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Change sweeps through region on Election Day Heffernan unseats Bray; Hardy returns to Senate

By MARIN HOWELL
ADDISON COUNTY — A new face will represent the Addison District in the Vermont Senate, as Bristol Republican and first-time candidate Steven Heffernan on Tuesday beat out incumbent state Sen. Chris Bray, D-Bristol, for his seat representing Addison County, Huntington, Rochester and Buel's Gore in the Legislature's upper chamber.
Incumbent state Sen. Ruth Hardy, D-Middlebury, was the

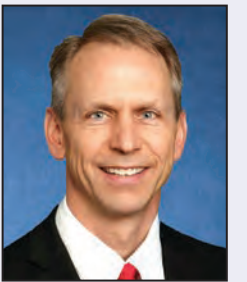
top vote-getter in the contest, with the top two finishers going to Montpelier. Hardy tallied 11,713 votes (23.47%), according to the Vermont Secretary of State's unofficial results. Heffernan received the second-most with 11,644 votes (23.34%), followed by Bray with 10,997 votes (22.04%).
Republican and first-time candidate Landel Cochran of Huntington finished fourth with 8,210 votes (16.45%).

"I'm very happy with the results," Heffernan told the *Independent* on Wednesday morning. "Addison County voters, I hope, sent a very clear message that they want balance in Vermont, and I can't thank people enough for their vote and for their support."
Hardy also expressed gratitude to voters on Wednesday. "I'm honored that the people of the Addison District voted to return me to represent them in the senate," she said. "I'm especially

honored in a year when it was a rather tumultuous election season for Democrats."
Cochran offered his best wishes to Hardy and Heffernan on Wednesday morning. "I want to congratulate Sen. Hardy on her re-election and Steven Heffernan on his election," he told the *Independent*. "Steven was a great teammate this year, and I look forward to seeing him serve us in the senate."
(See Senate race, Page 16A)

GOP's North wins Addison-3; longtime Rep. Lanpher ousted

By ANDY KIRKALDY
VERGENNES — Ferrisburgh Republican Rob North on Tuesday unseated eight-term Democratic Rep. Diane Lanpher, D-Vergennes — the current chair of the powerful House Appropriations Committee — on Tuesday. North was the top vote-getter in the four-way race for two seats to represent the district that encompasses Vergennes, Ferrisburgh, Addison, Panton, Waltham and a slice of New Haven.
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ROB NORTH

County mirrors the state, but not nation

By JOHN FLOWERS
MIDDLEBURY — Addison County voters followed statewide trends in supporting Democrat Kamala Harris over Republican Donald Trump for U.S. President, while solidly backing incumbent Republican Gov. Phil Scott over Esther Charlestin, a Middlebury Democrat.
Each one of the county's 23 municipalities voted for Harris, who garnered a combined total of 14,700 tallies, compared to 6,709 for Trump (69% to 31%). Trump,
(See Voters, Page 16A)

Addison-5 re-elects Rep. McGill

By JOHN FLOWERS
BRIDPORT — Incumbent Rep. Jubilee McGill, D-Bridport, won a sophomore term representing the Addison-5 House district on Tuesday, thanks in large part to support from a sliver of Middlebury voters who overwhelmingly picked her over Republican challenger Del Thompson, also of Bridport.
McGill, rounding out her first two-year term representing the towns of Bridport, Weybridge,
(See Addison-5, Page 13A)



By the way
Congratulations to the fire departments of Bristol, New Haven, Starksboro, Lincoln and Monkton, as well as their constituents. The five departments on Oct. 19 conducted their annual
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Election Day

ALTHOUGH EARLY VOTING was popular for Vermonters this fall, the first Tuesday in November still had a special vibe, particularly in local gyms and town halls. Above, Justice of the Peace Peg Martin and Town Clerk Karin Mott help a resident vote at the Middlebury Town Gym; below, a resident concentrates on her ballot in the Panton Town Hall; and, right, Collin Clair is excited about casting his first vote at the Vergennes fire station.

Independent photos/Steve James and John S. McCright



Bristol-area Dems take House seats Cordes, Olson tops in Addison-4 race

By JOHN FLOWERS
BRISTOL — Democrats held on to the two House seats representing the Addison-2 district towns of Bristol, Lincoln, Monkton and Starksboro, with the Republican challengers putting forth a respectable showing.
First-time candidate Herb Olson, a Starksboro Democrat, was the top vote-getter in the four-person race, logging 3,041 tallies. Incumbent Rep. Mari Cordes, D-Bristol, finished second enroute to a fourth consecutive two-year term, with 2,830 votes.
Finishing out of the running were Republicans Chanin Hill of Bristol (2,374 votes) and Renee McGuinness of Monkton (1,975 tallies).
Olson, a retired attorney who spent 15 years (1987-2003) as a member of the Vermont Office of Legislative Counsel, was the top vote-getter in his hometown of Starksboro (637, followed by 446 for Hill) and in Lincoln, where he garnered 588, compared to 554 for Cordes.
Cordes, a longtime Registered Nurse and current member of the House Committee on Healthcare,
(See Bristol, Page 10A)

Panton voters oppose huge solar array

By ANDY KIRKALDY
PANTON — Panton residents on Tuesday voted, 307-100, in an advisory ballot article that the town of Panton should not support a 50-megawatt solar array proposed for 220 acres west of Route 22A.
A consortium of companies is proposing that array to be sited on acreage owned by the Marszalkowski and Vorsteveld families that is mostly farmland. The tract surrounds and mostly lies south of the intersection of Slang and West roads, and lies mostly outside the area Panton has designated for solar installations.
The Panton selectboard had pledged to take a position for or against the ground-mounted array, which would be Vermont's largest, based on the outcome of Tuesday's vote. Board Chair Howard Hall on Wednesday told the *Independent* the board would now do so, probably at the board's next meeting on Nov. 12.
The vote was petitioned by Panton residents who oppose the array.
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Porter Medical Center takes the local pulse

Charts course with in-depth study

By JOHN FLOWERS
MIDDLEBURY — Having better access to healthcare, housing, mental health counseling and substance use disorder services are Addison County residents' top community health priorities, according to an exhaustive new report that will guide Porter Medical Center (PMC) programming for the next three years and beyond.

That's all according to the 2024 Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) for Addison County, the product of around six months of research aided by a consultant and a 12-person steering committee. That panel counted a variety of Porter stakeholders, including representatives of the county's hospital, the Counseling Service of Addison County,

Addison County Home Health & Hospice (ACHHH) and the United Way of Addison County (UWAC), among others.
The state's hospitals each complete a CHNA every three years to gain insights from stakeholders, feedback intended to inform "strategic investment and guide community programming" at each health care hub, according to PMC's new CHNA, which can be seen at tinyurl.com/5b3f8yjc.

The U.S. Internal Revenue Service requires hospitals to complete CHNAs to maintain their nonprofit status.
"The CHNA process is a reflection of our shared commitment to equity in Addison County," Porter President Bob Ortmyer stated in a preamble to the report. "All of the partners involved in this survey have helped to ensure voices from all segments of our community were
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Conlon wins re-election in Addison-2

By JOHN FLOWERS

CORNWALL — Rep. Peter Conlon, D-Cornwall — the current chair of the House Education Committee — won a fifth consecutive term representing the Addison-2 House district on Tuesday, warding off a spirited challenge from Leicester Republican Christine Stone.

Conlon prevailed by a count of 1,438-1,118 in the district that includes Cornwall, Goshen, Leicester, Ripton and Salisbury. Stone topped Conlon in two of those towns: 361-288 in Salisbury and 365-224 in her hometown of Leicester. But Conlon notched wins of 248-117 in Ripton, 83-44 in Goshen and 595-231 in his hometown of Cornwall to earn another two-year term.

Reached on Tuesday evening, Conlon expressed gratitude for voters' support, while acknowledging the headwinds he and his party faced leading into the Nov. 5 election. Voter discontent over money matters — most notably school spending — and environmental legislation such as the Affordable Heat Act (S.5) undoubtedly contributed to defeats for two powerful, tenured Addison County Democrat incumbents: Rep. Diane Lanpher of Vergennes

(chair of the House Appropriations Committee) and Sen. Chris Bray of Bristol, chair of the Senate Natural Resources & Energy Committee.

Tuesday's election fallout included state Democrats losing their supermajorities in both the Vermont House and Senate.

Conlon's House Education Committee was in the news this past biennium, as it grappled with a perfect storm of education finance challenges — including expiring federal pandemic aid, inflation, rising fixed costs and spiraling real estate values — that conspired to raise education property taxes in the state by an average of around 13.8%, based on the local school budgets voters approved locally on Town Meeting Day in March.

"It's worth me taking notice of the fact that there's clearly dissatisfaction out there, probably with property taxes. I have been committed to trying to work through a solution to that since before I was elected to the Legislature," Conlon said, alluding to his past service on the Addison Central School District Board. "It's a wakeup call for us all."

Conlon noted the new gains made by Republicans in the general assembly on Tuesday should place

more of a spotlight on Gov. Phil Scott during the next biennium.

"I think the results across the state and the county show that folks were listening to the governor, and we will be looking for him to present us with more than concepts, but instead some detailed plans to address the needs of our state," he said. Conlon described the state's main challenges as health care reform, education spending, the housing shortage and making the state's infrastructure more resilient to climate change.

Conlon first took office in 2017. He is the former news editor of the *Addison Independent* and has since 2014 owned and operated Vermont Move Management and Home Inventory. He's also a local firefighter who previously chaired the Addison Central School District Board.

Stone appeared on the Nov. 5 ballot thanks to a successful write-in campaign during the August primary election. She has worked for multiple, large Vermont businesses, including HP Enterprise Services, as the Vermont Medicaid publications/communications coordinator, responsible for provider communications related to federally mandated health initiatives and changes to Vermont Medicaid policy.

Stone ran unsuccessfully against Conlon as an Addison-2 write-in candidate in the 2022 general election.

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SOME OF THE LEOS, their Lions Club Sponsors and the owners of the Otter Creek Wildlife Refuge in Addison where the LEOs and Lions volunteered on a major project this summer pose for a group photo. Pictured are, front right, Lion Eric Jacobson; front row, left, refuge co-owner Julianna Parker and volunteer Phillip Turner; middle row, club director Cookie Steponaitis, LEO Wilder Jacobson, Lion Mason Charlebois and refuge co-owner Dale Whitlock, and, and back row with hats, Lion Chris Clair and LEO Collin Clair.

Photo courtesy of Cookie Steponaitis

LEOs' project aids injured raptors

Group installs a flight cage at Otter Creek Wildlife Refuge

By ANDY KIRKALDY

ADDISON — Late last month the Vergennes LEOs Club completed — with plenty of help from Vergennes Lions Club volunteering time and expertise and community businesses' support — its major project for the school year. The LEOs, a community service youth club sponsored by the Vergennes Lions, designed, raised funds for, and built a flight cage for injured birds at the Otter Creek Wildlife Refuge in Addison.

According to LEOs Club Director Cookie Steponaitis, the open, wood-framed building, enclosed with wire mesh, will

allow rehabilitating injured birds taken in by the refuge to strengthen flight muscles before being released back into the wild.

The flight cage was completed on the next to last weekend in October after about a combined 75 hours of volunteer labor by several of the 17 LEO club members; several Lions volunteers, most of whom were LEO parents; and other volunteers recruited by refuge owners and operators Julianna and David Whitlock.

This was the second year club members elected to dedicate much of their volunteer time to projects at the Otter Creek refuge. In 2023, the club raised money for and

installed an owl barn on the side, and cleared a wildlife corridor on the property.

LEOs and Lions volunteers included the father-son teams of Chris Clair and Collin Clair and Eric Jacobson and Wilder Jacobson, the mother-son tandem of Steponaitis and Phillip Turner; and Lions Mason Charlebois and McKenzie Flint.

Donations for the project came from the Vergennes LEOs, the Vergennes Lions, Goodro Lumber, r.k. Miles, Neat Repeats, Protect Our Wildlife VT, Livingston Farm, BJ's Farm Supply and Green Mountain Power.

Pamphlets highlight local issues

By MARIN HOWELL

MIDDLEBURY — A lot has changed since 18th-century writer Thomas Paine penned his famous "Common Sense," a 47-page pamphlet that galvanized Americans in 1776 by arguing for the Thirteen Colonies' independence from Great Britain.

However, at least one thing has remained the same since its publication over 200 years ago — pamphlets are still being used to push for social change.

A recent collaboration between the New Perennials project at Middlebury College and the Middlebury College Special Collections highlights the rich history of pamphlets and

their continued relevance as a communication tool.

The collaborators this past Friday hosted "Radical Pamphlets Past and Present," an event featuring historical pamphlets in the special collections archives and a new series of five pamphlets published by New Perennials Publishing, as well as presentations from a handful of pamphlet experts.

"When we decided to launch the short-form pamphlet series it made sense for us to dig down a little bit and see what that (pamphlet tradition) history looked like," Bill Vitek, who directs the New Perennials Project, said of the collaboration. "We decided we would ask special collections if

they would be willing to open their archive a little bit and pull out some of their gems and we would bring some scholars in."

The pamphlet series is one of several publications and productions of the New Perennials Project, which explores the idea of using perennial plants as a model for how to live, such as by exploring and sharing the role and influence of perennial agriculture and education.

"We explore these ideas in a way that we hope will make individual lives in communities and classrooms more equitable, more diverse, and full of opportunity for the right kind of growth — deep roots, in place," Vitek said at the Nov. 1 event.

To further its mission, the New Perennials Project team teaches a course at Middlebury College, works with community partners and distributes informational material through its publishing platform.

"We have this publishing mission in our project to work on developing a narrative around perennial thinking and action," Vitek explained. "The pamphlet idea grew out of 'how can we energize students and everyday people we work with to write about something they care about and share it with the community they live in.' Our thought was 'well, that's what pamphlets did way back when.'"

New Perennials previously published a couple of pamphlets and returned to the idea around nine months ago. The latest series of pamphlets features work from Middlebury College students and some New Perennials community partners, including Willowell (See Pamphlets, Page 3A)



AMONG THE RAPTORS that will enjoy the new flight cage the Vergennes-area LEOs youth club helped build at the Otter Creek Wildlife Refuge in Addison are these two owls.

Photo courtesy of Cookie Steponaitis

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Effort underway to reimagine Sheldon Museum

By JOHN FLOWERS

MIDDLEBURY — Middlebury's Henry Sheldon of Vermont History, now in its 140th year, contains thousands of furnishings, paintings, documents, household objects and

artifacts that provide a glimpse into Addison County and Vermont's past.

Each item tells a story — and Sheldon Museum officials are on a new mission to tell those stories in

a way that will truly resonate with the masses.

"I think the objects are a way in," Sheldon Executive Director Coco Moseley said of the museum's embarrassment of riches, most of them accumulated by Henry Sheldon (1821-1907), a local clerk, businessman, railroad postman, organ maker and entrepreneur.

"There's a lot of talk in the museum world right now about how museums go from being about something to really being for somebody. That's a big driving

force in our work right now — to reimagine our presence and role in the community," Moseley added.

In an effort to keep Sheldon's collection relevant and vibrant, Moseley and her colleagues have embarked on a "Shape the Sheldon" campaign, which they describe as "an exciting journey to create a new strategic vision."

Moseley is rounding out her first year as the Sheldon's top administrator. She's spent that time getting better acquainted with the museum's collection, programming, staff, volunteers and audience. One

of her observations: The museum has a sound foundation, but she believes it's mission could benefit from some tweaks to make it more relatable to visitors of all ages and backgrounds.

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terms of how we think about a local history museum," she said.

Moseley brought her observation (See Sheldon, Page 6A)

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COCO MOSELEY

Pamphlets

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Foundation Founder and its Director Matt Schlein and Courageous Stage Director Lindsay Pontius, who also serves as the Education Director at Town Hall Theater.

The short-form pamphlets are all around 1,000-1,500 words. They were edited by local freelance editor Regan Eberhart, the layout was done by an in-house designer, and student interns created the cover art for each pamphlet.

One of the five pamphlets was written by Middlebury College senior Kylie King, whose "Slowing Down is a Radical Act" explores how short and long-form content impact the way we think and our potential to address environmental concerns.

"It felt a bit hard to be writing about slowing down while I was in the middle of doing finals for three other classes," King said of the writing process. "Luckily I got the chance this summer to intern with New Perennials and actually slow down and fully write out the thoughts I had regarding that topic."

King was one of a handful of people to speak at the Nov. 1 event, which featured pamphlet writers and experts. Attendees also heard from Brian Donahue, professor emeritus American Environmental Studies at Brandeis University.

Donahue wrote the first pamphlet published by New Perennials Publishing, titled "Go Farm, Young People, and Help Heal the Country." The pamphlet argues for empowering rural people so they can "replace the current extractive economy with an attractive economy, and for repopulating the countryside with intrepid young people to help drive change," according to the New Perennials website.

The event's other speakers were Brent Ranalli, an environmental policy professional and independent scholar who spoke about Thomas Paine's lesser-known pamphlet "Agrarian Justice," and Ron Mordechai Makleff.

PUNCHY & UNAPOLOGETIC Makleff is a lecturer at Middlebury College and will teach a winter J-term course on the radical pamphlet tradition. At the event, he spoke with attendees about the history of that tradition.

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"When I was looking at (pamphlets), it seemed to me that it's both a genre and a form. It's almost always a protest, whether it's for or against something. It's political, it's punchy, it's unapologetic."

— Ron Mordechai Makleff

to me that it's both a genre and a form," he said. "It's almost always a protest, whether it's for or against something. It's political, it's punchy, it's unapologetic."

Attendees got the chance to browse a one-night-only exhibit curated by the college's special collections that showcased some of the historical pamphlets in its archives.

Also on display were the five pamphlets recently published by New Perennials Publishing. Vitek said the hope is to continue adding pamphlets to the series, with a handful of students and community partners expected to complete pamphlets in the coming months.

"We're trying to tell students, 'Don't think that you're writing a paper just for a teacher to get a grade and move on,' these pamphlets potentially have a much broader audience, and the same with our community partners," Vitek said. "We said to them, 'If you have the time, write about what you do, and we'll publish it as a pamphlet and do our best to get it out to a broader audience.'"

The New Perennials team

plans to have the pamphlet series published digitally on its website (newperennials.org) in the coming weeks and is also hoping to distribute the pamphlets to physical locations around Addison County, such as in local coffee shops and bookstores.

"We really think of these pamphlets as local and regional people writing about local and regional impacts to strengthen local and regional communities," Vitek said.

The pamphlet series is in part aimed at helping residents connect more with their community right here.

"What we're trying to do in this project is to help refocus our attention more regionally and locally in the communities we live in, more of it than the kinds of things that keep us glued to Instagram and all the other feeds we get," Vitek said. "It grabs our attention, and we forget that we have neighbors right next door, and we have the living environment all around us, but so often we think about global this or global that."

"(The pamphlet project) really is about caring," he continued. "It's about helping people feel better about where they live, how they live, with whom they live and helping them to slow down."

The team's focus on the radical pamphlet tradition fits into the broader work of the New Perennials Project, which often explores the idea of roots and how perennial plants put down roots that tether them to a place. Vitek noted that in the original meaning of the word "radical" is "at the root."

"A radical idea gets at the root of some issue," he explained. "So, we want people to get radical right where they are, which for us is to get rooted and to care about what your neighbors think and say. Hopefully they will care and listen to what you say. It's about building that community spirit that creates resilience, political action at that level. That's the overall goal of this project."

Seat opens on Lincoln selectboard

By MARIN HOWELL

LINCOLN — The Lincoln selectboard is looking to hear from residents interested in filling a vacancy on the five-person panel.

The open seat was previously held by Amanda Allen, who was elected to the selectboard for a two-year term on Town Meeting Day this past March. Allen resigned from her post on the board on Sept. 30 and town officials have since posted the opening on Lincoln's website and in physical locations around town.

Selectboard Assistant Kristyn Brady told the *Independent* the selectboard aims to appoint a qualified individual to fill the opening as soon as possible to serve until Town Meeting Day 2025. The two-year seat would

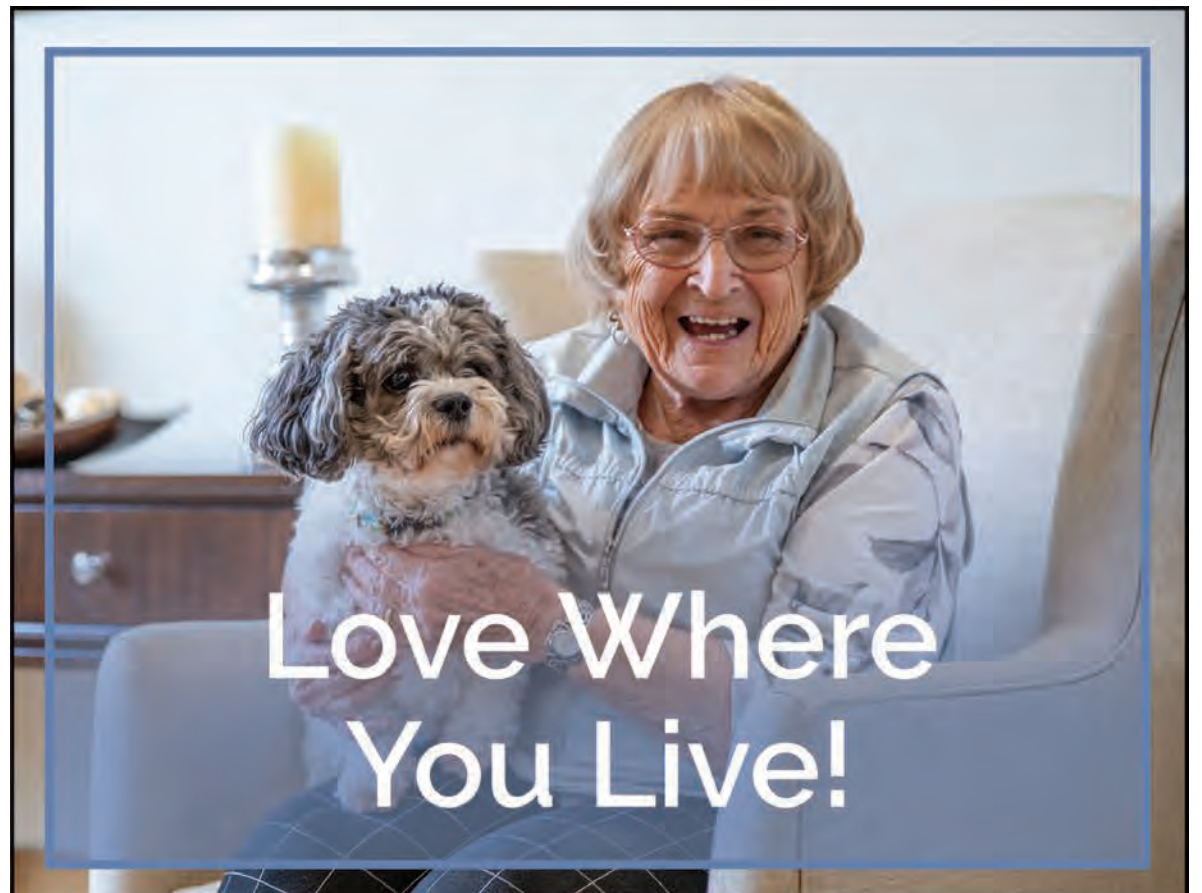
at that point be filled by election.

Town officials are in the process of promoting the opening more widely and rallying interested volunteers so that an interview schedule can be set in the coming weeks, Brady said.

The Lincoln selectboard on Sept. 23 appointed Ken Stockman to fill a separate vacancy created by the resignation of Conor McDonough in August.

Selectboard Chair Tim McGowan acknowledged the two resignations at an Oct. 29 special selectboard meeting and thanked Allen and McDonough for their service.

"This is not exactly the easiest job in the world, and we're always looking for qualified and competent people to represent the town," he said.



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Editorials

Trump's dominance ushers in a new era of nastier politics

President-elect Donald Trump ushered in a new era of politics with his sweep of the seven swing states to win the electoral college and also the national popular vote. Republicans also took control of the U.S. Senate, as widely expected, even as the House majority remains in contention pending several close elections.

Trump's dominance in the swing states reflected voters' dissatisfaction with high inflation and the high cost of living that had followed the Covid 19 pandemic. Even as the economy remained strong and pulled off what economists called an unlikely "soft landing" without going into recession, and inflation has come down to under 3%, prices have remained high and a nationwide housing shortage has made housing difficult to afford. Those twin pocketbook issues outweighed voters' concerns about Trump's anti-democratic campaign promises and his verbal attacks on immigrants and minorities.

For Democrats it was a gut-wrenching election. Women didn't support Harris in the numbers Democrats had hoped; Black men and Latinos supported Trump in higher numbers than in previous elections, and the party's platform of progressive politics has garnered more detractors than supporters. A major retooling of their platform is needed if Democrats are to regain the public's majority support.

Republicans, on the other hand, have found in Trump a politician unlike no other who has chartered a new style of politics — crass, demeaning, mean-spirited, untruthful, vindictive and more about entertainment than substance — that will likely change how campaigns are run for the foreseeable future. That his style of campaigning worked will likely mean others will embrace it in years to come.

For the voting public, the challenge is figuring out how to pursue political discourse when truth has no foundation. That misinformation, conspiracy theories, outrageous claims and outright lies dominated Trump's campaign, as well as his first term in office, makes it difficult for the public to separate fact from fiction, what's serious from what's an off-color comment, insult or threat. Moreover, Trump has said repeatedly he wants to govern more like an autocrat with unlimited powers, and Americans can expect him to use the tools of his office (and his iron-clad grip on the Republican Party) to make that happen.

To counter that inevitability, the Senate and House must stand up to Trump's impulses that go against the Constitution, as should members of Trump's own administration as they often did during his first term. Trump's team must remember he can serve only one more term, so if their long-game is to earn the trust of the American people, they'll have to keep his worst instincts in check.

Voters have a role, too. As the *New York Times* said in today's editorial: "Benjamin Franklin famously admonished the American people that the nation was 'a republic, if you can keep it.' Mr. Trump's election poses a grave threat to that republic, but he will not determine the long-term fate of American democracy. That outcome remains in the hands of the American people. It is the work of the next four years."

Angelo Lynn

Change election, but will it help solve what's ailing Vermont?

Vermonters witnessed as much of a change election as we've seen in the past few decades as Republicans gained six seats in the Senate and 18 seats in the House. The Democrats' supermajority in both chambers was busted. And in the surprise outcome of the election, newly minted Republican John Rodgers upset four-term incumbent David Zuckerman to win the lieutenant governor's race.

It's not the worst outcome. With Gov. Scott routinely garnering 70% of the vote, and Democrats maintaining a supermajority in both chambers, neither party was willing to meet in the middle on crucial issues. Scott hasn't taken the lead on any tough issue, not even proposing a viable budget these past few years, while the Legislature made minor progress on housing issues but have been slow to tackle education funding that was at the heart of huge property tax increases and prompted Republican victories.

With the parties more evenly matched — the House is 91 Democrats to 56 Republicans with three Independents, while the Senate is 17 Dems and Progressives to 13 Republicans — and Gov. Scott getting support from Rodgers, the hope is both parties will finally tackle what's ailing Vermont.

It's not rocket science. Our demographics are skewed: too many old folks, too few working age adults (25-65), and a shrinking student population. We can't solve any of the major crises without first solving our affordable housing. So, let's get to it. There are answers, we just have to put the state's resources behind the problem and commit to solving it. That means not only reducing restricting regulations, but raising funding to jump the market. Local tifs (tax incremental financing), as St. Albans has done, is one promising answer.

The cost of education and health care are the other crises that must be addressed. Again, the diagnosis is easy: Our expansive infrastructure and services exceed our ability to pay. We must reimagine how to provide better quality service at less cost. That's going to come with sacrifices, including consolidating schools and health care services, but the time to hem-and-haw about the virtues of consolidation are past: Vermonters said in this election they can't afford another round of double-digit tax increases — and almost everyone agrees.

It's tempting to suggest Democrats simply pass the baton. They've been taking the heat for being in charge for years, so give Scott a shot at leadership. Would he? Likely not. What was disappointing in the Republican campaigns this fall is that while they opposed higher taxes (like everyone does), they (like Scott) offered no solutions.

Is this election different? Can we expect newly elected Sen. Steve Heffernan to propose ways to lower property taxes and cut school spending? We hope so. And can we expect Scott, Rodgers and the 18 new House Republicans to make taxes come down as their campaign ads, fliers and mailers promised? And, if not, will voters hold them to their word?

We'll soon find out.

Angelo Lynn

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Not his first time voting

AFTER SHEPHERDING HER husband, Jim Douglas, through the process of submitting his ballot in the Middlebury gym on Tuesday morning, election worker Dorothy Douglas shares a laugh with the former governor.

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Crises showing our vulnerability

Have you heard of the Thin Veneer Theory? This is the idea that underneath a thin layer of civility, inside we are all selfish brutes. Veneer Theory holds that in times of crisis, such as a natural disaster, people will be violent and harmful in order to get what they need.

But people who study the aftermath of disasters report that actually the opposite is true. When the chips are down, we show up for each other and look for ways to help our neighbors. Vermonters have experienced this for ourselves, after the historic flooding of Hurricane Irene, as well as the floods of 2023 and 2024. People showed up with buckets and shovels, mucked out countless basements, set up emergency kitchens and food shelves, found ways to get medications to their neighbors, and rescued one another's pets and livestock.

I was thinking about Veneer Theory the other day, while remembering the news coverage that followed Hurricane Katrina, one of the worst disasters to hit a major U.S. city. Many journalists were shockingly racist in the ways they described how New Orleans residents were navigating their flooded city. Black people were described as "looters" while white residents were "seeking food." Everyone was just trying to survive.

Looking at photos of the devastation in North Carolina after Hurricane Helene, I could hardly believe what I was seeing. The town of Marshall,

near the mountain farm of our family friends, was literally washed away. People were using mules to bring supplies to steep areas whose roads were completely gone.

When I look at video footage of raging rivers taking out roads that seemed stable and solid, minutes before, I think I see what the real Thin Veneer is. The thin veneer is the pavement and asphalt on which our transportation infrastructure depends. Everything

we humans have ever built, every bridge, road, and building, is fragile and vulnerable compared to the vast power of wind and rain.

We are living through what more and more leaders are calling the Polycrisis, a complex situation where multiple terrible, interconnected problems converge and amplify each other. What we

need, more than anything, is to recognize the humanity in each other, and look for ways to protect and uplift our fellow humans.

Even more vulnerable than an asphalt road is our tender human body. Our soft skin and breakable bones protect our vital organs. We can survive without air for only the briefest of moments. Why are we building bombs that destroy people in distant lands?

I am typing this on my phone while my husband is driving us home from a memorial service. In the church parish hall, after the service, I saw a friend

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Ways of Seeing

By Joanna Colwell



NYC marathon exceeded all my dreams

This past Sunday, I accomplished one of my life goals. I ran the New York City marathon.

It was the culmination of four months of specific training, and a desire to return to a passion for running that had taken a back seat in my life for nearly a decade during which my husband and I bought and renovated a house, expanded our family, and established our careers and ourselves within the community we now call home.

Before all that, I had been a "real" runner. I worked in the industry as a technical rep in Western Canada and before that, worked in specialty running retail in Brooklyn, N.Y., and Vancouver, B.C. During that chapter of my life, I considered running part of my job. I hosted run clinics; attended running races, expos and events; and ran in more races than I could count.

I fell in love with running and New York City simultaneously, in the year I lived there after graduating college. As a Vermonter wildly intimidated by the city, I found comfort in my capacity to run from my apartment in Brooklyn to far corners of the city, taking long tours at a pace slow enough to spectate but fast enough to gain an appreciation for the size, diversity and culture of the spaces around me.

It was that year in NYC that I promised myself I would someday run the marathon.

Sixteen years later, it was time.

My 40th birthday is in January and I decided my birthday present would be to run the NYC marathon.

Clippings

By Christy Lynn



it means and why she has to deal with this condition, recognizing the inherent unfairness and grappling with his relative privilege in having a healthy and strong body.

I reached out to the Breathe Team organizers last March, inquiring how to apply. They had ONE SPOT left on that year's team — if I wanted it, I was in.

The commitment to be a "Breathe" involved raising a minimum of \$5,000 for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, so I established a profile on their official charity fundraising page online and started sending emails to friends and family and posting on social media.

I started formal training in mid-July, following a 16-week training schedule. I invested in a fancy running

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Letters to the Editor

Panton board chair knocked

Thank you for your extensive coverage of the shortfalls and challenges of the town of Panton (Oct. 24). The headline could have been "How to Dismantle Democracy" in a small town.

We have been led recently by a selectboard chair that is a combination of arrogance and ego. The exiting town clerk put it best when she said there was a "lack of participation in local government by residents." Who would want to work in a town led by a bully?

What has he done? First, he orchestrated the end of the 200-year tradition of town meeting. Which concentrated decision making in a three-member selectboard. Then he handpicked two sycophants as selectboard members. We didn't run deficits, as we do now, when we had town meeting.

Then he canceled the position of internal auditor, one of the guardrails that provides a check and balance on town spending. Combined with a town treasurer, who by her own admission is not capable of managing the financial records, you have the mess we are in now. The financial records are so bad the external auditors refuse to perform an audit. The town has had to hire an accountant, at additional expense, to get the books in sufficient order so an audit can be conducted. Sound crazy? It is.

This isn't the first time the current chair of the selectboard got caught with questions about town funds. I know, I am a former internal auditor. Whether it is misfeasance, malfeasance or nonfeasance in office, Howard Hall should resign. He is the reason the town is in this mess.

Douglas Dows, former selectman Panton

Student letter was inspiring

Regarding the letter "Voting can help 'Finish the Fight.'"

Kudos to Ramona Hahn!

We need some more Ramonas in the world for a brighter, healthier and more just world.

God willing, I look forward to looking down from Heaven when Ms. Hahn is addressed as Madame President under a clear blue sky at the United States Capitol.

Bless you Ms. Hahn. You are very special. I know you are a future leader in your community, the U.S., and the world at large. God be with you.

Princess Montpelier Middlebury

Work together to support vets

By the time Veterans Day arrives, the 2024 election will have hopefully ended. Many town hall events were held to inform the public of candidate positions on policy and public concerns. By far, the most consequential of these town hall events for me, the daughter of a WWII Veteran and wife of Viet Nam war Veteran, was held on October 24th at Holley Hall in Bristol.

Vets Town Hall was sponsored by the Bristol Social Justice Discussion Group (thank you, Porter Knight!), the Bristol Recreation Department, and Lawrence Memorial Library. Emcee Jon Turner made it immediately clear to the 40 attendees that this was not a political event, but an opportunity for Veterans from all branches of service, including Reservists, from any era, to tell their story of what service to our country means to them.

Vets Town Halls are spreading around the country in an effort to increase awareness of the trauma our men and women in the military experience — trauma so severe, that the suicide rate for Veterans is occurring at twice the daily rate as for non-Veterans: 16 per 100,000 civilians vs. 32 per 100,000 Veterans (2022 National Veteran Suicide Prevention Annual Report.).

Jon Turner is one of those

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Letters to the Editor

All must 'pull one's weight' to fight global warming

Steve Thurston's recent letter, which you titled "Clean Standard Act called expensive, ineffective," restated a number of the talking points the fossil fuel industry has inundated Vermonters with for years. But that doesn't mean his remarks weren't personally heartfelt. For that reason I want to thank him for his continuing interest in climate change policy and to name a few things I don't get about his position.

To be fair, I recognize that he was writing in the context of the current political campaign. We expect candidates and critics to play loose with the truth about the complexity of every major issue they are asked about. Hence, no need to critique him for saying not a soul would be living in Vermont without fossil fuels when history tells us plenty of souls were for thousands of years and that European colonizers found Vermont an attractive destination long before they had coal stoves and then oil or gas power. His set-up question — "Where would Vermont be today without fossil fuels?" — is important, albeit tangential to the real issues of climate change.

Here, though, are two major things I don't get about his position: 1) How is regulating the fossil fuel industry to operate with massive government subsidies, including allowing it not to be charged with the damages related to climate change driven by fossil fuel consumption, not a problem? Somehow, that's his implied position. In contradiction, he holds that legislation seeking to alter the accuracy of the price signals to truthfully favor renewables is somehow an impossible way to influence energy markets for the common good.

2) Where does he get the idea that the standard for good legislation is "solving" climate change? Everyone seriously looking at the issue is talking about "addressing" climate change. We win — or rather lose

less — by minimizing the sizable and rapidly mounting dangers going forward. Surely we can agree it's ridiculous to make solving such a global crisis a talking point.

I would like to suggest it should be taken for granted that any significant legislation on an issue this complex will prove to be flawed. I wish we could agree that the measure of good legislation is whether it is a plausible attempt to move us more quickly in the direction of reducing fossil fuel emissions and to justly/humanely treat those who are most vulnerable to change. The latter includes not just fellow citizens who lack resources to invest in clean energy and withstand climate disasters, but also workers in fossil fuel industries who need support in transitioning to new work.

Another important goal is building resilience to climate disasters. It is here that fossil fuels could have an important back-up role for the foreseeable future, even in the best imaginable transition. But that doesn't mean that the investments to maintain that capability shouldn't be altered to generate more funds for transition. It's damaging to continue funneling the profits to fossil fuel investors at unregulated market rates, as if business as usual is fine.

For all that, the single scariest thing to me in Mr. Thurston's letter and so many like it is the idea that Vermont is free to do anything it wants to avoid contributing to addressing climate change because we can have no measurable impact on global climate. Speaking as a minister, I see this as a morally bankrupt position, no matter what your religion or non-religion may be. Not bankrupt in the sense of worthless but, like most business bankruptcies, a situation where the accumulated debts can't be repaid with business as usual. The past way of doing things needs to be

thoroughly reorganized. Anything less smacks of fraud. Some religions (not mine) might say sin.

To see the lack of moral clarity here, imagine someone who believes abortion is murder being asked to accept the argument "But Vermonters are free to do it because we can't possibly abort enough babies for it to be noticeable in the world's population." OK ... that's way over the top, in the style of current politics. But ask this, "Is it OK for me not to pay taxes because I make no visible impact on Vermont's ability to balance its budget?"

The moral issue is one of simply pulling one's weight as an individual and a citizen of this state, however small, as we confront the greatest global justice and compassion issue in the history of humankind. The argument that we are too small to count denies the inherent worth and dignity of every human being.

As for the specifics of this legislation, the related question for Mr. Thurston is not whether he is a Vermonter but whether he is an American. In our nation, a lot of responsibility for who we are is delegated to the states. We get the same number of senators as California and Texas because size isn't the only measure of the importance of statehood. We can be a beacon to others, and at times have been.

If Mr. Thurston is a citizen of this nation that has contributed more to the emissions changing climate than any other — and has benefited throughout his life from the wealth and power we accumulated doing so — surely he is needed to contribute as best he can to making flawed legislation like this work. I hope most of my fellow Vermonters agree that simply waving the "There's nothing to see here — we're too small" card is not a way forward worthy of Vermont.

Rev. Barnaby Feder
Middlebury

Ilsley Library vital to area; project needs support

Have you ever imagined our community without Ilsley Public Library? What would be lost without our library? For the last 100 years, our community has relied on the library for books, multimedia materials, computer access, programming such as storytimes, film and book clubs, work and meeting spaces, connection with others, and safe spaces. For these last 100 years, the library has rarely sought funding over and above the funds it is allotted in the town budget.

Now the library needs our help. Ilsley's 100th birthday party last month had an amazing turnout. Patrons across generations gathered to show their appreciation and love for

the library (and their love of cake, of course!) The birthday party marked the beginning of the public phase of its capital campaign. The goal of the campaign is to raise \$6 million towards the renovation/expansion project. We have raised \$3,955,000 of that amount to date. Please consider a donation to help us reach our goal by the end of the calendar year!

We are grateful to the voters of Middlebury for the overwhelming support of our bond vote last spring. But that public support will only get us so far. We encourage all members of our community to come together to support the library, so that together, we can create a new

history for the Ilsley library as it moves into its next century. No amount of support is too little, and every cent and dollar make a difference.

Donation envelopes for checks or cash are available at the library's circulation desks or you can contribute online at ilsleypubliclibrary.org

We thank you for your generous support of the Ilsley Public Library, and we look forward to celebrating its future with you!

Meg Baker
Barbara Doyle-Wilch
Joe McVeigh
Natasha Sen
Claire Tebbs
The Trustees of Ilsley Public Library

MREMS conducted valuable clinics at hockey rink

It may not feel like it's hockey season with the warm weather we've been having, but a new season of skating has begun. Our goal, pun intended, is to keep all our skaters and fans safe. As an organizer of a few of the adult league nights, I am writing to express thanks and my appreciation to Deputy Chief Walker Randall and the Middlebury Regional EMS service

for conducting a CPR/AED training last week at the Memorial Sports Center.

I reached out to several people to conduct the training and Walker and his team generously donated their time in memory of Derek Bartlett, who was a hockey community icon and friend of many. We held training at the town rink on two evenings last week and thirty-two adult members of

the hockey community attended this important life-saving training — learning CPR protocols and practicing using the AED (automated external defibrillator) equipment. There are two AEDs in the rink, and 32 adults trained in case of an emergency. May we never need them.

Matthew Biette
Middlebury

Ways of Seeing

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holding the baby of his dear friend. The baby belongs to a third cousin of my husband. The friend is Palestinian, the baby slept sweetly on his shoulder. Was he thinking of the thousands of babies killed in his homeland? What is it like to be safe here, in the United States, and learning about your family members who are suffering, missing, dead?

We are all so vulnerable here on our one precious planet. And the earth herself is so very vulnerable too. The thin atmosphere protects us like our skin protects our organs. We don't lack knowledge or technical skill. We need to see one another for who we are. We are all cousins, all dependent on a thin layer of topsoil, drinkable water, and breathable air. Could we begin to see the truth of our vulnerability

and protect each other instead of trying to hurt each other?

Joanna Colwell is the director of Otter Creek Yoga in Middlebury, although in the time of COVID-19, you can find her teaching yoga via Zoom from the comfort of her own dining room. She lives with her husband and daughter in East Middlebury, and was one of the founders of the Middlebury chapter of Showing Up for Racial Justice.

Lewis letter

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Veterans who proudly stands before community members to tell his story of fighting in the Iraq war, losing 16 members of his combat unit, coming back to civilian life a changed man struggling to cope. In an effort to turn devastation into rejuvenation, Jon provided housing for Veterans on his small farm in Bristol to teach them agricultural skills, giving them a new lease on life. Despite his own ongoing struggles, he also took on the challenge of Veteran suicide prevention by becoming a speaker for Vets Town Halls. He has traveled all over New England, providing dozens of Veterans the chance to tell their story without being judged for their tears.

In this day and age of double sizing our soft drinks and French


fries, we have learned that this is not necessarily a good thing. However, Jon Turner shows us that a Double Hero, fighting on the battlefield and now on his home turf for his fellow countrymen and women, is not just a good thing — it's lifesaving.

The next Vermont Vets Town Hall takes place at the Godnick Adult Center, Rutland on November 18, with a pre-event dinner at 5:30. (RSVP required for the dinner). All events are free. Non-veterans are encouraged to attend and listen. All events are non-political, and all perspectives valued. There is no debate on American foreign policy.

Please join Jon and support his efforts to reduce Veteran suicide. Email Kristen Eaton at vetstownhall.org to see a list of future events or make a donation.


"Any Stone Age society knows that if you send warriors off to fight an enemy, you had better make sure to reincorporate them back into the community when they come home. But how can this be done in a huge, modern society? Simple — one community at a time."

—Sebastian Junger.
Patty Lewis
New Haven



Jean Hadley,
formerly of Middlebury,
turns 90
on November 12.

Happy
Birthday,
Jean!



Letters to the editor

The Addison Independent encourages readers to write letters to the editor. We believe a newspaper should be a community forum for people to debate issues of the day

Because we believe that accountability makes for responsible debate, we will print signed letters only. Be sure to include an address and telephone number, too, so we can call to clear up any questions.


If you have something to say, send it to: Letters to the Editor, Addison Independent, 58 Maple St., Middlebury, VT 05753. Or email to news@addisonindependent.com.

Elderly Services, Inc.

Fall 2024 Community Education Series


November 7:
Emergency Preparedness for the Elderly
In 2023, the U.S. experienced 28 separate weather and climate disasters. Older adults are more vulnerable during a disaster because they are more likely to have impaired physical mobility, diminished sensory awareness, chronic health conditions, or social and economic limitations. Elders living by themselves might not have a support system and many lack sufficient income or other resources to properly plan. Join us for a presentation and conversation about how to be safe and be prepared.
Presented by Tom Hanley, Retired Chief, Middlebury Police Dept./Emergency Preparedness Coordinator
Thursday, November 7, 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

November 12:
You are Not Alone – Navigating Care for your Aging Loved One
Your loved one is getting older, and their abilities and needs are changing. Join us for an educational discussion program presented by Elderly Services staff members Eileen and Joanne and learn what you can do to support your elder loved ones.
Presented by Eileen Lawson and Joanne Corbett, geriatric social workers, Elderly Services, Inc.
Tuesday, November 12, 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.




Both sessions are free and open to the public and will be held at the Middlebury Congregational Church.

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Obituaries

Donna "Grace" Jenkins Murphy, 82, of Orwell

SHOREHAM — On Oct. 30, 2024, our beloved Donna "Grace" Jenkins Murphy passed away peacefully at the McClure Miller Respite House. She fought dementia with ferocity.

Born in Danby, Vt., on March 2, 1942, to Hawley and Helen (Kievra) Jenkins, she was their oldest child. When she was 10 years old, Mom lost her mother and learned homemaking skills quickly, helping her father raise her younger sister and brother.

She attended Danby schools and graduated from Wallingford High School. There she met her future husband, Mead, in study hall. Mead and Donna started farming in Wallingford until they put their roots down in Orwell. Mom worked alongside Dad on the farm while raising three children. She made the best meals for us growing up and her apple pie was the best. She was a familiar face working seasonally at Douglas Orchards. She was crafty and enjoyed painting Mead's woodcarvings. Her most important job in life was that of mother and eventually grandmother. Always willing to



DONNA "GRACE" JENKINS MURPHY

pick up a sick grandchild or lend a helping hand was what she was about. She especially loved having her grandchildren poolside in the summers.

In her retirement years, she and Dad enjoyed traveling around the U.S. They eventually landed in Myrtle Beach, S.C., with their cherished Snow Bird community. During her winter years there, she enjoyed combing the beach, shopping and time spent with

friends.

She is survived by her children, David Murphy and Jen Murphy; daughter in law Carol Murphy; grandchildren, Janielle, Joseph and Kalee; great-grandchildren Oliver, Raegan, Henry, Carter, Paisley, Oaklyn and Evelyn; and dog Maggie.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Mead Murphy; son, Daniel Murphy; and siblings, Edward Jenkins and Elizabeth McLellan.

Many thanks to Haley Duquette, R.N., for coordinating the transfer of care that Mom needed in her final weeks. Also thanks to the staff and volunteers of the Respite House.

The kindness and compassion experienced there was exceptional. Should anyone want to contribute, the Respite House is a very special place.

Calling hours will be at Sanderson Funeral Home in Middlebury, Vt., on Nov. 16, from 9-11 a.m. to celebrate both Mom and Dad.

Online condolences at www.sandersonfuneralservice.com. ♦

Letters to the Editor

Thank you for the honor of allowing me to serve

I am grateful to the people of Addison County for trusting me to serve them in the General Assembly for 16 years. It has been a great honor, and I have loved the work and the people.

Congratulations to Senator Hardy and Senator-Elect Heffernan. They will have — we all will have — major issues and challenges to work through. I hope every Vermonter will pitch in to a productive conversation. I hope to see the Administration, heretofore reluctant to lead and

make proposals, now actively engage the Legislature beginning in January and bring forward bills and ideas to help solve the very real challenges that are not going to go away — from education and health care to climate. Climate change is real, cruel even, and expensive.

I'm proud of the work I've done, over the course of 136 bills, to enhance the health of our state now and into the future, economically and environmentally: improving water

quality, reducing toxic substances, better managing waste, supporting affordable housing, sustainable farming, food, and food manufacturing, and advancing renewable energy.

I care deeply about our state and country. Thank you for allowing me to serve you in pursuit of the best version of Vermont. I look forward to finding new avenues to continue to contribute to our state and communities. Godspeed.

**Chris Bray
Bristol**

Sheldon

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to the museum's trustees, who concurred with her sentiment and green-lighted the "Shape the Sheldon" campaign, which will involve a panoply of stakeholder engagement, ranging from an online survey to community listening sessions.

Sheldon officials believe community members are thirsting for new ways to interpret their history. What emerges from the Shape campaign will inform new programs, initiatives and exhibits to meet the community's expectations.

"I see it as a way to enliven the collection so you can see the story behind the object, the significance beyond what you're looking at. And that comes from active engagement and where we are in the 21st century," Moseley said.

Thanks to a small grant through the Vermont Community Foundation, the museum has hired consultant Sarah Audet of the Hedgehog+Fox Collaborative to help with the Shape effort. Part of that has involved framing questions for prospective museumgoers to get answers on how the Sheldon could be reimagined in a way that ensures its offerings appeal to the broadest possible cross-section of the community — as well as those visiting our area.

"We know the Sheldon has a core group of supporters ... but we really want to expand that possibility for feedback beyond people who are already connected to the museum," Moseley said. "I think the Sheldon can grow as a resource for learning, connection and inspiration in our community."

Failure to grow and captivate a younger audience would be bad news for the museum, its boosters acknowledge. The Sheldon's volunteers and fans are getting older.

"We're thinking a new paradigm is needed for the Sheldon," Moseley said. "We want it to be a viable community asset now and into the future. Not only is it an important source for local history, it provides us with this incredible thread that connects us with our past. I do think the Sheldon can also be a place that can help us envision our future."

BROADER APPEAL

Moseley cited several recent offerings at the Sheldon that were designed to broaden its appeal. They included:

- A community conversation on climate change held last month that was titled, "Simple Astonishment." Featuring panelists Megan Mayhew Bergman, Cindy Hill, Caleb Kenna, Jon Mingle and Liza Cochran, the conversation was guided by images from the museum's archives and modern photographs by Kenna, a local photographer.
- "The room was packed," Moseley said of the turnout. "I was floored. The energy in the room was really vibrant. People were engaged and thankful to be working in a space



IN AN EFFORT to keep the Sheldon Museum's collection relevant and vibrant, the Middlebury institution has kicked off its "Shape the Sheldon" campaign. Pictured, clockwise from lower left, are Sheldon staff and supporters Coco Moseley, Cara Mosier, Sarah Audet, Deb Evans, Ellery Foutch and Eva Garcelon-Hart.

Independent photo/Steve James

where we were thinking about the challenges we face, and how we can use our history to help inform the conversation going forward."

- Creation of a new makerspace for kids and their families. This mini-makerspace fosters community connections and provides a platform for creativity and innovation, through fun activities ranging from painting 3-D animal pets to stop-motion animation.

The makerspace space is located in an under-used museum spot that was used for textiles storage and preservation.

Moseley thanked Middlebury College, the Vermont Children's Trust Foundation, and the William F. Brooks Jr. Endowed Fund for Education Initiatives for their support of the makerspace.

"Kids and their caretakers can come to the museum and be inspired, create and start to think about the museum

as a place for fun and engagement," Moseley said of the new amenity. "Kids and families come in and can make something one day, then come back in a week and do something totally different."

- A new educational curriculum in the museum piloted this year on Charity Bryant (1777-1851) and Sylvia Drake (1784-1868) of Weybridge, regarded as one of the nation's first recorded same-sex couples.

The Sheldon partnered with Vermont Humanities on the

program, which recently served a group of 7th- and 8th-graders from Mount Abraham Union High School, who learned about history, tolerance and understanding.

"It was an incredible experience," said Moseley.

CURIOSITIES & PASSIONS

Ellery Foutch is president of the Sheldon Museum board and an associate professor of American Studies at Middlebury College.

"It is crucial for the Sheldon Museum to connect with the community it hopes to serve, to

gauge their interests and curiosities and passions," she said in an emailed statement. "Without the community, there would be no museum. The Sheldon Museum has played many different roles and had many different identities over the past 140 years of its existence. For it to continue to thrive in the future, we also need to hear what our community wants from our local museum — what folks think a museum should be and do for our community.

"We hope the museum isn't just the equivalent of our town's attic, storing its treasures in static and unchanging forms. We'd like to be a vibrant place of community connection and engagement with the past, present, and future."

— Ellery Foutch

"We hope the museum isn't just the equivalent of our town's attic, storing its treasures in static and unchanging forms — we'd like to be a vibrant place of community connection and engagement with the past, present, and future," she concluded.

Keep an eye on the museum's website for more information about Shape the Sheldon (tinyurl.com/m7r49h36).

You can also email your Sheldon ideas directly to Moseley at CMoseley@henrysheldonmuseum.org.

Reporter John Flowers is at johnf@addisonindependent.com.

Joyce Belle Hallock, 83, of Weybridge

WEYBRIDGE — Joyce Belle Hallock, 83, of Weybridge passed away on Oct. 22, 2024. She was born in Burlington to parents, Grant Clinton Hallock and Dorothy Mae Brown.

She was an avid animal lover, known to take in many pets in search of a home. Over the years she cared for countless kittens, horses, dogs (ranging from Pugs to Great Danes and everything in between) and even once brought home an abandoned baby raccoon. She leaves behind her sons, Shawn and Steve Wales of Weybridge, and Craig Nelson of Brandon, and her grandchildren Addison and Oziah Wales. Her eldest son Scott Wales passed away last year. She will be greatly missed.

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GEORGE T. SAGUI

George T. Sagui, 98, of Weybridge

WEYBRIDGE — George T. Sagui, of Weybridge, died Oct. 23, 2024, at the age of 98. A gathering is planned for spring of 2025 with full obituary. ♦



HANNAH MAGOUN

Hannah Magoun, celebration of life and dinner

MIDDLEBURY — Friends and family of Hannah Magoun, who died Aug. 14, 2024, are invited to a celebration of life memorial service and dinner at the Middlebury Inn. The service will start at 3 p.m., Friday, Nov. 29, followed by a buffet dinner and drinks and sharing stories and memories of Hannah. All are welcome, the more the merrier. Please RSVP, and send any questions to, jniles7@gmail.com. ♦



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watch to help track my progress, show my distance, speed and heart rate. I bought new shoes and colorful tights to inspire me and committed to doing it right.

As a mother of 2- and 5-year-olds, a demanding job and a tendency to volunteer too much of my time, I quickly recognized the burden that marathon training was going to impose on my life and the lives closest to mine. I leaned heavily on my already overburdened husband, and my generous mom, sister, co-workers and friends. I practiced putting myself and this totally unnecessary goal in front of other needs. It was hard, but a powerful reminder to myself that it's OK to ask for help and make space for me.

Some runs were great, others were hard. I struggled through some uncomfortable digestive issues and experimented with diet and nutrition and fueling until I found a workable protocol. I thought of my son's friend when I started dipping into a state of discouragement, inspired by the courage and fight she wakes up with every single day. It inspired me to reconsider my temporary discomfort and continue onward.

I didn't sleep much the night before the race. I can pretend that it had anything to do with staying in a hotel room in the middle of Times Square and the accompanying noise of the city, but truth be told, I was just nervous.

My alarm went off at 4:30 a.m. I got up and forced down a couple hard boiled eggs, ginger tea and clementines before gearing up and heading to the lobby to meet the rest of the team. It was about 40 degrees outside, so we each had layers of discardable clothes over our race gear as we walked together the seven or eight blocks to the charity bus zone in the dark. We boarded the bus and watched out the windows as dawn broke over the city and we wove our way to Staten Island. From the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge we could see the start village below, filling with tens of thousands of other runners congregating to finalize the end of their marathon journey.

LOGISTICS, COORDINATION
With 55,522 participants in this year's event and an estimated 2 million spectators throughout the city, the level of coordination, planning and logistics involved by race organizers was staggering to consider. New York Road Runners reported more than 10,000 volunteers were involved along the course, along with heavy NYPD and security presence on the ground and in the air with helicopters working to ensure safety and peace along the course.

It all was seamless. They had bagels and coffee for participants waiting in the start village. Numerous start waves and corrals preventing overcrowding at the start. Three divergent courses at the start helped the racers spread out before coming together around mile 4. There were no lines for porta potties, aid stations were stocked and easy to maneuver. Racers could be tracked live through an app so fans could find and follow them along the way — this proved very helpful for my family looking to cheer me on at several spots along the 26.2-mile course.

The smoothness of the operation enabled participants to relax and feel supported and focused on their goals rather than worried about the details. I was immensely grateful.

We arrived to "Charity Village" around 7:45 a.m. and settled into a tent reserved for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Our team of 100 runners sat in folding chairs, enacting our pre-race fueling plans with food and drinks carefully packed and prepared. We chatted about our marathon journeys and inspiration to join the Breathe Team. Most were running in honor of a close friend or family member with CF. A few of our teammates had CF themselves. One woman was a pediatrician from Oregon who specializes in CF. Each story was inspiring and added to my sense of pride for being a part of it all.

The first start cannon went off at 8 a.m., with the wheelchair division. Then the elites followed. The first of the "mortal" runner waves started at 9:05. I was in the second wave, corral B, orange course, with a start time of 9:45 a.m. The corrals were split by ropes and fences, which effectively guided us like sheep toward the starting area. Final bathroom breaks. Final clothes layers stripped off. It was surreal as we lined up at the base of

the Verrazano bridge, framing the course we were about to face. We turned and faced the announcer to listen as the Star Spangled Banner was sung, then a wave of cheers as excited, shivering runners jumped anxiously in their places. Thousands of people held up cell phones to record the moment the cannon blasted and the wave started inching forward. It only took about 15 or 20 seconds before I felt the wave myself, and my feet started moving.

The bridge spans nearly two miles before touching down in Brooklyn, where the first crowds were there to meet runners. I had written my name in big and bold letters on the front of my shirt, which meant spectators could address me by name along the course. Fans lined every mile of the way, holding signs, pumping music out of loud stereo systems, blowing bubbles, offering sliced oranges, tissues, water, ice pops, beer, and most other things you can imagine.

"Rats don't run NYC, you do!"
"If only Kamala could run like you!"
"You think you're tired, my arms are killing me!"

A classy older gentleman sitting in a plush armchair caught my eye with a sign that said "Pace yo self." I ran right by him and he called out, somehow calmly but with wise confidence: "Pace yo self, Christy." Maybe I should have listened.

Everyone said the energy in Brooklyn is impossible to resist; you'll want to go out fast; be prepared; be modest. But I took the bait, tempted by the energy and stored inertia of the moment. My watch revealed I was off at a pace nearly a mile a minute faster than most of my training runs had been. I didn't care.

I wanted to be swept in that moment and wanted to leave it all out there on that course. So I held strong and borrowed energy from the thousands of strangers calling encouragement and the signs with Mario booster icons to "Power up!"

MEET THE FAMILY
Just before mile 8 was the first planned location my family and friends had planned to be. I hugged the side and started scanning the crowds for them a couple blocks early and was surprised to see an old friend from high school, who now lives in Brooklyn. A pause for a bouncy and elated hug and I was rolling again, only to find my family hanging over the side barricades a block later, clapping cymbals and waving the goofy fatheads my darling besties had printed for the occasion. My husband was there with our two kiddos, my mother-in-law, father-in-law and sister-in-law. My two sisters were there, along with my two best friends from home and their two kids.

Those were my first tears of the day, as I jumped wildly into their arms, finding fuel in their presence and immense pride in fulfilling this dream that they had each helped make possible.

Then onward I went, finishing the first half of the course while still in Brooklyn and crossing the next bridge into a small corner of Queens before heading over the Queensboro Bridge between miles 15 and 16.

That was the first major reality check, with the bridge incline stressing my pace and forcing me to face the fact that I had 10 miles still to go and I was starting to fade.

I found my family again at mile 16, fit carefully into a corner of the course where they somehow stuck out in the crowd. I hugged my son quickly as he said, "Go, Mama, go!"

IT GETS MORE DIFFICULT
By most accounts, the second half of the NYC marathon is considerably harder than the first.

Perhaps it's the bridges, or the long straightaways up 1st Avenue into the Bronx, or back down toward Central Park. There's a moderate but noticeable uphill grade, and a headwind. The crowds are still thick and I'm sure they were as energetic as they were at mile 5, but I hit a point of oversaturation with the stimulus and found myself retreating to the center of the pack where fewer people called my name directly and I could dip into more of a blank zone.

I allowed myself to pull back on the pace and reminded myself that I was still well within my optimistic finish goal and that I had long before passed the pace team that was five minutes faster than my goal time. My hip flexors were screaming as I ran over the bridge to the Bronx at mile 20, but I promised myself that it was temporary and reminded myself of those people I was running for whose pain and hardship wouldn't cease at the finish line.

I wanted badly to ramp the pace back up for the last five miles, but my body said no. Take what you can get, don't be greedy. Hold on, don't pass out. Finish happy. **YES I CAN!**

The last four miles seemed like they would never end, but just before mile 25 at the base of Central Park I caught sight of Sam, my devoted husband, who had ditched the rest of the crew to make it to the final stage of the course in time.

I needed that hug, and it reminded me that, "Si, se puede" — Yes, you can — as so many signs had done that day.

I rounded the curve toward Columbus Circle and just before returning into the park for the final stretch I caught sight of Elsie and Polly, my two unrivaled sisters, who had monkeyed their way up a lamp post so as to rise above the rest of the crowd, waving and



CHRISTY LYNN PROUDLY poses for a selfie at the finish line of the TCS New York City marathon last Sunday, holding a picture of New Haven's Mayven Kingman that she carried along the course. Kingman, who has Cystic Fibrosis and watched televised coverage of Lynn crossing the finish line in Central Park, served as a big motivation for Lynn.

cheering ferociously.

I blew them kisses and cheered back as I turned toward the last half mile of the course, expending every last ounce of effort I could muster. I crossed the finish line with a wide smile on my face in 3 hours and 27 minutes, just beating my optimistic goal of 3:30.

I thought I was going to be a weeping mess at the finish, but I don't think I even had the energy left to cry. Instead, I robotically followed the directions from the hundreds of volunteers who ushered racers out of the finish chute and along the road for the

three-quarter-mile walkout. Along the way I was handed a finisher bag with snacks and a bright orange poncho and flowed along with the sea of finishers staggering through the park. I asked the burly black man who hung the heavy finisher medal around my neck for a hug; he gracefully obliged.

After pausing for a moment to reflect, I exited the runner zone, found my family and regained the strength to cry. I had done it. It was an immense effort which forced almost every other thing in my life to the side for months. It took all of my physical and emotional

strength, but in doing so, proved to myself what that strength is and how to summon it.

In addition to meeting my finishing goals for the marathon itself, I also surpassed my Breathe Team fundraising goal, raising \$5,250 for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation's cause. The window to donate doesn't close for another month, so additional donations may still be made through my portal at fundraisers.nyrr.org/christylynn.

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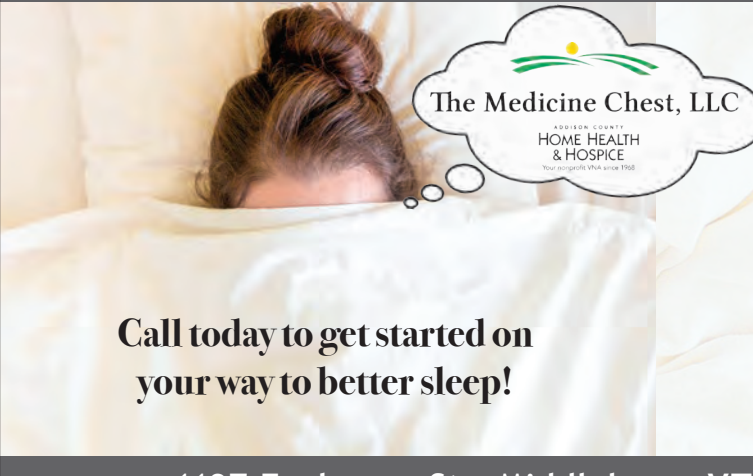
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ONCE A YEAR, The Lodge donates all the proceeds from its monthly breakfasts to a deserving group or individual. This year, the Bristol Fire Department was the chosen recipient. The Fire Department is saving funds to buy an industrial dryer to sanitize their equipment. Mason Nate Perry, right, presents the \$1,100 check to BFD Chief Brett LaRose with Mason Johannes Haensch and Asst. Chief Eric Forand looking on.

Photo courtesy of Cecil Foster

Fish & game asking for help from hunters

MONTPLIER — The Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department is asking hunters for help gathering biological data on the state's deer population. Hunters who get a deer during the Nov. 16-Dec. 1 regular deer season are asked to provide an incisor tooth from their deer. Tooth envelopes are available at all deer reporting stations.

Biologists are collecting middle

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

"Knowing the ages of harvested deer is critically important, and more information allows us to make better management decisions," said Nick Fortin, Vermont Fish and Wildlife's deer project leader. "To accurately estimate deer numbers, and to better assess our current management strategies, we really need to get teeth from as many deer as possible."

Monkton

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

NEWS

MONKTON — The Russell Memorial Library is hosting a harvest wreath workshop with Iris Brannan on Thursday, Nov. 7, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Come design a festive harvest wreath for the holiday season. Ages 8 years and up are invited to join in on the

fun. Call 802-453-4471 for more information.

Also coming up at the library on Saturday, Nov. 9, is local author Jackson Ellis talking about his novel, "Black Days." This event will be held from 10:30 to 11:45 a.m.

Don't forget continuing activities of Toddler Tuesdays held from 3 to 6 p.m., After School Hang on Thursdays and yoga classes continue on Saturday mornings. Check in with the library for other

continuing activities.

On Saturday, Nov. 16, starting at 2 p.m., the East Monkton Church Association invites you to come to the church on Church Road to join with others and reflect on the good things in your life. Share what you are thankful for and the value of gratitude. November is the month of Thanksgiving and reminds us to reflect and be grateful. Dress warmly as there are no facilities during the winter months. Cost is by donation.

Ferrisburgh

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NEWS

FERRISBURGH — The Ferrisburgh Historical Society is hosting another great presentation about our local history. On Sunday, Nov. 10, at 2 p.m., Jean Richardson, Silas Towler and Eliot Lothrop will discuss the legacy of Charles C. Miller (1866-1921), great grandson of Simeon Miller, one of the earliest European settlers in Ferrisburgh. Charles was a master builder whose work helped create the Vermont landscape we see today. From the elegant house that Charlie built on Old Hollow Road in North Ferrisburgh, to the grandeur of the East Monitor Barn in Richmond and the multitude of houses and barns scattered throughout Chittenden and Addison counties, his work reflects the Golden Age of enthusiastic growth of early twentieth century America.

Jean Richardson will set the stage for this wonderful story, describing the family's history, surviving Typhoid Fever, and rural life in that time period. She will also share some of the actual diaries of Sheldon Miller (Charles' father) from 1856 and 1859, and Charles Miller's Notebooks from 1875-1902. Silas Towler will share some of the many newspaper articles about the work of Miller and his large crews of workers. Eliot Lothrop, timber

framer and owner of Building Heritage in Huntington, will explain the technical aspects of Miller's work and the restoration work underway at the East Monitor Barn in Richmond. For more information, call Silas Towler at 802-425-3380.

The Friends of the Union Meeting Hall will host another Family Movie Night on Friday, Nov. 8 at 6:30 p.m., at the Ferrisburgh Town Hall on Route 7. These are always fun events for adults and children, with free admission and popcorn for purchase. For more information about this month's film selection and other questions, email unionmeetinghall@gmail.com.

Ferrisburgh Grange "King Pede" card parties will be held on the Saturdays of Nov. 9 and 23. 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.

Bixby Library now has the Josephine A. Meneely Paperweight Collection on display in Bixby Hall. Josephine Meneely was an art enthusiast and Ferrisburgh resident,

and her gorgeous collection spans regions and years. The Bixby thanks the Historical Collections Volunteers, Nancy Rensen and Jamie Edwards-Orr, for curating this stunning physical and digital exhibit. The on-line collection is available at the Bixby website: www.bixbylibrary.org/current-exhibits/.

Cozy up in the Bixby Library's Children's Room on Tuesday, Nov. 26, 10:30-11:30 a.m., for Storytime with a Sled Dog. Children can read books about sled dogs with author and sled dog trainer Milagro Amaya Turner and meet one of the gentle dogs featured in her books. When Milagro moved to Cambridge, Vt., she fell in love with the snow and winter and discovered the wonders of the cold season. Milagro shares her love of snow and her passion for Huskies and dog sledding with people of all ages during visits at libraries throughout Vermont.

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.

Rifle season to open Nov. 16th

MONTPELIER — Hunters are gearing up for the start of Vermont's traditionally popular 16-day regular deer season, which begins Saturday, Nov. 16, and ends Sunday, Dec. 1.

A hunter may take one legal buck during this season if they did not already take one during the archery deer season. The definition of a legal buck depends on the Wildlife Management Unit (WMU). A map of the WMUs is on pages 24 and 25 of the 2024 Vermont Hunting & Trapping Guide, available from license agents statewide.

In WMUs C, D1, D2, E1, E2, G,

I, L, M, P, and Q a legal buck is any deer with at least one antler three inches or more in length.

In WMUs A, B, F1, F2, H, J1, J2, K, N, and O a legal buck is any deer with at least one antler with two or more antler points one inch in length or longer.

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

Vermont hunting licenses include a buck tag for this season and a late season bear tag (for Nov. 16-24), and cost \$28 for residents and \$102 for nonresidents. Hunters under 18 years of age get a break at \$8 for residents and \$25 for nonresidents. Licenses are available on Fish and Wildlife's website and from license agents statewide.

"I am urging all hunters to wear a fluorescent orange hat and vest to help maintain Vermont's very good hunting season safety record," said Vermont Fish and Wildlife Commissioner Christopher Herrick. A 2024 Deer Season Hunting Guide can be downloaded from the department's website at www.vtfishandwildlife.com. The guide includes a map of the Wildlife Management Units (WMUs), season dates, regulations, and other helpful information.

Hunters are required to report

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

Hunters who get a deer on Nov. 16 or 17 can help Vermont's deer management program by reporting their deer at one of the biological check stations listed below:

- Emmon's Supermarket, Grand Isle
- Guilford Country Store, Guilford
- Back Country Sports, St. Albans
- West Enosburg Country Store, Enosburg Falls
- Windsor Fire Department, Windsor
- Keith's Country Store, Pittsford
- Rack 'N Reel, New Haven
- Lead & Tackle, Lyndonville
- R&L Archery, Barre
- Singleton's Store, Proctorsville
- Wright's Sport Shop, Derby
- Village Grocery & Deli, Waitsfield
- Bennington Fish Hatchery, Bennington

Hunters who do not go to a biological reporting station are asked to provide a tooth from their deer. Tooth envelopes and tooth removal instructions are available at all big game reporting stations. Each tooth will be cross sectioned to accurately determine the deer's age, and the results will be posted on the Fish and Wildlife website next spring.



HUNTERS WHO GET a deer on opening weekend of the Nov. 16-17 deer season can help Vermont's deer management program by reporting their deer at a biological check station. VTF&W photo by John Hall

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Addison-3

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 incumbent Rep. Matt Birong, a Vergennes Democrat, won his fourth term by finishing second to North and edging Lanpher by just 17 votes.

Joe Baker, a Ferrisburgh Republican who once represented Rutland House district 1-2, finished not too far behind, in fourth.

The vote totals were North, 2,679; Birong, 2,374; Lanpher, 2,357; and Baker, 2,240.

Asked for comment, North first forwarded a social media post in which he thanked his supporters

“Thank you for all of your Front Porch Forum, Facebook, and other social media posts, yard signs, word of mouth to friends and neighbors, getting to the polls and dragging others with you, and your financial support,” North wrote. “I am so excited to start working for the people of Addison County in Montpelier.”

North added. “I will make good on my promise to fight and vote for YOU. The changes won’t come easy or fast. It took a while to get where we are. But with steady progress and your continued support and involvement, we can rebuild an affordable Vermont.”

North later told the *Independent* that he attributed his and other Republican candidates’ success on Tuesday to their focus on affordability and quality-of-life issues — and Democrats’ failure to do so — especially in the areas of housing, education and energy costs. He hopes to serve on a committee that addresses one of those topics.

“I ran because) quite frankly, it was feelings of anger and betrayal amongst the voters and myself over the way the taxes had gone up, and the threat of the implementation of the Global Warming Solutions Act, and the increasing fees, prices going up across the board, education taxes skyrocketing high. People are just sick of the cost of living going up in Vermont,” North said. “It’s that feeling of anger and frustration, even betrayal, by our representatives.”

North also praised Lanpher in his email for her work in the Legislature.

“I want to thank Diane Lanpher for her decade-plus of faithful service to us in Addison-3,” he wrote. “She leaves a big role to fill

and we owe her our gratitude. I look forward to working with Matt Birong and the other Addison County Representatives to achieve the best results for the people we serve.”

North retired from Collins Aerospace in 2020 after holding senior leadership positions there. In retirement he has taught high school math and served as an Act 250 Commissioner for Addison County.

In addition to chairing House Appropriations, Lanpher previously helmed the House Transportation Committee. She was one of the longest tenured Addison County legislators.

In speaking with the *Independent* on Wednesday morning, Lanpher, 70, was philosophical.

Though she continues to “love the district and love the voters,” Lanpher said she could accept the setback.

“It really is fine,” she said. “After 18 years of running, because I didn’t win the first time, it’s sinking in.”

She said maybe Tuesday’s vote was a message that it was time to stop working up to “60, 80 hours a week.” She praised her husband, Jim, for accepting she had to dedicate much of her time to the district and the state, often at a personal cost.

“My husband has done that with honor for 16 years,” Lanpher said. “As much as I truly, truly appreciate having been there for 16 years, it is going to be a new day, and I am looking very much forward to some peace, and am ready to really take that in ... The universe has said, ‘You can go home now, Di.’ And I’m going to absorb that for a bit, and see where we go ... and look forward to taking walks with my dog and maybe do yoga and find some level of peace.”

Birong serves as vice chair of the House Committee on General Operations & Military Affairs. He has long worked in the food service industry, including many years as chef/owner of 3 Squares Café in Vergennes. He now runs a catering operation.

Birong on Wednesday acknowledged mixed feelings at winning re-election in part at Lanpher’s expense.

“I think she has been a tremendous asset to the Legislature,” he said. “I always found her to be a very

heartfelt, thoughtful mentor, and I am very proud to have worked with her.”

But he added he’d urged his party to focus more on some of the core issues that Republicans emphasized.

“I understand the voters’ sentiment and frustration (with where) the policy decisions have been heading in the last few years. I heard that during the session. I heard that while campaigning. And I’m carrying that back with me as I have conversations with the (House) speaker and House leadership,” Birong said.

Birong said Democrats need more focus on nuts-and-bolts issues.

“In speaking with constituents and community members, the focus needs to be very, very intent on education, property tax — which I’m actually drafting a bill on now that’s going to start some of the hard conversation about how that system is structured,” he said.

“Public safety has also been a big conversation. We’re looking at spiking health care costs, and there have been alarming reports about our rural hospitals. So really boiling it down to what I would describe as policy solutions in those buckets.”

Baker is a retired GE worker and U.S. Navy veteran. He did not launch a campaign website, but fared well given a relatively low campaign profile. He chose not to take part in an *Addison Independent* candidates’ questionnaire.

Panton

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Whether the solar array is installed despite any local opposition hinges on whether or not the Vermont Public Utilities Commission, or PUC, decides to grant the project a Certificate of Public Good.

If granted, that certificate would green light installation of the array to the companies: Freepoint Commodities LLC of Stamford, Conn.; an affiliated Pennsylvania firm, SunEast Development LLC; and VT Real Estate Holdings 3 LLC (d.b.a. Viridis Solar). They call their proposal the Viridis Solar Project.

Despite vocal opposition from many Panton residents, the selectboard had previously declined to take a position on the array. Board members said they had also heard from some residents that the tax revenue and other potential financial considerations from FreePoint, the major project driver, would be welcome, and that they favor renewable energy.

Opponents also say they favor renewable energy, but object to

the array’s scale, visual impact, location on usable farmland, and its location about 75% outside the area designated in Panton’s Enhanced Energy Plan for such arrays. They also criticized the likely out-of-state destination of the power and related renewable energy credits.

In a Viridis Solar informational packet distributed and posted online before the vote, the companies estimated the array will generate about \$350,000 a year in town taxes over 35 years.

Hall told the *Independent* that number would remain constant over the years. Viridis added in the packet that the \$350,000 in property taxes would not include land value: “This amount would be in addition to continued payment of municipal property taxes of the underlying land based on the value of the land without a solar project.”

The companies also estimated the array would generate \$200,000 in school taxes per year, and they pledged an extra \$50,000 a year to the town. Hall described that latter number as “a starting point

in negotiations” between the town and the companies.

The companies have also pledged to remove the array when it reaches the end of its useful life.

For the permitting process, it is unclear how much weight the PUC will grant the town and its residents in their opposition to the array.

Most of the land is owned by members of the Marszalkowski family who live out of state, but farmed by family members who live in Panton.

The out-of-state family members want to lease it for the array. They had stated that they hoped to use proceeds to aid an aging family member; however, that family member, Mary Marszalkowski, sadly passed away this summer. The *Independent* was unaware of that fact when previewing this vote in the Oct. 31 edition.

The Marszalkowski family members who are the principal owners of the grain business that is farming the land said losing use of it would be a financial burden, and they oppose the sale.

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Bristol

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took top honors in Bristol with 1,143 tallies, outpacing Olson's 1,111 and Hill's 1,061; and in Monkton, where her 710 votes topped Olson's 705 and McGuinness's 613.

Both Olson and Cordes thanked voters for their support and said they're looking forward to their service in the Statehouse, where both will need no introduction.

"I had a great time talking to people. It was very exciting. I'm eager to represent the community (in Montpelier)," Olson said.

Asked about his preferred House committee assignment, Olson said he'd like to be on a panel charged with working on any one of the three issues that topped Addison-4 voters' lists this campaign season: Education spending, the housing shortage or healthcare reform.

Olson said he'll reach across the aisle in his effort to solve the state's problems.

"I'm happy to work with anyone," he said.

Cordes said she, too, is looking forward to the start of the 2025 session after a busy campaign.

"It's been a tough election season and I know all of us are struggling around issues of economics and uncertainty and what the future's going to look like," Cordes said. "I'm happy to get back to work with my community and new running mate, and I'll still be focused on what we, as a small state, can do to help folks with the high cost of

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— Rep. Mari Cordes

ADDISON-4 HOUSE				
Town	Mari * Cordes (D)	Chanin Hill (R)	Renee McGuinness (R)	Herb Olson (E)
Bristol	1,143	1,061	767	1,111
Lincoln	554	330	235	588
Monkton	710	537	613	705
Starksboro	423	446	360	637
TOTAL	2,830	2,374	1,975	3,041

*= incumbent

healthcare."

Olson and Cordes in January will enter a changed political landscape in Montpelier. Republicans picked up 18 seats in the House and flipped six seats in the Senate. Democrats/Progressives will still hold majorities in both the House (92-55) and Senate (17-13), but they've lost their super majorities, which enabled them to override Gov. Scott vetoes.

"They were bigger losses than any of us expected," Cordes said, adding she believes Republican challengers this election cycle didn't, for the most part, unveil possible solutions to problems plaguing the state, such as the housing shortage and education property tax impacts.

"I worry that we're not going to be able to address the big problems we have in front of us, but I'll withhold judgment until I see if they come up with some actual plans," she said.

Meanwhile, Hill and McGuinness appear to have established a strong foundation for future runs in Addison-4 — a district that has in recent years been a tough road to hoe for GOP candidates.

Hill is a major player in Bristol's Four Hills Farm, one of the largest dairy operations in the Champlain Valley. She's a member of the Bristol Planning Commission, Bristol's hazard mitigation committee, and has testified before the Legislature on a variety of farm-related issues.

McGuinness is a policy analyst with the Vermont Family Alliance, a nonprofit advocacy organization that, among other things, tracks policies and laws that "infringe on parental rights," according to its website.

Addison-4 proved a hot ticket this election cycle, as incumbent Rep. Caleb Elder, D-Starksboro, took a pass on reelection, instead opting to run for a Senate seat. He failed to advance in the Democratic primary this past August, and his Addison-4 House term will expire at the end of this year.

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Porter

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heard, especially those who have historically been marginalized. We believe that by understanding the unique challenges faced by different groups, we can create targeted strategies that address disparities and promote health equity."

Addison County's last CHNA was completed in 2021 — at the height of COVID. Pandemic concerns have lessened considerably since then, making for a more multi-faceted report. But COVID continues to leave a lasting imprint, according to Amanda Froeschle, senior community health liaison with the University of Vermont Health Network and PMC.

"A lot of things people were struggling with during COVID have continued, especially when it comes to the impacts of social isolation, people feeling disconnected. We saw that reflected in the data and conversations with people this year, too," she said, noting the presence of mental health counseling in the top three county concerns.

Froeschle said the steering committee used three main strategies for its information harvesting:

- A community survey — available online and on paper in English, French, Spanish, Arabic, Vietnamese and Burmese — that drew 1,063 responses. It featured 33 questions that gleaned (anonymous) information about respondents' current circumstances and their perceptions of the current state of the local healthcare, transportation, mental health, and economic and employment climates.

Respondents had to be at least 16 years old and were entered into a drawing for a \$50 gift card as an extra inducement for their participation.

- A copious amount of data culled from statewide organizations and local nonprofits. The result is a treasure trove of info shedding light on homelessness, healthcare waiting times, hunger, social isolation, bullying, mental health and other challenges county residents have dealt with in recent years.

- Several focus groups held last spring and summer, some with community members, others with the nonprofit sector. Addison County CHNA coordinators also solicited feedback from seniors and from folks with firsthand experience dealing with mental health issues, substance use and other challenges.

"One of the key goals is for this (CHNA) to be community driven," Froeschle said.

Joining healthcare access, the housing shortage, mental health and substance use disorder on the 2024 CHNA's top concerns list were cost of living, transportation and the need for more cultural humility/inclusivity.

Other interesting findings in the report include:

- 58.7% of the survey respondents said they anticipate needing long-term care services (like nursing homes, assisted living, or homebased care) and support



COMMUNITY HEALTH LIAISON Amanda Froeschle helped produce a new report that will serve as a blueprint for Porter Medical Center's healthcare priorities.

Independent photo/John Flowers

within the next five years.

- There were 77 people who reported experiencing homelessness in the county as of January 2024.

- 76% of county households earning \$75,000-\$125,000 annually agree they have affordable transportation options.

- Porter's Emergency Department saw 196 psychiatric patients and 384 individuals with substance misuse issues in 2022. Those numbers climbed to 291 and 462, respectively, in 2023.

- Between 2017 to 2022, the rate of Addison County adults who reported having poor mental health increased from 9% to 15%, and in 2022 about one-fifth of Addison County adults (22%) reported having a depressive disorder.

The *Independent* asked Froeschle how Porter could remedy county challenges that appear beyond its purview — such as transportation and housing.

"We're looking for opportunities where we can align or support some of those upstream factors that we know have direct impact on folks' healthcare outcomes," she said, adding this might include backing efforts to create more housing or expand bus routes.

NEXT STEPS

So how will Porter and its community partners address the community challenges identified in the CHNA? That will be outlined on a community health improvement plan (CHIP) that's in the works right now, according to Froeschle. Developed in concert with partners like United Way and the counseling service, the CHIP is a three-year action plan that will map out potential steps for achieving better healthcare access, food security and substance use recovery outcomes.

Porter doesn't have a budget line dedicated to CHIP initiatives, but it receives \$25,000 annually to distribute, in small grants, to local initiatives that advance the report's priorities. Porter will primarily use its influence and community standing as currency to move the needle on the challenges enumerated in the CHNA and CHIP.

"We'll be building on people

power and what we can do with our time and coordination to address (the report's priorities)," Froeschle said.

Just having a CHNA report can help Addison County nonprofits leverage money from other sources, according to UWAC Executive Director Helena Von Voorst, who served on the CHNA steering committee. She noted having a CHNA for Addison County has helped the United Way land hundreds of thousands of dollars in federal grants to prevent drug/alcohol use among local youths.

"(The report) is a wonderful resource for us to share with funders," she said, adding the CHNA has also helped United Way "keep a finger on the pulse of the community as it relates to our health needs and what our community thinks our priorities are."

Maureen Conrad is director of development for the ACHHH, and also served on the CHNA steering committee. She's pleased with how the report turned out.

"There was a concerted effort to involve community members from all walks of life and with varying interests and priorities, and I believe the survey captured their opinions well," she said in an email.

Asked if the report included any findings that surprised her, Conrad said she was dismayed to learn that 20.1% of county residents surveyed said they didn't have enough money to pay for basic necessities. She also pointed to survey findings showing 43% of local residents couldn't obtain affordable housing, and 16% said they couldn't access end-of-life services.

"On a positive note, I was pleased to know that 91% of respondents do have a personal healthcare provider," she said.

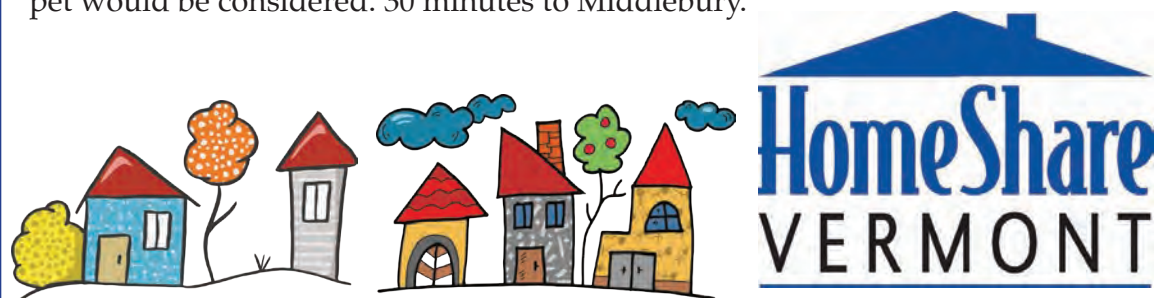
"I encourage all to read this report and familiarize themselves with the data gained as well as the individual comments made by community survey respondents and focus group participants," Conrad concluded. "This assessment contains a tremendous amount of info about health needs here in AC."

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Rodgers upsets Zuckerman in Lt. Gov. race

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MONTPELIER — John Rodgers, a Republican from Glover, was elected lieutenant governor of Vermont Tuesday, unseating Progressive/Democrat Lt. Gov. David Zuckerman in a rare ouster of a statewide incumbent. The dramatic conclusion came at the end of a highly competitive — and at times highly personal — contest for the state's second highest-ranking office.

The outcome became clear around 1:20 a.m. Wednesday, when the last of Vermont's 247 towns and cities reported results. At that time, Rodgers led Zuckerman 46.2% to 44.6%, according to the Secretary of State's Office — with just 5,959 votes separating them.

If those results were certified, the Vermont Legislature would still have to sign off on the outcome in January, since no candidate received more than 50% of the vote — a requirement in the Vermont Constitution.

"We feel like we've got it," Rodgers said earlier Wednesday morning, in a phone call around 12:30 a.m. "We couldn't be happier with the results."

About an hour before that, Zuckerman addressed reporters at the Vermont Democratic Party's election night party in South Burlington, saying "there's certainly a decent chance I'm going to lose," but declining to formally concede the race.

Reached at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, Zuckerman said he needed more time to review the results.

"He's clearly gotten more votes than me, and there's a process and time to figure out what the next steps are as I just try to evaluate on two hours of sleep what is before us," he said.

Zuckerman said he had not yet spoken with Rodgers but had texted him early Wednesday morning to say he'd call when he "had more clarity" about the situation. He said he had no reason to doubt the unofficial vote count but wanted to review "the recount question" and "other scenarios in state law."

The result means that Republican Gov. Phil Scott — who cruised to reelection on Tuesday — will have a close ally serving in the lieutenant governor's office for the first time in the eight years he's served as chief executive.

The race saw both Rodgers and

Zuckerman, who work as farmers and previously served alongside each other as state legislators, pitch themselves as a stronger voice for working class people and the better candidate to help tackle concerns over affordability and property tax increases in many communities necessary to fund public education.

It was also a contest between two candidates who do not fall neatly along party lines. Rodgers had long identified as a Democrat before he announced his bid for lieutenant governor earlier this year under the GOP mantle, quickly becoming a vocal critic of his former party. Meanwhile, Zuckerman is among the most recognizable candidates in the state to primarily identify with Vermont's left-wing Progressive Party.

Rodgers won the Republican primary for lieutenant governor in August over Gregory Thayer, a former Rutland County GOP chair and staunch supporter of former President Donald Trump. Rodgers, however, is a vocal Trump critic, styling himself as a moderate Republican who in fact has the same politics he did when serving as a Democrat.

In fact, Rodgers told VTDigger

at the polls in Glover Tuesday morning that he had written in Scott's name for U.S. president, rather than voting for GOP nominee Donald Trump or Democratic nominee Kamala Harris.

The difference now, Rodgers argued on the campaign trail, was that the state's Democratic party had swung too far to the left for his moderate, if somewhat populist, views. That message — which was rooted in criticism of recent policy passed by the Democrat-led Legislature such as the latest annual property-tax setting yield bill, or legislation to establish a clean heat standard policy in Vermont — appears to have resonated with voters statewide.

"As I stated throughout the campaign, there's a lot of issues to deal with in Vermont, but nothing else matters if we can't afford to live here," Rodgers said early Wednesday morning. "And (for) the majority of the people that I spoke with, the cost of living was the most important thing on their mind."

Rodgers likely benefited from substantial fundraising in the final stretch of the campaign, bringing in about \$70,000 from mid-October to Nov. 1, according to campaign finance reports — several times what Zuckerman raised over that same time period.

He also won endorsements in the last week of the race from Vermont's three most recent governors, among them former Democratic Gov. Peter Shumlin.

In interviews, Rodgers has pledged to play an active role in Statehouse policy debates, though it remains to be seen how much sway he'll have in the building. The lieutenant governor is a largely ceremonial role whose chief day-to-day task is presiding over the state Senate. The person serving can only vote on legislation in the event of a tie.

Tuesday's election brings Rodgers back into public office for the first time since 2021, when he lost his Essex-Orleans Senate seat to Republican Sen. Russ Ingalls. (In that race, he ran as an independent after missing the deadline to declare his candidacy as a Democrat.) Before that, Rodgers



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CREEPLY CLOWNS BECKON from their tent on Halloween in Bristol. The Jipner family created the display at their Pleasant Street home, wowing trick-or-treaters.

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LIEUTENANT GUBERNATORIAL CANDIDATE John Rodgers speaks with attendees of Gov. Phil Scott's election watch event at the Associated General Contractors of Vermont building in Montpelier on Tuesday.

Photo by Josh Kuckens/VTDigger

served in the Senate from 2013 to 2021 and in the House from 2003 to 2011.

Zuckerman, meanwhile, was seeking his fourth term in the lieutenant governor's office.

Speaking at the Democratic party event, he acknowledged that Rodgers' campaign messaging was effective, though the incumbent characterized it as "a lot of promises, and really, capitalizing on people's frustration."

"I think our climate and our people aren't going to see the results they would want if he were to become lieutenant governor," Zuckerman added. "But, you know, at the end of the day, one of us is going to win — and if he wins, he gets to carry that."

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TURNOUT WAS BRISK at polling stations throughout Addison County on Tuesday. Pictured clockwise from top left, are Tor Junchalong, a chef from Thailand, reacts to voting for the first time in a U.S. election in Middlebury; Vergennes voters do their civic duty; Jean Forcier, a resident of the Residence at Otter Creek, is dressed up to vote in Middlebury; first-time voter Mikey Preston casts his ballot in Pantons; Tracey Shamberger shows who she supports in Vergennes; candidates and supporters make final pitches near the Middlebury polling place; voters at Middlebury's Creek Road polling station fill out their ballots; elsewhere in the Middlebury town gym a poll worker looks up a voter's name on the Middlebury checklist; Bea Hooper, who celebrated her 18th birthday the day before, casts her first vote at the Middlebury polls; and Viv Robins, a visitor from England, talks with state Senate candidate Steven Heffernan about U.S. politics.



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A PAIR OF Canada geese appear surprised to see each other on the shores of Bristol Pond recently. Photo by Dottie Nelson

Addison-5

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most of New Haven, and part of Middlebury, won re-election on Nov. 5 by a 1,403-1,149 margin. Thompson, a former Randolph selectman, Two Rivers Planning Commission member and U.S. Army veteran, got off to a strong start on election night. He scored a big 487-271 win over McGill in Bridport, and also outpolled her in New Haven by a 420-395 margin. But McGill notched a big, 413-150 win in Weybridge, which gave her a slim, 22-vote margin heading into the final polling district — a northwest carve-out of Middlebury (done during the 2020 reapportionment process) that includes the Marble Works and Seymour Street neighborhoods. That Middlebury precinct chose McGill by a 324-92 tally, padding her final margin of victory. McGill is a member of the House Committee on Human Services. A mom of four young children, she

works as assistant director of the Vermont Coalition of Runaway and Homeless Youth Programs. She previously served as property manager and coordinator of rental housing for Vergennes-based John Graham Housing & Services, and was senior property manager and compliance chief for Addison County Community Trust, the county's largest affordable housing provider. "I expected (the election) to be close," she said. "I think people are struggling and their votes are surely representative of that. I'm honored to have earned the trust of a majority of my constituents to be their voice again in Montpelier." McGill acknowledged that voter unrest over mounting property taxes contributed to anti-incumbent sentiments at the polls. Republicans picked up 18 seats in the House and flipped six seats in the Senate. Democrats/Progressives will still hold majorities in both the House

(92-55) and Senate (17-13), but they've lost their super majorities in both chambers. "Times are tough, and I think Vermonters are telling us in Montpelier that they need us to help them thrive here. I'm excited to go back and focus on making housing and healthcare more affordable and accessible," she said. She added her 2025-2026 priorities would also include "building a quality, sustainable education system that supports our teachers, school workers and Vermont children — who are our greatest asset," and "protecting our environment and ensuring all Vermonters have access to eco-friendly and affordable energy options." Thompson — who conducted a low-key campaign — did not return a phone call prior to this newspaper's Wednesday deadline. Reporter John Flowers is at johnf@addisonindependent.com.

By the way

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food drive that netted 4,241 pounds of food and \$1,511.75 in contributions to the Bristol-based Have-A-Heart food shelf, which serves hungry people in the 5-Town area. The food shelf volunteers and recipients are grateful for the dedication of local firefighters and the generosity of those who donated to the cause.

The Rokeby Museum at 4334 Route 7 in Ferrisburgh is in the middle of its 2024 fundraising campaign, designed to support the mission and programming of what is widely regarded as among the best-documented Underground Railroad sites in the country. The goal this year is \$45,000, and an anonymous donor has generously offered to match the first \$15,000 in contributions. The non-profit Rokeby Museum tells the hard truths of history and, according to its website, is "committed to amplifying the stories of marginalized individuals in the historical records." Anyone interested in donating to the museum's fund drive should go to tinyurl.com/yrsf2zp3.

Speaking of fund drives, Hlsley Public Library officials are looking to raise \$6 million toward the renovation and expansion of the library headquarters at 75 Main St. Boosters have thus far raised almost \$4 million in gifts and pledges toward a project estimated at around \$17 million. Those interested in contributing can do so at tinyurl.com/39w8zf4x.

Nov. 1 marked the official start of the winter farmers market season, and the Northeast Organic Farming Association of Vermont is doubling the Crop Cash Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) incentive for the winter farmers

market season. This means that for every \$1 of SNAP someone spends at a participating market, they can get \$2 in Crop Cash, up to a maximum of \$20 of SNAP Crop Cash per market day. This increase is expected to last through the winter market season, Nov. 1 through April 30. You can find a list of the winter markets that offer Crop Cash online at tinyurl.com/WinterMkts.

The Ferrisburgh Historical Society will host an illustrated talk about Charles C. Miller on Sunday, Nov. 10, at 2 p.m. at the Ferrisburgh Town Office and Community Center at 3279 Route 7. Refreshments will be provided, and all are welcome. Charles C. Miller (1866-1921) was the great grandson of Simeon Miller, one of the earliest settlers in Ferrisburgh. Charlie was a master builder whose work helped create the Vermont landscape we see today. Those works include the elegant house that he built on Old Hollow Road in North Ferrisburgh, the grandeur of the East Monitor Barn in Richmond and the multitude of houses and barns scattered throughout Chittenden and Addison counties. Miller's work reflects the "golden age" of enthusiastic growth of early 20th-century America, according to historical society officials. Jean Richardson will set the stage for this wonderful story, describing the family history, marriage, surviving typhoid fever, and rural life in that time period. She will also share some of the actual diaries of Sheldon Miller (Charles's father) from 1856 and 1859, and Charles Miller's notebooks from 1875-1902. Silas Towler will share some of the many newspaper articles about the work of Miller and his large work crews. Eliot Lothrop, timber framer and

owner of Building Heritage in Huntington, will explain the technical aspects of Miller's work and restoration efforts underway at the East Monitor Barn in Richmond.

Lincoln's second annual Community Toy Swap is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 16, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Burnham Hall at 52 East River Road. This is an opportunity for folks to exchange clean, working and complete toys and games that are no longer used for new-to-you items. Everyone is welcome at this event regardless of need or ability to bring items to swap. You can bring your items to swap with you on the day of the event, or arrange to drop them off with an organizer. The swap event can accept gently used and clean toys, games and puzzles; craft supplies or kits; building blocks and Legos; outdoor playthings, such as ride-on vehicles and scooters; like-new children's books; and new (in original packaging) regiffable items for teens or adults. Not acceptable at the swap event are clothes, blankets, or other textiles; stuffed animals; bike helmets; furniture; baby gear; old or worn books, or books not intended for children; and DVDs, CDs or VHS tapes. Contact Elizabeth at 413-250-9334 with any questions.

Average gasoline prices in Vermont fell 4.2 cents during the past week to \$3.11 per gallon, according to GasBuddy's survey of 626 stations. Prices are 7.3 cents per gallon lower than a month ago and 48.3 cents lower than a year ago. The cheapest station sold at \$2.44 earlier this week, and the most expensive at \$3.29. Meanwhile, the national average fell 2.2 cents per gallon during the past week to \$3.05, 34.5 cents lower than a year ago.



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At its annual meeting

Chamber doles out awards to select few

VERGENNES — Fred and Judi Danforth, longtime Lincoln residents and founders of Danforth Pewter, and former Gov. James Douglas, were recently inducted into the Addison County Chamber Hall of Fame at the chamber's annual meeting. About 80 people attended the Oct. 24 event held at the Vergennes Opera House, which also saw the presentation of four other prestigious awards.

Kicking off the program, Addison Independent editor/publisher Angelo Lynn gave the keynote speech on the state of journalism and the threat of misinformation on democracy, before the evening shifted to honoring members of the Addison County community.

2024 HALL OF FAME

As a member of the 2024 Hall of Fame Class, Gov. Douglas served as the 80th governor of Vermont from 2003-2010.

Besides accomplishing much during his four terms as governor, Douglas served as the president of the Council of State Governments, elected twice as chairman of the New England Governors' Conference and chairman of the Coalition of Northeastern Governors, and served as chairman of the National Governors Association. In February, 2010, President Obama appointed him co-chair of the Council of Governors.

Outside of government, Douglas, a 1972 graduate of Middlebury College, has been active in many community organizations. He is a past president of the Addison County Chamber of Commerce and Porter Medical Center boards. He served as treasurer of the State 4-H Foundation and president of the Vermont Conference of the United Church of Christ. He has served on the boards of the Mary Johnson Children's Center, the Counseling Service of Addison County, the Vermont Symphony Orchestra and the United Ways of both Addison County and Vermont. He served as Town Moderator of Middlebury for 33 years.

Fred and Judi Danforth's story goes back generations. In 1755, in what was then still a British colony, Thomas Danforth II opened a pewter workshop in Middletown, Conn. He gained popularity for his well-made household goods, such as plates, cups and teapots. Over time, Chinese imports made glass and porcelain more affordable for the working class, causing a massive shift away from pewter.

The last of the first line of Danforth artisans, Thomas Danforth Boardman, worked in his pewter shop until he died in 1873. For the next 100 years, the Danforths' metalworking tools lay dormant.

But in 1975, Fred Danforth, then living in Ohio, aspired to be a talented craftsman — though he initially believed his calling was in woodworking, not pewter. After moving to Vermont in his 20s, Fred met Judi Whipple, a fellow Vermont artist with a metalworking background and a passion for crafting pewter. Judi was so passionate about the metal that she even knew of the early Danforth pewter makers — and was curious to find out whether Fred, their descendent, intended to rekindle the tradition. That was the birth of a new line of Danforth Pewter that has flourished during the past five decades.

After apprenticing in Nova Scotia and returning to Woodstock, Vt., Fred and Judi opened a workshop in an old dairy barn, where today's Danforth Pewter was born. Since then, the business was moved to Middlebury and has since grown to 10 locations in five states and recently added pottery to its offerings. Throughout the decades they have stayed true to the family's original values of sustainability and authentic, handmade artistry.

BUSTER BRUSH CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Brian Carpenter, owner of Champlain Valley Equipment, is the 2024 Buster Brush Citizen of the Year.

The Middlebury resident served active duty in the U.S. Army and joined the National Guard after that. He retired from his service as Brigadier General (1-star), and Battalion Commander of the Vermont Army National Guard in 2014 after 31 years of service. President and owner of Champlain Valley Equipment, based in Middlebury, he took over from his father and has grown the business to six locations from the original one in Middlebury; employing almost 200 Vermonters, and recently added more dealerships in New York. He is in his ninth year serving on the Middlebury selectboard, including the past several years as chairman.

Carpenter has served on the Town Hall Theater board and helped in fundraising for the new \$7 million expansion, and is also helping raise funds for the Isley library renovation. He coached flag football for nine years and coached lacrosse for 15 years. He has also



MEMBERS OF ADDISON County Relocalization Network (ACORN), with Executive Director Lindsey Berk at far right, received the 2024 Non-Profit of the Year Award.



ROBERT FULLER, ABOVE center, chatted before the award ceremony, as business partner Kevin Harper, right, later accepted the 2024 Business of the Year award for Bristol Works/Stoney Hill Properties.



served on the Vermont Dairy Producers Alliance board for many years, served on the state workforce development committee and served as chair of the Vermont Farm Equipment Dealers association.

BUSINESS OF THE YEAR AWARD

Bristol Works/Stoney Hill Properties were honored as the Chamber's Business of the Year.

Bristol resident Kevin Harper and his partners, Robert Fuller, Kim Smith and David Blittersdorf, founded Bristol Works to prevent a pattern that saw thriving businesses outgrow their Bristol locations and relocate to larger communities. That same thing happened to Autumn Harp, the business that Harper founded but which moved to Essex Junction a decade after he sold it in 2001.

To stem the pattern, they bought the vacant real estate from JP Carrara with the intention of attracting a mix of tenants that would fit the purpose of the "Mixed Use" Zone. Today, the "Bristol Works" campus is home to a full service Federally Qualified Health Center, the Mount Abraham Unified School District offices, the Bristol Police Department, the Bristol Bakery (a commercial maker of nationally distributed consumer packaged goods), and Vermont Farm Table. Next up is affordable housing for the low to middle income workforce.

Stoney Hill Properties was conceived by Kevin and his partner David Blittersdorf. It started with providing a state-of-the-art home for the volunteer Bristol Fire Department. Next was a true private/public/nonprofit partnership where they joined forces with the town, state and Evermore Bank to build 20 affordable housing units off West Street behind the Bristol fire station. The most recent development was the construction of All Earth Renewables, a 26,000-square-foot facility that builds and installs solar trackers.

Stoney Hill has two more fully permitted building lots the partners

hope to see developed over the next two years that would support larger, later-stage business enterprises that can serve as economic and community development anchors for the greater 5 Town area.

2024 NON-PROFIT OF THE YEAR

Addison County Relocalization Network, known as ACORN, is the Chamber's 2024 Non-Profit of the Year. The organization promotes the growth and health of local food and agriculture in the Champlain Valley. It also provides support to farmers and food producers, engages in food education, and ensures access to healthy food to all.

The founding mission of ACORN was to "help revitalize the health of our land, our local economy and our local communities so they can provide sustainable sources of food, water, energy, employment and capital while promoting conservation and a healthy environment."

The word "relocalization" was inspired by the Post Carbon Institute, which advocated for "building strong societies based on the local production of food, energy and goods and the local development of currency, governance and culture." The main goals of relocalization are to increase resilience and community security, to strengthen local economies and to improve the health of the environment and increase social equity.

According to Executive Director Lindsey Berk, ACORN's mission "is rooted in the observation that we have entered a disruptive chapter in our human story that we call the 'transition,' a period of great cultural change and

opportunity. We aim to create a more cooperative and sustainable future in response to:

- The depletion of our natural resources and the impacts of climate change;
- The growing disruptions in our financial and economic system; and,
- The erosion of community and responsibility in our social and political life."

ACORN's current major project is the expansion of its Food Hub and growing access to markets for Champlain Valley farmers and food producers. It also produces the Champlain Valley Local Farm & Food Guide, runs the Pharmacy Program, operates Farm to School programs, and hosts the Tour de Farms bike race that hosted over 500 riders this past September.

YOUNG PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR

Nathaniel Klein, a 2021 graduate of Middlebury College, is the former president of the Charter House Coalition board and is a co-founder of Treeline Terrains, a business launched while he was still a Middlebury student.

At Treeline Terrains, Klein and his two partners began their business as a senior year project and immediately determined that they wanted to stay and build their business in Vermont.

Klein started volunteering at Charter House as a freshman on the Middlebury rugby team and continued to support the mission for the past seven years. For many years, he and his friends prepared dinners for shelter guests on Thursday nights, giving Charter House staff a welcome break. He was elected to the board in 2022 and was voted in as board president

in July 2023.

His volunteering and civic contributions go well beyond those two professional roles. While at Middlebury College, he participated in the Community Friends program as a long-term relationship mentee to a grade school student. He recently was the featured presenter at the Career Day event at Middlebury Union High School helping students see his example of purpose, possibility and persistence. A little-known fact about Klein is that he holds the school record at Middlebury College in the shot put (49 feet, 9.25 inches). After graduating, he stepped in to coach the throwers on the Panther track and field team when the head coach was out of commission.

CHAMBER ELECTS OFFICERS

In a brief business meeting, the Chamber elected the following as officers:

- Chair, Marty Kulczyk, Robert Frost Mountain Cabins;
- Vice-Chair, Open;
- Treasurer, Megan Mandigo, Marble Trail Financial;
- Secretary, Nancy Foster, Champlain Valley Properties;
- Past Chair, Robert Feuerstein.

Nominated to serve as Chamber Director for a one-year term was Elizabeth Ryks, National Bank of Middlebury, and to serve three-year terms were Ben Fuller of The Richards Group and Nicole McTavish of The Hannaford Career Center. Other directors not up for re-election were Amy Carlin, Middlebury College; Dickie Austin, Black Sheep Bistro; Doug Dewitt, Bristol Financial; and Ned Horton, Otter Creek Bakery & Deli and Hare and the Dog.

Members serving organizations are:

- Addison County Economic Development Corporation and Vergennes Partnership: Renny Perry
- Addison County Regional Planning Commission: Bill Sayre, A. Johnson Lumber Company
- Better Middlebury Partnership: Kathryn Torres, Co-Executive Director
- Bristol Core, Courtney Radford, Executive Director

The Chamber also lauded two retiring board members after years of service: Meaghan McLaughlin, National Bank of Middlebury, and Robert Feuerstein of Kennedy Brothers.



FRED AND JUDI DANFORTH, founders of Danforth Pewters, were named to the Hall of Fame, Class of 2024.



GOV. JAMES DOUGLAS, left, was also named to the Hall of Fame Class of 2024 and, per usual, made a few witty comments when accepting the honor. Nathaniel Klein, center, was named Young Professional of the Year, while Brian Carpenter, right, was the recipient of this year's Buster Brush Citizen of the Year.



OVER 80 PEOPLE attended the annual Addison County Chamber of Commerce annual meeting at Vergennes Opera House on Thursday, Oct. 24. Addison Independent editor/publisher Angelo Lynn kicked off the evening with a keynote speech, followed by the several prestigious awards.



ROBINSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL has been awarded a \$4,800 grant from the Foundation for Rural Service. Kurt Gruendling, left, V.P. of Marketing & Business Development, Waitsfield and Champlain Valley Telecom joins Kerry Lake, Third Grade Teacher, Robison Elementary School; Kianna Kniffin, Special Projects Administrator, Waitsfield and Champlain Valley Telecom; and Andy Weis, Principal, Robison Elementary School, for the award presentation.

Photo courtesy of Lorraine Keener

Starksboro school awarded \$4,800

STARKSBORO — Robison Elementary School has been awarded a \$4,800 grant from the Foundation for Rural Service (FRS). The grant is made possible through a partnership between Robison Elementary School and Waitsfield and Champlain Valley Telecom. This grant will fund new Smartboard technology.

"Internet-based resources have really broadened my students' perspectives," said Kerry Lake, a third grade teacher at Robison Elementary. "For example, we connected with peers in Hawaii using the video app FlipGrid. We have also met with authors, math experts, and even Kenyan scientist

Richard Turere, who invented Lion Lights as a child. The Smartboard technology will enable us to bring more meaningful, efficient, and interactive learning opportunities through national and international video conferencing for our students."

The Foundation For Rural Service awards grants to rural communities served by NTCA — The Rural Broadband Association members, of which Waitsfield and Champlain Valley Telecom is a member. These grants are designed to provide support to a variety of local efforts to build and sustain a high quality of life in rural America. The required matching

funds contribution was provided by Waitsfield and Champlain Valley Telecom.

"FRS is proud to support these projects throughout the country to promote health, safety, education and growth in rural communities," said FRS Executive Director Pam Becker. "This year we awarded the largest number of grants and greatest total in FRS history. \$169,470 was awarded to 36 grant recipients."

For more information on FRS and community development grants, please contact Lorraine Keener at (802) 496-8379 or lkeener@corp.wcvt.com.

Fish & Game needs you to report wildlife sightings

MONTPELIER — The Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department is asking hunters to participate in its annual deer hunter effort and sighting survey.

The survey asks hunters to record how many hours they hunted and how many deer, moose, bears, or other wildlife they saw each day they hunted. This information helps



the department evaluate how hunting pressure and the number of these animals varies around the state.

The easiest way to complete the survey is to use the Deer Hunting Log feature in the Vermont Outdoors mobile app. The app allows hunters to track their effort and wildlife sightings each day during any of the 2024

deer hunting seasons. It also includes useful features like a check station locator tool and lots of hunting and fishing related information. Vermont Outdoors is available through the App Store or Google Play.

A web-based version of the survey will also be available on Fish and Wildlife's website www.vtfishandwildlife.com after the start of the regular season on Nov. 16.

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LCBP looking for two grant applicants

GRAND ISLE — The Patrick Leahy Lake Champlain Basin Program seeks proposals for studies that assess the economic value of Lake Champlain at both the community and watershed scales. The LCBP anticipates awarding approximately \$400,000 through two grant opportunities:

Request for proposals for Lake Champlain Community-level Economic Valuation studies (up to \$50,000 per award; the LCBP anticipates awarding up to \$200,000 total).

Request for proposals for Lake Champlain Watershed Economic Assessment: The Value of our Clean Water and Healthy Ecosystems (up to \$200,000 available to support one awarded project).

The Lake Champlain Community-level Economic Valuation Studies will provide an economic analysis and public-facing outreach materials for communities connected to the analysis. These projects will demonstrate the economic value of investing in watershed practices at the community level.

The Lake Champlain Watershed Economic Assessment will measure and communicate the economic value that Lake Champlain and the clean water and healthy ecosystems of its watershed provides to the regional economy. The results of this project will provide a credible economic analysis and public facing outreach materials. The results of this valuation will be used in reports and publications by the Lake Champlain Basin Program and partners, including the US EPA. This comprehensive,

multisectoral study will update and expand previous economic studies in the region. This study may lead to additional work in this sector.

Dr. Eric Howe, NEIWPCC Program Director of the Lake Champlain Basin Program, said, "Economic valuation studies can describe the benefits of clean water and healthy ecosystems as dollar values, allowing resource managers and decision makers to better understand and act on the economic rationale for protecting our waterways and ecosystems. We anticipate that these studies will be of immense value to our shared efforts to protect and restore the Lake Champlain Basin."

The awarded grants will support projects that advance the goals of the long-term Lake Champlain management plan Opportunities for Action. These projects are supported by funds awarded to NEIWPCC on behalf of the LCBP by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Proposals are due at noon on Jan. 10, 2025. Awarded projects will begin work in August 2025. More information, including grant

guidelines and applications, is available on the Lake Champlain Basin Program's website at lcbp.org/grants.

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Local Bank Helps Customer with Unexpected Discovery

In a heartwarming display of community spirit and exceptional customer service, National Bank of Middlebury's Route 7 South Branch has gone above and beyond to assist a longtime customer, Rick James, with an exciting find.

Mr. James, a familiar face in Bristol and an employee at Middlebury College, found himself in a unique situation when he stumbled upon two forgotten \$25 E Series savings bonds from the early 1960s and 70s while searching through his elementary school records. Determined to redeem these long-lost bonds, Mr. James turned to his local bank for assistance.

Upon visiting NBM's Route 7 South Branch in Middlebury, Mr. James encountered not just efficient banking services, but a genuine commitment to helping him navigate through paperwork and procedures that were unfamiliar and complex. A substantial amount of time and effort was made to sort through the historical documents to determine the accrued interest on the bonds. Despite the additional workload this unexpected task brought, the task was handled with patience and professionalism, ensuring Mr. James left a remarkable return on the decades-old investments.

What truly set this experience apart was the personal touch provided by the bank's staff. Joel Bouvier, another Bristol resident and National Bank of Middlebury employee, happened to be on site and positively identified Mr. James, eliminating the need for further identification. This seamless integration of community familiarity and professional service highlights the unique bond between National Bank of Middlebury and its customers.

Reflecting on his experience, Mr. James expressed profound gratitude for the bank's assistance during what could have been a daunting process. "They took at least 20-30 minutes of their time to sort through this mess that I'd brought in and presented," Mr. James recounted. "They navigated through paperwork, consulted with



each other, and ensured everything was in order. It's moments like these that make us appreciate being NBM customers."

Such acts of kindness and dedication underscore the importance of community banking, where customers are not just account holders but integral members of a close-knit community. National Bank of Middlebury's commitment to personalized service and local engagement shines through in stories like Mr. James'. This hometown experience, as Mr. James aptly puts it, remains a cherished aspect of living in Addison County.

In an age where digital transactions often dominate, this incident exemplifies how a local bank like National Bank of Middlebury can make a significant impact beyond financial transactions, fostering trust and loyalty among its customers.



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Voters

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 the new president-elect, came closest to Harris in Bridport (346-393), Addison (384-446), Leicester (319-266) and Orwell (399-347).
 Statewide, Harris beat Trump by a 235,689 to 119,349 margin (63% to 32%).
 And speaking of sweeps, Scott — who himself voted for Harris — earned decisive wins over Charlestin in all Addison County communities, including her hometown of Middlebury, a Democratic stronghold. The shire town opted for Scott by a 2,636 to 1,471 margin over Charlestin, a former Middlebury selectboard member.
 Scott commented on his win and gains made by Republicans in both

the House and Senate. Republicans picked up 18 seats in the House and flipped six seats in the Senate in comments to his supporters Tuesday night.
 “Here in Vermont, the election was about one basic question: Can you, your aging parents, your grandparents, your kids, your grandkids, and your neighbors afford to live and thrive in Vermont if we don’t make a course correction on the path set by legislative leaders over the last two years? The answer was clear, because yesterday, Vermonters voted and sent a strong message: They voted overwhelmingly for balance, and they voted for moderation.”
 The county parted ways with the rest of the state by narrowly

endorsing incumbent Lt. Gov. David Zuckerman, a Democrat/Progressive, over Republican challenger John S. Rodgers. While 13 of the county’s 23 towns appeared in the Rodgers column, Zuckerman’s performance in the other 10 towns gave him a 10,527 to 10,296 edge over Rodgers.
 Statewide, VT Digger on Wednesday morning tabbed Rodgers as the winner, with a 171,730-165,771 edge over Zuckerman (46.2% to 44.6%).
IN ADDISON-RUTLAND
 Another Republican who will be representing a part of Addison County is Jim Casey. The Hubbardton resident was uncontested in his run for the Addison-Rutland House seat, which

is being vacated since incumbent Orwell Democrat Joe Andriano opted not to run for re-election.
 Casey will represent Shoreham, Whiting, Orwell, Sudbury and Hubbardton after garnering 1,881 votes on Tuesday. Although there were no other candidates on the ballot, he received only 73% of the votes. The Secretary of State reports that Addison-Rutland district voters cast 102 write-in votes, and 602 left their ballots blank.
 Casey did not run a vigorous campaign, did not have a campaign website and did not respond when the *Independent* reached out to him.
OTHER TRENDS
 Addison County observed statewide trends in voting

overwhelmingly for Democrat Becca Balint, in her bid for another term representing Vermont in the U.S. House; Independent Bernie Sanders, for another term representing Vermont in the U.S. Senate; incumbent Democrat Mike Pieciak for state treasurer, over Republican challenger Joshua Bechhoeffer of Cornwall; incumbent Democrat Sarah Copeland Hanzas for secretary of state, over Republican H. Brooke Paige; incumbent Democrat Doug Hoffer for state auditor, over Republican H. Brooke Paige; and Democrat Charity Clark for attorney general, over Republican Ture Nelson.
 In other election news on Tuesday, incumbent Addison

County High Bailiff Dave Silberman bested Republican challenger Ron Holmes, by an 11,792 to 9,349 margin, for another two-year term.
 “I won’t pretend to know what the next two years will bring, but I can safely promise that I will continue leveraging this position you’ve granted me to advocate for an end to the War on Drugs, and for other much-needed criminal justice reforms, and do my part to ensure that, at least here in our small (but mighty) county, no one can hold themselves above the law,” Silberman wrote in a thank you email to his supporters.
Reporter John Flowers is at johnf@addisonindependent.com.

Senate race

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 Bray could not be reached for comment on Wednesday morning. He later provided a letter that appears today on Page 6A.
 Bray has served in the Legislature for more than a decade and was first elected to the Vermont House in 2006. He began representing the Addison District in the Vermont Senate in 2013, and currently chairs the Senate Natural Resources and Energy Committee. Bray also serves on the Senate Finance Committee, Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules and the Joint Carbon Reduction Committee.
 Heffernan topped the field in 14 Addison County towns, including Bristol and Ferrisburgh. Hardy received the most votes in most all of the other nine communities in

the county — expect for Weybridge and Lincoln, where Bray finished on top.
 Hardy won most of the votes in Rochester and Huntington (Buel’s Gore ballots are counted with Huntington’s).
 Results of the state senate race mirrored those in a handful of other communities around Vermont where Republican challengers flipped seats previously held by Democrats, dismantling the Democrat supermajority in the upper chamber. GOP candidates also unseated Democratic incumbents in the Vermont House, including longtime Rep. Diane Lanpher of Vergennes, who chairs the House Appropriations Committee.
 Pressing issues on the minds of voters this election season included climate legislation like

the Affordable Heat Act (S.5), sponsored by Bray, and education finance, following a challenging school budget season and average 13.8% increase in education property tax bills across Vermont.
 Heffernan said those two issues will be his priorities when he gets to Montpelier.
 “Those are probably the top two. That seemed to be what was on most peoples’ mind,” he said.
 Heffernan said he doesn’t yet have a preferred senate committee assignment.
 “Wherever they can use my talents is probably what I’m going to be on, so maybe something with transportation as far as our infrastructure,” he said. “And I’ll have to see what’s out there. This is a whole new learning experience for me.”
 Hardy, a three-term incumbent,

currently chairs the Senate Committee on Government Operations. She also serves on the Senate Health & Welfare Committee and the Judicial Retention Committee.
 She said addressing property taxes and the state’s education funding system will be among her priorities upon returning to the Statehouse.
 “This is something I’ve worked on in the past in my professional life as a member of a school board and legislator,” Hardy said. “It’s very clear that has to be top of mind for us and is one of my priorities.”
 Hardy’s other top priority is addressing the rising cost of healthcare in Vermont.
 “It’s something I’ve been working on the last couple years, and a major report just came out

about the high cost of healthcare in Vermont,” she said. “That is a driver for a lot of the other issues we’re dealing with, and we really need to tackle that issue.”
 Hardy congratulated Heffernan and other Republican candidates who prevailed on Tuesday.
 “I congratulate him for a successful race, and I look forward to working with him in representing the Addison District,” she said.
 When asked about how lawmakers might work together differently following shifts in the Legislature, Hardy said voters have shown what issues they want legislators to tackle together.
 “I think the voters made it clear that property taxes and other affordability issues were top of mind, and they want us and other elected officials to work together

to solve those issues,” she said. “Republicans who did win seats wanted these issues to be at the forefront, so I look forward to hearing their detailed proposals for how to solve these problems.”
 She added that now that Republican Gov. Phil Scott is no longer working with a Democratic supermajority, he’ll also need to come forward with solutions to such issues and work with lawmakers to tackle those problems.
 “It was a rough election night for a lot of people, especially nationally, and I just hope we in Vermont can continue to be a welcoming place for everyone and to work against the headwinds nationally,” Hardy added. “I know a lot of my constituents are worried, and I hope we in Vermont can continue to honor the rights and safety of all Vermonters.”

“My priorities are (the Affordable Heat Act) and working on the education problem we are having. Those are probably the top two. That seemed to be what was on most peoples’ mind.”
 — Steven Heffernan

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 — Sen. Ruth Hardy

ADDISON COUNTY STATE SENATE				
Town	Chris* Bray	Landel Cochran	Ruth* Hardy	Steven Heffernan
Addison	247	443	260	589
Bridport	219	346	226	512
Bristol	1,054	787	980	1,279
Cornwall	491	220	503	300
Ferrisburgh	806	767	844	989
Goshen	68	29	71	48
Granville	82	47	87	62
Hancock	71	50	92	82
Huntington	643	607	722	430
Leicester	187	259	212	367
Lincoln	524	246	516	419
Middlebury	2,473	966	2,735	1,407
Monkton	635	530	643	756
New Haven	430	463	433	701
Orwell	198	325	257	483
Panton	167	161	176	240
Ripton	249	66	252	117
Rochester	294	157	410	250
Salisbury	209	232	249	408
Shoreham	261	245	283	398
Starksboro	412	432	425	593
Vergennes	718	489	765	684
Waltham	129	123	142	184
Weybridge	365	130	355	195
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Eagles fall to Milton in D-II girls' soccer final

By ANDY KIRKALDY

BURLINGTON — The seventh-seeded Mount Abraham girls' soccer team went toe-to-toe with top-seeded defending Division II champion Milton for all 80 minutes of Friday night's rainy, chilly final on Burlington High School's turf field.

The Eagles won 50-50 balls. They often threatened down the flanks. They moved the ball through midfield and nearly equaled the Yellowjackets in time of possession. Their defense of seniors McKenzie Griner and Whitney Dykstra in the middle, senior Abba Parker on the left and freshman Sophie

Underwood on the right limited high-powered Milton to 13 shots, seven on target.

But two of those shots were blasts from just outside the box by Milton senior standout Holly MacLellan that found the net. And despite their hustle and grit, the Eagles could not get past a Yellowjacket defense

led by backs Hannah Smiley and Marley Bushey, with a heavy dose of support from center middle Callie Fougere.

In the end, it added up to a 2-0 victory for Milton, the team's 17th straight after a season-opening loss. The Eagles finished at 12-6, a record that included three nail-biting playoff wins and three losses to the Yellowjackets — 1-0 in overtime at home, 4-0 at Milton, and another on Friday. In all, Milton posted 11 shutouts this season.

Eagle Coach Dustin Corrigan credited Milton, which had one more day of rest than the Eagles. Mount Abe played two overtimes in their semifinal on Wednesday after their game was moved from Tuesday because both the Harwood boys' and girls' teams were scheduled to play that day. Milton played a game that wrapped up in regulation time on Tuesday.

"We came into this match with a lot of miles on our legs, but I'm not going to make any excuses. We were excited to play, and Milton played a heck of a good game," Corrigan said. "We came up a little short, but I'm very proud of the effort our girls put out there. They stuck together, and they didn't quit."

Much of the game, especially the first half, was evenly played. Milton focused more on attacking through the middle, while the Eagles worked the flanks, often through senior



PANTHER QB BRIAN Moran fires a pass behind the protection of senior lineman Liam Mitchell during the second half of the Panthers' 35-0 win over Hamilton on Saturday.

Independent photo/Steve James



EAGLE SENIOR HAZEL Guillmette cuts with the ball between two Milton players at midfield during this past Friday's Division II girls' soccer final at Burlington High School.

Independent photo/Steve James

Big weekend for Midd

Field hockey, football both win big

By ANDY KIRKALDY

MIDDLEBURY — In Middlebury College sports action this past weekend, the field hockey team, top-ranked in both NCAA Division III and NESCAC, rolled to a first-round league playoff win, the football team kept its hopes alive for a second-place NESCAC finish, and the women's soccer team dropped a close first-round NESCAC playoff game on the road.

The men's soccer team hosted a first-round game; see story on Page 1B.

FIELD HOCKEY

The No. 1 seed Middlebury field hockey team took the early lead and got past stubborn visiting No. 8 Hamilton on Saturday, 5-2, in a NESCAC quarterfinal. Middlebury improved to 15-1, while Hamilton wrapped up its season at 7-9.

The Panthers will host the NESCAC final four this weekend. The Panthers will take on No. 5

seed Bates (11-5) at 11 a.m. on Saturday, and next No. 2 Williams and No. 3 Tufts (both 14-2) will square off at 1:30 p.m. The winners will meet at noon on Sunday for the NESCAC crown and an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament. During the regular season the Panthers defeated Bates, 3-1, and Williams, 3-0, but lost at Tufts, 2-1, the program's first setback since the 2022 season.

On this past Saturday, Middlebury took the lead with 8:50 expired, when Caroline Segal tapped in a feed from Lilly Branka. At 6:46 in the second quarter Georgianne Defeo collected a rebound and fired it home to make it 2-0.

Hamilton got on the board 46 seconds later on a penalty corner. Eleanor Cooper redirected a pass from Evelyn Butorac to make it 2-1, and that score stood at the half.

With 5:51 gone in the third period Hannah Medwar flipped a

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Otter Valley football advances to D-III final

OV defeats No. 1 Fairfax/Lamoille, will face No. 2 Woodstock on Nov. 9

By ANDY KIRKALDY

FAIRFAX — The No. 4 seed Otter Valley football team on Saturday upset previously unbeaten top seed Fairfax/Lamoille, 41-35, in a Division III semifinal.

The Otters improved to 5-4 with their second straight playoff victory and advanced to face undefeated No. 2 Woodstock (8-0) on Saturday at 2 p.m. in St. Johnsbury. The Otters and Wasps did not meet during the regular season.

Fairfax had defeated the Otters

back on Aug. 31, 35-0, in the opener for both teams. And this past Saturday's game started in similar fashion, with the Bullets busting out to a 14-0 lead.

This time around, the Otters answered with three straight scores: rushing touchdowns of 69 yards from Isaac Whitney and 12 yards from Noel Pearsons, and a 70-yard TD pass from quarterback Zac Dragon to Chase Razanouski. Fairfax scored one touchdown in the second quarter, and the teams were tied at the half, 21-21.

As the second half opened Isaac Whitney capped an OV possession with a 1-yard touchdown run, and Razanouski added an 80-yard punt return for a touchdown to give the Otters a 35-21 lead. The Bullets then responded with a touchdown to make it a one-score game.

OV answered back: Dragon tossed a 64-yard touchdown pass to Max Potter to make it 41-28. Fairfax again pulled back within a score, and the Bullets got the ball back in their own territory in the waning minutes. But

Otter Keegan Reid intercepted a slant pass at midfield in the final seconds to clinch the victory.

Bullet QB Daniel Mlcuch threw touchdown passes of 12 yards to Jacob Tray and 13 yards to Reagan Baumeister, and Joe Brock ran for more than 100 yards and two touchdowns. Fairfax also scored when Ryan Germaine recovered an OV fumble in the end zone.

For OV, Dragon amassed 234 passing yards, and Razanouski finished with four catches for 134 yards.

Score

BOARD

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Football

D-II Playoffs

11/2 #1 CVU vs #4 MUHS.....21-7

D-III Playoffs

11/2 #4 OV vs #1 Fairfax.....41-35

Girls' Soccer

10/30 #7 Mt. Abe vs #6 Harwood.....2-2 (Mt. Abe Wins on Penalty Kicks, 4-2)

D-II Playoffs

11/1 #1 Milton vs Mt. Abe.....2-0

COLLEGE SPORTS

Men's Soccer

NESCAC Playoffs

11/2 #2 Midd vs #7 Hamilton.....4-2

Field Hockey

10/29 Midd vs Williams.....3-0

NESCAC Playoffs

11/2 #1 Midd vs #8 Hamilton.....5-2

Women's Soccer

NESCAC Playoffs

11/2 #4 Amherst vs #5 Midd.....1-0

Football

11/2 Midd vs Hamilton.....35-0

Schedule

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Football

D-III Final at St. Johnsbury

11/9 #4 OV vs #2 Woodstock..... 2 PM

COLLEGE SPORTS

Men's Soccer

NESCAC Final Four at Midd

11/9 #8 Bowdoin vs #2 Midd..... 11 AM

11/9 #6 Conn vs #4 Williams..... 1:30 PM

11/10 Final..... Noon

Field Hockey

NESCAC Final Four at Midd

11/9 #5 Bates at #1 Midd..... 11 AM

11/9 #3 Tufts vs #2 Williams..... 1:30 PM

11/10 Final..... Noon

Football

11/9 Midd at Tufts..... 12:30 PM

Unbeaten men's soccer tops Hamilton in NESCAC postseason

By ANDY KIRKALDY

MIDDLEBURY — The second-seeded Middlebury College men's soccer team erupted for three goals in the first 13 minutes of this past Saturday's NESCAC quarterfinal against visiting No. 7 Hamilton and went on to a 4-2 victory.

The 13-0-3 Panthers' reward, when coupled with top-seeded Tufts' loss to No. 8 Bowdoin, is hosting this weekend's NESCAC final four.

The Panthers will take on Bowdoin (7-4-5) on Saturday at 11 a.m. in one semifinal. Middlebury defeated the Polar Bears, 4-2, this season. The second semi, at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, pits No. 4 Williams vs. No. 6 Connecticut College. Middlebury recently defeated Williams, 2-0, while Camels and the Panthers tied, 0-0, this season.

Saturday's winners will square off on Sunday for the NESCAC playoff title and the league's automatic bid to the NCAA Division III tournament. The Panthers, No. 3 in last week's D-III poll, are virtual locks to get a bid regardless of their results this weekend, but would enhance their NCAA prospects for hosting games with more success in the NESCAC tournament.

Middlebury's first step to take care of postseason business came against Hamilton (7-6-3, 4-4-2 NESCAC).

Coach Alex Elias said the Panthers were thinking of a team member's ailing family member before the game, and maybe that helped inspire their fast start.

"One of our Middlebury soccer family members is right now in pretty bad shape, in critical condition over in London in the hospital," Elias said. "So all of

our thoughts are with him, and all of our spirit came from just trying to put as much good energy into that room where he is as possible. I know they were watching the match over there."

Certainly the early offensive outburst proved decisive.

"That was a dream start for us," Elias said. "Three quick goals in the first half is something we expected our guys to come out with the ability to do, and that was just a little extra fire for the boys given what's going on with that family."

Anyone watching the game from afar or onsite had to be wowed by Shane Farrell's goal 3:55 into the game. The sequence started with Farrell taking a corner kick from the right side into a knot of players out front. Then Ari Klayman flicked the ball back toward Farrell cutting into the box from the corner.

Farrell, one step into the box and 10 feet in from the end line, one-timed a volley with the outside of his right foot. It screamed past a defender just off the near post and over leaping Hamilton goalie Finn Wheeler. And it curled just inside the far post and under the crossbar, almost miraculously. Farrell's teammates, almost as stunned as the Continentals, mobbed him.

A minute later tireless Panther central midfielder Colin Dugan made it 2-0 with another beautiful strike. Hank Nelson controlled on the left and fed Will Sawin near the left post. Sawin sent the ball back to Dugan just inside the top of the box, and he one-timed a left-footed volley that rocketed inside the left post, and it was 2-0.

Gavin Randolph made it 3-0 with an efficient finish at 32:24. Kyle Nilsson tossed a long throw-in from the right side that Sawin nodded onto the far post. Randolph,

cutting in, walked the ball into the lower left side of the goal.

Hamilton had its first chance on goal 21 minutes in, but Panther goalie Joey Waterman hauled in a long shot from Patrick Ferrare. At the other end, Panther Eduardo Casanova shot wide in the 30th minute, the Panthers couldn't convert several set piece attempts, and a late Anderson Gardner shot also went wide for Middlebury, and it was 3-0 at halftime.

The Panthers outshot Hamilton, 8-3 in the first half, but the shots evened at 7-7 after the break.

"There were more opportunities in the first half. I think it was very good performance, probably our

best first half of the year," Elias said. "And then they chased the game well. They made some adjustments at the half, and we didn't adjust quite as well to what they ended up doing."

Early in the second half, Continental Luke Ehrenfreund whipped in a corner that Waterman punched out of the box. But Waterman (three saves) could not save a Hamilton penalty kick at 49:03 awarded for a handball. Luke Peplowski tucked a shot low right side, and it was 3-1.

Klayman had a bid two minutes later, but Wheeler denied him. The Panthers had another chance 14 minutes in, but Hamilton defender

Luke O'Dowd blocked Keagan Harder's promising shot.

Hamilton pressed, and in the 75th minute Waterman dove to deny a free kick from Pandelis Margaronis ticketed for the bottom right side of the net.

The Continentals' Peplowski cut the deficit to 3-2 at 81:30. Margaronis, on the left, sent Peplowski in alone on Waterman, and he slotted the ball past the onrushing goalie.

Luke Madden sank the insurance goal four minutes later. Klayman tossed a long throw-in into the box from the left. Gardner flicked onto Madden, who took one touch to his

(See Panther men, Page 4B)



PANTHER GAVIN RANDOLPH celebrates his tap-in goal that made it 3-0 for the Middlebury men's soccer team less than 13 minutes into the Panthers' NESCAC quarterfinal victory on Saturday.

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Local artist Kate Gridley described an exercise she employs with her art students: "I ask them to bring to class an object, an artifact,

anything that has special meaning to them. I ask them to talk about that meaning. Then I ask them to spend some time drawing it, something they love."

While not one of her students, I nonetheless have given this idea considerable thought. What would I bring to her class, were I her student?

I would bring a baseball to Kate's class.

Not any old baseball, not one of the scuffed balls hanging around the

house here and there, nor one of the faded autographed balls that have come my way over a lifetime, nor one of the shiny new ones, not yet (and perhaps never to be) scuffed and grass stained.

I would bring a wooden baseball that I treasure, a sculpture of a baseball really. It's a little smaller than a real ball, which is standardized (5 to 5 1/2 ounces in weight, 9 to 9 1/2 inches in circumference). On one side of this ball is etched "JMC," on the other "2010." It's glazed, shiny and beautiful.

It has a thin gold tassel which allows it, if we chose, to be hung somewhere. It will not be hung in my house on a tree, displayed for a few weeks once a year: it has a permanent spot on the mantel in the high traffic area between the living room and the dining area.

It is an idealization of the baseball, it's art, a talisman of sorts. I procured it at my first Jerry Malloy Negro Leagues SABR Conference (Society of American Baseball Research) in Birmingham in 2010, which explains the "JMC" and the "2010."

I asked my friend Gary Starr, the brilliant bird carver, for his help with the provenance of this facsimile baseball. He speculated that it was carved from the Tupelo tree, which often grows in a swamp and is "prized by top carvers in the world." It was varnished to a satin spray finish. The stitches were made by a burning tool. Gary showed me one he uses with his birds and it

would do the job.

By 2010, I had been studying baseball, and the Negro Leagues in particular, for some time, and teaching a course about baseball in the American Studies Program at Middlebury College: "Segregation in America: Baseball and Race." This conference in Birmingham in 2010 was a powerful confirmation of my keen interests and life experience.

We toured Rickwood Field, built a hundred years earlier in 1910, the oldest extant ballpark in North America, renovated into a beautiful museum-like representation of Black baseball in Birmingham — and still eminently playable. Willie Mays, the greatest player ever, was from Birmingham and started out at Rickwood.

We also visited the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute, the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church (bombed by white terrorists in 1963, killing four young girls), and the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame (in addition to Willie Mays, Hall of Famers from Alabama were Hank Aaron, Satchel Paige, Mule Suttles, Willie McCovey, Ozzie Smith and Billy Williams).

I grew up in Maine, a baseball obsessed kid in the 1950s, a great era for baseball. Though the racially recalcitrant Red Sox was my home team, I was absorbed and thrilled by the integration drama of Jackie Robinson and other Black trailblazers. The Civil Rights Movement of the '60s was the dramatic background of my high school and college years. In 1971, I came across the book, "Only the Ball was White" by Robert Peterson, and a lifetime fascination with the "Atlantis" of Black baseball was ignited.

Privileged in time to offer a course at Middlebury on the Negro Leagues and Black baseball generally, I have been able to live the words of Robert Frost in his poem "Two Tramps in Mud Time" and "unite my avocation and my vocation."

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Sports (Mostly) **KARL LINDHOLM**



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ASA YOUNG

Tiger football falls in semifinal

MUHS presents tough challenge to No. 1 CVU

By **ANDY KIRKALDY**

HINESBURG — The fourth-seeded Middlebury Union High School football team gave undefeated Champlain Valley its toughest challenge of the year on Saturday, but the Redhawks used two long touchdown passes to snap a 7-7 fourth-quarter tie and prevail, 21-7, in a Division I semifinal played in Hinesburg.

The Tigers finished the season at 6-4, including two losses to the 10-0 Redhawks. CVU will play No. 2 Rutland for the D-I title on Saturday at St. Johnsbury Academy.

The Tigers trailed by 7-0 at halftime, with Dylan Frere scoring a first-half touchdown for the Redhawks. But MUHS senior defensive end Tucker Morter intercepted a batted pass early in the second half and returned it 35 yards for the game-tying score.

With about five minutes left in the game and the score still tied, CVU sophomore quarterback and Monkton resident Orion Yates connected with Frere on a 69-yard

touchdown to give the Redhawks the lead.

After stopping the Tigers yet again, CVU put the game away when Yates found George Taylor for another 69-yard TD pass.

MUHS Coach Jed Malcolm said the Redhawks were especially strong defensively, and the Tigers had trouble moving the ball. Tiger quarterback Luke Nuceder also had to be helped off the field three times during the game.

But Malcolm also said he believed his team could pressure Yates, and he fumbled twice and threw the interception, and the 21 points were a season low for the Redhawks.

Nuceder, a tri-captain, and Morter are just two of a large senior class who have had successful football careers at MUHS. The class includes Tassilo Luksch, Cam Whitlock, Alex Sperry, George Devlin, Avery Carl, Tanner Burns, tri-captains Kyle Stearns and Angus Blackwell, Callan Boulanger, Greyson Dennison and Aiden Pellerin.

Area athletes chosen for North/South football rosters

CASTLETON — The rosters for the 23rd annual North/South All-Star Football Classic was recently announced, and they include eight senior standouts from the Middlebury, Otter Valley and the Mount Abraham/Vergennes cooperative teams.

The annual classic will kick off at 1 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 17, at David Wolk Stadium on the campus of Vermont State University in Castleton.

The South roster includes five Tigers, two-way lineman Angus Blackwell, fullback/linebacker Avery Carl, receiver/defensive end Tucker Morter, quarterback/safety Luke Nuceder and running back/cornerback Alex Sperry.

They are joined on the South Roster by two Otter Valley players, running back/defensive back Noel Pearsons and running back linebacker Isaac Whitney.

The North roster includes Mount Abraham-Vergennes quarterback/receiver/defensive back Tyler White.

Fans can purchase tickets online or at Wolk Stadium the day of the game. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. To learn more or buy tickets visit tinyurl.com/5wd4psbf.

Last year at Norwich's Sabine Field, the North came from behind to nip the South 33-29, to win its second straight, and the annual series is now tied at 11 wins apiece. The game was founded in 2001 by former Middlebury College football coach Mickey Heinecken, now the chairman emeritus of the classic. Proceeds of the game benefit the scholarship and grant program of the Vermont Chapter of the National Football Foundation.

Orwell's Asa Young awarded student-athlete leadership honor

FAIR HAVEN — Orwell resident Asa Young, a senior at Fair Haven Union High School, has been selected as one of the recipients of the Vermont State Athletic Director's Association Student-Athlete Leadership Scholarship.

Young's application and essay stood out amongst a large pool of candidates from throughout Vermont, and he was selected as one of 10 statewide winners. He is now eligible to be selected to represent Vermont in the New England scholarship

selection process, which continues into the spring of 2025.

Young plays on the varsity boys' soccer team, of which he was captain this fall, and earned 4th place in the Division II Championship track and field meet this past spring when competing for the Slaters.

"On behalf of Slater Nation, congratulations to Asa and his family, and thank you for being a tremendous ambassador for our community and high school athletics," said Slate Valley administrator Lisa Cacciatore.

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EAGLE SENIOR FORWARD Safi Camara moves in on Milton's **Allessandra Hoffman**, who is trying to clear the ball following a Mount Abe corner kick during this past Friday's Division II girls' soccer final at Burlington High School.

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Eagle girls

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Safi Camara on the left and Payton Shepard on the right.

Milton had the first threat, but senior midfielder Hazel Stoddard tracked back to break up Yellowjacket Savannah Monahan's run into the box. Eagle senior middle Lauren Cousino also cleared away a Milton corner kick, and Parker broke up another Monahan threat.

The Eagles had a chance on a set piece, but the Yellowjackets handled a long direct kick from Griner.

Milton struck on the first of MacLellan's bombs at 25:53. The ball bounced away from a battle between an Eagle and a Yellowjacket about 35 yards from goal on the left side, and MacLellan picked it up in the middle with a head of steam. She found space and took a couple touches, and as she neared to box laced a bullet into the upper right corner.

The Eagles pressed later in the half, with Parker and Sophie Underwood making threatening overlapping runs from the back to help keep the heat on Milton. With 11 minutes to go, junior Isla Underwood ripped a shot from the top of the box, but Fougere blocked it.

At the other end, Eagle goalie Rebecca Behounek did well to beat Monahan to a ball in the right side of the penalty area, and the ball went back to the other end, where Milton goalie Lila Martin handled Louisa Painter's long-range bid.

Then Parker made another run down the right side. Her serve made it to Isla Underwood, who fired just wide left.

Milton had a corner kick late in the half, but Painter and Griner teamed up to break up the play.

After each team had four shots at goal in the first half, the Yellowjackets carried more of the play during the final 40 minutes,

outshooting the Eagles by 9-3.

Griner broke up the most promising early Milton bid, and Behounek tipped a MacLellan direct kick off the crossbar 19 minutes in. The Eagles were a bit fortunate when Yellowjacket Logan Freeman fired wide left from the top of the box midway through the half.

But MacLellan did not miss from the same spot two minutes later. Her bullet skidded off the wet turf, and although Behounek got a piece of the ball, the goalie could not prevent it from finding the net to make it 2-0.

Two minutes later, Eagle senior Hazel Guillmette — a factor at midfield and in the attack all game — broke between two defenders and managed to get a shot off under pressure from near the penalty stripe, but the ball drifted wide right. Isla Underwood also had a contested shot miss wide down the stretch.

Even with Behounek making an outstanding point-blank save on a Cianni Tomasi one-timer down the stretch, the Yellowjackets were soon celebrating their back-to-back D-II titles.

Coach Corrigan praised the winners.

"They definitely have some offensive weapons, and those shots that Holley hit, those were bangers," said. "We came here to win, and we knew it was going to be a difficult task. Credit to Milton."

And he praised his team.

"I'm really proud of our group, what they accomplished this season and in this tournament to get this far. We had no easy games," Corrigan said. "People stepped up, we stuck together, and the effort was unbelievable."

SEMIFINAL ROUND VICTORY

In the semifinal on Wednesday, Oct. 30, the Eagles and No. 6 Harwood (12-4) battled to a 2-2

tie in regulation and two overtime periods. Then the Eagles came up big in the penalty kick shootout, converting four straight times to win, with 4 penalty kick goals vs. Harwood's 2.

Sinking the penalties for Mount Abe were Isla Underwood, Cousino, Dykstra and Parker. Harwood's shooters made their first and second penalties, but hit the post on the third. Behounek then saved the fourth Highlander penalty to clinch the Eagles' berth in Friday's final.

In regulation play, Harwood took a 2-0 lead on a pair of unassisted Roanna Chalmers strikes at 31:41 and 13:41 of the first half.

Sophie Underwood, assisted by Shepard, pulled the Eagles within 2-1 with 12:36 left in the first half; it was her first varsity goal. Griner, from Cousino, knotted the score at 23:36 of the second half.

Behounek finished regulation and overtime with seven saves, a total matched by Highlander keeper Anna Brundage.

Corrigan explained how the Eagles defeated two higher seeds on the way to Friday's final.

"We had an approach to be very disciplined defensively, and when not in possession to get immediate pressure on the ball and make the field compact and disrupt our opponents and their play. And then really capitalize on transition opportunities, to play out of pressure quickly and really use our pace up top," he said.

MUMS runners take championship

ST. ALBANS — The Middlebury Union Middle School cross country teams enjoyed outstanding days at the middle school championship meet on Oct. 27 at the Hard'ack Recreation Area in St. Albans, with the girls' team finishing first among 28 scoring teams, while the MUMS boys were seventh. In all, 600 athletes from 44 schools competed.

MUMS Coach Karen Morris noted the performances were particularly impressive because both the girls' and boys' teams included only one 8th-grader, while most of their competitors' teams were comprised of all or mostly 8th-graders.

Morris said the Tigers competed well this fall despite the team's relative youth.

"The team has been running strong all season, but we have a very young group of kids with only four eighth-graders on a team of 34," she said.

Awards were given out to top-15 finishers in each age group, as noted.

The five scorers for the first-place Tiger girls in the 3-kilometer (1.8 miles) race were Evelyn Fuller, who was third in the state among 7th-graders with a time of 12:15; Rosie Barry, sixth in the state in 7th grade in 12:52; Avery Thompson, 15th in 8th grade in 13:02; Kaisa Remsen, fifth among fifth- and sixth-graders in 13:12; and Sedsel Gillette, 13th for 7th grade in 13:41.



THE STATE CHAMPION MUMS girls' cross-country team poses after its victory on Oct. 7 in St. Albans. Pictured are front row, left to right, **Kaisa Ramsen, Evie Fuller and Avery Thompson**; and back row **Coach Karen Morris, Autumn Spritzer, Coach Dani Girard, Sedsel Gillette and Rosie Barry**.

Photo courtesy of Karen Morris

Also running on the MUMS girls' varsity team and posting solid times were 6th-grader Charlotte Boire (14:32) and 7th-grader Autumn Spritzer (14:51).

The Tiger girls' winning score

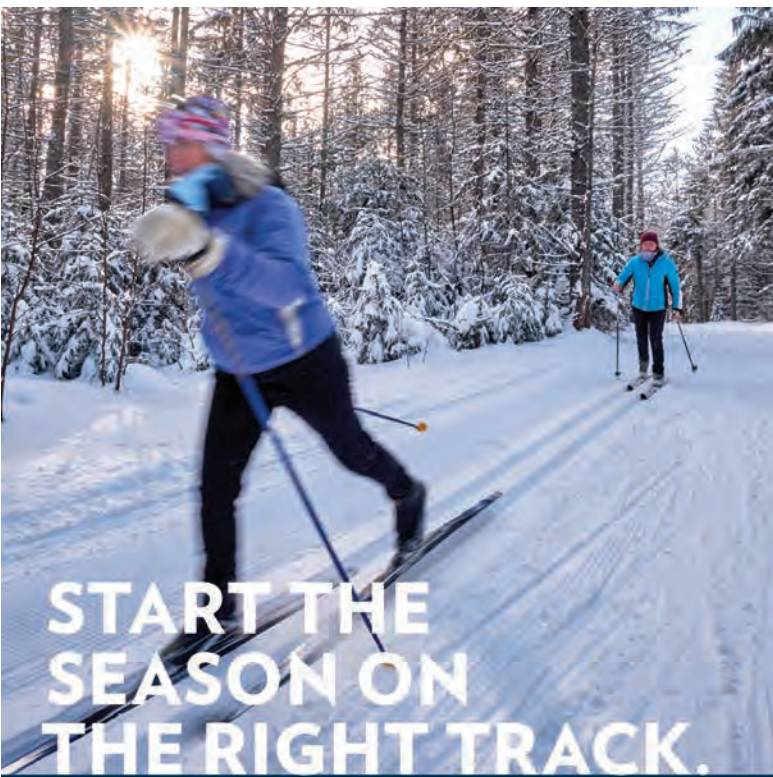
was 90 points, followed in the top five by Stowe, 120; Essex, 123; U-32, 142; and Frederick H. Tuttle, 201.

Scoring for the boys' team were (See MUMS, Page 4B)



THE MIDDLEBURY UNION Middle School cross country teams excelled at the state championship meet on Oct. 27 in St. Albans. The girls' squad raced to a state championship, and the boys' were seventh out of 28 scoring teams. Both were among the youngest teams competing.

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MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE RECEIVER Mike Ahonen lunges into the endzone after catching a short pass during the second half of the Panthers' 35-0 win over Hamilton on Saturday. Independent photo/Steve James

College sports

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shot home to make it 3-1. Segal posted her second goal of the game with 47 seconds left in the third period with a reverse sweep to make it 4-1.

The Continentals took advantage of a penalty corner with 14 seconds left in the period, when Delaney Grace redirected a pass by Alden Duserick to cut the lead to two.

But that was it for Hamilton, as the Panthers turned up the pressure and earned 10 penalty corners in the final quarter and cashed in on one with 1:59 left, when Emily Stone swept in the rebound of a Griffin shot that had been blocked by a defender.

Two Hamilton goalies combined for a dozen saves, and Middlebury's Madeline DiLemme made two saves.

FOOTBALL

The Panther football team blanked visiting Hamilton, 35-0, on Saturday, a game highlighted by strong Middlebury defense. In

improving to 6-2 the Panthers held 0-8 Continentals to one first down in the first half.

The Panthers play at Tufts, also 6-2, this Saturday, in a battle for a share of second place. Trinity and Wesleyan, both 7-1, will square off for the league title on Saturday.

Panther quarterback Brian Moran completed 25 of 35 passes for 254 yards and three touchdowns: an 11-yarder to Jeremy Kiefer in the first quarter, a 1-yarder to Kiefer with a second left in the first half that made it 21-0, and a six-yard hookup with Mike Ahonen late in the third quarter that was set up by a 44-yard toss to Patrick Jamin.

Connor McClellan added a one-yard rushing TD in the second quarter, and Isaiah Izzo Lizardi rushed for a two-yard TD in the second half. The Panthers overall rushed 43 times for 177 yards, led by Carter Stockwell's nine attempts for 51 yards. The Continentals managed only 181 total yards of offense.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Host No. 4 Amherst knocked off the No. 5 Panther women, 1-0, in their NESCAC women's quarterfinal. The host Mammoths improved to 10-1-5. The Panthers, who at one point ranked as high in the top 10 in NCAA D-III this fall, will hope to receive an at-large NCAA Division III bid when tournament pairings are announced on Monday, Nov. 11.

Mammoth Abby Schwartz scored the game's only goal on Saturday. Panther goalie Sydney Poppinga got a hand on her hard-hit shot, but could not stop it in the 21st minute.

The game was evenly played. Amherst had a 12-10 edge in attempted shots, but the Panthers put more on frame, 6-5, including three by Fanny Lodge and two by Gigi Day. Middlebury also earned three corner kicks to one for the Ephs. Poppinga made four saves, and Mammoth keeper Mika Fisher made three.

Lindholm

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This shiny wooden baseball represents my love of the game of baseball itself. When I was a kid, baseballs were precious. We played with the same ball over and over again until the cover came off—and then we taped over its innards with black electrical tape and carried on.

The baseball, this magical orb, the actual baseball, Angell's small miracle of design and utility, has not essentially changed in nearly a century. It's made of a cork core surrounded by two narrow bands of rubber and 379 yards of woolen yarn. The cover is comprised of two figure-eight pieces of horse or cowhide, hand-stitched in Costa Rica with red thread. Each baseball has exactly 108 double stitches. It has been so since 1934.

The genius is in those 108 stitches. They allow the fingers of the hand to have purchase on the ball so when it is delivered with enough force it can dip and dart through the air and be very difficult to strike with a wooden cudgel. The great Satchel Paige, when asked what his best pitch was, answered "a bat dodger." It's all in the grip of the ball and its release.

As I consider my life from this distance as a fan, a player (of modest accomplishment as a young man), a writer and teacher, I am reminded of the words of Yankee pitcher Jim Bouton, author of the seminal baseball memoir, "Ball Four":

"You spend a good piece of your life gripping a baseball and in the end it turns out that it was the other way around all the time."

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MUMS

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Finn Ray, who was second in the state for 7th-grade boys with a time of 11:09; Erik Bruning, sixth for 7th-grade boys in 11:20; Myles Palmer, third for 5th- and 6th graders in 12:12; 7th-grader Leo DiLorenzo in 12:24; 7th-grader Welly Hescoock in 13:12, 8th-grader Bryce Abare in 13:22, and 6th-grader Nolan Porteous in 13:32.

The MUMS boys scored 243 points in finishing seventh. The top three teams were Frederick H. Tuttle, 102; Essex, 118; and Montpelier, 141.

Morris noted many runners on the MUMS JV team also excelled.

"I am so proud of the entire team," Morris said. "They have put in so much work this season and have been so fun to watch get stronger and learn how to work together on a race course."



MIDDLEBURY'S FIRST GOAL in Saturday's NESCAC men's soccer quarterfinal victory was close to miraculous. Top, Shane Farrell strikes the ball with the outside of his right foot from the right side of the penalty box. Center, the ball curls around a Hamilton defender and up and over Continental goalie Finn Wheeler and nestles into the goal's upper left corner. Bottom, Farrell's almost incredulous teammates congratulate him on his wonder strike. Independent photos/Steve James

Panther men

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right and knocked the ball home to seal the victory.

Elias said he was happy with the team's performance, but a few loose ends could be tied up, including more offensive efficiency and better organization on defense when teams change approaches, something he said was at least in part the coaches' responsibility.

But he also agreed a lot of things have gone right for the 2024 Panthers: their depth, strength on set pieces, strong defense and goaltending (0.5 goals per game), crisp ball movement, and a

versatile attack that has produced 2.63 goals per game and seen eight players score at least three goals.

"All those things have been part of our identity," Elias said. "We're not changing what we do. We just want to do it better."


And he expects they will.

"I'm really proud of the guys," Elias said. "It's one of the tougher weeks we've had as a group, and I think it feels really good for the team, the program and the families that we got the win, we got to score some goals, and we gave them something to enjoy and cheer about and be hopeful about."

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community calendar

nov 7 THURSDAY

Businesses for Social Responsibility networking get-together in Middlebury. Thursday, Nov. 7, 5:30 p.m., Kirk Alumni Center, 217 Golf Course Rd. Join Vermont Businesses for Social Responsibility and Middlebury College for an evening combining the power of business and education for positive impact. Free, open to the public, and family-friendly. More info and registration at vbsr.org.

True crime podcast discussion group in Middlebury. Thursday, Nov. 7, 6 p.m., Ilsley Public Library, 75 Main St. Join fellow amateur sleuths for a discussion of the podcast Park Predators, The Hunter (1 episode). Listen to the podcast on your own before the discussion. Renee will facilitate the discussions with prompts and visuals. For participants 18 and over.

Harvest wreath workshop in Monkton. Thursday, Nov. 7, 6-7:30 p.m., Russell Memorial Library, 92 Monkton Ridge. Come design a festive harvest wreath for the holiday season with Iris Brannan. Ages 8 years and up are invited to join in on the fun. Call 802-453-4471 for more information.

The Vermont Dam Task Force presentation in Salisbury. Thursday, Nov. 7, 7 p.m., Salisbury Meeting House, 853 Maple St. The Salisbury Conservation Commission hosts Karina Dailey, who will give a PowerPoint presentation and answer questions regarding the removal and restoration of the Wainwright Mill Dam near the junction of Routes 7 and 53 in Salisbury. Free and open to the public. Donations for the use and maintenance of the building will be accepted.



For the love of raptors

ROB BIERREGAARD, RESEARCH associate of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University in Philadelphia, will speak at the Annual Meeting of the Otter Creek Audubon Society on "Journeys: Ospreys, Technology, and an Author." The talk will take place Thursday, Nov. 14, at 7 p.m., at Champlain Valley Unitarian Universalist Society, 2 Duane Court in Middlebury.

Photo courtesy of Otter Creek Audubon Society

nov 8 FRIDAY

Spaghetti dinner and basket raffle in Bridport. Friday, Nov. 8, 5 p.m., Bridport Central School, 3442 Route 22A. Dinner includes spaghetti, salad, bread and cookie/brownie sundaes. Basket Raffle and 50/50 will be drawn starting at 6:30. Cost under age 3 free/ 4-12 \$5/13-64 \$10/65+ \$8

Family movie night in Ferrisburgh. Friday, Nov. 8, 6:30 p.m., Ferrisburgh Town Hall, 3279 Route 7. Join the Friends of the Union Meeting Hall. Entry is free. Concessions, such as popcorn, candy and drinks, will be available for purchase. More info at unionmeetinghall@gmail.com.

nov 9 SATURDAY

Veterans Day weekend breakfast in Shoreham. Saturday, Nov. 9, 8:30-10 a.m., Shoreham Congregational Church, School Rd. Start your celebration of Veterans Day Weekend with blueberry pancakes or French toast with Vermont maple syrup, sausages, home fries, our famous quiches, beverages and more. Tickets \$12 adults/\$6 children/\$30 families. Bring a non-perishable food item or paper product for the Food Shelf. Cord of wood raffle winner will be drawn.

Artisan Fair in Middlebury. Saturday, Nov. 9, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., The Residence at Otter Creek, 350 Lodge Rd. All are welcome. Beautiful hand-made fine art, crafts, jewelry and more from talented local artisans. Discover one-of-a-kind creations perfect for gifting or treating yourself, all in a warm, inviting atmosphere. Free and open to the public.

Mythbusting Recycling with ACSWD in New Haven. Saturday, Nov. 9, 11 a.m., New Haven Community Library, 78 North St. Join Addison County Solid Waste Management District to investigate how to sort recycling, what is and is not being recycled, and more. Bring your questions.

Kids' Cardboard Carnival in Middlebury. Saturday, Nov. 9, 1 p.m., Henry Sheldon Museum, 1 Park St. Join the Museum and Middlebury College Makerspace Educators for the first Cardboard Carnival. Kids (and their adults) will use their creative minds to build fun and interactive games, simply from cardboard (and a few other materials). Build your own skee ball, ring toss, marble maze and anything else you can dream up. Free and Open to All. Designed for kids ages 6+ up. Adult supervision required.

Prize Bingo in Leicester. Saturday, Nov. 9, 1 p.m., Senior Center, Leicester Four Corners. Sponsored by the Leicester Historical Society. Refreshments served and all are welcome.

Takeout only ham supper in Vergennes. Saturday, Nov. 9, 5-6 p.m., Vergennes United Methodist Church, Main Street, across from the Vergennes Opera House. Menu includes ham, mashed sweet potato, vegetable, roll and dessert. Adults \$12. Take out preorder only. Must place order by 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 7. To order call 802-877-3150.

Havurah fundraising event in Middlebury. Saturday, Nov. 9, 6-9 p.m., Notte, 86 Main St. A delicious graze board and wood fired pizza. Open to the public. Eat good food, mingle and even win prizes. \$25 admission. A family-friendly event. Purchase admission tickets or raffle tickets at www.zeffy.com/ticketing/16f53088-eb58-4668-921f-895a70d21062.

nov 10 SUNDAY

Breakfast buffet in Vergennes. Sunday, Nov. 10, 8-10 a.m., St. Peter's Parish Hall. Omelets to order, scrambled eggs, French toast, bacon, sausage, fruit, plain and blueberry pancakes, maple syrup, sausage gravy on biscuits, corn bread, home fries, mini muffins, juice, milk, and coffee. \$13 adults. \$8 children 8 to 12 years. No cap/cost on family cost. Sponsor: Vergennes Council Knights of Columbus.

Presentation on Charles Miller in Ferrisburgh. Sunday, Nov. 10, 2 p.m., Ferrisburgh Community Center, Route 7. Ferrisburgh Historical Society welcomes Jean Richardson, Silas Towler and Eliot Lothrop, who will discuss Charles C. Miller, great-grandson of Simeon Miller, one of the earliest settlers in Ferrisburgh, who was a master builder whose work helped create the Vermont landscape we see today.

nov 11 MONDAY

American Red Cross blood donation in Middlebury. Monday, Nov. 11, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Middlebury EMS, 55 Collins Dr. Eligible individuals, especially those with type O blood and those giving platelets are encouraged to make a donation. Give blood or platelets by visiting RedCrossBlood.org, calling 1-800-RED CROSS

or by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App. Those who give by Oct. 31 will receive a \$10 Amazon.com Gift Card by email, and be entered for a chance to win one of three \$5,000 gift cards. Those who give Nov. 1-17, will receive a \$10 e-gift card to a merchant of choice, and be entered for a chance to win one of two \$7,000 gift cards.

Veterans Day ceremony in Cornwall. Monday, Nov. 11, 11 a.m., Cornwall Memorial Park. The DAR Ethan and Mary Baker Allen chapter invites all to honor those who served with a wreath laying and coffee.

Veterans Day ceremony in Middlebury. Monday, Nov. 11, 11:11 a.m., VFW, 530 Exchange St. Join in this ceremony honoring our veterans. Light lunch to follow. Club opens at 10 a.m.

Veterans' Luncheon in Middlebury. Monday, Nov. 11, noon, the Residence at Otter Creek, Lodge Rd. All veterans and their partners are invited for a free lunch in appreciation of their service to our country.

nov 12 TUESDAY

"America the Violent: How Group Terror has Shaped the Nation's Life" discussion in Middlebury. Tuesday, Nov. 12, noon, Ilsley Public Library, 75 Main Street. Suzanne Brown will lead the discussion of "Cloudsplitter," by Russell Banks in the latest installment of this series. Participants can pick up a copy of each book at the circulation desk. A VT Humanities program.

Election Reflection - A Town and College Conversation in Middlebury. Tuesday, Nov. 12, 7 p.m., Town Hall Theater, 68 S. Pleasant St. A week after the 2024 General Election, you are invited to an inter-generational community conversation. We will begin with a short panel featuring Middlebury College student Daniza Tazabekova, State Sen. Ruth Hardy and Professor Bert Johnson. Participants will then join structured small groups to discuss the election results and invite reflection on our hopes and next steps. Refreshments and snacks provided. Free with Required registration. More info at townhalltheater.org.

nov 13 WEDNESDAY

Community turkey dinner in New Haven. Wednesday, Nov. 13, 5:30-7 p.m., New Haven Congregational Church, Town Hill Rd. Menu includes turkey, squash, potatoes, gravy, stuffing, apple crisp and beverage. Free. More info contact Carol at 802-453-5059.

Paint N Sip in Middlebury. Wednesday, Nov. 13, 6-8 p.m., VFW, 530 Exchange St. Paint on a 12-inch wooden bowl. Samples provided. \$35. All materials are provided. Giveaways, holiday treats and food at half time. Proceeds will benefit veterans programs.

nov 14 THURSDAY

"Who was Ira Allen?" in Vergennes. Thursday, Nov. 14, 5-6:30 p.m., Bixby Memorial Library, 258 Main St. Land speculator, pamphleteer, politician and revolutionary, Ira Allen has long been hidden in the shadow of his brother, Ethan Allen. Join author and Vermont historian J. Kevin Graffagnino when he illuminates the life of Ira Allen by discussing his new book, "Ira Allen: a Biography."

"Journeys: Ospreys, Technology, and an Author" in Middlebury. Thursday, Nov. 14, 7 p.m., Champlain Valley Unitarian Universalist Society, 2 Duane Ct. At the Rob Bierregaard, research associate of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University in Philadelphia, will speak at the Annual Meeting of the Otter Creek Audubon Society. Free and open to the public, light refreshments served.

History of the Orwell Masonic Lodge in Orwell. Thursday, Nov. 14, 7 p.m., Orwell Free Library, 473 Main St. John Tester, historian and Freemason, will talk about the 208-year history of the Masonic Lodge in Orwell, highlighting the people and events of Independence Lodge and their impact on the town.

nov 15 FRIDAY

Financial fraud talk in Middlebury. Friday, Nov. 15, 2 p.m., The Residence at Otter Creek, Lodge Rd. Nickolas Kerest, U.S. Attorney for the District of Vermont

will give this informational talk on financial fraud education. Free and open to the public.

nov 16 SATURDAY

Toy swap in Lincoln. Saturday, Nov. 16, 10 a.m., Burnham Hall, 52 E. River Rd. At the second annual Community Toy Swap in Lincoln, you will find like-new toys, games, puzzles, and other items, all free for the taking. Open to everyone, objectives of the event include providing an opportunity to de-clutter your space of items children have outgrown or do not use anymore; keeping things out of the landfill; saving money on holiday gift shopping; and, encouraging community interaction. More info on item donation and what can and cannot be accepted at facebook.com/share/gexfyxXR234R1XH/, eekeenan00@gmail.com or text/call 413-250-9334.

Food Drive for HOPE in Middlebury. Saturday, Nov. 16, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Hannaford Supermarket, Court Street Plaza. The Congregational Church of Middlebury will be collecting donations for H.O.P.E.

Story Hour with Ashley Wolff in Orwell. Saturday, Nov. 16, 11 a.m., Orwell Free Library, 473 Main St. Come join Ashley Wolff, beloved children's book author/illustrator and local artist, for a special story time. Everyone is welcome. There will be ample time to meet the author and enjoy a special snack.

Reflecting on the good things in life in Monkton. Saturday, Nov. 16, 2 p.m., East Monkton Church, Church Rd. Join with others and reflect on the good things in your life. Share what you are thankful for and the value of gratitude. November is the month of Thanksgiving and reminds us to reflect and be grateful. Dress warmly as there are no facilities during the winter months. Cost is by donation.

Bingo in Vergennes. Saturday, Nov. 16, 5 p.m., St. Peter's Parish Hall, 85 S. Maple St. Doors open at 5 p.m. and games start at 6 p.m. A family friendly event. All cash prizes, 50/50 raffle. Refreshments sold. Sponsored by the St. Peter's Historic Preservation Committee to benefit the ongoing restoration efforts for the bell tower and the Church.

nov 17 SUNDAY

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

Chili Cook off and basket raffle in Orwell. Sunday, Nov. 17, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Farmers Haven, 318 Route 22A. Come try some amazing chili and refuel for the rest of your hunt. Free to enter a chili into the cook off, \$5 per person to taste all chili and vote. Cash prizes for winners. All proceeds from the basket raffle will be donated to Richard and Katie Shimel. More info contact MaKayla Davis at 802-349-3038 or makayla.davis96@gmail.com.

nov 18 MONDAY

Family sing-along with Liz in Starksboro. Monday, Nov. 18, 10:30 a.m., Starksboro Public Library, 2827 Route 116. Liz sings and plays imaginative, high-energy tunes for kids and their families.

ACORN annual meeting in Middlebury. Monday, Nov. 18, 5:30 p.m., ACORN Food Hub, 616 Exchange St. Be the first to see ACORN Food Hub's new space and hear how ACORN has been getting more fresh, delicious, healthy food into Vermonters' homes and bellies. Light bites provided by farmer-chef Janis Reinke of Frog Hollow Farmstead. A Moth-style local foods storytelling event on the theme of "Showing Up" will follow. Registration at bit.ly/3YbH5W3 is required, and includes a light dinner. No one turned away due to lack of funds.

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ADDISON COUNTY INDEPENDENT

Around TOWN

Ashley Wolff story time offered in Orwell

ORWELL — Orwell Free Library will host Ashley Wolff, beloved children's book author/illustrator and local artist for a special story time on Saturday, Nov. 16, at 11 a.m., at the library, 473 Main Street in Orwell. Everyone is welcome. There will be ample time to meet the author and enjoy a special snack.

Wolff grew up in Middlebury and by age five had declared herself an artist — a craft she has successfully honed over the years by publishing more than 60 picture books as an author/illustrator. Some of the award-winning titles are "Baby Beluga," "Stella and Roy," "Only

the Cat Saw," "Me Baby, You Baby," "Baby Bear Sees Blue," "Who Took the Cookies from the Cookie Jar?," "When Lucy Goes Out Walking," "Compost Stew" and the beloved Miss Bindergarten Series. Her newest releases are "Wildfire!, How to Help a Pumpkin Grow" (2021), and "My Towering Tree" (2024).

Wolff's passion extends to her support as "ambassador" of Addison County Readers, engaging families and young children with her colorful drawings and explorations of early literacy skills and is masterful in eliciting ideas from the young audience.

As Wolff herself says, "I am in favor of all books, reading in all places, all the time. Dolly Parton's Imagination Library makes this possible."

The event is hosted by Orwell Free Library and Addison County Readers, the sponsor of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library (DPIIL). All children who enroll in the DP Imagination Library receive a free picture book in the mail each month - from birth to five.

For more information, contact Kate at orwellfreelibrary@gmail.com or marita.schine2013@gmail.com for Addison County Readers

Leicester

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

NEWS

LEICESTER — Town Clerk Julie Delphia reminds residents that property taxes are due, to be paid in full, by Friday, Nov. 15. Postmarks are not accepted as proof of payment. Please ensure your payment arrives

in time to avoid being delinquent. There is a dropbox under the bulletin board for payment after hours. If your taxes are paid from escrow, ensure that your bank has a copy of your tax bill.

The Leicester Historical Society is sponsoring Prize Bingo on Sat., Nov. 9, starting at 1 p.m., at the Senior Center at the Four Corners. Refreshments served and all are welcome.

Lincoln

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

NEWS

LINCOLN — The library is offering free hands-on technology help sessions on Monday, Nov. 11 and 18, from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Volunteers will be available to help assist with any questions you may have regarding your cell phone, laptop or tablet. Please be sure to bring a fully charged device.

A gratitude kids craft session will be held on Nov. 20 from 3 to 5 p.m. at the library. Crafters can make a Thanksgiving wreath or tree sculpture decoration. Refreshments will be provided.

FROM THE TOWN

The Lincoln Selectboard is a five-member elected board, which is the legislative and governing

body of the town. The resignation of a member of the selectboard has created a vacancy. The selectboard intends to appoint a qualified individual to fill the vacancy until the next annual Town Meeting on March 4. At that time, the two-year term will be filled by election.

Persons interested in filling the vacancy until March 4 should submit a letter of interest to Tim McGowan, Selectboard Chair, via email at tmcgowan@lincolnvt.org, by mail or hand delivery to Lincoln Town Office, 62 Quaker Street, Lincoln, VT 05443.

FROM LCS

Do you have hobbies or skills you would like to share with

children at the Lincoln Community School's Creative Spark afterschool program? There are creative children who love cooking, music, drama, arts and crafts, sports and outdoor nature exploration. The program is looking for volunteers to run ongoing activities throughout the year. Workshop lengths can vary depending on the leader. Please reach out to Maureen Rotax at mrotax@lincolnvt.org for more information.

REMINDER

On Wednesday mornings from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Carol Bradford leads a RSVP Bone Builders class at the library.

Learn about ospreys at Nov. 14 talk

MIDDLEBURY — Otter Creek Audubon Society will host the talk given by Rob Bierregaard, Ph.D., research associate of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University in Philadelphia, on Thursday, Nov. 14, at 7 p.m., The talk, which will be held at the Champlain Valley Unitarian Universalist Society, 2 Duane Court, is part of OCAS' annual meeting.

Bierregaard will relate the evolving story of his and his colleagues' project that, between 2000 and 2017, placed GPS satellite transmitters on 47 adult and 61 juvenile Ospreys from South Carolina to the Avalon Peninsula in Newfoundland, Canada. Over the 18 years that Bierregaard and team studied these Ospreys' migration, the satellite transmitter technology underwent three major upgrades. Each helped to understand more about the mysteries of how Ospreys navigate from their nesting territories to South American wintering waters, often more than 4,000 miles from their nests, what goes on around the nest during the breeding season, and how young Ospreys work their way into the breeding population.

Bierregaard's career work relates to Vermonters' strong interest in forests and in species preservation. From 1979 to 1988, he worked for the World Wildlife Fund and the Smithsonian Institution, directing — in the heart of the Brazilian Amazon — the Biological Dynamics of Forest Fragments Project, which is still going strong and has been described as the largest and most ambitious ecological experiment ever undertaken.

Upon his repatriation in the late 80s, he taught in the Biology department of UNC-Charlotte and returned his studies to his true passion — birds of prey. His work over the past three decades has focused on two iconic species: barred owls, which entertain our auditory senses (and imaginations!) with their nighttime calls (hoo, hoo, hoo-hoo; hoo-aw), and Ospreys, which we enjoy watching as they have recovered from DDT and now hover over and fish our rivers



RESEARCHER AND RAPTOR expert Rob Bierregaard will present the talk "Journeys: Ospreys, Technology, and an Author," at Champlain Valley Unitarian Universalist Society in Middlebury on Thursday, Nov. 14, at 7 p.m., as part of the Otter Creek Audubon Society Annual Meeting.

Photo courtesy of OCAS

and lakes in northeastern North America. In 2014 Bierregaard was the lead author on a paper chronicling the post-DDT return of the Osprey population in southern New England.

In 2013 someone suggested that Rob write a kids' book about his favorite Osprey. In 2018 he published "Belle's Journey," a narrative non-fiction account of a young Osprey's first migration to southern Brazil and back again, written for ages 8 and up and published by Charlesbridge Publishing. Belle's Journey received one of two Honorable Mentions in the 2018 National Outdoor Book Awards' Children's division, was placed on the National Science Teachers' Association list of outstanding trade books for 2019 and was listed in the University of Wisconsin's Cooperative Children's Book Center's Choices 2019. In the last part of his talk Bierregaard will describe his own journey as a first-time children's book author.

Bierregaard is currently the president of the Raptor Research

Foundation and has served on various conservation organizations' boards, including the Carolina Raptor Center (Chair), the Catawba Lands Conservancy (Chair), and Audubon Pennsylvania. Bierregaard was also on the board of the Mecklenburg Audubon Chapter and helped establish the state office for Audubon North Carolina.

Before the talk OCAS will conduct its annual meeting. President, Ron Payne will present a Chapter report and hold a brief business meeting and board election, followed by an update from Audubon Vermont Interim Executive Director Jillian Liner, followed by the Silver Feather Award which will be given to Rep. Amy Sheldon in recognition of her devotion and dedication to the preservation of natural communities of Addison County. Refreshments will be served during breaks for conversation and perusing exhibits.

Free and open to the public, light refreshments will be served.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK FROM AREA HIGH SCHOOLS

Middlebury Union High School

Sarah Benz

Sarah Benz, the daughter of Hannah and Eric Benz, is Middlebury Union High School's next Student of the Week. The family resides in Middlebury and Sarah has three older siblings, Luke, Abigail and Caleb.

Sarah is an academically talented student and in pursuing the IB full diploma is taking the most challenging coursework available at MUHS. She admits that "it is a lot of work" but that the challenge has given her a better understanding of the wider world. She thanks her teachers for their continual support and looks forward to school each day. She says the IB program has been well worth the effort and feels it is preparing her well for college. Currently, in addition to her full course load, she is focused on writing her Extended Essay, which culminates in a 4,000-word document that explores a topic of interest and includes research and exploration of the subject. Sarah's topic is how natural resource extraction impacts indigenous development in the Amazon rainforest.

Sarah is a member of two Tiger athletic teams; she captains the cross country running and Nordic ski teams. She's actively involved in Best Buddies and serves as a Peer Leader Coordinator.

Sarah's began playing the trumpet since fourth grade. She is part of the MUHS pit band, which provides accompaniment to the school plays, and is also a member of the marching band. She has, with her peers, participated in several District, All State and New England music festivals. Sarah spent part of last summer teaching young children how to play the steel drums in her role as a camp counselor at the Middlebury Community Music Center.

Sarah loves to spend time outdoors doing "almost anything" but most notably hiking. She tutors students in math and Spanish in her free time. She attended the Yale Young Global Scholars Program last summer which was focused on literature and philosophy. She loved the program and says "It really helped me to focus on what's next!" And for her, that is college. Sarah's college search is focused on universities where she plans to pursue her interests in Biology and Environmental Studies. She was named a Green and Gold Scholar by UVM, a prestigious honor, which, if she opts to attend UVM, offers a full tuition scholarship.

We're certain a bright future awaits Sarah and look forward to hearing about what she does in the years to come.



Sarah Benz
MUHS

Vergennes Union High School

Luke Davis

Vergennes Union High School has chosen Luke Davis of Ferrisburgh as its Student of the Week. Luke lives with his parents and two pets and has an older sister who attends Fordham University in Manhattan.

An honor roll student, Luke has enjoyed his classes at VUHS, particularly those involving math and technology. He says he has also enjoyed Spanish 4, which he is enrolled in this semester. In his free time, Luke has also been learning how to code, and says he really enjoys this independent challenge. He plans to take it further by taking a computer coding class at a Vermont college through dual enrollment in the spring.

At VUHS Luke is a member of the Green Team and the Math Team. He does a lot of swimming as well, and lifeguards at Burlington Country Club during the summer.

He likes to spend his free time with friends, hiking in the summer and skiing in the winter.

Luke says the most important lesson he has learned at school is how to handle a busy schedule. "Sometimes you will have to sacrifice free time you'd rather spend doing something fun," he says. "Just remember to enjoy whatever time you do have, and take care of yourself."

Though he hasn't chosen a specific school yet, Luke plans to study Mechanical Engineering at college, as well as participating in varsity swimming.

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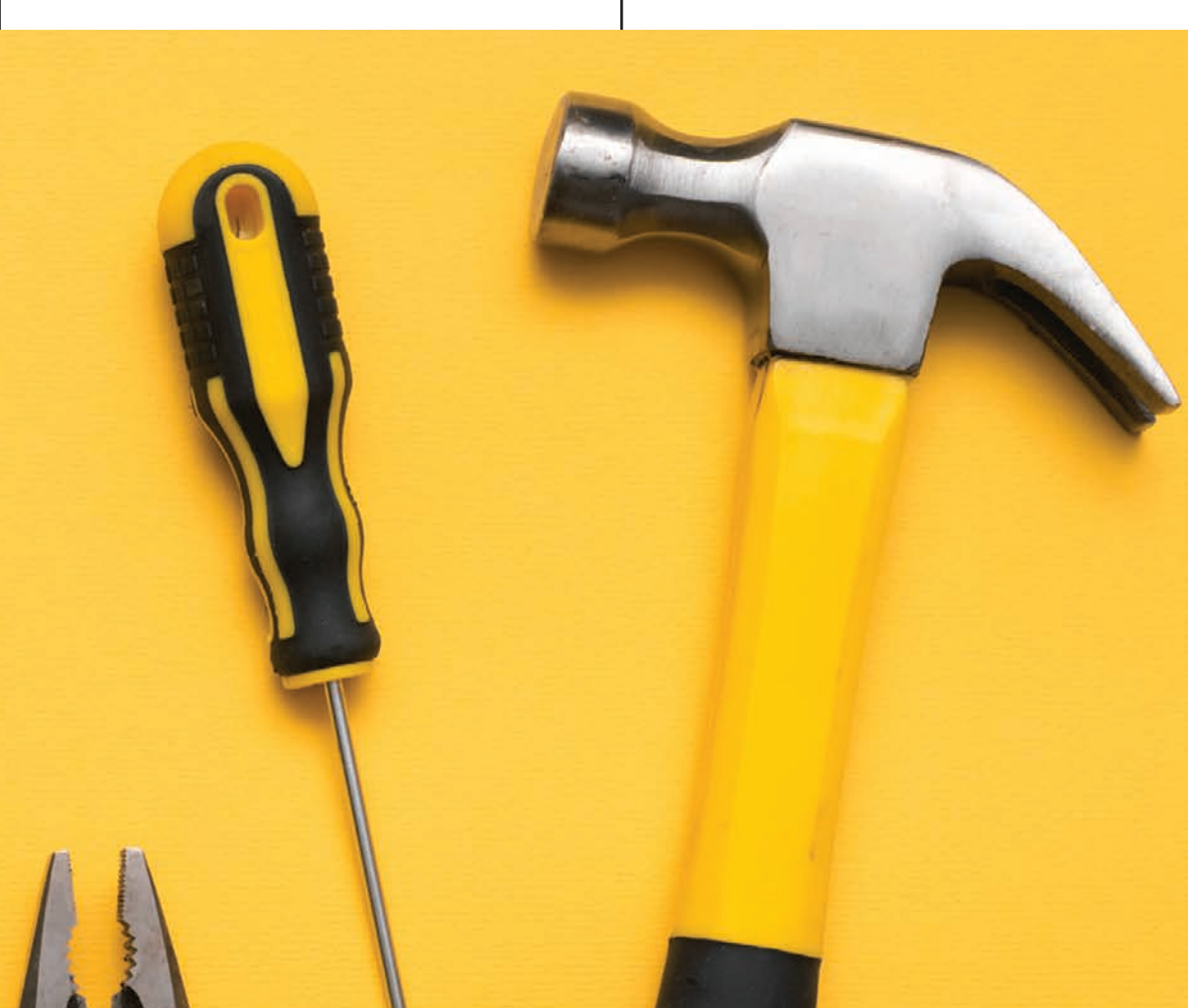
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Addison Independent CLASSIFIEDS

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1ST CUT, SMALL square, \$3.25. 2nd cut small square, \$4.25. 802-377-5455.

WHITNEY'S CUSTOM FARM WORK Pond agitating, liquid manure hauling, drag line aerating. Call for price. 462-2755, John Whitney.

Vergennes Police Log

VERGENNES — Vergennes police responded to an Oct. 30 family fight on Booska Court and ended up citing a Vergennes resident for domestic assault in the presence of a child.

Cited and released with court-imposed conditions was David R. Downer, 38. Police said that after they separated the parties involved, the victim alleged the dispute between them had become physical. Police said an investigation "determined a domestic assault had occurred in the presence of a child," and they then took Downer into custody and cited him into court.

In other actions between Oct. 28 and Nov. 3, Vergennes police also conducted nine traffic stops and nine cruiser patrols, processed four pre-employment fingerprint requests, responded to a false alarm; and:

- On Oct. 28:
 - Received the first of several



Many hands help

WENDY WARREN, LEFT, Chair of the Board of Mission and Social Concerns at the Congregational Church of Middlebury, H.O.P.E. Director of Development Heather Potter, and Agway Business Manager Jen Jacobs worked to purchase more than 30 pairs of discounted waterproof adult winter gloves for H.O.P.E.'s Holiday Shop, as the demand last year left their shop empty going into winter. The holiday shop still needs donations of children's toys: Barbies, Nerfs, craft kits, art supplies, stuffed animals, Legos, big toy trucks, lounge pants for teens (adult sizes), and more, so donate if you can. It will be much appreciated

Photo courtesy of Wendy Warren

batches of voicemail messages during the week from a Hillside Drive resident with known mental health issues.

- Began investigating a burglary at the Addison County Eagles Club on Green Street in which during the night of Oct. 27 an individual or individuals broke into the club and took cash from an ATM.

On Oct. 29:

- Took a report from a Hillside Acres resident of an unsolicited contact via Snapchat; the incident remains under investigation.
- Checked the welfare of a Walker Avenue resident who was not answering the door, and learned from a relative the individual was OK.
- Checked the welfare of a Green Street resident and learned the individual was OK.

On Oct. 30 served a relief-from-abuse order to a Vergennes resident.

On Oct. 31: Searched the Bowman Road area after a resident reported that an unknown man knocked on her door, did not leave after

she turned on exterior lights, and continued looking through the door window. Police patrolled the area but did not find anyone.

- Handed out candy and glow sticks at the city fire station with members of the Vergennes Area Rescue Squad and Vergennes Fire Department.

- Cited Shawn Lussier, 27, for driving with a criminally suspended license after spotting him driving on Monkton Road

- Checked a report from a caller who said a suspicious person was sitting in a vehicle wearing a black mask near the library. Policed said the man was using the library Wi-Fi to watch videos on his tablet.

On Nov. 1: Assisted Vermont State Police in Berlin by providing contact information for a Vergennes resident in connection with an investigation.

- Looked into a report of a suspicious vehicle parking on a sidewalk between Shaw's parking lot and Ridgeview Drive; it was gone when police arrived.

- Talked with a man who said he has been having issues with his neighbor on Green Street. Police said they would speak to the other party if problems persist.

On Nov. 2: Assisted VARS with an unresponsive elderly woman at Black Sheep Bistro. Police said when they arrived the female was sitting up and responsive, and VARS took her to the hospital to be checked out.

On Nov. 3:

- Responded to Northland Job Corps to help VARS with a male student who had harmed himself and, police said, was acting "out of control." Police said they met with the student and calmed him, but that he refused treatment and was released from the program because of his behavior.

- Began investigating the theft of a tow-behind camper from a Main Street residence. Police believe the camper was stolen sometime during the previous week, and an investigation continues.

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PUBLIC NOTICE?

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TOWN OF MIDDLEBURY PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Middlebury Development Review Board will hold a public hearing(s) at the Middlebury Municipal Offices, Large Conference Room, 77 Main Street, Middlebury, VT on Monday, November 25th, 2024, beginning at 7:00 p.m. to consider the following application(s). The hearing will be available to participants via a Zoom video link. The Zoom link will be provided on the meeting agenda posted on the Town's website.

- Application (file # 2024-08:1780.000-PUD) is a request by McGee Chevrolet of Middlebury for a PUD Amendment to add an overflow parking area at the rear of the property. The property is located at 510 US Route 7, parcel #08:1780.000 in the Protected Highway zoning district.
- Application (file #2024-24:255.000-SP) is a request by Ilsley Public Library for a Site Plan review, dimensional waiver and parking waiver related to the expansion and renovation of its existing facility located at 75 Main Street in Middlebury. The Applicant proposes the removal of two earlier additions that were made to the original library and the construction of a new two-story addition and associated sitework. The property is identified as parcel #024:255.000 in the Central Business Zoning district.

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

J.R. Christ
DRB Coordinator, AZA

AUCTIONS

MARKET REPORT ADDISON COUNTY COMMISSION SALES

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Sales for 10/31/24 & 11/04/24

BEEF	LBS.	/LB	COST \$
R. Churchill	1400	1.57	\$2198.00
B. Donyow	1300	1.36	\$1768.00
Maglaughlin	1325	1.38	\$1828.50
W. Bricker	1340	1.30	\$1742.00
Gosliga	1650	1.28	\$2112.00

CALVES	LBS.	/LB	COST \$
A. Brisson	89	10.00	\$890.00
Barnes B&W	86	9.50	\$817.00
Savello	80	10.00	\$800.00
Monument	96	6.10 (H)	\$585.60
J. Fifield	100	5.70 (H)	\$570.00

Total Beef - 153 Total Calves - 198

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Sales at 3 pm - Mon. & Thurs.
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WARNING ANNUAL MEETING OF THE VERGENNES-PANTON WATER DISTRICT, INC. DECEMBER 10, 2024

The legal voters of VERGENNES-PANTON WATER DISTRICT, INC. are hereby notified and warned to meet at the V.P.W.D. business office building on 63 School Street in the City of Vergennes in said District, on the 10th day of December, 2024 at 7:00 P.M. in person to transact the following business to wit:

ARTICLE I: To elect by ballot the following officers:

- a moderator
- a clerk
- a treasurer

ARTICLE II: To hear and act upon the reports from the officers of the VERGENNES-PANTON WATER DISTRICT, INC.

ARTICLE III: To have presented by the Board of Commissioners of the VERGENNES-PANTON WATER DISTRICT, INC. their estimate of expenses for the ensuing year and to appropriate such sum as it, the VERGENNES-PANTON WATER DISTRICT, INC., deems necessary for said expenses together with the amount required to pay the balance, if any, left unpaid expressing said sum in dollars in its vote.

ARTICLE IV: To establish salaries for the Commissioners and other elected officers of the Water District.

ARTICLE V: To see whether the voters of said Water District will authorize its Board to borrow money pending receipt of water rents, by issuance of its notes or orders payable not later than one(1) year to date.

ARTICLE VI: To transact any other business proper to come before said meeting.

Dated at Vergennes, Vermont, this 7th day of November, 2024
Maria L. Brown, Clerk

TOWN OF ADDISON DRB PUBLIC NOTICE

The Town of Addison Development Review Board will convene a public hearing on Monday, November 25, 2024 at 6:00PM at the former Addison Central School located at VT Route 22A and VT Route 17 West, Addison, VT.

- 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.
- Application (DRB #24-20) for a 2-lot subdivision submitted by Andre & Christine Dubois new lot of +/-8 acres. The property is located at 1924 VT Route 17 E 1, Addison, VT. Parcel ID# VE 1927. Pending with criteria to be met.
- Application (DRB #24-24) James K. Bushey requesting approval for a re-subdivision and 2 Boundary Line Adjustments on the property located on VT Route 22A near the Addison Four Corners.
- Application (DRB 24-25) Charlene Goodell requesting approval for a 2-lot subdivision of 5 +/- acres from 52 acres located on the front South side of lot to be zoned as residential. The property is located on VT Route 22A and meets the setback requirements.

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 Wojciechowski, Zoning Administrator

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 Monday, November 25, 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.

Questions and inquiries about this Request for Proposals shall be submitted in writing to Stanley Wilbur, Town Administrator at townadministrator@monktonvt.com.

A Pre-Proposal Conference will be held at the Monkton Town Office, 92 Monkton Ridge, Monkton, VT at 1:00 pm Local Time on Monday, November 18, 2024. Attendance is not mandatory. Any modifications, clarifications or interpretations will be incorporated into an addendum which will be provided to all conference attendees and others requesting an addendum. All addenda must be acknowledged in the proposal.

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.

TOWN OF NEW HAVEN INVITATION TO BID LAWN MOWING & GROUNDS MAINTENANCE BID FOR 3 YEARS

Properties to include: Town Offices & Library, Train Depot, Village Green, War Memorial Green, West Cemetery, River Road Cemetery and DeMers Park

Duties to include: Lawn mowing, weed whacking, weeding, edging and mulching all flower beds. Also collaring and mulching the crab apple trees on the Village Green.

Please price out mowing and weed whacking for each location separately. Contractor is expected to keep the above-mentioned grounds clear of debris, branches and garbage and generally in good appearance.

The Selectboard reserves the right to refuse any and all bids. Questions related to these projects should be directed to the Town Clerk's Office at 802-453-3516.

Replies to be submitted by December 2, 2024 to:
The Town of New Haven
78 North St.

New Haven, VT 05472
All bids will be opened at the December 3, 2024 Selectboard meeting.

Police arrest man for failing to appear

Bristol Police Log

BRISTOL — Bristol police on Oct. 18 cited Ryan Prim, 26, of Bristol for driving with a criminally suspended license following a traffic stop on West Street.

Police had previously arrested Prim on Sept. 25 on a warrant from Addison County Criminal Court and cited Prim for failing to appear at a previous court date.

Bristol police between Sept. 22 and Oct. 19 completed 82 foot patrols and three car patrols, conducted 58 traffic stops and checked security at Mount Abraham Union High School 25 times, at Bristol Elementary School 27 times and at local businesses 18 times.

Police also processed 56 fingerprint requests, verified one vehicle identification number, conducted two welfare checks, helped two citizens gain access to their locked vehicles, responded to one accidental alarm activated and facilitated the return of two wallets.

In other recent activity, Bristol police:

- On Sept. 22 responded to a report of someone receiving unwanted messages on Mountain Street. Police found no action at the time rose to the level of an offense.
- On Sept. 23 received a report of a vehicle striking a building on West Street during a delivery.
- On Sept. 23 received a report of someone under 21 years old in possession of tobacco on Airport Drive and issued a ticket.
- On Sept. 24 reviewed a report of threatening on Airport Drive and found no action rose to the level of an offense.
- On Sept. 24 cited Emil North, 23, of Starksboro for driving with a criminally suspended license following a traffic stop on Route 116 South.
- On Sept. 24 responded to West Street for a report of a suspicious vehicle. Police located the vehicle but did not observe any suspicious activity.
- On Sept. 25 checked on someone in a vehicle on Prince Lane. Police determined the person was sleeping and did not find any issues.
- On Sept. 25 monitored traffic and assisted students crossing an intersection during a school drill.
- On Sept. 25 assisted Mount Abe with a truancy concern.
- On Sept. 25 helped Mount Abe with an educational discussion with a student regarding threatening words.
- On Sept. 25 responded to a report of a dog at large on Route 17 and warned the animal's owner.
- On Sept. 25 tried to contact an individual regarding a dog locked inside a Liberty Street business. The dog was released in the morning.
- On Sept. 25 arrested Christopher Hart, 34, of New Haven on a warrant and cited Hart for failing to appear in court.
- On Sept. 27 attempted to stop a motorcycle on North Street that was operating unsafely, including speeding and passing vehicles. The motorcycle did not stop and eluded police at a high speed.
- On Sept. 28 responded to a report of a person or multiple people throwing eggs at motorists. An investigation is ongoing.
- On Sept. 29 received a set of keys found on Monkton Road.
- On Oct. 1 spoke to people on South Street about trespassing. The people moved along without incident.
- On Oct. 1 helped someone in need of transportation on Burpee Road.
- On Oct. 2 participated in Safety Day at Beeman Elementary School.
- On Oct. 2 responded to Sycamore Park to remove people camping without a permit.
- On Oct. 3 discussed the fingerprinting process with local students in the Extended Learning Program at Bristol Elementary.

- On Oct. 3 received a report of a vehicle operating erratically on West Street. Police checked the area but did not locate the vehicle.
- On Oct. 3 received AirPods found on West Street and secured them in the department's lost and found.
- On Oct. 3 helped someone on West Street obtain mental health services.
- On Oct. 4 responded to a complaint of a dog at large on Rockydale Road and issued the owner a ticket.
- On Oct. 4 responded to a motor vehicle complaint on North Street involving a motorcycle and warned the driver.
- On Oct. 5 received a complaint of unlawful mischief on Airport Drive. An investigation is ongoing.
- On Oct. 5 received a report of a missing person. The person was located soon after the report.
- On Oct. 5 helped someone on Morgan Horse Lane with transportation for a disorderly person.
- On Oct. 5 responded to a barking dog on West Street. Police did not encounter a barking dog when they arrived.
- On Oct. 7 received a report from someone who believed they caused undercarriage damage to a rental vehicle. Police completed a report for insurance purposes and reported no visible damage to the body or tires of the vehicle.
- On Oct. 7 received a late report of a crash that occurred on Main Street.
- On Oct. 8 helped Monkton Central School with a truancy concern.
- On Oct. 8 responded to a report of a family fight on West Pleasant Street. Police found no action rose to the level of an offense.
- On Oct. 9 provided traffic control while a company worked on Munsill Avenue.
- On Oct. 9 helped a business on Prince Lane by issuing a notice against trespass.
- On Oct. 9 met with Bristol Elementary students during their after-school program.
- On Oct. 10 received a found iPhone and placed it in the department's lost and found.
- On Oct. 10 received a theft report from a business on West Street. An investigation is ongoing.
- On Oct. 11 received a dog at large complaint on River Road and planned to issue the owner a ticket.
- On Oct. 11 arrested Ashley Pelkey, 36, of Bristol on a warrant for failure to appear.
- On Oct. 11 responded to Pine Street for a person walking through a yard but were unable to locate the person.
- On Oct. 12 responded to Lauritsen Lane for a report of a suspicious noise and did not observe anything suspicious.
- On Oct. 12 responded to a dog bite on Pine Street. Police planned to follow up on the incident.
- On Oct. 12 helped resolve a neighbor disagreement on Lawrence Lane.
- On Oct. 12 received a notice from a property owner that they had towed a vehicle from their Main Street property.
- On Oct. 12 received a report of a suspicious vehicle on Pine Street. Police did not observe any suspicious activity.
- On Oct. 15 received a report of unlawful mischief on Adirondack View. An investigation is ongoing.
- On Oct. 15 recovered an LL Bean red bicycle and damaged cell phone behind the Bristol town offices.
- On Oct. 15 received a report of a theft of a bicycle on Lawson Lane. The bicycle was later returned.
- On Oct. 16 responded to a report of juveniles attempting to break into structures at the Bristol Recreation fields. Police determined no action rose the level of an offense.
- On Oct. 17 attempted to stop a vehicle on West Street. The vehicle did not stop, and an investigation is ongoing.
- On Oct. 18 assisted Mount Abe with a truancy concern.
- On Oct. 19 helped a disabled motorist on Route 116 South.

Early childhood advocates

OVER 60 COMMUNITY members joined together on Friday, Oct. 25, at Holley Hall in Bristol for the 2024 Early Childhood Summit. The event brought together early childhood champions from numerous agencies and backgrounds to celebrate collaborative achievements in Addison County as well as brainstorm ways to fill gaps and reduce barriers in the efforts to support children and families. Participants were invited to visit high quality early childhood education programs in the county, engage with a diverse panel of individuals to hear stories of collaboration and brainstorm ways in which we can improve our current landscape.

Photos courtesy of Ashley Bessette



Vermont State Police Log

ADDISON COUNTY — Vermont State Police dealt with two automobile crashes in Addison County this past weekend; no injuries were reported in either.

On Friday, Nov. 1, at around 8:30 a.m. troopers responded to a two-vehicle crash located in New Haven village at the intersection of Route 17 and Town Hill Road. Police report that Griffin Perry, 26, of Bristol was driving a 2008 Subaru Outback westbound on Route 17, also known as Main Street, when

he stopped for a pedestrian to cross Town Hill Road before turning to drive south on that road. When he did make the left, apparently his vehicle collided with an eastbound 2016 Toyota Corolla driven by Ashely Tetreault, 29, of Bristol.

There were no injuries sustained in the crash, but both vehicles had extensive front-end damage.

Main Street in the area of Town Hill Road was temporarily closed due to the collision. State police were assisted by the New Haven

Fire Department and Bristol Rescue Squad.

The second crash happened the next morning, Nov. 2, when at around 7:30 a.m. troopers responded to a third-party report of a one-car crash on Rockydale Road near Lincoln Road in Bristol. Police said that Austin Jerome, 24, of Bristol was driving a 2005 BMW 330 westbound on Rockydale Road at around 4 a.m. when he crossed into the eastbound lane, overcorrected and left the westbound lane, causing

damage to someone else's property.

Jerome left the scene without notifying law enforcement or the property owner. A state police officer found Jerome at his home and cited him for leaving the scene of a crash without notifying police or the property owner. The officer also issued him a ticket for failing to drive properly on a road, which carries a fine of \$220 and two points.

Police said the BMW was a total loss.

**STATE OF VERMONT SUPERIOR COURT
PROBATE DIVISION ADDISON UNIT
DOCKET NO.: 24-PR-01550
IN RE ESTATE OF: THOMAS ANDREW DEMONG
NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

To the Creditors of: Thomas Andrew Demong, late of Middlebury.
I have been appointed to administer this estate. All creditors having claims against the decedent or the estate must present their claims in writing within four (4) months of the first publication of this notice. **The claim must be presented to me at the address listed below with a copy sent to the Court. The claim may be barred forever if it is not presented within the four (4) month period.**
Dated: 10/29/24

Executor/Administrator: Sarah Stahl
55 Cider Mill Road, Cornwall, VT 05753
(802) 989-6209
sjdstahl149@gmail.com

Publication: Addison Independent
Publication Date: 11/7/24
Name of Probate Court: Vermont Superior Court, Addison Unit, Probate Division
Address of Probate Court: 7 Mahady Court, Middlebury, VT 05753

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ADDISON INDEPENDENT on Pages 10B and 11B.

**STATE OF VERMONT SUPERIOR COURT
PROBATE DIVISION ADDISON UNIT
DOCKET NO.: 24-PR-06961
IN RE ESTATE OF: PATRICIA E. BRAKELEY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

To the Creditors of: Patricia E. Brakeley, late of Middlebury, Vermont.
We have been appointed to administer this estate. All creditors having claims against the decedent or the estate must present their claims in writing within four (4) months of the first publication of this notice. **The claim must be presented to me at the address listed below with a copy sent to the Court. The claim may be barred forever if it is not presented within the four (4) month period.**
Dated: 11/4/24

William S. Brakeley and Charles D. Brakeley, Jr., Co-Fiduciaries
c/o Mark A. Langan, Esq.
Dinse P.C.
209 Battery Street, Burlington, VT 05401
802-864-7058
mlangan@dinse.com

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TOWN & COUNTRY SELF STORAGE
107 Pantan Road, Vergennes, VT 05491
802-877-3155

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE
November 14, 2024 at 3:00 pm

The following units are being sold for non payment of storage fees:

Benjamin Smith Unit 36-14, 5x10 Furniture	Peter Sanger Unit 94, 5x10 Household items	Michelle Canyo Unit 52, 10x10 Household items
Robert Bougor Unit 56, 5x10 Household items	Damien Loop Unit 93, 5x10 Household items	Robert Partnoy Unit #10, 10x15 Household items

Payment to be made in cash at time of bid. A \$50 cash deposit is required. All units to be emptied & broom cleaned within 24 hours of accepted bid. Deposit will be returned at that time. Town & Country Self Storage and owners have the right to refuse any and all bids and to cancel the sale without notice.

**TOWN OF WALTHAM
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
FOR SUBDIVISION AMENDMENT PERMIT**

Application: #24-204 Application submitted by Cheryl J. Langeway, Parcel 0000022004, Span-684-217-10129 to amend a previously approved subdivision and to add a 50-foot wide right-of-way to provide access from Plank Road, South Middlebrook Road, from Lot 9 (30.64) acre parcel to her adjoining Lot 4 (6.07) acre parcel.

The Development Review Board will hold a Public Hearing on this application on Monday, November 18, 2024 at the Waltham Town Hall, 2053 Maple Street. The meeting opens at 5:30PM, and the hearing is scheduled on the docket at 6:15 PM.

A copy of the application is available at Waltham Town Offices during regular business hours of 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Pursuant to 24 V.S.A. 4464 (a)(1)(C) and 4471 (a) participation in this local proceeding is prerequisite to the right to take any subsequent appeal.

TOWN OF MIDDLEBURY SELECTBOARD MEETING
ROOM 116 – LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM
TOWN OFFICES – 77 MAIN STREET
Tuesday, November 12, 2024 - 7:00 P.M.

Also available via Zoom:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86969811575>
By Phone: +1 646-558-8656 (not toll-free)
Webinar ID: 869 6981 1575

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 the Minutes of the October 22, 2024 Regular Selectboard Meeting & November 6, 2024 Special 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. Consent Agenda Placeholder
3e. Consent Agenda Placeholder
3f. Town Manager's Report

7:05 4. *Citizen Comments (Opportunity to raise or address issues not otherwise included on this agenda)
5. *Agenda Placeholder

7:10 6. *Public Works - Infrastructure Committee - Updates
6a. *Fire Department - Purchase of New Department Utility Vehicle
6b. *NRBC Signatory - Authorization Change
6c. Wastewater Main Pump Station - Headworks Door - Improvements Agreement

7:25 7. **Water & Wastewater Connection Request to Town - 207 Pulp Mill Road, Weybridge

7:30 8. **Road Naming - Lucy's Way

7:35 9. **Budget Transfer Request - Recreation Department

7:40 10. *Board Appointment - Alice White - Energy Committee

7:45 11. **Request to Move 11.26.2024 Selectboard Meeting Date to 11.19.2024

7:50 12. **Agenda Placeholder

7:55 13. *Approval of Check Warrants
14. **Board Member Concerns
15. *Executive Session - Not Anticipated
16. **Action on Matters Discussed in Executive Session

8:00 17. *Adjourn

* Decision Item ** Possible Decision

FULL PASSPORT SERVICE

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

REGULAR HOURS
Monday - 8:30am to 4:00pm
Tuesday - 9:00am to 12:30pm
Wednesday - Closed
Thursday - 12:30pm to 4:00pm
Friday - 9:00am to 12:30pm

APPOINTMENTS REQUIRED
For appointment, go to www.addisoncountyclerkvt.com or call 802-388-1966.

Porter under lockdown after threatening phone call

MIDDLEBURY — Middlebury police assisted Porter Hospital staff when they conducted a lockdown at around 12:50 a.m. on Nov. 2, in response to a threatening phone call the hospital had received. Police said the threats didn't materialize into an incident.

In addition to conducting daily foot patrols downtown to monitor members of the local houseless community, Middlebury police last week:

- Investigated a report of a local resident allegedly threatening someone through Facebook on Oct. 28.
- Helped Porter Hospital staff with an upset patient on Oct. 28.
- Gave a courtesy ride to a

Middlebury Police Log

discharged Porter Hospital patient who had no other way to get home on Oct. 28.

- Helped a local woman who said an item had been stolen from a package that she had received at her Main Street address on Oct. 29.
- On Oct. 29, helped find a local juvenile who had been missing from the Court Street area for "a couple of days."
- Helped Brandon police take a suspect into custody near the intersection of Route 7 and Meadow Brook Terrace in Leicester on Oct. 29.
- Helped Brandon police process a drunken driving suspect at the Middlebury police station on Oct. 30.
- Arrested Melissa Sird, 43, of New Haven on an outstanding warrant on Oct. 30.
- Received a report on Oct. 30 that a man had tried to pass a counterfeit \$100 bill at a Court Street store.
- Checked on a local juvenile

who hadn't reported to school on Oct. 30.

- Checked on several businesses and at least one extinguished traffic signal during a widespread power outage on the morning of Oct. 31.
- Deployed multiple officers, dispatchers and other police staff to the Brookside Drive area of Buttolph Acres to hand out Halloween candy and conduct community outreach on Oct. 31.
- Told a Main Street apartment tenant to turn down their loud music at around 7 p.m. on Oct. 31.
- Received a report on Nov. 1 about an alleged retail theft at Hannaford supermarket.
- Arrested Brian Dodds, 38, of Bristol for allegedly violating an abuse prevention order (three counts) and a violation of his conditions of release (six counts) on Nov. 1. Police said Dodds was held for lack of \$10,000 bail pending arraignment in Addison Superior Court, criminal division.
- Responded to a retail theft complaint at a Court Street business on Nov. 1.
- Responded to a theft complaint at the Maplefields store on Route 7 South on Nov. 1.
- Responded to a domestic disturbance at a Valley View Drive

home on Nov. 2.

- Cited Timothy D. Tracy II, 19, of Middlebury for unlawful trespass on Nov. 2, after he allegedly entered a Jackson Lane apartment without the tenant's permission.
- Responded to a report of a woman screaming behind Ilsley Library on Nov. 2.
- Cited John Donahue, 59, of Middlebury for driving under the influence on Nov. 2, after investigating complaints about how Donahue had been driving in the Court Street area. Police said Donahue declined to submit to an evidentiary test.
- Responded to a reported dispute among people at a homeless encampment off Bakery Lane on Nov. 2.
- Gave a courtesy ride to a discharged Porter Hospital patient who had no other way to get home on Nov. 2.
- Responded to a domestic disturbance in the Hillcrest Road area on Nov. 2.
- Responded to a report of an injured deer on Creek Road on Nov. 3.
- Investigated a report of "suspicious activity" in the Weybridge Street area on Nov. 3.



SPENCER GEBO

Spencer Gebo named DAR Good Citizen

VERGENNES — Each year a Vergennes Union High School senior is chosen for the DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) Good Citizen's Award by faculty members nominating three seniors and then the senior class elects one of those three as their Good Citizen. This year Spencer Gebo, son of Brian and Heather Gebo of Vergennes has been selected for the award.

The award is sponsored by the local Daughters of the American Revolution, Seth Warner-Rhoda Farrand Chapter and is intended to encourage and reward the qualities of good citizenship. The DAR Good Citizen's Award recognizes a student that possesses the qualities of dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism to an outstanding degree. This student can apply for a scholarship as well.

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MIDDLEBURY — The Middlebury Garden Club is offering two scholarships for the UVM Extension Master Gardener course. The course will be held online from January to May 2025. The instructors are UVM faculty and staff and Vermont horticulture professionals. The course curriculum covers the fundamentals of home gardening focused on plant and soil sciences. To be eligible for the scholarship you must be a resident of Addison

County. For more information about the course please visit the Extension Master Gardener Program (www.uvm.edu/extension/mastergardener/extension-mastergardener-program). For more information about the scholarship please see the application form, available on the Club's website at middleburygardenclub.org and submit it as directed on the form. The two scholarships will be awarded on a rolling basis.

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Independent

November 24

Lear's daughter Regan (Elsa Marrian) kills Gloucester's servant as fight choreographer Joe Isenberg watches. The Middlebury College Theater Department will present Shakespeare's "King Lear," directed by Michole Biancosino and starring Alex Draper, on Nov. 14, 15 and 16, at 7:30 p.m.

INDEPENDENT PHOTO / STEVE JAMES

'King Lear' at Middlebury mirrors modern power conflicts

Power. It's a fitting theme this week, no? At the time this section went to press, Election Day results had not been reported yet — just an air of wondering, anticipation... and let's be honest, anxiety. Who will rule? Who will hold the power? And how will they take it?

BY ELSIE

LYNN PARINI

The Middlebury College Theater Department will punctuate this election season with a presentation of "King Lear" by William Shakespeare coming to Wright Theater on Nov. 14, 15 and 16, at 7:30 p.m. In a new adaptation of arguably one of the greatest tragedies ever written, Michole Biancosino and Alex Draper (both professionals and educators in theater arts at Middlebury College) are diving head-first into these intense discussions of what it means to hold power.

"THE THEMES OF OLDER PEOPLE BEING IN POWER AND THE WAY IT IS — OR ISN'T — BEING HANDED OVER IS SOMETHING WE'RE GRAPPLING WITH RIGHT NOW."



— Michole Biancosino

"First and foremost the selection of this production came from student interest," Biancosino explained as she sat on the dark stage of the theater next to Draper. "It's a timely play... the themes of older people being in power and the way it is — or isn't — being

handed over is something we're grappling with right now."

The production is part of a Middlebury College class with a cast of 17 student actors, live music by Clint Bierman (The Grift) and stars Draper in the title role of King Lear. Costumes are made by noted designer Summer Lee Jack, and an Elizabethan acting-inspired set design was created by Mark Evancho.

The story of Shakespeare's "King Lear" follows an aging monarch who plans to divide his kingdom among his three daughters: Cordelia, Goneril and Regan. But when he asks them first to publicly prove how much they love him, he sets off a series of events that turn the daughters into enemies, the state into a maelstrom.

What's most important to director Biancosino

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UPCOMING MUSIC

Exploring legacy and loss: new one-act opera “Truman and Nancy” to debut in Brandon

On Nov. 15 and 16, the world premiere of “Truman and Nancy,” a captivating and poignant one-act opera by renowned New York City composer William Zeffiro, will take the stage at the Barn Opera House in Brandon. Based on the graphic novel “Capote in Kansas” by Ande Parks, this lyrical and thought-provoking work brings to life the haunting journey of Truman Capote as he grapples with his magnum opus, “In Cold Blood,” and is confronted by the spirit of Nancy Clutter, one of the murder victims immortalized in his groundbreaking true crime novel.

At its core, “Truman and Nancy” explores profound themes of legacy, family relationships, and the question of what is truly

important to leave behind when we die. As Capote contemplates his artistic choices and the impact of his work, the opera challenges audiences to reflect on the human stories behind the fame and sensationalism, and the lasting significance of the connections we make during our lives.

Zeffiro’s beautifully introspective score reflects the emotional depth and complexity of Capote’s internal struggle, capturing both the beauty and melancholy of life, loss, memory, and art. This lyrical and poignant opera promises to leave audiences contemplating the delicate balance between fame, grief, and the enduring human need for connection.

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MORE TUNES

POP, BARBERSHOP AND CLASSIC FAVORITES COME TO MIDDLEBURY

The Maiden Vermont Chorus presents The Maiden Show! on Nov. 16 and 17 at Town Hall Theater in Middlebury. The locally beloved chorus of women singers, led by the equally renowned Tim Guiles, has prepared an exciting concert program that will include showpiece tunes crossing a myriad of genres — movie themes, pop fare, torch songs as well as an abundance of barbershop arrangements for which the group is known.

Maiden Vermont Chorus has been a resident artist group of Middlebury’s Town Hall Theater for many years and will perform their concert program, The Maiden Show! on Saturday, Nov. 16, at 7 p.m., and again as a matinee performance on Sunday, Nov. 17, at 2 p.m. Tickets for these shows can be purchased through the Town Hall Theater box office — \$10 for youth ages 17 and under, \$15 for seniors ages 55 and older, and \$20 for adults.

FILM SCREENING

1927 silent film “Barbed Wire” to be screened with live score in Brandon

A rarely shown World War I prison camp drama with an unusual Christmas sequence will fill the big screen when “Barbed Wire” (1927) is revived on Saturday, Nov. 16, at the Brandon Town Hall.

“Barbed Wire,” a silent drama starring Pola Negri and Clive Brook, will be screened with live music by Jeff Rapsis, a silent film accompanist from New Hampshire. All are welcome to this family-friendly event. Admission is free, with free will donations accepted in support of ongoing Town Hall renovations.

Set in rural France, “Barbed Wire” dramatizes the human conflicts that occurred throughout Europe during what was known as “The Great War.”

In a small village, Mona Moreau (Pola Negri) and her aging father work their farm to feed the brave young men fighting for France. But when

their farm is commandeered to build a camp for German POWs, they must feed the prisoners as well.

In the beginning, Mona resents the German prisoners she is forced to feed, but soon she begins to empathize with them. Mona’s sympathies begin to raise the suspicion of her neighbors and worst of all, she fears she may be falling in love with handsome prisoner Oskar Muller (Clive Brook).

The relationship is opposed by the townspeople, who ostracize the girl’s family, setting in motion dramatic events shaped by war, prejudice, forbidden love, and shared humanity.

“The ending of ‘Barbed Wire’ astounds viewers today because of the bitter lessons it tries to extract from the wartime experience, and how applicable they are to our world right now, so

MORE FLICKS

11TH ANNUAL VERMONT BACKCOUNTRY FORUM HOSTS FREE FILM SCREENINGS

This year, in collaboration with the Catamount Trail Association, the Ridgeline Outdoor Collective will host a free screening of the Winter Wildlands Alliance Backcountry Film Festival at Pierce Hall Community Center, 38 S. Main St, in Rochester.

The event on Thursday, Nov. 7, will kick off with a potluck at 6 p.m. The first film will screen at 7 p.m., followed by an intermission with raffle drawing. The second reel will begin at 8:45 p.m.

The event is free but you must register at ridgelineoutdoorcollective.org.

many years later,” Rapsis said.

“At the time, society had just been through a global conflict fueled by hatred, bigotry, and intolerance, and people knew what that led to,” Rapsis continued. “They knew. And we can learn

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LEAR

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is that students (well, everyone really) can connect and engage with the play "where we are right now."

"If there's excitement about a 1600s play, that's incredible," she said. "There's a lot of buzz around this play right now; and we added songs... it's a more colorful Lear!"

"I am so excited to be working with Michole on this project," said Bierman, who co-wrote the original songs with Biancosino. "She and I wrote four songs together and it happened so naturally. We're a really good team and I see much future potential."

"It's been such a gift to watch Alex become Lear," he continued. "He's so good. It's literally mesmerizing to watch. I don't think I've ever been around such a remarkable actor. So I feel slightly out of my comfort zone, which I thoroughly enjoy."

Biancosino has remained faithful to the original Shakespearian text, which does elevate this production academically. "I haven't made major changes to the language," she said, "but have had to cut down the original four-hour script to about two hours and 20 minutes."

"Forget the fact I'm playing Lear," Draper chimed in. "Playing any role in a Shakespeare play will challenge you forever... It expands yourself; makes you grow to fill the bigger, bolder and scarier ideas we walk around with every day."

Draper — a professional stage, film and television actor of 35 years — is nothing short of impressed by the way the students are stepping up to fill these Shakespearian roles.

"We have a wide array of experience," he said. "And it's astonishing to watch them embody any role — big or small."



Patrice Cahill as Cordelia (left), Hannah Alberti as Goneril and Elsa Marrian as Regan encircle Alex Draper, who plays King Lear. This classic tragedy will take the Middlebury College stage at Wright Theater on Nov. 14, 15 and 16, at 7:30 p.m.

COURTESY PHOTO

Middlebury College student Elsa Marrian plays Regan — the middle daughter. "Like her older sister, Goneril, she is determined to get her way," explained Marrian. "She is a defiant, rightfully angry, and wickedly cunning character who has continually had to struggle against the power of her father. Playing her has been a lesson in channeling her deeply justified rage."

"I have really enjoyed trying to narrow down Regan's power in the male-dominated world she lives in. There are several deeply satisfying moments in this play where Regan really stands her ground and gets her way. I have loved finding the nuances of the different tactics she used to get what she wants."

Thinking about "King Lear" since the summer,



Cornwall (Danny Smith) plucks out the eyes of Gloucester (Owen McCarthy) during a rehearsal of "King Lear" at Middlebury College last week.

INDEPENDENT PHOTO / STEVE JAMES

Marrian's perspective on power hasn't necessarily changed. What she does see however, "unfortunately, models the tyranny of many modern day examples of political leaders," the senior theater major summarized. "It has reinforced in my mind the dangers of such tyrannical rule. Ultimately, the play ends with most of the characters dead or torn viciously apart as a result of their hunger for power — a fate that they bring upon themselves as a result of their desperate fight to succeed in the patriarchal system in which they exist."

"Nothing will come of nothing" as it's famously said by Lear. So *do* something... go see one of only three performances of "King Lear," presented at Wright Theater on Middlebury College campus Nov. 14, 15 and 16, at 7:30 p.m. A post-show talkback and discussion will follow the Friday evening performance — a great moment, perhaps, to process post-election thoughts with some fellow deep-thinkers.

Tickets are \$15 for the general public; \$10 for Middlebury College faculty, staff, alumni, emeriti, and other ID card holders; \$8 for youth (under 21); and \$5 for Middlebury College students. For tickets or information, call 802-443-6433 or visit middlebury.edu/college/box-office. Wright Memorial Theatre is located at 96 Chateau Road in Middlebury, with free parking available just off Shannon Street.



Cruel! Joe Isenberg demonstrates having his eyes plucked out for Gloucester (Owen McCarthy).

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ART ON EXHIBIT

Great art returns to Town Hall Theater's big screen

Town Hall Theater's annual Great Art Wednesday series returns with a monthly film series that focuses on fine artists, and for the first time, also features world-renowned architects. The series runs monthly November through May (except January) with screenings at Town Hall Theater at 11 a.m.

"As Town Hall Theater undertakes its own architectural process and expansion, it's great fun to feature celebrated architects, depicted in top-rated documentaries. This rounds out the ever-popular Great Art Wednesday series, which continues to feature the work of acclaimed painters and their exhibitions," THT Executive Director Lisa Mitchell said.

The Great Art Wednesday Art & Architecture Series includes:

NOV. 13

VAN GOGH: POETS AND LOVERS

Experience the National Gallery's landmark Van Gogh exhibition through this intimate film, exploring the artist's complex life and visionary works that emerged from both triumph and turmoil.

DEC. 18

HOW MUCH DOES YOUR BUILDING WEIGH, MR. FOSTER?

This documentary traces the rise of one of the world's premier architects Norman Foster

and his unending quest to improve the quality of life through design. It also shows how his dreams and influences inspired the design of buildings, such as Beijing airport (the largest in the world), the Reichstag, the Hearst Building in New York and works such as the tallest bridge in the world, the Millau viaduct in France, among others.

FEB. 12

MY ARCHITECT

In "My Architect", Nathaniel Kahn tells the story about his quest to understand his father, the legendary architect Louis Kahn. It is a film with meaning for anyone seeking to understand the relationship between art and love. Academy Award nominated.

MARCH 19

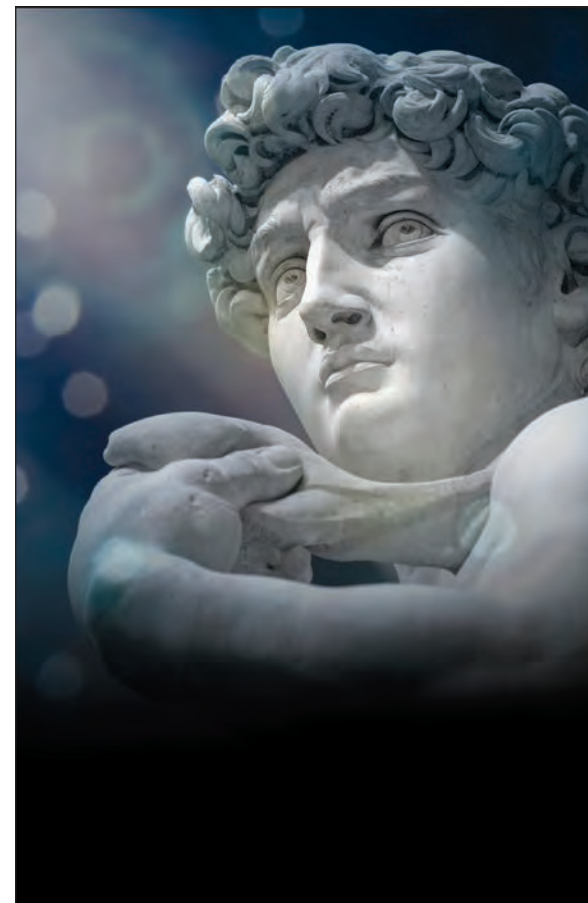
DAWN OF IMPRESSIONISM: PARIS, 1874

Filed from an exhibition based at the Musee D'Orsay, this film is revelatory, bringing amazing stories from the birth of the most popular art movement in history.

APRIL 16

VISUAL ACOUSTICS

Narrated by Dustin Hoffman, "Visual Acoustics" tells the career of Julius Shulman, one of the best modern American architectural photographers. Responsible for documenting the architecture of Frank



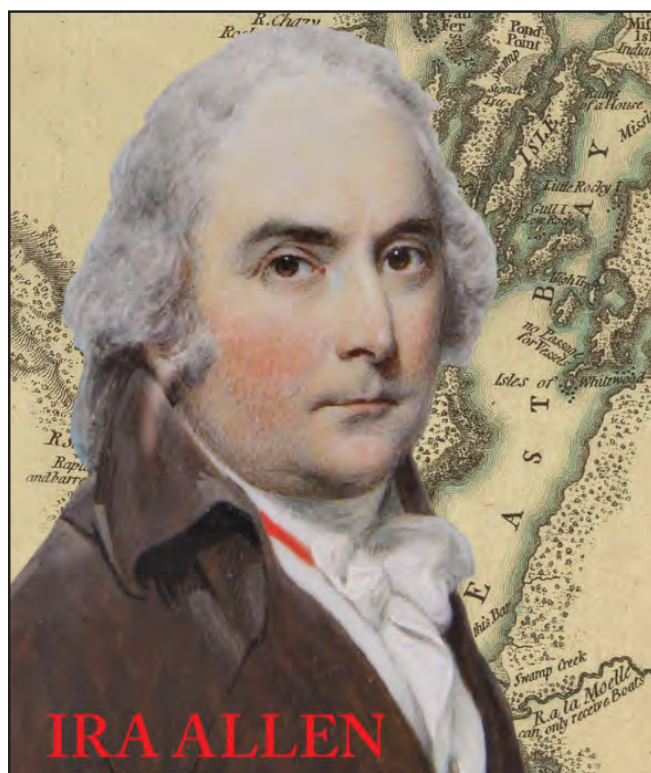
Lloyd Wright Richard Neutra, John Lautner, and Frank Gehry, his images show the extraordinary way the unique beauty of the modernist movement in Southern California became known worldwide.

MAY 21

MICHELANGELO: LOVE & DEATH

To celebrate Michelangelo's 550th Birthday year, Great Art Wednesday invites audiences to re-discover why Michelangelo is without a doubt one of the greatest artists of all time.

Tickets available for \$15 via townhalltheater.org, or by calling 802-382-3992 or visiting the THT box office Monday-Friday from 12-5 p.m.



Beyond Ethan Allen: New biography explores Ira Allen's life

Who was Ira Allen? Land speculator, pamphleteer, politician, and revolutionary, Ira Allen has long been hidden in the shadow of his brother, Ethan Allen. On Thursday, Nov. 14, from 5-6:30 p.m., author and Vermont historian J. Kevin Graffagnino will illuminate the life of Ira Allen at the Bixby Memorial Library in Vergennes, discussing his new book: "Ira Allen: a Biography."

Graffagnino's biography ably details Ira

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— J. Kevin Graffagnino

Allen's extraordinary life. As the first published examination of Allen's career in nearly a century, this book shines new light on Allen and his prominent role in Vermont's formative decades.

"He is a complex human being. You don't have to like him. You don't have to admire him. But you've got to put him in the picture," said Graffagnino of Ira Allen in an interview with Vermont Public.

Graffagnino served as curator of Vermont history at the UVM library for 17 years and as Executive Director of the Vermont Historical Society from 2003-2008. He has written and lectured widely on Vermont history. "Ira Allen: A Biography" is his 15th book on Vermont.

For more info visit bixbylibrary.org.

ART ON EXHIBIT

ART ON MAIN

"Two Masters Reflect On the Seasons" featuring pottery by Robert Compton and photography by Paul Forlenza. On view Oct. 4-Nov. 16.

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"Autumn in Addison County." This stunning collection of historical artworks capture the local landscape in its autumnal splendor. On view through November.

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"Falling Into It." featuring two beautiful new collections from Scott Addis and Kay Flierl. Visitors can view the show, meet the artist, watch him paint and learn about his process. This event is free and open to all. The full exhibit will be on view through Nov. 17.

EDGEWATER ON THE GREEN

6 Merchants Row, Middlebury

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802-989-7419 or email info@edgewatergallery-vt.com.

"Thereafter," a solo exhibition of new work by Julia Jensen. The title of the show echoes Jensen's evolved process of painting the landscape by suggesting that there is a continuation of something that started from a particular point, in this case, the details of a scene, but then continues on to evolve into a composition with its own set of elements of abstraction, color, light and emotion. On view Oct. 25-Dec. 1.

JACKSON GALLERY

68 S Pleasant St, Middlebury

For more info visit townhalltheater.org/jackson-gallery or call 802-382-9222.

"Cultivating our Art: Farmer/Artists' Reflections on Farming as Muse." This exhibit features artwork by individuals who make their living as both artists and farmers, including Hannah Sessions, Jen Roberts, Laurie Brooks, Louisa Conrad and Lucas Farrell. On view through Jan. 4, 2025.

JOHNSON ATRIUM

78 Chateau Road, Middlebury

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"Against Wings" featuring paintings by Rebecca Kinkead and poems by Ben Humphries. The pairing of the paintings and poems represents a dialogue between the artists and their reflections/responses to human impacts on the natural habitats of animals and the Earth's climate. On view through Dec. 6.

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Cosmic Forecast

ARIES: March 21/April 20. Think about resting and being a bit introspective, Aries. Focusing on your inner world can help you to recharge your energy levels. Solitude also may provide some clarity.

TAURUS: April 21/May 21. Personal growth and self-improvement may be on your mind right now, Taurus. Set some new goals that align with your values. You may want to take a class to learn new skills as well.

GEMINI: May 22/June 21. Gemini, focus on long-term financial goals in the days to come. If you don't have a plan for investing meaningfully, you could sit down with an expert and get some ideas.

CANCER: June 22/July 22. Try to engage in some thoughtful conversations with greater frequency, Cancer. Accepting that you can learn from others is a great way to grow personally and professionally.

LEO: July 23/Aug. 23. You might want to stay closer to home this week, Leo. You've been burning the midnight oil quite a bit lately. Family matters need attention right now, so prioritize them.

VIRGO: Aug. 24/Sept. 22. Virgo, romance takes center stage for you, and you may find yourself suggesting new date ideas with your partner. Or this might be an opportunity to find a new romantic interest.

LIBRA: Sept. 23/Oct. 23. Don't let work and daily routines catch you off guard, Libra. Try to streamline your tasks and find more efficient ways to handle your responsibilities in the days to come.

SCORPIO: Oct. 24/Nov. 22. Scorpio, important negotiations or projects will certainly put your communication skills to the test. Keep an eye on the details and stick to the facts to avoid any misunderstandings.

SAGITTARIUS: Nov. 23/Dec. 21. Sagittarius, if you have been having any difficulties, voice your concerns to those who are willing to lend an ear. Keeping it all bottled up inside is not a healthy path forward.

CAPRICORN: Dec. 22/Jan. 20. Showcase your talents and ideas at work this week, Capricorn. Others can benefit from your experience and it may inspire changes or discussions that prove fruitful.

AQUARIUS: Jan. 21/Feb. 18. Aquarius, stick to your personal values and don't make concessions, whether with friends or in the workplace. It's important to have conviction in what you do.

PISCES: Feb. 19/March 20. Use any momentum you have for tackling new projects, Pisces. There's much to do between now and the new year and you will have to get busy sooner than you may have thought.

Yes, it's already time to start thinking about holiday gifts for knitters!

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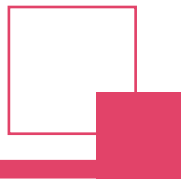
FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

NOV. 8 — Jerry Remy, baseball player and commentator (72)
NOV. 9 — Yvon Chouinard, founder of Patagonia sportswear (86)

NOV. 10— Tracy Morgan, actor (56)
NOV. 11— Jon Batiste, musician (38)
NOV. 12 — Nadia Comaneci, gymnast (63)
NOV. 13 — Jimmy Kimmel, comedian (57)
NOV. 14 — Claude Monet, painter (d)

CALENDAR

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THURSDAY, NOV. 7

GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB HIKE IN BRISTOL. Thursday, Nov. 7, Deer Leap. An easy to moderate hike of 3.6 miles round trip with 440 feet elevation change. Enjoy views to the southeast, southwest, and west over the town of Bristol. Contact Ken Corey at 802-349-3733 or kencorey53@gmail.com to register.

ART PLAY FOR ADULTS IN BRISTOL. Thursday, Nov. 7,

10 a.m., Lawrence Memorial Library, 40 North St. Art Play for Adults is a space for you to play with art and enjoy stress-free creativity and camaraderie. The focus is on process, not outcome, so bring your curiosity and take a break from it all. Workshop will begin with a simple prompt, with art supplies provided (although you're welcome to bring your own). Fun for all levels. More info at lawrencelibraryvt.org.

TRUE CRIME PODCAST

DISCUSSION GROUP IN MIDDLEBURY. Thursday, Nov. 7, 6 p.m., Ilsley Public Library, 75 Main St. Join fellow amateur sleuths for a discussion of the podcast Park Predators, The Hunter (1 episode). Listen to the podcast on your own before the discussion. Renee will facilitate the discussions with prompts and visuals. For participants 18 and over.

HARVEST WREATH WORKSHOP IN MONKTON. Thursday, Nov. 7, 6-7:30 p.m., Russell Memorial Library, 92 Monkton Ridge. Come design a festive harvest wreath for the holiday season with Iris Brannan. Ages 8 years and up are invited to join in on the fun. Call 802-453-4471 for more information.

2024 WINTER WILDLANDS ALLIANCE BACKCOUNTRY FILM FESTIVAL IN ROCHESTER. Thursday, Nov. 7, 6 p.m., Pierce Hall Community Center, 38 S. Main St. Come to this free film screening, part of the 11th Annual Vermont Backcountry Forum. The event is potluck. Raffle, beverages available from Red Clover Ale Co., and displays from partners and vendors. More info at ridgelineoutdoorcollective.org/backcountry-forum.

"EMILIA PÉREZ" ON SCREEN IN MIDDLEBURY. Thursday, Nov. 7, 7 p.m., Dana Auditorium, 356 College St. Middlebury College Hirschfeld screening series offers an exclusive advance screening of this audacious cinematic

experience that defies genres and expectations. Through liberating song and dance and bold visuals, this odyssey follows the journey of four remarkable women in Mexico, each pursuing their own happiness. Pre-screening "International Cuisine Crawl" reception, starting at 6 p.m. and post screening conversation with Middlebury College film professor Christian Keathley. Free.

JADED RAVINS IN BRISTOL. Thursday, Nov. 7, 7 p.m., South Mountain Tavern, 31 North St.

FRIDAY, NOV. 8

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT IN FERRISBURGH. Friday, Nov. 8, 6:30 p.m., Ferrisburgh Town Hall, Route 7. The Friends of the Union Meeting Hall hosts this fun event for adults and children, with free admission and popcorn for purchase. More info at unionmeetinghall@gmail.com.

MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE CHOIR FALL CONCERT IN MIDDLEBURY. Friday, Nov. 8, 7:30 p.m., Robison Hall, Mahaney Arts Center, 72 Porter Field Rd. Open to the Public.

"LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS" IN MIDDLEBURY. Friday, Nov. 8, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall Theater, 68 S. Pleasant St. THT welcomes the Middlebury College Musical Theater student group for their production of this horror comedy rock musical. Tickets \$10 adult/\$5 student, available at townhalltheater.org.

SATURDAY, NOV. 9

GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB HIKE IN KILLINGTON. Saturday, Nov. 9, Shrewsbury and Killington Peaks. Moderate to strenuous hike of about 11.5 miles with over 3,000 feet of elevation change climbing two Coolidge Range peaks; Shrewsbury and Killington. Fairly steep grades up Shrewsbury and Killington peak with an easy grade in between. Contact Ryan Grace at rgracersox@gmail.com for more information.

WILDLIFE WALK IN MIDDLEBURY. Saturday, Nov. 9, 8 a.m., meet at Otter View Park, corner of Weybridge St. and Pulp Mill Bridge Rd. Join Otter Creek Audubon and the Middlebury Area Land Trust to survey birds and other wildlife at Otter View Park and the Hurd Grassland. Birders of all ages and abilities welcome. For more information, call 802-388-6019.

LIVING HISTORY EVENT IN TICONDEROGA, N.Y. Saturday, Nov. 9, Fort Ticonderoga. Explore how British soldiers and loyalists engaged in their final campaign at Ticonderoga in the fall of 1781. Discover how this feign of British military force was to threaten the United States, while supporting a loyalist Vermont. Details at www.fortticonderoga.org.

PUZZLE SWAP IN MIDDLEBURY. Saturday, Nov. 9, 10 a.m., Isley Public Library, 75 Main St. Come to the Jessica Swift Community Room to stock up on new puzzles for this coming winter, a.k.a. puzzle season. Bring any puzzles you are done with and take home new-to-you puzzles.

JACKSON ELLIS IN MONKTON. Saturday, Nov. 9, 10:30-11:45 a.m., Russell Memorial Library, 92 Monkton Ridge. Come hear this local author talk about his novel, "Black Days."

"A CASE FOR THE EXISTENCE OF GOD" STAGED READING IN MIDDLEBURY. Saturday, Nov. 9, 4 p.m., Byers Studio, Town Hall Theater, 68 S. Pleasant St. In the latest installment of

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Middlebury Acting Company's MACo's Cutting Edge play reading series, faith, finance and fragile bonds collide in this intimate exploration of human connection. Seating strictly limited. More info and tickets, \$15, available at townhall theater.org.

"KING PEDE" CARD PARTY IN FERRISBURGH. Saturday, Nov. 9, 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. These are fun events, but come prepared to use your strategic thinking.

BRANDON HAS TALENT IN BRANDON. Saturday, Nov. 9, 7 p.m., Brandon Town Hall, 1 Conant Sq. This 10th edition of one of the most popular shows in the Town Hall promises great entertainment, plenty of laughter, and lots of fun with a few surprises.

CONTRA DANCE IN CORNWALL. Saturday, Nov. 9, 7 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. \$5 to \$10 or pay what you can.

SELECTIONS FROM GILBERT AND SULLIVAN IN MIDDLEBURY. Saturday, Nov. 9, 7 p.m., Champlain Valley Unitarian Universalist Society, 2 Duane Ct. Young Opera Company's after-school opera workshop program weaves scenes from Gilbert and Sullivan's operettas "Iolanthe," "Patience" and "The Mikado" into an original script about podcast hosts debating the age-old question: "Is it the music, or the text, that is most important?"

"LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS" IN MIDDLEBURY. Saturday, Nov. 9, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall Theater, 68 S. Pleasant St. See Nov. 8 listing.

SUNDAY, NOV. 10

MOHSEN AMINI VIRTUAL TALK. Sunday, Nov. 10, 11 a.m., Zoom. Join Middlebury Community Music Center for a free Zoom-based performance and Q&A session with concertina phenom Mohsen Amini of Talisk and Ímar. The event is free and open to the public, but only a limited number of registrations are available. Register today at mcmcv.org/events-calendar/mohsen-amini.

"A CASE FOR THE EXISTENCE OF GOD" BY SAMUEL D. HUNTER STAGED READING IN MIDDLEBURY. Sunday, Nov. 10, 4 p.m., Byers Studio, Town Hall Theater, 68 S. Pleasant St. See Nov. 9 listing.

"LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS" IN MIDDLEBURY. Sunday, Nov. 10, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall Theater, 68 S. Pleasant St. See Nov. 8 listing.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 13

"VAN GOGH: POETS AND LOVERS" ON SCREEN IN MIDDLEBURY. Wednesday, Nov. 13, 11 a.m., Town Hall Theater, 68 S. Pleasant St. The Great Art Wednesdays series continues with this film, which focuses on Van Gogh's unique creative process. "Van Gogh: Poets & Lovers" explores the artist's years in the south of France, where he revolutionized his style. Tickets \$15, available at townhalltheater.org.

"WHO IS KILLING ALL THE GREAT CHEFS OF EUROPE" ON SCREEN IN MIDDLEBURY. Wednesday, Nov. 13, 1 p.m., Community Room, Ilsley Public Library, 75 Main St. the Middlebury Community Classic Film Club's fall series on movies about food continues with this romp through London, Venice and Paris in this comical tale of culinary crime.

THURSDAY, NOV. 14

GUEST CURATOR TALK: KENNETH J. MYERS IN MIDDLEBURY. Thursday, Nov. 14, 4:30 p.m., Room 125, Mahaney Arts Center, 72 Porter Field Rd. Middlebury College Museum of Art hosts Kenneth J. Myers, Byron and Dorothy Gerson Curator of American Art at the Detroit Institute of the Arts (DIA), who organized

the major traveling exhibition, "Frederic Church: A Painter's Pilgrimage." Open to the Public.

"WHO WAS IRA ALLEN?" IN VERGENNES. Thursday, Nov. 14, 5-6:30 p.m., Bixby Memorial Library, 258 Main St. Land speculator, pamphleteer, politician and revolutionary, Ira Allen has long been hidden in the shadow of his brother, Ethan Allen. Join author and Vermont historian J. Kevin Graffagnino when he illuminates the life of Ira Allen while discussing his new book, "Ira Allen: a Biography."

OIL PASTELS FOR BEGINNERS IN MIDDLEBURY. Thursday, Nov. 14, 6 p.m., Ilsley Public Library, 75 Main St. Get your hands dirty in the step-by-step program to learn the basics of creating a wintery scene with oil pastels. Renee will be on hand for tips and advice as we follow a video guiding us through this project. All supplies will be provided. Space is limited. Register at www.ilsleypubliclibrary.org/oil-pastels-for-beginners.


OTTER CREEK AUDUBON SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING AND TALK IN MIDDLEBURY. Thursday, Nov. 14, 7-8 p.m., Champlain Valley Unitarian Universalist Society, 2 Duane Ct. Join us for a celebration of the work OCAS has done in the previous year. Featured speaker Rob Bierregaard, Ph.D., will talk about his research on the ecology and migration of ospreys in eastern North America. State Rep. Amy Sheldon will be presented the Silver Feather Award. And there will be a brief business meeting and board election. Free and open to the public.


RUSS LAWTON & FRIENDS IN BRISTOL. Thursday, Nov. 14, 7
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Fig is an affectionate young girl who likes to sit in laps. She is currently working on growing her coat out from previously having fleas. Fig sometimes gets overstimulated when being pet for too long and she is looking for an adopter who will read her body language and respect her space. She does not seem to get along with the other cats at the shelter but we are unsure about dogs.



Jelly Roll

Jelly Roll may look like the biggest and toughest tom around but he is the squishiest and most affectionate! He will melt like butter in your arms and will knead like no tomorrow. Jelly Roll is super easygoing and even let staff dress him for Halloween! He has lived with both cats and dogs. Jelly Roll is FIV+ which means he is immunocompromised and needs to be an indoor-only cat. Cats with FIV have the same life expectancy as cats without it.



Ralph

Ralph is a sweet and affectionate young boy. He loves to stand on your lap, make biscuits, and stick his tongue out in an attempt to stop his happy drooling! The shelter noises are a bit scary for him but he will come out of hiding for some love. He has lived with other cats and dogs and was an indoor/outdoor previously.



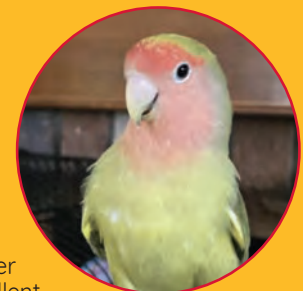
Lucy

Lucy is part of Homeward Bound's 3rd Party Adoption listing for privately owned Vermont animals, so she is not residing at the shelter. Described as lovable, cuddly, and loyal, Lucy enjoys sleeping in bed, playing fetch, tug of war, and learning tricks for treats. She is young and energetic, and her current guardian feels she'd thrive in a home either as the only dog or with another energetic dog. Ideally, her new owner would have breed knowledge and be open to training her. Lucy already knows commands like sit, speak, and come.



Dill

Dill is part of Homeward Bound's 3rd Party Adoption listing. Dill needs to be in a home without any other lovebirds. Her current guardian believes she would thrive as an only bird, enjoying daily out-of-cage playtime and being the center of attention. Dill would make an excellent pet for someone who works from home and has the willingness to learn about lovebirds. She would do best in a quieter home without loud dogs.



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Trans-positive, full-scale dance experience in Middlebury

Emmy Award-winning choreographer, dancer, writer, educator and activist Sean Dorsey has long been recognized as the country's premier transgender modern dance choreographer. Dorsey brings his newest work — and his explicitly trans-positive pedagogy — to the Mahaney Arts Center on Nov. 15 and 16 for his Middlebury Performing Arts Series debut.

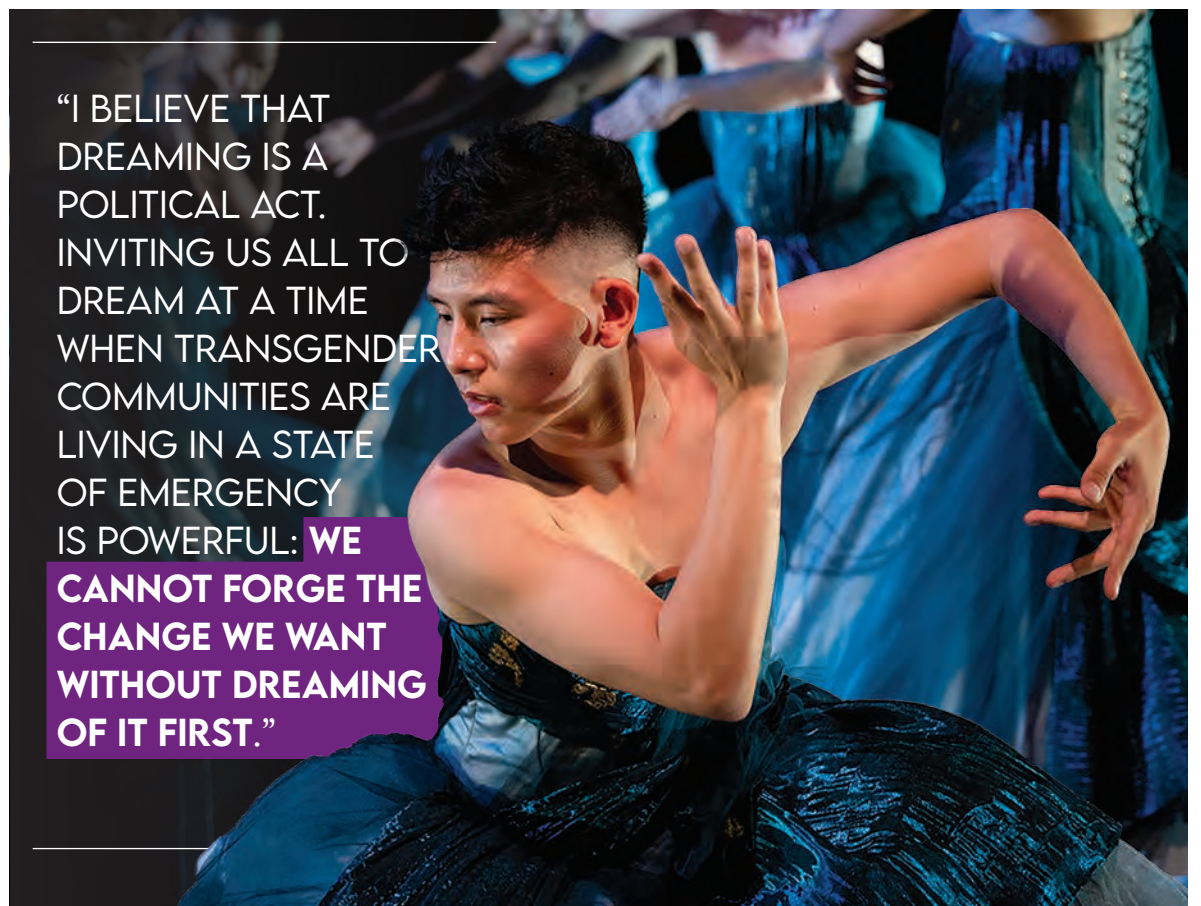
"The Lost Art of Dreaming" is a full-evening fusion of full-throttle dance, intimate storytelling, intricate costuming, and exquisite queer partnering, all executed with Sean Dorsey Dance's signature technical precision, guts and deep humanity. The work is performed by a powerhouse ensemble of five trans, queer and gender-non-conforming dancers with a rich, layered soundscore featuring original and commissioned music. A talkback with the artists will follow the Saturday evening performance.

ABOUT THE ARTIST

Sean Dorsey has toured his work to more than 35 cities across the U.S. and abroad and has taught in more than 40 cities. Dorsey is a Doris Duke Artist, a United States Artists Fellow, and a Dance/USA Artist Fellow. He has been awarded an Emmy Award, five Isadora Duncan Dance Awards, and the Goldie Award for Performance. In 2019, he became the first openly transgender person on the cover of *Dance Magazine*.

JOIN IN!

The company will hold a week-long residency at Middlebury College leading up to their performances, including two opportunities for the public to learn more and participate. Trans-Friendly Movement Workshops will take place at the MAC Dance Theatre on Wednesday,



Sean Dorsey Dance brings "The Lost Art of Dreaming" to the Mahaney Arts Center on Nov. 15 and 16.

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Nov. 13, at 4:30 p.m., and Saturday, Nov. 16 at noon. These all-levels, super-friendly workshops led by Dorsey and the dancers will lead participants through mindful breathing, meditation, a gentle warmup, movement exercises ... and then creative self-expression through movement. Dorsey welcomes all humans and all levels — including terrified "non-dancers"! Both workshops are free and open to all. More info at tinyurl.com/4uhavuum.

Don't miss this chance to see and participate with Sean Dorsey Dance. "The Lost Art

of Dreaming" will be performed at the Mahaney Arts Center Dance Theatre on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 15 and 16 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25 for the general public, \$20 for Middlebury faculty/staff and alumni, \$10 for youth, and \$5 for Middlebury College students. **Community Access Tickets are available for anyone needing further discounts.** The two free community workshops will take place at the MAC on Wednesday, Nov. 13 at 4:30 p.m., and Saturday, Nov. 16 at noon. For tickets or information, call (802) 443-MIDD (6433) or visit middlebury.edu/arts.

FILM

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from them still."

Directed by Rowland V. Lee for Paramount Pictures, a highlight of "Barbed Wire" is

a sequence in which the German prisoners celebrate a traditional Teutonic Christmas, by turns solemn and rowdy, despite being incarcerated.

Rapsis specializes in creating music that bridges the gap between an older silent film and the expectations of today's audiences.

Using a digital synthesizer that recreates

the texture of a full orchestra, he improvises scores in real time as a movie unfolds, so that the music for no two screenings is the same.

"It's kind of a high wire act, but it helps create an emotional energy that's part of the silent film experience," Rapsis said. "It's easier to support the emotional line of the movie and the audience's reaction when I'm able to follow what's on screen, rather than be buried in sheet music," he said.

Because silent films were designed to be shown to large audiences in theaters with live music, the best way to experience them is to recreate the conditions in which they were first shown, Rapsis said.



Silent film classic "Barbed Wire" will screen with live music on Saturday, Nov. 16, at 7 p.m. at the Brandon Town Hall and Community Center.

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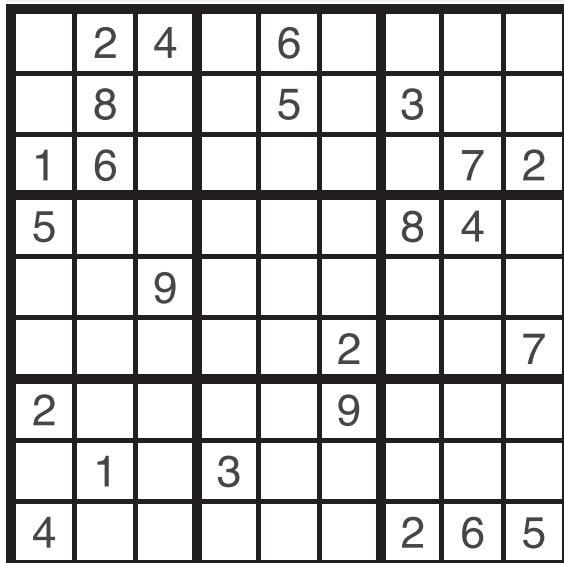
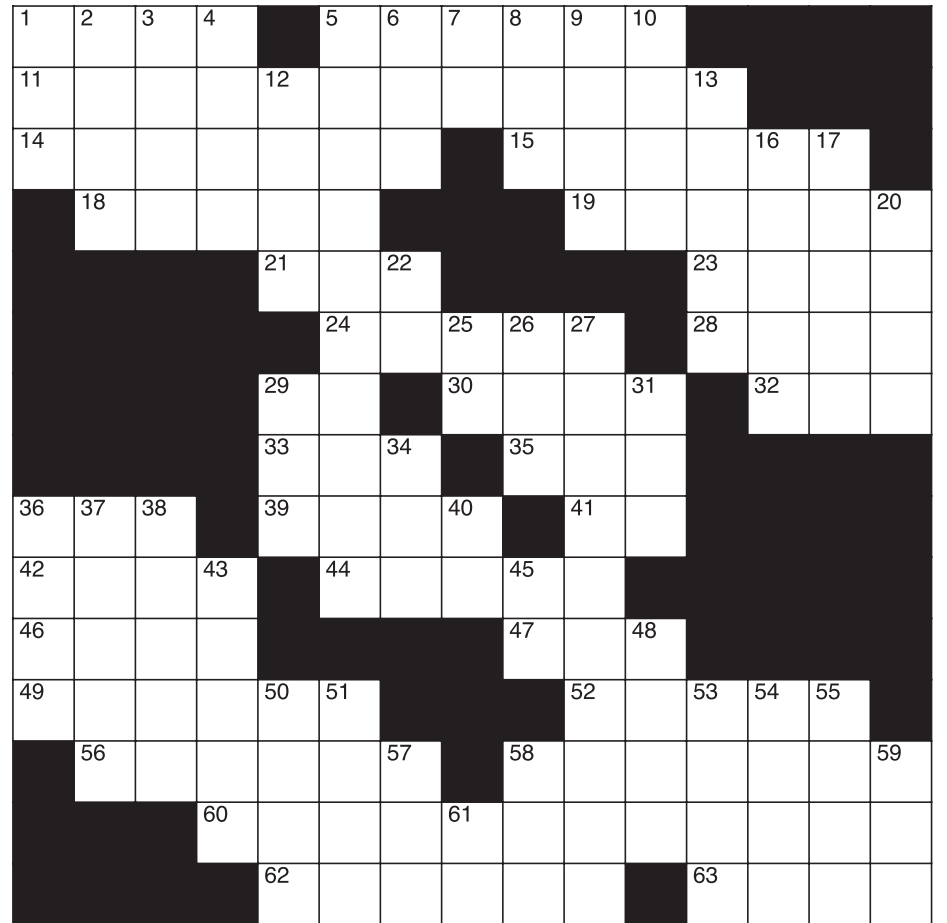
- 1. Absence of effort
- 5. Preserve a dead body
- 11. Gratitude
- 14. The act of coming together again
- 15. Simpler
- 18. Visionaries
- 19. Large, fish-eating bird
- 21. Indicates near
- 23. Former CIA agent and critic
- 24. Icelandic poems
- 28. Pop
- 29. "Hammer" is one
- 30. Senses of self-importance
- 32. Thyrotrophic

- hormone
- 33. Not around
- 35. Electronic data processing
- 36. Licenses and passports are two types
- 39. Snakelike fish
- 41. Air Force
- 42. Popular computers
- 44. Of a withered nature
- 46. Wings
- 47. Used in combination
- 49. Laid back
- 52. Jeweled headdress
- 56. In slow tempo

- 58. __ Falls
- 60. Assertions made again
- 62. Periods of history
- 63. Hyphen

DOWN

- 1. Body part
- 2. Mimics
- 3. Expel large quantities rapidly
- 4. Sea eagle
- 5. A type of subdivision
- 6. Variety of Chinese
- 7. Mr. T's name on "The A-Team"
- 8. Consumed
- 9. Chinese dynasty
- 10. NFL great Randy



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

- 12. Ireland
- 13. Palm trees with creeping roots
- 16. Fungal disease
- 17. Impressionable persons
- 20. Affirmative! (slang)
- 22. Instinctive part of the mind
- 25. "The First State"
- 26. A way to develop
- 27. Fraternities
- 29. Woman (French)
- 31. Sunscreen rating
- 34. Beer
- 36. Spiritual leader
- 37. Indigo bush
- 38. Burn with a hot liquid
- 40. Junior's father
- 43. Ray-finned fishes
- 45. Morning
- 48. Line passing side to side through the center (abbr.)
- 50. Double curve
- 51. A small bundle of straw or hay
- 53. Got older
- 54. Crater on Mars
- 55. Humanities
- 57. Relating to the ears
- 58. "To the __ degree..."
- 59. Residue of a burned product
- 61. It cools a home

This week's puzzle solutions can be found on Page 11.

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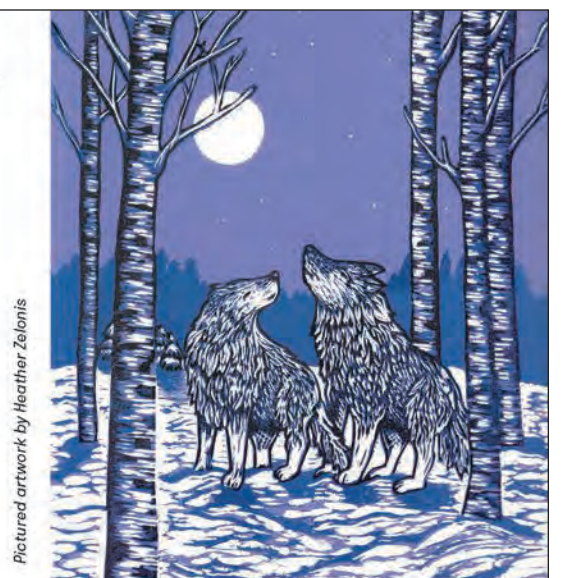
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CALENDAR

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p.m., South Mountain Tavern., 31 Main St.

"THE DROWSY CHAPERONE" ON STAGE IN MIDDLEBURY. Thursday, Nov. 14, 7 p.m., Middlebury Union High School, 73 Charles Ave. MUHS Theater presents this delightful musical, which is rated PG and promises an unforgettable experience. Don't miss out. Get your tickets now at cur8.com/projects/22970.

"KING LEAR" ON STAGE IN MIDDLEBURY. Thursday, Nov. 14, 7:30 p.m., Wright Memorial Theater, Chateau Rd. The Middlebury College Theatre Department presents Shakespeare's classic drama in an epic production starring Alex Draper and a large cast of Middlebury students. Original music composed by Clint Bierman (The Grift) and director Michole Biancosino, costumes by noted designer Summer Lee Jack. Tickets \$15/10/8/5. Info at go.middlebury.edu.

FRIDAY, NOV. 15
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Theater, Chateau Rd. See Nov. 14 listing. Post-show talk back with the director and company after the Friday performance.

SEAN DORSEY DANCE, "THE LOST ART OF DREAMING" IN MIDDLEBURY. Friday, Nov. 15, 7:30 p.m., Dance Theater, Mahaney Arts Center, 72 Porter Field Rd. Sean Dorsey is an Emmy Award-winning choreographer, dancer, writer, educator, and activist. Long recognized as the U.S.'s first acclaimed transgender modern dance choreographer, Dorsey brings his newest work — and his explicitly trans-positive pedagogy — for his Performing Arts Series debut. Tickets: \$25/20/10/5. More info at go.middlebury.edu.

SATURDAY, NOV. 16

GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB HIKE IN MONKTON. Saturday, Nov. 16, Raven Ridge. This is a 2.2-mile moderate hike of Nature Conservancy protected property with about 490 ft. elevation gain. Hike north on the loop trail through the woods, then up a steep slope to the ridge with views of the Champlain Valley and interesting geological formations. Parts of the trail are steep and a hiking pole is recommended. Dress in layers, wear sturdy boots and bring water and a snack. Limited to 10 participants. For more information and to register contact leader Ruth Penfield at ruthpenfield@gmail.com or 802-458-1116.

"THE DROWSY CHAPERONE" ON STAGE IN MIDDLEBURY. Saturday, Nov. 16, 2 p.m., Middlebury Union High School,

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The Brandon Artists Guild will open **"Merry & Bright" a Holiday Art Market at the downtown Brandon gallery on Friday, Nov. 8, with a reception from 5-7 p.m.** Come celebrate, and meet two new artists along with the seasoned crew and enjoy the fun, festive, Merry & Bright Holiday Market. Complimentary light libations served.

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THE MAIDEN SHOW IN MIDDLEBURY. Sunday, Nov. 17, 2 p.m., Town Hall Theater, 68 S. Pleasant St. See Nov. 16 listing.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 20

WARREN MILLER'S "75" ONSCREEN IN MIDDLEBURY. Wednesday, Nov. 20, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall Theater, 68 S. Pleasant St. Get ready for a stacked lineup featuring snowboarders Shaun White, Zeb Powell, Toby Miller, Danny Davis, and 15-year-old phenom LJ Henriquez, plus skiers Max Hitzig, Lexi duPont, Caite Zelif, Aaron Blunck, and many more. Explore powder stashes and chutes around the world, from Canada, Colorado, California, and Utah to Finland, Japan, Austria, Alaska, and New Jersey. Tickets \$25 in advance/\$27 at the door, available at townhalltheater.org.

73 Charles Ave. See Nov. 14 listing.

"BARBED WIRE" ON SCREEN IN BRANDON. Saturday, Nov. 16, 7 p.m., Brandon Town Hall, 1 Conant Sq. During World War I, the French government commandeers a family farm for use as a camp for German POWs, setting the local population at each other. Intense 1927 silent film drama about forbidden love and the human condition, with a special holiday twist.

THE MAIDEN SHOW IN MIDDLEBURY. Saturday, Nov. 16, 7 p.m., Town Hall Theater, 68 S. Pleasant St. Come hear Maiden Vermont sing their catchy tunes. Tickets \$20/\$15/\$10, available at townhalltheater.org.

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SUNDAY, NOV. 17
CHAMPLAIN VALLEY FIDDLERS' JAM AND LUNCHEON IN MIDDLEBURY. Sunday, Nov. 17, 11 a.m., 4 p.m., VFW, 1530 Exchange St. Meal starts at noon and includes roast turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, gravy, green bean casserole, squash, macaroni & cheese, rolls, apple crisp or

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WHAT'S HAPPENING NEXT DOOR

Bristol artist gives demo at exhibit in Burlington

Frog Hollow Craft Gallery in Burlington opened a show featuring Bristol artist Deborah Holmes on Nov. 1. In her exhibition, "Six Seasons of Vermont," Holmes showcases a captivating collection of 30 new watercolor paintings. This immersive showcase pursues a holistic view of the state's diverse landscapes and rural charm. She will give an artist demo at the gallery on Church Street next Saturday, Nov. 16, from 1-3 p.m.



Deborah Holmes' new work is on view through Nov. 29, at Frog Hollow Craft Gallery on Church Street in Burlington.

COURTESY IMAGE BY DEBORAH HOLMES

Throughout the year, Holmes diligently captures the

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"Eternal Harvest"

features painting and sculpture by New

England-based artists Neil Berger, Clark Derbes, and Lydia Jenkins Musco. The exhibit will be on view Oct. 5-Nov. 30.

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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,"

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"An Invitation to Awe." This exhibit addresses questions about where and how awe is most readily experienced. Older paintings and prints are displayed in conversation with contemporary objects, scientific equipment, and interactive work that compels the viewer to think of how awe is experienced through senses other than sight and to expand their own understanding of where awe lives now. On view Sept. 13-Dec. 8.

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"Landscape." Traditional or contemporary, natural, urban, industrial, abstract — show us how you see the world. Juror Ann Jastrab selected approximately 35 images for exhibition in the Middlebury gallery, and 40 more for the online gallery. On view Nov. 8-29.

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"Frost & Fable." Featuring the work of 15 local artists, "Frost & Fable" celebrates the unique ways winter inspires, inviting visitors to step into a world of wonder and imagination. On view Nov. 15-Jan. 25, with an opening reception Nov. 15, from 5-7 p.m., free and open to the public, with complimentary refreshments by Lincoln Peak Vineyard and Thistle and Honey Baking.

OPERA

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The evenings begin at 7:30 p.m., and will be presented in three parts,

offering audiences an immersive experience that explores a multi-faceted glimpse into the legacy of Capote's work:

CONVERSATION WITH ACTRESS BRENDA CURRIN

The evening begins with a conversation featuring Brenda Currin, the actress who portrayed Nancy Clutter in the 1969 film "In Cold Blood." Currin will share personal stories from her time filming on location in Holcomb, Ks., at the Clutter family home, as well as her unforgettable experience meeting Truman Capote personally. Her reflections will provide a rare behind-the-scenes glimpse into the making of the film and its deep connection to the real-life events.

PRESENTATION WITH ANDE PARKS

Ande Parks, the graphic artist behind

"Capote in Kansas," will offer an engaging presentation on the process of creating a graphic novel and the artistic journey that transformed his work into an opera. This segment will give the audience insight into how visual storytelling merges with the operatic medium, culminating in a deeper understanding of the creative forces behind "Truman and Nancy."

WORLD PREMIERE: "TRUMAN AND NANCY"

The evening concludes with the world premiere of "Truman and Nancy," a one-act opera by William Zeffiro. The opera delves deep into Capote's emotional turmoil as he wrestles with the moral complexities of his work. The appearance of Nancy's spirit forces Capote to confront not only the tragedy of her death but also his own role in making her story famous. Throughout the opera, themes of legacy and what we leave behind are woven into the narrative, inviting audiences to reflect on the relationships we build in life and the memories that endure beyond our time.

For more information visit operavermont.com/trumanandnancy.

HOLMES

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ever-changing beauty of Vermont's natural world, translating her observations into vibrant and evocative watercolors. Summer, fall, winter, spring, and the shoulder seasons

(twig and mud), inform her artistic creations.

Holmes's work is recognized for its ability to evoke a sense of place and honest connection to the natural world. Her paintings invite viewers to immerse themselves in the breathtaking landscapes of Vermont, from the majestic mountains to the shifting skies and quaint villages. Beyond the aesthetic, Holmes' "Six Seasons of Vermont" offers a glimpse into the authentic experiences and rhythms of life in the Green Mountain State. The exhibit will be on view through Nov. 29.

ABOUT THE ARTIST

Drawing and painting since childhood, Holmes has been making her living as an artist for over 30 years, and she continues to paint every day in her studio in Bristol. Holmes graduated from Vassar College, where she studied history and fine art. She began painting full-time after teaching at a boarding school in northern New Hampshire for several years.

For more information visit froghollow.org/exhibits/six-seasons-of-vermont or deborahholmesart.com.



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A SALUTE

to Veterans

*A special section of the Addison Independent
Thursday, November 7, 2024*



Local veterans describe their service & reception at home

By MARIN HOWELL

BRISTOL — For those who have served in the United States Armed Forces, often the battles they face do not end once they return home. Navigating health problems, finding work, and reconnecting with family and friends are among the common challenges veterans might face when readjusting to civilian life, according to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

Vermont Vets Town Halls are aimed at shedding light on the experiences of those who have served — during their service and after returning home — to increase understanding and communication between veterans and citizens in their communities.

Such town halls, started with the help of author Sebastian Junger, have been held around the state each year since 2017. During these events, veterans are invited to share their experiences serving our country and what it means to them.

This year's series of Vets Town Halls kicked off in Bristol on Oct. 24 with an event at Holley Hall organized by the Bristol Social Justice Discussion Group.

“(Sebastian Junger and collaborators) came up with this initiative as a mechanism for veterans to approach their community and talk about their experience; to share their story,” Bristol veteran Jon Turner told those in attendance. “This is saving lives. This is changing lives, and it’s helping to build a stronger and more resilient community.”

Turner hosted the Oct. 24 event and was among about a half-dozen local veterans to speak. He served with the U.S. Marines from 2003-2007 and now operates Wild Roots Community Farm in Bristol.

He spoke with community members about how challenging it can be to leave your time in combat behind upon returning home, particularly on the anniversary of events experienced while serving or since coming home.

“That’s always difficult because it’s not something I ever anticipate, and every year I feel like it’s gone it proves me wrong,” he said. “It’s really easy at that point to go into a funk and stay in that funk and spiral down and not really care about anything else.”

He shared some of the brighter moments from his service, particularly those involving dogs. Turner recalled how during a combat tour in Iraq he and others became acquainted with a dog named “Dirt.”

“(While operating in Iraq) Dirt would be with us the entire time, and we’d go out on day missions and night missions, and we learned that he was actually pulling security for us,” Turner said. “He would make rounds and if we were in an ambush site, we would just kind of go around and he would keep dogs away from us. We watched this time and time again; it was unbelievable.”

Dirt was among a handful of dogs Turner came across during his time serving in Iraq and during a tour in Haiti. He said such experiences are the ones he wants to remember.

“For me, I think that having animals in my life at that time was really a saving grace and it reminded me what was important in life,” Turner said. “It doesn’t matter whether you believe in war, or you believe in peace, there’s these moments you have that kind of keep you whole and keep you from being completely lost in whatever it is you’re experiencing.”

He noted dogs continue to help him through harder days.

“I’m pretty in tune with my body and if I start to feel something coming, I do what I can,” he said. “Most of the time that involves the woods or a dog.”

RALPH TORREY

Vergennes veteran Ralph Torrey also spoke at the Bristol town hall. Torrey enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1968 and served as a helicopter crew chief during the Vietnam War.

He said the best piece of advice he ever received was to take his training seriously, a lesson he took to heart during basic training.

“I was like a sponge. I wanted to learn everything, I wanted to do it as well as I could,” Torrey said.

Torrey extended his tour in Vietnam twice. He noted that his job as a helicopter crew chief included providing air support to ground forces, such as those that needed help getting out of a difficult situation.

Torrey flew around 2,000 combat

“It doesn’t matter whether you believe in war, or you believe in peace, there’s these moments you have that kind of keep you whole and keep you from being completely lost in whatever it is you’re experiencing.”

— Veteran Jon Turner

ON THE COVER: Joe DeGray, who served in the U.S. Army in the 1950s and was a leader of Middlebury American Legion Post 27 for more than two decades, was seen by *Independent* photographer Steve James carrying the flag at a Middlebury Union High School football game earlier this fall.

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hours during his service. He was shot down once, after which his commanding officer told him he was off flight status.

“I was so angry with him because I wanted to (be out there) with my men and do what I was trained to do, but it was probably one of the nicest things anybody ever did for me and it’s why I’m here today telling that story,” Torrey said.

Torrey said his time serving taught him some important things, such as responsibility and camaraderie.

“I still talk to many of the people I served with. I still think of them as 20-somethings,” he said. “No blood relations but we’re all family.”

He acknowledged that he also learned lessons he probably wishes he hadn’t.

“I learned how to have utter disregard for human life, and it was a defense mechanism,” Torrey said. “I was trained to think of the people that I was fighting as ‘the enemy,’ that was how they were referred to all through my training. They weren’t referred to as human beings or people; it was always ‘the enemy.’”

Torrey now serves as a volunteer at Josh’s House in Colchester, a wellness and recreation center for Vermont service members, according to the Josh Pallotta Fund’s website. The organization was established in honor of Joshua R. Pallotta, who served in the Vermont National Guard and was deployed to Afghanistan. Upon returning home, Pallotta struggled with physical injuries and Post Traumatic Stress (PTS). In 2014, he lost his battle with PTS and died of suicide.

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U.S. MARINE VETERAN Jon Turner speaks about his service in Iraq during a Veterans Town Hall at Bristol’s Holley Hall on Oct. 24. About a half-dozen other veterans shared their experiences, as well.

Photo courtesy of Kristen Eaton/vtvetstownhall.org

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REMEMBER THAT FREEDOM IS NOT FREE.

A local double hero fights for lives of veterans

By PATTY LEWIS of New Haven

By the time Veterans Day arrives, the 2024 election will have hopefully ended. Many town hall events were held to inform the public of candidate positions on policy and public concerns. By far, the most consequential of these town hall events for me, the daughter of a World War II veteran and wife of Viet Nam War veteran, was held on Oct. 24 at Holley Hall in Bristol.

Vets Town Hall was sponsored by the Bristol Social Justice Discussion Group (thank you, Porter Knight!), the Bristol Recreation Department, and Lawrence Memorial Library. Emcee Jon Turner made it immediately clear to the 40 attendees that this was not a political event, but an opportunity for Veterans from all branches of service, including Reservists, from any era, to tell their story of what service to our country means to them.

Vets Town Halls are spreading around the country in an effort to increase awareness of the trauma our men and women in the military experience — trauma so severe, that the suicide rate for Veterans is occurring at twice the daily rate as for non-Veterans: 16 per 100,000 civilians vs. 32 per 100,000 Veterans (2022 National Veteran Suicide Prevention Annual Report.).

Jon Turner is one of those Veterans who proudly stands before community members to tell his story of fighting in the Iraq war, losing 16 members of his combat unit, coming back to civilian life a changed man struggling to cope. In an effort to turn devastation into rejuvenation, Jon provided housing for Veterans on his small farm in Bristol to teach them agricultural skills, giving them a new lease on life. Despite his own ongoing struggles, he also took on the challenge of Veteran suicide prevention by becoming a speaker for Vets Town Hall. He has traveled all over New England, providing dozens of Veterans the chance to tell their story without being

judged for their tears.

In this day and age of double sizing our soft drinks and French fries, we have learned that this is not necessarily a good thing. However, Jon Turner shows us that a Double Hero, fighting on the battlefield and now on his home turf for his fellow countrymen and women, is not just a good thing — it's lifesaving.

The next Vermont Vets Town Hall takes place at the Godnick Adult Center, Rutland, on Nov. 18, with a pre-event dinner at 5:30. (RSVP at vtvetstownhall.org required for the dinner). All events are free. Non-veterans are encouraged to attend and listen. All events are non-political, and all perspectives valued. There is no debate on American foreign policy.

Please join Jon and support his efforts to reduce Veteran suicide. Email Kristen Eaton at vermont@vetstownhall.org to see a list of future events or make a donation.

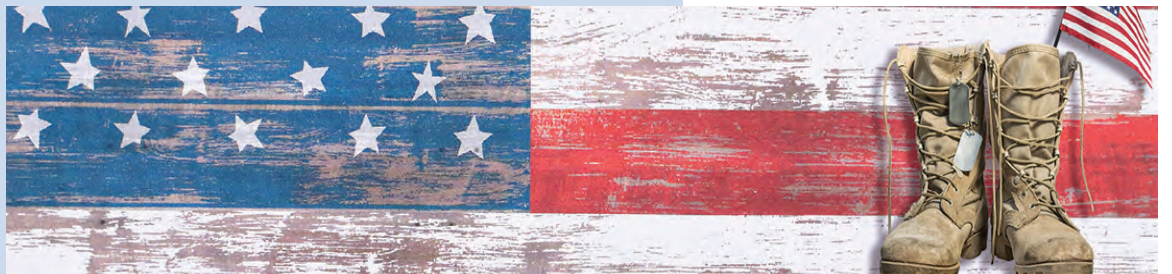
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—Sebastian Junger

Starksboro's Orvis gets scholarship

BARRE — The local chapter of The Forty and Eight, a national veterans organization, has awarded scholarships to five outstanding students in nursing programs in colleges in Vermont.

The recipients include Tracy Orvis of Starksboro, a sophomore student in the Associate Nursing Degree program at Vermont State University-Randolph. The others were Sebastian Morland of Plainfield and Rebeka Vilbrin of Barre, also students in the Associate Nursing Degree program at Vermont State University-Randolph; Lauren Thomas of Hardwick, junior in the Bachelor of Science track in the Nursing program at VSU-Castleton; and Katelyn Roberts, a senior in the Bachelor of Science track in Nursing program at Norwich University.



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Service members do storytime

United Through Reading matches vets with kids

More than 1,000 classrooms across the country will be participating in the United Through Reading “Story Time with a Service Member” event beginning on Veterans Day, Monday, Nov. 11, and continuing all week, through Friday, Nov. 15. United Through Reading will send a Veterans Day video package to participating schools with a library of video recordings of service members reading an entertaining and educational age-appropriate story to classrooms across the country.

The annual “Story Time with a Service Member” event demonstrates the organization’s steadfast commitment to facilitate the bonding experience between distant serving military members and their loved ones, and members of the community, through video-recorded stories. In celebration of Veterans Day, the event creates tangible experiences amongst service members and thousands of students through the fulfilling experience of reading aloud. “Story Time with a Service Member” gives students the opportunity to honor America’s veterans and gain an authentic understanding of the role military service members play in their communities and throughout the country.

“This important national event gives tens of thousands of students in classrooms throughout all 50 states the

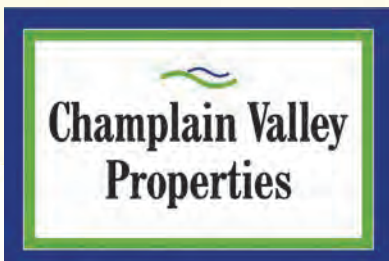
ability to gain a deeper appreciation of the men and women who serve in the military,” said Sally Ann Zoll, Interim CEO of United Through Reading. “Story Time with a Service Member” is an educational and fun way for these students to connect with our service members in beautiful, emotional and unexpected ways.”

In keeping with United Through Reading’s mission to connect military families through the shared bonding experience of reading aloud, the event also supports National Family Literacy Month and Military Family Month.

United Through Reading keeps military families reading-ready, no matter the distance between them. Families stay connected through storytime video recordings and books sent to military families. These stories ease the stress of time apart due to military duty, maintain positive emotional connections and cultivate a love of reading and early childhood literacy.

Service members and veterans can record a story for their family at more than 400 United Through Reading recording locations worldwide, as well as on their mobile devices with their free and secure reading app. Since 1989, more than 3.4 million military family members have benefited from United Through Reading’s programs and services.

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Local and other Vt. businesses back their soldier employees

SOUTH BURLINGTON — Vermont Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve has announced its combined 2023-2024 award recipients for service and support to Vermont's National Guard and U.S. Armed Forces Reserve members. At their annual banquet held recently at the Vt Air National Guard Base in South Burlington earlier this fall, Vermont ESGR presented or recognized 64 awards given to more than 34 employers who provided outstanding support during the past year.



Two Addison County organizations were recognized.

The 2023 event was canceled due to that summer's flooding. Guest speakers for the event were Major General Gregory Knight, Adjutant General, State of Vermont, and Bruce Townshend, Director of Engagement for Headquarters, Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve.

The Pro Patria is the highest award that a state ESGR office can present to recognize a highly supportive employer. The award may be presented to an organization in each of up to three categories; small

business private sector, large business private sector, and public sector. Top award recipients receiving the "Pro Patria" award for 2023 were Vermont Telephone Company, Inc. of Springfield; General Electric Aerospace of North Clarendon and Rutland; and Tri-Valley Transit, the public transportation service provider in Middlebury that was formerly known as Addison County Regional Transit. The Top recipients of the Pro Patria award for 2024 were Norwich University Applied Research Institutes, and Green Mountain Power.

Other businesses and other organizations were recognized with the ESGR Patriot Award. The Patriot Award is often a foundation for the higher-level awards. Recipients included, among others, Martin and Kathleen Clark of Martin's Hardware and Building Supply Co. in Bristol.

ESGR also recognized 13 Vermont employers who were nominated by their citizen service member employees for the prestigious Secretary of Defense Freedom Award. This is the highest award presented nationwide to employers who provide exceptional support to their citizen soldiers,

airmen, sailors, Marines, and Coast Guard members. The 2023 first-level nominees included Tri-Valley Transit. The other 2024 Freedom Award winners were Control Technologies Inc., GE Aerospace, Perrigo/PBM Nutritionals, Powderhorn Outdoor Sports, Vermont Telephone Company and the Vermont Air National Guard. The 2024 first-level nominees included Green Mountain Power, Norwich University Applied Research Institutes, Dealer.com, Poulin Farms, Beta Technologies, and the Left Bank Restaurant at the Weston Inn.

Other awards presented or recognized included the "Above and Beyond" award, for support that well exceeds basic requirements under federal law.

Recipients included XFold Engineering, North Springfield; 802 Baseball Lab, St. Albans; KORE Power Solutions Division, Waterbury; the Left Bank Restaurant (Weston Inn), Weston; Rice Memorial High School, South Burlington; Vermont Hardwoods, Chester; 103 Auto/Heads Up Motorsports, Chester; GE Aerospace, Rutland/No. Clarendon; Engelberth Construction, Colchester; NuHarbor Security, Colchester; Trow and Holden, Barre; Mansfield Orthopaedics at Copley, Morrisville; Brattleboro Fire Department, Brattleboro; and UVM Medical Center, Burlington.

The "Seven Seals" award is presented (See ESGR, Page 13)

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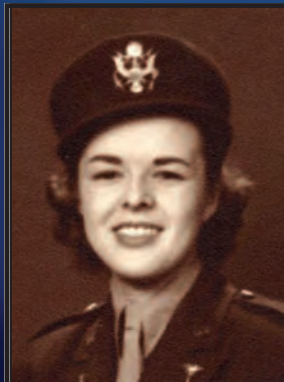


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William Clark

Corporal - Marines
Camp Prendelton

I am writing to honor my father, William Clark and to thank him for serving our country as a Marine. We sadly lost him March 11th, 2023, but his memory will live on. He will always be my hero. Love your son, Cody and wife Betty.

SUBMITTED BY: CODY CLARK



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A Proclamation on Veterans Day

Every year the President of the United States issues a proclamation on Veterans Day, Nov. 11, to recognize and honor American vets. Here's the proclamation from last year.

This Veterans Day, we honor the generations of women and men who have served and sacrificed — not for a person, a place, or a President — but for an idea unlike any other: the idea of the United States of America. For nearly 250 years, our veterans have defended the values that make us strong so that our Nation could stand as a citadel of liberty, a beacon of freedom, and a wellspring of possibilities.


Today, I am thinking of all our Nation's veterans, who put their lives on the line to protect our democracy, values, and freedom around the world. We honor our wounded warriors, so many of whom the First Lady and I have met over the years, who are bound by a common sense of duty, courage, and optimism, and we remember those who are still missing in action or prisoners of war and renew my pledge to bring them home. Our military families, caregivers, and survivors also answer the call to serve. I remember so clearly the pride I felt in our son Beau during his service in Iraq as well as those mornings I saw the First Lady saying a prayer for his safe return. Our veterans and their families give so much to our Nation, and we owe them a debt we can never fully repay.

As a Nation, we have many obligations, but we only have one truly sacred obligation: to prepare and equip the brave women and men we send into harm's

way and to care for them and their loved ones when they return home. Since the beginning of my Administration, we have worked to make good on that promise, passing nearly 30 bipartisan laws to support our veterans and service members and their families, caregivers, and survivors. That includes the PACT Act — the most significant effort in our Nation's history to help millions of veterans exposed to toxic substances during their military service. Since I signed the PACT Act into law last year, more than 478,000 veterans and survivors are already receiving benefits — ensuring that veterans exposed to burn pits and other harmful substances and their loved ones get access to the care and support they need.

My Administration is also committed to ending veteran suicide and homelessness and ensuring that our veterans have the resources they need to live full lives and thrive in their communities. We released a national strategy to reduce military and veteran suicide by improving lethal means safety and enhancing crisis care as well as by addressing the economic, legal, and mental health issues that impact veterans. The Department of Veterans Affairs is also funding community-led suicide prevention programs, which help connect veterans and their families to needed services. Every veteran deserves a roof over their head, which is why we have taken bold

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actions to end veteran homelessness, permanently housing more than 40,000 veterans last year and investing \$1 billion to provide supportive services to help homeless and at-risk veterans and their families. My Budget also proposes tripling the number of rental-assistance vouchers for extremely low-income veterans to prevent homelessness. Further, we have taken steps to improve the economic security of veterans and their families by expanding job training programs for transitioning veterans and their spouses and issuing rules to protect them from predatory educational institutions. We are also working to ensure every veteran has access to the benefits and services they have earned.

Earlier this year, I signed an Executive Order directing more than 50 actions to improve access to child care and long-term care for Americans, including military and veteran families, and to support family caregivers, especially those who care for our veterans. Recognizing the talents and contributions of veteran and military spouses, caregivers, and survivors to our workforce, I signed an Executive Order establishing the most comprehensive set of administrative actions in our Nation's history to support their economic security — increasing training and employment opportunities for military spouses in the workforce throughout the transition to veteran spouses status and encouraging all Federal agencies to do more to retain military and veteran spouses through flexible policies. The First Lady's Joining Forces initiative is further supporting

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All due respect

A COLOR GUARD from American Legion Post 27 displays the U.S. flag while players and fans at the Middlebury Union High School Tiger football game at Doc Collins Field on Aug. 30 stand for the National Anthem.

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Proclamation

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military and veteran families, caregivers, and survivors by improving economic opportunities and expanding resources to promote health and well-being for this community.

As we mark the 50th anniversary of an all-volunteer force and the 75th anniversary of the full integration of women in the Armed Forces and the desegregation of the troops, my Administration reaffirms our commitment to supporting everyone who serves in our Armed Forces. We have taken steps to ensure that the more than 918,000 women veterans enrolled in the Department of Veterans Affairs health care have equitable access to benefits and health services, in part by expanding access to reproductive health care. We have worked to proactively review the military records of veterans discharged under “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” and to modernize the process of upgrading discharges to help all veterans access their earned benefits. We will continue to support our LGBTQI+ veterans and veterans of color who have made innumerable contributions to our Nation and have truly made our military stronger, tougher, and more capable.

This Veterans Day, may we honor the incredible faith that our veterans hold, not just in our country but in all of us. They are the solid-steel backbone of our Nation, and we must endeavor to

continue being worthy of their sacrifices by working toward a more perfect Union and protecting the freedoms that they have fought to defend.

In respect and recognition of the contributions our veterans and their families, caregivers, and survivors have made to the cause of peace and freedom around the world, the Congress has provided (5 U.S.C. 6103(a)) that November 11 of each year shall be set aside as a legal public holiday to honor our Nation’s veterans.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH R. BIDEN JR., President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim November 11, 2023, as Veterans Day. I encourage all Americans to recognize the valor, courage, and sacrifice of these patriots through appropriate ceremonies and private prayers and by observing two minutes of silence for our Nation’s veterans. I also call upon Federal, State, and local officials to display the flag of the United States of America and to participate in patriotic activities in their communities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this seventh day of November, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-three, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-eighth.

— JOSEPH R. BIDEN JR.



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to agencies and individuals who’ve supported the ESGR mission of enhancing relationships among members of the Guard and Reserve, their families, and their civilian employers. Recipients included Mark Audy, Vermont Director,


U.S. Department of Labor Veterans Employment and Training Services; Larry Forsyth, Vermont Department of Labor; JVSG Program Administrator/Local Veterans Employment Representative; and Linda Fowler, former Vermont ESGR Volunteer Support Technician.

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Steven Heffernan, who served two tours in Afghanistan.
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Town Halls

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“The mission of (Josh’s House) is to end veterans suicide,” Torrey said. “It’s a very, very serious issue.”

Speakers at the Oct. 24 event highlighted other resources available to Vermont veterans, such as the Vermont Veterans Outreach Program, which aims to help veterans and their families access the benefits they’ve earned through their service.

To learn more about the program visit www.tinyurl.com/veteransoutreach.

STEVEN HEFFERNAN

Another veteran who shared their experiences at the town hall was Bristol veteran Steven Heffernan. He has served for more than 30 years in the Vermont Air National Guard as an explosive ordnance disposal tech, including two tours in Afghanistan.

Heffernan spoke of how someone’s service can impact loved ones back home.

“We’re out on the forefront fighting, and all I can think about is how I can keep my soldiers safe. You don’t think about what your family goes through back home,” he said. “They give as much as the soldier does.”

He shared with attendees some of the lessons he learned during his service.

“Your humanity is one of the first things that will go. When you see one of your people get hurt, it’s like ‘they did this to my men, they don’t matter,’ and they do,” he said. “I got to meet with a lot of villagers ... and the worst thing is that 90% of the people are just like us. They just want to live; they want to grow a family and that. It’s that 10% that are either Al-Qaeda or what have you that don’t want you there that make trouble, and it’s very hard.”

JUSTIN SINKEVICH

Addison veteran Justin

Sinkevich served for five years in the United States Marine Corps. Talking at the town hall he highlighted the many challenges veterans face upon returning home.

“To call myself a veteran, I feel very proud of that,” he said. “What I see happening to our veterans nationwide — 22 a day committing suicide, homeless veterans — there should be no such thing as a homeless veteran.”

Sinkevich echoed other speakers in saying his service taught him lessons he now incorporates into his daily life.

“The Corps in a way helped shape me into who I am today,” he said. “Not that I’m saying I’m perfect, but sometimes you need a wakeup call to see things in a different way.”

The Bristol Vets Town Hall was one of several being held around the state this fall. A full list of upcoming town halls can be found at www.vtvetstowhall.org.



Army veteran Ralph Torrey with his chopper in Vietnam.
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“I learned how to have utter disregard for human life, and it was a defense mechanism. I was trained to think of the people that I was fighting as ‘the enemy.’”

— Veteran Ralph Torrey

“We’re out on the forefront fighting, and all I can think about is how I can keep my soldiers safe. You don’t think about what your family goes through back home. They give as much as the soldier does.”
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 Local partners: The Godnick Adult Center, Rutland Young Professionals, Vermont Adaptive's Veteran Ventures program, and Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 1.
 RSVP at vtvetstownhall.org (required by 10/30 for the pre-event dinner, optional but encouraged for the Vets Town Hall itself).
- Sunday, Nov. 10, at 1 p.m.**
 McCarthy Arts Center, Saint Michael's College, Colchester
 Hosted by Jon Turner
 Local partners: Saint Michael's College Military Community Services and Student Veterans Association.
 Snacks will be available. RSVPs optional but encouraged at vtvetstownhall.org.
- Sunday, Nov. 10, at 1 p.m.**
 Catamount Arts Center, 115 Eastern Ave., Saint Johnsbury
 Hosted by Marty McMahon
 Local partners: Catamount Arts
- Thursday, Nov. 14**
 At Vermont Law School's Chase Community Center, South Royalton. 5 p.m. hors d'oeuvres and mingling, 5:30 p.m. meal, 6 p.m. event.
 Local partners: Vermont Law & Graduate School
 RSVP at vtvetstownhall.org (required for the pre-event dinner, optional but encouraged for the Vets Town Hall itself).
- Sunday, Nov. 17, at 1 p.m.**
 American Legion Post 5, 32 Linden St., Brattleboro
 Potluck to follow.
 Hosted by Norman VanCor.
 Local partners: attendees and organizers of the American Legion Post 5 Tuesday coffee hour.
 RSVPS optional but encouraged at vtvetstownhall.org.

VERMONT — Vets Town Hall, a Vermont-based nonprofit that works to increase understanding between veterans and civilians, is partnering with local organizations to host six events throughout the state this fall. The first one took place at Bristol's Holley Hall on Oct. 24. Upcoming town halls will be in Brattleboro, Colchester, Rutland, Saint Johnsbury and South Royalton.

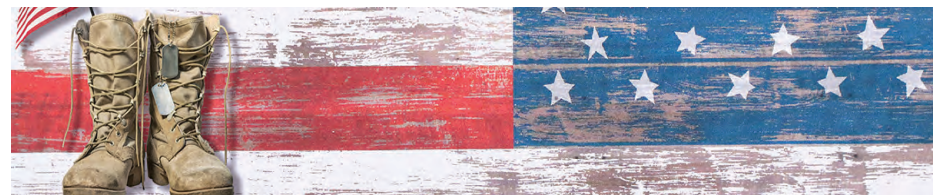
The Vets Town Halls veterans are invited to speak for up to 10 minutes each about what it was like to serve their country. Non-veterans are encouraged to attend and listen. Either snacks or a meal will be offered at each of these free events.

Vets Town Halls are explicitly non-political, and all perspectives are valued. Speakers are invited to share what their military service means to them, to speak about their "own experiences, whatever they may be, rather than speaking broadly about an issue or organization."

This invitation means that veterans may address why they joined the military or what it was like to leave it, their hardest day or what they miss, camaraderie, or what it was like being separated from their family, among many other topics.

"Vets Town Halls offer communities an opportunity to come together to support local veterans," said the organization's deputy director, Kristen Eaton. "These events are even more important in a polarizing election year, which can make many individuals — veterans and non-veterans alike — feel isolated and even alienated from our neighbors. Each year I've found it heartening to sit with community members and listen to veterans share thoughtful, often surprising stories. And each year, I realize again how little we often know about our friends and neighbors — and how important it is to listen and to learn more."

RSVPs, at vtvetstownhall.org, are optional but encouraged for all Vets Town Hall attendees, and are required for the Rutland and South Royalton pre-event meals. Veterans who would like to speak can indicate that when registering. Time permitting, veterans are also welcome to sign up to speak during the events themselves. Questions may be directed to Kristen Eaton at vermont@vetstownhall.org. These events are supported in part by Vermont Humanities.



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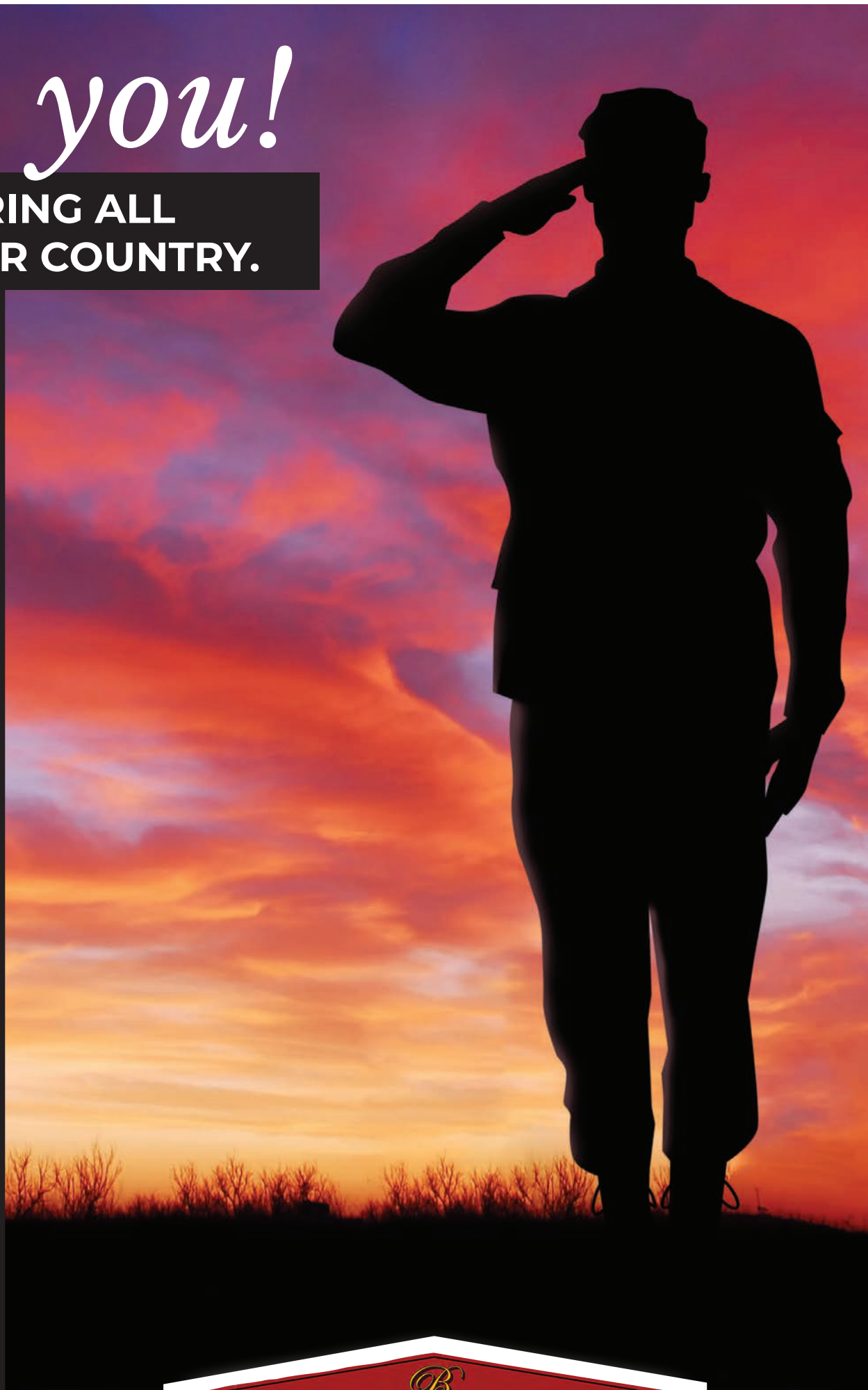
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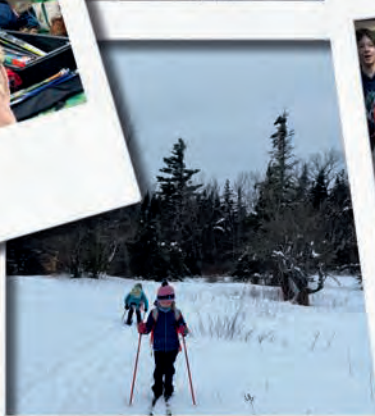


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The Middlebury Parks & Recreation Department (MPR) shall provide lands, facilities, and services for community members of all ages and all income levels. It shall provide programs for both sport and leisure. The department shall serve as instructor, facilitator, and partner in efforts to promote and improve quality of life for participants. MPR will work with an involved public and business community to provide a healthy and aesthetically pleasing environment with opportunities for cultural growth.

The department should be flexible enough to meet the changing needs and tastes of the community, while finding creative ways to deliver recreation programs and facilities that are affordable to the residents of Middlebury.

Contact Us

Office Hours:

Monday – Friday, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Physical Address: 154 Creek Road **Mailing Address:** 77

Main St Middlebury, VT 05753

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Website: townofmiddlebury.org, Go to Departments and select Parks and Recreation

Registration Site: middleburyvt.myrec.com

Facebook: Town of Middlebury Parks and Recreation

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Middlebury Parks & Recreation Department requests that all groups planning to use our facilities or fields please notify us in advance by making a reservation. Anyone wishing to make a reservation must complete a facility request on our website, middleburyvt.myrec.com. Facility Use Requests are considered on a first-come, first-served basis, depending on availability. Please be advised, reservations are not complete until approved by Scott or Amber. Rental fees may apply. For additional information regarding availability, rates, and reservations, contact Amber Hunt at ahunt@townofmiddlebury.org or (802) 458-8014.





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INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

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Call: MPR Offices, 802-458-8015

Check: Facebook - Town of Middlebury Parks & Recreation

REFUND POLICY

If you need to cancel your registration before the second session of the program, we will refund you a pro-rated registration fee, minus a 10% processing fee. After the second class has been attended, eligibility for a refund is void.

- Please be aware that refund requests may take up to 10 days to process.
- Every effort is made to ensure that the information in this guide is accurate. We reserve the right to add, withdraw, or revise programs or events as needed. For more updated information, please visit our website often.

ACCESSIBILITY

Individuals with or without disabilities may register for all programs offered by MPR provided program safety can be met. The Department provides reasonable accommodation for people with disabilities. Contact MPR offices in advance of the program start date to discuss accommodation on a case-by-case basis.

NON-RESIDENT POLICY

Non-Residents of Middlebury are allowed to register for all Parks and Recreation programs. Non-Residents will be charged an additional fee of 15% for each program registered for. A Non-Resident is defined as someone who does not live in Middlebury or pay property taxes to the Town of Middlebury.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Middlebury Parks and Recreation is pleased to be able to offer scholarships to participate in all our programs via The Dustin Hunt Scholarship Program. The scholarship guidelines are based on the free and reduced lunch guidelines within the schools. If you would like to apply for a scholarship or more information, please contact our office.



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terrihelps@ymail.com

Registration will open
Wednesday, November 13th, 2024 @ 5:30pm

****Classes January 4th, 2025, to March 15th, 2025****
NO CLASSES January 20th & 21st
OR February 22nd-March 4th

Students will work to improve strength, flexibility, coordination, and skill development in a safe and fun environment. Instruction will be included on uneven bars, beam, floor exercise, springboard, parallel bars, and vault.

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03. Saturday	9:00-10:00am	\$162	(\$186.50)
04. Saturday	10:00-11:00am	\$162	(\$186.50)

Young Beginner (ages 4-5)

05. Saturday	11:00-12:00pm	\$162	(\$186.50)
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Beginner (Ages 5-7)

06. Saturday	12:30-1:30pm	\$153	(\$176.25)
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Beg/Adv Beginner

07. Tuesday	3:15-4:15pm	\$119	(\$136.85)
08. Wednesday	3:15-4:15pm	\$153	(\$176.25)

Advanced Beginner/Intermediate

09. Saturday	1:30-2:30pm	\$153	(\$176.25)
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Intermediate/Advanced

10. Tuesday	4:15-5:15pm	\$119	(\$136.85)
11. Wednesday	4:15-5:15pm	\$153	(\$176.25)
12. Saturday	2:30-3:30pm	\$153	(\$176.25)



Gymnastics Afterschool Program Ages 6-10


The program includes a 1-hour class, games/activities and free time. Please bring a snack as well. Students can arrive any time after 3pm and must be picked up by 5:30pm.

13. Monday	3:15-5:15pm	\$210	(\$241.50)
14. Thursday	3:15-5:15pm	\$300	(\$345)

Gymnastics February Break Camp Feb 24th- 28th, 2025

Ages 5-7	9am-12pm	\$200	(\$230.00)
Ages 8-11	1pm-4pm	\$200	(\$230.00)

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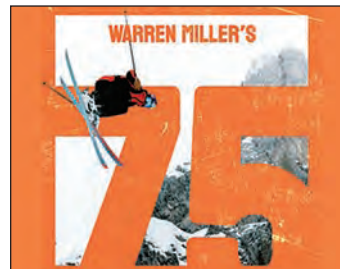
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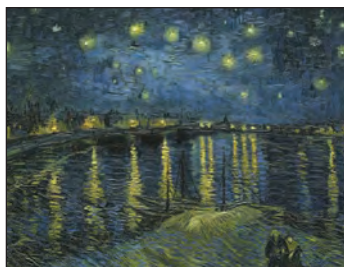
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2025 Middlebury Parks and Recreation February Vacation Camp

Register: Starting Friday, November 8th at 9:30am. Space will be limited to 40 participants.

Who: Kids in grades 1-6

When: Monday-Friday February 24th-28th 8:30am-4:30pm daily

Location: Middlebury Recreation Center, 154 Creek Rd., Middlebury, VT 05753

Cost: \$235.00 for residents, \$270.25 for non-residents

Description: “Get in there!” Join us during February break for a fun-filled week being active during the coldest time of the year! Each day will focus on the importance of physical activity and exercise, sportsmanship, learning valuable skills all while making new friends. Each day a variety of indoor activities will be available including basketball, indoor soccer, floor hockey, capture the flag, kickball, and camper’s favorite dodgeball. If there is snow, we will be sledding. If you feel exhausted reading this - that is the point! For the artistically inclined, do not worry, there will be dedicated spaces for reading and an array of arts and craft activities. The week will end with a trip to Get-Air to jump and bounce around.



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Please be on the lookout at a later time for information regarding April Break camp.



Middlebury Area Little League 2025 - Baseball and Softball

All students in grades K-6 are invited to play.

Open Online Registration Dates: January 1st, 2025 – March 14th, 2025

To Register: visit www.leagues.bluesombrero.com or www.middleburyarealittleleague.com

After March 14th late fees will apply, and placement on the team will be at the discretion of the board and if there is room on the team.

Like us on Facebook to stay current on events and information.

SPECIAL NOTE –

To ensure the continuation of this valuable youth program, Middlebury Area Little League needs YOU! Seeking volunteers for a range of tasks including administrative support, fundraising, coaching, umpiring and much more. Please email middareall@gmail.com if you can help our organization.

Middlebury Area Little League sponsors four league levels:

Farm League (ages 4-6) A great first exposure to baseball, Farm League players will meet Saturday mornings to build skills and gain awareness about the game. The focus is fun, and caregivers are asked to remain with their player.

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Minors Baseball/Softball (League Ages 8- 10) – This is the first level of player-pitch ball. Teams will generally practice two or three times a week with one or two games a week once the season begins. There will be some travel, almost all of it within Addison County.

Majors Baseball/Softball (League Ages 10 -12) - The highest level of Little League play, players can expect to practice several times a week and play in multiple games per week once the season gets underway. There will be travel, some of it outside of Addison County.

There will be mandatory assessments for all Minors and Majors players. Date to be determined. Not sure of your player’s “League Age”? Check out www.littleleague.org and search “Age Chart

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SATURDAYS

January 11,18,25
 February 1,8,15
 9:00-9:30AM LEVEL 1 (AGES 2-4)
 9:30-10:00AM LEVEL 1 (AGES 5-7)
 10:00-10:30AM LEVEL 3 (AGES 5 & UP)

CLASS COST:

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Wednesdays: 10:15am Yoga 10:15am Aquacise 5:15pm Tabata Spin	Thursdays: 6:15am Body Flex 9:00am Strength & Core 12:00pm Body Pump
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2024 Middlebury Youth Basketball

Register: Online or in person starting on Friday, November 8th

*Please note: Registration will close on Friday, November 29th.

To make the transition into the season as smooth as possible, we **WILL NOT** be accepting late registrations.

Cost: \$75.00 Residents, \$86.25 Non-Residents, price includes a reversible jersey each player will keep at the end of the season.

Season Tip-Off Clinic with varsity coaches/players will be on Saturday, December 7th.

All boys (3rd-6th) 9:30-11am, All Girls (3rd-6th) 11-12:30pm.

Held in the Middlebury Recreation Gym

Preliminary Practice Schedules (subject to change based on coach & gym availability)

3rd/4th Grade Girls- Tuesdays and Thursdays 3:30-5:00pm starting Dec 3rd

3rd/4th Grade Boys- Wednesdays and Fridays 3:30-5:00pm starting Dec 4th

5th/6th Grade Girls- Tuesdays and Thursdays 5:00-6:30pm starting Dec 3rd

5th/6th Grade Boys- Mondays and Wednesdays 5:00-6:30pm starting Dec 2nd

All players in their age groups will practice together for the first 2 weeks and then will be broken into teams if necessary.

Games will begin after the holiday break.

5th/6th graders will have games Saturday mornings here at the Middlebury Rec Gym, and some weeknights, some will be in Middlebury, and some will be away.

3rd/4th Graders will mostly play on weeknights with potential for 1 or 2 games on Saturdays

5th/6th Grade Tournament: Girls- Feb 1st & 2nd
Boys- Feb 8th & 9th

Little Tigers Basketball Program

For Kids in Grades K-2

Dates: 1/6/2025- 2/15/2025

When: K-1st Mondays from 3:30-4:15pm (Rec Center) and Saturdays 8:30-9:30am (High School)

2nd Mondays from 4:15-5:00pm (Rec Center) and Saturdays 8:30-9:30am (High School)

What: The Little Tigers basketball program is for children in kindergarten through 2nd grade and will teach the fundamentals of basketball. Each Monday practice will consist of drills and a scrimmage, and Saturdays will be clinics held at the high school by the varsity teams.

Focus: The goal of the program is to foster interest and excitement for playing basketball. The emphasis will be on having fun while introducing important fundamental skills.

Cost: \$50.00 Residents, \$57.50 Non-Residents

REC CENTER MONDAYS:

1/6, 1/13, 1/20, 1/27, 2/3 & 2/10

MUHS SATURDAYS:

1/11, 1/18, 1/25, 2/1, 2/8 & 2/15




The Middlebury Basketball Association (MBA) is dedicated to supporting youth and high school basketball programs by building a strong basketball community that embraces inclusivity, enhances teamwork and encourages sportsmanship.

Learn more about what we do and how you can become involved in our great basketball community:


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MAWA Youth Wrestling Program

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MAWA Youth Wrestling Program

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MAWA Cubs (1-3rd grade)

Practices will be on Monday and Thursday nights from 6-7pm in the Middlebury Union High Wrestling room. Practice starts January 20th and ends February 20th. The 5-week session will end with a scrimmage and game night. Second & Third graders will have the option of continuing with the MAWA Tigers season.

MAWA Tigers (4-6th grade)

Practices will be on Monday and Thursday nights from 5:45-7:15pm from January 20th through April 12th Middlebury Union High School wrestling room. Tournaments and meets will be held in March and April (typically on Saturdays), with the final scheduled competition on April 12th.

Head Coach: David McAshley, and a great group of assistant coaches.

Wrestlers may sign up at the Town Parks & Recreation Department (in person or online).

Fees are \$40 for Middlebury residents and \$45 for out-of-town. A \$5 per wrestler discount will apply to siblings.



Questions? Coach David McAshley, phone – 802-282-1598, email – davedmundash@gmail.com

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November 25th-29th

6-Week Session: January 8th-February 14th

Register: Online or in person starting on Friday, November 1st beginning at 9:30am

Cost: \$85.00 Resident, \$97.75 Non-Resident per 5-week session
\$95.00 Residents, \$109.25 Non-Residents per 6-week session

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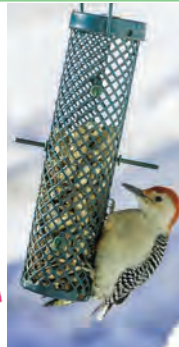
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PROGRAM: West Coast Swing is a versatile partner dance, danced to a wide range of popular music from blues to pop, slow swing, and R&B. A cousin of traditional swing dances like the Lindy Hop and East Coast Swing, West Coast Swing is constantly evolving. Today, it combines swing connection and rhythms with independent movement inspired by influences from nearly every other dance style, as well as contemporary music. It is a smooth, cool, laid-back dance that can be funky, groovy, or lyrical, depending on the music and your personal style. It's extremely popular in the U.S.A. and is the official state dance of California. No partner is required to take class.

LOCATION/TIME:

Beginner/Beginner Plus 5:30 – 6:30pm. 3-week session and 4-week sessions.

Session 1: Tuesdays 12/3, 12/10 & 12/17 \$45.00 Session

Session 2: Tuesdays 1/7, 1/14, 1/21 & 1/28 \$60.00 Session

Session 3: Tuesdays 2/25, 3/4, 3/11 & 3/18 \$60.00 Session

Middlebury Parks & Recreation Facility: 154 Creek Road, Middlebury. Multi-Purpose Room



REGISTRATION: Payment is due at time of registration or the first day via Middlebury Parks & Rec registration website: middleburyvt.myrec.com Sorry, no refunds unless the class is canceled. Preregistration is required. Drop-ins are welcome for the first class only. \$45 per 3-week session, \$60 per 4-week session or \$17.00 per class.

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2024 Middlebury Mayhem

Adult 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament

When: Saturday, November 30th, 2024, starts at 9am

Ages: 18+

Cost: \$25 per player

Location: Middlebury Recreation Center

To register: contact Randy Stockwell at 802-989-9715

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Rules: 15-minute time limit or first team to score 21 points. Double elimination bracket.

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Drop-In Programs

Adult Co-ed 30+ Basketball

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Adult Co-ed Volleyball

Mondays from 6:45-9:00pm at Middlebury Rec Center Gym
 Advanced beginner to intermediate volleyball. Players aim for good ball-handling skills, trying to bump, set, spike on most plays. Teams are formed each week depending on who attends to keep the skill levels balanced on both sides and fun for all. For more information, please contact Sue Richardson at suerichardson@gmavt.net or 802-557-2724. We use the GroupMe app to do weekly headcounts and communicate time changes and cancellations. \$4.00 per drop-in or buy a \$20 punch card for 7 visits.

Tot Time Gym Hours- Sponsored by JUNEBUG

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Pickleball

Monday through Thursday, 6:30-10am. Fridays, 7:00-10am.
 All Abilities welcome.
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44th Annual Turkey Trot and Gobble Wobble

Middlebury Parks and Recreation will no longer be hosting this event. Currently, other options are being explored within the community.

Please look for an announcement coming soon.



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WALKING AND BIKING UPDATES

WINTER WALKING AND BIKING

HELPFUL TIPS & BENEFITS:

WALKING

Walking gets you off the couch and moving. It's as simple as that. There are proven health benefits of weekly moderate exercise, and if you are layered correctly, you can walk all through the winter.

During the winter months, exposure to fresh air can improve mental health. It can also boost your immune system and increase your energy levels.

BIKING

Like winter walking, winter biking can strengthen your immune system, increase your energy levels, and improve your coordination and relieve stress.

TRIANGLE BIKE LOOP OF ADDISON COUNTY

Thanks to the work of the Walk-Bike Council of Addison County and the Addison Country Regional Planning Commission, cyclists can now enjoy all or parts of a 40-mile bicycle commuting route connecting the tri-towns of Middlebury, Bristol and Vergennes via New Haven. Head to walkbikeaddison.org for an interactive map, cue sheets and full details.

When biking in winter, your extremities (head, hands, and feet) will get colder more quickly. Wear a hat, mittens, and warm socks to stay warm.

Accessorize! Invest in some bike fenders to keep the snow and slush off your clothes. Also, with the shorter daylight hours, make sure your bike has working lights on both the front and back.

Keep up to date with local walk and bike issues and news; check out the Walk-Bike Council of Addison County's website: <https://www.walkbikeaddison.org/>

ILSLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY



Youth Programming Notice- Youth programming will pause in the new year while Ilsley Public Library moves to our temporary space in the Duclos building during construction of our updated facility. Check in with the library for new dates, times, and locations!

Bounce and Play

Wednesdays, 9:00 – 10:00am

November 6 - December 11

Storytime for birth – 3 years. Bounce, read and play with Miss Tricia.

Chess Club

ALL AGES

Fridays, 3:30 - 4:30pm

Ilsley Public Library Meeting room.

Players of *all ages* are invited to bring a board and play chess. We LOVE to have multigenerational participants at this program.

Youth Media Lab

4th Grade and Up

Tuesdays, 3:30 - 4:30pm

November 5th-December 10th

Youth in 4th grade and up are invited to participate in this drop-in class. Youth are shown how to create films with guidance from Kurt, Director of Middlebury Community Television.

Fun at the Craft Table

The youth room has a different weekly sit-and-play craft set out for visitors.

Special Event: Count Down to New Year!

Tuesday, December 31st

10:30am - 12:15pm

A New Year party for families who don't stay up to midnight! Join Ms. Tricia and Friends to ring in the new year with hats, bells, games, photos, and more! The highlight balloon drop will occur at 12pm (noon) in the meeting room.

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