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Theater workshop invites members of the community to work with the pros on a new play. Arts + Leisure.



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The Tiger football team unveiled a passing attack to go with strong running and D. See Page 1B.



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We honor those who volunteer time and expertise to local fire departments in a special section.

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DURING A VISIT to Middlebury last week, Vermont Congresswoman Becca Balint gets expressive during a downtown walking tour with Pamela Smith of East Middlebury, left, and Megan Polyte of the Vermont Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, right. See more on Page 11A.

Independent photo/Steve James

Children back at the old Salisbury school

Town helps to create new childcare

By JOHN FLOWERS

MIDDLEBURY — An oft-repeated African proverb posits that it takes a village to raise a child.

In Salisbury, it took a community to launch a new childcare center.

After an almost two-year effort that included navigating state environmental rules, overseeing renovations, marshalling volunteer labor, overcoming parking challenges and assembling a workforce, the Salisbury Family Center, or SFC, opened its doors on Aug. 12 in a portion of the town's former elementary school building at 25 Schoolhouse Road.

Founded and led by Salisbury resident Christian Bowdish, the center currently offers 16 much-needed childcare slots for kids

"We probably have \$50,000 of free labor, assistance and materials from the local community to make this happen, not to mention their time and expertise to get us to this point."

— Salisbury Selectman Patrick Dunn

six weeks to 5 years old. SFC's capacity is expected to swell to 30 within the next few months, pending a state-mandated review of the facility's water system.

"We're thrilled about it. I (See Childcare, Page 14A)

It's official: Property taxes also on the rise in Bristol

By MARIN HOWELL

BRISTOL — Bristol property owners can expect to see an increase in their tax bills this year.

The Bristol selectboard last week set the fiscal year 2024-2025 municipal tax rate at \$0.8273 per \$100 of assessed property value, an increase of 1.87 cents, or 2.31%, from the current rate of \$0.8086.

The police district rate was set at \$0.3255, a decrease of around 0.58% from this year's rate of

\$0.3274. That means Bristol residents living within the one-square-mile police district will pay a combined municipal/police district rate of \$1.1528 per \$100 of assessed property value, up 1.68 cents from the current year.

The municipal tax rate is based on the fiscal year 2025 municipal spending approved by Bristol voters on Town Meeting Day, including \$962,968 to be raised in taxes for General Fund spending and \$785,586 for the Highway (See Bristol, Page 12A)

Local farmers report less storm damage this summer

By MARIN HOWELL

ADDISON COUNTY — Extreme weather and flooding returned to Vermont for the second summer in a row, but Addison County farmers reported less damage from storms this past July than in 2023.

That's the takeaway from a survey conducted

by the Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets.

The 2024 Agriculture Flood Loss and Damage Survey was launched after Tropical Storm Beryl swept through Vermont on July 10 and inundated parts of the state. The survey, which closed on Saturday, is intended to help

understand the scale and location of flood damage that Vermont agricultural producers experienced beginning on July 10.

The survey collected 93 responses, with Vermont farmers reporting an estimated \$5,133,114 in total losses on 3,516 acres. That's (See County farms, Page 13A)



By the way

There will be a party on the Bristol Town Green on Friday, Sept. 13, from 4-7 p.m., to celebrate 35 years of Addison Housing Works, a nonprofit that creates and preserves affordable homes in Addison County. All the proceeds from the party will go to support Housing Works' programs to help ensure everyone has access to a safe, decent, affordable home. The Bristol event will include live music by The Grift; food by 3 Squares Cafe, Crooked Ladle and Viva el Sabor!; ice cream by lu.lu; cash bar by Bobcat featuring ciders, cocktails, mocktails, wine and beer; and horse-drawn tours of some of Housing Works' Bristol properties, which include the Firehouse Apartments, home to 20 families and individuals. Firehouse is part of the organization's portfolio of more than 750 permanently affordable homes. Buy event tickets in advance at tinyurl.com/5e8vu6fd, or on the day of the event. With any questions, email michelle@addisonhousingworks.org. (See By the way, Page 14A)

New option for trash & recycling disposal

By JOHN FLOWERS

NEW HAVEN — Your stinky trash is piling up in your garage and you missed that one, three-hour opportunity every one or two weeks when a hauler is parked at your community's designated drop-off location to collect rubbish and recyclables.

You can't take your garbage to the Addison County Solid Waste Management District's (See ACSWMD, Page 1A)



A NEW TRASH drop-off station in New Haven gives area residents another option for disposing of their household waste and recycling. Pictured here, from left, are Addison County Solid Waste Management District Executive Board Chair Cheryl Brinkman, District Manager Teresa Kuczynski, and Jade Rule and Chris Jewell of JR & Sons Junk Removal, the company that's operating the new station. Independent photo/Steve James

Vt. officials warn of risk from EEE

Precautions urged against mosquitoes

By ERIN PETENKO

VERMONT — A blood-sucking creature that comes at dusk is frightening Vermonters this summer.

No, it's not a vampire. It's *Culiseta melanura* — one mosquito species responsible for spreading the eastern equine encephalitis virus, a rare and sometimes fatal disease.

A man in New Hampshire died of (See EEE warning, Page 10A)

MNFF10 was a record breaker

Almost 5,000 seats were filled during 5-day film festival

By JOHN FLOWERS

MIDDLEBURY — The 10th annual Middlebury New Filmmakers Festival (MNFF) went all-out for its first double-digit birthday, and that paid off in attendance and quality for the five-day extravaganza that dominated the shire town from Aug. 21 to 25.

Festival organizers have had a chance to tally up ticket sales and attendance figures, and the numbers show that MNFF10 set multiple records.

According to MNFF co-founder and Producer Lloyd Komesar, this year's festival sold:

- 285 season passes, the most ever.
- 434 advance tickets, the

"We invested heavily in diversity of subject matter and in seeking out under-represented communities for the films we chose. We work hard at taking the 'something of substance for everyone' approach."

— Lloyd Komesar

second-most sold all-time.

- 232 walk-up tickets.
- That's way past anything we've ever had before. Typically, most of our seats are filled by festival pass

holders and/or day pass holders," Komesar said.

- 153 day passes — "at least double what we've done in the past," according to Komesar.

Last year, MNFF9 filled 4,100 theater seats during the course of the festival. This year, 4,850 seats were occupied during MNFF10, a figure that includes the opening and closing festivities.

"That's almost 5,000 people who went to the movies. For a town this size, that's a lot of folks going to see films, staying for Q&As, going to parties and then going to dinner somewhere," Komesar said. "It was a huge number for us."

Ninety-five filmmakers made (See MNFF10, Page 12A)



MIDDLEBURY NEW FILMMAKERS Festival co-founder and Producer Lloyd Komesar, shown left with Artistic Director Jay Craven at an Oliver Stone event, said MNFF10 broke virtually all records for attendance and in-person participation by filmmakers. Independent photo/Steve James

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Council OKs loan to lu*lu

By **ANDY KIRKALDY**
VERGENNES — The Vergennes City Council on Aug. 27 approved a \$40,000 city loan to downtown ice cream business lu*lu to help it expand the company's manufacturing/wholesale end into an undisclosed location elsewhere in Vergennes. The expansion will include equipment as well as fix-up costs, according to city officials and business owner Laura Mack.

City Manager Ron Redmond said that a contract has not been made final between lu*lu and the owners of that site, but that the loan committee that made a favorable recommendation to the council is aware of the location.

Redmond said members of the loan committee were impressed with lu*lu's presentation.

"The committee said Laura's application was the best they've ever seen, and these are folks who have been doing this for many, many years," Redmond said.

Mack, who with her family also owns the building in which she operates her business at the intersection of Main and Green streets, told the council the loan would supplement \$250,000 of financing from the Northeast Dairy Business Innovation Center to support the expansion.

Redmond said the city loan would help Mack get "over the finish line."

Mack assured councilors she had no plans to move her retail operation and would continue to make products onsite.

"We are keeping our storefront, and we will still have production in the storefront on our smaller sizes. And this (new operation) will be purely manufacturing," she said.

Mack explained the expansion's benefits.

"We make 100% of our ice cream, all from scratch, with 15-gallon pasteurizers," she said. "We will be expanding to a 100-gallon pasteurizer, and moreover will be using larger freezer space, larger refrigerators, so we'll be able to have a larger reserve of ice cream and be able

to expand our wholesale and our storefront abilities. Currently, we make all our ice cream when orders come in, so it would be great to actually have a reserve, which is where this all started from."

The source of the loan, which was backed unanimously by the council, is a revolving loan fund created decades ago by a government loan to the city used to refurbish the Maynard Building on Main Street into housing. That loan was awarded with the understanding that when it was repaid the city could use the money to create the revolving loan fund to support city businesses.

Other loan recipients have included the Shear Cuts salon, which used a loan from the fund to support a move from Pantown Road to Main Street, and developer Peter Kahn, whose loan backed the affordable housing building at 45 Armory Lane.

Terms of lu*lu's city loan are favorable and flexible. The interest rate is a below-market 4%, and the business will have five to seven years to repay the loan. The council also agreed to empty the fund's coffers to make the loan.

Redmond explained the council and loan committee's rationale for using the entire fund and offering the low rate. He noted the 4% rate was the same offered to Kahn for the Armory Lane project, and summed up official sentiment.

"It's better those dollars be out there being used," he said.

Also on Aug. 27, the council:

- Heard an update from Redmond on the Ad Hoc Committee that is studying the potential impact and benefits of the Green Mountain Youth Campus, a proposed locked facility for up to 14 justice-involved juveniles that state officials are eyeing for Comfort Hill. Redmond said the committee has met four times. Councilor Mark Koenig is its chair and former Mayor and Councilor Bill Benton is its vice chair.

Among other items, Koenig and Redmond said the committee is

(See lu*lu, Page 3A)

Wisell named top state and ACSD administrator

By **JOHN FLOWERS**

MIDDLEBURY — The Addison Central School District (ACSD) on Aug. 20 honored its top staff and educators for 2024, one of whom has also earned statewide accolades for her performance.

The district — which delivers preK-12 public education to children in Bridport, Cornwall, Middlebury, Ripton, Salisbury, Shoreham and Weybridge — announced the following commendations:

- 2024 Vermont John Winston Middle Level Principal of the Year: **Michaela Wisell**, top administrator of Middlebury Union Middle School. Wisell was recognized at a July 30 Vermont Principals Association gathering for her "outstanding leadership" of the district's grade 6-8 school. In her acceptance speech, Wisell highlighted the importance of relationships and how she makes an extra effort to know and notice kids — from learning each of their names, to discovering what lights them up in and outside of school.

"It takes time and work to build relationships. But you get that time back," Wisell said. "Strong relationships make hard conversations easier, systems work smoother, and collaboration more genuine."

- ACSD Outstanding Secondary Teacher of the Year: Middlebury Union High School science educator **Steve Colangeli**. He was recognized for his "incredible ability to care for each student and build meaningful relationships while making his MUHS Science classrooms a hub of learning and connection through hands-on projects," according to his ACSD citation. "His students learn to grow the lettuce for our MUHS cafeteria, roast their own coffee beans and design their own cafés, develop games to teach younger students about endangered

species and so much more." Colangeli told the *Independent* he feels "honored to win the award and it felt wonderful to be recognized."

He stressed his success wouldn't be possible without help from colleagues.

"Winning an award like this could not have happened without all the wonderful support from my administrators and most importantly my science department co-workers," he said. "Our science department at MUHS is an amazing and fun group of educators and some of the smartest and hardworking folks I have ever had the opportunity to work with."

Colangeli also credited his students for motivating him and giving their all.

"They consistently push and challenge me to be the best educator that I can be," he said. "Motivating and getting them excited about learning motivates me and fuels my passion for teaching."

- ACSD Outstanding Elementary Teacher of the Year: **Liza Raymond**, a second-grade educator at Middlebury's Mary Hogan Elementary School.

"Liza was recognized for her ability to 'stop, drop and support' students' academic and social needs, for her masterful teaching and leadership as Mary Hogan built its Wellness and Learning Center, and for the enthusiasm, creativity and knowledge she brings to her colleagues and school," reads her citation.

"In many ways, I see her as the 'kid whisperer' — calm, effective and knowledgeable about students' social-emotional needs," reads one Raymond's colleagues' letters of support for the award.

- ACSD Barbara Whittemore Staff of the Year: **Preston Bergeron**, a custodian at MUMS.

He was credited for, among other things, "transforming the

hallways by hanging student artwork and has brought the building to life with his positive, problem-solving attitude."

"Preston is one of the most caring, thoughtful humans," reads one of the nomination letters submitted on his behalf. "He arrives at work with a comforting smile and kind words. He always, and I mean always, checks in on others first,

asking about their day and how they and their family are doing, even if he's at the end of a 60-hour work week."

The award winners were among a host of nominees put forth by ACSD parents, students and teachers. A team of administrators made the final selections.

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MICHAELA WISELL, top administrator of Middlebury Union Middle School, was recently named the state's outstanding middle-level principal of the year by the Vermont Principals Association. She accepted the award last month at a special ceremony in Killington, and is pictured here with her husband, John.

Photo courtesy of the ACSD

MAUSD mulls new office options

By **MARIN HOWELL**

BRISTOL — The Mount Abraham Unified School District Board last week discussed options

for the future of the district's central office location, ultimately showing support for entering into another five-year lease at the BristolWorks complex on Bristol's Munsill Avenue.

MAUSD officials have spent over a year considering alternative locations for the central office, as the district's landlord is looking to sell the BristolWorks building. Buying the property had emerged as the least costly option of those explored by district officials and was a move fielded to voters on Town Meeting Day this past March. District voters opposed the proposed purchase 1,615-820.

Superintendent Patrick Reen told the board at its Aug. 27 meeting that the district's current lease expires at the end of September and that the district has a few options for next steps, which include extending its

current lease for one year, extending for one year with the hope of securing a five-year agreement with the option to exit sooner with a one year notice and going right into a five-year lease agreement.

Reen noted that the estimated total cost of rent if the district signed on for another five years would be around \$430,000.

The superintendent recommended the district move forward with the five-year option, using that time to figure out what to do for the central office space in the long term.

"The five-year with the one year notice clause gives us security for five years and an out with a reasonable window of time," Reen said.

Some board members expressed support for extending the district's current lease for another year.

"It allows us to kick the can (See Office, Page 3A)

"At some point, we've heard it loud and clear, we've got to draw the line here and say, 'OK this is our responsibility, we've got to do something about these offices, let's do it.'"

— **Kathi Appgar**
 MAUSD board member

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Ferrisburgh to celebrate community

FERRISBURGH — Ferrisburgh Day returns Sept. 15 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. with celebrations across five sites all close to the Town Center.

Celebration sites include the Union Meeting Hall, Rokeby Museum, Ferrisburgh Central School, Ferrisburgh Historical Society and the Ferrisburgh Fire Department.

There will be a mix of fun and attractions for all ages, including a 9-hole mini golf course, art show, food, open houses, vendors, demos, a bouncy house and a free used book fair for kids.

Returning by popular demand are free creemee vouchers for kids generously sponsored by Vermont Cookie Love. The vouchers can be found inside the Union Meeting Hall during the event.

For a full list of happenings at each celebration site, including a downloadable Ferrisburgh Day: List of Activities visit visitferrisburghvt.com/ferrisburgh-day.

Office

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farther down the road,” board member Kathi Apgar said. “At some point, we’ve heard it loud and clear, we’ve got to draw the line here and say, ‘OK this is our responsibility, we’ve got to do something about these offices, let’s do it.’”

Board member Brad Johnson noted the five-year option would allow district officials to focus on other budget-related conversations in the coming year.

“I think having the opportunity

to lock in for five years makes a lot of sense because if we decided something totally different, whether we renovate an existing space, buy the building, or buying another building, it’s a huge distraction from some of these other things that I think are probably more important,” he said.

Consensus among board members appeared to be in support of the five-year agreement, which Reen said district officials will move ahead with.

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researching what the city should ask from the state for compensation for hosting the facility, with a recommendation to the council expected eventually. That part of the committee’s work will remain behind closed doors, they said, but eventually lead to a city-wide advisory vote on whether residents support the proposal.

• Heard from Public Works Director Jim Larrow that he is looking for a new site in the city for residents to drop off trash and recycling on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Traffic backing up at the current site off Canal Street is interfering with department operations, Larrow said. An R&L

Rubbish representative at the meeting pledged to continue drop-off service in Vergennes and to work with city officials on a new location.

• Heard from Redmond that grant-funded work to replace lighting on the city green and lampposts downtown would begin soon — the lighting promptly, and the lampposts this fall. He told residents to expect orange construction fencing on the green soon, with the farmers market moving to near the bandstand for a time. He added the finished product should be welcome.

“Once the lighting is completed, it’s going to be a lovely place to be in the evenings,” he said.

ADDISON COUNTY

School News

Tracy Orvis of Starksboro was recently awarded a scholarship by the local chapter of The Forty and Eight, a national veterans organization. The scholarship is given to outstanding students

in nursing programs in colleges in Vermont. Orvis is student in the Associate Nursing Degree program at Vermont State University-Randolph.

Hints of fall

THE AFTERNOON SUN and blue sky accent the reddening tips of maple trees in Middlebury’s Marbleworks, a reminder that fall colors are on their way.

Photo by Sarah Pope



Bristol exploring energy upgrades for town buildings

By MARIN HOWELL

BRISTOL — A state program is helping Bristol officials identify potential energy-related upgrades to municipal buildings that could help lower operating costs and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Bristol was one of more than 180 Vermont communities where the Municipal Energy Resilience Program conducted energy assessments on town buildings. The Municipal Energy Resilience Program provides support and funding to municipalities to help them increase energy resilience, lower energy use and operating costs, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through weatherization, fuel switching and other measures.

“Essentially the purpose of this grant is to enable towns to reduce their energy burden, reduce their carbon footprint and to do it in such a way that there is no cost to the town; there’s no match for this money,” Richard Butz, co-chair of the Bristol Energy Committee, said at an Aug. 12 selectboard meeting.

The Municipal Energy Resilience Program, or MERP, is targeted at communities in need of energy resilience investments, such as those identified as having a high energy burden. A municipality’s energy burden is determined by dividing average energy spending by median household income.

Bristol has been designated as a community with a high energy burden. Last year, the town applied to have free Level II energy assessments conducted on Holley Hall, Howden Hall and the

Lawrence Memorial Library.

“We went to a Level II, which will enable us to not only apply for this money but also other federal money that may come available or that is coming available,” Butz said.

He noted the assessments of each building were full energy audits, during which DuBois & King and engineering and technical services firm Salas O’Brien conducted blower door tests, did thermal imaging and collected other information.

Butz and other energy committee members at the Aug. 12 meeting shared summaries of the reports received based on those assessments and committee recommendations for improvements.

Those recommendations include “Energy Conservation Measures” like weatherizing the three buildings and upgrades of programmable thermostats, integrated heating controls and lighting retrofits for Holley Hall and the library.

Other recommendations listed in the summaries include:

- Installing heat pumps in each of the three buildings.
- Placing solar panels for Howden Hall.
- Adding a mechanical

ventilation system to improve air quality in the Lawrence Memorial Library.

• Replacing the existing boiler in Holley Hall with a mid-efficiency oil-fired boiler. “The existing boiler is estimated to have 14 years remaining service life. If funds are available, replacing it would give the town 25 years of service life,” reads the summary.

While some improvements are expected to have a long payback for the town, Butz noted some upgrades could offer other benefits to consider.

“For example, we think it’s very important that we have heat pumps on the second floor of Holley Hall so that the theater part, the meeting part, can be used as a warming and cooling center

in case of emergencies,” Butz said. “Also, that room is not really comfortable in the high summer for events, which with heat pumps it will be.”

The summaries shared with the selectboard note other recommendations listed in the reports but not put forth by the committee.

“For example, within each one of the reports there’s funding for electric vehicle charging, but we’ve determined that none of these buildings really have parking

spaces for electric vehicle charging, and so you’re going to see that as just simply an acknowledgment but not necessarily a committee recommendation,” Butz said.

The estimated total cost for the recommendations, including those not suggested by the energy committee, is around \$244,000. Members of the energy committee noted there are still some unknown costs and that some projects would likely cost more than originally estimated.

At the Aug. 12 meeting, the selectboard authorized the Bristol Energy Committee to move forward with determining cost estimates for the recommended projects and applying for a MERP Implementation Grant. Through the program, up to \$500,000 implementation grants are available for municipalities to support energy improvements.

Selectboard member Ian Albinston said the program is a big benefit for the town, notably since it prioritizes funding for weatherization.

“Usually if you’re putting in heat pumps, you can get rebates and things like that. Weatherization — putting in insulation, fixing windows — that’s been the difficult thing (to get funding for) that we’ve known sort of over time. So, this is great,” he said. “I think it’s really exciting, the amount seems like a really decent amount, and I think of the three buildings we looked at, we have a very good opportunity to make those as best they can be in these different areas.”

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Editorials

Firefighters: The epitome of neighbors helping neighbors

Addison County's community firefighters are a special breed of volunteers who, almost uniformly, spend hundreds of hours each year training and reporting to duty for one reason: a desire to give back to their communities.

"I see it as a real opportunity to be there for your neighbors because the community is there for us," said Weybridge firefighter Jamie McCallum. "I think most of the people in the department feel that way, and the community values fire service and we can certainly feel it."

McCallum, a Middlebury College professor, is a relative newcomer to firefighting having joined the fire department in 2020 after moving to Addison County from Brooklyn, N.Y. 13 years ago. His interest, he said, was to play a bigger role in the community he had come to love.

Fellow Weybridge firefighters Dyland Bougor and his wife, Lindsay Bougor, have practically grown up with firefighting in their blood. Dylan's great-grandfather was a founding member of the Weybridge Fire Department, and his stepfather currently is chief. Lindsay's grandfather and father have also been active volunteer firefighters. To them the decision to join the local fire department was like "second nature." "I grew up with it and was in it wherever I was," said Lindsay.

And so goes the mix of volunteers in each of Addison County's 20 area fire departments. They're members from long-running family connections to recent volunteers — all dedicated to the idea of neighbors helping neighbors.

These stories and others, including the story of 14-year-old George Cammack of Ripton who attended the 2024 Fire Cadet Academy hosted in Pittsford this summer and is now part of that town's crew, are wrapped in a 24-page special issue saluting the county's volunteer firefighters.

The issue is full of photos of each fire department, a roster of the volunteers, along with feature stories on swift water rescues, balancing being a volunteer firefighter with busy careers, welcoming new members, and even a brief story on a local firefighter setting a new Guinness Book of World Record mark.

Like so many volunteers throughout Addison County, their dedication to their departments is remarkable, their service an absolute necessity, and their commitment to the greater good is humbling.

Take a few minutes, then, to pore over the pages of this section honoring Addison County firefighters and when you see one of these volunteers at the next town event, at the ballgame, or in the store, tell them thanks for all they do.

And take to heart what Lindsay Bougor said of ways community members can help each fire department, even if being a member of the department isn't in the cards: "There are so many ways to help... so many fundraisers and dinners and attending those makes a big difference," she said. "Just buying a plate of spaghetti means so much to us."

Angelo Lynn

Give Ukraine arms to win

Russia's egregious bombing of civilian areas throughout Ukraine on Tuesday, in which more than 50 people were killed in a single strike on a military academy and nearby hospital in Poltava, should be met by the West with more than moral outrage.

As part of Russia's Tuesday assault, Moscow launched more than 200 missiles and drones that hit targets in 15 regions of Ukraine — one of the largest attacks on Ukraine since Russia invaded 30 months ago. Most of the drones and missiles were intercepted by Ukrainian air defense systems, though enough got through to cause significant damage to the nation's energy infrastructure and kill and wound a growing number of Ukrainian civilians.

At least 11,520 civilians had been killed in the war as of July 2024, according to a United Nations report, with the Russia strikes often targeting civilian housing, schools and hospitals. Kharkiv, the second largest city in Ukraine and which lies within range of Russian artillery, is a frequent target of Russian attacks and citizens there live in fear of the constant shelling.

On Wednesday, President Volodymyr Zelensky of Ukraine again asked for more air defense systems from Western allies.

"We continue to urge everyone in the world who has the power to stop this terror: Ukraine needs air defense systems and missiles now, not sitting in storage," Mr. Zelensky said in a message on social media.

Military experts noted that ballistic missiles can travel faster than the speed of sound and reach a target anywhere in Ukraine in a matter of minutes, which gives little time for air raid warnings to sound and help people get to safety. In a *New York Times* report, Ukraine's Defense Ministry said the gap between the sounding of warning sirens and the strike in Poltava was so short on Tuesday that many people were killed on their way to shelter.

While Zelensky has asked for at least seven Patriot batteries to fend off attacks across the country, Germany has sent three and this July President Biden announced a new \$225 million aid package, which included a second Patriot missile system. Romania has also pledged one Patriot system, but so far these latter two systems haven't arrived — a deficit that has allowed Russia attacks to brutalize Ukraine's citizens.

Zelensky has also asked Western countries to allow Ukraine to target the artillery and ballistic missile launch pads inside Russia, which he did again on Wednesday.

"Long-range strikes that can protect us from Russian terror are needed now, not later," he said. "Every day of delay, unfortunately, means more lost lives."

If the intent of Western aid is to allow Ukraine to defend itself from Russia's unprovoked invasion — and to send a message to Russian President Vladimir Putin that Russia can't overrun its neighboring countries with impunity — then it's clear the current military firepower with restrictions against its use across Russian lines falls short.

Since it appears unlikely the West can get more Patriot batteries to Ukraine anytime soon, the next best response is to allow Ukraine to target Russian launch sites — and doing so immediately after Russia's most recent assaults will hopefully make it clear to Putin that the more barbaric, he acts, the more forceful the Western response will be. Further delay only weakens Ukraine and strengthens Putin's strategy to outlast the West.

Angelo Lynn



Bones of the building

METAL STUDS IN the Town Hall Theater addition reach to the sky last month before workers recently covered them with yellow sheathing. THT Artistic Director Doug Anderson gives some interesting insights in the design of the addition in a community forum on Page 5A.

Independent photo/John S. McCright

Don't misjudge the power of words

Sometimes our good intentions have unfortunate consequences.

This summer, my sister Robin celebrated her 70th birthday with a family reunion, bringing three generations of our family members together on a bright July afternoon. Some of us hadn't seen each other in a decade or more. Some had never met.

We enjoyed catching up with each other for a couple of hours in the spacious hall my sisters and I had decorated with fresh bouquets of yellow flowers and greens from Robin's garden on tables bounteous with a rainbow of summer foods. As we gathered for a group photo, I told a story initially shared with me by our younger sister Marcy to illustrate Robin's generosity.

Eighteen years ago, Robin traveled to the northern provinces of the Philippine Islands, an area known for its magnificent rice terraces. She went there to rendezvous with Marcy and her husband Jessie and to meet Jessie's family in their mountain village. The trip involved a 12-hour flight followed by another 12-hour bus-ride over rough terrain.

Her stay included climbing the rice terraces, exploring an ancient burial cave, visiting an outdoor market to view the region's distinctive Igot weaving and, of course, spending time with Jessie's family. Then Robin prepared to head home. As she bid Jessie's father farewell, he complimented her on the salmon-colored slacks she wore, so she offered them to him as a gift. As I was told, and as I shared at our

gathering, he wore those slacks regularly for his few remaining years. Robin returned home in sweatpants and a tee shirt with little left in her luggage. Everything she brought had been given away.

Several days after our family gathering, I learned Jessie was deeply offended by my words. To him, I had dishonored his family. He felt I presented his deceased father as a person seeking, or at least in need of handouts. Initially, I was stunned by this outcome. I knew that Jessie's parents have considerable land wealth, that his maternal grandfather was tribal chief of his group of Igorots, perhaps the last one. They are respected members of their community.

I reflected on a comment Marcy quietly shared as we cleaned up after our gathering. "Jessie's dad loved those slacks because Robin gave them to him." I had not fully absorbed her point, that the gift for him was about recalling his time with Robin and not the physical item. This message sank in deeper after I realized how much my words had upset her husband.

My brother-in-law has attained ample success in his adopted country, yet his deepest allegiance remains with his homeland and his people. He returns there every year during the slow season of his landscaping business. He speaks with pride of teachings passed down by the elders in his village, of the rituals he learned as a young boy sleeping in the village at with the other boys and men. He takes great pride in his

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Ways of Seeing

By Alice Leeds



My file is lost, but I will recover

I'm an optimist.

So a few weeks ago, when my laptop seized up, I felt inconvenienced but not panicked. These things happen.

I couldn't blame Apple; I carry that laptop around the house like a toddler with a favorite stuffed animal. It's on the counter when I'm making dinner; it's close at hand when I'm blindly aiming coffee toward my face at daybreak; it may have slid off my lap a time or two.

It's been through some things.

I knew whatever Apple did would involve wiping the hard drive, erasing any information that wasn't backed up. But I wasn't worried. As I said, I'm an optimist.

Plus, after suffering several devastating losses over the years, I'm prepared. In the early 2000s, for instance, I learned the hard way why you don't rely on rewritable CD-ROMs to back up nine months' worth of business data. Catastrophes like that teach you to be more careful next time.

So when the laptop failed last month, I had triple protection: iCloud, Dropbox and an external hard drive. And when my baby came home, good as new, I was able to restore everything — almost — in minutes.

But there was this one file I couldn't locate.

It was a book I've been writing. Yes, a book. Was it the Vermont murder mystery I've been working on for

years? No, that's moldering in all three backup spots, right where I abandoned it two years ago.

Was it a compilation of my columns? No. I can see the comedic appeal in a 20-year record of my dislike of hot (and cold) weather interspersed with clichéd husband jokes about Mark. But I've got something even more entertaining.

Last fall, I finally got serious about the one topic that has bestseller potential: flax. Flax fiber, that is; the stuff that makes linen cloth and that, until about 150 or 200 years ago, many people grew at home. No one does it anymore, and I wanted to find out why.

I'm learning fast.

I'm in the middle of my own labor-intensive flax-to-linen project, which I was documenting in that manuscript. I harvested a crop of flax in July and am now rotting and drying the plant stalks. After a few more steps, I will spin the inner fiber into linen thread and, and, if I'm lucky, have enough to weave into a dish towel. Woo-hoo!

The 100 or more hours I spend in the process will, I hope, give me a small taste of what people used to go through for linen bedding and undergarments — and maybe even explain why they always look so grim in old portraits.

(See *Jessie*, Page 5A)

Letters to the Editor

The pro-Hamas folks are traitors

With the murder of American hostages by Palestinian Hamas, those pro-Palestinian and pro-Hamas protesters have become traitors. They are giving aid and comfort to the killers of American citizens. They need to take off their cowardly masks and be outed and their enabling professors need to be fired. They have now crossed the line from free speech to sedition.

This from a lifelong liberal Democrat, not some Trumper. Many of us have had enough of their B.S. Their support for a homicidal homophobic society that denigrates women, murders gays, sanctions honor killings, teaches hate and worships martyrs and death over a democratic liberal nation with a racially, religiously and ethnically diverse population which shelters gay people, has equal rights for women, an independent judiciary, free press which criticizes the government, cherishes life over death, teaches tolerance and looks forward and not backward to some medieval world view dominated by sharia law is unforgivable.

Hal Cohen
Middlebury

Mayer essay draws kudos

I enjoyed the essay by John Mayer titled "Quantum Engines" in the Aug. 22 *Addison Independent*. Like him I am not a physicist, and like him I have followed the developments and ideas of physics as closely as a nontechnical reader may. So I'm not here to correct him on any points he made, but to endorse his curiosity and wonder at our advancing conceptual picture of reality.

Brian Carter
Salisbury

Pact in works for Porter workers

At Porter Medical Center and Helen Porter Center, there is a significant event taking place, and not many of us are aware of this situation. The LPNs, the techs and the support staff have formed a bargaining unit and are negotiating a first contract with the PMC administration.

At stake are three important issues for the workers: a livable wage, safe staffing ratios, and work schedules that respect life-work balance and prioritize patient safety. If you are amazed that poor wages and untenable working conditions are still at issue at Porter, you might be shocked to understand that many of these workers at Porter are making even less than they would be in a fast-food restaurant.

These workers are our neighbors whom we depend on, and yet many of them find that it is hard just to put food on the table for their families. Their pay does not nearly meet the costs of daily living, and they suffer. Also, the scheduling of shifts and hours can be unpredictable, causing family life and personal health to deteriorate. The stress on the workers, who care passionately and strive hard for quality, can be overwhelming. A failure to schedule the requisite number of workers per shift compromises the safety of the patients and residents being served.

For me, it is essential to know that when I or a loved one is seeking care at Porter, the staff themselves are well-cared-for in terms of wages that allow them to support their families, adequate family time and rest time, and the necessary numbers of staff on each shift to efficiently and effectively care for the patients and residents in their charge. We need to show our support for these newly-unionized workers in their struggle to gain respect and, for goodness sake, to feed their families!

We need these workers to be at Porter when we need them, and right now they need us!

Millard Cox
Ripton

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THE BACK OF the addition to Town Hall Theater was designed to have resonance with the backs of other downtown Middlebury buildings, including a flat roof, red bricks and white mullions in the windows.

A new building in an old town

Standing in the gazebo one day, looking out over the Middlebury town green, I realized that the view hasn't changed in 100 years. Starting with the Community House and the Congregational Church, moving east to the Middlebury Inn, past the Masonic Hall and Courthouse and on to the Painter House, Town Hall Theater and Grace Baptist Church, these classic buildings create a historic 180-degree vista that is unmatched in Vermont.

If Calvin Coolidge stood where I was standing, he'd have seen exactly the same view.

That view presented a challenge for us at Town Hall Theater. We desperately need more space, but how do you insert a new building into this historic streetscape? Fortunately, we've been working with architect Jim Pulver of Bread Loaf Corporation, and his solutions have been brilliant.

The first and perhaps most important decision was to pull our new building back from the street. Any modern building, no matter how sensitive, could be a blight on an historic street. By pulling the entrance back 80 feet, we leave the historic structures standing proud, our building serving as a kind of backdrop to history.

(An added bonus: the 1887 Grace Baptist Church — sandwiched between two buildings for 70 years — has now been revealed as a truly lovely addition to Merchants Row.)

Jim made a study of existing downtown buildings, but he didn't just walk down Main Street. "I spent a lot of time looking at the backs of

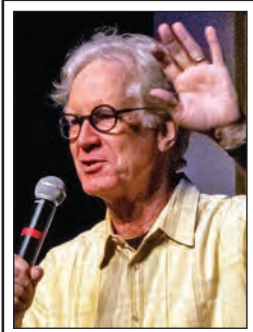
buildings," says Jim. "One of our facades faces the riverside, a part of town most people don't think about." A major influence was the back of the Battell Block, just across the water, which inspired our building's flat roof, red brick, and white mullions in the windows.

The Battell Block and most of the other downtown buildings are crowned by a parapet, a low wall that makes a slanted roof look flat, and a cornice, fancy brickwork where the building meets the sky. Jim worked those details into our design.

A lot of thought went into the height and massing of the new building. "We didn't want to be higher than THT and the Grace Baptist Church next door, and we certainly didn't want to compete with their bell towers," says Jim. "By building into the side of the hill, our 3-story building is actually lower than those 2-story buildings." Again, our choices are all about being respectful of our historic neighbors.

The façade on Merchants Row will repeat materials found in our historic theater: brick, slate, glass, stone. The window pattern will echo the theater's 1884 windows.

This new extension nods to the past in so many ways, but it will also give our townscape something



Community Forum

This week's writer is Doug Anderson, the founder and artistic director of Middlebury's Town Hall Theater.

contemporary and exciting. Making the most of THT's high location, Jim designed great expanses of windows that will provide never-before views of Otter Creek, the river winding from the Cross Street Bridge all the way to the Battell Bridge on Main Street. When the leaves are down, the views will stretch all the way to the college.

Balconies on two floors will give you the feeling of flying above our shire town.

When finished, this building will be brand new, yet it will

have an old soul. It will respect its historic context, but also enrich it. Many thanks to Jim, THT Executive Director Lisa Mitchell and our THT design team for these elegant, beautiful solutions.

Fund-raising for our new wing is 97% complete. We're doing everything we can to make up the difference, selling inscribed bricks for the plaza and talking to anyone who will listen. If you're interested in naming a brick or memorializing someone, the deadline is approaching to have them engraved and installed. For more information, go to www.townhalltheater.org.

When we reach our goal, things will happen quickly. This new building in our old town could be open as early as January.

Major parties differ on taxes, long range planning

In Vermont, the political landscape reflects a clear divide in priorities between Republicans and Democrats. Vermont Republicans advocate for reducing taxes, emphasizing the importance of lessening the financial burden on individuals and businesses. This perspective aligns with the belief that a leaner government can better serve its citizens by focusing on essential services and avoiding spending.

On the other hand, Vermont Democrats recognize that investing in critical areas like childcare, housing, climate action,

workforce development, and healthcare is essential for the long-term well-being and prosperity of the citizens and the state. They argue that these investments are necessary to create a sustainable and equitable future for all Vermonters. Addressing these pressing issues requires funding, which often means raising taxes and fees. Democrats believe that the benefits of these investments — such as a more skilled workforce, affordable housing, a healthier population, and a more resilient environment — far outweigh the costs. Essentially,

Republicans want to take you back(ward) and the Democrats want us to look to the future wellbeing of our citizens (our children) and the state.

Say you own a house. You can either invest in regular maintenance — fixing the roof, updating the plumbing, and insulating the walls — which costs money and time but keeps the house in good condition for many years to come. Alternatively, you could save money by doing nothing or the bare minimum, like patching leaks temporarily or
(See Merluzzi letter, Page 8A)

Ways of Seeing

(Continued from Page 4A) lineage. Although his community was converted to Catholicism by missionaries in the previous generation, they maintained their rituals into his time. Jessie grew up valuing and practicing ancient Igorot traditions.

I sat with sadness and discomfort about unintentionally offending my brother-in-law. I pondered the complexity of giving and receiving, the sacred responsibility of telling a story, and the process of making amends. At 72, I am still learning.

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

Letters to the Editor

Skatepark project is an investment in our youth

The Middlebury Skatepark Project, a grassroots community group of parents, students, teachers, skateboarders, roller skaters, and rollerbladers, is working to bring a much-needed recreation space to town.

Skateparks bring joy. The feeling of freedom that comes with wheeled sports is undeniable. Skateparks also build resilience. They serve as vital spaces for youth to engage in the kind of unstructured, peer-based play that is essential for building confidence, sparking creativity, and fostering independence. Skateparks are more than just recreational areas. They are important "third spaces" — informal public gathering places outside of home and work/school where people go to connect with their community. Skateparks provide a healthy environment for the peer-based learning that allows young people to practice life skills needed to flourish — reading social cues, making friends, taking appropriate risks, building grit and imagination, and resolving conflict.

According to Okay You Got This, a website created by advocates for child welfare in Addison County, "Data from schools and organizations serving children show low levels of resiliency among youth and a feeling of being undervalued in their communities which

is undermining their belief in themselves and their ability to handle life's inevitable challenges." In a commentary published in *The Journal of Pediatrics* which highlighted links between free play and mental health, the authors noted that "the decline in children's independent activity and, hence, in mental wellbeing is a national and international health crisis and should be treated as such."

Many studies have shown that independent free play contributes enormously to the cognitive, physical and socio-emotional development of children. Skateparks provide an accessible venue for the unstructured play our youth desperately need.

In a recent article in *The New Yorker*, author Jessica Winter writes that "improvisational, unmonitored play functions as exposure therapy for life itself." Winter also notes that "Kids need to trip over people and ideas, at the risk of scraping up their psyches, in order to learn how to move through the world and how to connect meaningfully with the people in it." The independence and problem-solving skills that are built through free play allow children to make their own decisions and navigate social consequences without adult intervention.

Skateparks also help counterbalance the sedentary and often isolating nature of screen

time, promoting overall physical and mental well-being. The 'in-real-life' social interaction and physical engagement found at skateparks helps develop empathy, builds communication skills, and contributes to a sense of belonging.

The Middlebury Skatepark Project is working to build a space where youth can engage in self-led activities, building life skills through exploration and experimentation. Skateparks allow people to try, fail, fail, and try again. A skatepark in Middlebury is an investment in our youth, providing a safe space for the unstructured, peer-based play that children need to grow, connect, learn, and have fun.

Our children deserve more of these spaces and our entire community will benefit from more resilient, confident, independent, engaged youth ready to take on life's challenges, one trick at a time.

Kristen Carra
Middlebury Skatepark
Project board member and
former MUMS wellness
teacher
Phyllis Stinson,
Middlebury Skatepark
Project board member and local
parent
Kathryn Torres,
Better Middlebury
Partnership co-director and
early childhood consultant

Jessie

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Upon hearing about my passion for flax, most people make the polite but baffled "OK, but why?" face you are making right now. Well, if you could read what I've written so far, you'd understand. When Ken Burns gets ahold of the movie rights, I'm going to be famous.

The book also explores the absurdity of my growing flax when linen is commercially available. Why, now that we have life so easy, do we manufacture hardships in the name of recreation? (If you've ever been camping, you're as much a part of the problem as I am.)

I was still early in the first draft, but trust me, those 20,000 words were compelling flax reading. And I say "were" because the words are gone. For good.

Unlike the thousands of files that were triply backed up, this one wasn't. I have spent hours searching, drilling down into folders, trying every possible keyword and file extension. I even used recovery software. After a few hours of sifting through my backups, it displayed a box that said, "Search complete. Lost files found: 0. Summary: You're screwed."

Apparently, despite a plethora of backup options, I never confirmed that I had saved the flax document to any of them. I can't believe I could have been so careless. Then again, having known me for many years, I can't rule it out.

Still, the world is clamoring for my flax story. So in a few weeks, when the grief has eased, I will start over.

In the meantime, however, I keep plugging in the external hard drive, visiting Dropbox and checking iCloud, hoping that

maybe, just maybe, the file is there in plain sight after all.

What can I say? I'm an optimist, not a realist.

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Obituaries

Juanita Babcock Hornbeck, 85, of Whiting

WHITING — Juanita Babcock Hornbeck, age 85, passed away peacefully on Aug. 27, 2024. Juanita was born in Rutland, Vt., on May 9, 1939. She was the daughter of Francis Babcock and Lucy (Moore) Babcock. Juanita's Dad passed away when she was five years old. Lucy later married her stepfather, Floyd Munger. They resided in Orwell, Vt.



JUANITA BABCOCK HORNBECK

Juanita graduated from Fair Haven High School and later attended McGill University, Montreal, Canada, studying Nursing. Juanita married Ronald C. Hornbeck on June 6, 1959. They lived at Mount Independence on his parents' family farm. In 1967 Ronald and Juanita bought their own dairy farm in Whiting, where they raised their six children.

Juanita was the backbone of the farm, she kept everything and everyone in check.

She worked tirelessly on the farm, raising kids, gardening and doing numerous crafts. Her flower gardens were very special to her, including her daylilies and peonies. In 1998 Mom and Dad sold their cattle and equipment, at that time Mom decided to step back into the caregiving field. She took a course

in CHHA and started taking care of people privately at first, then went to work for Addison County Home Health and Hospice. Juanita loved caring for people as she traveled around the roads of Addison County. Mom excelled at her new career, which was not a surprise.

Juanita is survived by her children, Jeffrey (Sue) Hornbeck (Nicolas and Sarah, Molly and Corey); Vanessa VanDerHeyden (Jack and MacKenzie, Alison);

Daphne (Stephen) Hard; Donna (Matthew) Severy (Eric, Ashley and Tyler); Susan (Brent) Wetmore; Randy (Audrey) Hornbeck (Chris, Travis and Robert); step-grandchildren, John, Michelle, Carter and James; great-grandchildren, Bryce, Braelynn, Hudson and Maverick; brother Dwight Munger (Donna); sisters-in-law Mickey Hornbeck, Anne Hornbeck and Carla Hornbeck; brother-in-law Micheal MacIntyre; and many nieces and nephews and cousins. She is predeceased by her husband of 62 years, Ronald C. Hornbeck; her parents; brother David Munger; sisters-in-law Patricia and Janice; and brothers-in-law Edward and James. She leaves several special friends.

There will be a celebration of life on Oct. 5, at the Whiting Community Church, Whiting, Vt., at 1 p.m.

Memorial gifts in lieu of flowers may be made to Elderly Services Inc., Middlebury, Vt.; Addison County Home Health & Hospice; and The Whiting Volunteer Fire Department and First Response Squad. Arrangements are under the direction of Miller and Ketcham Funeral Home in Brandon. ◇

Stacy Marie Butler, 60, of Bristol

BRISTOL — Surrounded by family and friends, Stacy Marie Butler, 60, of Bristol, passed away on Aug. 16, 2024, after a long battle with lung cancer.

Born in Middlebury, Vt., Stacy attended Mount Abraham Union High School, where she made lifelong friends. After graduation, Stacy went to Fanny Allen Nursing School and pursued a career in nursing. She was the best nurse, and it was a true calling for her. Watching her son follow in her footsteps towards the end of her life was an absolute gift.

Stacy went on to raise two wonderful children. She watched them grow up, fall in love, get married, and raise their own children. Her grandchildren were her absolute pride and joy. I think it's worth noting that Stacy is "Mom" to more than just her own. Whether you were a fresh air child or adopted from Kenya or a kid down the street that needed a snack, it didn't matter. She was your mom now.

Stacy was known for her



STACY MARIE BUTLER

infectious smile and ability to cause chaos just about anywhere. Think "roller skate shoes down the hallway of the nursing home." She also spent more than 10 years at Acusta Therm Corporation. She was always down for a laugh or a beer, or quite literally anything. She loved spending time at Lakeside Camping, where her family camped every year, starting

when she was a child. Stacy is predeceased by her father, Bob Rule; her brother Johnny Rule and her sister Sandy Jago; her nephew Shaun Rublee; and her in-laws, Raymonde Rochon, Lawrence and Ruthie and their son, Doug Butler. Stacy is survived by her mom, Clara Rule; her siblings Jerry and Joyce Rule, Sharon and George Whitney, Terry and Bruce Rublee, and Penny and Scott Newton; her children, Devin and Chanda Rochon and Darcie and Ian Heitmann; the joys of her life, her grandchildren, Marek and Lani Heitmann and Raean Rochon; and many nieces and nephews.

The family wishes to sincerely thank everyone at the Hematology/Oncology Department at UVMC for their above and beyond care and compassion.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Stacy's name to the Addison County Humane Society.

Stacy's celebration of life will be at Cedar Knoll Country Club in Hinesburg, Vt., on Sept. 15 from 2-5 p.m. ◇

Richard Charles Cunningham, 84, of Charlotte

CHARLOTTE — Richard Charles Cunningham, 84, of Charlotte, Vt., died on Sunday, Aug. 4, 2024, at The Arbors in Shelburne, Vt., with family at his bedside.

He was born on Dec. 26, 1939, in Addison, Vt. His parents, Eldred Dudley Warfield Cunningham and Lilah Dorothy LaRose Delorme, raised him and his seven siblings in Vergennes, Vt.

Richard graduated from Vergennes High School, Class of '59, the last class to graduate from the old high school. He joined the 101st Airborne Division serving as a paratrooper, making 13 jumps, while stationed in Stuttgart, West Germany, for two years.

Richard had several careers during his lifetime, including woodworking and carpentry. He owned a rubbish business in Vergennes. He served on the Vergennes City Council and as a Vergennes Water Commissioner. Richard's final career for 25 years was in Marine Surveying, after graduating from Chapman's School of Seamanship in Stuart, Fla. He was a member of the Experimental Aircraft Association and Vermont Antique Boat Association.

His first marriage was to Patty McKay while stationed at Fort Myer, Arlington, Va. His next marriage was to Claire Marie Adams of Vergennes. They raised two daughters, Ragan Ann and Leigh and husband Paul Cousino, both of Vergennes. Leigh has two sons, Nicolas Isaac Cunningham



RICHARD CHARLES CUNNINGHAM

and his wife Kaitlin (Cusson) and their son Killian James Cunningham and Matthias Christopher Cormier and his partner Laura Matuszak. Richard's great-grandson Killian James Cunningham is the son of Nicolas and Kaitlin Cusson Cunningham.

On July 4, 1980, he married Harriet Stone Patrick, "Happy," of Charlotte. Together they enjoyed 40-plus years of projects restoring several historic homes in Charlotte, travel and gatherings with friends and family. Richard was so happy at the helm of his boat with Happy at his side, whether exploring the Erie Canal or heading south on the Intracoastal Waterway. He surely loved his daughters, grandsons and great-grandson.

Richard is survived by Happy

and his daughters, grandchildren and great-grandson. He also leaves sister Lucille Nelson of Sharon, Conn.; brother David and his partner Catherine Monroe Sargent of Waltham, Vt.; sister-in-law Clara Chamberlain Cunningham of Vergennes; sister Kim Delorme Laughner; his two stepsons, Adam Boyd Dantzschler of St. George, Vt., and Robert Christopher Dantzschler and Cyndie Coffrin of Monroe, Wash.; Adam's daughter Meridith Anne Dantzschler of Malden, Mass.; Christopher's two sons, Corbin Casey Dantzschler of St. Paul, Minn. and Casey Christopher Dantzschler of Surprise, Ariz., and daughter Cassandra Caitlin Dantzschler of Monroe, Wash.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Richard was predeceased by his brother Eldred Jr. sister-in-law Arlene LaFlam, brother Leonard, sister Rosaline and her husband Laurence Casey, and sister Beverly and her husband Floyd Peck.

The Cunningham and Patrick families would like to express their sincere appreciation and gratitude to The Arbors for the wonderful care Richard received for almost two years, and to Hospice, who were there when they were needed.

There will be a reception of remembrance for Richard at the Vergennes Opera House on Main Street on Sept. 28, 2024, from 3 to 5 p.m. Richard is finally coming home.

Cremation services by Ready Funeral Home. ◇

Florence R. Kirby, 82, of Bristol

BRISTOL — Florence R. Kirby passed away on Aug. 30, 2024, at her home from a battle with cancer. She was born on July 12, 1942, to Fletcher R. Zeno and Rosalie L. Stearns Zeno in Lincoln, Vt.

She is survived by her children, Tapethia Bergman and spouse David Bowser, John Kirby and spouse Carrie Kirby, and Norman Foster of Bristol.

Florence worked at CPC in Middlebury for more than 20 years and prior to that at Vermont

Furniture in Winooski.

She was a beloved mom, grandma and great grandma.

She was predeceased by her husband, John J. Kirby, son Jason and her brothers.

There will be no funeral at this time, only a gathering of family and friends at her home to be determined. To send online condolences to her family please visit www.brownmccayfuneralhomes.com. ◇



FLORENCE R. KIRBY



LINDI BORTNEY

Lindi Bortney memorial square dance

SALISBURY — At her request, a memorial square dance for Lindi Bortney, who died on May 1, 2024, will be held at the Salisbury Community School, 286 Kelly Cross Road, Salisbury, Vt., on Sunday, Sept. 15, from 1-4 p.m. ◇

MIDDLEBURY — Jack Goodman died on Friday, Aug. 30. Jack was a dedicated member and eventual leader of Middlebury Town & Gown. He was committed to keeping the community of thoughtful Middlebury residents informed on a range of issues from politics to the environment. Participating in the lively discussions at the MT&G energized him and kept him vital into his late 80s.

Jack was born in Cleveland, Ohio, on June 2, 1935. He graduated high school in 1953 from Shaker Heights High School. He went on to Princeton University and graduated four years later. He then spent two years in the Navy before starting what would become a very successful educational publishing business. After a 40-year career he retired and began his next chapter in Middlebury, where he took dozens of classes at the college. He could regularly



JACK GOODMAN

be seen on campus engaging with professors and enjoying his time being part of the community of lifelong learners. And, he was usually seen with his camera which he used to photograph the beautiful landscapes and wildlife in Addison County.

Beginning in the 1950s Jack began visiting Lake Temagami in Ontario, Canada, where he and his brother, along with a cousin, built a log cabin. Jack and his wife Barbara honeymooned in that cabin and eventually bought their own island and summer camp, which they converted to a family cottage. Many of Jack's happiest moments were spent in Temagami, where he fished and photographed nearly every day for over 50 years. He spent six weeks this summer enjoying the Ontario wilderness with his family and friends.

In June of 1957, right after college graduation, Jack married Barbara Gross, whom he had originally met in middle school. After the time in the Navy spent in Newport, R.I., Jack and Barb moved to Westchester County, N.Y., where they raised their three children: Will, Jane and Jack Jr. He loved his dogs Mozart, Ike, Luka, Webster, and finally Hemingway, who was at his side when he passed away. Jack retired in 2000 and looking for a change he and Barbara joined Jane in Middlebury, where he spent 24 wonderful years.

Jack is survived by his three children and seven grandchildren: Ben, Nate, Eli, Anna, Sam, Nora, and Max. ◇

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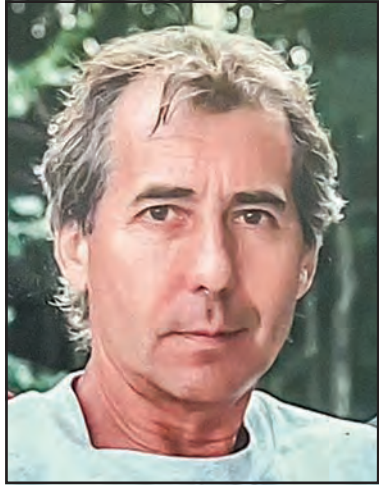
Norbert Pierce Conant, 83, of Salisbury

SALISBURY — We are grieved to announce the passing of Norbert Pierce Conant of Salisbury, Vt., on the morning of Aug. 21, 2024, at McClure Miller Respite House in Colchester. He was 83.

Born on Aug. 11, 1941, in Burlington, to Harold Conant Sr. and Millicent (Wimett) Conant, Norbert was the youngest of four children. His mother remembered him as being very sweet and shy when young, hiding under the bed when visitors arrived. One of his first memories was of riding in a wagon to pick wildflowers with Marion (Noyes) Nuceder, who often cared for him when his mother was at work. When a bit older, Norbert spent free time outdoors, hunting, fishing and exploring the woods around Salisbury, and hitchhiking to nearby towns with his brothers and friends, in a way few youngsters would be allowed today.

After high school, Norbert enlisted in the U.S. Army and proudly served in Munich, Germany, from 1961 to 1963. This time abroad sparked a lifelong passion for travel. He loved driving the backroads in New England, sometimes going all the way to Maine and back within a day. Later in his 40s, he explored further afield, often with his daughter, Heidi, to places such as Costa Rica, South Africa, England and Portugal. Lunenburg, Nova Scotia, was a very special place for him. He and Heidi visited four times in the last 15 years of his life.

In 1964, Norbert married Pamela Gonzalez of Middlebury, Vt., after



NORBERT PIERCE CONANT

being introduced by their mutual friend, Jeffrey Drinkwine. The couple remained married for 21 years. In the early days of their marriage they purchased a three-acre parcel of land on a hill in West Salisbury with beautiful views of Moosalamoo Mountain and the surrounding fields. In 1973, Norbert began building the family home with the help of his father-in-law Narciso Gonzalez, using blueprints created by Pam. It was there the couple raised their two daughters, Heidi and Gretchen, and Norbert continued to live until 2020.

Despite a divorce in 1988, through the years Norbert and his family grew closer. They spent holidays together and met monthly for meals and walks. Pam often assisted Norbert with administrative tasks, and he helped her with handyman chores. Their relationship, though

not perfect, was marked by consistency and devotion. When Norbert was diagnosed with Alzheimer's in 2021, the entire family united, combining their strengths to ensure his wellbeing.

Fiercely independent until the last, Norbert ultimately moved in with Gretchen the summer of 2022 and lived with her for over 1.5 years before transitioning to Quarry Hill Memory Care in South Burlington, where he lived for six months before succumbing to Alzheimer's.

Norbert was a kind and loving father. A sixth-generation Vermonter, his character was shaped by his hometown of Salisbury. He enjoyed meeting new people (particularly old-time Vermonters and people from other cultures) and had a dry sense of humor. Resourceful and resilient, he could always be counted on to pair a flannel shirt with Maverick jeans and leather work boots with style. He found joy and beauty in socializing, travel, nature, and his daughters. His legacy is one of stoic independence, consistency and an indomitable spirit.

Norbert is survived by ex-wife Pamela and daughter Gretchen of Grand Isle, his daughter Heidi of Winooski, as well as his brother Harold's children, Nicole, Shaune, Joseph and Stephanie (Conant), and his sister Maxine's children Stephen and Tracey Desatelles.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Homeward Bound, Addison County's Humane Society. ☐

Blanche Isabel Quesnel, 88, of Whiting

WHITING — Blanche Isabel Quesnel, age 88, passed peacefully on Tuesday, Aug. 27, 2024, at Shard Villa in Salisbury. Blanche was born in Barre, Vt., on June 15, 1936. She was the daughter of Frank and Hazel (Williams) Bailey. She grew up in Williamstown, Vt. and attended Williamstown High School, graduating with the class of 1955. She afterwards attended Castleton Teachers College and then went on to study at the Fanny Allen School of Nursing, where she graduated with her LPN degree in 1959.

She worked at the Pomainville Nursing Home in Fair Haven. On August 20, 1960, she was married to Roger Leo Quesnel in Middlebury. Together they operated their family dairy farm in Whiting. She also operated a knitting machine business, teaching for 12 years. She loved to go camping, snowmobiling, and traveling. She was also a communicant of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Middlebury.

Surviving are four sons, Charles R. Quesnel and wife Linda of Whiting, Daniel D. Quesnel of Bennington, Vt.,



BLANCHE ISABEL QUESNEL

Michael F. Quesnel of Whiting, and Lawrence L. Quesnel of Shoreham; two sisters, Dorothy Bromley of Sebastian, Fla., and Edith Glidden of Wolfeboro, N.H.; five grandchildren, Dillon Quesnel and wife Tiffany, Derek Quesnel and partner Shannon Brown, Austin Quesnel, Colton Quesnel and partner Kenzie, and Trysten Quesnel; five great-grandchildren, Samuel Scholar, Patrick Scholar, Brenna Quesnel, Hunter Quesnel

and Elizabeth Quesnel; and several nieces, nephews and cousins. She was predeceased by her husband, Roger, on April 14, 2024; three brothers, Richard Bailey, Burton Bailey and David Bailey, and her sister Marion Christian.

A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated on Saturday, Sept. 7, at 10 a.m., at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Middlebury. Rev. Brandon C. Schneider, pastor, will be the celebrant. The graveside committal service and burial will follow the Mass. at St. Genevieve Cemetery in Shoreham.

Friends may call at the Miller & Ketcham Funeral Home in Brandon on Friday, Sept. 6, from 5-7 p.m.

Memorial gifts in lieu of flowers may be made in her memory to the Whiting Fire Department, to St. Mary's Catholic Church in Middlebury, or to Shard Villa in Salisbury.

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

Following the committal service the family will receive friends back in the church hall, for a time of remembrance. ☐

John Hutton Riggs Jr. of Middlebury

MIDDLEBURY — John Hutton Riggs Jr. died peacefully at his residence on Aug. 28, 2024, in Middlebury, Vt. He is survived by his beloved wife, Leslie; two children, Emilie Laurent Riggs of Paris, France, and Jennifer Merer, of Versailles, France; and six grandchildren, Alex, Claire, Camille, Julien, Orianna and Naomi. He was predeceased by his son, Francis Lacoste Riggs.

John was born in 1936 in Plainfield, N.J., to Virginia Helen Butler and John Hutton Riggs. After John graduated from Yale University, he spent a summer at the French language school at Middlebury College. In 1958 he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and flew off of the aircraft carrier U.S.S. Franklin Roosevelt as it toured the Mediterranean as a member of Heavy Attack Squadron 11. After the Navy, John attended the University of Virginia law school.

John practiced corporate law at the international law firm of White & Case from 1967 until he retired in 2005. His work took him all over the globe, from South Africa to Turkey via Europe, where he resided for over 50 years. John headed the Paris office of White & Case from 1976 to 1990, and was a member



JOHN HUTTON RIGGS JR.

of the White & Case worldwide management committee from 1990 to 1994. Until his retirement, John oversaw the integration of law firms in Germany and Italy.

In Paris, John was elected to the influential Paris Bar Council, a rare achievement for a non-French lawyer. In 1998 John received one of France's highest honors, the medal of l'Ordre National du Mérite for his service in the French legal profession.

John loved swimming and sailing, especially along the

Turkish coast and the Greek islands, where he built a home on the island of Alonnisos. His greatest passion in life was learning and he was never without a book in his hand. Several weeks before passing, John declared he was very happy with life because "there is just so much to learn." His niece, Victoria Thomson, wrote that "every conversation with John was like a college lecture and I wish I had been taking notes like a good student."

After living many years overseas, John wanted to spend his final years in the United States. He and his wife, Leslie, bought a farm in Brandon, Vermont.

John will be terribly missed by his wife, family, friends and staff at The Residence at Otter Creek — and especially by his two dachshunds, Rimbaud and Fabuleuse Destin.

A celebration of life will be held in September at The Residence at Otter Creek. Later this year a memorial will be held in Paris, France.

Arrangements under the direction of Sanderson-Ducharme Funeral Home.

Online condolences at www.sandersonfuneralservice.com ☐

Jennifer Leigh Stanley, 46, of Goshen

GOSHEN — Jennifer Leigh Stanley, age 46, passed peacefully; with her husband, Brent, by her side; Sept. 2, 2024, at her home in Goshen, following a courageous battle with cancer.

Jen was born in Rutland on July 28, 1978. She was the daughter of Gary and Helen (LaPorte) Stanley. She grew up in Brandon, where she received her early education and graduated from Otter Valley Union High School, class of 1996. While at OV she was involved in Theater Arts, plays and dance. She earned her degree from CCV.

A free spirit and being adventurous, Jen began seeing the world with trips to Europe, where she worked picking grapes in France and traveling all around various European countries. She loved San Francisco and loved living abroad. She loved to read, play piano, enjoyed dancing, and very much-loved Silver Lake and the forest.



JENNIFER LEIGH STANLEY

Jen is survived by her husband and care provider, Brent Klecka of Goshen; her father, Gary (Andi) Stanley and mother, Helen (Tom) Williams of Brandon; two brothers, Todd (Brandy) Stanley of Pittsford and Tim Stanley of Boulder, Colo.; and her stepister,

Danielle Spaulding of South Burlington. Several aunts, uncles and cousins also survive her. She was predeceased by her paternal and maternal grandparents.

A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated on Thursday, Sept. 5, at 10 a.m., at Our Lady of Good Help (St. Mary's) Catholic Church, in Brandon. The Rev. Maurice Moreau, pastor, will be the celebrant.

Following the mass the family will receive friends at Brandon American Legion Post for a time of remembrance.

Friends paid their respects to the family at Miller & Ketcham Funeral Home on Wednesday, Sept. 4, from 5-8 p.m..

Please no flowers — memorial gifts in lieu of flowers may be made, in her memory to; www.friendsfordog.org (an Arts Foundation).

Arrangements by Miller & Ketcham of Brandon. ☐

Jean Bateson, 96, of Vergennes

VERGENNES — Jean Bateson, 96 years old, passed away peacefully of natural causes at her home in Vergennes, Vt., surrounded by loved ones.

Jean was born in North Billerica, Mass., to her father, Joseph Warren Ellis and mother, Gladys Mae Howe Ellis. She attended Howe High School in Billerica, Mass., graduating in 1945, West Brook Junior College in Portland, Maine, studying Pre-Medical Technology and graduating in 1947, Burlington College in Vermont graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in Transpersonal Psychology in 1984, and Antioch University-New England in Keene, N.H., graduating with a Master of Arts in Counseling Psychology in 1988 at the age of 60 years old.

Jean was married to William Patrick Holdman from June 1948 through 1971 and raised five children: Jane Smith, Steve Holdman, Sally Holdman-Bellavance, Joan Breen and Susanne Holdman. She worked at Tewksbury Hospital and North



JEAN BATESON

Reading Hospital laboratories, Palmers Dairy Bar and Porter Hospital Laboratory in the mid 1960's, Mary Fletcher Hospital Laboratory beginning in 1974, followed by St. Anthony Medical Center in St. Louis, Mo., beginning in 1980.

Jean later moved to Albuquerque, N.M., and spent 15 years mentoring

interns at a substance abuse clinic, while also maintaining a licensed professional clinical counseling private practice. Jean retired in Costa Rica with her cat and lived for eight incredible years working with the Academy for Peace, supporting the teaching of Non-Violent Communication. She then returned home to Vermont to be closer to family.

Jean enjoyed reading, knitting, crocheting, sewing, playing golf and spending time with family and friends. Throughout her life she pursued trainings around the mind/body connection and participated in Non-Violent Communication practice groups.

A private celebration of life will be held at the Waybury Inn at a later date. If loved ones choose, contributions may be made in Jean's honor to: Addison County Home Health and Hospice P.O. Box 754 Middlebury, VT 05753.

Arrangements by Miller & Ketcham of Brandon. ☐

ADDISON COUNTY School News Briefs

A pair of Vergennes siblings received academic honors for their work during the spring 2024 semester.

Benjamin Curtis made the dean's honor list at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. Ben

graduated from RPI in May 2024 with a bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering and has returned to RPI to pursue his Master's Degree in Mechanical Engineering.

His sister, **Lauren Curtis** made

dean's list at St. Louis University. She is studying in the Trudy Busch Valentine School of Nursing to become a registered nurse. Lauren is entering her senior year in the BSN program.

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Merluzzi letter

(Continued from Page 5A) ignoring small issues, which might save you money now but could lead to much more expensive problems down the road.

Raising taxes to invest in essentials like childcare, housing, and climate action is like regularly maintaining your house. It's an investment that might feel costly at the moment and make you angry, but it ensures that your home (or in this case, the state) remains strong, functional, and viable in the future. On the other hand, cutting taxes for immediate relief is like neglecting maintenance — it may seem like you're saving money now, but eventually, those small problems grow into major issues that are far more expensive to fix and will put the burden on our children.

This analogy highlights the importance of proactive

investment to avoid bigger, more costly problems in the future. It is easy politics for Republicans to say "let's lower taxes" and it is risky politics for Democrats to raise fees and taxes to do the right thing. I side with risky politics because it is the right thing to do.

This fundamental difference in approach highlights the ongoing debate in Vermont about the role of government and the best way to secure a prosperous future for the state. While Republicans prioritize immediate financial relief through tax cuts, Democrats emphasize the need for strategic investments that may require higher taxes now but promise significant long-term returns. The choice between these two visions will shape the future of Vermont and determine how the state navigates the challenges ahead.

Vincent (Jay) Merluzzi
Brandon

Is the German education system truly superior?

Germans have mixed feelings about their secondary education system; it's controversial. Yet, in the U.S. we idealize the German system.

I visited the Gutenbergschule in Wiesbaden, Germany, in the federal state of Rheinhessen to hear about its controversies from students.

The Gutenbergschule is a public Gymnasium, the highest level of three types of secondary schools. Although the exact parameters vary from one federal state to the next, teachers give students a recommendation after the 4th grade for which type of secondary school they should attend. Students with the best grades are pushed towards a Gymnasium, a school that will rigorously prepare them to take an all-encompassing "Abitur" test and then move on to university. Students with average grades are recommended a Realschule, which allows them to either switch to a Gymnasium and get the Abitur or pursue vocational training after graduation. The remainder of students are suggested a Hauptschule or Gesamtschule, a basic education that prepares them for vocational training directly. Private versions of these schools do

exist, but most schools are funded through public tax dollars.

Named after Johannes Gutenberg, the inventor of the printing press, the Gutenbergschule was founded in 1845. It was temporarily used as a military hospital during World War I and severely bombed in World War II. The school consists of two separate buildings. The "old" section of red brick and gingerbread-style roofs stands beside the "new," modern building — a dichotomy reflective of much of Germany's cityscapes.

I met Lucy Henry, a graduate of Middlebury College's Masters of Arts in German program, in front of the "old" section before her 1:30 p.m. English language class. It was one of the last days of the school year in June. Grades were in and traditional lessons were over. Her 11th- and 12th-grade students would normally have spent the class period prepping for the Cambridge Language Exam, but on this day they chatted and snacked on the chocolate Henry handed out as a reward for still showing up.

The students enthusiastically answered my questions about their school system, eager to put their English into practice.

Gymnasium students are pushed to succeed in test-taking and perform well on their Abitur. This test was palpably on the forefront of their minds when discussing their education, even though they will not take it until the end of the 13th grade, two years in the future for most of them. Their grade on the intimidating exam determines which university they will be able to attend.

Having completed the Abitur is considered equal to earning an associate degree in the U.S. At the end of 11th grade, they choose two "Leistungskurse," or subjects to specialize in for their final two years. These subjects will have a greater impact on their grade than their other courses but do not determine or limit what they may study when they get to university.

The students blinked at me when I asked if extracurricular activities impact which universities will accept them. The complex ambiguity of the U.S. college application process is completely foreign to them. Their few after-school activities are purely for enjoyment and exploration; they are not used to augment acceptance to university, as athletics do in the U.S. Personal essays that embellish applications or how many clubs they may have started don't add value. Exams are the sole criteria.

A few weeks before my visit, Henry asked the students to write

about their or their parents' decisions to place them in a Gymnasium. Was it the right choice?

"I've already learned a lot of useful things in life, for example, independence but also how to perform and work in groups. I know that with my 'Abitur' I will be able to attend the best universities or complete an apprenticeship," one student wrote. "On the other hand, I feel there is a lot more pressure attending a 'Gymnasium.' Teachers have higher expectations and students are really ambitious, which all adds up. It is a lot of work, which pays off in some things, but also puts a huge mental strain on me."

"I have the chance to learn together with other students who have the same motivation and desire to learn as I do," another student wrote.

"My parents wanted me to go to this school," another wrote. "I'm glad they did because I'm very thankful for all of the experience and my friends. So in general, I definitely don't regret it, but I don't like the school system in general."

The German school system allows these students to thrive academically, untethered by their peers in Realschule and Hauptschule who may be less academically inclined or even less ambitious. The only comparable attempt at performance-based student grouping in the U.S. is Advanced Placement (AP) classes or International Baccalaureate Diploma (IBD) programs, which not all American high schools offer.

The German system is enticing to the U.S. because it allows isolated support and a clear path to higher education for the "right" students. It explicitly acknowledges that some students are unfit for or uninterested in attending university, a truth U.S. high schools struggle to forefront. Once a Gymnasium student in Germany directly proves they are the right material through the Abitur, university is free and accessible. In the U.S., the biggest barrier to attending college is framed not as academic competence, but high cost — especially since academics are only one part of the application process.

Despite the advantages of the German system, explicitly dividing students based on perceived

intellect early on creates clearly defined social divisions from a young age.

The Gymnasium students said that they do not personally know any students in Hauptschule or Realschule, as they don't share inside-of-class or outside-of-class experiences. These less advanced schools, especially the Hauptschule, are often negatively stigmatized and associated with the "lower" classes of society, whose members embark on less prestigious careers.

One issue has been that the type of secondary school a student is recommended often ends up being the same type that their parents attended, reinforcing their preexisting socioeconomic class. But today, approximately 40% of students in Germany go to Gymnasiums, and according to the students I spoke with, that percentage is visibly rising as families and students



Community Forum

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aim for prestige over practicality — even for those unsuited to an academically rigorous environment.

When Henry is not teaching at the Gutenberg school, she teaches German as a second language to a cohort of immigrant students. Most are from Ukraine, Turkey, Russia and Poland, indicative of the large flux of immigrants since the outbreak of the war in Ukraine in 2022 and an increasing number of Turkish citizens seeking asylum. Positions like Henry's are vacant across the country, an issue especially detrimental due to the learning gaps and behavioral problems caused by the country's COVID-19 lockdowns, which were among the strictest in the world.

These problems reveal similarities between the U.S. system and the German system. We do much the same in separating student into the classes: zoning (tax base) gives prestige to public schools, and elite private secondary schools serve as conduits to prestigious universities. Both systems are weighed down by the allure of prestige, which is associated with success; and both systems are challenged by nationwide teacher shortages and large influxes of immigrants, diversity putting a strain on curricula and pedagogy.

Editor's note: See Part 2 in next week's edition.

Canada goose hunting season is here

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

The season will be open statewide with a daily bag limit of five Canada geese in the Connecticut River Zone and eight in the rest of Vermont.

A second Canada goose hunting season for resident and migrant birds will be held from Oct. 12-Nov. 10 with a daily bag limit of three Canada geese in the Lake Champlain Zone and Interior Vermont Zone.

In the Connecticut River Zone, the second and third Canada goose seasons will be Oct. 9-Nov.

11, and Nov. 27-Dec. 22, with a daily bag limit of two Canada geese.

For a third year, a late Canada goose season will be held targeting resident birds. Within the Lake Champlain and Interior zones, the season will be held from Dec. 1 to Jan. 19, with a five-bird daily bag limit. The season will run Dec. 23 to Jan. 11 in the Connecticut River zone and applies only to the lands of the zone, not Connecticut River waters.

A hunting license is required, and a waterfowl hunter 16 or older must carry current federal and Vermont duck stamps. Federal stamps are sold at post offices, federal refuges and on the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at fws.gov/birds/get-involved/duck-stamp.php. Vermont is not

one of the states where you can buy an electronic federal duck stamp, but you can purchase one form any state that sells them.

Vermont duck stamps can be added to your hunting license on Vermont Fish and Wildlife's website at vtfishandwildlife.com and through license agents. The hunter must sign the federal duck stamp.

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

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

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McVeigh boosts the teaching of English

Local man trains teachers in Peru

MIDDLEBURY — Middlebury resident Joe McVeigh recently completed a three-week trip representing the United States in Peru.

The U.S. Department of State said McVeigh took part in an English Language Specialist project focusing on English language teacher education and curriculum development in Peru. McVeigh is part of a select group, as his project is one of over 250 that the English Language Specialist Program supports each year.

The English Language Specialist Program is the premier opportunity for leaders in the field of teaching English to speakers of other languages (TESOL) to enact meaningful and sustainable changes in the way that English is taught abroad. Through projects developed by U.S. Embassies in more than 80 countries, English Language Specialists work directly with local teacher trainers, educational leaders, and ministry of education officials to exchange knowledge, build capacity, and establish partnerships benefiting participants, institutions, and communities in the United States and overseas.

McVeigh left the U.S. on July 16 and returned to the Green Mountain State on Aug. 4. During the 10 workdays in the South American country, he made a lot of presentation. His project had several distinct assignments:

- A workshop on teaching pronunciation for high school teachers in an under-resourced part of Lima.

- A series of meetings (online and in person) and some workshops for some of the U.S.-Peruvian Binational Centers. These are joint ventures between the U.S. government and Peruvian entities which include cultural initiatives (art galleries, concerts), a library of English books open to the public, and English classes offered to a

fee. He visited three of these in different cities, and gave a workshop for teachers and discussed raising standards through an accreditation process with administrators.

- He spent a week in Tarapoto, a city of 130,000 in the high jungle, about half-way between the Andes and the Amazon. While there, he worked at the National University of San Martin giving workshops to faculty and to student teachers.

McVeigh also worked with the faculty on revising their teacher education curriculum.

“That work will be ongoing remotely,” McVeigh said.

- Finally he spent a week in Arequipa, Peru’s second-largest city, at an elevation of more than 7,000 feet, and surrounded by three volcanoes. While there he participated in the conference of the national association of English teachers, Peru TESOL. The Middlebury man gave two workshops and one plenary address.

Overall, McVeigh said he taught a total of around 250 Peruvians.

“There were a handful of other westerners at the Peru TESOL conference, but it was all Peruvians apart from that,” he said.

Those he taught came from a variety of backgrounds, McVeigh said.

“High school teachers in Peru prepare for their careers with five years of undergraduate education and they start university at age 17,” he said. “I worked with everyone from first-year undergrads to highly experienced and distinguished professors.”

“It became evident that in some cases, particularly for those from more rural areas, more rigorous training in the English language — especially speaking skills is needed,” he added.

While McVeigh has written a book on intercultural communication, he noted differences about cultural



MIDDLEBURY RESIDENT JOE McVeigh samples coconuts with student teachers in Tarapoto, Peru, this summer, while he was in the South American country to help educate people about teaching the English language.



ON A BREAK during a teaching English to speakers of other languages conference in Peru this summer, Joe McVeigh of Middlebury chats with 77-year-old fan Margarita Jara.

behavior in Peru. He said:

- You have to learn to relax and just trust that the drivers know what they are doing in the traffic patterns. The right of way goes to whichever vehicle gets there first, so there is quite a bit of close-quarter negotiation. Riding in three-wheeled motorcycle taxis can be a bit of an adventure!

- Peruvians are much more physically affectionate than people in the U.S. It is customary to greet everyone each day with a handshake or a hug.

- Don’t look for sugar in the supermarket in a box or small container. You scoop it up from a bulk container, put it in plastic, weigh it, and mark the price before bringing it to the checkout counter.

PREVIOUS TIME OVERSEAS

McVeigh has previously served as an English Language Specialist in Oman, Bahrain, the United Arab Emirates, Spain, Vietnam, and Cambodia. His English language textbooks, published by Oxford University Press, are used in schools and universities around the world.

This time was different from his previous projects, McVeigh said, because those were before the pandemic and before the time when remote meetings and conferences were possible.

“This project had remote meetings before, during, and afterwards, so technology is playing a bigger role,” he said. “On this trip I had more opportunities for social and cultural exchange directly with Peruvians than is possible say, in the Middle East.”

“The Peruvian people are extremely warm, generous and helpful. I had the opportunity to visit three very distinct geographic areas: Lima, the capital city on the coast; Tarapoto, in the northeastern jungle; and Arequipa, high in the Andes. Often these trips are largely confined just to capital cities, so it was great to get a better sense of different parts of the country. Also, this is the first project where I have had the opportunity to have a hand in shaping the curriculum at a major university with potential impacts on high-level language policy at a national level.”

A member of the Ilsley Library board in Middlebury, McVeigh indulged in his special interest in libraries.

“I visited three libraries contained in the binational centers in Lima, Arequipa and Tarapoto,” he said. “I also stopped by the historic art-deco library in Barranco, a neighborhood in Lima. Much like our library in Middlebury it is in need of repair.”

Vt Farm to Plate seeks proposals for Nov. meeting

Farm to Plate is Vermont’s food system plan being implemented statewide to increase economic development and jobs in the farm and food sector and improve access to healthy local food for all Vermonters. It is run by the Vermont Sustainable Jobs Fund.

The organization welcomes anyone to be a part of its 2024 Annual Gathering on Nov. 20-21 at Killington Resort. Farm to Plate network members and non-members involved with Vermont’s food system are invited to propose breakout sessions that align with this year’s theme, “Transformative Action.” Building on the momentum and insights from the 2023 gathering, there is a desire among network members to deepen their commitment to transformative change by moving from personal understanding to collaborative action, from overlapping statewide plans and initiatives to aligned implementation.

Farm to Plate is seeking 14 breakout session proposals that provide participants with concrete tips, takeaways, tools and collaborative problem-solving to address key food system issues. Submissions should focus on innovative programs, business models, supply chain partnerships and collaborations, financing and funding, coalitions, community and grassroots approaches, and applied cross-cutting skills that relate to the four high-level goal areas of the Strategic Plan: economic development, environmental sustainability, food access and security, and racial equity.

Applications will be reviewed by a panel comprised of Farm to Plate Steering Committee members and staff. Submissions are due Aug. 23.

Reach out to Jessica Poulin, Vermont Farm to Plate Network Assistant, with any questions: jessica@vsjf.org.

To submit an application, go to tinyurl.com/Farm2PlateProp.

Unlike the Ilsley, the collection of books and materials was quite dated. I was intrigued to see on display a series of biographies of great leaders of the 20th Century, which contained some exemplars I wouldn’t expect to see in the U.S. including Mikhail Gorbachev, Daniel Ortega, Tito, and the Ayatollah Khomeini!

In addition to the work on this trip, McVeigh did find time for some fun.

“When an unexpected national holiday was declared, my undergraduate students in Tarapoto decided it was time for an excursion,” he said. “I found myself riding on the back of a motorcycle 44 kilometers over windy, twisty mountain roads (think Route 17) to get to the very best waterfall. I hadn’t anticipated swimming, but everyone else was. I figured I was unlikely to have another opportunity to swim under a waterfall in the Peruvian jungle, so I stripped to down my underwear and plunged in. The water was great!”

Overall, McVeigh was happy with the results he expects his trip to achieve.

“I think my time in Tarapoto and Arequipa had the greatest impact,” he said. “The potential for improving the language skills of teachers is the biggest possibility of long-term impact.”



WHEN JOE MCVEIGH got a chance to swim under a waterfall in the Peruvian jungle, he stripped to his underwear and plunged in.




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EEE warning

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the disease in August, and a person in Chittenden County has recently tested positive for the virus. A decade ago, a Sudbury man died from the disease. And late last week the Health Department week designated several Addison County towns as having a higher than average risk for infection from mosquitoes.

The recent Chittenden County case and an uptick in mosquitoes turning up with the virus led the Vermont Department of Health to issue an advisory last week recommending that Vermonters in several northwestern Vermont communities stay inside from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m.

Those high-risk areas include Alburgh, Colchester, Swanton and Burlington, the state's largest city. Several Burlington events, including Oktoberfest and the Intervale Center's Summervale, have been canceled over EEE concerns.

Other events, like Burlington's Twilight series, are scrambling to find indoor locations, according to the mayor's office. Schools in high-risk areas are moving around sports practices and back-to-school events to protect against the virus, Vermont Public reported.

Towns at moderate risk include Vergennes, Whiting, Sudbury and Milton. Low-risk towns called out by the Department of Health include Cornwall, Grand Isle, Highgate and Fairfield. These risk levels may change as more groups of mosquitoes are tested.

Even if you don't live in a high-risk area, everyone in Vermont should take steps to prevent mosquito bites and protect themselves from mosquito-borne illness:

- Limit the amount of time you spend outdoors at dawn and dusk.
- Use EPA-registered insect repellent labeled as effective against mosquitoes. Apply repellent when you are going to be outdoors, especially at dawn or dusk.
- Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants when outdoors.
- Fix any holes in your screens and remove standing water around your home.

The risk of mosquito bites is lower when temperatures are below 60 degrees and mosquitoes are less active.

Patsy Kelso, the state epidemiologist, provided information about EEE and its spread in Vermont.

WHAT IS EEE?

Eastern equine encephalitis is a severe disease caused by a virus found in several species of animals and spread through two different

species of mosquitoes. Mosquitoes pick up the virus from biting and feeding on birds, then pass along the virus to humans and horses, Kelso said.

EEE is not new to the region. It is more common in eastern Massachusetts and southern New Hampshire, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, but Vermont has had waves of outbreaks in humans and animals, Kelso said. The last fatalities were in 2012, when two people died in Rutland County.

Vermont did not detect the virus in mosquitoes or humans from 2016 to 2022. "It stays around for a few years, and then it disappears for a while," Kelso said.

Then in 2023, 14 mosquito pools tested positive and one horse died of the virus. "We kind of anticipated that we'd see it again this year," she said.

One important distinction when discussing EEE is that not everyone who gets the virus shows symptoms, and not everyone who shows symptoms gets encephalitis, the most severe complication of the disease, Kelso said.

In fact, most people with the virus do not develop symptoms. If they do, the incubation period is typically around four to 10 days, when they typically start to see indicators like a fever, chills and joint pain. Kelso recommended that people with these symptoms contact their doctor to rule out other causes and keep an eye on the course of the illness.

Only 5% of symptomatic patients get encephalitis, which includes a more severe fever, stiff neck, a really bad headache, seizures and vomiting, Kelso said. People who develop these symptoms should seek medical care immediately. Of the patients who develop encephalitis, about one-third die. There is no current cure for EEE.

There is limited data on who EEE affects most because the sample size each year is so small, but the evidence suggests people under the age of 15 or over the age of 50 are most susceptible to the most severe complications of the disease, she said.

THE DISEASE THIS YEAR

Besides the human case, most data on EEE comes from the state Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets and the state health department testing thousands of mosquito pools each year.

The agency sets up

traps throughout the state that are designed to attract and collect specific species of mosquitoes, including the ones that spread EEE and West Nile Virus. You can see whether your community has one of those traps in this health department map.

Agency employees painstakingly look at each mosquito to identify its species and put them in groups or "pools," Kelso said. They then send the mosquitoes out to the health department or CDC labs for testing each week.

Last month, the percent of pools testing positive for EEE reached a peak of around 8%, far higher than the seasonal average of 1% to 2%, the health department reported on its website. At least one pool has tested positive in 15 towns in Chittenden, Franklin, Grand Isle and Addison counties.

The positive pools triggered the health department's existing disease plan to issue the advisory about staying indoors, Kelso said. Although no pools have tested positive in Burlington, the recent Chittenden County case in a human prompted the department to extend the advisory to the city.

Kelso said it is good for Vermonters on the border with New Hampshire to keep tabs on the spread of the disease there. But for the most part, mosquitoes are not big travelers. "Mosquitoes typically don't travel more than about a mile from where they hatch," she said.

PREVENT EEE?

Asked exactly how dangerous it was to spend time outdoors in high-risk areas, Kelso emphasized that only 66 of the more than 2,200 pools tested — about 3% — actually came back positive for the virus.

Still, "it's an individual decision that people need to make based on how concerned they are," she said.

"Being one of those unfortunate five percenters," or people who get encephalitis, "a third of whom will die, it really comes down to that," she said. "So the health department's message is we strongly recommend that people avoid being outside as much as possible in those evening and early morning hours."

The health department has other recommendations for protecting yourself against mosquito bites on its website. Among its recommendations are to wear long tops and bottoms, use effective insect repellent, cover

baby carriages and playpens with mosquito netting, fix holes in your home's window screens, and get rid of standing water outside your home.

Kelso said people should consider using insect repellent even if wearing long clothing, since mosquitoes can bite through thin layers of fabric.

Unfortunately, climate change and its warming effect could extend the mosquito season and the challenges that go with it.



Pray for us all

A PRAYING MANTIS is nearly invisible as it carries out its business in a Weybridge lawn over the weekend.

Photo by Susan Humphrey

The health department's surveillance plan calls for the use of pesticides or larvicides when necessary to limit mosquito-based diseases. At this point, no specific spraying projects are planned, Kelso said, although some regions of the state have mosquito control programs simply to deal with the nuisance.

The department plans to keep tracking the progress of mosquito testing week to week, she said. If it were to go about mosquito control, it would need to go through several steps — particularly an environmental review of the area and a public meeting — before spraying could go forward, she said.

"We would never be able to decide on a Friday, 'OK, the conditions are such that it warrants aerial application of pesticide,' and then have that happen on Saturday because too many things need to happen," she said.

THE OUTLOOK OF EEE

EEE falls off when mosquitoes do, which is around the first

hard frost, typically early-to-mid-October in the Champlain Valley. Kelso said the prevalence of mosquitoes and the virus they spread starts to lower when the temperature dips below 50 degrees, even before the frost kills them off.

She said based on the multiyear pattern of the virus, it seems possible the outbreak could continue into next summer.

"I'm guessing we'll still see it in the next year or two or three, and then it will probably go away again for a little while," she said.

Unfortunately, climate change and its warming effect could extend the mosquito season and the challenges that go with it, Kelso said.

"We might start trapping and testing mosquitoes in May in coming years, if May is warm enough and we have mosquito activity, whereas now it's really like late June or July," she said.

For more information visit HealthVermont.gov/mosquito or HealthVermont.gov/EEE.

Wellspring singers needed

ADDISON COUNTY — Wellspring is a group of caring, musical community members who bring the joy and comfort of singing to others, especially community members at the end-of-life and those living with serious illness, as well as to local care facilities and Porter Medical Center.

We rehearse on first and third Wednesdays from 5-7 p.m. in Middlebury, when we learn and practice a diverse repertoire of music. We are committed to singing as called upon (times and locations vary) and to be responsive and adaptive to the needs of those who live with life-limiting conditions.

Singers who are interested in learning more about singing with Wellspring are invited to be in touch with Marita Schine (marita.schine2013@gmail.com) by Thursday, Sept. 12, to learn more detailed information, including how to join and where we meet.

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Vergennes

Police Log

VERGENNES — Vergennes police on Friday, Aug. 30, cited a man with a city address for suspicion of driving under the influence of drugs.

Cited was Shawn Lussier, 27. Police stopped the vehicle he was driving after spotting him allegedly using a handheld cellphone while operating it on Monkton Road. Police allege Lussier failed a roadside sobriety test before he was cited.

In other action between Aug. 26 and Sept. 1, Vergennes police conducted 14 patrols in cruisers and two on foot, 23 traffic stops, two property watches and three VIN inspections; processed nine pre-employment fingerprint requests; responded to a false alarm; and also:

- On Aug. 26:
 - Conducted a background investigation of a potential department employee.

- Were told someone had gone through a car parked at 25 Armory Lane.

- Told a couple involved in a custodial dispute they needed to take matters to family court.

- Asked a man making people feel uncomfortable in the Maple Manor neighborhood to move along.

- On Aug. 27:
 - On behalf of AgeWell checked the welfare of a Walker Avenue resident, who was found to be OK.

- Served a relief-from-abuse order to a First Street resident.

- Were asked by a doctor to check the welfare of an individual; police determined he was in Brandon and contacted police there.

- On behalf of New York State Police verified that a citizen had repaired a broken headlight.

- On Aug. 28:

- Handled a minor two-car accident at the intersection of Main and South Water streets.

- Calmed a dispute between two women centered around the fact one had once apparently dated the other's boyfriend, according to police, who advised one of the two how to obtain an anti-stalking order.

- Took the first of several concerned calls over the next couple days about a city resident who lives with a caretaker and acts erratically when she leaves home and interacts with the public.

- On Aug. 29 advised a city resident how to deal with a scammer calling repeatedly and pretending to be a South Burlington police officer.

- On Aug. 30 took an online report about dogs allegedly being left in a car in a city neighborhood and appearing hot, although its windows were left at least partially open.

- On Sept. 1:

- Responded to a case of a dog getting loose from a home (when its owners were away) and attacking a dog and its owner who were walking by. Police said the loose dog did bite the man, but he did not require medical attention, and that its owners provided papers to show its shots were up to date.

- At the train station parking lot helped push a disabled vehicle that was blocking traffic into a parking space.



National representation

U.S. REP. BECCA Balint was in Middlebury on Wednesday, Aug. 23, for a downtown walking tour and to discuss efforts toward building a "Dementia Friendly Middlebury" during a roundtable discussion about Alzheimer's and aging in Vermont at Ilsley Public Library. On her stroll, Rep. Balint met with, clockwise from above, Greg Dennis; Pamela Smith and Laura Hanson at Ignite Nutrition, Hanson's smoothie and energized tea bar; Kristin Bolton at Elderly Services Inc.; Addison County High Bailiff Dave Silberman, who is owner of the Flora cannabis shop; At Parlour with Leah Sigall and Pamela Smith; and with aide Jessica Nordhaus, left, and local Alzheimer's advocate Pamela Smith.

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MNFF10

(Continued from Page 1A) appearances at MNFF10, topping what was last year's all-time record of 84. MNFF's travel fund helped augment that number, festival organizers acknowledged.

"Some (filmmakers) came early and left early; some came late, and some stayed the whole time," Komesar said.

Movie enthusiasts and visiting filmmakers had plenty of choices during the extravaganza. The menu included 131 features, documentaries and shorts; Q&As moderated by festival co-founder and Artistic Director Jay Craven (as well as Komesar); parties; and special events.

"We invested heavily in diversity of subject matter and in seeking out under-represented communities for the films we chose," Komesar said. "We work hard at taking the 'something of substance for everyone' approach. We are creating substantial options for everyone at every time period during the festival."

There were a lot of popular draws, Komesar noted, and here are a few highlights:

Celebrations of this year's MNFF guests and honorees, which included four-time Academy Award-winning filmmaker Oliver Stone; Andy Mitchell, a Middlebury resident and four-time Emmy Award winning director, cinematographer, producer, writer, storyteller and underwater cameraman; John Patrick Shanley, an American playwright, screenwriter, and director; Bess O'Brien, a Middlebury Union High School grad and documentary filmmaker; three-time Emmy nominated animation/film director Albert Kimson; Sandrine Faucher Cassidy, senior director of festivals, distribution & talent development at the USC School of Cinematic Arts; Paul Tazewell, one of the film/stage industry's most revered designers; and Gary Dale Farmer, a renowned Canadian actor and musician.

"That's almost 5,000 people who went to the movies. For a town this size, that's a lot of folks going to see films, staying for Q&As, going to parties and then going to dinner somewhere."

— Lloyd Komesar

In addition to being able to view some of the honorees' best work, attendees got to mingle with them and gain industry insights during Q&A sessions.

This was Lloyd Komesar's final tour producing the festival he founded with Craven a decade ago. Many of his duties will be absorbed by Caitlin Boyle, MNFF's newly hired, first-ever executive director.

Two film offerings through the festival's ongoing American Cultural and Educational Foundation (AICEF) cross-cultural exchange. AICEF donates what Komesar described as "a significant amount of money to us to facilitate the exchange of filmmakers." This year's festival saw participation from two Bali filmmakers, who screened their work: "Sculpting the Giant" and "New Wave."

"The attendance for both of these films was substantial," Komesar said. "People are figuring this out, that these cross-cultural exchanges with filmmakers are exciting."

Wednesday sellouts for the Japanese film "Black Box Diaries" and the Montenegrin film "Sirin."

Simultaneous screenings of the festival's opening film, "Super/Man: The Christopher Reeve Story" at Middlebury College's Dana Auditorium and the Marquee Theater. Demand for the film and related extra features exceeded the

Film Fest Winners

Receiving top awards at the 10th annual Middlebury New Filmmakers Festival:

- Best Narrative Feature — "Los Frikis," directed by Michael Schwartz and Tyler Nilson.
- Best Documentary Feature — "Porcelain War," directed by Brendan Bellomo, Slava Leontyev.
- Best Narrative Short — "A Good Day Will Come," directed by Amir Zargara.
- Best Documentary Short — "Oasis," directed by Justine Martin.
- Audience Award/Feature — "My Place Ozerna," directed by Karina Bedkowska.
- Audience Award/Short — "The Quilters," directed by Jenifer McShane.
- AICEF Prize for Cross Cultural Filmmaking — "New Wave," directed by Elizabeth Ai.
- Hernandez/Bayliss Prize for Triumph of the Human Spirit — "Mediha," directed by Hasan Oswald.
- Clio Visualizing History Prize — "Never Look

Away," directed by Lucy Lawless.

- Gaia Prize for Environmental Filmmaking — "The Quietest Year," directed by Karin Akins.
- Shouldice Family Prize for Best Vermont-Made Film — "Petal Fall," directed by Adam Benay.
- Thaddeus Stevens Prize for Social Engagement — "Running for the Mountains," directed by Julie Eisenberg and Babette Hogan.
- Ralph Steiner Prize for Poetic Cinema — "A Photographic Memory," directed by Rachel Seed.
- Kate Hearst Prize - Human Connectivity — "By My Side," directed by Vicki Topaz.
- Gamble-Paison Prize for Best International Feature Film — "Porcelain War," directed by Brendan Bellomo and Slava Leontyev.
- Swift House Prize for Best Depiction of the Arts — "Robert Shields: My Life as a Robot," directed by Mark Bonn and Christine Seibert Bonn.
- Jeanine Basinger Prize for Best Student Film — "Washed Up," directed by Thomas Bayne.

capacity of Dana, so the Marquis was enlisted for additional viewership.

"It was very successful," Komesar said, crediting the technical prowess of folks like Middlebury Community TV's Kurt Broderson and the local theater's Ben Wells, among others.

"Going forward, we could do any setup (for simultaneous screenings)," Komesar said. "We proved we can do it."

He thanked Warner Brothers for allowing MNFF10 to not only offer the "Super/Man" film's New England premier, but to do it on two screens.

"It was extraordinarily generous,"

he said.

A screening of the documentary "Mediha," which recounts the trauma endured by an Iraqi-Yazidi teenager during four years of captivity by ISIS terrorists. Present at the MNFF10 screening was the subject of the film, Mediha Ibrahim Alhamad, which added extra realism and immediacy to the experience.

"This was a strong, powerful film that got the kind of audience it deserved," Komesar said.

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Boyle, MNFF's newly hired, first-ever executive director.

Komesar, who received a special tribute on Aug. 25, will continue to provide guidance as a member of the festival's board of directors. But he's looking forward to attending MNFF11 simply as a movie enthusiast.

"We'll be in great hands with Caitlin Boyle," Komesar said. "I'll be able to sit in a theater and just take in the films and listen to the Q&As. I'll have a pass, go in, take a seat, and enjoy it."

Reporter John Flowers is at johnf@addisonindependent.com.

Bristol

(Continued from Page 1A) Fund.

The municipal rate makes up a portion of the total town property tax rate residents will see on their bill, which also factors in the education tax rate required for Bristol to help cover Vermont's Education Fund expenses for the upcoming year.

Bristol residents on June 11 joined other Mount Abraham

Unified School District voters in backing a \$35,381,196 spending plan for fiscal year 2025, which reflects a 4.47% increase in total spending over the prior year. Along with education spending, a few other factors help shape the actual homestead property tax rates in MAUSD towns, such as a town's common level of appraisal (CLA).

The CLA is a ratio the state

uses to adjust locally assessed property values to reflect the estimated fair market value, with the goal of making the level of taxation equal among all Vermont towns to ensure they're paying their appropriate share into the state's Education Fund.

Bristol's CLA is 72.17 (that means homes are appraised at 72% of fair market value), down 8.95 points from last year.

The town's homestead education tax rate for FY'25 increased by \$0.1284, or 6.95%, to \$1.9764. The nonresidential education tax rate — which covers second homes, business properties and rental properties — increased by \$0.2127, or 12.4%, to \$1.9274.

Thus, the total homestead property tax rate (municipal and education taxes) will be \$2.8037,

and the nonresidential tax rate is \$2.7547, up 5.54% and 9.17% from the prior year, respectively.

Inside the police district, the overall homestead tax rate will be \$3.1292, and the nonresidential tax rate will be \$3.0802.

That means, outside of the police district, Bristol homeowners paying based on the full value of their property can expect to see a tax increase of

\$147.10 per \$100,000 of assessed value. Police district residents will see an increase of \$145.20.

Around two-thirds of homeowners statewide pay based on their income, and those residents will receive income-based property tax credits.

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ACSWMD

(Continued from Page 13A) (ACSWMD) transfer station at 1223 Route 7 South in Middlebury; that facility only accepts rubbish in bulk from commercial haulers.

Bummer. And until late last month, you pretty much had to hang onto your trash for another week or two if you fell into the above category.

Shouldn't be a problem anymore.

ACSWMD on Aug. 16 opened a new facility at 65 Campground Road in New Haven that

accepts residential recycling, bagged trash, leaf and yard debris, and food scraps. The facility, operated by JR & Sons Junk Removal, is currently open on Fridays from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m., and on Saturdays from 7 a.m. to noon. But that's just for starters; ACSWMD officials said the facility's days, hours and services will be adjusted based on community demand and according to a three-phased plan the district has drawn up for the 5.4-acre site.

"This drop-off is not meant to take the place of any drop-offs; it's to give more options," ACSWMD Executive Board Chair Cheryl Brinkman explained during an interview at the new New Haven drop-off center. "I consider this a safety net for trash and recycling, especially for those who have something happen to their (municipal) drop-offs — if they close and are suddenly left with no options."

The *Independent* reported in May 2023 that ACSWMD had acquired a site in New Haven for a new facility to make recycling and trash disposal more convenient for residents in the district's 21 member towns.

Currently, residents have two waste/recycling disposal options: Contract with a licensed hauler for curbside pickup, or visit their municipal drop-off location where

a designated hauler receives the waste material for a per-bag fee.

While residents can bring "specialty items" such as asphalt shingles, batteries, tires and electronics to the Middlebury transfer station, they can't bring in their bagged trash or recyclables. The rationale: allowing such a practice would dramatically increase traffic entering and exiting the station, potentially causing traffic snarls on Route 7.

ACSWMD officials considered acquiring the adjacent United States Forest Service property on Route 7 to expand the Middlebury transfer station in a manner that could allow drop-off of residential trash/recyclables. But the lack of on-site queuing space, coupled with an abundance of construction-unfriendly ledge at the Forest Service site, disqualified that idea.

The district formed a "drop-off committee" that in 2018 issued a recommendation: "Establish a regional drop-off (center) open to all residents of Addison County, north of Middlebury," to provide a second site for people's disposal needs.

A search eventually led the district to buy the 65 Campground Road site from Peter Norris. It's close to Route 7 and is well equipped to host large numbers of waste-laden vehicles. District planners devised a three-phased plan for development of the site:

• **Phase 1** (at a cost of \$750,000), which has been completed, included erosion control, installation of concrete pads, paving, storm drain, buried retaining wall, driveway, landscaping, gate and two concrete bunkers.

JR & Sons won a one-year contract to run the new drop-off facility, with the possibility of an extension. It costs you \$7 to leave a 30-gallon bag of trash or recyclables; \$5 for a 5-gallon

bucket of compost; and \$3 a cubic yard for yard waste, including leaves.

Jerry Rule and his crew truck the collected waste from the New Haven site to the Middlebury transfer station.

Traffic at the site has been sparse thus far.

"We've got to get the word out," said Rule, who's spent 28 years in the solid waste industry. He started JR Rubbish & Recycling in 1993, when he was 22 and sold the company in 2007, for health and personal reasons. He's back in business now with JR & Sons.

Rule, Brinkman and ACSWMD Manager Teresa Kuczynski are confident the New Haven facility will eventually catch on, and it already has the requisite permitting to expand hours.

"If we start getting busy, we want to try open up Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday," Rule said.

• **Phase 2** (estimated at \$2 million) will give residents even more reasons to visit the New Haven drop-off. This phase — which Brinkman believes will be finished "in a year or two" — calls for construction of a gatehouse and a longer list of accepted items, including scrap metal, electronics, mixed solid waste, fluorescent light bulbs, tires, books, plastic film/bags, confidential documents for shredding/recycling and more. Essentially, the drop-off station will accept almost everything its sister station in Middlebury now accepts — except household hazardous waste and large quantities of construction/demolition debris. The household hazardous waste feature is slated for a **phase 3** that the ACSWMD board will consider in the future, according to Kuczynski.

Plans call for ACSWMD officials to discuss phase 2 at a retreat this fall. The work in question will need to be factored into the district's 2025 budget, according to Kuczynski. A consultant is now studying phase 2 work that'll include design of the gatehouse, which will need permitting.

Brinkman reiterated that the new facility isn't intended to replace the Middlebury transfer station.



Big and little

A GREAT BLUE Heron dwarfs the dragonfly hovering near its head at a local pond. Regardless of size, both winged creatures paint a majestic picture.

Photo by Dottie Nelson

"It gives a permanent option for folks," she said, adding it also allows residents to conduct their trash/recycling business on a weekday, if they'd rather preserve Saturdays for other chores or family time.

She also touted the new facility's central location, noting it currently allows residents to take care of all of their waste-disposal needs on a single day, if they visit both ACSWMD stations.

Brinkman acknowledged she and her colleagues looked north for guidance in designing the New Haven station, and she believes it will pay off.

"One of the things we discussed when we were developing this site was looking at Chittenden County

drop-offs and how convenient they are," she said. "They can go at their convenience and bring whatever they have. Our dream is

to make this drop-off in Addison County as convenient."

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County farms

(Continued from Page 1A) compared to 265 respondents reporting over \$16 million in losses on more than 27,000 impacted acres following July storms in 2023.

Addison County farmers accounted for seven of the responses in this year's survey, reporting \$304,634 in estimated losses on 262 impacted acres, the fifth highest total amongst counties represented in the survey. Chittenden County farmers

reported the most damage (an estimated \$2.1 million in losses), followed by Caledonia (\$1 million), Orange (\$750,000) and Lamoille (\$342,180) counties.

Last summer, Addison County farmers reported almost 10 times as much flood damage as detailed in this year's survey. County farmers in 2023 reported \$3,104,455 in estimated losses across 14,000 acres from July storms, more than any other county in Vermont, with the most significant damage being

the loss of crops meant for animal feed.

A couple of Addison County farmers who responded to this year's survey said loss of crops intended for feed was the most significant damage they experienced, with three stating damage to privately owned farm access roads was the most significant and another two pointing to loss of crops meant for wholesale or retail markets.

A little less than one-third of all survey respondents said the loss

of crops meant for wholesale or retail markets accounted for the most significant damage to their operation, followed by loss of crops meant for livestock feed. Around 41% of farmers said they anticipated experiencing a feed shortage or issues with feed quality.

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Childcare

(Continued from Page 1A) think it's a great example of what community is supposed to do to help each other," said Salisbury Selectboard Chairman Patrick Dunn, who was the town's liaison in helping Bowdish establish SFC in what is a town-owned asset that hasn't been used to its full potential since 1997. That's when Salisbury's K-6 students moved from the 25 Schoolhouse Road building to the then-new Salisbury Community School at 286 Kelly Cross Road.

Since that transition, a small portion of the former school has hosted Salisbury's town offices, while the balance of the building has been leased. Past tenants have included a local Masons group, and the town of Middlebury recently used the spot for an archiving project.

As Middlebury's lease was nearing its end, in 2022 Salisbury officials began discussing potential new uses for 25 Schoolhouse Road. Dunn recalled that Selectman Jonathan Blake floated the concept of a childcare center.

Board members coalesced around that idea, and Dunn reached out to area providers, such as the Otter Creek and Mary Johnson childcare centers. Were any of them interested in creating a satellite facility in the former Salisbury school?

"After six or seven inquiries — and many people came to see the space — we heard the same refrain: 'We love the idea and are grateful, but we don't have the (staff) to support it,'" Dunn said.

Salisbury officials were about to turn the page on the childcare idea when Dunn received a phone call from Bowdish — a local mom with plenty of experience in the childcare field. A Patricia A. Hannaford Career Center

graduate, Bowdish had spent six years as director of Shelburne's Stonewood School North. She knew there were plenty of families in her own community who needed childcare, and she wanted to be part of the solution.

Dunn told his colleagues about Bowdish's interest, and both parties decided to work together to make SFC a reality.

Fortunately, Bowdish had several arrows in her quiver to help her hit her business target:

- Vermont last year passed Act 76, a sweeping childcare revitalization law that's generated an additional \$125 million to allow childcare centers to expand their enrollment capacity, upgrade their facilities, and increase compensation and professional development opportunities for their educators and staff.

"It allowed us to offer higher salaries to our staff," Bowdish said, adding that roughly 90% of the families she's now serving qualify for subsidies through Act 76.

- Salisbury agreed to lease the 25 Schoolhouse Road space to Bowdish for free for three years. This gives SFC a financial breather during its formative period. SFC will still need to cover its own heat, utilities and other operating costs.

- Bowdish secured an \$80,000 startup grant through First Children's Finance, a nonprofit that, among other things, helps entrepreneurs launch, stabilize, improve and expand childcare businesses. The money has helped SFC renovate the building, including erecting additional interior walls, improving flooring and the electrical system, painting, and enclosing the outside playground with a fence.

- Ready access to a work crew. Bowdish noted the majority of her current nine workers are family and friends. Her colleagues include her mother, Wendy



CHRISTIAN BOWDISH HAS opened a new childcare center in Salisbury's former elementary school building, an undertaking that received a lot of pro bono help from the town, local businesspeople and community members.

Independent photo/John Flowers

Nielsen; her mother-in-law, Lisa Bowdish; and one of her sisters, Ann Manning.

"I lucked out," Bowdish said with a smile.

COMMUNITY HELP

Having a public water system designation triggers a lot of permitting and inspection rules, according to Dunn, who estimated the cost of those mandates at around \$35,000.

"I asked for help to try to remove that cost burden, because the town didn't have that money budgeted, and I don't think taxpayers would have supported it," he said. "It was already a big ask to get permission (for SFC) to use the building and not charge rent."

Dunn marveled at the number of area businesses, professionals and citizens who've stepped up to give SFC its start. Otter Creek Engineering and folks like Jason Larocque, Jeremy Rathbun,

Robbie Devoid, Toby Rheaume, and Gary Dubois chipped in with free labor, advice and/or materials to help solve water system and traffic/parking issues at the site.

"We probably have \$50,000 of free labor, assistance and materials from the local community to make this happen, not to mention their time and expertise to get us to this point," he said.

The town's road crew, thanks to donated fill, was able to connect SFC to ample parking at the adjacent Salisbury Congregational Church. Church leaders have allowed the childcare center to use their parking to relieve pressure on the seven spaces that currently serve the town-office portion of 25 Schoolhouse Road.

Salisbury's Development Review Board did a good job reviewing the SFC application and attaching permitting conditions that will ensure safe and orderly

access to the site, according to Dunn.

Salisbury will pay around \$1,000 per year to do regular checks on the building's water system. But Dunn believes that expense, as well as SFC's rent-free status, will be somewhat offset by property tax revenue that SFC (a for-profit entity) will generate.

The town will be able to revisit the rent issue in three years, when the current lease expires.

Meanwhile, Bowdish has had no trouble filling all of SFC's childcare slots. She already has a waiting list. Twelve of the slots are reserved for infants; the balance are for children 2-5 years old. Most of SFC's client families live in the Salisbury area, with some in Lincoln, Middlebury and other nearby communities.

SFC is open weekdays 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. It should also be noted that SFC staff are partnering with the Salisbury Community School on its after-school program.

"Things are going very well," Bowdish said. "We have a lot of happy parents and kids right now."

SFC's grand opening event is slated for Friday, Sept. 27, at 4 p.m.

"The grand opening, for us, will be more of a celebration and a thank you to all those people," Dunn said. "A lot of key folks in town have helped get this off the ground... and helped a young woman launch a really important business."

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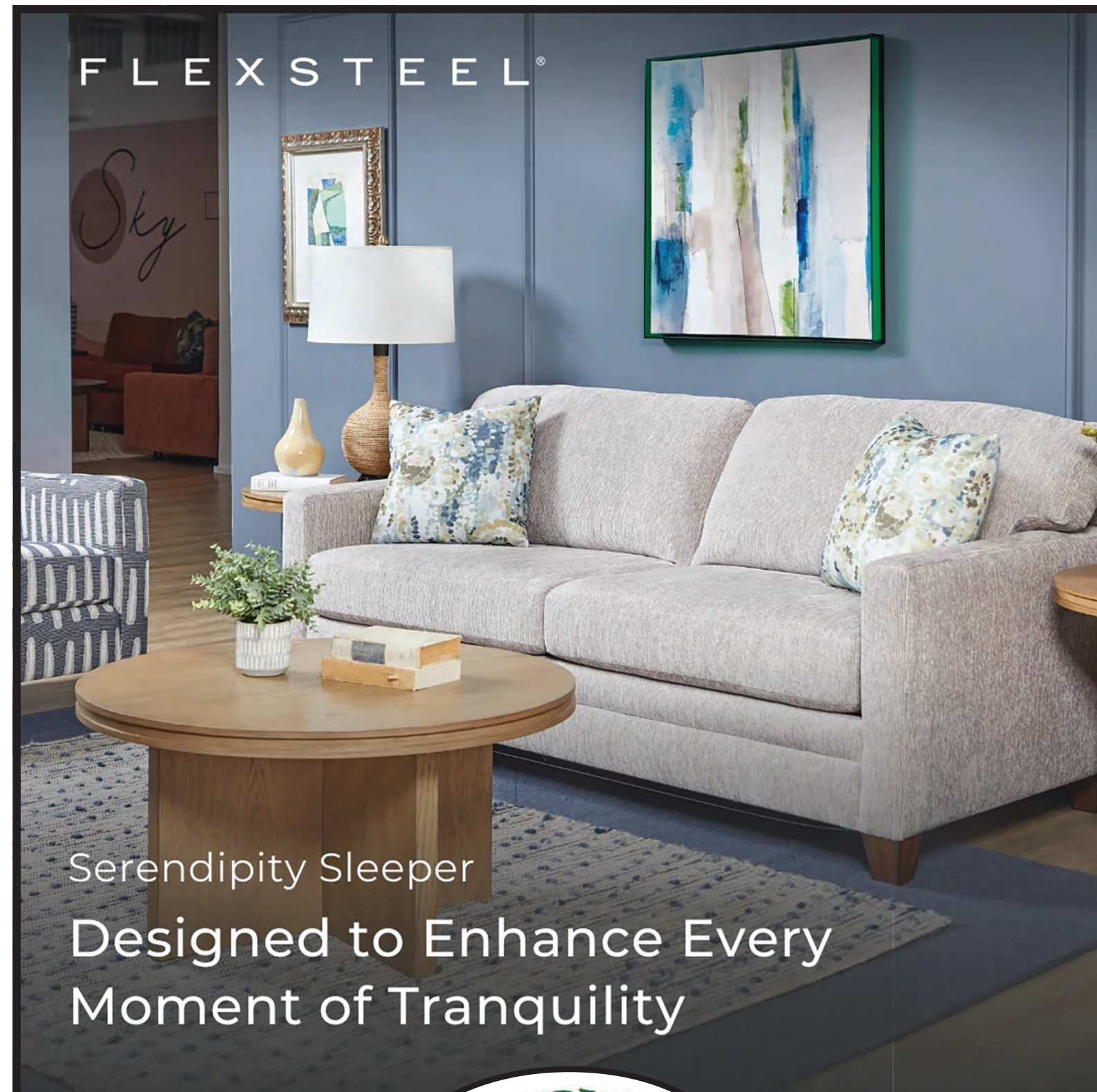
By the way

(Continued from Page 1A) Middlebury's Charter House Emergency Shelter at 27 N. Pleasant St. has a wish list of basic items that would help the houseless individuals in our community. The list of new or used items includes audio earbuds; working cell phones; men's and women's sweatshirts (hoods preferred), sizes M-XXL; men's and women's sweatpants, sizes M-XXL; backpacks, sizes M-L; travel-size toiletries, including shaving cream, razors, deodorant, etc.; art supplies (journals, adult coloring books and paint brushes); and large-print crossword and word-search books. Drop off donations during daytime hours, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., on the side porch of the shelter that faces the Middlebury Inn.

Get your engines revved for a good cause — the 3rd Annual Snake Mountain Car Show, set for Sunday, Sept. 22, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Addison County Fairgrounds in New Haven. Proceeds from the show will benefit the Brendon P. Cousino Med47 Foundation, an awesome local charity that raises money for first responder organizations. In addition to offering folks a sweet venue to exhibit and view classic vehicles, the event will feature a 50/50 raffle, a raffle table, a craft sale, and a rummage/car parts sale. Visitors should also consider bringing in food shelf donations. A registration fee of \$20 will be required at the gate and it's suggested that all participants bring a fire extinguisher. The event will kick off at 8 a.m., with car show participants required to be on the field by 11 a.m. if they want to be considered for the show's awards. The day promises an array of impressive vehicles including cars, trucks, bikes, very large trucks, fire trucks, antique tractors, and other specially interest vehicles. More info at facebook.com/snakemountaincruisers.

There are more than 200 students in grades 2-5 at Middlebury's Mary Hogan Elementary School who are eligible to participate in the Everybody Wins! program this year. Everybody Wins! is a literacy-based mentoring program that needs mentors for the current academic year. Student participation in Everybody Wins! is completely voluntary and many students at Mary Hogan are hoping to participate. Mentors meet with their mentee one day a week (choice of Tuesday, Thursday or Friday) at Mary Hogan, for one hour during the student's lunch/recess period. Everybody Wins! is not a tutoring program; the goal is to provide kids with a caring adult and help nurture a love of books and reading. No special skills are needed — just a willingness to spend an hour reading and playing games and talking with a child. If you're ready to mentor, apply online at tinyurl.com/4weevrf2. Questions? Email Middlebury@everybodywinsvermont.org.

Average gasoline prices in Vermont have fallen 3.2 cents per gallon during the past week to \$3.33, according to GasBuddy's survey of 626 stations. Prices in Vermont are 8.7 cents lower than a month ago and 46.1 cents lower than a year ago. The cheapest station in Vermont sold at \$2.83 this week, the most expensive was \$3.49. Meanwhile, the national average price has fallen 4.6 cents to \$3.28.



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Tiger football demolishes St. Albans in home opener

By ANDY KIRKALDY

MIDDLEBURY — Fans at Doc Collins Field this past Friday saw early on in the Middlebury Union High School football team's season opener that things will look a bit different this season.

On the Tigers' first offensive play against St. Albans, they lined up in a shotgun formation instead of having senior quarterback Luke Nuceder stand right behind junior center Steven Lackard. And when Nuceder took the long snap, he didn't hand off: Nuceder completed a pass in the right flat to junior halfback Logan McNulty, who turned it into a 20-yard gain.

On the Tigers' next possession, Nuceder rolled right on first down and tossed a 13-yard completion

to senior wideout Tucker Morter. This wasn't three yards and a cloud of dust (or mud, given it is Vermont).

In what ended up as a 62-0 romp for the Tigers, Nuceder attempted three of them for touchdowns. He threw on first down four times, to Morter, senior back Tassilo Luksch and junior tight end Cooke Riney. Nuceder completed seven passes for 125 yards, all in the first half.

One of his passes fell incomplete, a drop in the end zone. But a Tiger penalty wiped out the play and the incompletion off Nuceder's slate. It didn't matter. After that penalty, the Tigers moved 33 yards in the next

three plays and scored on a sweep by senior back George Devlin, one of the team's eight first-half touchdowns.

In fact, the Tigers scored on all eight of their first-half possessions against an inexperienced St. Albans squad, and led at the break, 55-0. The MUHS second string added a score in the second half, and the fourth quarter was played under the running time mercy rule. The Tigers took a knee three times inside the St. Albans 10-yard line to end the game.

Head Coach Jed Malcolm acknowledged afterward he couldn't come up with a much better way to open the season and take the wraps off the team's new-look offense, which will next



MUHS JUNIOR TIGHT end Cooke Riney hauls in this TD pass lofted to the back corner of the end zone during this past Friday night's Tiger football home opener.

Independent photo/Steve James



QB LUKE NUCEDER romps wide left for a touchdown against visiting St. Albans this past Friday night. The MUHS senior also threw for three TDs in the Tiger football team's opener.

Independent photo/Steve James

attack visiting Mount Anthony this Friday.

He was most happy with the diversity of the attack, noting eight Tigers scored, something he said that in addition to improved run-pass balance will make them difficult to defend.

"The biggest thing is this is a 'team,' a true team. We've got no true stars, and you're going to see that ball spread (around)," Malcolm said. "Tonight I think you saw eight different people score. That's the way we're going to roll the whole year."

Nor should the defensive effort be overlooked. The line harassed

St. Albans quarterback George Lariviere into hurried throws and batted down several of his passes. Lariviere finished five of 32 through the air for 32 yards, with the defensive backfield breaking up several plays and Sutton Rubright picking off a pass.

The Tigers lined up man-to-man in the secondary and turned loose a D-line led by Kyle Stearns, Angus Blackwell and Cal Boulanger. They they dominated the trenches.

The Bobwhite ground game was even more fruitless. St. Albans gained 33 yards on 35 attempts, managing two first downs on

(See New formation, Page 3B)

Sports BRIEFS

VUHS boys' soccer opens with a victory

VERGENNES — The Vergennes Union High School boys' soccer team opened on Aug. 30 with a 3-0 victory over visiting Lake Division rival Green Mountain Valley.

The Commodores took a first-half lead on a Tiegen Buskey goal assisted by Ryker Mosehauer, and Spencer Gebo made it 2-0 just after halftime.

Mosehauer added an insurance goal in the 71st minute, with an assist from Buskey.

VUHS goalie Brayden Duggento stopped both shots on goal the Commodore defense allowed, and Shamus O'Brien made seven saves for the Gumbies.

The Commodores are off until they visit Enosburg on Sept. 10.

Mt. Abe field hockey eases past the Tigers

MIDDLEBURY — The Mount Abraham Union High School field hockey team outscored host Middlebury, 3-1, this past Saturday in the season debut for both teams.

Lexy Perlee and Maris Laperle each scored once and assisted a goal to lead the Eagles' attack. June Yates-Rusch also found the back of the cage for Mount Abe, Eleanor Hurlburt picked up an assist, and goalie Rory Hendee backstopped the victory.

Maya Breckenridge netted the Tiger goal, assisted by Quinn Doria.

Both teams were scheduled to play again on Wednesday after the deadline for this issue, the Tigers against visiting Burlington, and the Eagles at U-32.

Score BOARD

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Football

8/30 MUHS vs St. Albans.....	62-0
8/31 Fairfax vs OV.....	35-0
8/31 MAV vs Mill River.....	30-20

Field hockey

8/31 Mt Abe vs MUHS.....	3-1
8/31 OV vs Springfield.....	12-0
9/4 Fair Haven at OV.....	Late
9/4 Burlington at MUHS.....	Late
9/4 U-32 at Mt Abe.....	Late

Girls' Soccer

8/30 VUHS vs Peoples.....	4-3
8/30 Harwood vs Mt Abe.....	2-1
9/3 Mt Abe vs Peoples.....	1-0
9/3 MUHS vs Montpelier.....	4-0
9/3 VUHS vs Enosburg.....	3-0
9/4 Hartford at OV.....	Late

Boys' Soccer

8/30 VUHS vs GMVS.....	3-0
8/31 Rutland vs MUHS.....	4-2
9/4 Spaulding at MUHS.....	Late

Volleyball

8/29 MUHS vs Missisquoi.....	3-0
9/3 MUHS vs Vt Commons.....	3-2

COLLEGE SPORTS

Men's Soccer

9/3 Midd vs Norwich.....	4-0
9/4 Keene at Midd.....	Late

Field Hockey

9/3 Midd vs Castleton.....	7-0
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Women's Soccer

9/4 Midd at Clark.....	Late
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Schedule

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Football

9/5 MAV at Spaulding.....	6 PM
9/6 Mt Anthony at MUHS.....	7 PM
9/7 Rice at OV.....	7 PM
9/13 MUHS at Rutland.....	7 PM
9/14 MAV at Rice.....	1 PM
9/14 Spaulding at OV.....	1 PM/7 PM*

Field hockey

9/7 Mt Abe at CVU.....	10 AM
9/7 OV at MUHS.....	10 AM
9/10 MUHS at Colchester.....	4 PM
9/10 Rice at Mt Abe.....	4 PM
9/11 OV at Brattleboro.....	4:15 PM
9/10 Rice at Mt Abe.....	4 PM
9/12 Mt Abe at S Burlington.....	4 PM
9/12 Fair Haven at MUHS.....	4:30 PM
9/14 Windsor at OV.....	11 AM

Girls' Soccer

9/6 Mt Abe at Spaulding.....	4:30 PM
9/6 Hazen at VUHS.....	4:30 PM
9/7 MUHS at U-32.....	10 AM
9/10 OV at MUHS.....	4:30 PM

(See Schedule, Page 2B)

Tigers, VUHS, Mt. Abe all run in Essex Invitational

ESSEX — Cross-country runners from Middlebury, Mount Abraham and Vergennes competed at this past Saturday's season-opening Essex Invitational meet, which drew high school competitors from all Vermont divisions.

The veteran duo of senior Beth McIntosh and junior Mary Harrington finished 19th and 22nd, respectively, to lead the MUHS girls' team to a local best seventh-place finish. Three freshmen emerged as the other scorers for the MUHS team.

VUHS senior Grey Fearon posted the best finish among Addison County male runners, taking 39th in the boys' race as the Commodores finished 13th as a team.

Tiger senior Kaden Hammond paced the 10th-place Tiger boys by taking 43rd, and sophomore Jakob Hill led the 15th-place Eagle boys by taking 90th.

The Eagle and Commodore girls teams' did not field enough runners to score collectively. Junior Eleanor Wilkinson-Sachs led VUHS by taking 64th in the girls' race, and freshman Cameron Vose was the first Eagle girl across the finish line in 73rd.

Champlain Valley swept the team championships.

The Tiger girls' scoring five and their times were: 19. Beth McIntosh, 21:54.5; 22. Mary Harrington, 22:03.3; 35. Louisa Orten, 23:09.9; 53. Annika

(See Essex, Page 2B)



SENIOR KADEN HAMMOND, seen here leading a pack of runners, was the top finisher for the MUHS cross-country boys' team at Saturday's Essex Invitational.

Photo by Joe McVeigh



EAGLE SENIOR MIDFIELDER Lauren Cousino unleashes the low, hard shot that found the back of the net for the game's only goal on Tuesday as the Mount Abe girls' soccer team got past visiting Peoples, 1-0.

Independent photo/Steve James

Eagle girls mount strong defense

By ANDY KIRKALDY

BRISTOL — It's a good place to start while trying to win soccer games if a team doesn't allow a shot on goal, and that's just what the Mount Abraham girls accomplished against visiting Peoples Academy on Tuesday afternoon. The Eagles came away with a 1-0 victory.

Of course, longtime Coach Dustin Corrigan would have liked to see more of the 26 shots his Eagles took find the back of the net. But he expects better offensive efficiency will come as the season progresses for his team, which improved to 1-1.

But certainly he is already pleased with the way his defense has gelled in front of senior goalie Rosemary Behounek, who on Tuesday touched the ball just twice, both to pick up harmless long balls served into her penalty area. That followed her good effort in a 2-1 setback vs. Harwood the Friday before, according to Corrigan.

On Tuesday, center backs Whitney Dykstra and Mackenzie Griner and the outside backs, senior Abba Parker and freshman Payton Shepard, erased the occasional

Peoples threats that the Eagle midfielders allowed, usually consisting of hopeful long balls.

"We've got a lot of seniors with varsity experience, and some very talented freshmen that came up that are helping us right away, and Rosemary is doing a good job in net," Corrigan said. "That's a good starting point. I like to get things well organized and be stingy defensively initially, and that enables us to keep the game close with just about anybody. And then (we'll) figure out how to score some goals."

With two goals in two games, Corrigan acknowledged offense is a work in progress, but fairly based on the visual evidence on Tuesday he said the Eagles should be able to begin to put the ball into the net.

"We're still figuring that part out. But I believe we have several girls who are capable of scoring some goals. With some of them it's just a matter of maybe just breaking the seal, getting that first one, seeing the ball hitting the back of the net once, and that just builds a little confidence," he said.

To be fair, Peoples goalie Sophie

LaRock played well, especially positionally, making 14 saves and denying a number of good chances. "She did have a good game," Corrigan said.

Other traits appear to be there already. After a bit of a slow start on Tuesday, the Eagles settled in and moved the ball well, and they also more than matched Peoples' physical approach to the game, winning more than their fair share of 50-50 balls.

"We did do a pretty good job of that," Corrigan said. "We've been working a lot this past week on picking up our speed of play, getting that first touch to be productive."

Another positive this season should be the Eagles' depth.

"There are some players that come off the bench that give us a nice spark," Corrigan said. "Everybody that comes off the bench is capable of impacting the game in a positive way."

The Eagles took a few minutes to settle into Tuesday's game, but once they did their pressure on Peoples was constant. Junior forward Isla Underwood made several

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JUNIOR ELEANOR WILKINSON-SACHS was the first VUHS female cross-country runner to cross the finish line at Saturday's Essex Invitational.

Photo by Joe McVeigh

Essex

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Bruning, 25:04; and 58. Meredith Carr-Perlow, 25:47.6.

The Tiger boys' scoring five and their times were: 43. Kaden Hammond, 18:53.2; 55. Baker Nelson, 19:20.1; 64. Ethan Spritzer, 19:36; 66. Jorgen Pirrung, 19:54.6; and 67. Aaron Carr-Perlow, 20:00.4.

The Commodore boys' scoring five and their times were: 39. Grey Fearon, 18:40.3; 76. Brody McGuire, 21:01.7; 79. Connor Brogan, 21:19.6; 82. Caleb Hatch, 21:36.6; and 93. Chance Koenig, 22:35.9.

The Eagle boys' scoring five and their times were: 90. Jakob Hill, 22:05.4; 92. Elliot Senecal, 22:35.3; 103. Oliver Zelonis, 24:43.3; 104. James Mount, 24:44.3; and 105. Bennett Eberhardy, 24:53.8.

The Eagle girls' places and times were: 73. Cameron Vose, 27:00.9; 91. Rhiannon Andrews, 28:53.9; 99. Eloise Newman, 35:12.3; and 102. Sadie Nezin, 40:57.2.

The VUHS girls' places and times were: 64. Eleanor Wilkinson-Sachs, 26:14.3; 75. Torrey Hanna, 27:20.8; and 95. Georgia Kunkel, 29:48.1.

Natural beauty abounds in Glacier Bay National Park

The boat hadn't even left the dock for our 7 a.m., eight-hour tour of Glacier Bay in Alaska when we began to spot the sea otters.

Not just one or two shy otters seen from far off, but dozens of them swimming casually past within a few dozen yards of our boat. Or, rather, hundreds of them. They were everywhere. Many were swimming at a quick pace in rafts of three or four, like morning commuters intent on some destination, leaving wakes visible from hundreds of yards away. Others were just peacefully paddling along on their backs, toes in the air, like vacationers on floats lounging in a swimming pool. A few females had pups that brought special delight.

According to the National Park Service website, Glacier Bay as we now know it did not exist in the late 1600s. Instead, there was a large valley inhabited by the Huna Tlingit people. But in the Little Ice Age, a massive glacier rapidly moved down the valley carving out the bay. By 1750 it had filled the entire two-river valley and pushed its way out into the more open water of Icy Strait, forcing the Tlingit people to migrate south across the strait to settle a new village of Hoonah.

Then, almost as quickly as it had plowed its way outward, the glacier began to recede until by 1880 when John Muir visited and began to make the area famous through his writings. Today, one has to travel 65 miles into Glacier Bay to reach the tidewater glacier known as Johns Hopkins. Which is what our tour boat did in our recent expedition.

The sea otters didn't discover the relatively young (by geologic standards) Glacier Bay until 1995. But once they did, they found the habitat perfect with plenty of their favorite foods (mollusks and crustaceans) to be found in the abundant kelp beds of the nutrient-rich water. Within 30 years, the otter population had grown from zero to an estimated 8,000, making tourists happy but the commercial crabbing industry not so happy.

Otters, whose nearly 1 million hair follicles per square inch is the densest fur of any known mammal, may have been the most adorable

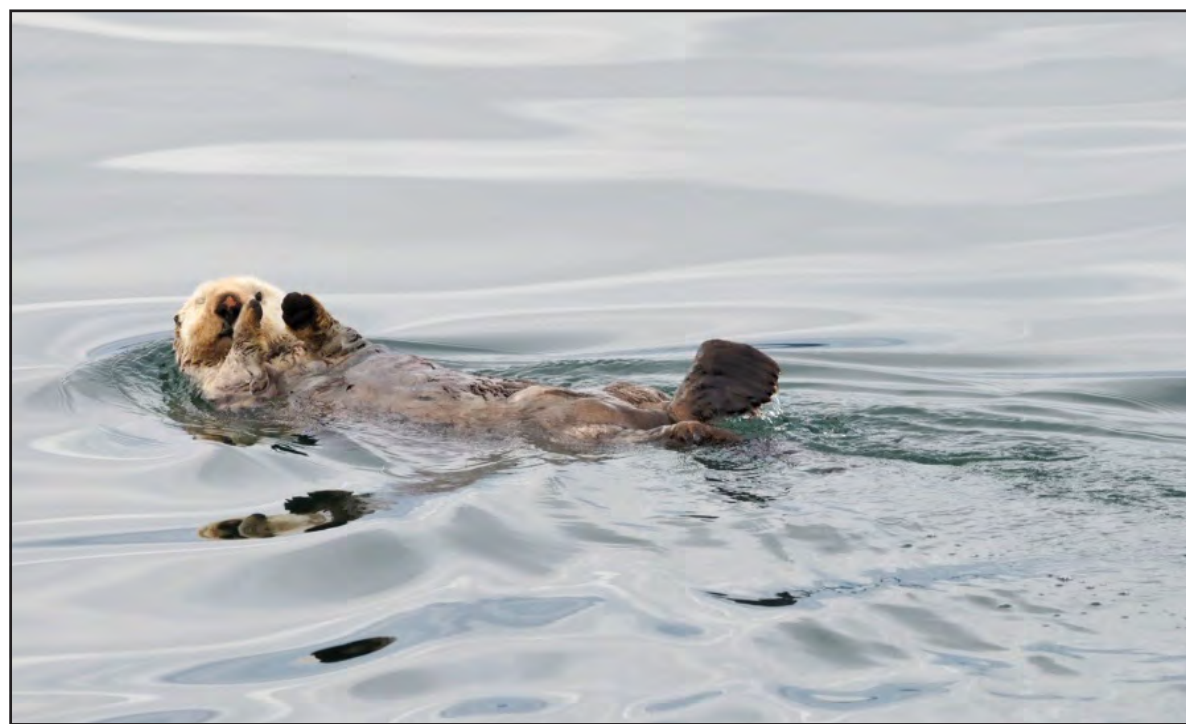
and favorite of many creatures we saw on our 120-mile, eight-hour tour of Glacier Bay, but they were far from the only ones. They were not even the only furry mammals. Earlier, we caught glimpses of both humpback whales and orcas. Deeper into Glacier Bay, we stopped at the Marble Islands and watched Stellar sea lions by the dozens — out sunning on rocks, or aggressively jockeying with one another for places to rest, while barking rather loudly. Though most were hauled out, a few were hunting. I watched one explode out of the water going nearly airborne chasing something, and a moment later I spotted it surface again with a large flounder hanging out both sides of its mouth.

A large brown bear was foraging for red bearberries on a steep green slope just above a ledge at water's edge. He gave a long glance out at our boat and then went on with his feasting, largely ignoring our presence. Another brown bear that might have been looking for food along a beach was less pleased to see us and ran off into brush. Closer to Johns Hopkins Glacier as we navigated among the ice floe, we saw groups of seals resting on the floes. A single porpoise — or perhaps a pod that timed its surfacing so that no more than one was ever visible at a time — also swam by.

And then there was the amazing (See Dickerson, Page 5B)



MATTHEW DICKERSON



OTTERS LIKE THIS one floating in Glacier Bay are among the most adorable mammals who make the Alaskan body of water their home.

Photo by Matthew Dickerson

Defense

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threatening runs in the first 20 minutes, and Peoples center back Aizlyn Waskuch did particularly well to deny one of her rambles into the box in the 16th minute.

Midway through the half, senior Louisa Painter fired just wide, and LaRock also snared a shot by freshman Olivia Sawyer that was set up by senior middle Lauren Cousino. Freshman Sophie Underwood also missed just wide, and on one of the Eagles' five first-half corner kicks LaRock leapt to her left to grab a Painter rocket late in the half.

Cousino finally gave the Eagles

the lead in the second half's fifth minute. Isla Underwood fed senior Safi Camara in the left corner, and Camara found Cousino with room on the top of the box. Cousino hit a low, hard right-footed shot that LaRock got a piece of, but couldn't stop from trickling over the line.

The chances kept coming. In the half's ninth minute a defender made a save in a scrum following a corner kick, and then LaRock smothered Shepard's point-blank rebound bid. Midway through the period LaRock and two defenders teamed up to stop senior forward Hazel Guilmette's point-blank shot.

In the final few minutes LaRock stopped a breakaway bid by Eagle junior midfielder Skylar Macdonald, and then another close-range bid, this one by Camara cleverly set up by Painter.

In all, the Eagles launched 26 shots to two by Peoples, both of those off target from distance by Acacia Baronette. Mount Abe also earned a 9-0 advantage in corner kicks.

Corrigan was asked afterward what a reasonable outlook was for his team this fall. He pointed to strong competition in Division II, including Harwood, Milton and Rice. But he also cited his team's potential. "If we can stay stingy defensively and improve the finishing, I'd say anything is possible," Corrigan said.



EAGLE SENIOR LOUISA Painter goes up high for a corner kick, but Peoples goalie Sophie LaRock has the inside position on this play during Tuesday's girls' soccer game in Bristol.

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9/13 OV vs Proctor (at GMU)	6 PM
9/14 Lyndon at VUHS	2 PM
9/14 Spaulding at MUHS	10 AM
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Boys' Soccer	
9/7 MUHS at Harwood	10 AM
9/7 Mt Abe at U-32	Noon
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9/13 Mt Abe at Colchester	4:30 PM
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9/14 Trinity at Midd	11 AM
Football	
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New formation

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rushes by Jonas Wagner, one of 14 yards in the second half that was their longest play of the game.

Malcolm said the defensive game plan was to keep it simple by playing man-to-man defense in the secondary and winning the battle up front, in part because the Tigers didn't know what to expect from a team with a new coach and an unfamiliar playbook, and in part because he trusted his experienced players to read, react and succeed.

"We've got a lot of veteran players out there. They're savvy," he said. "We should point out that's a very young group we were playing against ... We knew going in that we were going to have a bit of an experience edge."

And the offensive outburst was remarkable. The eight first-half possessions went like this (note the good field position thanks to the defense):

- 49 yards in three plays, including the 20-yard completion to McNulty and a tackle-breaking 21-yard touchdown run by senior fullback Avery Carl at 9:06 of the first quarter: 7-0 after the first of six Morter extra points.

- 59 yards in three plays, including a 13-yard first-down completion to Morter, a 36-yard counter play that senior halfback Luksch broke with a sharp cutback, and a 10-yard Nuceder scoring sweep at 7:06 of the first quarter:

14-0.

- 49 yards in three plays, two runs and a 23-yard rollout TD pass for which Morter outjumped a defender at 5:07 of the first quarter: 21-0.

- 35 yards in five plays, including the penalty that wiped out the only incompleting. The big play was a 16-yard completion to Carl on fourth-and-five from the St. Albans 33 on which the Bobwhites drew a roughing penalty. Luksch danced in wide right from the 9 on the next play: 28-0 at 1:25 of the first quarter.

- 59 yards in three plays, including a first-down completion, a 37-yard Luksch ramble, and an 11-yard lofted TD pass to six-foot-six junior tight end Cooke Riney in the back right corner of the end zone: 34-0 at 10:56 of the second quarter.

- 52 yards in four plays, including a 37-yard Carl burst, capped by a 6-yard George Devlin scoring run: 41-0 at 7:07 of the second period.

- 44 yards in two plays, a 35-yard toss to McNulty and a nine-yard Carl burst up the middle: 48-0 at 5:15 of the second.

- 62 yards in two plays, an eight-yard run and, proving the Tigers were living right, a 54-yard rumble by Blackwell, the right tackle, after he picked up the ball when Nuceder fumbled the exchange: 55-0 with 2:35 left in the half.

The Tigers' final touchdown

came after Rubright picked off a pass at the St. Albans 38. Another personal foul and a good run by Cam Whitlock helped move the ball to the 5, and sophomore QB Brady Lloyd pitched the ball left to Rubright, who went in untouched for the final score. Lloyd tacked on the extra point.

Unofficially, the Tigers gained 428 yards in the first half, 303 yards on the ground to go with Nuceder's 125 passing yards. Carl led with seven carries for 109 yards, and Luksch ran five times for 98 yards. The Tigers added 20 carries for 82 yards in the second half, led by junior Ben Debisschop, with five carries for 39 yards.

Malcolm discussed the shift in offensive strategy, pointing out other teams were stacking their defenses at the line of scrimmage to stop the Tigers' running game. He said he and his staff believed it was time to open things up, and it's no secret in football that a good passing attack can set up the run, and vice versa.

"We can throw the ball. We've got guys who can catch the ball. We've got a quarterback who can throw the ball," Malcolm said. "We're good at running the ball, and we're going to continue to run the ball well. But we've got to not continue to do it against nine guys in the box. Hopefully we'll give some teams something to think about, and we'll stay balanced."



SENIOR LINEBACKER AVERY Carl lays a hit on St. Albans QB George Lariviere during this past Friday night's Tiger football home game, forcing one of many Bobwhite incompleting. Independent photo/Steve James



TIGER SENIOR DEFENSIVE lineman Callan Boulanger hauls down St. Albans back Jonas Wagner behind the line of scrimmage during Friday's Tiger football home opener. Independent photo/Steve James



MUHS SENIOR RUNNING back George Devlin powers through a tackle at the goal line and scores one of the Tiger football team's eight first-half touchdowns against visiting St. Albans this past Friday. Independent photo/Steve James

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MOUNT ABE JUNIOR forward Isla Underwood cuts around a Peoples defender during the girls' soccer game in Bristol on Tuesday. The Eagle girls dropped their first game to Harwood, 2-1.

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Area girls' soccer teams begin season

ADDISON COUNTY — As the local high school girls' soccer season opened, Vergennes won its first two games, Middlebury claimed its opener, and Mount Abraham dropped a close road game to a traditional rival.

The Eagles also hosted Peoples on Tuesday — see story on Page 1B. Otter Valley was set to host Hartford in its opener on Wednesday after deadline for this issue.

COMMODORES

On Friday, Aug. 30, the Commodores made a winner of Coach Morgan Kathan in her debut leading the program with a 4-3 decision over host Peoples.

"It was a very exciting first game with many goals, thrilling moments, and hard work all the way until the very end," Kathan

said in an email.

The VUHS goals came from junior striker Ava Francis on a breakaway; sophomore outside middle Megan Willis, who Kathan said dribbled toward goal and finished strong; junior center mid Ashtin Stearns on a 25-yard free kick; and sophomore center back Adrienne Smits, who picked up a deflected corner kick and converted from about 20 yards out.

Kathan noted Stearns had a hand in assisting or helping create three of the goals, and said Smits had a strong game defensively. Junior goalie Faith McCallister backstopped the win with nine saves.

On Tuesday, the Commodores upended visiting Lake Division rival Enosburg, 3-0, to improve to 2-0. Freshman Sophia James scored two goals and set up senior Tryphene Miguel's goal, all in the first half, as VUHS took charge. Libby Ringer and Stearns assisted James's scores. Goalie Quincy Sabick worked a 13-save shutout in the Commodore net, and Jorja

Kinney made three saves for the Hornets.

TIGERS

On Tuesday, the Tigers blanked visiting Montpelier, 4-0, in their opener, scoring twice in each half. Jazmyn Hurley sparked the win with two goals and an assist. Emi Bullock scored once. Solstice Binder set up one of Hurley's goals and converted a late penalty kick, and Lily Dame assisted Hurley's other goal. Tiger goalie Cassidy Brown earned the shutout with two saves, and Solon keeper Natalie Quinn made eight saves.

EAGLES

On Aug. 30, the Eagles came up short at rival Harwood, 2-1, in both teams' opener. Mount Abe scored first on a freshman Payton Shepard strike assisted by Lauren Cousino off a corner kick. Harwood's Lindsey Boynton equalized late in the first half, and Briley Rutledge netted the game-winner with 13 minutes left in the second half. Rosemary Behounek played in goal for Mount Abe, and Ann Brondage did so for Harwood.

MAV football prevails over Mill River

EAST CLARENDON — The Division II Mount Abraham-Vergennes cooperative football team started their season on Saturday with a 30-20 victory at Mill River, a D-III playoff team a year ago. The game was the opener for both teams.

Quarterback Tyler White completed 13 of 25 passes for 100 yards and three touchdowns to

spark the Eagles. Two touchdown passes went to Ryan Wright, who finished with eight catches for 44 yards in all. Dakota Safford snagged a 15-yard scoring strike.

Running back Cole Gagnon rushed for 74 yards on 18 carries and also returned a kickoff 81 yards for a score.

The Eagles will visit D-II Spaulding this Thursday.

Tiger boys topped by Rutland in debut

MIDDLEBURY — The Middlebury Union High School boys' soccer team opened its 2024 campaign this past Saturday with a 4-2 loss at Division I foe Rutland.

RHS scored four straight goals in the second half to erase the Tigers' 1-0 halftime advantage. Theo Fallis headed home an Oscar Drake service to give the Tiger the first-

half lead, and Fallis also buried a free kick in the late going to create the final score.

The Tigers were set for their home opener under new Coach Max Ratti-Bicknell on Wednesday vs. Spaulding in a game played after the deadline for this issue. Next up is a game at Harwood on Saturday morning.

Otter Valley field hockey rolls to victory

SPRINGFIELD — The Otter Valley field hockey team this past Saturday rolled to a 12-0 victory over host Springfield.

In the Otters' season opener, Breanna Bovey sparked the victory with a scoring total that many players would be happy to call a season's worth — eight goals and three assists.

Also contributing offensively

for OV were Hannah Desabrais (a goal and three assists), Tayah Cram (two goals), Charlotte Newson (goal) and Marissa Dick and Bella Bovey (two assists apiece).

The OV defense didn't allow a shot on goalie Alexis Beaulieu.

The Otters were set to host Fair Haven on Wednesday, and they are scheduled to visit Middlebury at 10 a.m. on Saturday.

MUHS Volleyball wins first two contests

MIDDLEBURY — The Middlebury Union High School volleyball team opened its 2024 season with a pair of home wins over Missisquoi and Vermont Commons. The Tigers were also set to visit Rice on Wednesday after the deadline for this issue.

This weekend, the Tigers are scheduled to visit St. Albans on Friday evening and Randolph on Saturday afternoon.

On Aug. 29, the Tigers opened with a 3-0 victory over visiting Missisquoi. The individual set scores were 25-4, 25-20, 25-21.

This past Tuesday, MUHS bested visiting Vermont Commons, in a tougher five-set battle, 3-2. The Tigers never trailed and finally claimed the decisive fifth set comfortably. The set scores were: 25-20, 21-25, 25-15, 23-25, 15-5.

Stahl, Zarowin and Roth top men's league

MIDDLEBURY — In regular Thursday Men's League play at the Ralph Myhre Golf Course on Aug. 29, the team of Jim Stahl, David Zarowin and Ken Roth prevailed.

The threesome of Robert Kirkpatrick, George Ramsayer and Richard Hodgson took second; and John Myhre, Gary Wright and Vince Paradis were third. Tom Lachenman shot the day's low net score.

In Friday Night Mixer play the next day, the foursome of Bryon, Jen, Julia and Lauren Emilo took top honors, with Ken Hypes, Sue Perine and Lauren and Patty Ross taking second.

In a VSWGGA State Day at the Killington Golf Club on Aug. 27, in Flight 2 Eva Mastalos finished in a tie for sixth for net scoring, and in Flight 3 Jean Goodwin finished in third place for net scoring.

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In addition to a hunting license,

a bear hunter using a bow or crossbow must have a prior or current bow license or a certificate proving completion of a bow hunter education course.

The hunter must field dress the bear before taking it to a reporting station. It is also legal to skin the bear and cut it up in order to carry it out of the woods. Although the bear must be reported within 48 hours, Fish and Wildlife urges doing so quickly to cool the meat. The hunter must also collect and submit a pre-molar tooth from the bear at the time the bear is reported or within 30 days. The tooth provides important data on the age structure and size of the bear population.

Upon the request of a game warden, a person harvesting a bear is required to return to the kill site with a game warden.

"Bears will be feeding along power lines and in forest openings and old fields where berries and

apples can be found as well as in forested beech and oak stands," said Jaclyn Comeau, Vermont's bear biologist. "They also are likely to be feeding on standing corn."

Comeau says with bears being so abundant, this is a great opportunity for hunters who have never hunted bear to do so this year. Properly prepared bear meat is highly nutritious. The key to successfully securing good meat is to skin the bear as soon as possible and process it immediately if you do not have access to a large cooler.

Comeau asks hunters to refrain from shooting a bear with cubs as well as bears observed in groups as they are usually made up of sows with cubs. "Black bear cubs are dependent on their mother through the following spring. It is important to maintain these family groups," she said. "We have tips for identifying sows with cubs on our website."

Janczuk wins at speedway

WEST HAVEN — New York driver Matt Janczuk won Sunday's Vermont 200 at Devil's Bowl Speedway, collecting \$10,000 for the win and 162 laps worth of lap money for a totaling of just over \$14,000 of winnings in the dirt track's biggest race of the summer. He was a repeat winner, having won the event in 2023. White River Junction driver Josh Sunn took second, and New York driver Dominic Roselli finished third.

The top local drivers in the 200-lap race were Orwell's Tim LaDuc, who finished fifth, and Brandon's Vince Quenneville Jr., who settle for 18th out of 34 qualifiers. Another 29 drivers tried to qualify on Sunday, but came up short.

Sunday's racing also featured the Novice Sportsman division and the final segments of the 500cc mini sprint segment race from the summer season.

Fair Haven's Josh Bussino collected his second win of the year in the Novice Sportsman race, leading all 25 laps after starting from the outside of the first row. Whiting's Logan Denis took second, followed by Salisbury's Nick Austin-Neil in third.

New York 12-year-old Destin St. Clair won the overall segment title for the 500cc Mini Sprints with two firsts, one in June and one on Sunday, and Brandon's Quinn Quenneville was second overall with three second-place finishes, including on Sunday.

Saturday's slate of racing started at noon and included a 40-lap Limited Sportsman race won by Hydesville's Billy Duprey for his second victory of the year. Top-10 local finishers in the event were Mike Clark Jr. of Salisbury in third, New Haven's Alex Layn in fifth, and Ripton's Don Williams in eighth.

Saturday also featured a 40-lap race for Sportsman Modified drivers who had not yet visited the winners' circle this season. Bradford's Kevin Chaffee broke through for the triumph. Orwell's Randy Ryan took sixth, and Salisbury's Randy Ryan finished eighth in a big field.

In Saturday's 25-lap Mini Stock main feature, Benson's Griff Mahoney held off a challenge from Middlebury's Jake Barrows for the win, with Barrows settling for second. Orwell's Ronnie Alger took fourth, Cornwall's Brian Blake was fifth, and East Middlebury's Chris Sumner took seventh.

New York driver Jeremy Brownell won the 10-lap Mini Stock B-feature; Whiting's Quinton Bishop was fourth.

Bomoseen's Rob Steele won the 15-lap Crown Vic feature, with Ferrisburgh's Norm Merrill in second, Bristol's Eric Friend in third, and Monkton's Elisabeth Dupont in fourth.

This week's racing at Devil's Bowl Speedway races is set for Saturday at 6 p.m., with one more session scheduled the following weekend.

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NEWS

FERRISBURGH — Exciting news. Ferrisburgh Day returns Sunday, Sept. 15, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. All are encouraged to come and celebrate our great community of Ferrisburgh. Celebration sites include the Union Meeting Hall, Rokeby Museum, Ferrisburgh Central School, Ferrisburgh Historical Society and the Ferrisburgh Fire Department. There will be a mix of fun and attractions for all ages, including a nine-hole mini golf course, art show, food, open houses, vendors, demonstrations, and a free used book fair for children. Cookie Love will offer its popular free Creemee vouchers for children. For a full list of happenings at each celebration site, including a downloadable “Ferrisburgh Day: List of Activities,” visit visitferrisburghvt.com/ferrisburgh-day. This event is co-sponsored by Vermont Cookie Love and the Town of Ferrisburgh. For further information, contact ferrisburghday@gmail.com.

Swing by the Bixby Library on National Voter Registration Day, Tuesday, Sept. 17, 10 a.m.-7 p.m., for a scoop of civic duty with a side of lu.lu ice cream. This event is for all those eligible to vote and will assist us to get election-ready. Information will be available about the November General Election, as well as how to register to vote and check on registration status. Bring your children so they can learn about our democratic process. And accompanying the serious talk of voting and elections will be free lu.lu ice cream! Those wishing to learn more about the event or in volunteering to help out at the Bixby’s Voter Drive may email cedar.winslow@bixbylibrary.org.

Ferrisburgh Grange “King Pede” card parties are scheduled for the Saturdays of Sept. 14 and 28. These community get-togethers are held at the Ferrisburgh Town Hall and Community Center. The evening begins at 6:30 p.m. with a sandwich supper and then on to the games! King Pede involves “trick-taking” such as in Hearts and Spades or Pitch. These are fun events, but come prepared to use your strategic thinking.

The next installment of “My Dentist’s Son” will be on Sunday Sept. 8, from 3-4:30 p.m., at the Ferrisburgh Town Hall, across Route 7 from the Union Meeting Hall. The popularity of these sessions is growing, with over 20 people attending the last session. My Dentist’s Son is a place for inquiry into magical stories that don’t fit, a moment in life that tends to defy explanation of what we believe is possible.

Our area schools are actively preparing for the upcoming academic year, which will be full of events and programs to enrich our students’ learning experiences. Families and the community are encouraged to follow the schools’ websites and other social media to stay informed of school events and to learn how we all can support the education of our community’s children. Visit the Vergennes Union High School website (www.vuhs.org) to learn how to volunteer for such groups as the Commodore Friends of Music, the Parent Teachers’ Group, or the Booster Club. The site for Ferrisburgh Central School, www.ferrisburghcentral.org, will have information for parents and families about how to support the many school activities. The Addison Northwest School District welcomes parent volunteers to help as a chaperone, coach, classroom helper, or mentor. For a description of these opportunities and how to sign

up, visit anwsd.org/for-families/volunteer-opportunities.

The Lake Champlain Maritime Museum will host its eighth annual Presenting Abenaki Culture in the Classroom course for teachers and homeschool educators. This opportunity is made possible by a collaboration with the Abenaki Artists Association and the Abenaki Arts and Education Center and its Executive Director, Vera Longtoe Sheehan, who is the course’s principal instructor. This course will provide a deeper understanding of Vermont’s rich Native American culture that reaches back nearly 13,000 years and continues into the 21st century. Sessions will include history and stereotypes, new resources being developed for use in classrooms and online, age-appropriate activities, and how teachers can better support Abenaki and other Native students while presenting American history and other academic content areas. Sessions begin Sunday, Sept. 8 (in-person) with virtual classes continuing through Friday, Dec. 15. For more information and registration, visit www.lcmm.org.

Rokeby is offering a workshop on creating historically accurate, gender-neutral, 18th-century shirts. The instructor, Rebecca Ranta of the Marshfield School of Weaving, is a fashion and textiles historian and fiber artist. Instruction will include the fundamentals of no-waste cutting, period hand stitching, an overview of tools and materials, and the basics of shirt construction. Students will leave the sessions with a shirt cut to their measurements on its way to completion and the knowledge and skills to complete it at home. This two-day workshop will be on the Saturdays of Sept. 21 and 28, from 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Expect homework in between sessions. There is a fee, and students must attend both sessions. For registration, visit rokeby.org.

The Playing Fields Project at Vergennes Union High School will host a free back-to-school celebration on Monday, Sept. 9, at 6 p.m. Presented by The Flynn and the Addison Northwest School District, this event features Cirque Kikasse’s spectacular circus performance executed on their extraordinary food truck and the vibrant sounds of the West Philadelphia Orchestra, blending Balkan and New Orleans brass. Everyone is invited. Grounds open at 5:30 p.m. for picnicking. Participation by vendors (food truck, crafts, or community participant) is at no charge. Jugglers, face painting, craft/bubble makers also welcomed for this community-wide celebration. For more information, call Sarah Bicknell at 802-877-2938.

The Ferrisburgh Conservation Commission will lead a guided hike into the Ferrisburgh Town Forest on Sunday, Sept. 15 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. The hike will cover a wide variety of healthy ecosystems, including a clay-plain forest, mature mixed hardwood forest, mountain stream, and cliffs where bobcats den. This is a moderate to difficult hike of about 3-4 miles round-trip that includes some steep and uneven terrain, wet ground, and some off-trail portions, so sturdy footwear, long pants and your enthusiasm for an adventure are strongly encouraged. No dogs, please. Hikers will meet at the right-angle corner on Robinson Rd. a half-mile east of Route 7 a little before 9 a.m. For more information, contact Craig Heindel at 802-343-1034.

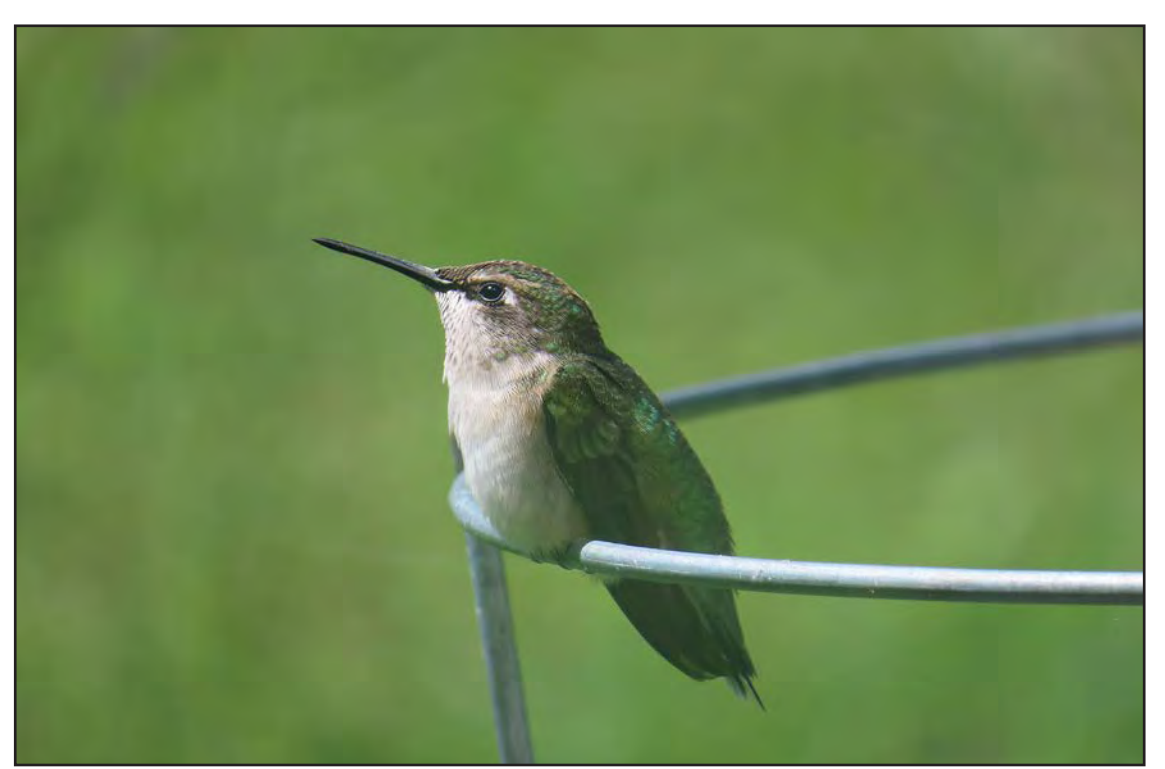
The Friends of the Union

Meeting Hall will be hosting a Frederick Douglass-themed art contest, which will be displayed inside the historic building during the Sept. 15 Ferrisburgh Day celebrations. Douglass, a former enslaved person, was a tireless reformer and anti-abolitionist. He spoke at the UMH property in July 1843 as part of the “100 Conventions” supported by Rowland Robinson of Rokeby. The art contest, “Frederick Douglass: Legend and Legacy,” encourages children in grades 6-8 to create a representation of Frederick Douglass and events in his life. Attendees at Ferrisburgh Day will have the opportunity to vote on their favorite piece, with the top three finalists receiving cash prizes. There will also be a silent auction of the art, with all the proceeds supporting the FUMH’s efforts to restore the historic building. For more information, visit unionmeetinghall.org/programming-and-events

Middlebury Community Music Center, in partnership with the Friends of the Union Meeting Hall, is excited to announce open registration for the nationally recognized, research-based, Music Together program in Ferrisburgh. Music Together is for children, ages birth to kindergarten, with their parents and caregivers. Classes are designed to be mixed ages, participatory, fun, and a way to bond with your child(ren) while providing a rich musical experience. This session’s theme, the “Sounds of Fall” will explore the sounds and movement of leaves falling and birds chirping and flying. In addition to classes, the tuition includes an illustrated songbook, a newsletter of resources and music-making ideas, and online access to songs through the Hello Everybody app. Classes will be held Mondays, Sept. 9 through Nov. 4, at 10 a.m., at the Ferrisburgh Town Hall. There will be a 25% sibling discount and financial aid is available. To learn more or register for the fall session visit mcmvct.org/music-together.

The Ferrisburgh Planning Commission Windshield Survey has a new name and new guidelines. It is now the Ferrisburgh Town Plan Survey. The Town Plan is a document that describes the people’s ideas for the town’s hopes and vision for the future. Every ten years, the Ferrisburgh Town Plan is reviewed and updated. This document guides the decisions for the town: land use (example, conservation), development (example, putting a public playground in the town center), and so on. It is now time to update the Town Plan, and input is essential from all residents. Feedback from younger residents and families is especially important as they will be benefitting from the long-term vision for our town. Survey questions ask about your favorite (and least favorite) places in Ferrisburgh and your ideas about “view sheds.” Please complete the survey by Sept. 24. For more information, contact Keilani Lime @gmail.com. The link to the form is at: <https://forms.gle/DsHGgsC5y2xwzCzX6>

Note: We are always interested in including a variety of Ferrisburgh-related event announcements in this column, so if you have events that would be of interest, contact Sally Kerschner at smwkersch@comcast.net. You are also able to access these columns and other information about Ferrisburgh news and events by viewing the Ferrisburgh Town Website at www.ferrisburghvt.org.



Taking a break

AFTER FEASTING ON some zinnias in a Weybridge garden, a female hummingbird takes a post-prandial rest on a nearby tomato cage.

Photo by Susan Humphrey

Leicester

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Call the Addison Independent at 388-4944.

NEWS

LEICESTER — The Leicester Historical Society is sponsoring Prize Bingo on Saturday, Sept. 14, at 1 p.m. at the Senior Center. Refreshments will be served and all are invited. Funds raised help with maintenance costs of the historic buildings in town.

The Leicester selectboard has announced that the town received a Municipal Energy Resilience Program (MERP) grant from the State of Vermont to help residents

learn about ways to save money on energy bills and be more comfortable in their homes.

The selectboard has partnered with The Climate Economy Action Center of Addison County, a local nonprofit, to bring the Energy Navigators program to Leicester. Energy Navigators provide free one-on-one energy consulting to homeowners and renters. Working together, you can make an energy plan for your

home and learn about options for paying for these improvements, as well as connect with contractors that can help you get the work done. So, if you have been wondering how to lower energy bills or who might be able to do energy related work for you, contact energynavigators.org/

You can contact Diane Benware for more information at 802-247-3786.

Dickerson

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bird life: varieties of kittiwakes and gulls including the beautiful gray, iconic, glaucous-winged gulls of the bay, cormorants and common murres all shared the same islands for their rookeries. The many passengers (including me) who hoped to see puffins were not disappointed. Although we didn’t spot any of the rarer horned puffins, there were dozens of tufted puffins fishing in the water, flying clumsily from place to place, and up on the rocks among their nests.

Johns Hopkins Glacier itself is breathtaking. It was still more than six miles away when we rounded the point in Johns Hopkins Inlet and came within sight of it, but at more than a mile wide and rising roughly 300 feet above sea level, it felt like we were almost underneath it. Yet 20 minutes later the boat was still moving toward the glacier even as we felt the air grow steadily more chill until we were all bundled up in our wool hats and fleece gloves constantly breaking away from the

glacier with loud, explosive cracks. There the boat finally stopped and let us all stand out on the deck and admire the majesty of the calving glacier.

It felt good to stand in icy air bundled up in December garb on what was a hot August day back in Vermont. It was one of several moments of the day that reminded me that traveling or attempting to live in the area would not be for the faint of heart. Three times during the tour, the boat stopped at a beach to drop off or pick up kayakers who had chosen to camp in wilderness parts of the park — an adventure that held considerable appeal to me. Except that one of the threats for anybody camped near sea level is the possibility that a very large and unstable mountainside could fall down into Tidal Bay any time, causing a tsunami more than a hundred feet high to sweep across Glacier Bay in a matter of minutes, not unlike the famous Lituya Bay megatsunami of 1958 on the west side of the park, caused when 90 million tons of

rock plunged into the bay from a collapsing mountainside following an earthquake.

On the more mundane side of the challenges of visiting a remote park, on the evening we were supposed to fly back to Juneau on a short Alaska Airlines jet flight, fog canceled the flight for the second day in a row. The next scheduled Alaska Airlines flight with available seats was not for another two days. Fortunately, we were only stranded about 24 hours before we were able to get a little charter flight back to Juneau on a one-propeller plane, and the proprietor of Blue Heron Inn who had hoped to be closed that night graciously opened up a cabin for us.

None of which would keep me from returning to Glacier Bay National Park for a longer visit, if given the chance. The sea otters alone would be worth it. Whether I would consider camping, though, might depend on how that mountainside in Tidal Bay is holding up.

Hike focuses on Cambrian era geology

ORWELL — Anyone interested in local geology is invited to come to the Mount Independence State Historic Site in Orwell, on Sunday, Sept. 8, from noon to 2 p.m. for a “Hike into Geologic History.” Geologist Helen Mango, an expert on the geology of the area, will guide this exploration tour on the Cambrian beach.

The Cambrian Period lasted from 541 million to 485.4 million years ago, and was the first period of the Paleozoic Era. It was a time of significant evolutionary change and rapid diversification of life on Earth, known as the “Cambrian Explosion.” You’ll see the oldest rocks in the Potsdam Formation to the newer rocks of

the Great Meadows Formation. Wear sturdy shoes or boots and dress for weather.

Meet at the museum. Wear sturdy shoes or boots and bring water. Admission is \$8 for adults, \$1 for ages 6-14, and under 6 free. The fee includes the museum and all the trails. Call 802-948-2000 for more information.

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Ferrisburgh Day celebration Sept. 15

FERRISBURGH — Ferrisburgh Day returns Sept. 15 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. with celebrations across five sites all close to the Town Center.

Celebration sites include the Union Meeting Hall, Rokeby Museum, Ferrisburgh Central School, Ferrisburgh Historical Society and the Ferrisburgh Fire Department.

There will be a mix of fun and attractions for all ages, including a 9-hole mini golf course, art show, food, open houses, vendors, demos,

a bouncy house and a free used book fair for kids.

Returning by popular demand are free creemee vouchers for kids generously sponsored by Vermont Cookie Love. The vouchers can be found inside the Union Meeting Hall during the event.

For a full list of happenings at each celebration site, including a downloadable Ferrisburgh Day: List of Activities visit visitferrisburghvt.com/ferrisburgh-day.



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Pig Roast 2.0 benefit in New Haven.

Thursday, Sept. 5, 5-8 p.m., Lincoln Peak Vineyard, 142 River Rd. Help raise funds for the Addison County Parent Child Center at a fun-filled evening, where you can indulge in delicious roasted pig, sip on fine wines and enjoy live music from The Horse Traders. All proceeds will support the center. Please bring a lawn chair or a picnic blanket with you. Tickets \$50 individual/\$80 family. More info at tinyurl.com/acpcc-pig-roast.

Scott Shane lecture in Ferrisburgh. Thursday, Sept. 5, 6:30-8 p.m., Rokeby Museum 4334 Route 7. Rokeby will host an evening discussion with author and journalist Scott Shane on his 2023 book "Flee North: A Forgotten Hero and the Fight for Freedom in Slavery's Borderland." The book unearths the lost story of Thomas Smallwood, born into slavery in Maryland, who bought his freedom, educated himself, and began to organize mass escapes from slavery by the wagonload. Smallwood gave the "underground railroad" its name. Tickets: Member: \$6; Non-Member \$10. More info at rokeby.org/events.

Twist O' Wool Guild meeting in Middlebury. Thursday, Sept. 5, 7 p.m., American Legion, 49 Wilson Rd. This is the first meeting of the year for the fiber arts guild. Come and learn a new fiber arts skill or hang out with your own project. Everyone is welcome.

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Harvest fair in Rochester. Saturday, Sept. 7, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., on the park, Route 100. 35th Annual Harvest Fair. Sponsored by the White River Valley Players, live music all day, food, crafts, flower show, kids activities, and more.

Used book sale in Middlebury. Saturday, Sept. 7, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Town Hall Plaza, 77 Main St. Fully stocked with fiction and non-fiction books for all ages. Rain location Ilsley Public Library, 75 Main St.

Woofstock: Walk for the Animals in Middlebury. Saturday, Sept. 7, 10 a.m., Memorial Sports Center, Mary Hogan Drive. Join fellow animal lovers for a leisurely 1-mile walk around Middlebury followed by music, food, prizes and a pool party just for dogs in the Middlebury Town Pool. Sign up in advance or at the event. Register at Memorial Sports Center at 10 a.m., the walk kicks off at 11 a.m., and the doggie dip in the Middlebury Town Pool follows. All proceeds benefit Homeward Bound, Addison County's Humane Society.

Carillonneur George Matthew Jr. in Middlebury. Saturday, Sept. 7, 5 p.m., Middlebury Chapel. The Middlebury College campus and surrounding neighborhoods will ring with the sound of carillon bells at this annual free summer series. This year there is a new Fall Festival on Saturdays in September and October. Free and open to the public.

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Food and Farm Fest in Orwell. Sunday, Sept. 8, noon-4 p.m., on the green. A farmers market designed to boost food system resiliency and celebrate Addison and Rutland county growers, producers and makers. More info at orwellfreelibrary.org/foodandfarmfest.

Rabbi Victor E. Reichert Bible Talk in Ripton. Sunday, Sept. 8, 3 p.m., Ripton Community Church, 1329 Route 125. The Rev. Doctor Neal F. Fisher of Middlebury will talk on "The Human Prospect and God's Design." Fisher is a senior scholar and president emeritus of Garrett-Evangelical School of Theology at Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill. He was associate dean at Boston University School of Theology and served for many years as a United Methodist minister. All are warmly invited to this unique interfaith event. Free, with donations gratefully accepted. More info at 802-388-0338.

Green Mountain Club annual corn potluck in Middlebury. Sunday, Sept. 8, 5-8 p.m., 446 Cobble Rd. Hosted by Morris Earle. Feel free to bring a guest. Contact Morris at morrisearle@gmail.com to let him know what dish you'll bring to share.

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Fiber Arts Circle in Starksboro. Begins Monday, Sept. 9, 1 p.m., Starksboro Library, Route 116. Explore the world of fiber arts. Join us for a weekly gathering dedicated to the fiber arts. All fiber artists welcome. You do not need to be an expert to come knit, crochet, weave, embroider, sew or quilt with us. All levels welcome. Bring a friend or two and come learn a new stitch or technique and share your current projects! No registration required. Continues 1-3 p.m. every Monday.

Bingo in Middlebury. Monday, Sept. 9, 6 p.m., VFW 530 Exchange St. Doors open at 4:30 p.m., Quickies at 6 p.m., and regular Bingo at 7 p.m. \$1,000 jackpot. Kitchen open 5-7 p.m. with regular Bingo menu plus specials and homemade desserts. Open to the public. Proceeds benefit veterans' programs. Continues every Monday.

Back-to-school celebration in Vergennes. Monday, Sept. 9, 6 p.m., Vergennes Union High School, Monkton Rd. Cirque Kikasse's spectacular circus performance executed on their extraordinary food truck and the vibrant sounds of the West Philadelphia Orchestra, blending Balkan and New Orleans brass. Everyone is invited. Grounds open at 5:30 for picnicking. Participation by vendors (food truck, crafts, or community participant) is at no charge. Jugglers, face painting, craft/bubble makers also welcomed for this community wide celebration. More info contact Sarah Bicknell at 802-877-2938.

sept 11 WEDNESDAY

"A Political History of Palestine: A New State and Three Wars, 1948-1967" in Middlebury. Wednesday, Sept. 11, 3 p.m., EastView at Middlebury. EastView Ter. Middlebury College Professor Emeritus Russell Leng gives his second talk in this six-part lecture series on Palestine. For more information or to access the Zoom link, please call the EastView Concierge at 802-989-7500.



Pool party

DOGS AND POOLS — a very splashy combination. Bring your four-legged friend to **Woofstock on Saturday, Sept. 7, at 10 a.m.,** and join fellow animal lovers for a leisurely 1-mile walk around Middlebury followed by music, food, prizes and a pool party just for dogs. See listing below for more info.

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sept 12 THURSDAY

September book donation day in Vergennes. Thursday, Sept. 12, 3-6 p.m., Bixby Memorial Library, 258 Main St. Donate gently used books in the back parking lot. Fiction should be published after 2013 or a popular author, and non-fiction should be current and saleable.

sept 13 FRIDAY

Addison Housing Works 35th Anniversary Celebration in Bristol. Friday, Sept. 13, 4 p.m., town green. Join Addison Housing Works to celebrate 35 years of affordable housing achievements and raise support for our efforts to address the housing crisis for another 35 years. Live music by The Grift; Food by 3 Squares Cafe, Crooked Ladle and Viva el Sabor; Ice cream by lu.lu., and a cash bar. Raffles and horse-drawn carriage rides also. All the proceeds to support AHW's programs. Tickets at addisonhousingworks.networkforgood.com/events/71529-35th-anniversary-celebration or at the event the day of.

Knights in Italy spaghetti dinner in Bristol. Friday, Sept. 13, 5-7 p.m., St. Ambrose Parish, 11 School St. Hosted by the St. Ambrose Knights of Columbus. Dine-in or take-out. Menu includes spaghetti with sauce, garlic bread, salad and dessert. 12 adults/\$6 children 12 and under/\$30 family. No pre-order necessary. All proceeds will go toward furthering the Knights' mission of aiding the community in a variety of ways including a donation of winter coats to 5-town schools.

Jim Casey (R) candidate for Addison-Rutland legislative seat in Whiting. Friday, Sept. 13, 5:30 p.m., Whiting Town Hall. Jim Casey of Hubbardton is the only candidate from either party running for this seat. The Whiting Democratic Town Committee invites voters to this informal and friendly sharing of thoughts and ideas about local (not national) issues the five-town legislative district of Whiting, Hubbardton, Sudbury, Orwell and Shoreham. All are welcome. Snacks provided.

Cub Scout Pack 539 sign-up night in Vergennes. Friday, Sept. 13, 6 p.m., St. Peter's Parish Hall, 85 S. Maple St. Come out and join Cub Scout Pack 539 for an evening of fun as we build and race LEGO Derby Cars during fall recruitment. Come out and see how Cub Scouting can benefit your kids. Bring your own LEGO pieces or use what we have to build, race and modify your car. Scouting leaders will be on-hand to discuss our program, events and to answer questions.

sept 14 SATURDAY

Brown's Raid reenactment in Ticonderoga, N.Y. Saturday, Sept. 14, Fort Ticonderoga. Relive the two-day battle from 1777. Now, more than 247 years later, guests will witness this real-life dramatic story unfold, as patriot Col. John Brown leads a surprise attack against British troops garrisoning Fort Ticonderoga. Continues Sunday, Sept. 15. More info at fortticonderoga.org.

Used book sale in Vergennes. Saturday, Sept. 14, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Bixby Memorial Library, 258 Main St. Choose from a large variety of fiction, non-fiction and children's books, some of them freshly donated at our September Donation Day.

MCP costume and clothing sale in Middlebury. Saturday, Sept. 14, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., HOPE conference room, 282 Boardman St. It's time for a Middlebury Community Players purge. A wide assortment of novelty items and accessories, as well as men's and women's clothing: suits, jackets, trousers, tuxedo jackets, skirts, dresses, blouses, hats, shoes and so much more. More info at info@middleburycommunityplayers.org or 802-377-3540. Sale continues Sunday, Sept. 15.

East Middlebury Appreciation Day in East Middlebury. Saturday, Sept. 14, 11 a.m.- 3 p.m., Valley Bible Church, 322 East Main St. A free event for all community members. Food including cotton candy, snow cones and lunch items, bouncy houses, games, face painting, animal balloon sculpture and a large tractor trailer to explore. Come join the fun.

Takeout roast pork supper in Vergennes. Saturday, Sept. 14, 5-6 p.m., Vergennes United Methodist Church, Main St., across from the Opera House. Menu includes roast pork, mashed potatoes, stuffing, gravy, vegetable, applesauce, roll and dessert for \$12. Take out only. Preorder only at 802-877-3150 before 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 12.

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TAM Trek in Middlebury. Sunday, Sept. 15, 7:30 a.m., Wright Park, Seymour St. Ext. Get some exercise and raise funds for the Trail Around Middlebury (TAM). Nothing beats early fall's trail racing weather! For registration and more information, visit runsignup.com/Race/VT/Middlebury/TAMTrek.

Tour de Farms in Shoreham. Sunday, Sept. 15, check in at 8:30 a.m., town green. Come ride and enjoy the best that Vermont has to offer — from glorious scenery to delicious samples of foods that are grown or produced here in Addison County. Choose a 30-mile ride or a 10-mile ride each with farm stops along the way. Enjoy the Shoreham Apple Fest Post Ride. More info and registration at acornvt.org/tourdefarms.

Ferrisburgh Day in Ferrisburgh. Sunday, Sept. 15, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., locations around town. Celebrates Ferrisburgh's community with food, music, games, vendors and more. More info contact Ashley LaFlam at unionmeetinghall@gmail.com.

MCP costume and clothing sale in Middlebury. Sunday, Sept. 15, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., HOPE conference room, 282 Boardman St. Middlebury Community Players' purge continues. See detail on Sept. 14.

Apple Fest in Shoreham. Sunday, Sept. 15, noon-4 p.m., gazebo and town green. Join us for delicious food, live music from Snake Mountain Bluegrass, an apple pie contest, and a farmers' and makers' market. Pulled pork lunch available for purchase while food lasts (cash only), as well as mac-n-cheese, slaw, apple desserts, cider, and more. Browse the farmers' market for fresh fruit and veggies, flowers, handmade gifts, local wine, and more. 50/50 raffle, sno-cones, kids activities and live music. Free admission. All sales proceeds benefit the Friends of the Platt Memorial Library.

Lake Champlain Bridge guided walk in Addison. Sunday, Sept. 15, 1-3 p.m., Chimney Point State Park, Route 17W. Learn the history of what surrounds you as you walk across the Lake Champlain Bridge. Chimney Point site administrator Elsa Gilbertson and Crown Point, N.Y., site manager Sam Huntington lead this guided round trip walk. Meet at Chimney Point. Rain or shine, dress for the weather. Bring a picnic to enjoy before. \$9 Fee includes admission to both museums. Light refreshments afterwards.

sept 16 MONDAY

Bingo in Middlebury. Monday, Sept. 16, 6 p.m., VFW 530 Exchange St. Doors open at 4:30 p.m., Quickies at 6 p.m., and regular Bingo at 7 p.m. \$1,000 jackpot. Kitchen open from 5-7 p.m. with regular Bingo menu plus special and homemade desserts. Open to the public. Proceeds benefit veterans' programs.

Monkton Historical Society scanning day in Monkton. Monday, Sept. 16, 6:30 p.m., Monkton Town Hall, 92 Monkton Ridge. Help the Monkton Museum and Historical Society by bringing photos or documents from Monkton's past to our Community Scanning Day. See a slideshow of some of our favorite photos while filling out a permission form. Sign up at tinyurl.com/5yekve3u so we can be as efficient as possible. Bring up to six photos.

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Buy Again names two scholarship recipients

MIDDLEBURY — Two local high school graduates, Jacob Kemp and Jakob Loven, have been chosen to receive this year's Buy Again Alley Scholarships. The scholarships are given as a part of the shop's mission to support



JACOB KEMP



JAKOB LOVEN

young adults who seek work training and education outside the traditional college pathway.

Kemp graduated from Middlebury Union High School and Hannaford Career Center, where he studied Natural Resource Management. He will be attending the Lineman Institute of the North East in Kingston, N.Y. His uncle is a lineman, so he grew up hearing stories of the work they did and gained a huge respect for what it takes to restore power after storms. While he knows the work is hard and sometimes dangerous, it will also be rewarding as well, and an opportunity for him to help others.

Loven is a local artist from Vergennes who studied Visual Communications in high school. Since graduating he has been honing his craft — drawing, taking photos, and doing graphic design, while also volunteering (and now working) for Buy Again Alley. He plans to use his scholarship to purchase equipment so he can reproduce his art without having to go through a vendor. This way he will have more control over the look and cost of the finished product.

Buy Again Alley would like to wish Jacob and Jakob much luck with their future endeavors. They would also like to thank their customers, whose loyal patronage makes their scholarship program possible.

County teens to compete at 4-H Horse Roundup

BURLINGTON — Three Addison County teens will be traveling to the Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup in Louisville, Ky., this fall: Shyanne Wedge of Shoreham in the Judging division, and Hannah Gendreau of Shoreham and Bella Shimel of Bridport in the Quiz Bowl division.

The 4-H'ers, all top individual scorers at state competitions, will compete on four-member teams in the judging and quiz bowl contests. They will be among the 300 competitors from more than 30 states at the Nov. 8-9 event at

the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center.

The national roundup provides an opportunity for 4-H'ers, ages 14 to 18, to meet and compete against top competitors from across the country while also encouraging teamwork, critical thinking skills and self-confidence. Both team and individual excellence is rewarded.

To learn more about the Vermont 4-H horse program, contact Wendy Sorrell, UVM Extension livestock educator, at (802) 656-7641 or wendy.sorrell@uvm.edu.

ADDISON COUNTY School Briefs

For their outstanding academic achievement **Eliza Doucet** and **Emma Doucet** of Bristol were

named to the dean's list at Bard College at Simon's Rock for the spring 2024.

Monkton

NEWS

MONKTON — The Russell Memorial Library continues to have activities through the weeks of September. Here are a few:

- Toddler Tuesdays welcome families with toddlers for a free play time at the library from 3 to 6 p.m. every Tuesday. Children can check out books, explore different toys and meet other local children and their family.
- Thursday's After School Hang gives children a chance to get together to play games like chess, Legos, and board games after school from 3 to 5 p.m.
- Yoga classes will be offered on Saturday mornings from 8:00 to

9:00 a.m. starting September 14th and the following Saturdays of Sept. 21 and 28, plus Oct. 5.

• Stitch and Spin will be held at the library on Sept. 15 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Bring your favorite fiber craft and enjoy visiting with friends and neighbors while creating something wonderful!

The library is dedicated to the people of Monkton to bring them useful, educational activities and information. For questions to any of these activities call 802-453-4471. If no answer, leave a message and someone will get back to you. Or you can check for more activities at russelllibraryvt.wordpress.com/.

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



Not just for kids

BEGINNER ADULT STUDENTS at TaeKwondo KICKS took part in the Aug. 18 leveling up ceremony. The group holds their broken boards — all breaking 4-5 boards at a time with one kick.

Photo courtesy of Kelly Thomas

Learn how to create a pollinator garden

By JILL VICKERS

NEW HAVEN — The UVM Master Gardeners NW Chapter gathered at The New Haven Congregational Church on the evening of Aug. 15 to learn "Tips for Creating a Pollinator-friendly Garden." The garden's co-leaders Emily Hilbert and Jane Reeves, Master Gardeners, hosted the event and welcomed nineteen guests with zucchini brownies, lemon balm cookies, rhubarb bars and cool drinks, including the recipes, which all featured ingredients grown in the garden. This set the tone for what would be a delightful and informative evening.

Hilbert emphasized the need to initially consider how one will keep the garden going and how one will spread the word. She then showed slides of the area flanking the church walkway and along the west side before volunteers created the flower beds in 2022. Then slides from three growing seasons later — a dramatic difference. The lawns had been lifted with a sod cutter and transplants added according to the plan Hilbert designed. Volunteers maintaining the garden include Jane Moulton, Karla Ferrelli and Jill Vickers.

The goal is for the garden to be 70% native perennials. When selecting species, Emily advised choosing at least three species that bloom early in the growing season, three mid-season and three



AN EXPLOSION OF Black-eyed Susan flowers are flanked by Red Lobelia and Joe Pie weed in the pollinator garden at the New Haven Congregational Church.

Photos courtesy of Jill Vickers



A WASP SIPS nectar from milkweed planted outside the New Haven Congregational Church. A pollinator garden was created there in 2022. Two years later, the plants are flourishing and the pollinators are taking advantage of the bounty.

late. Grow at least three plants of each species. She also reminded people to leave the garden debris like plant stems and leaves at the end of the season to shelter the ground-nesting pollinators. Guest Fran Putnam of Pollinator Pathway of Addison County pointed out that 90% of our native bees are ground-

nesting. They need the protection until the air temperature, day and night, is 50 degrees or warmer for a week or more.

Later the group moved to the garden with their questions, cameras and maybe a second cookie. It wasn't just the visiting pollinators buzzing, but also the conversations

among the participants. They were asking each other about a plant, sharing their success or failure with this one or that and learning from one another. Such events like this one of Hilbert and Reeves's foster community bonds among the gardeners as well as between the gardeners and the plants.

Conservation organizers seeking Lake artist in residence proposals

VERMONT — Conservation organizations are seeking proposals from artists to development programs to use scientific data, cultural trends or historical facts to interpret natural resources in the Lake Champlain basin.

The Patrick Leahy Lake Champlain Basin Program (LCBP), in partnership with a regional water quality commission called NEIWPC, has extended the deadline for Request for Proposals

(RFP) for Artist-in-Residence (AiR) programs. The new proposal application deadline is Sept. 30.

Proposals will be accepted for up to \$40,000 for a two-year program that begins in 2025. The Lake Champlain Steering Committee anticipates awarding two grants from this opportunity to support work in New York and Vermont. A subsequent RFP will be issued to solicit proposals for work in Quebec.

The projects awarded from this opportunity will support artists to inspire and inform citizens about the lake environment, cultural heritage, or social concerns using a variety of creative media. They will continue the goals of current Artist-in-Residence programs supported by the LCBP.

Applicants will submit full proposals that will be evaluated through a competitive selection process. Grant award recipients

will be selected from the pool of full proposals.

Successful applicants will formally start work on their programs in February 2025. Details about the Request for Proposals are available on the Grants and RFPs page — tinyurl.com/ChamplainArtistRFP — or by contacting Jim Brangan of the Lake Champlain Basin Program at 802-372-3213 or jbrangan@lcbp.org.



The 2024 Addy Indy Garden Game

The Weird & the Wonderful

Without any new Garden Game entries this week, we decided to take a look at some of the eclectic produce the Addy Indy staff (and their friends) have recently grown.

Grown by Vicki Nolette, this bulbous radish is one of the most interesting veggies we've seen this year.

This marvelous mushroom bounty was grown by Elsie Lynn Parini. Yum!

Despite a mother with a black thumb, Ruby Hunsinger is all smiles thanks to her neighbor Susan Hanson, who has a prolific garden that proffers plenty of veg, including this delightfully quirky cuke.

Do you have veggies to show off? Bring 'em in!

Play the Garden Game!

Do you have veggies to share in our pages? We welcome entries from any of the listed categories. Bring your entry into our office between 9am and 4pm Monday-Friday and we'll measure it and snap a photo. Each week we'll publish new entries and update our frontrunners for each category in the contest. At the end of the season, each category winner* will be eligible to receive a gift certificate from our Garden Game sponsor, Middlebury Agway.

*Please note: Each individual is eligible to win one gift certificate, even if they win multiple categories.

CATEGORIES & FRONT-RUNNERS:

- Asparagus (length x circumference) - Laura Asermily, 37" x 1"
- Beet (circumference) - Carol Krawczyk, 19.5"
- Broccoli (diameter)
- Cabbage (circumference) - Carol Krawczyk, 28"
- Cantaloupe (circumference) - Ted Foster, 20"
- Carrot (length x circumference) - Carol Krawczyk, 10" x 7"
- Cauliflower (diameter) - Jaime Cammack, 13"
- Corn (length x circumference)
- Cucumber (length x circumference) - Genevieve Cammack, 16" x 17.5"
- Edible Leafy Greens (length x width - leaf only) - Carol Krawczyk, 11" x 17"
- Eggplant (circumference x circumference) - Steve Reigle, 21.25" x 17.5"
- Fennel (length x circumference)
- Green Bean (length) - Gary Miller, 41.25"
- Kohlrabi (circumference)
- Leek (length x circumference)
- Melon (circumference) - Ted Foster, 24.25"
- Onion (circumference) - Carol Krawczyk, 17.25"
- Parsnip (circumference)
- Pepper (circumference x circumference) - Gary Miller, 15" x 13"
- Potato (length x circumference)
- Pumpkin (circumference x circumference)
- Radish (circumference) - Roger Scarborough, 9"
- Rhubarb (length) - Barbara Rodgers, 30"
- Rutabaga (circumference)
- Summer Squash (length x circumference) - Lisa Valley, 13" x 11.75"
- Sunflower (diameter) - Ed Blechner, 11.25"
- Tomato (circumference) - Chris and Scott Totten, 18.75"
- Turnip (circumference)
- Winter Squash (length x circumference)
- Zucchini (length x circumference) - Carol Krawczyk, 21.5" x 16.5"



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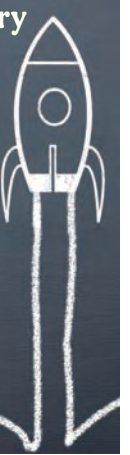
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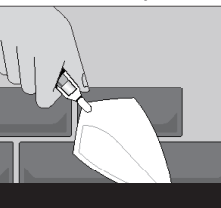
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The Town of Bridport is seeking applicants for a full-time DPW Crew Member. A clean record of CDL Class B is required. Duties include all facets of municipal road maintenance and function as a positive team player. Overtime is required during snowstorms and other emergencies. Basic mechanical skills are a plus. Benefits include competitive hourly wages, health insurance, paid time off, municipal retirement, and uniforms.

Applications are available at the Town Clerk's Office at 82 Crown Point Road or at www.bridportvt.org

Help Wanted

Experienced Carpenters Wanted!

Are you an experienced carpenter in the Addison County area and looking for a new opportunity to showcase your skills?

Join Our Team!

Our leading construction company is seeking talented carpenters to join our dynamic team. With a reputation for excellence and a commitment to quality, we offer a rewarding work environment where your expertise will be valued.

We offer competitive pay and a comprehensive benefits package.

Please send resume and brief cover letter outlining your experience to admin@smithmclain.com.

Come build with us!

Help Wanted

Opportunities

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Bocce Tournament Volunteers

CSAC is in need of volunteers for our Bocce Tournament!

This year's tournament is Saturday, September 14 from 9am-12pm at the Middlebury Rec Field. Volunteers are needed throughout the day for a variety of tasks.

To learn more contact Beth at btarallo@csac-vt.org

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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

Help Wanted



We're looking for a few new team members!

Front Office Receptionist

to answer phones, greet visitors, assist with various other tasks. Part-time, afternoons

Marion's Place Warehouse Assistant

to assist customers and shoppers, prep items for the sales floor, maintain orderliness of warehouse sales floor, more. Full time, Tues - Sat

Marion's Place Retail Associate

to provide customer service, operate cash register, maintain cleanliness and order of sales floor, assist with prepping donated clothing, and more. Full time, Tues.-Sat.

Qualifications: Excellent communication skills, ability to lift 25 pounds, be a team player, and should have relevant work experience.

To apply, send resume and brief letter of interest to receptionist@hope-vt.org, mail to 282 Boardman Street in Middlebury or drop off on a weekday.



ADDISON COUNTY Economic Development Corporation

Office Operations Manager

ACEDC's mission is to create an entrepreneurial and innovative environment, nurturing businesses to launch, grow, and thrive. ACEDC assists entrepreneurs and business owners from all backgrounds, businesses of all sizes, during all stages of growth, while advancing economic and community development in Addison County, Vermont.

The Office Operations Manager supports the organization's mission and ensures effective and smooth operations by providing office management functions, coordinating contracted services, and providing support to staff. The ideal candidate can handle a wide range of assignments, ensure sensitive material is kept confidential, and is willing to be flexible in their responsibilities.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Administrative Bookkeeping and Lending Assistance Grant Administration Marketing And Communications

SKILLS AND ATTRIBUTES

- Experience with Microsoft Office 365, including Teams and SharePoint
- Experience with website and CRM software
- Strong IT and computer skills
- Working knowledge of databases, spreadsheets, and online forms systems
- Very detail oriented
- Highly organized, high standards for quality work
- Able to multi-task and navigate multiple deadlines and work schedules
- Excellent time management skills and ability to prioritize
- Outstanding written and verbal communication skills
- Ability to work independently while maintaining effective working relationships with coworkers, supervisors, customers, and the general public
- Enthusiasm for the mission of ACEDC and its future

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

- Associates degree required, Bachelor degree preferred, or 3 or more years of office operations experience
- Minimum 2 years' experience with similar or equivalent organization in similar role
- Computer proficiency required in all Microsoft Office products
- Skills with customer relations management platforms and website management preferred

STARTING WAGE

\$20.00-\$22.00/hour, depending on experience, plus benefits EOE

Submit cover letter and resume to fkenney@addisoncountyedc.org with "Office Operations Job Application" in the subject line. Applications due by September 27, 2024.

Help Wanted

COLLATERAL RECOVERY AGENCY looking for Full Time, Part Time and Weekend help. We repossess defaulted collateral for banks and financial institutions. Must have good Driving record, Criminal record cannot have any felonies. We are willing to train the right person. This work allows you to meet a variety of people, see many different places and learn a new skill. If you are not sure if you meet hiring criteria give us a call. Nervous about being able to be a Repossession Agent, we have positions available for transporting units, and rider positions. We have flexible scheduling options, give us a call and discuss what you may be interested in. We offer in-house training and support. To apply, send a resume to East Coast Recovery, P.O. Box 1328, Middlebury, VT 05753, call 802-382-1659 or email our hiring manager at tammy.delphia@yahoo.com.

For Sale

2007 HONDA REBEL motorcycle, 250cc, red. 3448 miles, \$2,750. 2024 Sunlight 19' camper, used very little, \$12,500. 802-759-2461.

3 ITEMS FOR SALE Aluminum extension ladder, 14-28 feet. Stove, cast iron, good shape. Craftsman snowblower. Lawn mower, battery powered, Ryobi. Extension ladder, multi position. \$75 for each item. Call Paul: 388-2812.

Help Wanted

Starksboro VERMONT Town Administrator

The Town of Starksboro seeks an experienced and motivated administrative professional to help manage the administrative responsibilities of the town. This is a part-time position starting at 18-24 hours/week.

The Selectboard is searching for a candidate with strong business and managerial skills, grant administration experience, and knowledge of community planning issues. Municipal knowledge and grant administration experience are required. A college degree or equivalent professional experience is required. A detailed job description is available at www.starksborovt.org

The TA reports to the Selectboard and is responsible for planning, organizing, and coordinating the affairs of the town. This position plays an essential role in town operations and will work cooperatively with the Town Clerk to serve the Starksboro community.

To apply, please send a confidential cover letter, resume, and professional references to: Starksboro Selectboard, PO Box 91, Starksboro, VT 05487 or email to dcschmidt@starksborovt.org

Salary to be determined based on experience. Prorated health insurance and other benefits to be determined. Applications accepted until position is filled, preferred by Sept. 18. EOE.

For Sale

ITEMS FOR SALE Ekomes Stressless Magic Office Chair in Paloma Chocolate for \$1250. In great shape, reclines and swivels. Plus four new Yokohama Geolander G91 All-season tires, size 225/60 r179h. \$160 each. Call 802-453-5067 for information.

ITEMS FOR SALE Kenmore Freezer model number 18313401300. 33 and a half in tall and 2 ft by 2 in wide. Runs great, \$100. Plus Toro TimeCutter Z4200 Zero-Turn Mower. Excellent condition with low hours, \$1200. 802-458-1688.

LOOKING TO SELL 3 Operation Care and Repair of Farm Machinery Manuals for John Deere, circa 1950's, \$300 or best offer. Plus two Black Forest Cuckoo Clocks from Germany. Call for information (802)-877-2255.

Vacation Rentals

ADDISON: LAKE CHAMPLAIN waterfront camp. Beautiful views, gorgeous sunsets, private beach, dock, rowboat and canoe included. \$999 weekly, or call for weekends. 802-349-4212, no texts.

For Rent

5,000 SQUARE FEET available. Exchange Street, Middlebury, VT. 802-349-8544.

ALL REAL ESTATE advertising in this newspaper is subject to the Federal Fair Housing Act of 1968 as amended which makes it illegal to advertise any preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, national origin, sexual orientation, or persons receiving public assistance or an intention to make any such preference, limitation or discrimination. This newspaper will not knowingly accept any advertisement for real estate which is in violation of the law. Our readers are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised in this newspaper are available on an equal opportunity basis. To complain of discrimination, call HUD Toll-free at 1-800-424-8590. For the Washington, DC area please call HUD at 426-3500.

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BRISTOL APARTMENTS. Studios, 1 & 2 br apartments in beautiful wooded setting. Pictures, Availability, & Applications can be found at www.woodlandapartmentsvt.com 802-578-4779.

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MIDDLEBURY BRIARWOOD APARTMENTS is currently taking wait-list applications for 2- br apartments. No smoking/No pets. Income limits apply- rent based on income- 2 person minimum occupancy. Equal Housing Opportunity. Handicapped accessible. 802-247-0165 TTY: 800-253-0191 www.SummitPMG.com.

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DRY OR GREEN firewood for sale. Delivery available. 802-349-4212.

Att. Farmers

1ST CUT, DRY ROUND bales, 4x5, \$55.00 each. 2nd + 3rd cut balage, 4x4 round bales. \$75.00 Round bales for bedding \$35.00 Quantity discounts available. 802-989-0187.

WHITNEY'S CUSTOM FARM WORK Pond agitating, liquid manure hauling, drag line aerating. Call for price. 462-2755, John Whitney.

Cars

2007 CHEVY COBALT coupe. Needs work. **SOLD!** \$1000. OBO

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MARKET REPORT ADDISON COUNTY COMMISSION SALES

RT. 125 • EAST MIDDLEBURY, VT Sales for 8/29/24 & 9/2/24

COST			
BEEF	LBS.	/LB	\$
Deer Valley	1835	1.53	\$2807.55
Monument	1855	1.50	\$2782.50
Blue Spruce	1795	1.45	\$2602.75
Vorsteveld	1810	1.42	\$2570.20
Woodnotch	1925	1.40	\$2695.00
A. Brisson	1590	1.32	\$2098.80
Savello Farm	1695	1.30	\$2203.50

COST			
CALVES	LBS.	/LB	\$
Nolan Family	109	7.30	\$795.70
Quarry Rd.	103	7.25	\$746.75
Barnes Bros.	96	7.20	\$691.20
Danyon	105	7.00	\$735.00
H. Sunderland	95	7.00	\$665.00

Total Beef - 183 Total Calves - 279
We value our faithful customers.
Sales at 3 pm - Mon. & Thurs.
call 1-802-388-2661

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TOWN OF ADDISON DRB PUBLIC NOTICE

Town of Addison Development Review Board will convene a public hearing on Monday, September 23, 2024 at 6:00PM at the former Addison Central School located at VT Route 22A and VT Route 17 West, Addison, VT. **Please note time & date changes.**

1. Application (DRB 24-23) State of Vermont requesting to construct a 66' by 72' storage and maintenance building on the former site of a pre-existing maintenance building. The property is located at 966 Route 17 West. Parcel ID# VW0966X.
2. Application (DRB #24-13) for a 2-lot subdivision submitted by Jack and Billie Jo Forgues proposed for being +/- 10 acres. The property is located at 6211 VT Route 17W. Parcel ID# VW6211. Pending with criteria to be met.
3. Application (DRB #24-20) for a 2-lot subdivision submitted by Andre & Christine Bubo is new lot of +/-8 acres. The property is located at 1924 VT Route 17 E, Addison, VT. Parcel ID# VE 1927. Pending with criteria to be met.

The applications are available for inspection at the Town Clerk's Office during normal office hours. Interested parties who wish to appeal or to be heard must attend the hearing or may be represented by an agent or an attorney. Communications relating to the application may be filed in writing with the Board either before or during the hearings.

N.B.: Participation in a hearing is necessary to establish status as an "interested party" and the right to appeal a decision rendered in that hearing, according to the provisions of 24 V.S.A. 117 S.S.4464 (a) (1) (C), 4465(b) and 4471 (a). Participation consists of offering through oral or written testimony, evidence or a statement of concern directly related to the subject of the hearing. Respectfully Submitted,
Alden Harwood, Chair
Starr Phillips, Board Secretary
Michael Wojocieczowski, Zoning Administrator

TOWN OF MIDDLEBURY SELECTBOARD MEETING ROOM 116 - LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM TOWN OFFICES - 77 MAIN STREET TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2024 - 7:00 P.M.

Also available via Zoom:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89734654470>
By Phone: +1 646-558-8656 (not toll-free)
Webinar ID: 897 3465 4470
For those wishing to watch but not participate:
Selectboard meetings are livestreamed to MCTV's YouTube Channel:
<https://www.youtube.com/user/MCTV Vermont>
and also broadcast live on Comcast Channel 1071

- AGENDA**
- 7:00 1. **Call to Order
 - 2. *Approval of Agenda
 - 3. *Approval of Consent Agenda
 - 3a. Approval of Minutes of the August 13, 2024 Regular Selectboard Meeting
 - 3b. Acceptance of Selectboard Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
 - 3c. Approval of Renewal Applications for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Class Liquor Licenses, Outside Consumption Permits, and Entertainment Permits
 - 3d. Approval of FY25 Service Contract with Addison Central Supervisory District for School Resource Officer
 - 3e. Approval of Resolution for Appointment of Director of Public Works Planning Emmalee Cherington as the Authorized Official for Applying for Northern Border Regional Commission Funding
 - 3f. Consent Agenda Placeholder
 - 3g. Consent Agenda Placeholder
 - 3h. Consent Agenda Placeholder
 - 3i. Town Manager's Report
 - 7:05 5. *Consideration of Better Middlebury Partnership's Request for Closure of Main Street for Spooktacular
 - 7:10 6. *Appointment of Middlebury's Contact for Vermont 250th Celebration Preparations
 - 7:15 7. *Fire Chief David Shaw, Request for Approval of Purchase Order for Grant-Funded Stabilizers and Air Bags
 - 7:20 8. *Update on Stonecrop Housing Project - Review & Approval of Development Agreement
 - 7:30 9. *Mike Roy, Chair of Energy Committee, with updates from the Energy Committee
 - 9.a. Request for Approval of Proposal from Community Decarbonization Partners to advance local Thermal Energy Networks
 - 9.b. Request for Approval for use of Capital Improvements Funds for Energy Efficiency to offset the cost of installation of Heat Pumps at the Recreation Center
 - 7:50 10. *Discuss Vermont League of Cities & Towns' Proposed Legislative Policies, including Education Funding Proposals.
 - 8:00 11. * Agenda Placeholder
 - 8:05 12. *Agenda Placeholder
 - 8:10 13. * Agenda Placeholder
 - 8:15 14. **Agenda Placeholder
 - 15. *Approval of Check Warrants
 - 16. **Board Member Concerns
 - 17. *Executive Session - Anticipated - Contracts & Personnel
 - 18. **Action on Matters Discussed in Executive Session
 - 8:30 19. *Adjourn
- * Decision Item ** Possible Decision

TOWN OF MONKTON REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS DESIGN/BUILD SERVICES

The Town of Monkton is requesting proposals for design/build services to finish an uncompleted room adjacent to the Russel Memorial Library.

Sealed Proposals will be received on or before 1:00 p.m. Local Time on Thursday, October 10, 2024 at the Monkton Town Office, 92 Monkton Ridge, Monkton, Vermont or PO Box 12, Monkton, VT 05469. Sealed proposals shall be marked "Town of Monkton Library Design/Build Services" and addressed to the Town of Monkton.

The complete Request for Proposals with preliminary floor plan and facility layout is available at the Monkton Town Office or by contacting Stanley Wilbur, Town Administrator at townadministrator@monktonvt.com or 802-453-3828.

A Pre-Proposal Conference will be held at the Monkton Town Office, 92 Monkton Ridge, Monkton, VT at 10 a.m. Local Time on Thursday, September 26, 2024. Modifications, clarifications or interpretations will be incorporated into an addendum which will be provided to all Conference attendees.

TOWN OF ADDISON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Town of Addison is considering making application to the State of Vermont for an Accessibility Modification Grant under the Vermont Community Development Program. A public hearing will be held at the former school building on September 10th at 7PM to obtain the views of citizens on community development, to furnish information concerning the amount of funds available and the range of community development activities that may be undertaken under this program, the impact to any historic and archaeological resources that may be affected by the proposed project, and to give affected citizens the opportunity to examine the proposed statement of projected use of these funds. The proposal is to apply for \$150,000 in VCDP Funds which will be used to accomplish accessibility modifications to the historic Town Hall.

Copies of the proposed application are available at the Addison Town Clerk office and may be viewed during regular business hours on Sept. 9th. Should you require any special accommodations, please contact Bob Schatz at 802-771-5356 to ensure appropriate accommodations are made. For the hearing impaired please call (TTY) # 1-800-253-0191.



So that's what they look like

ANYONE WHO USES the Merlin app on their phone may have had it identify the song of a Red-eyed Vireo. Thanks to this one stopping on a lilac branch in Weybridge recently, there is a face to go with the name.

Photo by Susan Humphrey

Vermont State Police Log

ADDISON COUNTY — Vermont State Police received a report of an assault involving a gun in Granville on the evening of Saturday, Aug. 31. Troopers looked into it and determined that on Aug. 18, Hillary N. Barcomb, 45, of Roxbury had come to Buffalo Farm Road in Granville on Aug. 18 and assaulted Ronald E. Marsh of Granville.

State Police found Barcomb and tried to arrest her, but said she resisted.

After they eventually took her into custody, police cited Barcomb for aggravated assault, reckless endangerment, criminal threatening and resisting arrest.

On the western side of the Green Mountains, Vermont State Police

operating out of the New Haven barracks also had a busy period on the evening of Aug. 31.

First, at just after 7 p.m., troopers went to the scene of a truck crash on Route 22A in Orwell. Police report that a 2019 Volvo tractor-trailer was southbound on the state highway when its contents shifted and caused the rig to leave the road.

The vehicle struck a tree, which forced it back onto the roadway, subsequently blocking the southbound lane until the trailer was removed by Earl's Towing of Rutland. The southbound lane was blocked until about 1:30 a.m.

The truck sustained moderate damage, but the Chicago driver was reported uninjured.

The Orwell Fire Department

assisted on the scene.

That same evening at 7:10 p.m., troopers responded to Bristol's Burpee Road near the intersection with Plank Road for a reported family fight. State police investigated and alleged that John WK Strout, 29, of Bristol had been driving under the influence. They cited Strout for DUI and released him to a sober adult.

The only other incident on the state police's recent log came on Aug. 29, when, at around 9:30 p.m., troopers checked a suspicious motor vehicle on Campground Road near its intersection with Route 7 in New Haven. Police said that a passenger identified as Jeremiah Delorme, 28, of Vergennes was in violation of his court ordered conditions of release, so they cited him for that offense.

Man cited twice at Porter Hospital

MIDDLEBURY — Middlebury police were part of a large contingent of area law enforcement to respond to Porter Medical Center campus at around 8 p.m. on this past Friday, Aug. 30, after a report of a disorderly man with a firearm in the hospital parking lot.

Middlebury Police Log

Police said they found an armed Brian Dodds, 38, of Bristol refusing to allow several family members to exit their vehicle. Police said they were eventually able to help family members get out of the vehicle and took Dodds "into custody without injury."

Middlebury police were assisted at the scene by Vermont State Police, Bristol police and the Addison County Sheriff's Department.

Later that evening, at around 11:45 p.m., police said they were called back to Porter on a report of a "patient actively assaulting several staff members" at the hospital. Police said they found Dodds in a physical altercation with hospital staff when they arrived on scene. Police said they were able to gain control over Dodds and helped staff return him to his room, where he was restrained. As a result of this incident, police said they cited Dodds for aggravated assault, simple assault, two counts of assault on a healthcare worker, resisting arrest and disorderly conduct.

In addition to conducting daily foot patrols downtown to monitor members of the local houseless community, Middlebury police last week:

- Assisted Middlebury Regional EMS (MREMS) on a medical call to the Washington Street area on Aug. 26.
- Investigated a theft complaint at Aubuchon Hardware off Route 7 South on Aug. 26.
- Gave a ride to a stranded patient who had been discharged from Porter Hospital on Aug. 26.
- Checked on the welfare of

a woman who was experiencing a mental health crisis in the Washington Street area on Aug. 26.

- Responded to a reported disturbance in the Bakery Lane area on Aug. 27. Police said one of the people involved was taken into protective custody due to intoxication and was sent to Rutland for detox services.
- Responded to a report of people yelling behind the Champlain Farms store off Mary Hogan Drive on Aug. 27.
- Checked on the welfare of a child in the South Village Green neighborhood on Aug. 27.
- Helped Porter Hospital officials destroy drug paraphernalia on Aug. 27.
- Assisted Mary Hogan Elementary School staff with a "juvenile problem" on Aug. 27.
- Assisted MREMS with a drunken person on Main Street on Aug. 27.
- Assisted MREMS on a service call to a Case Street address on Aug. 28.
- Checked on the welfare of an elderly couple in the Ossie Road area on Aug. 28.
- Responded to a report of someone using boulders to block the parking lot at the Abbey Pond trailhead on Aug. 28.
- Helped Middlebury College Public Safety dispose of contraband that had been seized from students on Aug. 28.
- Checked on the welfare of as Shannon Street resident on Aug. 28.
- Checked on the welfare of a person in the Bakery Lane area on Aug. 29.
- Checked on a group of houseless individuals who had gathered on Mary Hogan Drive during the

evening of Aug. 29.

- Responded to a report of a shattered glass door on Valley View Drive on Aug. 29.
- Investigated a report of a local juvenile potentially sending inappropriate pictures to another juvenile on Aug. 29.
- Responded to an untimely death report at an Old Pasture Lane home on Aug. 30. Police said the deceased — 89-year-old Jack L. Goodman — had died of natural causes.
- Responded to a report of people yelling on Mary Hogan Drive during the early evening of Aug. 30.
- Arrested Gabriella Mowry, 27, who is unsheltered, for failure to appear on an outstanding warrant.
- Assisted a local woman with a stalking complaint on Aug. 30.
- Calmed an agitated person who was walking on the Cross Street Bridge on Aug. 31.
- Cited Nathan Paquette, 46, of Middlebury with driving under the influence, two counts of disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, simple assault, and assault on a protected professional (a health care worker), following their investigation of a drunken man causing a disturbance and threatening staff at Porter Hospital on Aug. 31.

Police said they measured Paquette's blood-alcohol content at 0.152%, as a matter of comparison, the legal limit for driving is 0.08%.

- Cited Colleen Tremblay, 54, of Shelburne for driving with a criminally suspended license on Route 7 South on Sept. 1.
- Helped MREMS with a drunken person founding lying on a North Pleasant Street sidewalk on Sept. 1.
- Helped a person who was experiencing a mental health crisis on Abbey Pond Road on Sept. 1.
- Responded to a reported dispute among people in the Bakery Lane area on Sept. 1.
- Escorted two employees of a Main Street business to their vehicles following reports of a customer acting suspiciously at around midnight on Sept. 1.

TOWN OF WALTHAM NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TOWN PLAN

The Waltham Planning Commission will hold a hybrid in-person and virtual (via Zoom) Public Hearing at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, September 23, 2024, at the Waltham Town Hall (2053 Maple Street) to take public testimony on the proposed Town Plan for the Town of Waltham.

The Planning Commission will discuss and vote on any proposed changes directly after the public hearing.

Statement of Purpose

The purpose of a town plan is to provide a vision for orderly development within the town. It is a point in time that uses current data and existing conditions to guide zoning and development decisions for the eight-year period covered by the next Town Plan.

The proposed Town Plan is a revision of the plan adopted in 2016 and subsequently modified in 2022 to add the Enhanced Energy Plan.

The proposed Town Plan affects all the land with the Town of Waltham. It updates sections that use U.S. Census data to current data and includes updated natural resource mapping. The proposed Town Plan has been reorganized to include the results of a resident survey, a vision statement, goals and objectives within each section, and an implementation section.

The Planning Commission believes the following are the significant changes included in the proposed Town Plan:

- The following sections have had data updated: Population, Housing, Making a Living, Schools and Childcare, and Public Facilities.
- The Public Facilities Section reflects progress on renovation of Town Hall and introduction of broadband telecommunications capacity via Maple Broadband.
- The Enhanced Energy Plan is summarized in the Energy Section and is incorporated in the proposed Plan as an appendix.
- The most current data from the Agency of Natural Resources delineating forest blocks, connectivity blocks and priority wetlands is included. As a result, the Natural Resources, Land Use and Flood Resiliency sections of the proposed Plan have been expanded to incorporate this information and to meet the new requirements of 24 V.S.A. §4382.

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While the Town Plan sets forth the community vision, goals and objectives, the means to achieve those ends are set forth in the town zoning and subdivision regulations. Subsequent to adoption of a new Town Plan, the Planning Commission will consider amendments to the zoning ordinance consistent with that plan and as may be required by changes in state law.

Copies of the proposed Town Plan are available for review or may be obtained at the Town Hall (2053 Maple Street), during regular business hours of 9 am to 3 pm Tuesdays and Thursdays, or at <https://www.walthamvt.org/resources/developmentviewboard-planningcommission-zoning> (scroll to Waltham 2024 Town Plan). For more information, please contact the Town Clerk's office at waltham.vt@gmail.com and at 1(802) 877-3641.

Written testimony will be accepted by the Planning Commission if received by 9/19/24 at walthamvtOfficers@gmail.com, sent to the attention of the Planning Commission at P.O. Box 175 Vergennes, VT 05491 for delivery on or before 9/19/24, or delivered to the Town Hall before 3:00 p.m. on 9/19/24.

Zoom Meeting Information:
Link to join Zoom Meeting by computer video:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87061039363?pwd=SCNjwL7E4nHuJ4SYRnQuNY>
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Passcode: 266812

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Jeff Glassberg, Chair
Waltham Planning Commission

Public Notices can be found in this **ADDISON INDEPENDENT** on Pages 11B and 12B.

AGENCY OF NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION WATERSHED MANAGEMENT DIVISION

One National Life Drive, Davis 3rd Floor
Montpelier, Vermont 05620-3522

Notice of Draft General Permit 3-9012

The Vermont Agency of Natural Resources is proposing to issue a new general permit to authorize discharges from source well pumping to waters of the State. The Agency has prepared a draft general permit in accordance with the State of Vermont's General Permit Rules, Section 13.12 of the Vermont Water Pollution Control Regulations and the Vermont Water Quality Standards, effective November 15, 2022.

This general permit is a statewide permit that will authorize and regulate discharges from Well Pumping to all Class B waters within the State of Vermont.

The public comment period is **September 4, 2024 through October 16, 2024**. Written comments on the proposed general permit will be accepted until the close of the business, **4:30 P.M., October 16, 2024**, and may be submitted electronically via the Environmental Notice Bulletin (ENB) at: <http://enb.vermont.gov>, by email at: anr.wsdwastewater@vermont.gov or by paper copy to the Agency's mailing address: Agency of Natural Resources, Department of Environmental Conservation, Watershed Management Division, One National Life Drive, Davis Building, 3rd Floor, Montpelier, VT 05620-3522. All comments received by the above date will be considered in formulation of the final determinations.

The Secretary will hold a public meeting on Tuesday, October 8, 2024, from 4-5pm accessible **In-person** at One National Life Drive, Dewey Bldg - Conference Room 206, Montpelier, VT 05602; **Remotely** via Microsoft Teams at: <https://tinyurl.com/bdechvz>

Meeting ID: 231 424 324 10
Passcode: dMVHaS; **Phone:** 802-8728-766 Phone conference ID: 141 045 700#

Michelle Kolb,
Direct Discharge Section Supervisor
Watershed Management Division
September 4, 2024

TOWN OF BRIDPORT PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Bridport Zoning Board of Adjustments will hold a public hearing on **September 18, 2024 at 7pm in the Bridport Town Office**, at 82 Crown Point Road, to consider the following application:

1. At 7:00 PM on Application (#24-27) by Lucinda Belanger requesting a variance to build a single-family home within the zoning district's 100' minimum setback requirement. Tax ID# 09-015. The property is located at 127 Keyes Rd., Bridport, VT 05734

Plans and additional information regarding any such application may be viewed at said Town Office or by calling (802) 758-2483, Ext. 2. Participation in the Bridport Zoning Board of Adjustments proceeding is a prerequisite to the right to take any subsequent appeal on any decision of it on an application.

Dinah Bain (Chair)
Al Zaccor (Secretary)
Michael Wojciechowski (Zoning Administrator)

ANWSD BOARD MEETING NOTICES FOR SEPTEMBER 2024

Monday, Sept 9	3:50 PM	Policy Committee Mtg. Ferrisburgh Central School
	4:50 PM	Facilities Committee Mtg. Ferrisburgh Central School
	6:00 PM	ANWSD Board Meeting Ferrisburgh Central School
Monday, Sept 16	4:50 PM	Finance Committee Mtg. VUMHS Guidance Conference Room
	6:00 PM	ANWSD Board Meeting VUMHS Library
Wednesday, Sept 18	5:30 PM	Community Engagement Committee Mtg. Virtual

TOWN OF MIDDLEBURY, VERMONT WARNING Special Town Meeting September 30 & October 1, 2024

The legal voters of the Town of Middlebury, in the County of Addison, the State of Vermont are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Large Conference Room, Middlebury Town Offices, 77 Main Street in Middlebury, with access via videoconference also available (see below), on Monday, September 30, 2024 at 7:00 P.M. for an informational meeting on Article 1; and on Tuesday, October 1 from 7:00 A.M. through 7:00 P.M. at the Town Offices, 77 Main Street in Middlebury, to vote by Australian ballot on Article 1 as provided by 24 V.S.A § 1061(2) and the Middlebury Town Charter.

Article 1: Shall the legal voters of the Town of Middlebury approve the current Deed of Easement agreement as approved by the Middlebury Selectboard at their meeting on June 25, 2024 and convey to Vermont Gas Systems a land easement to install gas service to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church?

Dated at Middlebury, Vermont this 13th day of August, 2024.

Brian Carpenter, Chair
Andy Hooper, Vice Chair
Heather Seeley
Farhad Khan

Dan Brown
Isabel Gogarty
Fred Dunnington

MIDDLEBURY SELECTBOARD

To view and participate in the informational meeting on Article 1 on Monday, September 30, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom Videoconferencing:

Zoom URL: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87901603644>

By phone: 1 646 558 8656
Webinar ID: 879 0160 3644

For view-only access: For those wishing to watch but not participate, the hearing will be livestreamed to MCTV's YouTube channel:

https://www.youtube.com/user/MCTV_Vermont
and also broadcast live on **Comcast Channel 1071.**

Wearing orange is important

MONTPELIER — Hunting season is almost here. With that in mind, and Vermont Fish and Wildlife is reminding hunters to wear fluorescent hunter orange when they take to the woods and fields to ensure their safety.

"Hunting is one of the safest outdoor activities, thanks to advances in education as well as science," said Vermont Hunter Education Program Coordinator Nicole Meier.

"Wearing orange during hunting season is important, and studies prove that wearing fluorescent hunter orange keeps hunters visible to other people in the woods, but it keeps them relatively invisible to deer."

Deer are most active during dawn and dusk hours when visibility is low. Hunters can improve their chances of being seen by other hunters by wearing hunter orange, which can be seen even in low-light situations.

"While it isn't recommended to wear orange during waterfowl and turkey seasons, we certainly still recommend hunter orange when you are going to and from your blind, treestand or calling spot," said Meier.

While some hunters might be concerned that deer are scared by hunter orange, in fact deer have been shown to be unaffected by the color. A deer's vision is based on movement, patterns and color variations.



The sale of bear paws is illegal

MONTPELIER — With Vermont's bear hunting season starting Sept. 1, the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department reminds hunters that the sale of bear paws and internal organs of bears is prohibited by a new law.

The meat of bear, deer or moose may be sold within Vermont during the open hunting season and for 20 days after the season ends. The meat may not be bought or sold to be transported out of the state.

A person may buy or sell the head, hide, hoofs, and antlers of legally taken deer or moose and the head and hide of legally taken black bears at any time.

ARTS + LEISURE

The Addison Independent

Sept. 5, 2024



THEATER MAKERS TASK COMMUNITY WITH QUESTIONS ABOUT THE STRANGERS' CASE

Beyond the Page will lead a free workshop exploring "The Strangers' Case" on Sept. 11 followed by a performance on Sept. 18 at Town Hall Theater in Middlebury.

COURTESY PHOTO

Consider these three words:
Migrate. Stranger. Home.

If these words resonate with you, consider joining an engaging, thought-provoking and free workshop on Wednesday, Sept. 11, from 5-7:30 p.m., at the Town Hall Theater.

BY ELSIE

LYNN PARINI

Participants will be led by professional theatermakers from Middlebury College's Beyond the Page (BtP), including Bristol's own Craig Maravich who helped launch the program in 2020.

What will you do at this workshop?

Well, along with the BtP team, you will be

invited to explore the text "The Strangers' Case" — a passionate defense of refugees from the play "Sir Thomas More" penned more than 400 years ago by William Shakespeare (we suppose). Through storytelling and exploration, workshop participants will inform the creation of an original theatrical work by BtP teaching artist Louis Reyes McWilliams.

"[This] is a one-of-a-kind opportunity to engage with professional actors and writers in the development of a new play," McWilliams said. "We'll work together as a community to draw parallels to contemporary conversations around citizenship, belonging, and how we make a home. We'll act. Move. Discover. And play. Come join us!"

Guiding questions of the workshop include:

**What does it mean to encounter a stranger?
What does it mean to move/migrate?
How do we create community and home?**

"Right now we're in a moment of such divisiveness," Maravich shared in an interview on Tuesday, adding that theater might offer a way to come together. "These questions connect us so deeply... We all have experiences of creating a home, of being a stranger or welcoming a stranger, of moving... The theater is a place that can hold so many truths and perspectives; it invites us into our own personal relevance."

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Middlebury College alum brings 'searingly insightful' play to town

Middlebury Acting Company's "Cutting Edge Staged Reading Series" returns, with a second offering this season of provocative, relevant, intelligent plays.

"The Best We Could" (a family tragedy) by playwright and 2009 Middlebury College graduate Emily Feldman will be performed in the Byers Studio at Town Hall Theater on Saturday, Sept. 7, and Sunday, Sept. 8, at 4 p.m.

In this funny, wise, and heartbreaking debut from Feldman, a daughter's road trip with her father becomes a theatrical journey across more than just state lines. Though 36-year-old Ella has nearly given up on life, she agrees to accompany her father Lou on a long-distance trip to adopt a rescue dog. Guided by a narrator called Maps and interspersed with memories and phone calls from Ella's mother, Peg, their journey reveals hard truths as their pasts slowly rise to the surface.

"The Best We Could" was first produced by The Manhattan Theatre Club in New York just last year in March in 2023. But Feldman said that coming back to Middlebury to present this play feels "special."

"I didn't know anything about playwriting when I arrived at Middlebury," said Feldman, who came to college planning to study biology and go pre-med. "When I left I was on a completely different path..."

"It was a slippery slope after taking a few creative writing classes and an Intro to Playwriting class with Dana Yeaton," Feldman explained. "After that, I took every playwriting class Middlebury had to offer... I found

my voice — I fell in love with theater and playwriting."

After graduating in 2009, Feldman focused on building her connections with the help of Yeaton and Rebecca Strum (who's not only directing the Middlebury performance of "The Best We Could," but is also the driving force behind MACo's "Cutting Edge Reading Series."). At the advice of these two local mentors, Feldman took workshops and spent a year in the literary department at the Actors Theatre of Louisville before landing in New York City. There she worked "a thousand jobs" and earned two graduate degrees in playwriting; and now she pays the bills with a gig writing for television when she's not working on her own material.

"It's very special to me to have a reading of this play at Middlebury," Feldman expressed. "I haven't had a chance to present much of my work here, and I'm excited to be able to share this play."

The New York Times called it "Searingly insightful... Cosmic questions that lurk beneath everyday routines seem to creep in from the periphery... the loudest being, is this really all there is to life? There is more to Feldman's layered investigation of consumer capitalism, kinship and gendered power imbalances, which she brings to light throughout 'The Best We Could' in the manner of family secrets: There's no escaping the ones you love, or the truth."

"The premise isn't fantastical. It's painfully plausible," noted the New York Theater Guide. "It takes emotions and experiences we as humans champion — connection, family, integrity — and flips them on their head."



EMILY FELDMAN

Directed by Strum, the cast includes Andrew Ritter, Andrew Castle, Tara Affolter, Ramona Beskin, and Susanna Miller with Frankie Dunleavy reading stage directions.

Feldman will be joining the cast and audience for a talk-back after the Sunday, Sept. 8, performance. Refreshments will be served.

Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased in advance on the Town Hall Theater website towhalltheater.org. Seating is strictly limited; purchasing your ticket in advance is advised.

— Elsie Lynn Parini contributed to this report.

STRANGERS

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As a self-described "transplant," Maravich (who came from New York City and D.C., to make a life in Bristol with his wife

and two young daughters) feels it's important that his work is "in conversation" with where he lives.

Maravich lined up an ideal cast list for the workshop: "Parents, business owners, farmers, students, folks that are civically engaged, as well as people who are interested in the arts... Even though the workshop is an opportunity to be part of the development of a new play,

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ABOUT THE ARTISTS:

CRAIG MARAVICH



Craig Maravich is the Program Director of the Beyond the Page program and a member of the faculty at The Bread Loaf School of English. He has been a company member of the Bread Loaf Acting Ensemble since 2010 and has served as a Visiting Assistant Professor of Theatre at Middlebury College. He has held teaching positions with the University of Vermont, St. Michael's College, Hofstra University, and the Academy for Visual and Performing Arts. His work as a teaching artist in Vermont includes the development of several classes and community initiatives with The Flynn Center for the Arts, Town Hall Theater, and the Community Engagement Lab.

Maravich is the co-founder of Courageous Stage — a program that uses theater arts to activate creativity in schools and communities across Vermont. As a practitioner, Craig's work as an actor spans a professional career of 20 years and includes credits with leading theaters across the country. Craig is a recipient of a Vermont Thriving Communities Grant and the 2021 A. Bartlett Giamatti Award

SEE ABOUT THE ARTISTS ON PAGE 4

Violinists punctuate reading with music at Bristol library

Something kind of different and kind of special is coming to Bristol's Lawrence Memorial Library on Friday, Sept. 13, at 7 p.m. It's a reading, no it's a violin duet ... wait, it's both?!

That's right, Bristol's David Gusakov will join author and fellow violinist Melanie Dexter for an evening presentation of Dexter's first novel, "Musical Chairs," with readings punctuated by music.

"Musical Chairs" is the light-hearted tale of "Matilda, a musician trying to land a good gig, find love, and figure some things out," read's Dexter's website (melanie-dexter-author.com). The novel is set against the backdrop of intense emotions and shifting relationships — that is the world of classical music.

"I was so taken with the opening of 'Musical Chairs,' a long sequence in which a college professor is completely captivated by the swish-swish of the green skirt of the co-ed walking ahead of him, that I wrote our first music for the evening, 'Swish Swish!'" Gusakov said.

ABOUT MELANIE DEXTER

Dexter received a degree in violin performance from the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, N.Y. She has performed chamber and orchestral music from Puerto Rico to Pennsylvania, South Carolina to Germany, Italy to New York, and, for the past 25 years or so, around New England. But she was always ambivalent about putting all her eggs in the classical music basket. So, 10 years after completing her undergraduate education, she decided to go back to school. She attended Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y., where she earned an MBA. This launched her on a parallel track in marketing and copy-writing, while she



maintained her musical career and raised her three sons in southern Vermont.

Always a voracious reader, Dexter found, starting around November of 2016, that she only wanted to read escapist fiction, always with a guaranteed happy ending. (This coping mechanism in response to the general stress of the time was reportedly so common it completely upended the publishing industry.)

Becoming an author herself was never part of the plan. But when the pandemic hit, Dexter found that just reading escapist fiction wasn't enough, and she started writing it. They say you should write what you know, so she was drawn to write about the classical music scene as she has known it for decades.

What emerged first was "Musical Chairs," a lighthearted coming of age novel about Matilda, a violinist making her way in the world after completing her music education. After suffering a disappointment in love, she finds herself touring in the pit band of a terrible Broadway musical. There is some angst, but at the end, of course, Matilda gets her happily ever after.

This first book grew into the "Dortmund Quartet," four interlocking books each with a string-player heroine. Cellist Thérèse, introduced in "Musical Chairs," stars in "The Ninth Bus," while Twilight, a violin teacher,

features in "Waiting for the Other Shoe." The fourth book, to be published later this year, is "Viola Jokes." It is the story of Rosina, a naïve and technophobic violinist.

ABOUT DAVID GUSAKOV

Arriving in Vermont in 1973, Gusakov has devoted his entire working life to music — as a member of the Vermont Symphony (in his 51st year there), and in a succession of bands of many genres, from Pine Island (bluegrass and swing quintet) in the '70s, to Swing Noire (Parisian Jazz from the '30s) and Will Patton Ensemble (mainstream jazz, Brazilian choros) currently.



He conducted Vermont Youth Strings for 20 years, Amateur Musicians Orchestra for 10, and, with cellist Dieuwke Davydov, co-founded and conducted the Champlain Philharmonic Orchestra. He has recorded with famed Scottish folksinger Jean Redpath among many others, and maintains an active teaching studio in Bristol.

Friday evening's reading and music is free and open to all. Donations will be gratefully accepted. For questions please contact the Lawrence Memorial Library by calling 802-453-2366.



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WORKSHOP

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it's not an event geared only to theater people. We know why these themes matter; we know what our work can do with all sorts of

backgrounds; but we don't exactly know what is going to emerge. We're all beginners in this exploration. Everybody can do this. Everybody can be a part of creating something... It will be messy, fun, surprising and maybe vulnerable."

After the workshop, the playwright McWilliams will take the material and continue to develop his play, which will return to the Town Hall

Theater a week later on Wednesday, Sept. 18, from 7-8:30 p.m. Again a free, everyone welcome, possibly interactive performance.

"When Lisa and I first sat down, we were both clear that because of the nature of the project it needed to be free and we wanted to welcome as many people as possible to the theater," Maravich explained, of the pre-planning with THT Executive Director Lisa Mitchell. "This project and these conversations need to be open to everyone. Lisa's been so great in thinking about how Town Hall Theater can become a community meeting place — that's what theater has always been! A place to come together, to connect, to laugh, to cry, to play... It's precisely what it should be."

"THIS PROJECT AND THESE CONVERSATIONS NEED TO BE OPEN TO EVERYONE."

— Craig Maravich

If ever there was a time to find your inner artist and let them out, now is it! This is a safe and amazing space to explore with professionals; do it — register for this workshop (townhalltheater.org). And let's see where our community takes us in the discussion of "The Stranger's Case."

ABOUT THE ARTISTS CONTINUED:

for Professional Development, which recognized his work bringing creative practices into Bread Loaf and Middlebury classrooms and, through that work, cultivating inclusive learning and teaching environments. He received his MFA in Classical Acting from The Shakespeare Theatre's Academy for Classical Acting at George Washington University.

LOUIS REYES MCWILLIAMS

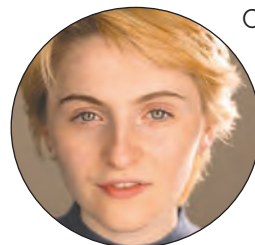
Louis Reyes McWilliams is an actor, writer and teaching artist based in Los Angeles. Born in New Jersey, Louis grew up in California and Massachusetts before attending Stanford University, where he attained a B.A. in Theater & Performance Studies and Political Science. He is a recent graduate of the Brown/Trinity Rep MFA Program in Acting & Directing. Louis's theater credits include shows performed off-Broadway, Shakespeare in the Park with The Public Theater, and regional productions with Berkeley Rep, Bread Loaf Acting Ensemble, Dallas Theater Center, the Huntington, The Old Globe, Pasadena Playhouse, Studio Theatre, Trinity Rep, Woolly Mammoth, and the Williamstown Theatre Festival. As a writer, his plays and screenplays have placed highly in various competitions, including the ScreenCraft Stage Play Competition and the Garry Marshall New Works Festival. He has been produced at the Williamstown Theatre Festival, Brown/Trinity Rep, and Stanford University.



teaching artist with Middlebury College and Bread Loaf School of English since the summer of 2019. She holds a B.A. in Political Theory from Brown University ('17).

MADISON MIDDLETON

Madison Middleton (they/them) is an actor, teacher, director, playwright, singer, sound designer, and composer. Originally from Maryland and D.C., they graduated from Middlebury College in February 2023 as class valedictorian. Select Middlebury acting credits include Rhinoceros, Company, Orphan Muses, Giants Have Us in Their Books, The Light in the Piazza, Julius Caesar, and their senior thesis work in acting, sound design and composition Botticelli in the Fire. Other select Middlebury credits include Look Dream Begin: 28th Annual First Show (producer/director), Hamlet (assistant director), Somewhere (sound design), And Baby Makes Seven (director), The Third (senior thesis work in playwriting), No One Is Forgotten (director/sound design), PTP/NYC's 34½ Season (actor/sound design), Giants Have Us in Their Books (original music). Madison joined the Bread Loaf Acting Ensemble for summers 2022 and 2023 and served as the BLSE's 2023 theater manager. Madison is currently teaching a Middlebury College winter term course titled "Investigating Musical Theatre." They're interested in musical and theatrical world-building, queerness, puppetry, magic and justice through making art.



HALEY SCHWARTZ

Haley Schwartz is an actor, writer, filmmaker and teaching artist based in New York City. She is a lover of both classical and contemporary texts, and is especially drawn toward work in film, TV and stage that celebrates queerness, grapples with environmental apocalypse, and/or investigates grief and loss in all its absurd and unpredictable forms. Haley received her MFA in Acting from Brown/Trinity Rep ('20) where she was awarded the Antonio Cirino Memorial Scholarship, a Shubert Foundation Award, and the David Wickham Prize in Playwriting. Her full-length play "Moonbox" and her solo show "Bindings" both received workshop performances from Brown/Trinity Rep. Haley also worked as a graduate teaching associate, and taught introductory Acting and Directing to undergraduate students at Brown University. She is a proud member of BtP, and has been working as an actor and



SHELLEY FORT

Shelley is an actor, writer, and producer. She was born in Wilmington, N.C., and was raised in Connecticut and Nebraska. Her work has been seen in New York and regionally at theaters including La MaMa Experimental Theater, The Bushwick Starr, The National Black Theater, Quick Silver Theater Co., The Fire This Time Festival, The Classical Theatre of Harlem, The Langston Hughes Playwright Showcase, Trinity Rep, Chester Theater, and more. She's trained in St. Petersburg, Russia (Theater Arts Academy), Oxford (British American Drama Academy), and Connecticut (National Theater Institute). She has a B.A. from Kenyon College and an M.F.A. from Brown University. Shelley's dad, Charles Fort, attended the Bread Loaf Writers Conference years ago. She's thrilled to bring it full circle as a member of the Bread Loaf Acting Ensemble and as a teaching artist with Beyond the Page.



ART ON EXHIBIT

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"Building St Peters" celebrates the 150th anniversary of St. Peter's Church in Vergennes. Learn about the community effort to construct the local catholic church through antique photographs, newspaper clippings, handmade maps, and artifacts including a brick from the Ferrisburgh Brickyard and an antique organ pipe. This exhibit, found in the Half-round Room, connects with our ongoing display in the Bixby Hall about Josephine Meneely, whose husband, William Meneely, President of the Meneely Bell Foundry of Troy, N.Y., gave two bells to the church. Vergennes Historical Society Director, Susan Ferland will present a history talk on Thursday, Sept. 5, from 5-6:30 p.m. The exhibit is on view during the library's open hours, Tuesday-Saturday.

EDGEWATER AT THE FALLS

1 Mill Street, Middlebury

For more info visit edgewatergallery.com, call 802-458-0098 or email info@edgewatergallery-vt.com.

"Re-Assembly," a solo exhibition of new work by Jane Davies, featuring abstract mixed media paintings that grow from a vocabulary of elements of abstract painting; color, line, shape, texture, and pattern and the excitement of finding a common thread in a disparate group of gathered materials. On view Aug. 16-Sept. 29.

EDGEWATER ON THE GREEN

6 Merchants Row, Middlebury

For more info visit edgewatergallery.com, call 802-989-7419 or email info@edgewatergallery-vt.com.

"Purple Haze," a solo exhibition of paintings by Tim Horn, featuring scenes of the Bay area of northern California, Maine, near Monhegan and rural Vermont, a place where family connected him to the landscape. The collection reminds the viewer of the beauty that can be found in "the ordinary." On view through Sept. 10.

JACKSON GALLERY

68 S Pleasant St, Middlebury

For more info visit townhalltheater.org/jackson-gallery or call 802-382-9222.

"It's All Relatives: Local Artists with Family Ties" featuring work by Mary and Fred Lower, Judy Albright, Cristine Kossow, Jennifer Steele Cole, and Elinor Steele Friml. On view through Oct. 5.

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ARIES: March 21/April 20. It's easy to lose perspective when it comes to the important friends and family in your life, Aries. Start rethinking where to devote your attention and energy.

TAURUS: April 21/May 21. Taurus, if you feel adventure is calling you, you can always take a break and get out there and answer that call. Take a road trip this week or even explore a new neighborhood nearby.

GEMINI: May 22/June 21. Gemini, be sure to get off to an early start regarding plans this week. Let others involved know that you'll probably be picking them up bright and early.

CANCER: June 22/July 22. Cancer, if you are not up for a night out on the town or much socializing the next few days, it's perfectly fine to stay close to home. Everyone needs a break from time to time.

LEO: July 23/Aug. 23. Leo, when you are in a good mood, it's hard for people around you to keep up with your level of energy. Don't be surprised if some people in your posse tire out before you.

VIRGO: Aug. 24/Sept. 22. Virgo, you've never been good about asking for help. This week you'll be pleasantly surprised by how quickly a family member jumps in to give you the boost you need.

LIBRA: Sept. 23/Oct. 23. Typically you are very easy to get along with, Libra. But this week others may describe you as uncompromising and uncooperative. Think about what is prompting this change of tune.

SCORPIO: Oct. 24/Nov. 22. Scorpio, you aren't about to settle without getting what you want. When road blocks come up this week, you may be frustrated when things don't go your way. Stay the course.

SAGITTARIUS: Nov. 23/Dec. 21. Try to fill your days with the arts and music this week, Sagittarius. They are what you need right now to put you in a positive mood and turn things around.

CAPRICORN: Dec. 22/Jan. 20. Things have been busy in your life, Capricorn. That mile-long list doesn't seem to be getting any shorter. You might need to call in some help to get through all of the tasks.

AQUARIUS: Jan. 21/Feb. 18. Aquarius, someone has been keeping tabs on what you have been doing from afar. You don't know whether to be flattered or concerned about this attention. You'll learn soon enough.

PISCES: Feb. 19/March 20. Pisces, it is time for loved ones to get together and have a serious conversation about something that involves the whole family. You just don't know if you're ready to deal with it.

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SEPT. 7 — Elizabeth I of England, queen (d)
SEPT. 8 — Patsy Kline, singer (d)

SEPT. 9 — Otis Redding, singer (d)
SEPT. 10 — Stephen Jay Gould, paleontologist, author (d)
SEPT. 11 — Arvo Pärt, composer (89)
SEPT. 12 — H. L. Mencken (d)

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THURSDAY, SEPT. 5

SCOTT SHANE LECTURE IN FERRISBURGH. Thursday, Sept. 5, 6:30-8 p.m., Rokeby Museum 4334 Route 7. Rokeby will host an evening discussion with author and journalist Scott Shane on his 2023 book "Flee North: A Forgotten Hero and the Fight for Freedom in Slavery's Borderland." The book unearths the lost story of Thomas Smallwood, born into slavery in Maryland, who bought his freedom, educated himself, and began to organize mass escapes from slavery by the wagonload. Smallwood gave the "underground railroad" its name. Tickets: Member: \$6; Non-Member \$10. More info at rokeby.org/events.

TWIST O' WOOL GUILD MEETING IN MIDDLEBURY. Thursday, Sept. 5, 7 p.m., American Legion, 49 Wilson Rd. This is the first meeting of the year for the fiber arts guild. Come and learn a new fiber arts skill or hang out with your own project. Everyone is welcome to attend.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 6,

BRETT HUGHES IN NEW HAVEN. Friday, Sept. 6, 5-7 p.m. Lincoln Peak Vineyard. Enjoy free live music with food by Dino Bones BBQ and wine available for purchase.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 7

"THE BEST WE COULD" BY EMILY FELDMAN IN MIDDLEBURY. Saturday, Sept. 7, 4 p.m., Byers Studio, Town Hall

Theater, 68 S. Pleasant St. In this funny, wise and heartbreaking debut from Emily Feldman, a daughter's road trip with her father becomes a theatrical journey across more than just state lines. Part of MACo's Cutting Edge staged play reading series. Tickets \$15, available at townhalltheater.org.

CARILLONNEUR GEORGE MATTHEW JR. in Middlebury. Saturday, Sept. 7, 5 p.m., Middlebury Chapel. The Middlebury College campus and surrounding neighborhoods will ring with the sound of carillon bells at this annual free summer series. This year there is a new Fall Festival on Saturdays in September and October. Free and open to the public.

PINE TREE FLYERS IN LINCOLN. Saturday, Sept. 7, 7:30 p.m., Burnham Hall, 52 E. River Rd. The Burnham Presents 2024-25 season opens with four of the finest voices in the traditional music scene spotlighting the rich tradition of Irish, Scottish, French-Canadian and American traditional music. Doors open at 7 p.m. Homemade refreshments available. Tickets \$20-\$25 sliding scale. More info at burnhampresents.org.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 8

GREEN MOUNTAIN BICYCLE CLUB ADDISON AMBLER RIDE. Sunday, Sept. 8, 9:15 a.m. meet at Vergennes Union High School, Monkton Rd. Travel south from Vergennes to Weybridge via Route 125 and then west to Bridport and West

Addison and back to Vergennes on quiet roads. 45-mile (M) short ride and the long is 60-mile (S) long ride with roughly two miles of dirt roads as an alternative to riding on Route 22A from Bridport to Shoreham. More info contact leaders Brian Howard at 802-304-0610 / bjhowd@gmail.com or William Regan at 571-730-8160 william.regan.802@gmail.com.

HIKE INTO GEOLOGIC HISTORY IN ORWELL. Sunday, Sept. 8, 2 p.m., Mount Independence State Historic Site, 472 Mt. Independence Rd. Local geologist Helen Mango will guide this exploration tour on the (Cambrian) beach. You'll see the oldest rocks in the Potsdam Formation to the newer rocks of the Great Meadows Formation. Wear sturdy shoes or boots and dress for weather. Meet at the museum. Admission \$8 adults/\$1 for ages 6-14/ under 6 free, includes the museum and all the trails. More info at 802-948-2000 for more information.

"UNDERDOGS" BIPOC STORY CIRCLE IN BRISTOL. Sunday, Sept. 8, 3-5 p.m., Tandem, 26 Main St. Join an evening of true stories on the theme of "Underdogs." Similar to a Moth StorySLAM, we invite any BIPOC folks to share a personal story related to the theme. Seating is limited and is available on a first-come, first-served basis. More info at addisonctypoc@gmail.com.

MY DENTIST'S SON IN FERRISBURGH. Sunday Sept. 8, 3-4:30 p.m., Ferrisburgh Town Hall, Route 7. A place for inquiry into magical stories that don't fit, a

moment in life that tends to defy explanation of what we believe is possible. Come tell your story.

"THE BEST WE COULD" BY EMILY FELDMAN IN MIDDLEBURY. Sunday, Sept. 8, 4 p.m., Byers Studio, Town Hall Theater, 68 S. Pleasant St. See Sept. 7 listing. Feldman will attend the Sunday show.

MONDAY, SEPT. 9

GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB HIKE IN HANCOCK. Monday, Sept. 9, Middlebury College Snowbowl. Hike the lost trails of the Snowbowl. Great views. Moderate pace and difficulty. About 2 miles round trip up mountain with a few hundred feet of elevation change. Dog friendly. Contact Morris Earle at morrisearle@gmail.com or 802-734-0984 for information or to register.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL CELEBRATION IN VERGENNES. Monday, Sept. 9, 6 p.m., Vergennes Union High School, Monkton Rd. Cirque Kikasse's spectacular circus performance executed on their extraordinary food truck and the vibrant sounds of the West Philadelphia Orchestra, blending Balkan and New Orleans brass. Everyone is invited. Grounds open at 5:30 for picnicking. Participation by vendors (food truck, crafts, or community participant) is at no charge. Jugglers, face painting, craft/bubble makers also welcomed for this community wide celebration. More info contact Sarah Bicknell at 802-877-2938.

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Channel 1071 Friday, September 6 Through the Night: Public Affairs 7:30 a.m. Congregational Church Service 10 a.m. Selectboard, Public Affairs 4 p.m. Memorial Baptist Church Service 6 p.m. The Juxtaposition 6:30 p.m. Energy Week 7:30 p.m. Feminism, Fascism & the Future Saturday, September 7 Through the Night: Public Affairs 5 a.m. Energy Week 6 a.m. Press Conf., Public Affairs 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. Feminism, Fascism & the Future Sunday, September 8 Through the Night: Public Affairs 6 a.m. Racial Disparities Advisory Board 8 a.m. Energy Week 9 a.m. Catholic Mass	11 a.m. Memorial Baptist Service 12:30 p.m. Selectboard, Public Affairs 4 p.m. Congregational Service 6:30 p.m. Eckankar 7 p.m. Catholic Mass 7:30 p.m. Energy Week 8:30 p.m. Feminism, Fascism & the Future Monday, September 9 Through the Night: Public Affairs 5 a.m. Dr. John Campbell 5:30 a.m. Eckankar 6 a.m. Press Conf., Public Affairs 9 a.m. Energy Week 10 a.m. Selectboard, Public Affairs 7 p.m. Press Conf., Public Affairs 10 p.m. Feminism, Fascism & the Future Tuesday, September 10 Through the Night: Press Conferences & Public Affairs 4 p.m. Feminism, Fascism & the Future 9 a.m. Dr. John Campbell 9:30 a.m. Eckankar 10 a.m. Selectboard, Public Affairs 4 p.m. Congregational Services 7 p.m. Selectboard, Public Affairs	10 p.m. Energy Week Wednesday, September 11 Through the Night: Press Conf., Public Affairs 4 p.m. Feminism, Fascism & the Future 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 4 p.m. Feminism, Fascism & the Future 7 p.m. Selectboard, Public Affairs 11 p.m. Energy Week Thursday, September 12 Through the Night: Public Affairs 8 a.m. Congregational Church 12 p.m. Selectboard, Public Affairs 4 p.m. Feminism, Fascism & the Future 8:30 p.m. Energy Week 9:30 p.m. Eckankar 10 p.m. Gov. Scott Channel 1091 Friday, September 6 4 a.m. VT Summer Music Series 7 a.m. Chair Yoga	8 a.m. Tai Chi 8:30 a.m. Our Gardens 12 p.m. School Board Meeting/s 8 p.m. All Things LGBTQ 9 p.m. All Brains Belong Saturday, September 7 5 a.m. All Things LGBTQ 6 a.m. All Brains Belong 7 a.m. Tai Chi 7:30 a.m. Our Gardens 8 a.m. School Board Meeting/s 3 p.m. From the Archives 8 p.m. Summer Music Series Sunday, September 8 4 a.m. Summer Music Series 6:30 a.m. Tai Chi 7 a.m. Chair Yoga 8 a.m. School Board Meeting/s 12 p.m. From the Archives 2:30 p.m. All Brains Belong 3:30 p.m. Tai Chi 4 p.m. Word Time with Miss Markee 5 p.m. Ten Fest 7 p.m. Summer Music Series Monday, September 9 5 a.m. All Things LGBTQ 6 a.m. Chair Yoga 7 a.m. Tai Chi	7:25 a.m. Word Time 8 a.m. School Board Meetings 2:30 p.m. Ten Fest 4:30 a.m. Word Time 5 a.m. Tai Chi 5:30 p.m. School Board Meeting/s Tuesday, September 10 5 a.m. Authors and Poets 6 a.m. School Board Meeting/s 12 p.m. Summer Music Series 5 p.m. All Things LGBTQ 6 p.m. Summer Music Series Wednesday, September 11 4:30 a.m. Summer Music Series 7 a.m. Chair Yoga 8 a.m. Tai Chi 8:25 a.m. Word Time 9 a.m. Authors and Poets 12 p.m. School Board Meeting/s 6:30 p.m. VT Master Naturalist Thursday, September 12 4:30 a.m. Nature & Gardening 7:30 a.m. Tai Chi 8 a.m. Chair Yoga 9 a.m. Poets and Authors 12 p.m. School Board Meeting/s 6:30 p.m. Summer Music Concerts 10 p.m. Authors and Poets	

TUESDAY, SEPT. 10

THE MOTH RADIO HOUR STORYSLAM IN MIDDLEBURY. Tuesday, Sept. 10, 7 p.m., Town Hall Theater, 69 S. Pleasant St. Join us for an evening of True Tales told live on stage as The Moth flutters to Middlebury for a night of stories from your community on the theme Elbow Grease. Anyone can share a true, personal, five-minute story on the night's theme. Sign up for a chance to tell a story or sit back and enjoy the show! Tickets are on sale now at townhalltheater.org/event/the-moth-storyslam.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 11

SWING NOIRE GYPSY JAZZ IN BRISTOL. Wednesday, Sept. 11, 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. A warm-up band performs from 5-6:30 p.m., followed by Swing Noire from 7-9 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 13

JUSTIN LAPOINTE IN NEW HAVEN. Friday, Sept. 13, 5-7 p.m. Lincoln Peak Vineyard. Enjoy free live music with food by Dino Bones BBQ and wine available for purchase.

"BROOKLYN 45" ON SCREEN IN VERGENNES. Friday, Sept. 13, 7:30 p.m., Vergennes Opera House, 120 Main St. An American real-time supernatural thriller, written and directed by Ted Geoghegan about a group of military veterans holding an impromptu séance in the parlor of a Brooklyn brownstone at the close of World War II. Geoghegan penned the screenplay with assistance from his late father, a disabled Air Force veteran-turned-history teacher. Meet Actor Jeremy Holm and Director Ted Geoghegan after the show.

"COMEDY AT THE CORE: JASON LORBER" IN MIDDLEBURY. Friday, Sept. 13, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall Theater, 68 S. Pleasant St. Lorber — comedian and former State Representative — headlines a night of standup comedy. You may remember him from his one-man performance of David Seadri's "SantaLand Diaries" in 2019, his many performances with Middlebury Actors Workshop, or his opening for Joan Rivers. Table seating \$40, Standard Seating \$25, available at townhalltheater.org.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 14

WILDLIFE WALK IN MIDDLEBURY. Saturday, Sept. 14, 7 a.m., Otter View Park, intersection of Weybridge St. and Pulp Mill Bridge Rd. Join Otter Creek Audubon and the Middlebury Area Land Trust and help us survey birds and other wildlife at Otter View Park and the Hurd Grassland. Birders of all ages and abilities welcome. More info contact 802-388-6019.

MELISSA MOOREHOUSE IN BRANDON.

Saturday, Sept. 14, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Kennedy Park, 31 Center St. Picnic in the park to live music.

CARILLONNEUR GEORGE MATTHEW JR. in Middlebury. Saturday, Sept. 14, 5 p.m., Middlebury Chapel. The Middlebury College campus and surrounding neighborhoods will ring with the sound of carillon bells at the new fall festival. Free and open to the public.

KING PEDE CARD PARTY IN FERRISBURGH. Saturday, Sept. 14, 6:30 p.m., Ferrisburgh Town Hall, Route 7. The evening begins at 6:30 p.m. with a sandwich supper and then on to the games! King Pele involves "trick-taking" such as in Hearts and Spades or Pitch. These are fun events, but come prepared to use your strategic thinking.

CONTRA DANCE IN CORNWALL. Saturday, Sept. 14, 7-9:30 p.m., Cornwall Town Hall, Route 30. Adina Gordon will be calling with live music by Red Dog Riley. Beginners welcome. All dances will be taught. Come alone or bring a friend. \$5 to \$10 or pay what you can.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 15

TAM TREK IN MIDDLEBURY. Sunday, Sept. 15, 7:30 a.m., Wright Park, Seymour St. Ext. Get some exercise and raise funds for the Trail Around Middlebury (TAM). Nothing beats early fall's trail racing weather! For registration and more information, visit runsignup.com/Race/VT/Middlebury/TAMTrek2023.

TOUR DE FARMS IN SHOREHAM. Sunday, Sept. 15, check in at 8:30 a.m., town green. Come ride and enjoy the best that Vermont has to offer — from glorious scenery to delicious samples of foods that are grown or produced here in Addison County. Choose a 30-mile ride or a 10-mile ride each with farm stops along the way. Enjoy the Shoreham Apple Fest Post Ride. More info and registration at acornvt.org/tourdefarms.

GUIDED HIKE IN FERRISBURGH. Sunday, Sept. 15, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Ferrisburgh town forest, meet at the right-angle corner on Robinson Rd. Hike through a wide variety of healthy ecosystems, including a clay-plain forest, mature mixed hardwood forest, mountain stream, and cliffs where bobcats den. Moderate to difficult, about 3-4 miles round-trip. Includes some steep and uneven terrain, wet ground, and some off-trail portions. No dogs, please. More info contact Craig Heindel at 802-343-1034.

LAKE CHAMPLAIN BRIDGE GUIDED WALK IN ADDISON. Sunday, Sept. 15, 1-3 p.m., Chimney Point State Park, Route 17W. Learn the history of what surrounds you as you walk across the Lake Champlain Bridge. Chimney Point site administrator Elsa Gilbertson and Crown Point, N.Y., site manager Sam Huntington lead this guided round trip walk. Meet at Chimney Point. Rain or shine, dress for the weather. Bring a picnic to enjoy

TOP PICK

PIG ROAST 2.0 BENEFIT FOR PARENT CHILD CENTER

Join a fun-filled evening at **Lincoln Peak Vineyard on Thursday, Sept. 5**, from 5-8 p.m. (That's tonight!) Indulge in delicious roasted pig, sip on fine wines and enjoy live music from The Horse Traders. Tickets \$50 and up. Plus a silent auction. All proceeds will go towards supporting the Addison County Parent Child Center. (p.s. Bring a lawn chair or a picnic blanket with you.)

before. \$9 Fee includes admission to both museums. Light refreshments afterwards.

ZIG ZAG LIT MAG RELEASE PARTY IN BRISTOL. Sunday, Sept. 15, 2-4 p.m., Tillerman, 1868 N 116 Rd. Come celebrate the release of Issue.17 & Chapbook.7 in the red barn, with a mingling bit of picnicking and issue selling before the formal reading at 2:30 p.m. The restaurant & bar will be closed, but there will be snacks (feel free to bring some potluck style!) and a chance to meet fellow artists, makers, doers, movers and shakers.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 18

ALBANY SOUND IN BRISTOL. Wednesday, Sept. 18, 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. A warm-up band performs from 5-6:30 p.m., followed by Albany Sound (Michael Chorney, Lowell Thompson, Pat Melvin and Jeremy Frederick) from 7-9 p.m.

"THE STRANGERS' CASE" IN MIDDLEBURY. Wednesday, Sept. 18, 7-8:30 p.m., Town Hall Theater, 68 S. Pleasant St. This performance weaves our community's modern perspectives on timeless themes, including migrancy, community, citizenship and belonging. A rich and immersive experience featuring accomplished nationally recognized theater professionals. Free. Registration required at townhalltheater.org or 802-382-9222.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 19

BRETT HUGHES AND MATT FLINNER AND PIZZA BY THE POND IN GOSHEN. Thursday, Sept. 19, 5-7 p.m., Blueberry Hill Inn, Goshen Rd. Enjoy wood fired pizza and drinks while listening to this accomplished duo. More info at blueberryhillinn.com.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 20

HARDSCRABBLE IN NEW HAVEN. Friday, Sept. 20, 5-7 p.m. Lincoln Peak Vineyard. Enjoy free live music with food

by Crooked Ladle and wine available for purchase.

BLOODROOT GAP AND PIZZA BY THE POND IN GOSHEN. Friday, Sept. 20, 5-7 p.m., Blueberry Hill Inn, Goshen Rd. Enjoy wood fired pizza and drinks while listening to some pretty creative bluegrass. More info at blueberryhillinn.com.

"MUSIC, MAGIC AND CHOCOLATES" FUNDRAISER IN MIDDLEBURY. Friday, Sept. 20, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall Theater, 68 S. Pleasant St. Come celebrate the grand opening of Adagio Chocolates and enjoy a night of music, magic and chocolate tastings at Town Hall Theater. Professional sleight of hand artist Christopher McBride followed by dancing with the jazz/rock/hip hop sounds of Japhy Ryder. Chocolate tastings in the Jackson Gallery with variety of bean-to-bar samples and raffles, cash bar, light fare, and information about donations and further involvement with flood relief from the Vermont Community Foundation. Tickets \$15 to \$55, available at townhalltheater.org. All proceeds will go to flood relief.

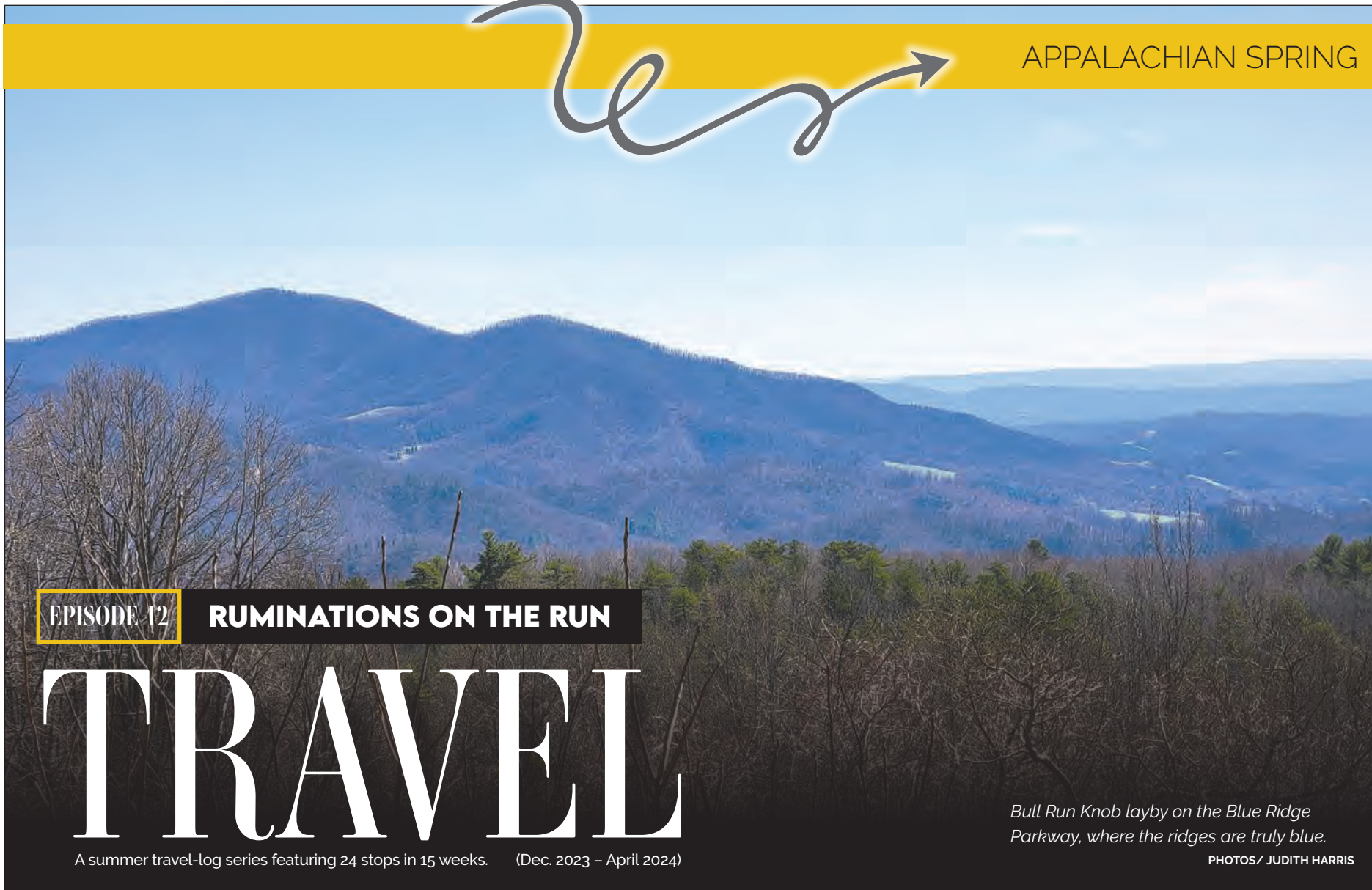
ARTIST TALK IN BRANDON. Friday, Sept. 20, 7-8:30 p.m., Brandon Artists Guild, 7 Center St. Featured wood artist Guy Rossi will share his fascination for the properties found in wood and how he incorporates texture and grain patterns in small ornament pieces to large home furnishings. Refreshments served.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 21

GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB 'LONG TRAIL DAY' HIKE IN RIPTON. Saturday, Sept. 21, Burnt Hill/Middlebury Gap. Hike 5-6 miles of moderately challenging hiking from the Burnt Hill trailhead to Middlebury Gap. Depending on time and participation, this can include an out and back to Boyce Shelter and/or Silent Cliff. Moderate pace. Contact Beth Eliason at betheliason@gmail.com for more information.

GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB "LONG TRAIL DAY" HIKE IN HANCOCK. Saturday, Sept. 21. Worth Mountain from the Middlebury Gap. Enjoy open views in different directions and beautiful Lake Pleiad. Moderate pace and difficulty on a 5.4-mile round trip with about 1,000 feet of elevation change. Contact Ken Corey at 802-349-3733 or kencorey53@gmail.com to register.

GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB "LONG TRAIL DAY" LOOP HIKE IN THE BREAD LOAF WILDERNESS. Saturday, Sept. 21. Hike the Cooley-Glen Trail to the Long Trail and Emily Proctor Shelter, then down the Emily Proctor Trail. The hike is moderate to strenuous, traverses some of the Vermont Presidentials and gains over 3,000 feet in elevation over 12.4 miles. Contact Philip Werner at philip@sectionhiker.com or 617-549-7663 for more information.



EPISODE 12

RUMINATIONS ON THE RUN

TRAVEL

A summer travel-log series featuring 24 stops in 15 weeks. (Dec. 2023 – April 2024)

Bull Run Knob layby on the Blue Ridge Parkway, where the ridges are truly blue.

PHOTOS/ JUDITH HARRIS

Much of our effort expended during winter sojourns is seeking places unappreciated by crowds, and unfrequented by the unappreciative. Each winter trip provides more time in beautiful natural environments, as we

BY **JUDITH & STEVE HARRIS**

remain vigilant to our need to break through the shell of well-trodden paths. This year we attempted to avoid

our usual return through the "I-95 Corridor" on the East Coast by meandering along the comparatively remote peace and altitude of the Appalachian spine.

For two weeks in late March, we meandered north by northeast around the ridge lines of the mountains. The hints of spring we felt along the Gulf of Mexico followed on our heels as our pace matched the earth's gradual roll toward the sun. The temperatures were largely moderate for mid-March, but we endured our second cold snap of mid-20s for an overnight low, and twice we were forced to enjoy a full 12 hours of rain. The moisture was fortunate for the region, however, as spring brush fires had broken out along the steep western hillsides in random places due to dry days and sustained winds. This is a seasonal threat that has grown

more frequent as climate change has become more pronounced.

Part of the fire threat is a direct result of soil acidified by oak trees that thrive here. A thick carpet of autumn leaves becomes a handy accelerant every spring. The absence of any green leaf canopy in March and April exposes combustible organics to direct sun and wind. This soil type also precludes most other sources of moisture-retaining shade in the form of underbrush. Sections of the Blue Ridge Parkway had recently been shut down to ensure visitor safety. However, measurable rain reopened the full length of the road just in time for our passage.

Our campsite in Fancy Gap, Va., was built alongside the Blue Ridge Parkway property line at milepost 196. 469 miles in total length, "America's Favorite Highway" was initiated as one of Franklin Roosevelt's solutions to the depression of the 1930s. Execution was a massive undertaking and took 30 years to nearly complete, 20 years more until the last 7-mile elevated stretch over Grandfather's Mountain was opened (Linn Cove Viaduct). "BRP" is maintained by the National Park Service, and is its most visited unit.

Non-commercial traffic restrictions, its

serpentine nature and a 45mph speed limit combine to keep traffic levels to near-zero during the transition season from winter to spring. Long years of light use have left the shoulder-less asphalt paving as smooth as a baby's bottom. Driving requires vigilance, but is a unique delight.

Under a cloudless sky with temperatures in the mid 50s and a light breeze, we tiptoed along 80 miles of this two-lane masterpiece, mostly alone. Engineered with banked turns and mild grades never exceeding 12%, few dramatic cuts and fills were required as the design engineers utilized the found terrain as closely as they could. The rights-of-way were purchased for the most opportune exposure to occasional 20-mile views, and each was provided with an off-road lay-by from which to gaze and wonder.

The road's elevations are intentionally varied, and groomed fields within its right-of-way have been kept meticulously mowed. Rock outcroppings act as sculptured sentinels, while split rail fences and occasional family graveyards harken back to colonial times. There is not a single billboard, mailbox, or any scrap of roadside litter. Admission cost is \$0 year-round. When we occasionally stepped from our vehicle to soak up yet another stunning visual treat, there was no sound.

No traffic roar, no electronic audio, no aircraft overhead, nothing beyond a whispered breeze or a hawk's call every so often. We saw numerous soaring birds at eye-level, appreciating their usual perspective.

As a child, my father would occasionally take me to Playland in Rye Beach, N.Y., for a few hours of ring toss, target shooting at moving ducks and old school thrill rides. (This amusement park was featured in the movie "Big" starring Tom Hanks.)

The "Tunnel of Love" was a 10-minute float in a wooden boat motivated by a mild, silent current in complete darkness and deep quiet. Bumping gently along, a suddenly illuminated mural of some comforting rural scene would fill your vision until you slipped back into darkness. It was my AI and virtual reality goggles all rolled into one and I really loved it. Perhaps most importantly, I remember it.

The Blue Ridge Parkway experience made a similar impression on me. It was a three-hour block of gob-smacking beautiful peace and quiet that unwound all the usual mental hubbub of circular thoughts, persistent worries and aimless replays of past, unresolved conflicts that pester all of us. Each time we drifted into another 50-acre high meadow, we stepped into the mannered world of tasteful design that allowed a welcome Mother Nature to show off her artful perfection.

The crystalline March light upon stands of tree trunks created distinct shadows — a kaleidoscopic pattern of stripes and lines that looked as if the woods were rendered in black, brown, grey and white pastel. Fearless families of deer raised their heads with restrained concern as we motored by, but soon returned to their roadside browsing's. Every three miles or so, we passed a car going in the opposite direction.

I fully expect to replay these scenes again in my mind's eye as one of my last fond recollections on this planet. When you see something this unique in person, it makes an impression no camera can capture; the meaning of what you perceive defies mechanical or graphic interpretation. There is a spirit of permanence



Springtime on our heels in Georgia.

and resilience in these ancient landscapes that touches your core.

After 3 weeks of heading home above 1,500 feet, we exited the lower Appalachians temporarily at Harpers Ferry, W. Va., 300 feet above sea level. In lovely, rural farm and horse country, we perched for five nights of heavy weather in West Chester, Penn., a remote western suburb of Philadelphia.

Our next respite was a campground inside the Delaware Water Gap, on the state line between Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Just 100 road miles north of West Chester, we set up camp in plenty of time to watch a chilly sunset from inside the Airstream.

The afternoon of April 6 we explored yet another formidable riverbank oozing with spring high water and scenic treasures. The Delaware is the longest free flowing (no dams) river in the United States. Its headwaters are in New York's Catskill Mountains from where it forms the whole eastern boundary of Pennsylvania as it completes a nearly 400-mile run to Delaware Bay and the Atlantic Ocean. The upper reaches provide habitat for a wide variety of game fish, but by the time it reaches the Bay, it is badly polluted, mostly by silt and agricultural run-off.

Congress originally approved a dam for this Appalachian canyon to prevent spring flooding. Fortunately, the funding never came through, and both states agreed to set aside the 77,000 acres over 30 miles of flat, wide and smooth

water as a recreation area, protecting their respective banks from private development.

For a parcel of this size and beauty to be unspoiled by human desecration only 50 miles west of New York City and 75 miles north of Philadelphia is an exceptional miracle. By continuing upstream along its Pennsylvania bank on route 209, we dodged completely around the great wall of Bos-Wash. This route felt like an extension of the Blue Ridge Parkway...no signs, no litter, frequent trail heads and places to pause, 45 mph speed limit and very little traffic. Unlike the BRP, this road is a riverside route at the bottom of a canyon, with occasional islands splitting the river's channel.

We were ahead of arboreal budding out, so distant scenes of the river valley were open to view that in a matter of weeks would be reduced to a green tunnel. The Park Service signage shows that hiking, mountain biking and picnicking are all encouraged, with frequent toilet facilities open during the summer.

Once we left the confines of the DWG, two villages of note awaited our continued use of Route 209 as we aimed for Kingston on the New York Thruway (87) and the second of only two hotels on our long journey — concessions at the beginning and end, as northern campgrounds are not yet open for the season.

Milford, Penn., followed a few miles later by Port Jervis, N.Y., are remarkable places. Beautiful and well-preserved, these two jewels of 19th century Victorian Architecture, residential, ecclesiastical and municipal, were welcomed, unexpected visual gifts to us on our last day of newly explored roadways. Both of us were amazed that after 35 years of living within a few hours of these towns, we were unaware of their existence.

After four months of camping, and 6,600 miles of roaming around 13 different states, we found two of the sweetest small towns in America almost under our noses. Wonders never cease, and the road goes on forever!

— sbh



Looking east across the Delaware River.

Steve and Judith Harris met on a construction site in Burlington 37 years ago. They were married in Lincoln, Vt., nine years later and have lived on 15 acres alongside the New Haven River ever since. They are the principals in a two-person consultancy (Harris and Harris Consulting, LLC) that represents owners through the design, permitting, contracting and construction of commercial and municipal projects nationally. When not on job sites, the bulk of their efforts are conducted from their home office or Airstream travel trailer through the evolving technologies (ha ha) associated with remote work. Well into their 70s, their retirement has become a long transition with some lingering professional engagements too much fun to resist.

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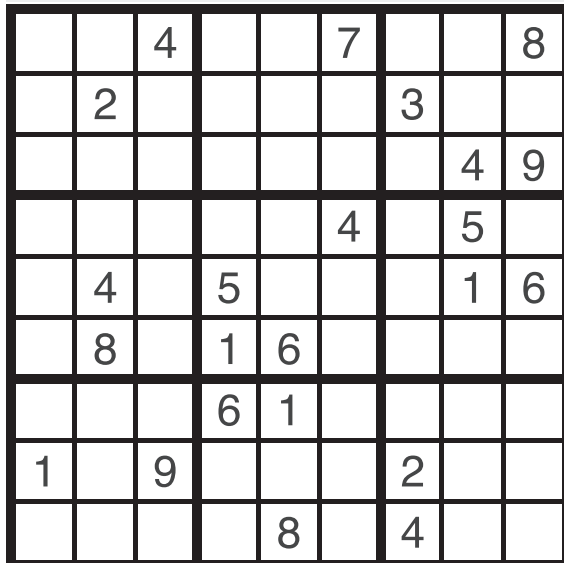
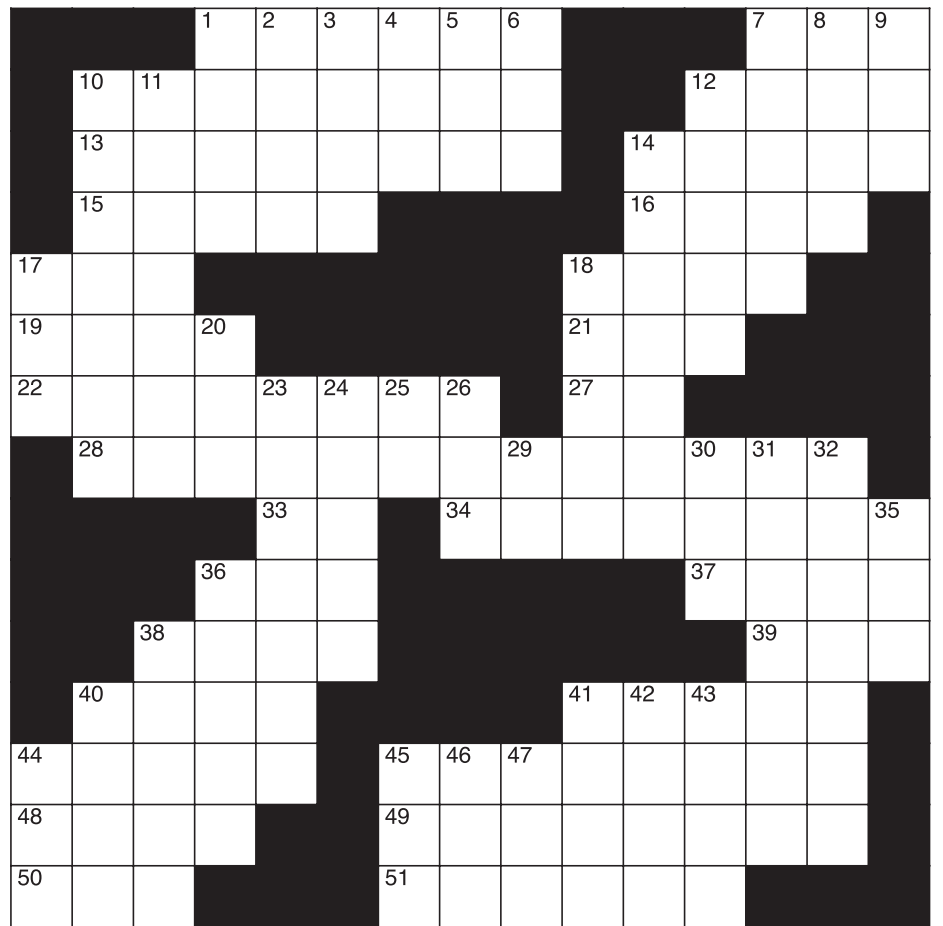
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- 44. European football heavyweight
- 45. One who works for you
- 48. Song
- 49. Ancient marvels

- 50. Bridge building degree
- 51. Delivery boys

DOWN

- 1. Continent
- 2. Submissive
- 3. There's a lot in a bowling alley
- 4. Sun up in New York
- 5. Court decision __ v. Wade
- 6. Finish line
- 7. Young women
- 8. Hives of activity
- 9. Hyman Roth's right-hand man Johnny
- 10. Eastern U.S. river
- 11. Popular cooking



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

- ingredient
- 12. Greek mythological princess
- 14. Scent for men
- 17. Cost, insurance and freight (abbr.)
- 18. Once more
- 20. Irate
- 23. Triangular spaces above a door
- 24. Norwegian
- playwright and poet Henrik
- 25. Atomic #58
- 26. Patti Hearst's captors
- 29. Natural logarithm
- 30. Talk incessantly
- 31. Went by
- 32. Strives
- 35. Fall back
- 36. Manila hemp
- 38. Not easily
- explained
- 40. Former "Double Dare" host Summers
- 41. Mollusk
- 42. Capital of Togo
- 43. Letter of Semitic scripts
- 44. Founder of Babism
- 45. Indicates near
- 46. Family of regulator genes
- 47. Indicates before

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LEASH-TRAIN THE CAT

The American Humane Society suggests leash-training cats that want to be outdoors. Much like having a dog on a leash prevents the pet from running off and getting lost or injured, cats who may be a little too independent for their own good can be curtailed with leashes.

VACCINATE AND FIX THE ANIMAL

Cats that are exposed to the outdoors are more susceptible to diseases that can be harmful or even fatal. Speak with a vet about which vaccines the cat will require if he or she is going to be spending considerable time outdoors.

Also, while it is recommended for all companion animals to be spayed or neutered, it is especially important for those with access to the outdoors to prevent unwanted mating that can exacerbate overpopulation issues. Plus, animals that are fixed are less likely to roam or fight.

CREATE A SHELTER

In addition to providing free access to the home by way of a cat door, outdoor access cats may benefit from a home in the yard. This can protect the cat from weather or other animals. A pet owner can build a shelter or purchase pre-made varieties that resemble a chicken coop. It's also best to ensure cats have access to fresh water while outside. Regularly inspect the shelter to keep it clean and in good repair.

CONSIDER A "CATIO"

Some cats will be satisfied with something that lets fresh air in without having to be completely outdoors. A "catio" is an outdoor ledge or enclosure for cats that is covered by grating or mesh, according to Habitat



Have. It can be attached to a window or be freestanding in an area of the yard, providing a lounging spot that is outdoors but protected.

PROVIDE IDENTIFICATION

Cat caregivers can microchip cats and ensure they are wearing the proper identification. If the cat cannot find its way home, there is a greater chance the animal will be found if identification is present or a chip has been installed.

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Kourtney

Hi! My name is **Kourtney!** I'm a 40-pound Beagle mix and I'm approximately 3 years old. I came to the shelter as a stray, so staff don't have any previous history on me. What they do know is that I love the company of other dogs and I'm very people-friendly. Treats and runs in the yard make me super happy.

Khloe

Hi! My name is **Khloe!** I'm a well-fed, 36-pound Beagle mix. I came to the shelter as a stray, so staff don't know any of my background history but it is clear that I like the company of other dogs and people. I love to run in the yard and I'm very much into my food.

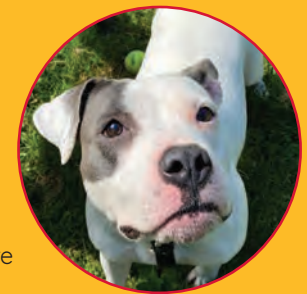


Thor

Hi! My name is **Thor!** I'm a 3-year-old, 65-pound, terrier mix with the happiest smile. I came to the shelter as an owner surrender together with Dixie. We were both found in a ditch in Tennessee when I was only a few months old. Since then, we've lived together in New England. Dixie and I can go to the same home, but we're not considered bonded. Although I enjoy her company, I don't get along with other dogs. I've peacefully coexisted with cats in my previous home and can go to a home with older teenagers. I can be nervous around new people, but I'm very food-motivated so treats will easily win me over.

Dixie

Hi! I'm **Dixie!** I'm a 58-pound 4-year-old Terrier mix. I came to the shelter as an owner surrender together with Thor. We were both found in a ditch in Tennessee when I was only a year old. Since then, we've lived together in New England. Thor and I can go to the same home, but we're not considered bonded. I'm a sweet, wiggly, girl but will need some time to warm up to new people. I've lived with cats in my previous home and can live with older children if they are respectful of my space. It's uncertain if I can live with other dogs. I'm housebroken and crate-trained. My favorite thing here at the shelter is to bask in the sun in my yard.



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GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB "LONG TRAIL DAY" HIKE IN THE BREAD LOAF WILDERNESS. Saturday, Sept. 21. An out-and-back hike to Emily Proctor shelter in the Bread Loaf Wilderness via the Emily Proctor Trail. Hike is 7 miles round trip with

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CARILLONNEUR JOHN WHITESIDE IN MIDDLEBURY. Saturday, Sept. 21, 5 p.m., Middlebury Chapel. The Middlebury College campus and surrounding neighborhoods will ring with the sound of carillon bells at the new fall festival. Free and open to the public. Whiteside is the carillonneur at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Cohasset, Mass.

MINGLE AT THE MUSEUM IN MIDDLEBURY. Saturday, Sept. 21, 5-7 p.m., Henry Sheldon Museum, 1 Park St. The Henry Sheldon Museum kicks off the foliage season with an early evening fall fundraiser to support the Museum's exhibitions and programs. Enjoy tasty finger foods, beverages, and live music. \$40 per person standard, \$75 per person generous. For more information visit www.henrysheldonmuseum.org or call 802-388-2117.

"SPEEDY" ON SCREEN IN BRANDON. Saturday, Sept. 21, 7 p.m., Brandon Town Hall, Conant Sq. Harold Lloyd's final silent feature is a tribute to New York City, baseball and the idea that nice guys can indeed finish first, highlighted by one of the most exciting races to the finish in all silent cinema. Complete with an extended cameo from none other than Babe Ruth. Free.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 22

GREEN MOUNTAIN BICYCLE CLUB CENTURY DAY. Sunday, Sept. 22, 7:30 a.m., meet at Wheeler lot, Veterans Memorial Park, South Burlington. Three rides, all following the same route for the first 25 miles with a food stop in Bristol. The Metric Century is 62 miles (M) via Bristol and Vergennes. The full Century is 100 miles (S) traveling down to the Crown Point Bridge and returning through the Champlain Valley. Those looking for an extra challenge can do the Double Gap Century which is 113 miles and includes the Middlebury and Appalachian Gaps. More info contact leader Brian Howard at 802-304-0610 /bjhowd@gmail.com.

NO STRINGS MARIONETTES: "NICK OF TIME" IN BRANDON. Sunday, Sept. 22, 12:30 p.m. Brandon Town Hall, 1 Conant Sq. The No Strings Marionette Company invite you to make a finger puppet at their workshop before the actual show. Nick of Time is a time travel adventure complete with dinosaurs from the past and mutants from the future.



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FILM SCREENING

See the Vermont premiere of 'Brooklyn 45' next Friday at the Vergennes Opera House

The Vermont premiere screening of the movie "Brooklyn 45" on Friday, Sept. 13, at 7:30 p.m., at the Vergennes Opera House. This is the first event of the VOH's 2024-2025 Season — more on that in next week's edition of Arts + Leisure.

The film "Brooklyn 45" is an original that was released on the Shudder streaming service in 2023. The film features Vergennes resident and TV/screen/stage actor Jeremy Holm.

"I've never done a movie that felt like a play, and I never had such a great time with my cast mates," Holm said. "Brooklyn 45" is a really cool intersection of film, history, and genre."

"Brooklyn 45" is a 2023 American real-time supernatural thriller film written and directed by Ted Geoghegan. Geoghegan penned the screenplay with assistance from his late father,

a disabled Air Force veteran-turned-history teacher. The film received critical acclaim at various horror-genre festivals.

"Brooklyn 45" is about a group of military veterans holding an impromptu séance in the parlor of a Brooklyn brownstone at the close of World War II. Together they uncover the darkest secrets of war and friendship and confront the ghosts of their pasts.

Appropriate for those wary already on a Friday the 13th... American film critic Roger Ebert had this to say: "Brooklyn 45" has its scare shocks and jolts of terror, its confrontation with unexplainable phenomena, but its interest lies in the psychological and emotional, and Geoghegan has created a space where all of it can be looked at, or run from, acknowledged or denied. The pile of ashes is a mile high."



"Brooklyn 45" will screen at the Vergennes Opera House on Friday, Sept. 13 at 7:30 p.m.

The film stars Anne Ramsay, Ron E. Rains, Larry Fessenden, and Jeremy Holm, and runs 92 minutes. Don't miss this screening for a special meet and greet with Holm!

Tickets are \$10 at the door or in advance and are available online at VergennesOperaHouse.com. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., and the film starts at 7:30 p.m. General seating.

EXHIBITS

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perspectives of five Vermont-based woman artists: Arista Alanis, Megan Bogonovich, Cameron Davis, Pamela Fraser and

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"Model Boats: The Craftsmanship of Jerry DeGraff." Jerry DeGraff, a native Vermonter from Essex Junction, served four years in the Navy before working many years in local building trades. As he honed his skills as a craftsman, a Christmas gift in 1994 gave him the motivation to try his skills at another trade — constructing model boats from scratch. On view through Jan. 4, 2025.

"From Homespun to Couture: Fashion in Historic Middlebury," offers a window onto

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"Artifacts & Anecdotes: A Behind-the-Scenes Look at Rokeby Museum," highlights volunteers and staff who work year-round to research and preserve the Robinson family collection. Their work gives them unique access to the family's collection, and in this exhibition, they share a few of their favorite objects and stories. On view through Oct. 13.

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BEYOND THE PAGE PRESENTS
THE STRANGERS' CASE

Theatre-Making Around
Citizenship & Belonging

Community Workshop on September 11, 2024 5-7:30pm

Performance on September 18, 2024 7-8:30pm

Information & Registration: townhalltheater.org



Citizenship and belonging are topics as rife today as they were more than 400 years ago when William Shakespeare is believed to have penned *The Strangers' Case*, a passionate defense of refugees, in the play *Sir Thomas More*. Through a residency at Town Hall Theater, professional theater-makers from Middlebury College's Beyond the Page will lead community members in a rich exploration of this text's themes and create a culminating theater and music presentation – incorporating community members' storytelling into the play.

About the Workshop

Community members are invited to build an interactive, immersive play that will premiere on Wednesday, September 18 from 7-8:30pm in a FREE performance open to all. To create this experience, participants are invited to join a fun, engaging, and thought-provoking workshop on Wednesday, September 11 from 5-7:30pm, led by New York, Los Angeles, and led by professional actors from New York, Los Angeles and Vermont. This FREE event invites you to share your unique experiences -- with your stories informing the creation of an original theatrical work. Beyond the Page seeks attendees of all ages, backgrounds, and walks of life to inform the play. Complimentary food and beverages will be provided for the September 11 workshop.

Guiding questions of the workshop include:

- What does it mean to encounter a stranger?
- What does it mean to move/migrate?
- How do we create community and home?

About the Performance

Beyond the Page presents a new theatrical and musical interpretation of William Shakespeare's *The Strangers' Case*, weaving our community's modern perspectives on timeless themes, including: migrancy, community, citizenship and belonging. This theatrical work will premiere Wednesday, September 18 from 7-8:30pm, and invites audience members into a rich, immersive, and unforgettable experience, featuring accomplished nationally recognized theater professionals. Enjoy performances from Vermont's Craig Maravich, Los Angeles's Louis Reyes McWilliams and Shelley Fort, and New York's Madison Middleton and Haley Schwartz.

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the water nozzle on a fire hose.
See story on page 8.

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Saluting our

Firefighters



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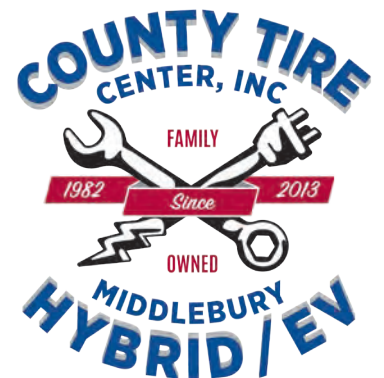
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Life experience inspires Ripton teen to join up

By CAROLINE JIAO

RIPTON — For 14-year-old George Cammack attending the 2024 Fire Cadet Academy hosted in Pittsford by the

Vermont State Firefighter' Association was one of the few times he stepped foot outside of his Ripton home this summer.

In many aspects, Cammack is just like

any other teenager who has his heart set on making firefighting his career: He enjoys sports like cross-country and tennis, and he rides his bike to volunteer and attend training at the local fire department.

As the eldest of five children, Cammack is proud of his dream to become a firefighter.

"It's one of the few things that only I do in the family," he said.

But there's a catch. He has one more hurdle on the way to achieving his dream. It's his health.

Four children out of five in the family, including George, endure a rare form of diabetes called MODY, or Maturity Onset Diabetes of the Young, which is a monogenetic form of diabetes that only 1% of diabetics in the world experiences, according to Cammack's mother, Jaime, who has type-1 diabetes herself.

"Fortunately, there hasn't been anything noticeable from that for me," said George.

"Ever since the pandemic, we've bubbled and been a stay-at-home family, home-schooling and everything, which adds to the craziness of having five (children at home)," George explained light-heartedly.

So there are good reasons for the family to be cautious, of course, since the hope is to minimize illnesses. In 2013, the third child, Francis, who was two weeks old at the time, was seriously sick from what had seemed to be just a cold. But a quick-thinking EMT and smart doctors saved his life.

"We've been very cautious with COVID because we've had a lot of medical complications," Jaime said. "The fire department and the EMS have shown up for us a whole bunch of times, and that's been really important for our family having that resource."

George's sense of responsibility and awareness was ingrained at a young age. There had been a number of times when Jaime needed assistance, and George would take the role of caring for his

siblings. The family also trained him early to know emergency response like dialing 911. He joked about accidentally making a 911 call when he was six.

Ever since moving to Vermont from Virginia in 2018, the Cammack family were shown kindness by the local fire department, whose members helped them rewire their entire house and also saved them from a downed wire fire in snowy weather.

"We spent the rest of the day watching videos," George said. "About what to do when you see a live wire," Jaime added.

The family has become more cautious, whether it's about wearing masks to protect their health or having fire extinguishers or fire blankets around the house.

They've recognized the necessity of acquiring fire safety skills, given the small community they live in often sees a shortage in emergency response staff.

"It's kind of a big deal that there are only so many first responders in general," Jaime said. "We've been talking a lot about the proposed

changes to the safety standards that OSHA's been working on, and that's quite scary thinking about ... if there's going to be minimums of how many old trucks can (there) be, or what equipment each station is using," Jaime said.

George, feeling a strong sense of responsibility for his community, is now determined to pursue a career in the fire department since that's who has been there for his family.

"Both his dad and I are trying to step back and let him pursue what he wants to pursue," Jaime said. "It's somewhat ironic that he's going into a profession that's dangerous, but if we hadn't had that kind of support previously, we probably wouldn't be OK with the idea of him running into burning buildings."

As a kid, George was influenced by his father, Chris, who served in the military. George had also wanted to live in Europe (See Cammack, Page 21)



AT THE ACADEMY, George Cammack of Ripton becomes more familiar with his full fire gear and self-contained breathing apparatus. The 14-year-old feels proud and strong to have performed a few training missions wearing the full outfit, which can weigh up to 75 pounds.

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“Firefighters don’t just respond to house fires and kittens in trees. They respond to almost everything that’s not a crime scene.”

— George Cammack

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Volunteers balance firefighting with careers

See service to community as essential and much-needed contribution

By ALYANA SANTILLANA

“My sisters and brothers on the Weybridge Volunteer Fire Department reminded me to write about the value of mutual aid during times of crisis,” said Jamie McCallum in the acknowledgements section of his 2022 book “Essential.”

Being a firefighter takes hours of commitment, never-ending physical training, and risking of personal safety for one’s community.

So why do people volunteer to do it?

It’s simple.

“I believe in mutual aid and neighbors

helping each other, in the absence of others to do it, communities should be there for one another,” McCallum said.

McCallum, a sociology professor at Middlebury College, joined the Weybridge Volunteer Fire Department in 2020 as he sought to play a bigger role in his community. Along with becoming a firefighter, he was elected to the school board the same year. Originally from Brooklyn, N.Y., McCallum moved to Addison County 13 years ago and has found much satisfaction from being

involved in the life of his community.

“I had never done anything similar before, nothing that involves emergency response. I’ve never had to go on a call while teaching, and I’ve never had much of an adventurous streak. I love going to the schools and doing fire safety trainings, and most of the time when I go on a call, I know the people calling,” he said.

For McCallum, serving the community came in the form of firefighting. For some, firefighting came as second nature.

Fellow Weybridge firefighter

Dylan Bougor and his wife, Lindsay Bougor, have been connected to this line of work for as long as they can remember.

Dylan’s great-grandfather Robert S. Warner was a founding member of the Weybridge Fire Department, and his stepfather, Rob Gaboriault, currently serves as chief of the department.

Lindsay’s grandfather Daniel Christian was a firefighter, and her father, John Christian, currently serves at the

(See *Volunteers*, Page 16)

“I grew up with it and was (firefighting) wherever I was. I was raised by firefighters and married a firefighter.”

— Lindsay Bougor



DYLAN AND LINDSAY Bougor dedicate a lot of their time outside work to serving their community on the Weybridge Volunteer Fire Department. Both grew up with family members involved in firefighting.

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Fire departments welcome new members

By CAROLINE JIAO

ADDISON COUNTY — One of the many challenges fire departments face is member retention. The profession's demanding nature, coupled with factors such as long hours of required training, burnout, and the strain of balancing work with personal life has made it increasingly difficult for departments to recruit new members and keep the experienced ones.

Nonetheless, there were still a few who feel excited about joining local fire departments this year. For instance, volunteer fire departments in Cornwall and Starksboro each recently welcomed three new recruits. In an attempt to get to know these new members better, interviews were conducted with them to learn more about their decisions to devote to the local firefighting cause.

CORNWALL

Lauren Ringey and Bruce Koontz finished the Firefighter I Program in May through the Vermont Fire Academy and joined as firefighters. Mike Magluilo trained in Emergency Medical Services and became an EMT.

"I joined the fire department because I'm a semi-retired, stay-at-home dad, just moved to the community, maybe two years now. They had a need, and I had time, so I decided I would join, and it's been great. It's a great group of people," Koontz said.

For Magluilo, his interest is more directed to the medical aspect of emergency response, given that there is an equal need for EMS staff.

"My family and I moved to Cornwall about two years ago. (I) wanted to find a way to get involved, I like volunteering in an active way and not sitting around in meeting rooms, I like to do something active and hands-on," he said.

When asked about the challenges they face since their recent involvement

with the department, they offered various views.

"Mine is being a parent," Ringey said, who is now a mother of an 8-year-old son. "It's been very hard to have a kiddo and go do a fire call because my partner isn't always home, so then I miss a call. Sometimes that feels hard to know that I'm not able to respond."

She now works between 40 to 56 hours a week and simultaneously volunteers at the fire department.

"My challenge is just getting on scene before the veterans do. They are so fast," Koontz said.

"So fast!" Ringey added with a laugh.

"My biggest challenge is trying to fall back asleep after a midnight call," Magluilo said. "You come back pretty stimulated after the call. The call might last 20 to 30 minutes, but it might take me another hour and a half to fall asleep once I get home."

The work at the department, despite its strenuous requirements, has proved to be a worthwhile endeavor for the three.

"I do like to help people and work with people. You get that every day, multiple times a day, working as an EMT," Magluilo said.

"It was totally new to me, but it was a great program. I feel like I learned everything I needed to know to feel like I knew what I'm doing if I'm going into a dangerous situation. They trained us very well. It was a heavy time obligation, but it was definitely worth it. Very rewarding," Koontz said.

STARKSBORO

The three freshly recruited firefighters at the Starksboro Fire Department include two brothers, Ian and Noah Roulat, as well as Sprague Huntington, who used to help in the department as an EMT.

For the brothers, who recently settled in Starksboro, volunteering at the local fire department is their way of honoring their family.

"I've been wanting to do this for a while. I have an uncle who was an EMT. That inspired me. This is kind of like my

way of honoring him. We were super close," Noah Roulat said. "I think it was just growing up and seeing how important that role of first responder in a small community is. That really intrigued me. And sort of like an ongoing connection we share, even if he's gone. He would be stoked to hear all the ways my brother Ian and I are helping in the community."

Huntington also traces her passion back to her childhood.

"My parents were EMTs when I was growing up, so I spent a lot of time as a kid at the training. It was near me," she said.

She had wanted to become a firefighter when she was in college in New Jersey,

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"My biggest challenge is trying to fall back asleep after a midnight call. You come back pretty stimulated after the call. The call might last 20 to 30 minutes, but it might take me another hour and a half to fall asleep once I get home."

— Cornwall firefighter
Mike Magluilo

"You call for an extra hand, and this entire fire department shows up ... They're amazing. Those are people I know I could trust."

— Sprague Huntington,
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Volunteers

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Keeseville Fire Department in upstate New York, where he's served for 36 years.

"It's been like a second nature, I grew up with it and was in it wherever I was. I was raised by firefighters and married a firefighter. I have a lot of respect for the service and I always had," Lindsay said.

Lindsay, the treasurer for the Weybridge Fire Department, works at the registrar at Middlebury College, and Dylan works as a mechanic. Like their forebears, they have both dedicated much of their own lives to the service.

"I spend most of my time at the department, whenever Dylan's there, I am there. But I don't consider it dedicating time because I love what I do and want to do," Lindsay said.

While Lindsay can seamlessly weave her fire department duties into her daily schedule and career, it is trickier for Dylan.

"As a mechanic, I don't always have a lot of downtime, so I really don't have time for it until I have time for it," he said. "But it's something I've always done and wanted to do. It's been second nature for me as well. I've been going

out and being in the department since I was seven years old. The certification process was hard because it was 185 hours and a lot of training, but it was so worth it to know that you're part of something and helping the community."

The Bougors and McCallum share the sentiment that the Weybridge Fire Department is one that fosters a positive culture and is full of people who care deeply about their community.

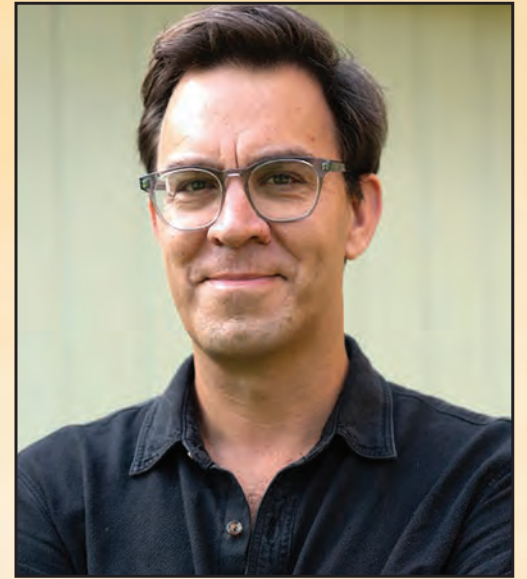
"People that don't do this type of work might see it as a burden, but I see it differently. I see it as a real opportunity to be there for your neighbors because the community is there for us. I think most of the people in the department feel that way, and the community values fire service and we can certainly feel it," McCallum said.

For those that might not be able to dedicate time to being a firefighter, there is a plethora of other ways to be involved.

"There are so many ways to help, there are so many fundraisers and dinners and attending those makes a big difference," Lindsay Bougor said. "Just buying a plate of spaghetti means so much to us."

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A world record in firefighting gear

By ANDY KIRKALDY

MIDDLEBURY — When Emily Jones first came across one particular Guinness Book of World Record mark “on a weird day of scrolling through the internet,” she thought it was “goofy.”

But that perspective changed one Saturday in April 2023.

“Now it feels different,” an ecstatic Jones said while cooling off next to Middlebury College’s Dragone Track that Saturday. The Middlebury College senior and Middlebury Fire Department volunteer firefighter had just broken that record in front of about 120 friends, fellow firefighters and Panther water polo teammates.

What Jones accomplished was challenging indeed: She ran a mile — four laps around the oval track — wearing 60 pounds of firefighting turnout gear, all while breathing through a respirator.

She did so in 8 minutes and 25 seconds, a full 2 minutes and 35 seconds faster than the previous Guinness world record of 11:00 for a female runner.

To put that in perspective, that gear weighed more than half of Jones’s own body mass, and she lugged it with a limited air supply.

“I would love to see someone break the record so I would have an excuse to come out here and do all this again,” Jones said after the run. “It was really fun.”



MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE SENIOR and volunteer firefighter Emily Jones attempts to set a world record for running a mile in full firefighter turnout gear last year.
Independent photo/John S. McCright

Members

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but the department didn’t take women at the time.

“I wish I could’ve started this process (of firefighter training) 30 years ago, but I’m doing it while I can,” she said.

When asked about the reasons for their desire to join as volunteers, the unanimous answer is to help and give back to their community.

“I know that I want to stay and help out for as long as I can,” Ian Roulat said.

“I found it (the community in Starksboro) incredibly strong. It’s cool to get to know people who are deeply established here,” Noah Roulat said. “I plan on being here on the fire department for as long as possible. It’s my way of volunteering for the community and giving back.”

Huntington echoed that sentiment.

“As an EMT, you call for an extra hand, and this entire fire department shows up, and they stand there quietly and wait for you to be like ‘I need you now doing this.’ They’re amazing. Those are people I know I could trust,” Huntington said.

Work in emergency response can be emotionally demanding, and it’s important to have a substantial support

system within the department.

“We joke around, but it’s also serious. We see bad things, and we help each other get on with it. You have to really trust the people you work with,” Huntington said. “There will always be a call that sticks with you. You just need to learn to talk to people about it. And these are people I know I can talk to. There is a lot of openness about mental health. I like them. They’re good people.”

Looking forward to their volunteering career, they each had a few words to say.

“I just want to do the best job I can, while not putting anyone at risk,” Huntington said.

“I want to stay humble to the fact that this is very new for me, and I know some of the things I will interact with and see are, to put it lightly, heavy, Ian Roulat said. “So a lot of it has been just mentally preparing myself and talking to people with experience of how to cope with things.”

Noah Roulat summed up:

“It’s a special brotherhood, and I’d say of our chief, Tom Estey, he’s a legend in the town and the state, and it’s a huge honor to be in his department and get to learn from him.”



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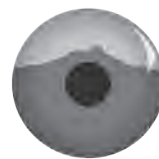
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Cammack

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and become a LEGO designer at one point. But ever since he started volunteering with the Ripton Fire Department last year, his interest has greatly shifted and anchored in fire rescue.

“It’s something new for me,” he said.

George bikes four miles up and down the hill to go to the fire department every Tuesday. The demanding ride isn’t a barrier for him at all though. With the department, he got training in wearing protective fire gear and helped with a few traffic control jobs.

“He’s more willing to help in the fire department than at home,” Jaime teased.

LEARNING ABOUT FIRE

This year’s training at the Fire Cadet Academy taught George a lot. He especially enjoyed the course about hazardous materials, in which he learned more about sources of danger in a fire scene other than the flames themselves. The fact that burnt material and even the fire gear itself could cause cancer is new and informative to him.

“Firefighters don’t just respond to house fires and kittens in trees. They respond to almost everything that’s not a crime scene,” George said.

What he learned from the academy, he enthusiastically shared with the family. Jaime feels glad that they are now able to consider the career from a new perspective.

“I don’t think many people think about how dangerous firefighting is from a health standpoint. Usually it’s ‘Are you going to make it out of the burning building.’ Well, once you make it out of the burning building, how many cancer agents have you been exposed to, and how serious is that going to be in the long term,” she said.

In classes, George said they were trained to identify types of material in trucks by looking at their plate. They also learned the necessary skills to react to emergencies involving truck accidents and spillage.

“I never really thought about that being part of firefighting. But HazMat teams don’t really get there until 45 minutes or a couple of hours after the incident first happens, and so firefighters are the first people who get there and do the most,”



THE CAMMACK FAMILY celebrates George’s graduation from the Fire Cadet Academy in mid-July. Pictured, from left, are (front row) Corbin, Francis, Adelaide, George and Genevieve Cammack; and (back row) George’s mother Jaime, father Chris and grandmother Janetha.

Photo courtesy of George Cammack

George said.

His physical strength has also improved in the course of training, especially with wearing the turn-out gear and the self-contained breathing apparatus, which he hasn’t worn more than twice volunteering in the fire department prior to attending the academy.

“Everything is just heavy,” he said.

Having visited various professional fire departments in cities like Burlington and Rutland through the academy’s program, George is seriously considering his next steps in making firefighting his career.

“I can definitely see myself using the deluge gun,” he said proudly.

Jaime expresses her worry as a mother, watching her child grow up pursue his

dreams.

“On the one hand that’s fantastic because that means he doesn’t have to move to Europe, on the other hand that’s terrifying because he wants to be a professional firefighter,” she said.

“A professional running into a burning building person,” George added with a smile.

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Local firefighters rescue flood survivors two years running

By JOHN FLOWERS & ANDY KIRKALDY

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

But four Addison County fire departments now own boats.

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

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

For the second year in a row, firefighters from Vergennes, Ferrisburgh and Middlebury who were specially trained in water rescues took their boats to Central Vermont and put their skills to good work.

In the wake of heavy rains and dangerous flooding, on this past July 11 emergency management officials called on Addison County crews to help out in some of the hardest-hit areas of Vermont.

Vergennes Fire Chief Dave DiBiase

said the city fire department sent the eight members of its technical rescue team, two from the Ferrisburgh Fire Department and the Vergennes's year-old technical rescue boat to help out. The team swung into action in Waterbury, Bolton and Richmond — all of which were hit by flooding from the Winooski River and other streams.

They successfully rescued 13 individuals, three dogs, a cat and two parrots, DiBiase reported.

“I can’t say enough about the level of professionalism and durability of the team in the actions that took place overnight,” he said in an email to the rest of the squad and to city officials. “As you all have seen, the devastation was immense and we were in the heart of it.”

The Vergennes and Ferrisburgh first responders stayed on the scene in the Winooski Valley until Friday morning.

DiBiase thanked city residents and department members for funding and promoting the technical rescue unit, calling out the other firefighters for keeping the Vergennes area safe from fires while the rescue folks were away doing their job.

“This was also the first time the team operated independently of Middlebury



MIDDLEBURY FIRE CHIEF David Shaw is shown in 2023 sitting in one of the town's two Technical Rescue Team boats.

Independent file photo/Steve James

at this level and exceeded any of expectations,” DiBiase wrote. “So, I thank both the team and the rest of the department for making our department so amazing.”

Meanwhile, during the same flooding emergency, Middlebury’s fire department was enlisted to provide swift-water rescue services and welfare checks in hard-hit Central Vermont, where the Winooski River jumped its banks and wreaked havoc in some residential and commercial areas.

Middlebury Fire Chief David Shaw said his department’s Water Rescue Division took to the water, primarily checking on flood-ravaged buildings in Moretown, Waterbury, Montpelier, Richmond and other area communities to make sure they were empty.

Fortunately, Shaw’s team didn’t encounter anyone in a life-threatening situation during their full day in Central Vermont.

2ND SUMMER OF RESCUES

The Middlebury and Vergennes tech teams have a history of cooperation, and floods in the summer of 2023 tested their abilities. In early July last year, Middlebury and Vergennes firefighters traveled together to Central Vermont with Middlebury’s two rescue boats to help in Berlin and Montpelier. On Aug. 3 members of the city and Stowe tech teams helped when a thunderstorm dumped up to six inches of rain that flooded Middlebury.

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

Casey, a 13-year veteran, said the county firefighters traveled together with Middlebury’s boats to the Berlin fire station. Their first task was to check a trailer park with a local guide.

“The water was all in the trailer park ... It was probably just below the trailer doors,” Casey recalled. “It was moving at a fairly decent pace.”

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

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

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

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

Then the team set off to try to evacuate victims in a home on State Street in downtown Montpelier. Shaw said the mission was “dicey,” and he didn’t want the team to become part of the problem rather than the solution.

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



VERGENNES FIREFIGHTERS AND Technical Rescue Team members — shown here, from left, are Steve Sickles, Liam Casey and Ben LaFlam — worked with Middlebury’s tech rescue team to make two rescues during flooding in Berlin in the summer of 2023. Vergennes Technical Rescue returned to Central Vermont in 2024.

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