take out preorder only. Must place order by 7 p.m. Thursday, June 6, at 802-877-3150.

june 9 SUNDAY

Breakfast in Bristol. Sunday, June 9, 7:30-10 a.m., Libanus Lodge, 4 Elm St. The Masons Lodge will serve their monthly Charity Fundraising Breakfast. All profits are donated to a person or group in need within the Five Town Area. Menu includes sausage gravy with homemade biscuits, scrambled eggs (or over easy if you ask us to flip them) bacon, sausage patties, sausage links, home fries, pancakes, blueberry pancakes and French toast, all with maple syrup, assorted juices, apple bread pudding and coffee. Cost \$9 adults/\$5 children under 12. All profits are donated to a person or group in need within the Five Town Area.

Community Conversation: Affordable Housing for Addison County in Vergennes. Sunday, June 9, 4 p.m., St. Peter's Parish Hall, 85 S. Maple St. Learn about three different initiatives to alleviate Addison County's housing shortage: HomeShare VT, Tiny Homes, and Accessory Dwelling Units. Hear case studies and receive a valuable resource brochure. For more, email Mike Greenwood (mike802vt@comcast.com) or visit cvuvs.org/news.

Chicken Barbeque in Cornwall. Sunday, June 9, noon until the chicken runs out, Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department, Route 30. Half-chicken meals with salad and sides will be the main feature. Free hot dogs while they last. Table seating and take-out will be available. See and meet neighbors and old friends, as well as the CVFD's fire trucks, learn about serving on the fire department and meeting the volunteers. Proceeds benefit the work of the department. Cost \$15 chicken and sides/\$12 just the half-chicken.

june 10 MONDAY

Vergennes City Band rehearsal in Vergennes. Monday, June 10, 7-9 p.m., Vergennes Opera House. All instrumentalists welcome. For more information contact Sue O'Daniel at 802-349-5906.

june 11 TUESDAY

Mushroom walk with Meg Madden in Middlebury. Tuesday, June 11. Join ACORN on a mushroom curiosity walk to learn more about the lives of these fascinating organisms. This is a fundraising event for ACORN and the ACORN Food Hub. Tickets \$50. Learn more and sign up at tinyurl.com/Madden-mushrooms-june-11.

"Youth Sports in Society" by Alex Wolff and Erin Quinn in Middlebury. Tuesday, June 11, 5:30-7 p.m., Town Hall Theater, 68 S. Pleasant St. The third installment of "Up for Discussion," a free series created by Vermont Book Shop and Town Hall Theater designed to spark community conversation and featuring local experts in their fields sharing timely topics that span literature, art, film and contemporary issues. The 30-minute presentation will be followed by a roundtable discussion and sharing of thoughts and ideas. Free, but registration required at townhalltheater.org.

Cornwall chicken BBQ will be June 9

CORNWALL — The Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department will once again host its annual chicken barbecue at the Route 30 station on Sunday, June 9, from noon until the chicken runs out. Table seating and take-out will be available.

Half-chicken meals with salad and sides will be the main feature, but kids (and the young at heart) can enjoy free hot dogs while they last. Full meals cost \$15. It's \$12 for just a half chicken.

The volunteers will start the grills in the morning to slow cook the chicken while repeatedly basting it in the CVFD's secret sauce, so the end result is a flavorful, tender chicken that can't be beat.

This community event is a great opportunity to see and meet neighbors and old friends, as well as see the CVFD's fire trucks, learn about serving on the fire department and meeting the volunteers. Proceeds benefit the work of the department.



CORNWALL FIRE DEPARTMENT is offering up some delicious barbecue chicken and socializing on Sunday, June 9. The BBQ runs from noon until the chicken runs out, so get there early!
Photo courtesy of Peter Conlon

Monkton

Have a news tip?
Contact Liz Pecor at rascal0406@gmavt.net

NEWS

MONKTON — Russell Memorial Library will host a Storytelling hour Thursday, May 30, from 6 to 8 p.m. Weather permitting, it will held outside on the patio. This is a free adult program. Come and listen to five-minute stories from Monktonians and seasoned storytellers. If you would like to present your own telling of a story, please e-mail Samara Anderson at samara.anderson@gmail.com. Stories must be true without any notes. It must be about the first person — meaning yourself. Ideally it will be a new story, never told before and last 5 to 7.5 minutes long. First timers are welcome!

If you have been by and seen the beautiful flower beds at the Veteran's Memorial Monuments in front of the privately owned Florona Grange Hall No. 540, you can thank the Monkton Museum and Historical Society. Volunteer Jackie Charnley and MM&HS member Robin Hopps planted flowers in preparation for Memorial Day. Denny Cota, member of the Bristol American Legion will be replacing the tattered American Flag and properly disposing of the old one. The members would all like to thank the landowners for generously allowing them access to the monuments.

SAVE THE DATE
On Saturday, June 8, from 1 to 3 p.m., there will be a 4th year anniversary celebration since the opening of the Monkton Dog Park. Everyone is welcome. There will be live music, drinks, a raffle & dessert! The 50/50 raffle will help to maintain the park's ongoing care. Authentic Guatemalan food will be available by La Chapina, who is taking pre-orders if you would like to take some home or be assured you get some of their great dishes.
Find the La Chapina link at www.instagram.com/la_chapina_guate_food/. Watch for more information on this fun event.

Fence building workshop set June 25

RANDOLPH CENTER — A full-day workshop for farmers on electric and high tensile fencing systems for livestock will be held June 25 in Randolph Center.

The workshop will take place on the Vermont State University campus. Participants should meet at the Red School House, 46 East Randolph Commons, at 10 a.m. for the classroom session, which will be followed by lunch and a hands-on fence-building session that runs until 4 p.m.

Farmers will hear from Heather Gooden, the Northeast Territory Manager for Gallagher, a leading supplier of electric fence products, about various fencing options to determine which is best for their operation. She also will discuss fencing components such as energizer selection, wire selection for electrified and non-electrified systems and proper grounding. By the end of the workshop, participants will understand the difference between "hot" and "hot ground" systems and have working knowledge of power fence system resistance and conductivity, how to troubleshoot and common issues to avoid, among other related topics.

Registration is \$15 per person, which covers the program and

lunch. To register, go to go.uvm.edu/livestockfencing. The workshop is co-sponsored by the University of Vermont Extension Center for Sustainable Agriculture, Vermont State University, the Northeast Grass-

fed Beef Initiative and Gallagher. For more information, contact Jascha Pick at (802) 380-4275. To request a disability-related accommodation to participate, please call by June 4.

Zoey's Place opening in Middlebury

MIDDLEBURY — Zoey's Place, an initiative aimed at supporting children, expectant mothers and families, has announced its grand opening on June 1 at 102 Court St. in Middlebury.

Sponsored by The Women's Center, the founders say that Zoey's Place is not just a boutique; it's a place dedicated to nurturing families and fostering a sense of community.

With a mission to provide essential resources, guidance and compassion to families in need, Zoey's Place aims to be a beacon of hope in Addison County. The store will welcome everyone regardless of economic situation, and it notes that every item will be priced by using a suggested donation and all donations go to supporting women and families. Customers can make the suggested donation or not as they see fit.

"Our vision is to create a warm and inviting space where women

and families can find comfort, support and everything they need to embark on their parenting journey with confidence," says Women's Center Executive Director Joanie Praamsma.

Zoey's Place offers a curated selection of high-quality, gently used and new children's clothing, maternity wear, accessories, and essentials, ensuring that families have access to the best products for their little ones. Additionally, the boutique provides a range of support services, including parenting classes, breastfeeding support, and referrals to community resources.

The shop's sponsor, The Women's Center, councils pregnant women on options and life-affirming alternatives to abortion.

In celebration of its grand opening, Zoey's Place will be open from 9 a.m. to noon on June 1. It's an opportunity for the community to come together, celebrate new beginnings, and

make a positive impact on the lives of families in need, Jennifer Reed said in an email sent to the *Independent*. It will be open the first Saturday morning of each month. Praamsma said it acquires its clothing via donation, and she is proud of the work Reed has done getting the shop open.

"We are immensely grateful for the support we've received from our community partners, volunteers and generous donors who have helped bring Zoey's Place to life," Praamsma added. "Together, we can make a meaningful difference in the lives of children and mothers, providing them with the love and support they deserve."

Zoey's Place is located at 102 Court St. in the back of the building.

For more information about Zoey's Place, visit its Facebook page at tinyurl.com/ZoeyMiddlebury. If you have questions, call The Women's Center at 802-388-7272.

Reader Comments

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

A subscriber from Bristol writes:

"Jessie Raymond's column is awesome!"

Quotes are taken from reader comments submitted with subscription renewals.



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STUDENTS OF THE WEEK FROM AREA HIGH SCHOOLS

Mount Abraham Union High School

Kalin Tingiris-Shean

Mt. Abraham Union High School introduces Kalin Tingiris-Shean, its student of the week. Kalin lives in Monkton with her mother and younger sister, along with her dog, cat, hen and two ducks.

Kalin has earned academic honors each semester of high school as well as department awards for English, History and Science her junior year. She was selected to represent Mt. Abe at the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership seminar her sophomore year. Kalin has always enjoyed school and the opportunity to take some really interesting classes (Society and the Human Condition, Psychology, and Nazi Germany and the Holocaust). She appreciates that academics are not the only thing covered in class — there are often chances to connect with classmates and have interesting, meaningful conversations. Kalin's current favorite class is AP English Literature and Composition. "English literature can be a lot of fun as it is simply like a puzzle of words, but instead of piecing together a picture I get to piece together hidden meanings," she says. Kalin is a member of the Eagle Leadership Society and the Travel Club. She is looking forward to their trip to Ireland this June.

Outside of Mt. Abe, Kalin babysits and house sits for neighbors and friends. Last summer she worked at the Vermont Youth Conservation Corps (VYCC) in Richmond, which allowed her to be part of a large community effort that supplied fresh vegetables to in-need Vermonters. Working at VYCC opened Kalin's eyes to all the ways that food connects us and allowed her to feel more connected to her local community.

Kalin's favorite pastimes include reading, crocheting, sewing and painting. She appreciates reading anything that opens her mind to a new way of thinking. She also enjoys hiking, walking and spending time outside with friends and family.

Kalin says that Mt. Abe has taught her that, "If you are determined to succeed, you will, regardless of the challenges ahead. And in sticking with something, whether it be school, or a sport, or a job, or really anything, eventually you will gain the skills and the confidence that will make it a better experience. But in the meantime, it is OK to recognize that things can be hard, and it is important to be kind to yourself and to others."

Kalin will attend the University of Vermont this fall and major in Psychology. Her work ethic, natural leadership ability and resiliency will be missed. The Mt. Abraham community wishes her all the best in her future endeavors!



Kalin Tingiris-Shean
MAUHS

Otter Valley Union High School

Ella Afrifa

Otter Valley Union High School's final Student of the Week is Emmanuella Ogechi Afrifa. Ella is a foreign exchange student from Ghana. She lives in Brandon with her host family and their cat.

Ella has enjoyed her experience at Otter Valley, particularly her classes with Mr. Peduto and Mrs. Kretzer. She has done well, receiving an award of excellence in American History and in Healthy and Independent Living Skills. She has also made the principal's list and has been inducted into the National Honor Society. She also has appreciated her classmates. "They make the class more fun and entertaining, they have a great vibe and are just generally nice to be around," she says.

In addition to her studies, Ella is a member of the Otter Valley Theatre Club, BIPOC group and a Debate Club member. She thinks it is fair to say that she enjoys them all equally because they involve doing things that she loves.

While she does not have a specific place where she volunteers, she tries to help out as much as possible. Some specific places that she has volunteered include Nifty Thrifty, Brandon Recreational Center and the Girl Scouts. She plans to work at Betsy Cox summer camp for the summer and she is very much looking forward to it.

Ella loves to read novels in her spare time or just take walks around town.

Ella says the most important experience she has had during her stay was learning about American culture and history. She says it helps in her understanding of why certain things are the way they are, but she still cannot understand why the food is so bland and has little to no spice!

After graduation Ella plans on taking a gap year before attending college in the United States in the fall of 2025. All of us at Otter Valley wish her the best in all of her future endeavors.



Ella Afrifa
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VERGENNES FREE THINKERS Founded in 1935 on the principle of one alcoholic helping another to achieve sobriety, A.A. is an effective and enduring program of recovery that has changed countless lives. A.A. has always been committed to making its program of recovery available to anyone, anywhere, who reaches out for help with an alcohol problem. The Vergennes Free Thinkers meeting was created in January of this year to maintain a tradition of free expression, conduct a meeting where alcoholics may feel free to express any beliefs, doubts or disbelief they may have, to share their own personal form of spiritual experience, their search for it, and/or their rejection of it, without having to accept anyone else's beliefs or having to deny their own. Meetings are held with a high regard for compassion and inclusion without judgment or exception. If you think we can help, please join us on Thursdays at 6pm by contacting Vergennes-free thinkers@gmail.com for Zoom and in-person meeting information.

Public Meetings

THE TURNING POINT CENTER of Addison County is open for in-person services, Monday through Friday, 10am-4pm, 54A Creek Road, Middlebury. We are available by phone 24/7 at 802-388-4249.

VERMONT SUPPORT LINE Are you struggling with a challenging situation? Do you have feelings of sadness, loneliness, isolation, anger, or depression? You don't have to face it alone. Talk with a caring person who understands what you're going through today by calling or texting the free and confidential Pathways Vermont Support Line available 24/7 at (833) VT - TALKS.

Services

CONSTRUCTION: ADDITIONS, RENOVATIONS new construction, drywall, carpentry, painting, flooring, roofing, pressure washing, driveway sealing. All aspects of construction, also property maintenance. Steven Fifield 802-989-0009.

MELISSA'S QUALITY CLEANING Services. Residential and commercial. Fully insured. Great rates. Reliable and thorough cleaning. 802-345-6257.

ODD JOBS: WEED flower beds, some landscaping, property clean up, brush cutting, lawn work. Call us today, we do other jobs too. 802-999-2194, John.

Free

DIGITAL ACCESS View obituaries, calendar listings and classifieds online at addisonindependent.com. Don't miss out on events, garage sales, or opportunities - check out our free digital listings. Looking to read more? Become a subscriber!

Garage Sales

YARD SALE FRIDAY 5/31 & Saturday 6/1 9 am - 2 pm. 67 North Street, Bristol. Tools, wooden tables, jewelry, American Girl Dolls, dresser & much more. No early birds please

Help Wanted



AMERICAN FLATBREAD MIDDLEBURY Hearth is seeking a part time Bartender to work both independently and alongside our talented Head Bartender. We are looking for a mature, energetic individual who enjoys the excitement of a busy restaurant, loves wholesome food & creative beverages, a warm fire and interesting conversation. Must be available nights and weekends, have a positive attitude, and enthusiasm for learning new things. Prior bartending experience is preferred. We are an inclusive environment and encourage applicants from all legally working age groups, races, and gender identities. Stop in for an application or send resume to joe@americanflatbread.com.

LAKE CHAMPLAIN MARITIME Museum seeks part-time Development Assistant. Integral member of fundraising team, responsible for data entry/reporting and support for mailings/special events. 20 hours/week, \$22/hour. See www.lcmm.org/careers for full position description and application instructions.

For Sale

4 TIRES 185/55 R15 82H. Best offer, like new. 802-989-7090.



ANTIQUA DROP LEAF TABLE. Spindles with leg curve out. Hard maple. \$700. Ask for Jerry at 802-388-4134. Please leave a message with your name and number.

Lawn and Garden



GARDEN TILLING large and small. Brush Hogging, lawn mowing. Reasonable rates. Contact Wayne 802-382-7465.

Vacation Rentals

ADDISON: LAKE CHAMPLAIN waterfront camp. Beautiful views, gorgeous sunsets, private beach, dock, rowboat and canoe included. \$999. weekly, or call for weekends. 802-349-4212, no texts.

Help Wanted

For Rent

5,000 SQUARE FEET available. Exchange Street, Middlebury, VT. 802-349-8544.

COMMERCIAL/OFFICE SPACE - 3000 sq ft - Middlebury. Loading dock. Tall ceilings. \$2,500.00 p/month. 802-558-6092.

Help Wanted

CDL-B/HAZMAT DRIVER
Hart & Mead Energy and All Star Fuels in Hinesburg/Bristol area is looking for an individual with a clean CDL-B/Hazmat endorsement. Must be able to pass federally mandated drug screening. DOT physical required. Competitive wage, paid holidays & sick time.

APPLY NOW!
hartmeadllc@gmail.com
or 802-482-6666

For Rent

ALL REAL ESTATE advertising in this newspaper is subject to the Federal Fair Housing Act of 1968 as amended which makes it illegal to advertise any preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, national origin, sexual orientation, or persons receiving public assistance or an

For Rent

intention to make any such preference, limitation or discrimination. This newspaper will not knowingly accept any advertisement for real estate which is in violation of the law. Our readers are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised in this newspaper are available

Help Wanted

For Rent

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.

CORNWALL: SHARE A HOME with lovely views

Help Wanted

For Rent

with senior gentleman who enjoys classical music and reading. Negotiable rent dependent on cooking a few evening meals/week and lending a hand around the house/yard. Private bath. 802-863-5625 or HomeShareVermont.org for application. Interview, references, background checks required. EHO.

Addison County Parent/Child Center

Join the Parent/Child Center Team
CHILDCARE WORKER/PARENT EDUCATOR

Childcare Staff Position: We are seeking a childcare worker who will work with children and parents in our therapeutic program. This is a full-time position with generous benefits. We are a therapeutic childcare program that supports children birth through 5 and their families.

Strong candidates must have knowledge of **child development, family systems**, excellent communication skills, and want to work with young families. Flexibility and collaboration are a must. Experience with children and families wanted: a minimum of a Bachelor's degree preferred.

Please send a resume and cover letter, along with 3 references to **Donna Bailey** at dbailey@addisoncountypcc.org

Addison County Parent/Child Center

VAN DRIVER JOB OPENING
Addison County Parent/Child Center

We are seeking a van driver who will transport children, youth, and parents to our center from around Addison County.

Strong candidates must have a clean driving record and experience with children and families.

Great working environment and benefits. This is a 20-hour position with hours split between mornings and afternoons.

Please contact **Donna Bailey** at dbailey@addisoncountypcc.org

AGWAY

Positions offer generous, twice a year bonuses as well as an employee discount on all products!

Warehouse Worker
Loading and assisting with customer orders from the yard, warehouse and store; Stocking shelves and Filling propane tanks. Skills/Qualifications: Ability to lift 50 lbs repeatedly throughout the day. Ability to demonstrate strong organizational skills. Valid Driver's License. Weekends and dependability a MUST! Forklift & Skid steer experience a plus. Preferable age 18+.

Cashier - Customer Service
Immediate Openings available. Must be able to work until 6pm. Weekdays and Weekends a MUST. Up to 40 hours per week. Wage commensurate with experience.

Please send resumes to info@middleburyagway.com or fill out an application at **Middlebury Agway**, 338 Exchange Street, Middlebury VT.

Please no phone calls.

Middlebury Agway 338 Exchange St. - Middlebury, VT.

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Mid Summer Market Volunteers

The Better Middlebury Partnership is looking for volunteers to help with the Mid Summer Markets. The **Mid Summer Market** will take place each Wednesday evening from 3:30-7:30pm and Saturday morning from 9:00-noon in downtown Middlebury. The market hosts a variety of vendors each week including local artisans, growers, producers and makers.

To learn more about volunteering please email BMP@bettermiddleburypartnership.org.

United Way
United Way of Addison County

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802-388-4944
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Address: _____
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Addison Independent CLASSIFIEDS

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

For Rent

available for lease. The entrance door measurements are 8' wide by 7' high. For more info: 802-363-3403 or rochon_m@yahoo.com.

For Rent

HISTORIC 2 BEDROOM APARTMENT. Newly renovated in 1860's farmhouse in Shoreham. Furnished and available mid-August. \$2500/month plus utilities. Non-smoking and no pets please. Call for info and photos 802-897-2448.

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.

For Rent

VERGENNES WILLOW APARTMENTS is currently taking waitlist applications for 1 and 2 bedroom apartments. No smoking/no pets. Income limits apply- Rent rate based on income. Equal Housing Opportunity 802-247-0165 TTY: 800-253-0191. www.SummitPMG.com.

Cars

TOYOTA AVALON XL sedan 2006. 79k, excellent condition, \$6,600, one owner, all service records, no rust or body damage, includes mounted snow tires, pass thru back seat for skis or lengthy items. VT state inspection through end of May 2025, 802-388-0551. Pictures on request.

Help Wanted

Help Wanted



Production Team Members

Vermont Soap is looking for attentive, reliable and responsible people to work in our production department. This position requires basic computer skills, attention to detail, the ability to sit or stand for long periods of time and the ability to lift up to 50lbs. Must be a team player and also able to work independently. This is a full time position (Mon-Fri 7-3:30) with paid vacation time, paid holidays, 401k with employer match, and more! Please send cover letter and resume to nichole@vermontsoap.com.

Help Wanted

LIGHT INDUSTRIAL/RETAIL. 1,250 sq.ft. Exchange Street, Middlebury. 802-388-4831.

MIDDLEBURY, OFF CAMPUS HOUSING available. 802-388-4831, AJ Neri Property Rentals.

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Help Wanted

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Seeking a driver for Thursday paper delivery.

Must be available from 5:30am to 3:00pm on Thursdays.

Potential for additional hours as needed and on a flexible basis.

Competitive wages/a great way to make extra money!

ADDISON COUNTY INDEPENDENT

Contact Harris Gerner (802)388-4944 ext. 104 or frontdesk@addisonindependent.com

Wood Heat

DRY OR GREEN firewood for sale. Delivery available. 802-349-4212.

Att. Farmers

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

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

Motorcycles

✓
017 HARLEY-DAVIDSON ROAD KING. 8,000 original miles. Many extras. Excellent condition. \$13,900. 860-690-7617.

Wanted



Keep the news coming!

Subscribe to the Addy Indy online, in print, or on the go!

Call 388-4944

Wanted

REWARD

STOLEN FOUR WHEELER

MIKE GRAVES, OWNER

TAKEN OCTOBER 2023 NEAR WHITING TOWN HALL

PLEASE CONTACT MIKE AT 802-353-2543 WITH ANY INFORMATION.

LAUNCH A CAREER WITH US.

Now Hiring: **Service Manager**

Apply online at: agandturf.unitedequip.com/careers/

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1137 U.S. 7 - Middlebury, VT - (802) 388-4482

THE RESIDENCE at Otter Creek

RN/LPN \$8,000 FT sign on bonus

Ask about our:

- PT and FT travel allowance
- Free meals
- Competitive Benefits
- On call with pay
- No uniforms required!

Are you looking for work life balance? Need to be home during week and only available on the weekends? Just looking for a few hours a week or even a month? We have per diem positions!

We have fun! Feel appreciated and valued! Apply today.

Scan the QR code or go to our website to apply

The Residence at Otter Creek
350 Lodge Road, Middlebury, VT 05753
www.residenceatottercreek.com

WowToyz

Part-Time Office Assistant

WowToyz, a successful and established manufacturer of high-quality, educational toys for over 30 years, is looking for a motivated individual to be part of our growing company! The successful candidate must be dependable, eager to learn new processes, and willing to jump in when a need is observed. This is a position for a detail-oriented team player with confidence, energy, and great organizational and communication skills.

Retirees are welcome and encouraged to apply! We offer flexible work schedules and competitive wages.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Enter purchase orders into our proprietary computer software system
Answer phone, transfer calls, and assist with customer service
Friendly, professional, and service-focused positive attitude

SKILLS & REQUIREMENTS

Ability to organize and prioritize tasks with minimal supervision
Ability to communicate and collaborate effectively with all levels of the organization
Analytical abilities and aptitude in problem-solving
Experience in Microsoft Office Suite or data entry software is beneficial but not a requirement

Part-Time Warehouse

WowToyz in Vergennes is seeking part-time help for the morning shift in our warehouse, picking and packing orders and unloading trucks. Ideal candidates are organized, dependable, and able to work 20-30 hours/week, Mon-Fri. **Retirees are welcome and encouraged to apply!** We offer flexible work schedules and competitive wages.

Proof of COVID-19 vaccinations required for all employees

To apply email contact information and work history to: resumes@wowtoyz.com

Don't miss a beat

Read the Addy Indy online, in print, or on the go!

388-4944

ACT 250 NOTICE

MINOR APPLICATION #9A0384

10 V.S.A. §§ 6001 - 6111

Goodro Lumber Company, Inc. has filed application #9A0384 for a project generally described as "as-built," after-the-fact approval of a variety of changes to the existing commercial property that have been completed over the years without obtaining proper Act 250 permitting. As-built improvements include the following: (1) ±4,400 square feet (sf) of enclosed and ±1,800sf of open storage area for building materials; (2) construction of a new ±2,880sf building to replace a damaged building; (3) ±4,800sf storage shed for building materials; (4) a small addition to the existing retail building; and (5) installation of one freestanding sign and one ground-mounted sign. The project is located at 388 East Main Street in Middlebury, Vermont. The application may be viewed on the Act 250 Database (<https://anweb.vt.gov/ANR/Act250/default.aspx>) by entering the project number "9A0384."

No hearing will be held, and a permit will be issued unless, on or before Wednesday, June 19, 2024, at 4:30pm, a party notifies the District 9 Commission in writing of an issue requiring a hearing, or the Commission sets the matter for a hearing on its own motion. Any person as defined in 10 V.S.A. § 6085(c)(1) may request a hearing. Any hearing request must be in writing, must state the criteria or sub-criteria at issue, why a hearing is required, and what additional evidence will be presented at the hearing. Any hearing request by an adjoining property owner or other person eligible for party status under 10 V.S.A. § 6085(c)(1)(E) must include a petition for party status under the Act 250 Rules. To request party status and a hearing, fill out the Party Status Petition Form on the Board's website: <https://nrb.vermont.gov/documents/party-status-petition-form>, and email it to the District 9 Office at: NRB.Act250Barre@vermont.gov. Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law may not be prepared unless the Commission holds a public hearing.

For more information contact the District 9 Coordinator listed below.
Josh Donabedian
Joshua.Donabedian@vermont.gov
Mail: 10 Baldwin Street, Montpelier VT 05633-3201
Physical: 111 West Street, Essex Junction, VT 05452

Email your Public Notices to legals@addisonindependent.com and Jenna makes sure it gets in the paper

AUCTIONS

MARKET REPORT

ADDISON COUNTY COMMISSION SALES

RT. 125 • EAST MIDDLEBURY, VT

Sales for 5/23/24 & 5/27/24

COST			
BEEF	LBS.	/LB	\$
Nop Bros	1630	1.55	\$2526.50
A. Brisson	1705	1.39	\$2369.95
K. Gray	1225	1.26	\$1543.50
Blue Spruce	1885	1.25	\$2356.25
Woodnotch	1940	1.22	\$2366.80
Nea Tocht	1655	1.20	\$1986.00
Vorsteveld	1610	1.15	\$1851.50

COST			
CALVES	LBS.	/LB	\$
Barnes Bros	93	10.00	\$930.00
M. Churchill	90	9.50	\$855.00
Goodrich Family	89	9.50	\$845.50
R. Scholten	87	9.00	\$783.00
Savello Farm	92	8.70	\$800.40
Elysian Fields	87	7.00	\$609.00

Total Beef - 124 Total Calves - 212
We value our faithful customers.
Sales at 3 pm - Mon. & Thurs.
call 1-802-388-2661

Public Notices Index

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- Addison (1)
- Hancock (1)
- New Haven (1)
- Orwell (2)
- Vergennes (3)

TOWN OF HANCOCK, VERMONT

REQUEST FOR BIDS

Soliciting bids from qualified engineering firms for the replacement of Bridge #7 on Texas Falls Rd. Bidding information available at Hancockvt.org.

CITY OF VERGENNES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Development Review Board will hold a public hearing on June 17, 2024, 7pm as the first order of new business, for the following purpose:

To consider site plan and conditional use review for application #2024-11 by D'Aversa Furniture LLC for a Change of Use from Retail to Bar/Restaurant/ Professional Studio for a portion of the building located at 10 Green St. Reviews will consider Article VII, Article VIII, and Section 1608.

Please note that the hearing will be held as a "hybrid meeting", with participation either in person, by Zoom, or by phone. The in-person meeting will be held in the conference room at City Hall.

Join by computer: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84252901890>, meeting password: 689859.

Join by phone: Dial 1 (929) 205-6099; Meeting ID: 842-5290-1890; Meeting Passcode: 689859.

For participants joining by phone:
To raise your hand during the meeting, press *9.
To mute/unmute during the meeting, press *6

If you experience any difficulty in accessing this meeting, contact the City of Vergennes Zoning Administrator at 802-877-1232.

You must participate in the public hearing either in person or in writing, in order to take any subsequent appeal. The City of Vergennes is an "on the record" appeal municipality with regard to appeals to Environmental Court from Development Review Board decisions. This means that the Environmental Court shall only consider testimony or information provided during public hearings on the application. Interested parties should therefore assure that their participation in the public hearing proceedings is complete and represents the totality of their desired considerations.

A copy of the application is available for public review by contacting David Austin at zoning@vergenne.com.
May 24, 2024
David Austin,
Zoning Administrator

www.addisonindependent.com

CHECK IT OUT.

NOTICE OF SELF-STORAGE LIEN SALE AUCTION

ABC SELF STORAGE

12 OSSIE RD • EAST MIDDLEBURY, VT 05740-0558

Notice is hereby given that the contents of the self-storage units listed below will be sold at auction. This sale is being held to collect unpaid storage unit occupancy fees, charges and expenses of sale. The entire contents of each self-storage unit listed below will be sold, BY STORAGE AUCTION SOLUTIONS with proceeds to be distributed as follows: Payment to ABC Self Storage for all accrued occupancy fees (rent) charges, late payment fees, sale expenses, and all other expenses in relation to the unit and its sale. Contents of each unit may be viewed on June 7, 2024 commencing at 2:00 pm. Bidding will begin immediately after viewing of the entire contents of each self-storage unit. The highest bidder on the storage unit must remove the entire contents of the unit within 96 hours after the notification of their successful bid. Purchase must be made in cash and paid in advance of removal of contents of unit. \$100.00 cash deposit shall be made and will be refunded if the unit is broom cleaned. ABC Self-Storage reserves the right to accept or reject bids. The contents of the following tenants' self-storage units will be included in the sale:

UNIT A017: Anthony Miller, 428 Court St., Box 106 Middlebury, VT 05753 TRQ Brake Rotors, Brake Parts, Car Parts	UNIT C014: Matthew Delia Lobo, 66 Seymour St. Ext., Middlebury, VT 05753 Drum Set, Sound Equipment
UNIT A008: Amanda Woods, PO Box 1038, Middlebury, VT 05753 Tools, Trumpet	UNITS C028, E020: Christian Placey, 7 Vaughn Court, North Ferrisburgh, VT 05473 Vintage Cook Stove, Yamaha YZ85 Dirt Bike
UNIT A009: Sabrina Bell, 2866 Snake Mountain Road, Weybridge, VT 05753 Furniture, Mini Gas Grill	UNIT D028: Justin Gillette, 34 Schoolhouse Hill Rd., Middlebury, VT 05753 Gun safe, Sporting Goods, Furniture
UNIT B018: James M. Benway, 3595 Mountain Road, Addison, VT 05491 Floor Safe, Furniture, Household Goods	UNIT DD030: Chris Steele, PO Box 351, Brandon, VT 05733 Garrett Metal Detector Box, Misc. Collectibles
UNIT C004: Orion Parsels, 748 Glen Athol Road, Warrensburg, NY 12885 Jurassic Park Lunch Box, Model Cars	

Vt. State Police Log

ADDISON COUNTY — Vermont State Police stopped a car on Route 7 near its intersection with River Road in New Haven on May 25 at around 11:15 a.m. The trooper noted the driver Nathan Redmond, 39, of Vergennes had a criminally suspended driver's license.

While speaking with Redmond, the officer detected indicators of impairment, screened Redmond, and took him to the Vergennes Police Department for processing. Police cited Redmond for driving under the influence, third offense; violation of conditions of release; and driving with a suspended license.

In other recent activity, state police:

- On May 25 at approximately 12:55 a.m., got a report of a family fight at a home on Route 7 in Leicester. Police allege that Pamela Strong had caused bodily harm to a household member. Strong was arrested for suspicion of domestic assault and taken to the New Haven Barracks for processing. Troopers cited Strong for domestic assault.

- Dealt twice with 24-year-old Chase Gibbs-Emilo of Bristol on May 26. First, state police and Bristol police at around 9 a.m. responded to Lower Hardscrabble Road in Bristol for a report that Gibbs-Emilo was believed to be intoxicated and acting irrationally and violently toward a family member. Police said Gibbs-Emilo fled the scene before they arrived. Police determined Gibbs-Emilo had violated his court-ordered conditions of release through his alleged behavior. Police located him at a Monkton home and cited him for violating his conditions of release.

Later that morning, at 11:15 a.m., troopers responded to Silver Street in Monkton for a report that Gibbs-Emilo had been trespassing at a home. Police allege he'd been told several times to leave the property. State police cited Gibbs-Emilo for unlawful trespass and violation of his conditions of release.

Gibbs-Emilo is due to answer the charges in Addison Superior Court, criminal division, on Sept. 9.

Police help locate an elderly man

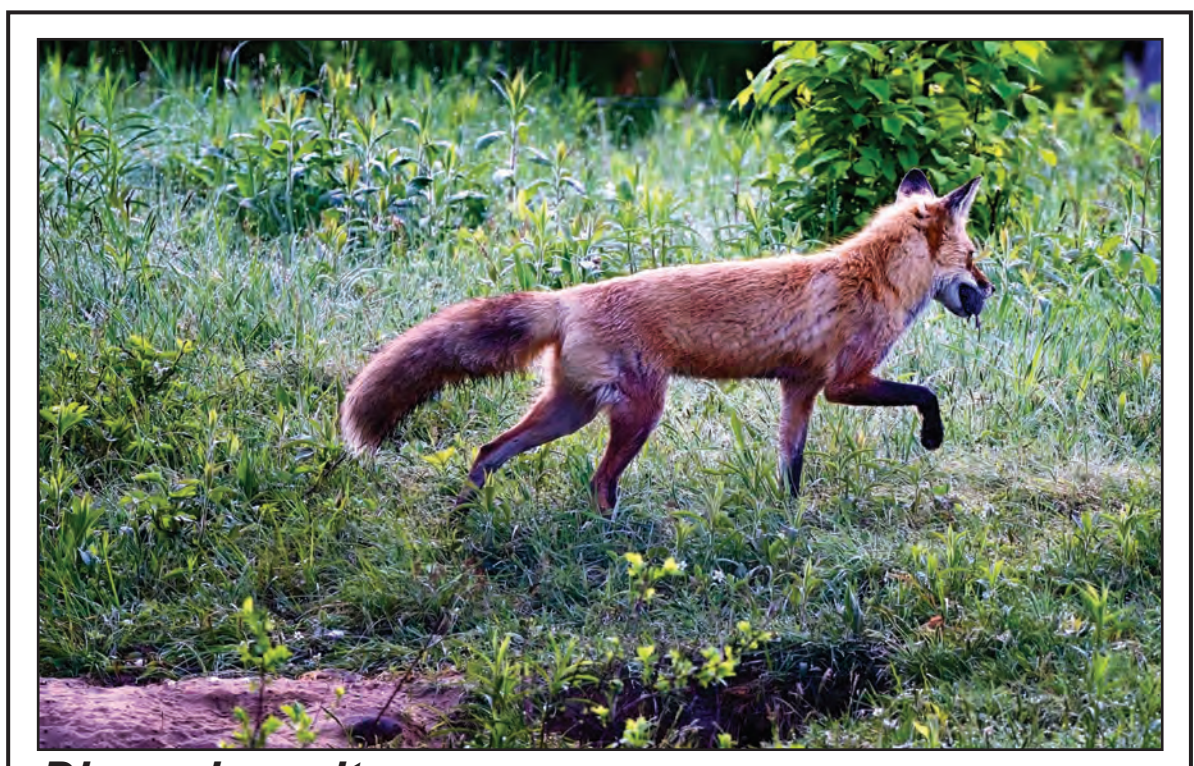
MIDDLEBURY — Middlebury police located, with help from other emergency responders, a person with memory-loss issues who had wandered away from an elder-care facility on May 23.

Police said it was at around 9:20 p.m. that they were notified that the person was missing. With help from the Addison County Sheriff's Department, state police, Middlebury Regional EMS (MREMS) and the Middlebury Fire Department, the missing person was located at around 11:15 p.m. in a field off Meadow Glen Drive — around a half-mile away from the elder care facility, according to police.

When found, the resident was confused but uninjured, according to police. MREMS evaluated the person on the scene and deemed them to be in good health.

In other action last week, Middlebury police:

- Cited Christopher J. Shores, 30, for driving with a criminally suspended license on East Main Street on May 20.
- Responded to a report of Middlebury College students drinking alcohol on the roof of a downtown Middlebury business on May 20.
- Helped a disoriented elderly man who was seen walking around The Centre shopping plaza on May 20. Police said he was returned to the retirement community at which he resides.
- Responded to a report of two men fighting under the Cross Street Bridge off Bakery Lane on May 20.
- Responded to the reported theft of a bike from the Main Street area



Dinner is on its way

A MOTHER FOX, vole in mouth, heads towards her den in Lincoln, where three hungry kits await a meal.

Photo by Dale Cockrell

on May 20.

- Helped a local resident who reported receiving threatening text messages from an ex-girlfriend on May 20.
- Investigated a hit-and-run property damage report on North Pleasant Street on May 20.
- Responded to the Charter House Emergency Shelter on May 20 on a report of guest who claimed to have been threatened by someone else on May

20.

- Disposed of drugs that had been left outside a Mill Street business on May 21.
- Continued their investigation on May 21 into a report of a vehicle's windshield being damaged by BB gun fire while parked in the Briarwood Apartment complex.
- Cited Marsha M. Barber, 65, of Middlebury for retail theft, after an

investigation into the alleged theft of items from a Court St. business on May 21.

- Cited Michael Heffernan, 62, of Bristol for violating the conditions of his release, after he was allegedly seen walking, while intoxicated, in the Bakery Lane area on May 22.
- Responded to a report of a person having a panic attack in The Centre shopping plaza off Court Street on May 24.
- Reunited a man with his lost wallet on May 24.
- Checked on a family with children who were asking for money at The Centre shopping plaza on May 24.
- Cited Michael Heffernan, 62, of Bristol, for violating the conditions of his release, following an incident off Main Street on May 24.
- Interviewed Charter Houser Emergency Shelter officials on May 24 about possible threats made by a past guest.
- Interviewed the owner of a vehicle that had been struck by another vehicle while parked at The Centre shopping plaza on May 24.
- Responded to a May 24 report of a fight in progress in the municipal parking lot behind the Ilsley Library.
- Investigated a report of gunshots heard in the Seminary Street Extension area on May 24.
- Responded to a report of a drunken patient causing a disturbance at Porter Hospital at around 10 p.m. on May 25.
- Responded to a report of a loud party at 14 Cross St. at around 9:40 p.m. on May 25.
- Assisted MREMS with a mental health patient off the Abbey Pond trailhead on May 25.
- Received a report of a missing clock from a South Village Green kitchen on May 25.
- Responded to a report of a

woman having a mental health crisis off Route 7 North on May 25.

- Assisted MREMS on a medical call to the Bakery Lane area on May 25.
- Cited both Amanda Smith, 37, and Dillon Macdougall, 26, both of Bridport, for driving with a criminally suspended license, following a traffic stop in the Buttolph Acres area on May 25.
- Returned a lost wallet to its owner on May 26.
- Warned a group of people who had been consuming alcohol behind the Ilsley Library off Bakery Lane on May 26.
- Responded to a report of a customer harassing staff at the Tenny Brook gas station on Court Street on May 26.
- Returned, to Porter Hospital, a suicidal man who had left the facility on May 26.
- Responded to a report of a vehicle in a ditch off College Street on May 26.
- Assisted Vermont State Police with a possible burglary off Windy Knoll Lane in Leicester on May 26.
- Responded to a noise complaint about loud chanting in the Cross Street area at around 10 p.m. on May 27, related to a Middlebury College sports team's recent victory.
- Cited Kenneth Gilbert III, 48, who is houseless for violating the conditions of his release and providing false information to police, following an incident in the South Pleasant Street area on May 27.
- Responded to a report of a man lying in the grass near the Porter Medical Center campus off South Street on May 27.
- Cited Michael Heffernan, 62, of Bristol for violating the conditions of his release, following an incident off Court Street on May 27.

Public Notices

can be found in this
ADDISON INDEPENDENT on Pages 11B and 12B.

CITY OF VERGENNES NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Development Review Board will hold a public hearing on June 17, 2024, 7pm as the second order of new business, for the following purpose:

To consider site plan review for application #2024-12 by Evergreen Preschool to construct a shed and pavilion on the property located at 30 South Water St. Reviews will consider Article VII and Section 1603.

Please note that the hearing will be held as a "hybrid meeting", with participation either in person, by Zoom, or by phone. The in-person meeting will be held in the conference room at City Hall.

Join by computer: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84252901890>, meeting password: 689859.

Join by phone: Dial 1 (929) 205-6099; Meeting ID: 842-5290-1890; Meeting Passcode: 689859.

For participants joining by phone:
To raise your hand during the meeting, press *9.
To mute/unmute during the meeting, press *6

If you experience any difficulty in accessing this meeting, contact the City of Vergennes Zoning Administrator at 802-877-1232.

You must participate in the public hearing either in person or in writing, in order to take any subsequent appeal. The City of Vergennes is an "on the record" appeal municipality with regard to appeals to Environmental Court from Development Review Board decisions. This means that the Environmental Court shall only consider testimony or information provided during public hearings on the application. Interested parties should therefore assure that their participation in the public hearing proceedings is complete and represents the totality of their desired considerations.

A copy of the application is available for public review by contacting David Austin at zoning@vergennes.org.
May 24, 2024
David Austin,
Zoning Administrator

TOWN OF NEW HAVEN DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD NOTICE OF HEARING

Pursuant to 24 V.S.A. §4464, a public hearing before the New Haven Development Review Board will be held at the Town Clerk's Office, 78 North Street, New Haven, VT on Monday, June 17, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. to consider the following:

1. Final Plat Hearing on Application #2024-DRB-08-SD submitted by David and Frances Caccavo of 1423 North Street for a 4-lot subdivision (determined as a major subdivision at sketch plan review on February 19, 2024, followed by a preliminary plat hearing held May 20, 2024), per Section 923 of the New Haven Zoning and Subdivision Regulations adopted April 2024.

2. Site Plan Re-approval for Application #2023-DRB-05 SP submitted by Mike Lee d/b/a New Haven Power Equipment, 3065 Ethan Allen Highway, New Haven, VT, as approval has expired for failure to submit Mylar map within 180 days as a condition of the decision dated July 17, 2023.

Please note that participation in the local proceeding is a prerequisite to the right to take any subsequent appeal. The hearing will be held as a hybrid meeting, either in person at the Town Clerk's office, or by remote:

<https://zoom.us/j/98142119190?pwd=U0pFdDQ2a1ZRZzVCRkN4ZGcyYUF3dz09>

Meeting ID: 981 4211 9190

Passcode: 4jYbTA

An electronic copy of the application may be obtained by emailing the zoning administrator at newhavenzoning@gmavt.net; a hard copy is available at the Town Clerk's office during normal business hours, or on the Town's website: <https://www.newhavenvt.com/>

New Haven Zoning Administrator
(802) 453-3516

TOWN OF ORWELL HEARING NOTICE DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

The Orwell Development Review Board will meet in person on Wednesday, June 19th, 2024 at 7:00pm at the Orwell Town Clerk's Office located at 436 Main Street, Orwell, VT and by Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87159590685> or phone 1-929-205-6099, use meeting ID: #871 5959 0685, to conduct the following business:

1. Permit #5-15-24: Raymond & Cynthia Bradish for a 2 Lot Subdivision located at 674 Route 73 and frontage on Fisher Road, Orwell, VT.

Information pertaining to this matter may be viewed M, T, Th 9:00-12:00 & 1:00-4:00, W 9:00-12:00 & 1:00-3:30 & Fri 9:00-12:00 & 1:00-6:00 at the Orwell Town Clerk's Office located at 436 Main Street, Orwell, VT.

Joseph Andriano, Chair
Orwell Development Review Board

PUBLIC NOTICE TOWN OF ADDISON

The Addison Planning Commission meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 18, 2024 at the Addison Community Center School at 6:30 PM (former Addison Central School).

1. Open the meeting.
2. Roll call given.
3. Open meeting for Katie's next presentation on revisions for the new Town Plan.
4. Katie from A.C.R.P.C. presentation on "Implementation" for the revised Town Plan.
5. Approve meeting minutes for May 21, 2024 (to continue the business meeting).
6. Public Comment time allowed.
7. Discussion on public hearing results—decision to approve the new changes or pass onto the Selectboard for their approval.
8. Continue to work on updating & reviewing the Zoning & Subdivision Regulations & public hearing outcome.
9. If time allows we may decide to work on the comments from the public hearing.
10. Adjourn

If needed allow public comment time at the end.

*Deliberative Session if needed —after the meeting.

We are planning to have a work meeting after the regular monthly meeting if needed.

Jeff Kauffman Jr., Chair
Starr Phillips, Secretary
Addison Planning Commission

TOWN OF ORWELL REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Town of Orwell is requesting proposals for installation of seven (7) concrete pads for new benches in the Town Green, by qualified concrete and excavation professionals.

This project includes excavation for, and installation of 5 foot by 10 foot by 6-inches thick concrete pads with wire mesh at various locations within the Green. The Green is located within the village district of Orwell.

Completion date is August 30, 2024.

Interested contractors can request the complete RFP by contacting the Orwell Town Office at 802-948-2032 or by emailing the Town Clerk at selectboard@townoforwellvt.org.

RFP submission deadline is 6:00p.m. Friday, June 7, 2024. Proposals may be submitted to the Town Clerk's office at 436 Main Street, PO Box 32, Orwell, VT 05760. Envelope shall be marked "Bench Pad Proposal" on the exterior.

VERGENNES NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS June 4, 2024

Notice is hereby given in accord with 32 V.S.A § 4111, that the undersigned Listers within and for the City of Vergennes have this day completed the Abstract of Individual Lists of Property Owners as of the first day of April 2024.

The Listers of the City of Vergennes have this day lodged the Abstract of the Grand List in the office of the Clerk of said City for the inspection of taxpayers. All properties with value changes have been mailed individual Change of Appraisal notices via first class mail.

On the 18th day of June 2024 beginning at 5:00pm the undersigned Listers will meet to hear appeals of taxpayers, aggrieved by the actions of such Listers from whom timely appeals have been received.

To be considered a timely appeal, such request for grievance must be submitted in writing and received in the Vergennes City Hall by 5:00pm on the 18th day of June 2024. Postmarks are not accepted as timely.

Owners can, but do not have to appear in person if a written appeal is timely filed. All timely filed appeals will be acted upon during the grievance process regardless of attendance.

Property owners do not have to wait until June 18th to review their property with the City. Please contact the Vergennes City Clerk as soon as possible with questions or concerns and she will forward your request to the appropriate person.

Please call the Vergennes City Clerk's Office at (802) 877-2841 for assistance. At the close of grievance hearings, the Listers shall make such corrections to the Abstract as were determined upon hearings or otherwise.

Unless cause to the contrary is shown, the contents of said abstract will, for the year 2024, become the Grand List of said City and of each taxpayer named therein.

William Benton, Lister
Sarah Cowan, Lister
Danelle Birong, Lister

STATE OF VERMONT

**SUPERIOR COURT
Addison Unit**

**CIVIL DIVISION
Docket No.:242-10-15 Ancv**

PEOPLE'S UNITED BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST BY MERGER TO CHITTENDEN TRUST CO. DBA CHITTENDEN MORTGAGE SVCS
PLAINTIFF

VS.

SALVATORE J. PROVETTO; KERRY KURT; NEW ENGLAND FEDERAL CREDIT UNION; DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY - INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; OTTO A. NOACK; VERMONT LAND TRUST, INC.; VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND MARKETS; VERMONT HOUSING AND CONVERSATION BOARD AND OCCUPANTS RESIDING AT 4118 ROUTE 116, STARKSBORO, VT 05487
DEFENDANT(S)

NOTICE OF SALE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Salvatore J. Provetto and Kerry Kurt, to Chittenden Trust Co. dba Chittenden Mortgage Svcs, dated October 15, 2008, and recorded in Book 93, at Page 110, of the Town of Starksboro Land Records, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at June 26, 2024 at 1:00 PM at 4118 Route 116, Starksboro, VT 05487 all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

To Wit:

Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Salvatore J. Provetto & Kerry Kurt by Warranty Deed of Monty Adams dated October 7, 2005 and recorded October 24, 2005 in Book 83, at Page 279-80 of the Town of Starksboro Land Records and further described therein.

The description of the property contained in the mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

The public sale may be adjourned one or more times for a total time not exceeding 30 days, without further court order, and without publication or service of a new notice of sale, by announcement of the new sale date to those present at each adjournment or by posting notice of the adjournment in a conspicuous place at the location of the sale.

Terms of Sale: \$10,000.00 to be paid in cash or by certified check by the purchaser at the time of sale, with the balance due at closing. The sale is subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.

The Mortgagor is entitled to redeem the premises at any time prior to the sale by paying the full amount due under the mortgage, including the costs and expenses of the sale.

Other terms to be announced at sale.

People's United Bank, National Association, Successor in Interest by Merger to Chittenden Trust Co. dba Chittenden Mortgage Svcs

/s/ Sheldon M. Katz, Esq.
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ARTS + LEISURE

The Addison Independent

May 30, 2024



NEW FITZSIMMONS
ALBUM FILLED WITH
NOSTALGIA

Patrick Fitzsimmons, who recently released his eighth album, "Apple Tree Days," will perform at Holley Hall in Bristol on Friday, June 7, at 7:30 p.m. Fitzsimmons plays on a guitar made by luthier Micah Plante who runs Plante Guitar in Bristol.

PHOTO CREDIT / CURLY BROWN

SEE STORY
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Tomorrow's opera stars here today! Young artists take the stage

Gymnasts and ballerinas can go world-class in their teens, but an opera singer is a different kind of athlete. According to Sarah Cullins, Opera Company of Middlebury (OCM) director of Young Artist Programs, it's all about the vocal cords.

"The larynx is the last thing in the body to be fully cooked," Cullins said. "The natural hardening of the cartilage doesn't happen until 26 or 27. While that's in process, singers are considered young. Most make their professional debut around 30."

In such a long apprenticeship, being selected for a Young Artist Program (YAP) residency is a career-changing moment. This year OCM is keeping this year's eight YAP singers triple busy, giving them vital technical and artistic training, along with impressive new lines on their resumes.

All will appear in a single performance of Rossini's "La Scala di Seta" on Friday, June 7, at 7 p.m. Two singers (tenor Orlando Montalvo Avalo and baritone Haozhen Wen) will also have roles in OCM's full length production of "La Fille du Regiment," and all the rest will sing



THEATER PREVIEW

BY **DAVID WEINSTOCK**

in its chorus ensemble. In addition, several more will take lead roles in the "cover" or understudy performance of Fille.

Directing "La Scala di Seta" is also a career milestone for Andy Papas. In this year's "Fille" he is the Marquise's butler Hortensius, and has had many singing roles here as a comic baritone. But he is fairly new to directing.

"This is my first fully-staged opera as a director," Papas said. "I felt like I should have been doing this forever."

Opera is never about plot, especially not in a one-act farce. More important is the unstoppable fun: hi-jinks and physical comedy, goofy secrets, whacky conspiracies, and characters hiding under tables and behind curtains and pianos. Young Giulia (soprano Cristina Escobedo) lives under the watchful eye of her guardian Dormant (tenor Orlando Montalvo), who hasn't noticed that Giulia is in a secret romance with Dorvil (tenor Francesco DiLello) who

must climb to her room on the silken ladder for which the opera is named. Dormant is trying to marry Giulia off to Blansac (Haozhen Wen) but eventually the truth comes out and everyone celebrates Giulia's true love for Dorvil.

The music (piano played by Benjamin Beckman) is from 1812 Italy, but Papas has chosen to update everything else — costumes, teenage behavior and hip décor — to the American 1990s. Characters wear blue jeans, crop tops, and fluorescent tie-dyes, and give each other the latest elaborately cool handshake. To complete the time travel, Giulia has decorated her room with a Keith Haring print, a Bob Dylan poster, and a Lava Lamp.

Our local profession opera company is breaking new ground, again like they have been doing for 21 years. Tomorrow's rising stars are here today, live in person and in action. Don't miss the chance to see them and hear them.

Editor's Note: "La Scala di Seta (The Silken Ladder)" will take the Town Hall Theater stage in Middlebury on one night only: Friday, June 7, at 7 p.m. A pre-performance lecture by Stage Director Andy Papas will be held at 6 p.m., at the Memorial Baptist Church. Tickets to the show are \$22 and are available at townhalltheater.org.

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Join New Music On The Point faculty and participants for their ecologically inspired contemporary music performance: a navigational sonic and multimedia Artphibian Experience in the woods and around Lake Dunmore at Branbury State Park.

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June 3, 4, 5, 6 and June 10, 11, 13, 14.

Seating is limited to four guests per night. Tickets available through Eventbrite.



To learn more about these events, visit: Newmusiconthepoint.com



Pictured from left to right: Francesco DiLello (Dorvil), Cristina Escobedo (Giulia), Jared Vigue (Dino), Orlando Montalvo Avalo (Dormant), Patrick Connolly (Germano), Tess Klibanoff (Lucilla), and Haozhen Wen (Blansac) star in "La Scala di Seta," which will take the stage in Middlebury on Friday, June 7.

Singer-songwriter releases 8th album: Apple Tree Days

A landscaper? A stone mason? A drummer? A singer-songwriter? Who is Patrick Fitzsimmons?

Answer: all of the above... and more.

BY **ELSIE LYNN PARINI**

Around Addison County, we know Fitzsimmons as a guitar-playing singer songwriter and stone

mason who runs Songbird Stonescapes. The Cornwall (soon to be Brandon) resident has just recently released his eighth album, "Apple Tree Days," and will give an opening concert at Holley Hall in Bristol on Friday, June 7, at 7:30 p.m.

Now with silver tinged curls, this musician carries a crowd on his pure, melody-driven sound through telling lyrics that share narratives of his own past.

But Fitzsimmons's musical interest started way back in Sparta, N.J., where he first started playing the drums in high school.

"We formed a band called From Good Homes," Fitzsimmons recalled during a recent interview. "We were arrested once in our hometowns... He said, because he knew our families and we were **'from good homes,'** he'd let us off with community service."

What were they arrested for? That's in the past. The band — who was signed to RCA Records — is now in the past too; except for the occasional reunion show.

"We were on the road together for almost 10 years," Fitzsimmons explained. From Good Homes opened up shows or toured with Bob Dylan, Dave Mathews Band, Hootie and the Blowfish, Joan Osborne, David Crosby and Bob Weir. "In 1999, I left the band to move up to Vermont to be closer to my daughter who was living her with her mother."

In the move, Fitzsimmons was also transitioning from being a drummer to a singer-songwriter with a guitar.

"That transition was sort of late for me," he said. "I came up with 'singer-songwriter' as my idea for what I wanted to do here in Vermont." Then Fitzsimmons started looking around for part-time jobs to pay the bills.

"I'd always liked gardening," he said. "So I started doing that." He had his own landscaping company and slowly started leaning into stonework as clients requested various projects.

Through all the outdoor work, Fitzsimmons keeps coming back to his guitar and strong melodies to process his life.

This latest album, "Apple Tree Days," is a set of 11 original songs that Fitzsimmons called "nostalgic."

"I was looking back at the passing of my mother a few years after her death," he said. "I was finally processing that... and reminiscing about the singer songwriters of the '70s — an homage to my musical heroes: Cat Stevens, James Taylor, Paul Simon and Neil Young."

Fitzsimmons pointed to the song "Mom's Old House Won't Sell" as an example of his processing.

"That house was the hub for the family," he said. "I'm from a family of seven, and even though we lived all over the country — even a sister in Italy — we came back to that house... It was hard not to see it as sad... there was a lot of history in that house and it made you wonder where we were all going to get together."

Though the tracks on "Apple Tree Days" tug a

few tears, melancholy is not the right word to describe this album. A flowing composition and easy rhythm allows listeners to feel without being overwhelmed. Imagine the music you'd hear gazing into an outdoor fire on a summer night: calm and introspective.

The album took Fitzsimmons a year to produce — the longest he's ever spent recording an album.

"I think it benefited from the slower pace," he said. "I started in my off-season going down to a friend's studio in New Jersey... I'd go down, record, come home and listen to it for a month before going down again. That was different from previous albums when I'd submerge for two weeks in a recording session and make it quickly.

"Most of the songs were very new to me," Fitzsimmons continued. "I was figuring out arrangements and instrumentation in the studio; then I'd listen back and say, 'That's too slow... it should be electric instead of acoustic, etc.' Because of the nature of the songs, and because they were so new to me, it really benefited from me taking my time."

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"BECAUSE OF THE NATURE OF THE SONGS, AND BECAUSE THEY WERE SO NEW TO ME, IT REALLY BENEFITED FROM ME TAKING MY TIME."

— Patrick Fitzsimmons

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What to do with old bikes

My kids love their bikes, and they ride them hard — through rain and snow and salt and mud. By the time they've outgrown one, it's usually in rough shape: chain rusted out, handlebar covers missing, mud flap hanging on by a wobbly screw. Sure, you can still ride it, but no one's going to pick it out of a bike swap lineup.

BY **MEGAN JAMES**

Earlier this spring, after my 7-year-old upgraded to a bigger bike with gears and hand brakes, I was stressing about what to do with her two previous bikes, which were occupying precious real estate in our shed.

No one would want these well-loved bikes. But I couldn't stomach dumping them.

That's when a friend suggested I take them to Little City Cycles in Vergennes. I'd heard about this place, which specializes in building custom bikes out of used frames. They also run a nonprofit that fixes up busted bikes and gives them away to Vermont foster children.

I emailed owner Tim Mathewson — whose mantra is "There's no such thing as a bad bike, only a sad one that's not ridden." — to confirm that he really did want my family's two saddest bikes.

He did! He instructed me to bring them to the shop and just leave them outside the door.

Uh, OK! I expected to feel a bit weird about leaving two ragged bikes outside a local business — but then I pulled up to the shop and laid eyes on Mathewson's vast sea of used bicycles.

I thanked my two bikes for their service and added them gently to the pile. I hope they become something someone can ride!



Coming Up

STARRY FEST AT STARRY NIGHT CAFE IN FERRISBURGH

June 1, 4-7 p.m.

Play lawn games, enjoy live music and delicious food at this family-friendly community event.

LAKE MONSTERS AT TWO BROTHERS TAVERN IN MIDDLEBURY

June 8, noon-1 p.m.

Lunch on free hot dogs and hamburgers while meeting the Lake Monsters baseball players and their mascot, Champ!

LET'S GO BIRDING AT WRIGHT PARK IN MIDDLEBURY

June 15, 9-11 a.m.

Join Middlebury Area Land Trust for a family-friendly beginner birding experience; snacks and table activities provided!

Free summer meals

Pick up free kids' breakfasts and lunches to go starting on June 17 at the following locations:

MARY HOGAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL front entrance, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

MUMS front entrance, 11 a.m. to noon, Monday through Friday.

BRIDPORT CENTRAL SCHOOL, 11 a.m. to noon, Monday through Friday.

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"MAUSD Student Art Exhibit." Come meet Bristol-area up-and-coming artists. This exhibit features work by senior and junior students in various mediums including paintings, drawings, ceramics and jewelry. On view through May 31.

BIXBY MEMORIAL FREE LIBRARY

258 Main Street, Vergennes

For more info visit bixbylibrary.org or call 802-877-2211.

"A Panoply of Landscapes," a solo exhibit by Ken Corey, on display for the Bixby's Celestial Soirée, the library's annual fundraiser on Friday, May 31. From pastels, paintings, and prints, much of Corey's work is done en plein air. The exhibit features a painting of a planetary nebula inspired by Corey's love of Astronomy. On view through early summer.

BRANDON ARTISTS GUILD

7 Center Street, Brandon

For more info visit brandonartistsguild.org or call 802-247-4956.

Celebrating 25 years! This summer and fall the Brandon Artists Guild will be reminiscing by exhibiting a rotating display of community artworks from our 2003-2012 fundraiser projects. New artists at BAG: Linden Eller, Donald Perdue, Dasha Kalisz, and Bonny Dutton.

EDGEWATER AT THE FALLS

1 Mill Street, Middlebury

For more info visit edgewatergallery.com, call 802-458-0098 or email info@edgewatergallery-vt.com.

"Borders & Boundaries." Alexis Serio and Homer Wells explore literal and figurative reflection, the transience of light, and the power of imagination and chance in works that expand perceptions of the traditional landscape through their intersection with abstraction. On view May 17-June 25.

EDGEWATER ON THE GREEN

6 Merchants Row, Middlebury

For more info visit edgewatergallery.com, call 802-989-7419 or email info@edgewatergallery-vt.com.

"Uncle Woody and Me: Family Ties." On the 50th anniversary of Woody Jackson's first art exhibition, Edgewater Gallery on the Green celebrates his career, the importance of family and the legacy of talent that lives on in Rory Jackson. On view May 3-June 11.

JACKSON GALLERY

68 S Pleasant St, Middlebury

For more info visit townhalltheater.org/jackson-gallery or call 802-382-9222.

"The Blue Between Day and Night." Paintings by East Middlebury artist Leigh Harder. For this exhibit, Harder

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Cosmic Forecast

ARIES: March 21/April 20. Family obligations are swimming through your mind, Aries. It is time to sit down and hammer out a resolution that will appeal to everyone and lighten your load.

TAURUS: April 21/May 21. A special person in your life is getting closer and closer to you every day, Taurus. This may be the companion that you have been hoping for. Continue to take things slowly.

GEMINI: May 22/June 21. Gemini, sometimes you have a tendency to make things more difficult than they need to be. Stop obsessing over every little detail this week. Things have a way of working out.

CANCER: June 22/July 22. Cancer, if someone accuses you of being too emotional this week, do not take it personally. This person may be projecting his or her experiences on you. Continue what you're doing.

LEO: July 23/Aug. 23. Leo, could you be holding yourself to unreasonably high standards? If you're getting frustrated by not meeting your goals, ease up on yourself for the time being.

VIRGO: Aug. 24/Sept. 22. Virgo, it is your mission to change the minds of some people at work this week, as it will bode well for you down the road. Just don't make too many extravagant requests.

LIBRA: Sept. 23/Oct. 23. Recently people have been directing accolades in your direction, Libra. This is the boost you have needed to propel yourself to do more of the things that have been your goals.

SCORPIO: Oct. 24/Nov. 22. Scorpio, someone simply isn't bringing his or her A-game to a work project, and it shows. It's frustrating and you want to take over, but this is supposed to be a team effort.

SAGITTARIUS: Nov. 23/Dec. 21. Simple things used to bring you pleasure and now it seems a bit of a gray cloud has descended. Don't start to fret you're getting jaded, Sagittarius. This is just a little rough patch.

CAPRICORN: Dec. 22/Jan. 20. Capricorn, as a finish line approaches, it can be tempting to get very excited. Hold off on that elation until everything is done. You never know what can crop up in between.

AQUARIUS: Jan. 21/Feb. 18. It doesn't need to be New Year's to make a resolution, Aquarius. You can aspire to change an aspect of your life anytime you want. Perhaps this is the week to embrace change?

PISCES: Feb. 19/March 20. Putting up a tough front may be a protection strategy right now, Pisces. Over time, you may need to let your guard down and ask for some help if the situation is chronic.

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JUNE 3 — Curtis Mayfield, singer, guitarist (d)

JUNE 4 — Freddy Fender, musician (d)
JUNE 5 — Laurie Anderson, musician (77)
JUNE 6 — Levi Stubbs, singer (d)

CALENDAR

MAY 30-JUNE 14
2024



THURSDAY, MAY 30

THE MEAT PACKERS IN FERRISBURGH. Thursday, May 30, 6 p.m., Ferrisburgh Town Hall, Route 7. Rokeby Museum's first Music with the Museum event of the season. An evening of food and music with a community favorite, The Meat Packers. Silent auction to raise funds for Rokeby Museum's Educational Programming.

FRIDAY, MAY 31

CELESTIAL SOIRÉE IN VERGENNES. Friday, May 31, 7-11 p.m., Bixby Memorial Library, 528 Main St. Come to the Bixby annual fundraiser — a night to remember under the storied stained-glass dome in Bixby's magnificent marble rotunda. Tickets \$75, include live music and dancing with The Grift, a welcome drink and cash bar, local gourmet eats, and a curated live, silent, and online auction of items and experiences. More info at bixbylibrary.org.

DONIZETTI'S "LA FILLE DU RÉGIMENT" IN MIDDLEBURY. Friday, May 31, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall Theater, 68 S. Pleasant St. Witness Marie's spirited journey in Opera Company of Middlebury's production. Raised by soldiers, Marie falls for a rebel, facing war, family tensions and revelations about her nobility. A charming operatic tale of love and loyalty in the Tyrolean Alps. Tickets \$94/\$77/\$61, available at townhalltheater.org.

"FROZEN JR." IN BRISTOL. Friday, May 31, 7:30 p.m., Auditorium, Mount Abraham Union High School, Airport Dr. Come see 6th-, 7th- and 8th-grade students from MAUSD's Expanded Learning Program perform this one-act musical. Eighty performers from across the school district put on all the memorable songs from the animated film. \$5 per ticket to attend the show in person available at showtix4u.com/event-details/81161, or stream the show online for \$10, buy that at showtix4u.com/event-details/81260. More info at fmafminc@gmail.com or 802-377-3335.

SATURDAY, JUNE 1

GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB HIKE IN BRISTOL. Saturday, June 1, Bristol Trail Network. Plan for 2.5-3 hours for the 3.4-mile section around Bristol's historic areas. Total elevation gain is under 100 feet. Excellent options for snacks/lunch in Bristol before or after the walk. Will meet at 1 p.m. Contact Porter Knight at knight@gmavt.net or 802-343-3920 for more information. More at gmcbreadloaf.org.

MIDDLEBURY GARDEN CLUB PLANT SALE IN MIDDLEBURY. Saturday, June 1, 9 a.m.-noon, on the Green, next to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. Get your garden and house plants — annuals, perennials, vegetable starts, shrubs and more — for the coming season. Plants will be in pots and labeled by name, color and basic care. There will

be a table with books and gardening accessories, too. Trays and boxes will be available to carry your selections home.

GREEN MOUNTAIN BICYCLING CLUB GRAVEL GRINDER IN HINESBURG AND MONKTON. Saturday, June 1, 9:15 a.m., meet at Hinesburg Park and Ride behind Hinesburg Town Offices. The ride heads south from Hinesburg on rolling gravel hills. These are mainly very quiet roads with little traffic. To cut the ride short, there is an easy mid-point turnaround. More info contact leader Brian Howard at 802-304-0610 or bjhowd@gmail.com, or co-leader Karl Garen at 802-318-0116 or kgaren@gmail.com.

GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB HIKE IN BRISTOL. Saturday, June 1, 1 p.m., Bristol Trail Network. Plan for 2.5-3 hours for the 3.4-mile section around Bristol's historic areas. Total elevation gain is under 100 feet. Excellent options for snacks/lunch in Bristol before or after the walk. Contact Porter Knight at knight@gmavt.net or 802-343-3920 for more information. More at gmcbreadloaf.org.

"FROZEN JR." IN BRISTOL. Saturday, June 1, 2 p.m., Auditorium, Mount Abraham Union High School, Airport Dr. See May 31 listing.

THE POETRY OF HENRY THOREAU IN BRISTOL. Saturday, June 1, 7 p.m., Lawrence Memorial Library, 40 North St. Jim Stapleton and Diana Bigelow

will present a one-hour performance piece with commentary featuring the poetry of Henry David Thoreau, the 19th Century New England author. A Q&A will follow. No registration required. Donations to the Library appreciated, but not required. More info at 802-453-2366.

SUNDAY, JUNE 2

"LA FILLE DU RÉGIMENT" IN MIDDLEBURY. Sunday, June 2, 2 p.m., Town Hall Theater, 68 S. Pleasant St. See May 31 listing.

CREATE YOUR OWN POLLINATOR GARDENS: ONE STEP AT A TIME IN BRISTOL. Sunday, June 2, 3 p.m., Holley Hall, 1 South St. Come to this talk by UVM Extension Master Gardener Marijke Niles. A guided garden tour at Bristol Co Housing will follow at 4 p.m. More info at pollinatorpathway.addisoncty@gmail.com.

SUNDAY SESSION WITH BOB RECUPERO IN MIDDLEBURY. Sunday, June 2, 4-7 p.m., Ralph Myhre Golf Course, 317 Golf Course Rd. Unwind and groove to the sounds of local talent at Tavern on the Tee Patio. Set against the backdrop of the Green Mountains, the Sunday Sessions offer a blend of lively music, great views and unique flavors. Music is free, specialty drinks, local brews, and delightful fare available for purchase.

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<p>Channel 1071 Friday, May 31 Through the Night 6 a.m. Press Conferences 7:30 a.m. Congregational Church 10 a.m. Selectboard 4 p.m. Memorial Baptist Church 6:30 p.m. Energy Week 7:30 p.m. Public Affairs Saturday, June 1 Through the Night: Public Affairs 5 a.m. Selectboard 10 a.m. Selectboard, Public Affairs 4 p.m. Memorial Baptist Service 5:30 p.m. Eckankar 6 p.m. Energy Week 7 p.m. Catholic Mass 7:30 p.m. Selectboard, Public Affairs Sunday, June 2 Through the Night: Government & Public Affairs Programs 5:50 a.m. Selectboard 8 a.m. Energy Week 9 a.m. Catholic Mass 11 a.m. Memorial Baptist Service 12:30 p.m. Energy Week 1:30 p.m. Press Conf., Public Affairs 4 p.m. Congregational Service 6:30 p.m. Eckankar 7 p.m. Catholic Mass</p>	<p>7:30 p.m. Energy Week 8:30 p.m. Vote for Vermont Monday, June 3 Through the Night: Gov. & Public Affairs Programs 5:30 a.m. Eckankar 6 a.m. Public Affairs 9 a.m. Energy Week 10 a.m. Selectboard, Public Affairs Tuesday, June 4 Through the Night: Public Affairs 5 a.m. Press Conf., Public Affairs 8:30 a.m. Vote for Vermont 9:30 a.m. Eckankar 10 a.m. Selectboard, Public Affairs 4 p.m. Congregational Services 7 p.m. Selectboard, Public Affairs 11 p.m. Energy Week Wednesday, June 5 Through the Night: Public Affairs 6:30 a.m. Energy Week 7:30 a.m. Memorial Baptist Service 9:30 a.m. Catholic Mass 10 a.m. Selectboard, Public Affairs 7 p.m. Selectboard, Public Affairs Thursday, June 6 Through the Night: Public Affairs 4:30 a.m. Press Conf., Public Affairs 8 a.m. Congregational Services 12 p.m. Selectboard, Public Affairs</p>	<p>8:30 p.m. Energy Week 9:30 p.m. Eckankar 10 p.m. Dr. John Campbell Channel 1091 Friday, May 31 7 a.m. Chair Yoga 8 a.m. All Things LGBTQ 11:04 a.m. NEK Community Orchestra 12 p.m. Board Meeting/s 4:30 p.m. Vaisey Royale 5 p.m. An Evening with Sen. Patrick Leahy 7:25 p.m. Mary Hogan Kindergarten Parent Orientation 6:31 p.m. MUMS Concert 8:15 p.m. Vermont Global Exchange-Dealing with Misinformation 10:17 p.m. Yestermorrow - Local & Global Approaches Saturday, June 1 4:30 a.m. Ask Verma Avian Advice - (Bird Questions Answered) 5:30 a.m. MUMS Concert 6:30 a.m. Jumping Worms 7:06 a.m. Tai Chi 8 a.m. Julia Alvarez 9 a.m. Conserving and</p>	<p>Understanding Wildlife 10:12 a.m. Vermont Global Exchange 12 p.m. School Board Meeting/s 5:30 p.m. All Things LGBTQ 6:29 p.m. Sen. Patrick Leahy 8 p.m. All Brains Belong VT 9 p.m. Julia Alvarez Sunday, June 2 6:10 a.m. Conserving 7:30 a.m. Chair Yoga, Yoga for You 8 a.m. Tai Chi 8:25 a.m. Enjoying Our 10 a.m. Make Music Day 2023 1:30 p.m. School Board Meeting/s 5 p.m. Make Music Day 2023 5:56 p.m. Jumping Worms 6:36 p.m. MUMS Concert 7:30 p.m. All Brains Belong VT 08:29 p.m. Sen. Patrick Leahy Wednesday, June 5 7 a.m. Tai Chi 7:30 a.m. School Board Meeting/s 4 p.m. Yestermorrow 6 p.m. Vermont Global Exchange 9:36 p.m. VT Women in the Civil War 11 p.m. First Tuesdays - Chris Lincoln Thursday, June 6 5 a.m. Yestermorrow 7 a.m. Tai Chi 7:25 a.m. Kids Yoga 8 a.m. Chair Yoga 9 a.m. School Board Meeting/s 5:30 p.m. All Brains Belong Club 6:30 p.m. Memorial Day in Middlebury 9:30 p.m. All Things LGBTQ</p>

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MONDAY, JUNE 3

DINNER AND MUSIC ADVENTURE IN LEICESTER. Monday, June 3, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Point Counterpoint, 1361 Hooker Rd. Have a gourmet dinner with a group of world-class contemporary music creators. Chat with friendly students and faculty and learn about what moves people to make music and pursue it as a profession. Tickets \$50, available at tinyurl.com/dinner-and-music. Only four tickets available. Repeats daily through Thursday.

VERGENNES CITY BAND REHEARSAL IN VERGENNES. Monday, June 3, 7-9 p.m., Vergennes Opera House. All instrumentalists welcome. For more information contact Sue O'Daniel at 802-349-5906. Additional rehearsal and June 10.

TUESDAY, JUNE 4

AUTHOR ROBERT BRODER IN MIDDLEBURY. Tuesday, June 4, 6 p.m., Ilesley Public Library, 75 Main St. Broder's book "Reading Together: A Heartwarming Story about Bonding with Your Child Through the Love of Reading" is a positive book to read to your child over the years. It tells the story of a family's love for picture books and the special bond formed through reading together. Broder, who lives in Shelburne, will talk about this wonderful book.

DINNER AND MUSIC ADVENTURE IN LEICESTER. Tuesday, June 4, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Point Counterpoint, 1361 Hooker Rd. Details in June 3 listing.

"LA FILLE DU RÉGIMENT" COVER PERFORMANCE IN MIDDLEBURY. Tuesday, June 4, 7 p.m., Town Hall Theater, 68 S. Pleasant St. Join Opera Company of Middlebury for a night with the "La Fille du Régiment" covers (understudies) as they perform the leading roles. Tickets \$39, available at townhalltheter.org.

FIREFLIES AND DARK SKIES IN MIDDLEBURY. Tuesday, June 4, 7 p.m., Unity Hall, Congregational Church of Middlebury, N. Pleasant St. Pollinator Pathway of Addison County invites you to step into the enchanting world of fireflies with Emily May, conservation biologist at the Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation. May will address the negative effects of light pollution on fireflies, birds, bats and mammals and share suggestions on how to keep the night sky dark for them. Limited seating. Donations appreciated to help with future programming.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5

GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB HIKE IN WARREN. Wednesday, June 5, Lincoln Peak. Moderate, 5-mile round trip hike from Sugarbush South with 2,400 feet of elevation change. Spectacular views throughout. Contact Morris Earle at [morisearle@gmail.com](mailto:morrisearle@gmail.com) or 802-734-

0984 with questions or to register. More at gmcbreadloaf.org.

NATE GUSAKOV (SOLO) AND SWING NOIRE GYPSY JAZZ IN BRISTOL. Wednesday, June 5, 5-9 p.m., The Tillerman, 1868 N. 116 Rd. Come hear live music in The Tillerman's barn. Music is free. Tillerman will sell food and drinks from its outdoor kitchen. Gusakov performs from 5-6:30 p.m., followed by Swing Noire from 7-9 p.m.

DINNER AND MUSIC ADVENTURE IN LEICESTER. Wednesday, June 5, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Point Counterpoint, 1361 Hooker Rd. Details in June 3 listing.

THURSDAY, JUNE 6

DINNER AND MUSIC ADVENTURE IN LEICESTER. Thursday, June 6, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Point Counterpoint, 1361 Hooker Rd. Details in June 3 listing.

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FRIDAY, JUNE 7

PHOTOGRAPHY OPENING RECEPTION IN MIDDLEBURY. Friday June 7, 4 p.m., PhotoPlace Gallery 3 Park St. Opening for "Sense of Place," which highlights images that communicate the essence of a place — what it's like to be there. More info at photoplacegallery.com.

"LA SCALA DI SETA" (THE SILKEN LADDER) IN MIDDLEBURY. Friday, June 7, 7 p.m., Town Hall Theater, 68 S. Pleasant St. Join Opera Company of Middlebury for this fully staged opera farce, by its talented group of Spring 2024 Young Artists. Sung in Italian with English supertitles.

SEDUCTION SHOWCASE IN VERGENNES. Friday, June 7, 7-9:30 p.m., Vergennes Opera House, 120 Main St. Kick off PRIDE Month with an evening of sultry sass and Queeralicious fun. Some of your favorite Queer Drag and Burlesque performers will grace the stage to bring you laughs, sighs and make your temperature rise. Hosted by comedian Meredith Gordon, who brings her infamous character Thelma Forbanks to life. Partial proceeds of this event will go to the PRIDE Center of Vermont.

PETER STUMPF AND JOHN BLACKLOW IN ROCHESTER. Friday June 7, 7:30 p.m., Federated Church of Rochester, North Main St. The duo will play Beethoven's Sonata in F Major Op. 5, No.1, a Debussy Sonata, and a Chopin Sonata. Admission by donation. No tickets required. More

TOP PICK

LEARN ALL ABOUT THE ENCHANTING WORLD OF FIREFLIES WITH EMILY MAY ON TUESDAY, JUNE 4 AT THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF MIDDLEBURY. COME AND HEAR ALL ABOUT HOW TO PROTECT OUR NIGHT SKY — 7 P.M. FREE.

info at rcmsvt.org or call 802-767-9234.

SATURDAY, JUNE 8

GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB TRAIL WORK IN RIPTON. Saturday, June 8. Group outing focusing on Long Trail tread and drainage projects or areas needing clearing. Contact Ellen Cronan for more information, 908-595-2926. More at gmcbreadloaf.org.

VERMONT DAYS WEEKEND. Saturday, June 8, Chimney Point, Mount Independence, and Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic sites. Free admission all day. See historicsites.vermont.gov for more info. Continues Sunday, June 9.

MONTHLY WILDLIFE WALK IN MIDDLEBURY. Saturday, June 8, 7 a.m., Otter View Park, Weybridge St. and Pulp Mill Bridge Rd. Otter Creek Audubon and the Middlebury Area Land Trust invite community members to help survey birds and other wildlife at Otter View Park and the Hurd Grassland. Birders of all ages and abilities welcome. Please take common sense COVID-19 precautions. Stay home if you are feeling ill, and wear a mask if you are unvaccinated. For more information, call 802-388-6019.

ART & CHOCOLATE IN SALISBURY. Saturday June 8, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Salisbury Public Library, 918 Maple St. For sale: Art and crafts, used books, homemade goodies and chocolate treats. Also, a silent auction by local artists Carrie Ade & Peter Langrock. All proceeds for the Salisbury Public Library.

BREANNA ELAINE IN BRANDON. Saturday, June 8, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Kennedy Park, 31 Center St. Picnic in the park to live music.

ARTPHIBIAN MUSIC AND MOVEMENT BY NEW MUSIC ON THE POINT IN SALISBURY. Saturday, June 8, 3-5 p.m., Branbury State Park, 3570 Lake Dunmore Rd. Join New Music On The Point faculty and participants for their ecologically inspired contemporary music performance. Enjoy a navigational sonic and multimedia Artphibian Experience in the woods and around Lake Dunmore. Free.

"THE THIEF OF BAGDAD" ON SCREEN IN BRANDON. Saturday, June 8, 7 p.m., Brandon Town Hall, 1 Conant Sq.

Celebrate the 100th anniversary of this eye-popping cinematic spectacle; starring Douglas Fairbanks Sr. in top form as Arabian adventurer who must complete a series of epic tasks to save his beloved. Timeless tale told imaginatively and on a grand scale, complete with cutting edge special effects. Musical accompaniment by silent film historian Jeff Rapsis.

"LA FILLE DU RÉGIMENT" IN MIDDLEBURY. Saturday, June 8, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall Theater, 68 S. Pleasant St. See June 6 listing.

SUNDAY, JUNE 9

GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB HIKE IN RIPTON. Sunday, June 9, Long Trail. This moderate LT Section Hike is geared to those who would like to try a long hike at a slower pace. It will be about 10 miles with 2,000 feet elevation gain. There will be an option to bail at 6 miles. Contact Ellen Cronan for more information, 908-595-2926. More at gmcbreadloaf.org.

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TUESDAY, JUNE 11

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ART ON EXHIBIT



Annelein Beukenkamp exhibits at Art on Main

Art on Main in downtown Bristol will open a new exhibit on Friday, June 7. "In and Out of the Garden" will be on view through the end of July. This exhibit features the works of guest artist Annelein Beukenkamp, alongside pieces

from veteran Art on Main artists. A reception to celebrate the opening of the exhibit will be held from 5-7 p.m., at the Bristol gallery.

Coinciding with the exhibit, renowned

gardening expert Charlie Nardozzi will be speaking at Rocky Dale Gardens on July 14, at 4

p.m. This event is organized to benefit Art on Main. Nardozzi is well-known for his extensive knowledge and engaging presentations on gardening, making this a highly anticipated event for both art and garden enthusiasts.

Prior to Nardozzi's presentation on July 14, Annelein Beukenkamp will be conducting a watercolor painting demonstration. This demonstration offers a unique opportunity to observe the techniques and creative process of a skilled watercolor artist, adding an educational component to the day's events.

These events are set to provide a rich experience, blending the worlds of art and gardening, and offer valuable insights and inspiration to attendees.



New art exhibit at the Bixby Library: Ken Corey presents "A Panoply of Landscapes"

As spring blooms in Vergennes, a new art exhibit blossoms at the Bixby Library. Local artist Ken Corey presents "A Panoply of Landscapes." From pastels, paintings, and prints, much of his work was done en plein air. His work features limited palettes which capture the dreamy, airy quality of summer in Vermont.

Corey's work will be on display for the Bixby's

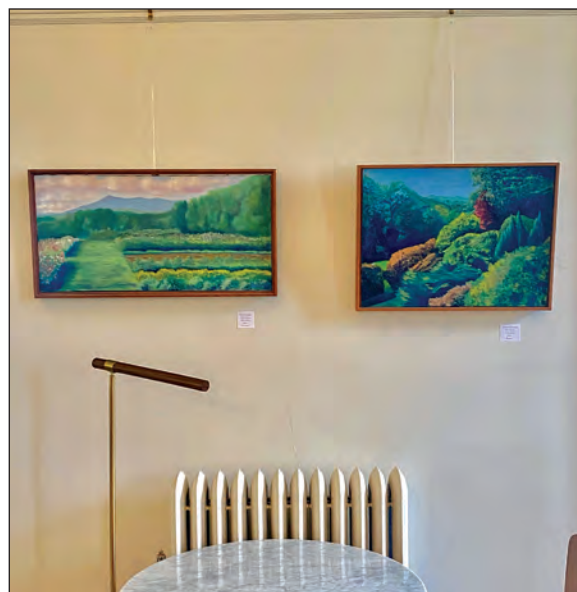
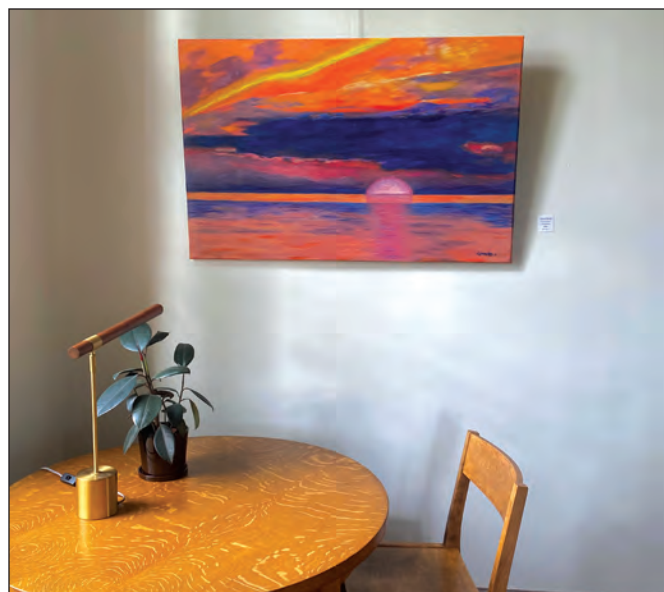
Celestial Soirée, the library's annual fundraiser on Friday, May 31, and through early summer. The exhibit features a painting of a planetary nebula inspired by Corey's love of Astronomy. Past work has explored the analytical and conceptual, conveying concepts such as growth and decay, random order, and no thingness. His new painting the Helix Nebula (a.k.a. 'The Eye of God'), depicts a dying star shedding its outer layers, leaving a white dwarf

star in the center. This painting is hung on point to compose the nebula and pay tribute to the amazing work done by the hundreds of people on the Hubble Space Telescope team.

View Ken Corey's collection in the Bixby Library's Community Room anytime during open hours. A portion of the proceeds of artworks sold will benefit the Bixby Library.

ABOUT KEN COREY

Ken Corey began painting in the mid '90s while teaching and conducting research in the Plant and Environmental Sciences. He received training in drawing and painting at Glassell School of Art/Museum of Fine Arts in Houston, Texas, while conducting research at Johnson Space Center. He also did graduate independent studies work in painting and color theory at UMass/Amherst, and painting and printmaking through MassArt/Bennington College summer programs. Corey's work has been exhibited at several juried and member shows, including pieces shown at Kent Art Association in Keene State College, Sharon Arts Center in Peterborough, N.H., Artwell in Torrington, Conn., and several solo exhibits.



See Ken Corey's art on display at the Bixby Library in Vergennes now through early summer.

For more information visit bixbylibrary.org.

ASK A MASTER GARDENER

HOW TO MAKE DYES FROM YOUR GARDEN

Are you looking for a fun gardening project to do with your children? Showing them how to grow flowers to make dyes will prove to be a fun and memorable experience this summer, giving them a sense of accomplishment while fostering in them an appreciation for land and nature.

BY **NADIE**

VANZANDT Making colors from plants has several advantages beyond keeping your children entertained. Natural dyes are safe to handle, and the plants they are derived from are easy to grow, sustainable and renewable. In addition, these plants will increase biodiversity, attract pollinators and provide companion planting to your garden.

A plant's roots, leaves or flowers can be used as a source of dye, and success in making natural dyes begins with a list of plants and the colors they produce. Although natural dyes are not as vibrant as synthetic dyes, you can get good results by choosing to grow plants that yield strong colors. In addition, a limited palette is plenty to create rich combinations of colors.

Select seeds of fast-growing plants, such as annuals which are ideal for direct sowing. These seeds will grow fast in warm weather and help your children stay interested throughout the process.

Good choices for orange pigments are orange marigolds or cosmos. Blues can be extracted

from black hollyhocks or blue cornflowers. For purple, choose purple pincushions. Green can come from various kinds of foliage. For example, sorrel and spinach produce a rich, dark green dye bath.

Choose a sunny spot that ideally receives four to six hours of sunlight. Prepare the soil as you would your vegetable garden with an addition of rich compost and ensure good drainage. Seeds sown in raised beds or directly in the ground will grow better than in pots, which tend to require more maintenance. Follow the directions on the seed packets.

Be sure to grow enough plants to yield many flowers for a decent batch of dye. As a general rule, you can use one part plant material to two parts water (by volume) to yield a strong dye, but feel free to experiment with other proportions.

The process of making dyes involves using the stove, so be sure to always supervise this activity when children are present.

Place the flowers or leaves in a pot of water and simmer for at least one hour. Once you are satisfied with the color, your dye is ready to be used. Next, strain and discard the plant material.

Be aware that natural dyes will only dye natural fibers such as those derived from animal protein, like silk and wool, and those from cellulose-based fibers, like linen, cotton, bamboo and hemp. Natural dyes will not work with synthetic fabrics.

You may need to pretreat the fabric with a fixative called a mordant to ensure the pigments bind to the fabric. Although there are several options available, you can use vinegar as a mordant.

Presoak the fabric in a pot of four parts water and one part vinegar, and simmer on the stove for one hour. Then rinse the pre-treated fabric with cold water but don't let it dry. Submerge it in a bath of dye and continue simmering on the stove. Stir the pot to ensure an even color. Remove the fabric when you are satisfied with the color, stretch it to remove wrinkles, and then hang it to dry.



Nadie VanZandt is a UVM Extension Master Gardener from Panton.



Natural dyes can be made from many easy-to-grow garden flowers, including orange marigolds, which produce a lovely orange dye for use in dyeing both natural and cellulose-based fibers.

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Another creative suggestion is to use your homemade dyes as paint on cold-pressed watercolor paper, which is made from cellulose pulp, or as paint on the fabrics listed above. The resulting paintings should be kept away from sunlight to prevent fading.

Making dyes from your backyard is a perfect way to introduce your children to gardening, nature exploration, concepts of science and experiments as well as a healthy way to enjoy summertime while making keepsake crafts.



Black hollyhocks are among the black and deep blue flowers that can be simmered in a pot of water to produce blue dyes.

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UPCOMING MUSIC

New Music On The Point brings free concert and special opportunities to dine with music

Since 2011, composers, and performers gather for the first two weeks of June to create and perform contemporary music on the shores of Lake Dunmore. New Music On The Point's reach is global receiving over 200 applicants from 14 different countries to partake in this annual festival of only 45 participants.

This year, the residency is motivated and even driven by the ecosystems of the NMOP site, and will co-create a collaborative Artphibian Experience (AE) that encompasses the domains of music, arts, movement and technologies, exploring such concepts as

emergence and sustainability. Thus, the keywords include nature, ecosystems, community, co-creation and co-performance.

For each Saturday of the festival, participants will jointly design a navigational sonic and multimedia Artphibian Experience in the woods and around the lake open and performed for the public.

JUNE 8 AND 15 ARTPHIBIAN EXPERIENCE AT BRANBURY STATE PARK 3-5 P.M.

Join New Music On The Point faculty and participants for their ecologically inspired

contemporary music performance. Enjoy a navigational sonic and multimedia Artphibian Experience in the woods and around Lake Dunmore at Branbury State Park. Free admission.

JUNE 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 13, 14 DINNER AND MUSIC ADVENTURE!

Have a gourmet dinner with a group of world class contemporary music creators at Point CounterPoint. Chat with students and faculty, and learn about what moves people to make music and pursue it as a profession. And enjoy delicious food prepared by Chef Santi and Chef Kai. After dinner, there will be a concert of imaginative contemporary music that celebrates Vermont's natural environment. How do music and our environment intertwine? Unique music programs vary nightly and feature worldclass performers such as JACK Quartet, Tony Arnold, Living Earth Show and Bent Frequency Duo. Seating is limited. Four tickets per night only available on Eventbrite. Tickets cost \$50.

EXHIBITS

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uses alcohol ink to "catch the particular blue of the changing twilight sky." On view April 12-June 8

MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE MUSEUM OF ART

72 Porter Field Rd., Middlebury
For more info visit middlebury.edu/museum/

exhibitions or call 802-443-5007.

"Apocalypse Road Show: On Tour with the Bread & Puppet Theater." An exhibit of photographs by Garrett MacLean (Middlebury College, Class of 1999), a professional photographer who traveled with the company for more than three months in the fall of 2022. This exhibit, which coincides with both Peter Schumann's 90th birthday and the 50th anniversary of the theater group performing in Glover, will also include several of the over life-size puppets used in previous performances, as well as various posters and banners produced over the years by the Bread and Puppet Press. On view May 24-Aug. 11.

photographer stood. Juror Paula Tognarelli selected approximately 35 images for exhibition in the Middlebury gallery, and 40 more for the online gallery. On view June 7-28.

ROKEBY MUSEUM

4334 Route 7, Ferrisburgh
For more info visit rokeby.org or call 802-877-3406.

"Seeking Freedom: The Underground Railroad and the Legacy of an Abolitionist Family." Explore the history and ongoing legacy of enslavement in the U.S. and the complicated story of the Robinson family as they went from enslavers in earlier generations to abolitionists in the 19th century. Ongoing exhibit on view through Oct. 15.



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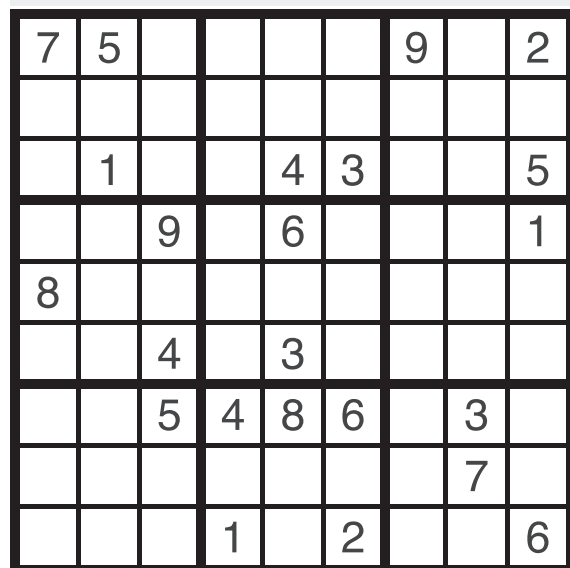
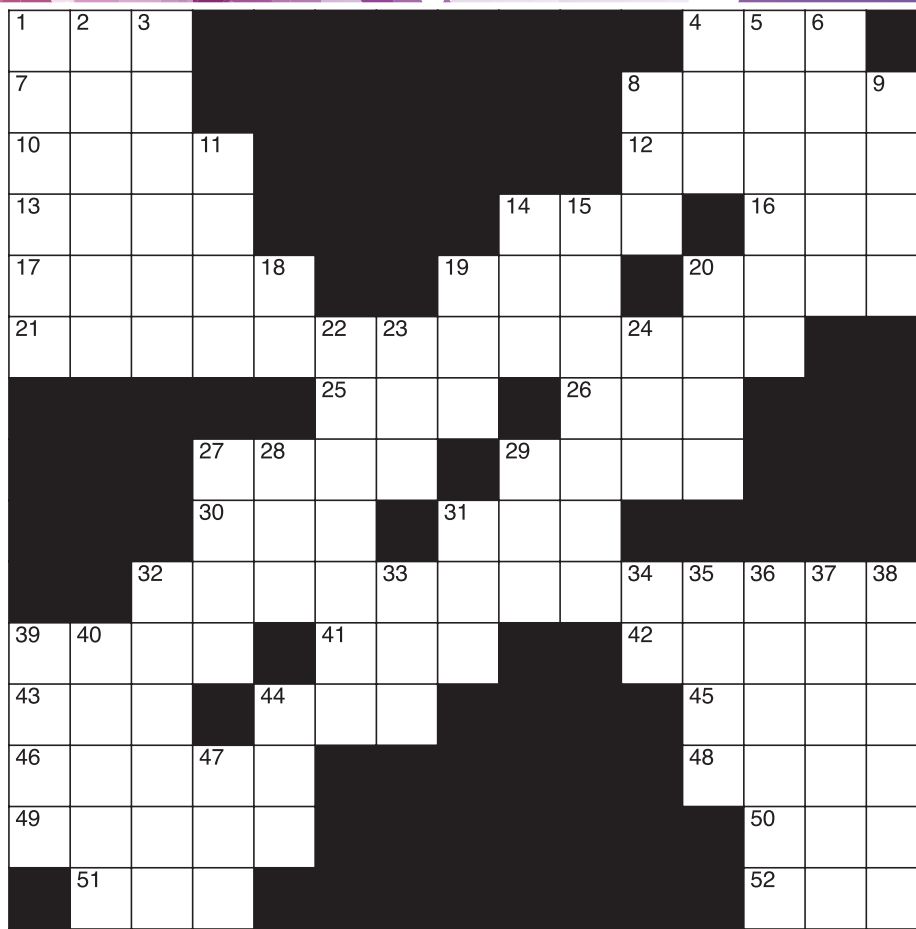
- 1. Fashion accessory
- 4. Engine additive
- 7. Small, faint constellation
- 8. Gives a job
- 10. Self-righteous person
- 12. Caucasian language
- 13. Surinam toad
- 14. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
- 16. Former French coin
- 17. Levels the score
- 19. What stage performers do

- 20. Egyptian Sun god
- 21. Localities
- 25. Spherical body
- 26. Licensed for Wall Street
- 27. Perfect
- 29. It's on many people's heads
- 30. Boxing's GOAT
- 31. Photo
- 32. Popular HBO show
- 39. Popular music awards show
- 41. Pouch
- 42. Lake in Botswana
- 43. Unruly group

- 44. One-fourth
- 45. Very eager
- 46. Edward ___, author and writer
- 48. Flying insect
- 49. Dragged forcibly
- 50. Thus far
- 51. Not just "play"
- 52. Commercials

DOWN

- 1. Occur
- 2. Show up
- 3. Capital of Taiwan
- 4. Brother or sister
- 5. Secret get-togethers
- 6. Type of tea
- 8. Where the action



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

This week's puzzle solutions can be found on Page 21.

is

- 9. Cast out
- 11. Crime group
- 14. Type of vessel (abbr.)
- 15. Accept and handle
- 18. Sacrifice hit
- 19. One who buys and sells securities simultaneously
- 20. Month
- 22. Most thin
- 23. Naturally occurring material
- 24. Luke's mentor --Wan
- 27. Postmodernist Austrian "House"
- 28. Aquatic salamander
- 29. Baseball stat
- 31. Beginning military rank
- 32. Talk rapidly and unintelligibly
- 33. Paddle
- 34. Caregiver (abbr.)
- 35. Old Irish alphabet
- 36. Japanese city
- 37. In a way, acted
- 38. Things to see
- 39. Nursemaid
- 40. Type of tooth
- 44. To be demonstrated
- 47. Defunct European group

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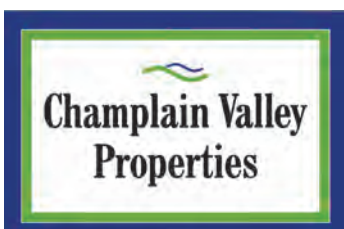


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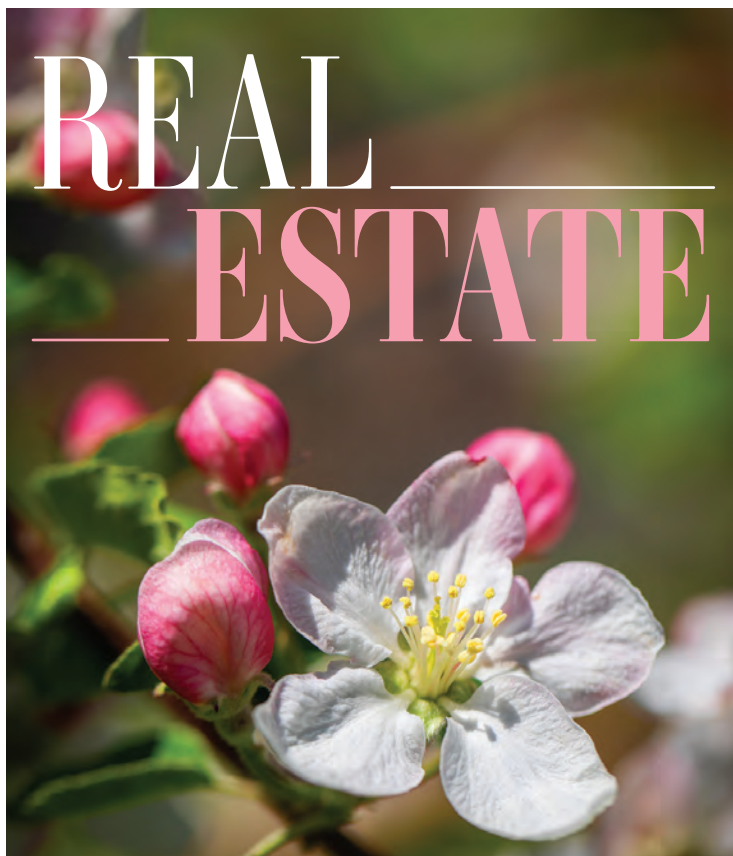
Quiet country Colonial in Leicester

This picturesque 3 bedroom colonial home is nestled on a quiet country road in Leicester. Set on a generous 13.3 acre parcel this property provides ample space for privacy and outdoor activities, while surrounded by natural beauty. Enter the house through a breezeway which is attached to a spacious garage into the open country kitchen with maple cabinets. The oversized living room and office have beautiful cherry floors. The cozy den has pine walls and slate flooring and the perfect place for enjoying your favorite book. Upstairs are three bedrooms and a convenient laundry room. The primary bedroom has a large ensuite and a walk in cedar closet. The exterior of the house has a large screened in porch which allows for comfortable outdoor relaxation. It is the perfect spot to sit and enjoy your morning beverage or the serene evenings. This property has an oversized 2 car garage and 2 outbuildings for plenty of storage space. This expansive 13.3 acres of land offers the potential for many uses including gardening, recreation or even a small scale farm. This property is ideal for those seeking a rural lifestyle with all the comforts of a well appointed home.



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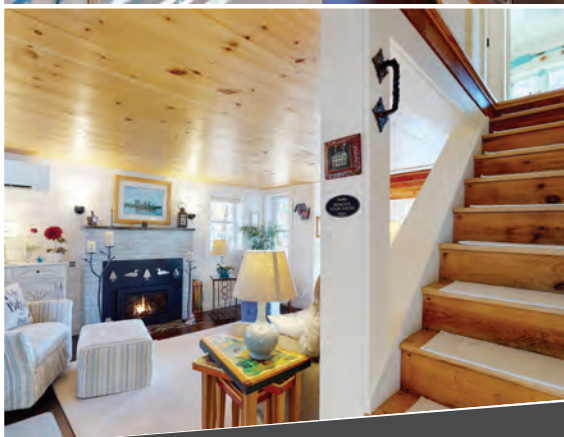
What a location! Just down the street from Middlebury College and historic downtown Middlebury, this incredible investment property is ready for new owners. With a total of 9 bedrooms among six units, the structure retains a lot of its original charm. Several exterior porches allow for outdoor living space and hardwood floors and handsome woodwork appear in the main entry and within some units. Many updates, a brand new sprinkler system, and a new natural gas boiler just installed. Most of the units have been freshly painted, and all are currently rented. This is a turnkey investment!



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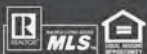
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CALENDAR

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"YOUTH SPORTS IN SOCIETY" BY ALEX WOLFF AND ERIN QUINN IN MIDDLEBURY. Tuesday, June 11, 5:30-7 p.m., Town Hall Theater, 68 S. Pleasant St. The third installment of "Up for Discussion," a free series created by Vermont Book Shop and Town Hall Theater designed to spark community conversation and featuring local experts in their fields sharing timely topics that span literature, art, film and contemporary issues. The 30-minute presentation will be followed by a roundtable discussion and sharing of thoughts and ideas. Free, but registration required at townhalltheater.org.

DINNER AND MUSIC ADVENTURE IN LEICESTER. Tuesday, June 11, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Point Counterpoint, 1361 Hooker Rd. Details in June 10 listing.

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GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB HIKE IN MENDON. Thursday, June 13, Bald Mountain. Moderate 3.3-mile loop hike with 850 feet of elevation gain. There are multiple viewpoints highlighted by great views of the Coolidge Range; including Killington, Mendon, and Shrewsbury Peaks. Another vista looks to the southwest toward the Taconic Range. Contact Ken Corey at 802-349-3733 or kencorey53@gmail.com to register. More at gmcbreadloaf.org.

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DINNER AND MUSIC ADVENTURE IN LEICESTER. Thursday, June 13, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Point Counterpoint, 1361 Hooker Rd. Have a gourmet dinner with a group of world-class contemporary music creators. Details in June 10 listing.

FRIDAY, JUNE 14

BRETT HUGHES IN NEW HAVEN. Friday, June 14, 5-7 p.m., Lincoln Peak Vineyard, 142 River Rd. Bring a picnic and listen to free music by the Lincoln Peak pond. Wine available for purchase along with food from Dino Bones BBQ truck.

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ALBUM

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The title track, "Apple Tree Days," recalls a memory of an employee Fitzsimmons worked with, who became a good friend. "One winter, Tom taught me how to prune fruit trees," Fitzsimmons explained, and that memory became a song.

*Tom taught me how to prune fruit trees
We'd set out early, late winter morns*

*Two ladders and a pail of saws
His old Carhartts, tattered and torn*

*Approaching one so overgrown
One could fall into despair
A tangled mess of shoots and branches
"Hey, Tom, this looks like Medusa's hair"*

*You're ladder always firmly planted
Never reach for a limb not near
Branch by branch, slow and steady
But never more than a third each year.*

*Happy were those apple days
Me and Tom in the trees*

*Happy in such a simple way
In the trees, Tom and me*

When you go to Holley Hall next Friday to celebrate Fitzsimmons's eighth album release consider the question, who is Patrick Fitzsimmons? Listen for clues in his lyrics, and float on the faith that music can resonate in all of us.

Editor's Note: "Apple Tree Days" is available on streaming platforms and Patrick's website, patrickfitzsimmons.net, where you'll also find his past albums, merch and info about Songbird Stonescapes.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO THIS YEAR'S TOTALLY PAWESOME PET PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS

Our community's love for their furry and scaly friends has shone brightly in this year's Pet Photo Contest. From playful puppies to regal cats and everything in between, each photo that was submitted tells a story of love and the special bond between pets & their owners.

All submissions can be viewed on the Addison Independent's Facebook page and on our website addisonindependent.com.

Thank you to all who participated in this year's contest! The top winner of each category will receive a prize from Middlebury Agway and will be contacted within the next week.

This contest is made possible by support from Middlebury Agway.



Action Shot



oaklee



Pet Age: 2.5 years
"You know that saying, 'Keep your eye on the ball!?' Oaklee knows how to do that. She loves her ball and never goes anywhere without it! If you ever come to visit her she will always greet you with this ball and be ready to play toss and catch!!"

Submitted by: Julie Lonergan



Ellie, oaklee, & Muri

Pet Ages: Ellie - 8 years, Oaklee - 2.5 years, Muri - 14 years

"It may not seem like a real action shot. But two out of three dogs are doing their thing. Keeping look out for anything that may be outside, while the older dog rests! Ellie is on the left and sitting to her right is Oaklee, they are on watch! Muri catches up on sleep before all three step into action."

Submitted by: Julie Lonergan



Zoey

Submitted by: Sarah Durant



Winners

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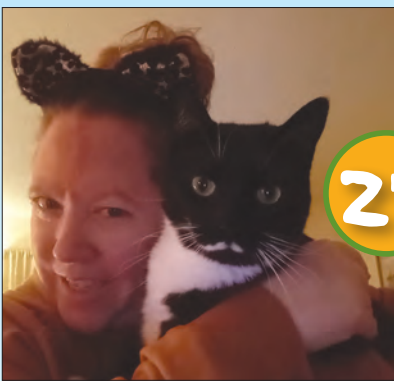
Best Pals



Pet Age: 21 years

"I fell in love with Beetlejuice at my first ever horse lesson in February 2019, when I was just 4 years old. Years went by and I'm now the proud owner of Beetlejuice at the age of 9, thanks to Darah & Sophia!! Beetlejuice is my best friend, we work very well together and have so much fun!!"

Submitted by: *Aliyah Bradford*



2nd Zoey

Submitted by:
Sarah Durant

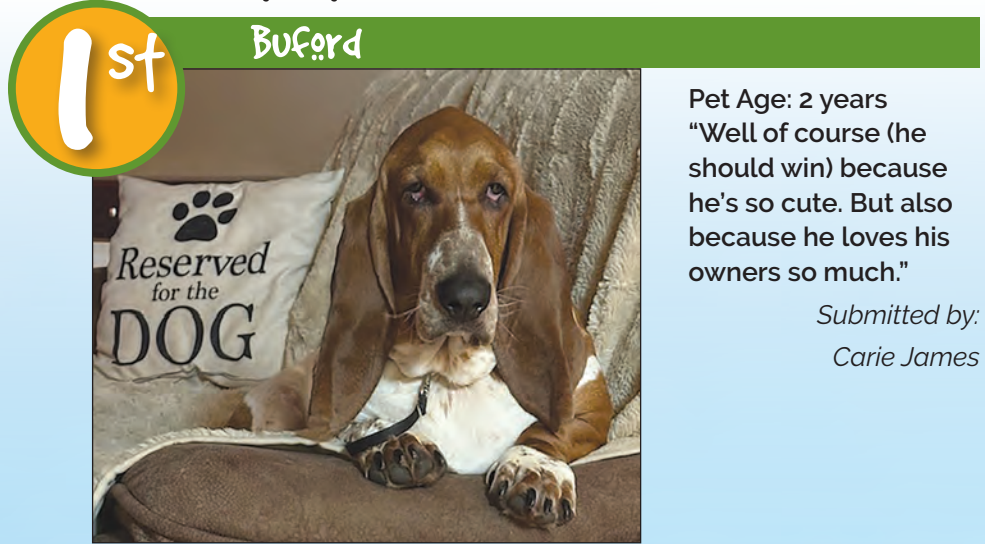


3rd Biggie Smalls

Pet Age: 11 months
"Biggie, Biggie,
Biggie, can't you see?
Sometimes your BARKS
just hypnotize me."

Submitted by:
Laura Gallup

Couch Potato



1st Buford

Pet Age: 2 years
"Well of course (he should win) because he's so cute. But also because he loves his owners so much."

Submitted by:
Carie James



2nd Ted, oaklee, & Muri

Pet Ages: Ted - 12 years,
Oaklee - 2.5 years,
Muri - 14 years
"Spoiling our pets is what we do the best! This triple-decker sleeping space is just right for our 3 pets! Top bunk belongs to our cat Ted, the middle bunk belongs to Oaklee, and the bottom bunk belongs to Muri! Only problem is they do not know how to make their beds!"

Submitted by:
Julie Lonergan



3rd Zoey
Submitted by:
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Funny Faces

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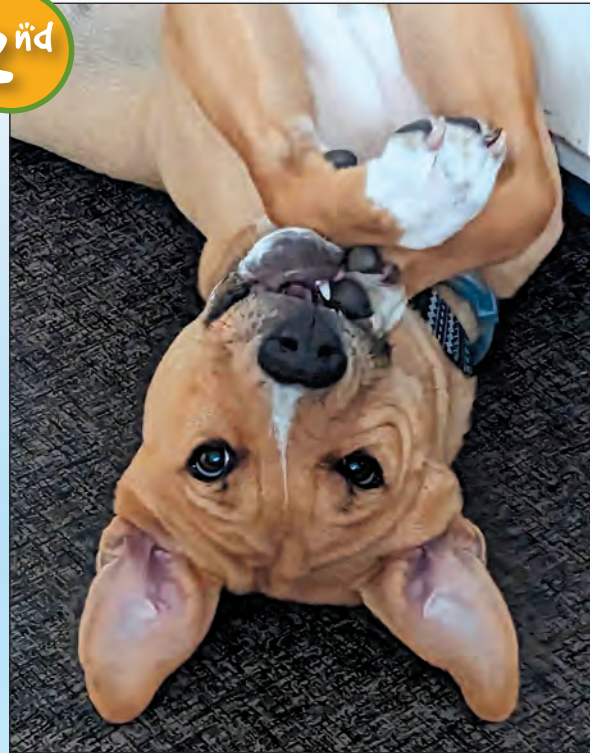
1st Ferguson & Noodle St. Louis



Pet Age: 2 years
"Ferguson is the best pup ever!! He is fun, playful, loves to cuddle, and gives the best kisses!"

Submitted by: Evelyn St. Louis

2nd



Cedar

Pet Age: 1 year
"Cedar is soooooo goofy, and is such a happy, playful pup. He is such a joy to our family and is soooooo fun to play with."

Submitted by: Wendy Audet

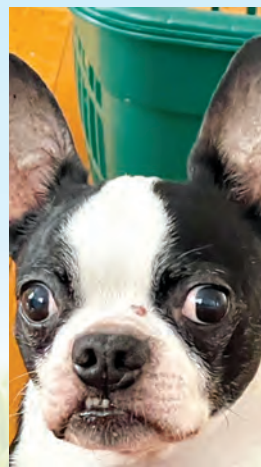
3rd

Gizmo & Pip (tie)

Gizmo
Pet Age: 14 years

"This old boy has a crazy personality! He thinks he is much bigger and more tough than he really is, but at the end of the day all he wants to do is snuggle under a warm blanket."

Submitted by: Meagan Oberly



Pip
Pet Age: 12 years

"Pip should win because he's my little Chimichanga! Love him so very much."

Submitted by: Michele Harrigan



Winners

As chosen by the **Addison Independent** readers.



Model Shot



1st

BuFord

Pet Age: 2 years

Submitted by: Darren James

2nd

Muffin

Pet Age: 10 years

"Muffin is the cutest, sweetest, most loving dog ever!"

Submitted by: Linda Horn



3rd

oaklee & Muri

Pet Ages: Oaklee - 2.5 years, Muri - 14 years

"You know the saying, 'How much is that doggy in the window'? Well, Muri & Oaklee want you to know: PRICELESS!"

Submitted by: Julie Lonergan



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Gracie

My name is **Gracie** and I was originally a Florida babe! I was with a lovely foster who wrote some great things about me: "Gracie was found outside very pregnant and tame. A baby herself probably about a year now, she has raised her babies and has been a fabulous momma. She is the sweetest tabby girl. Loves pets, and just being next to someone. Gracie is fine with other cats with a proper introduction."



Perry

My name is **Perry** and I am a goofy boy estimated to be around 2 years old. I will act like I don't want affection but I am just playing hard to get. My favorite place is inside the cat tunnel where I can ambush toys and the other cats in my room. I like to roll on my back to show off my slim tummy and like a light belly rub too! I get along well with other cats but I haven't met a dog yet.

Ringo

My name is **Ringo** and I am a super affectionate young boy. I was found as a stray so my history is unknown, but I can be very talkative when I'm getting used to my environment. Once I have settled in I am the sweetest boy with the loudest purr. am not the best for photos since I am always kneading! Tuna is one of my favorite things and I devour it in seconds. I have been good with other cats but have not met any dogs.



Ashe

Hi! I'm **Ashe!** I'm a 5-year-old Blue Heeler/Staffordshire Terrier mix and I weigh around 60 pounds. I'm currently being fed extra meals to gain more weight since I was slightly underweight when I came to the shelter. I arrived with my littermate, Ember. We'd love to go to a home together but can be adopted separately, as well. In my previous home, I lived with young children, cats, and livestock. I'm a nervous boy and I'm shy around people I don't know, especially men. I would do best in a home with older children. I love to play with toys and to be outside where I can run. I'm an absolute cuddle bug and love to be around family. I like to go for walks and I know a few basic commands. I came in with skin issues that are being resolved.

Ember

I'm **Ember!** I'm a 5-year-old Blue Heeler/Staffordshire Terrier mix and I weigh 62 pounds. I came to the shelter with my litter mate, Ashe. In my previous home, I lived with young children, cats, and livestock. I'm very friendly and outgoing and I love going for walks and snuggling. I'm very treat-motivated and I know a few basic commands. Like my brother, I came in with skin issues that are being resolved.



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Pet of the Week



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— Joseph Chug, Lincoln



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Pet tributes offer way to memorialize lost loved ones

Dear Readers,
Did you know that *The Addison Independent* is proud to publish "Pet Tributes." These submissions enable families who lose their beloved pets to share their news with other readers of the paper and compose an obituary-like piece that memorializes their lost companion.

Pet Tributes will run on our weekly Pet Pages in the Arts+Leisure section as

frequently as they are received. Submissions can be emailed to us at petobits@addisonindependent.com.

These are paid submissions that cost \$.25 per word. Photos add an additional flat cost of \$15. Pet Tributes will be formatted in a standard and uniform way on the page and will run in the next available paper available after receipt of the tribute.

If you are not a typical subscriber to the paper, we are happy to mail a copy of the paper to

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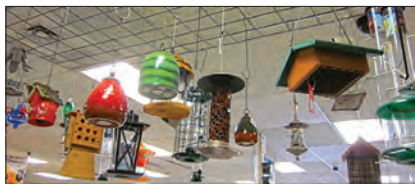
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