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**About this guide:**

It's summertime and, as the song goes, the livin' is easy — here in the Land of Milk and Honey.

Addison County is a special place where the cows and the bees keep the pastures open and beautiful — where a hike up along the spine of the Green Mountains or on a path atop Snake Mountain rewards us with a beautiful panorama of the Champlain Valley. With warm summer days and pleasant summer nights, there's no place to be but here in the heart of the Green Mountain State.

And it's not just the beauty of the area, but fascinating people who make this such a great place to pass a summer afternoon or the entire summer season.

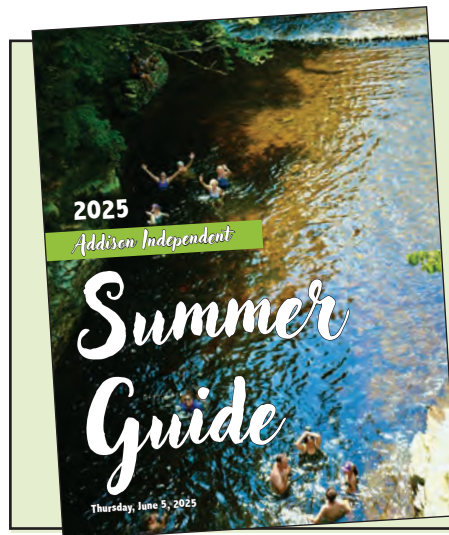
Use this guide to find out more about this region of Vermont. You'll find out about the big, splashy events, like the Festival on the Green and Pocomack Rocks. You'll find more personal things to do, like pick some fruit or take a bike ride. And there are suggestions for places to visit, learn and relax, like the Morgan Horse Farm, the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum and other cultural and historic sites,

Plus there is page upon page of event listings and ideas for things to do. And to top it all off, there is the wonderful taste of the season — the creemee.

Enjoy your summer!

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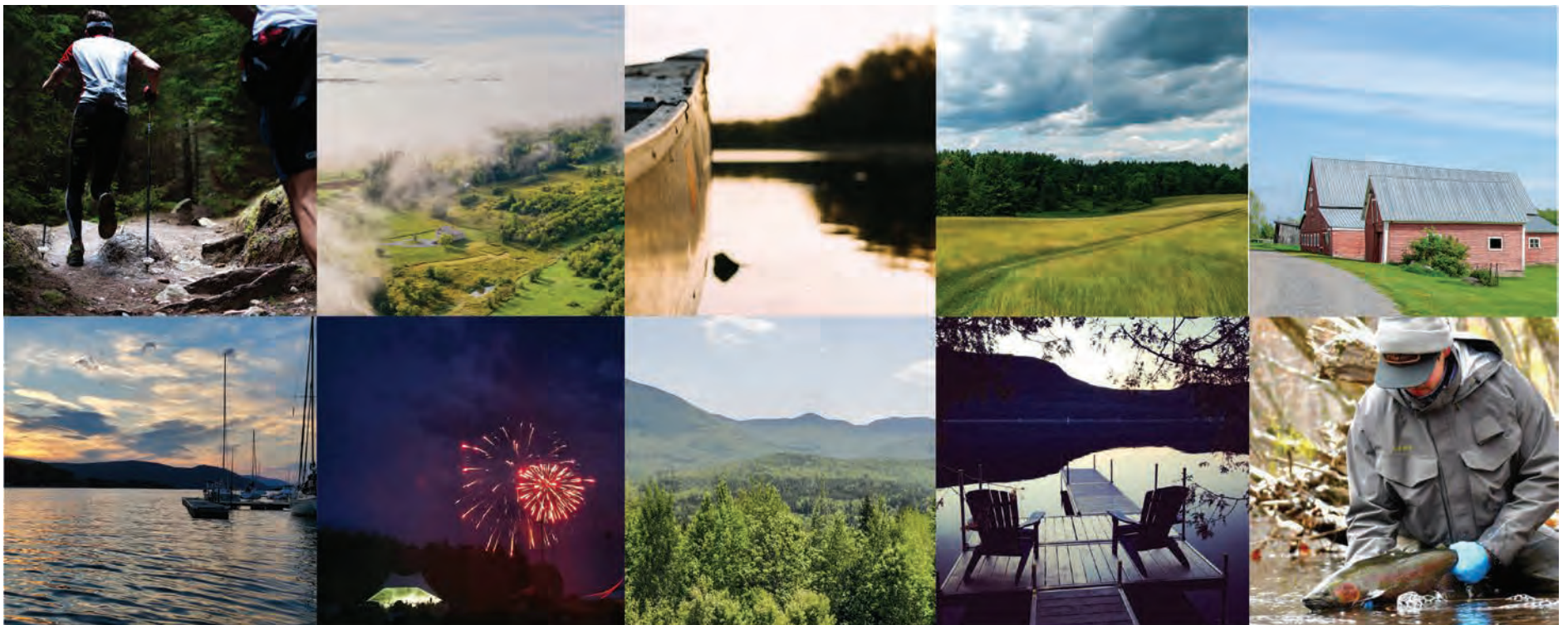
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**SWIMMERS TAKE RESPIRE**  
 from last summer's blistering heat in the cool waters of the Middlebury River gorge in East Middlebury.

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# Think like a local Try a Vermont staycation!

By JOHN FLOWERS

Like many Vermont residents, my wife Dottie and I try to budget each year for a weeklong winter sojourn with one prerequisite: It must be somewhere warm to recharge the internal battery amid unrelenting cold temps and falling snow here in the Northeast.

But my wanderlust ebbs when the outdoor thermometer rises. Even mud season — bringing us pothole-strewn roads and a uniformly brown, dreary landscape — is tolerable on a 47-degree day, knowing that in four short weeks nature’s paintbrush will be heaped with green.

Sure, you need to take the mower, weed whacker and shovel out of hibernation when spring has finally sprung. But yard work is a pleasure when you live in a state like Vermont, in a region like Addison County.

And when summer is finally here, I honestly wouldn’t trade the Champlain Valley for anywhere; and this is coming from a guy who lived for 10 years in Switzerland and spent parts of 40 summers with his grandparents in Maine.

What makes Addison County special to me? Everyone has their own favorites, but here are three of mine:

- **Hiking.** Dottie and I have gotten

into the routine as we’ve gotten older, knowing that daily exercise is key to remaining vital. And while we’re pretty motivated to hit Addison County’s beautiful and abundant trails, we have a four-legged catalyst: Roxie, our 6-year-old goldendoodle. I’ve written in the past about our trusty, idiosyncratic pup, whose nose — her one superpower — can get her (and us) in trouble. Roxie’s sniffer goes into overdrive as she pauses at every large tree to discern the breed and gender of every dog who’s ever watered it.

Every once in a while, Roxie will take a sudden detour in the brush to check out an abandoned deer bed. If I’m lucky, I can stop her before she rolls in it — or in any strange droppings she inexplicably wants to wear, an “eau de poop,” if you will. These escapades can lead to mumbled (sometimes audible) epithets by Roxie’s humans, who know that an extra shower is in theirs and their dog’s future.

Sometimes our walks feature double dogs. Our son, Mark, has a cute, 20-pound miniature bernadoodle named Amie. She’s a little heck-raiser who spends time with us when our son is working 12-hour nursing shifts. Amie, age 2, likes to walk with her hero, Roxie, and imitate everything she does — good and bad. So

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DOODLES ROXIE, IN the rear, and Amie keep the Flowers family on (and off) task during hikes, a favorite summer pastime.

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# Staycation

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basically, two dog baths for the price of one.

But both doggies make our hikes more interesting, and our favorite places to go include Buck Mountain in Waltham, the Waterworks in Bristol and, of course, the Trail Around Middlebury.

• **Fishing.** If you're into angling, there are a multitude of lakes in our area in which to wet a lure. I've spent years dropping a line in Bristol Pond, right near my house, though the nuisance weeds have become an increasingly tough challenge for both retrieving a lure and running an outboard.

Some folks swear by Cedar Lake in Monkton, while others point to Lake Dunmore. And then there's Lake Champlain, featuring a wide array of game fish, including largemouth and smallmouth bass, lake trout, northern pike, walleye and pickerel, among many others.

Want something more sedentary than balancing on a small boat and going through the monotonous cast-and-retrieve motion?

Bring a folding chair, a container of worms, and a rod outfitted with a hook and sinker to the banks of the Otter Creek. The Panton Dam or off Basin Harbor Road and popular spots to settle in. Fling your line into the current (a mild one, preferably), sit down, and keep an eye on the tip of your pole. When it starts to

quiver, set the hook, retrieve a bullhead or perch. I'm pretty much a catch-and-release guy, but a lot of folks love the taste of bullhead and perch.

• **Checking out things you once thought were just targeted at visitors.** We have an abundance of cultural and historic sites in this county, and they're worth checking out. I feel lucky to write stories about Middlebury's Henry Sheldon Museum of Vermont History and Ferrisburgh's Lake Champlain Maritime Museum. Each door feels like a portal into a bygone era. Seeing things the way they were gives one deeper respect for this area's settlers and what has endured — and influenced — what we have today.

The Rokeby Museum in Ferrisburgh, the Chimney Point (Addison) and Mount Independence (Orwell) state historic sites and the DAR State Park (Addison) are among places every local should visit — and not just once, because there are either rotating exhibits, or something new will catch your eye.

Most of the diversions outlined here are free, as is this one: **Band concerts.** Bristol and Vergennes are examples of two Addison County communities that have thriving town bands that perform weekly concerts on their respective municipal greens. Check your community's website to see if there's a town band, and if so, when and where they perform.



AMONG THE MANY cultural and historic locations right here in Addison County, one worth checking out is the Chimney Point State Historic Site. You can learn so much at the 250-year-old tavern at the foot of the Champlain Bridge in Addison.






ON A HOT summer day, McKenna Dickerson found a cool mountain stream in the national forest where she and her father-in-law could catch beautiful wild brook trout.


Photo by Matthew Dickerson




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### Sunday, July 13, 2025

**7:00 Durham County Poets**  
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### Monday, July 14, 2025

**Noon - Gaëlle, Marc & Mathis**  
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**7:00 Caitlin Canty**  
*Singer/songwriter whose music carves a line through folk, blues & country ballads*

**8:30 Ray Vega's Afro-Caribbean Jazz Ensemble**  
*VT's own jazz, Latin & funk band*

### Tuesday, July 15, 2025

**Noon - New Orleans Jazz and Swing**  
*presented by the Middlebury Community Music Center faculty*

**7:00 Ordinary Elephant**  
*Louisiana duo offering rich storytelling & original songs with banjo, guitar & mandolin*

**8:30 Honey & Soul**  
*VT's own indie/folk/soul songwriting band with three-part harmony*

### Wednesday, July 16, 2025

**Noon - No Strings Marionettes present "The Stinky Cheese Man"**

**7:00 Ali McGuirk** *A rocking guitarist and her Bay State band perform a double set*

### Thursday, July 17, 2025

**Noon - Magician Tom Verner**

**7:00 Mathis Andersen Trio**  
*Led by an up-and-coming French musician performing original music accompanied by piano, accordion & guitars*

**8:30 DobetGnahoré**  
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### Friday, July 18, 2025

**Noon - Juggler Extraordinaire Jason Tardy**

**7:00 Buffalo Rose** *Six-person Americana band from PA featuring spiraling harmonies & propulsive rhythms*

**8:30 Madaila** *VT's psych pop rock band is back. Bring your dancing shoes!*

### Saturday, July 19, 2025

**7:00 Vermont Jazz Ensemble Street Dance**  
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FOLKS GATHER ON the Bristol town park to enjoy summer music, food and friends.

## Enjoy a picnic and some great outdoor music

### Addison County is prime for toe tapping

There are a lot of things you can do outside during the summer in Vermont. There's swimming, gardening, biking, hiking, golfing, fishing, boating, barbecuing ... Oh so many good things.

But after you've accomplished a lot of *DOing* you might just want to sit down on the grass or a lawn chair, lick a creemee and listen to some music. If the spirit moves, you might gently tap your toe in the grass, gently keeping time to the tunes that the musicians are generously offering.

Fortunately there will be a lot of outdoor music in Addison County this summer. And the styles of music range dramatically from Americana and folk to modern, guitar-based groups. And the list of what's on offer will get updated over the next three months, so check in with the Addison Independent Arts Calendar weekly to make your listening plans.

Here's a sampling of what you can expect:

- The Bristol Collaborative Campus, or BCC, operates greenhouses and a

space for classes and workshops at 140 North St.

The property is home to the pair's greenhouse business, Bristol Botanicals, as well as the site during the summer of live concerts and various classes and workshops.

Last year, BCC owners Megan Walsh and Silas Clark began hosting a live music series called "Freshie Fridays." Each week, local residents can stop by to hear performances and enjoy food and drinks. This year's series of Freshie Fridays has already kicked off and will run through June 27.

The first Friday of June will see Danny & The Parts performing at BCC from 5 to 8 p.m. Hailing from the heart of Burlington, Danny & The Parts deliver a fresh take on classic Americana with a honky-tonk soul and psychedelic shimmer. Rooted in tradition but unafraid to push boundaries, the band blends sweeping vocal harmonies, twang-laced Telecaster riffs, and rich local talent to craft a sound that feels both timeless and



DANCER BRENDA LIZ CEPEDA whips up the crowd at Festival on the Green.

totally new.

A full lineup can be found at [www.bristolcollaborativecampus.com/gathering](http://www.bristolcollaborativecampus.com/gathering).

A popular outdoor music venue is the

Lincoln Peak Vineyard on River Road in New Haven. Kevin and Nichole have lined up live music on many Fridays through the summer. Sit outside next to

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Wonderful Things

# Outdoor music

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the pond and the vines and hear local performs while you sample offerings from food trucks. Bring a blanket and a friend and celebrate the weekend with Vermont wines and Vermont vibes.

First up this summer is The Grift on June 6, 6-8 p.m. Their sound defies easy categorization, blending booty-shaking grooves and improvisation with radio-friendly hooks, witty lyrics, and tight vocal harmonies.

See who's performing the rest of the summer at Lincoln Peak's Friday Night Music at [lincolnpeakvineyard.com/events](http://lincolnpeakvineyard.com/events).

Just south of Addison County (but still within our loving embrace) is Brandon, which has seen various summer music events. Singer-songwriter Melissa D will perform there in Kennedy Park on Saturday, June 7, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. This is the first stop in Brandon's Live at Kennedy Park music series, in which people can join local musicians as they share their skills and efforts on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month in June, July, August and September. All shows are from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. These shows are sponsored by the Downtown Brandon Alliance.

In a similar vein, every Wednesday evening in July and August the beautiful grounds behind the Brandon Inn will be the site of free concerts for our



**VOLUNTEER BARBARA PELTON** sells raffle tickets with a smile at Festival on the Green.

Independent file photo/Steve James

community — it's called Music At The Riverbend Summer Concerts. Running 6-8 p.m., the series kicks off on July 2 with Jenni Johnson, who performs old and new school jazz, swing and funk. See the full schedule at [Brandon.org](http://Brandon.org).

Speaking of outdoor music in Brandon, the long-running Basin Bluegrass Festival returns to Brandon this summer. It runs Thursday, July 10, to Sunday, July 13 at 1 Basin Road. Camp on the grounds and enjoy a weekend of bluegrass, food

and craft concessions, cover for rain or shine Family-friendly. More info and full schedule at [basinbluegrassfestival.com/flyer](http://basinbluegrassfestival.com/flyer).

Another gorgeous outdoor setting that hosts music in the summer is the Blueberry Hill Outdoor Center on the Ripton-Goshen Road in Goshen. It's a bit of a hike, and there is a cover charge, but you can't beat the combination of scenery, music and good company. If you want to see The Grift, come to

Blueberry Hill on Saturday, June 21, 3-6 p.m., for a fundraiser for the center. In addition to dancing and celebration, look for Red Clover Brewing, food trucks, cookies and ice cream. Get tickets online at [blueberryhilltrails.com](http://blueberryhilltrails.com).

The Outdoor Center also hosts Pizza by the Pond performances and dinners on random Thursdays and Friday through September. Look for wood-fired pizza from the outside hearth in (See Music, Page 10)

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**SUNDAY, JUNE 1** – Triangle Park. Enjoy the first Sunday of Summer!

**SATURDAY, JUNE 14** – Triangle Park. In conjunction with the Sparrow Art Supply Plein Air Festival

**SATURDAY, JULY 5 & SUNDAY, JULY 6** – Triangle Park. Circus theme – celebrating Circus Smirkus in town!

**SATURDAY, JULY 19** – College Street. Welcoming the Middlebury College Language School Students!

**SATURDAY, JULY 26** – Triangle Park. Let's cheer on the Middlebury Marlins at their home Swim Meet!

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 23** – Triangle Park. Join in the Middlebury New Filmmakers Festival!

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20** – Mary Hogan Fields. Final stop celebration during Tour De Farms!

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4** – College Park. Welcome to Middlebury College Families during Fall Family Weekend!

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11** – Triangle Park. Celebrate PRIDE during the Pride Parade down Main Street!

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12** – Triangle Park. Part of the annual Middlebury Car Show!

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19** – TBD location. Celebrate participants in the Middlebury Maple Run!

This year's pop-up markets will occur in conjunction with other events that are happening in and around Middlebury to enhance the appeal and success of area events.



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# Music

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the quintessential summer setting: at the edge of a pond near 100 blueberry bushes and lush mountains. Pizza by the Pond can sell out; get pricing and other details at [blueberryhillinn.com/pizza](http://blueberryhillinn.com/pizza).

More of an in-town entertainment aficionado? The mighty Town Hall Theater, a prime spot for indoor entertainment, will celebrate its new wing and its new outdoor performance space on Friday and Saturday, June 27 and 28.

The launch of the new outdoor Tilly Stage on that Friday evening until 8 p.m. will feature Rock 'n' Roll Strong Quartet, Mihali, Cirque de Fuego, Samulnori Drums, food trucks, magic, pop-up costume photo booth, and more. Plus lots more. The next day, from 1 to 4 p.m., the Maloney Public Performance Plaza will host The Real McCoy Stunt Show, Bill Vitek Jazz Trio, Tom Verner Magic Show, plus Crazy Cotton Candy Lady and Lulu Ice Cream throughout. Get more info at [townhalltheater.org](http://townhalltheater.org).

And that is just the start of THT's free Summer Sounds Concert Series on the Tilly Stage. Local and internationally celebrated performers will play a range

of music genres, from reggae to jazz to rock to classical ... even a singalong with audience members. This live music series will host food trucks and a bar and run weekly on Saturdays or Sundays through August. It's free, thanks to a generous grant.

*Speaking of outdoor music in Brandon, the long-running Basin Bluegrass Festival returns to Brandon this summer. It runs Thursday, July 10, to Sunday, July 13 at 1 Basin Road.*

That's a lot of celebration. Cool your jets a little bit but keep the music going at the town band concerts that at least two local municipalities will host.

The Bristol Town Band has been going for 150 years. And, not surprisingly, they sound pretty good. Bring a blanket and a picnic basket to the Bristol Town Park and listen to tradition brass band tunes from the bandstand every Wednesday, 7-8:30 p.m., from June 18-Aug. 27

If that's your kind of jam, also check out the Vergennes City Band, which holds its weekly summer concert on the Little City's Bandstand on the City Green on Mondays at 7 p.m. It's a staple of the Vergennes summer — a great time to listen and relax.

The Orwell Town Band often also presents a summer series, though we couldn't confirm that it is on for this summer. Head to their Facebook page to get the latest on the Orwell Band's schedule:



**PERFORMER MYRA FLYNN** captivates the audience at Middlebury's Festival on the Green.

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[facebook.com/OrwellTownBand](https://facebook.com/OrwellTownBand).

And the big daddy of all outdoor music and entertainment in these parts is Middlebury's Festival on the Green, which presents seven nights of outdoor music — often with two bands a night — during the second or third week of July. It was founded in 1978 by an energetic group of Middlebury area residents and friends. It is run by volunteers, and the good will of the community continues to sustain the Festival.

And despite this, it is professionally run and always attracts some fantastic acts. This summer's run from July 13-19 will feature, among others, Durham

County Poets — a Québec-based blues, roots and soul band, Caitlin Canty, Ray Vega's Afro-Caribbean Jazz Ensemble, Ordinary Elephant, Honey & Soul, Ali McGuirk, Mathis Andersen Trio, Dobet Gnahoré, Buffalo Rose, and Madaila.

A Street Dance with the Vermont Jazz Ensemble closes the Festival on Saturday night. The popular "Brown Bag" noontime series returns Monday through Friday. Find out more at [festivalonthegreen.org](http://festivalonthegreen.org).

The festival is free, but donations will be gratefully accepted. Plus look for the ice cream truck — it is summer, after all.

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# Pick-your-own fruit etiquette

By **BONNIE KIRN DONAHUE**  
UVM Extension Master Gardener

Planning to pick your own fruit this summer? Let's review some pick-your-own fruit etiquette to keep in mind when you go.

Fruit farming can be a tedious and labor-intensive enterprise. Aside from the environmental unknowns that nature throws into the mix, growing fruit requires tons of care, including planning, planting, pruning, pest and disease management, harvesting, cleaning, processing, marketing and selling. Allowing the public to come and pick the crop adds another layer of complication to an already busy season.

What can customers do to be respectful farm visitors? Here are a few ideas:

- Many farms will have their own guidelines, so pay close attention to signs and farm employees' directions to understand what expectations they have. For example, farms may have a no dog policy for food safety reasons as well as for the enjoyment of all visitors. It is important to adhere to these and other farm policies when visiting these farm businesses.

- When you arrive, there likely will be specific places designated for the public to park. Drive cautiously as farms are active worksites with different rules than the roadway. There may be a gravel surface to

park on, or you may be parking in a grassy field with uneven ground.

- Once you get to the entrance, look for farm employees who will direct you to the area that is ready to pick. Often there are multiple crops growing, with different purposes and degrees of ripeness, so the farms will have a very specific area where they will allow the public to pick.

- Grab as many farm-provided containers as you think you may need. Some establishments will let you bring your own containers, but be sure to check first, and be prepared to weigh them at the farmstand before picking.

- Once you start picking, take a close look at each piece of fruit before you pick it. This is more important for high-value fruits, such as peaches, plums and pears, but also applies to other crops including apples, strawberries, blueberries and raspberries. Does the fruit have a bruise, broken spot or is part of it still green? Instead of picking and tossing unwanted fruit on the ground around the tree or the berry patch, make sure that you know how the farm wants you to handle this. Rotting fruit can attract unwanted pests and diseases, so there is likely a preferred protocol in place at the farm for damaged or unripe fruit.

- While tasting fruit is part of the appeal



**KIDS LOVE TO pick berries during the summer. Look for Pick-Your-Own farms and orchards in towns around Addison County.**

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to u-pick, keep this in moderation. Eating lots of u-pick fruit without paying for it first can certainly have an impact on a farm's income. Again, each farm may have its own guidelines for how to handle this, but to play it safe, wait to taste until after paying for what you picked. Then, enjoy!

- Be sure to dress for the weather. Bring along a hat, bug spray, sunscreen and water to keep hydrated.

- Finally, remember to have fun. Picking your own fruit can be a joyful experience to share with people close to you.

Often farms offer more than just fruit, like selling value-added products such as jams and sauces or shortcake biscuits, pies and other baked goods. Some offer entertainment including live bands, corn mazes, tours and even food for lunch.

Each farm has its own unique spin on what they offer. Summer is a wonderful time of year to get out to support our local farmers and all of their hard work. To find a pick-your-own farm in your area, go to [vermontpickyourown.org](http://vermontpickyourown.org).

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VERGENNES — The Vergennes Farmers Market soon will embark on an exciting new season, brimming with fresh changes and enhancements that reflect the city of Vergennes’s commitment to enriching our community experience. Under the expert guidance of new manager Sarah Stillman, who also manages the beloved farmers markets in Shelburne and Bristol, the Vergennes Farmers Market this season will boast expanded hours and an array of new offerings while still keeping cherished vendors in the mix.

The market this summer will operate

Thursdays, June 12-Oct. 9, 3-7 p.m. on the city green.

Stillman, who also runs herbal body care products maker Bear Moon Botanica, takes over from longtime city market coordinators Chris and Sandy Reck, who stepped away this past fall at the end of the 2024 season.

Stillman has said she would strive to create the same mix of vendors in Vergennes as the Shelburne market offers: 50% farmers, 30% sellers of prepared food, and 20% artisans. She also pledged to support “local security foodwise” for both producers and customers by

emphasizing electronic benefits programs that would allow buyers of all income levels to shop at the market.

Stillman told the city council earlier this year that she would encourage student volunteers to help operate the market by offering them \$10 tokens that could be used at vendors’ booths.

This season you can look forward to not just a marketplace filled with healthy, local produce and unique handmade gifts, but also a vibrant social hub where you can unwind with live music and a welcoming beer tent.

Whether you’re enjoying a relaxing afternoon alone or planning a lively weekly gathering with family and friends, the Vergennes Farmers Market is the perfect place to connect and celebrate our local culture.



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## Museum researches Champlain shipwrecks

By NOAH DIEDRICH  
VTDigger.org

Those large yellow buoys you may see floating atop Lake Champlain aren’t for monitoring the weather, nor are they for decoration. Instead, they mark the final resting places of centuries-old ships that wrecked on the lakebed.

The floats are part of the Underwater Preservation Program, a 40-year-old initiative run by the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum that aims to uphold the federal Abandoned Shipwreck Act of 1987. The act looks to prevent historic wrecks from being disturbed by treasure hunters and salvagers.

The Ferrisburgh museum oversees shipwrecks on Vermont’s side of the lake.

“This preserve system is one of the very first in the nation,” said Chris Sabick, the museum’s executive director. “It really is a mechanism for the state to achieve its mandated goals of preservation and access to shipwreck sites.”

Vermont’s system, implemented in 1982, has been a model that other states

have replicated, Sabick said. The old ways of locating shipwrecks were hazardous to the wrecks themselves — a method the museum wants to avoid.

“They would drag their anchor along until it snagged on something, and then they would dive down and see what that was,” Sabick said. “If that happened to be a shipwreck, it might take a piece of the shipwreck with it when you recovered the anchor or when the wind started blowing and pulled the shipwreck apart.”

The current system provides a much less invasive technique. The yellow buoys mark the wrecks’ locations, and divers can follow buoys’ lines down to submerged signage identifying each wreck and providing pointers on how to observe without impacting the sites.

The wrecks range from steamships to schooners, with most dating back to the early 1800s. A popular wreck is the Burlington Bay Horse Ferry, which is exactly what it sounds like — a horse-powered ferry that sank around 1814.

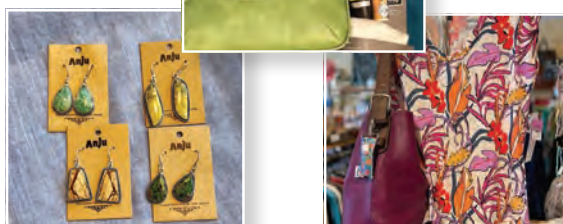
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# LCMM

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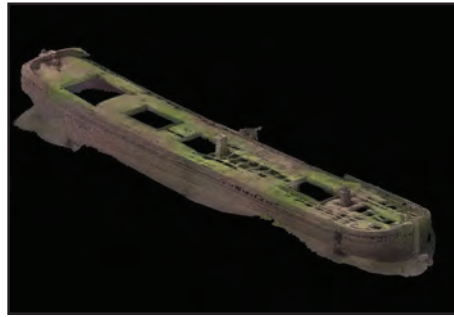
The preserve program, now in its 40th year, is looking to expand access to the shipwrecks for non-divers, Sabick said. One such addition is taking visitors to wreck sites by boat and using remote-operated vehicles to transmit a live feed of the wreck to a TV screen on deck.

The museum also created composite 3-D models of the wrecks from digital images taken of the sites, which can be viewed on its website from anywhere with an internet connection.

“It’s just broadening the access to these sites, even for people that aren’t local or aren’t divers,” Sabick said.

The state of Vermont earmarks between \$36,000 and \$46,000 to the Underwater Preserves Program, an annual appropriation that goes toward site inspections and maintenance.

Laura Trieschmann, state historic preservation officer, said the museum



**A STILL IMAGE from a 3-D model of the General Butler, a wrecked schooner in the lake.**

Photo courtesy Lake Champlain Maritime Museum

has been a tremendous partner that brings life to the wrecks.

“They’re not just manning the wrecks with buoys and getting the permits,” she said. “They’re researching the stories of these places so that they’re not just a pile of wood on the bottom of the lake.”

About 600 divers visit the wrecks each year, which contributes greatly to the continuation of the preservation program, Trieschmann said.



**A DIVER SWIMMING along part of the steamboat Phoenix in Lake Champlain.**

Photo courtesy Lake Champlain Maritime Museum

“They’re not going to be around forever,” she said, “(considering) the nature of where they are and mussels and things like that could damage them, as well as boats. We definitely want to showcase them while we can.”

The LCMM will offer “Shipwreck Tours” several times this summer. Dive into Lake Champlain’s underwater history without getting wet. This scenic

boat tour will take you to the sites of some famous local shipwrecks as museum experts recount their dramatic stories. Get the dates, ticket price and more information online at LCMM.org.

*Editor’s note: Noah Diedrich is a reporter with the Community News Service, a University of Vermont journalism internship.*

## Try something new!

Try your hand at being an archaeologist! Come to the LCMM on Saturday, July 26, and try out the museum’s “Shipwreck Simulator” between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Visitors will experience an archaeological excavation firsthand. Staff will teach the basics of archaeological documentation

and demonstrate how artifacts now in the collection were recovered. The public will learn about the importance of context in both archaeological investigation and museum interpretation through this program, as well as get a chance to make their own observations. It’s free!

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# Try biking through Addison County

Champlain Valley is a great place to hop on your bike and tool around. There are plenty of hills to make it challenging, but there are also flat spots where you can catch your breath and soak up the views.

Hitting the roads on your own or in a family group is an option any time.

If you'd like something more organized, the Green Mountain Bicycle Club, the oldest and largest cycling club in Vermont, organizes regular training and recreational rides and club races (time trials and criteriums) over the whole summer — many of them in Addison County. GMBC takes sharing the road and responsible riding and driving seriously and asks that drivers and bicyclists work together to make roads a safer place. In addition to encouraging safe, courteous riding practices, the club's mission is to promote cycling for fitness and friendship by planning weekly recreational rides. You can see the rides in the Addison Independent's weekly calendar.

For instance, the Green Mountain Bicycle Club Kingsland Bay ride on Sunday, June 22, starts at the Shelburne Shopping Park lot. Participants in the shorter 35-mile ride will roll from Shelburne through Charlotte to Kingsland Bay State Park in Ferrisburgh and back. The 51-mile ride heads towards Vergennes and climbs to Monkton Ridge, returning through Hinesburg and a 65-mile option heads into Huntington.

If you want to crank it up a few gear — or many, many gears! — Addison County hosts the Vermont Gran Fondo bike ride every summer. This year's is on Saturday, June 28, starting and finishing at the Bristol Rec Park. In the Fondo, riders bicycle up into the Green Mountains, over one or more of the gaps and down to the valley below. Then they ride to the next gap, up and over, then on to the next gap.

It's not a competition, unless you want to consider it a competition with yourself — how far can you go?

The Vermont Gran Fondo was born



QUAINT VILLAGE CENTERS and rolling hills amidst farm fields make Addison County a great place ride a bike. Here a group pedals down Bristol's Main Street.

Independent file photo/Trent Campbell

from a famous bucket-list epic four-gap ride known by the locals as the LAMB ride. LAMB comes from the names of Lincoln Gap, Appalachian Gap, Middlebury Gap

and Brandon Gap. When combined into a single ride, can easily top 100 miles and over 10,000 feet of climbing — on a bike!

Gran Fondo events are long-distance, mass-participation cycling events — not races. Participation is open to recreational and competitive amateur cyclists, and thousands of riders of all abilities participate. While Gran Fondo events are not races in the traditional sense, they go well beyond the scope of most recreational or charity bicycle rides.

You might think of a Gran Fondo as cycling's equivalent of the running community's marathon. As with the 26-mile running event, rather than racing other participants, most participants challenge themselves in a personal battle against the course, the distance, and, ultimately, the clock. While some faster riders will push the pace, most participants are happy to complete the challenge within the allotted time.

If a feeling of accomplishment is not enough reward, there will be an après ride party at the Start-Finish under the big tent. Enjoy live music, a variety of food choices, locally produced beverages, and farm-to-spoon ice cream. More info at [vermontgranfondo.com](http://vermontgranfondo.com).

The Vermont Gran Fondo is produced by Ride It If You Can Llc. The organizing committee is made up of cycling enthusiasts and athletically-inclined tourism and business development representatives. Event proceeds will be distributed via grants to municipalities and non-profit organizations with the purpose of enhancing bicycling in Addison County through programs, education, infrastructure, and/or equipment.

Why the funny name — "Gran Fondo?" Gran Fondo is Italian for "big ride"; and, believe us, this ride *IS* big.



FOR SOME THE Champlain Valley isn't enough of a challenge; this biker climbs up Route 17 at the Appalachian Gap in the Green Mountains.

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# Kick up your heels at the Morgan Horse Farm

WEYBRIDGE — The University of Vermont Morgan Horse Farm is a unique, timeless place. Its mission is to preserve and promote the Morgan breed, and to provide hands-on educational experiences to students and the public. In 2025 it is open to visits from the public through Oct. 27. Visitors are welcome between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., seven days a week. You do not need to make a reservation. Come at a time that works for you.

Tours are about 30 minutes long and run promptly on the hour. The first one is at 10 a.m. and the last is at 3 p.m. each day.

A striking centerpiece of the beautiful campus is the life-size bronze statue of Justin Morgan, the first Morgan horse. Plus look for the current brood of mares and foals in the outdoor arena.

The Morgan, which dates back to the 18th century, is the official state animal of Vermont. Here's some history.

Justin Morgan was a teacher, composer, businessman and horseman who had moved to Randolph, Vt., from Springfield, Mass. He acquired a bay colt, born in 1789, giving him the name Figure, according to the American Morgan Horse Association. Eventually Figure became known by his owner's name, the Justin Morgan horse. This colt was the founding sire of the Morgan breed.

Figure's ability to outwalk, outtrot, outrun and outpull other horses was legendary. His stud services were offered throughout the Connecticut River Valley



and various Vermont locations over his lifetime. However, his most valuable asset was the ability to pass on his distinguishing characteristics, not only to his offspring, but through several generations/.

After the death of his owner, Figure moved on to other owners and spent a life

working on farms, hauling freight, and as a parade mount at militia trainings. He spent his life working and died in 1821 from an untreated kick received from

another horse. His three most famous sons — Sherman, Bulrush and Woodbury — carried on his legacy to future generations (See Morgan Horse Farm, Page 18)



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## Morgan Horse Farm

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of Morgan horses.

Later in the century, Addison County icon Joseph Battell took a shine to the Morgan, saying it was the best breed in the United States. Battell created a Morgan breeding stable in the 1870s and edited the “American Morgan Horse Register.”

He donated his horse farm to the federal Morgan horse breeding program, and is credited by some as saving the breed. The USDA moved its Morgan horse breeding program from University of Vermont in Burlington to the Battell’s Weybridge farm in 1907. UVM took over operation of the farm in 1951, and still maintains its eye-catching 19th-century mansard-roofed barn with Second Empire styling and its historic brick Greek Revival house.

The big property overlooking Otter Creek is occasionally upgraded. A few years ago, some UVM summer interns built 1.1 miles of walking trails on the property.

The horse farm sits on 200 acres, many of which have a history of logging. The farm uses the pastures for its horses, obviously, but was looking for a way to get more use of the wooded areas.

Enter four UVM students participating in UVM’s Place-based Education and Outdoor Land Use internships. They spent more than 200 hours cleaning up and repurposing the logging trails. The students wrote and illustrated an interpretive trail map that helps visitors identify plants along the trails, created a scavenger hunt and storywalk about a

magical Morgan horse, built an outdoor classroom and designed an accessible trail and boardwalk.

Regular admission to the farm (\$10/adults; \$7/kids age 5 and up; \$850 for Addison County residents) gets visitors access to the trails, as well as a guided farm tour. Families who want to do the scavenger hunt can pick up a scavenger board — and put on some complementary bug spray — from the gift shop. Scavenger hunters look for different tree species (marked with hand-painted signs) along the trails. Each tree has a little box filled with stamps at its base. They can stamp their board and bring it back to the gift shop for a ribbon.

There were plans to build out more trails.

“Our grand vision is to utilize the entire Morgan Horse Farm property in a manner that uses outdoor recreation to interpret for guests our role as stewards of this place, so they can understand the relationship of the working and natural landscapes, and the significance of the Morgan Horse and this farm to the history of Vermont,” farm Director Margot Smithson told us at the time.

The UVM Morgan Horse Farm is located just a few miles from downtown Middlebury off Morgan Horse Farm Road in Weybridge. You can type “74 Battell Drive, Weybridge” into your navigation app.

Admission fees to grounds are paid upon arrival in the gift shop, located in the lobby of the main barn.

# Annual Great Brandon Auction to be held July 3-12

BRANDON — Put it on your calendar — the 37th Annual Great Brandon Auction will take place July 3-12 at the Brandon Town Hall.

Yes, the auction has found a permanent home in the beautiful, air-conditioned Town Hall, where it will be staffed by volunteers for 10 days.

Items are set up for silent auction bidding and eBay-style “Buy It Now” format so you can walk out the door with your treasure. The auction offers antiques, collectibles, new merchandise from our generous local businesses, and surprises and treasures from attics and barns. Also lots of gift certificates to dozens of local businesses including restaurants, brew pubs, fuel oil, massages, services and much more!

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selection of interesting and eclectic items.

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The Auction raises funds for Brandon Chamber of Commerce operations, member support and development projects in the Town of Brandon.

Organizers this year respectfully requested that donations *not* be clothes, electronics or appliances, encyclopedias, entertainment centers, computer hutches, exercise equipment, box lots or items not in decent condition. The feeling that most of these things wouldn’t sell and then the chamber would eat the cost of disposing them.

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Important local site information:

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- **Lincoln Gap Parking Areas** in Lincoln — This area will undergo reconstruction in July and limited parking will be available for a two- to three-week period.

- **Warren Falls Recreation Site** in Warren — Improvements have been made to provide safer access to the lower falls and enhance resource protection.

- **Texas Falls Observation Site / Picnic Area** in Hancock — This site will be closed for an extended period of time over the summer while renovations are being conducted. Please pay close attention to all sign postings.

Other resources and office hours:

- Recreation site resources: [fs.usda.gov/r09/gmfl/recreation](https://fs.usda.gov/r09/gmfl/recreation)
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## Henry Sheldon Museum

Check out these five extraordinary exhibits on display at the Sheldon!



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Rokeby Museum shares the human experience of the Underground Railroad and explores the lives of the four generations of Robinsons who lived on the site from 1793 to 1961. The 90-acre Museum is a National Historic Landmark, designated as one of the best-documented Underground Railroad sites in the United States.

The Museum explores the arc of the family's history as Merino sheep farmers, abolitionists, writers, and artists. The Museum's ongoing exhibition, Seeking Freedom: The Underground Railroad and the Legacy of an Abolitionist Family, explores the history and ongoing legacy of enslavement in the U.S. and the complicated story of the Robinson family as they went from enslavers in earlier generations to abolitionists in the 19th century

Visitors to Rokeby can also explore 9 historic buildings, including 19th-century farm buildings and the Robinson home. Two miles of trails are available for walking and allow visitors to explore and learn about the farm's agricultural past.

Rokeby Museum is in Ferrisburgh, Vermont on Route 7. The Museum is open 7-days a week from May 28 to October 12, 2025, 10 am to 5 pm. Guided tours of the house are available Wednesday through Monday at 11am and 1:30pm.

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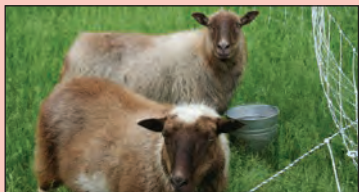


### Inspired by Nature: The Women Artists of Rokeby 2025 Seasonal Exhibition, May 10–October 12, 2025

The magnificent setting of the Robinson farm inspired the art of Anna Stevens Robinson and her daughters Rachael Robinson Elmer and Mary Robinson Perkins.

#### Inspired by Nature:

The Women Artists of Rokeby shares a small portion of the work they produced. We invite you to draw inspiration from this exhibit to nourish your own creative expression.



### Sheep & Wool Day Saturday, June 14, 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM

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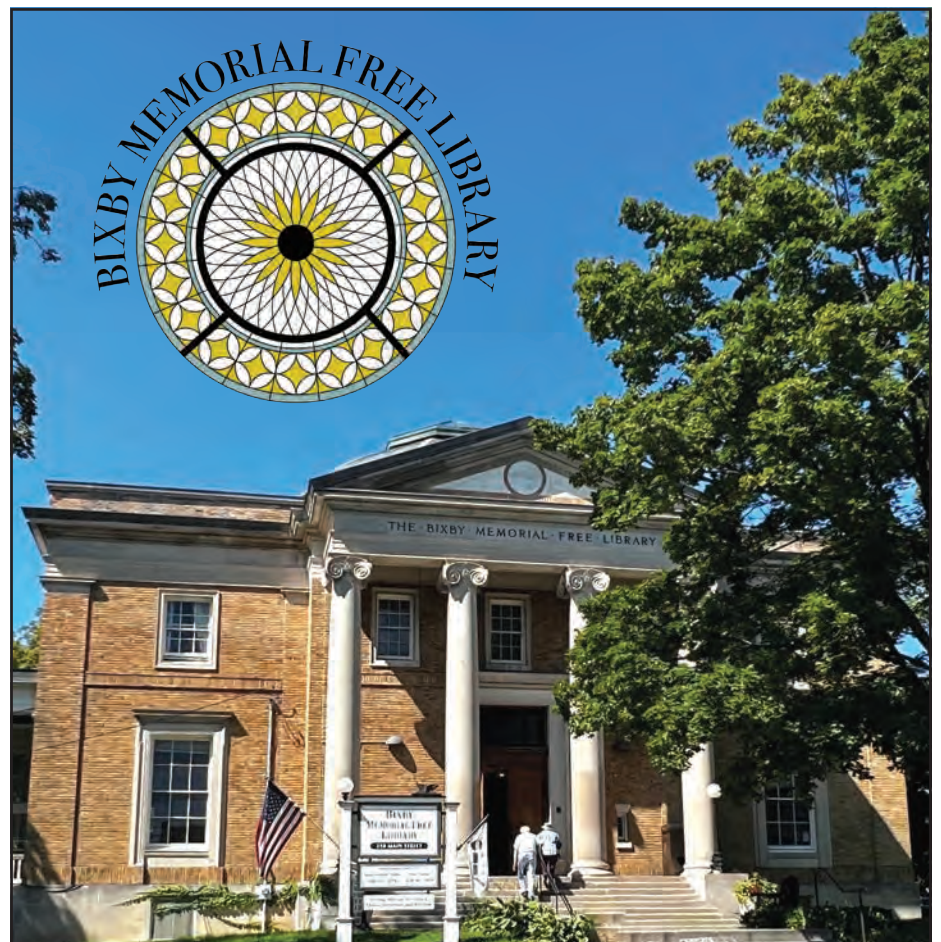
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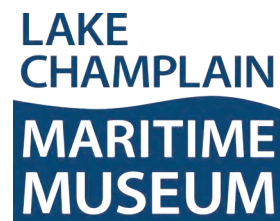
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## Creemees: A real summer treat!

By ERIN PETENKO of VTDigger

Nothing goes better with a hot Vermont summer day than a cold, sweet, creamy cone of soft serve ice cream.

Wait, soft serve? What are you talking about? There's only one type of ice cream that reigns supreme in the Green Mountain State: the creemee.

A creemee is not quite synonymous with soft serve, but they share some similarities. Both take prepared ice cream "bases" that vendors can mix flavor into and serve from the same machine, according to E.B. Flory, dairy chief of the Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets.

Creemees, however, are supposed to contain a higher percentage of butterfat — a minimum of 14%, versus 10%-14% for soft serve, Flory said. Creemees are often sold in maple, black raspberry, vanilla and chocolate flavors, or as a twist of two flavors. They

can come with toppings or be dipped into chocolate or other sauces to create a hard outer coating.

How many creemee stands are there in Vermont? Until a few years ago, this seemed an unanswerable question. But then Secretary of Agriculture Anson Tebbetts revealed on Twitter that his agency maintains a licensing system that tracks this sort of thing.

So VTDigger did what any top-notch journalistic enterprise would do: We filed a public records request.

The data we obtained showed in 2023 that roughly 400 Vermont establishments had active licenses to operate "frozen dessert" machines. That count, however, includes vendors who sling creemees, as well as those who dish out soft serve.

About a quarter of the licensees were chains such as McDonald's, Cumberland Farms and Walmart. There were also some oddball spots, such as universities, movie theaters and hospital cafeterias.

But most of the licensees were the classic picture of a place to scarf down a maple creemee: general stores, snack stands, sugar shacks and creameries.

The database created a couple summers ago included 32 licensed spots in Addison County where you could get a creemee — including Addison County Fair and Field Days.

In VTDigger's very unscientific poll of readers, the Addison County creemee vendor to get the most votes was Dakin Farms in Ferrisburgh. Makes sense — it's on busy Route 7 and its products are well known beyond the locals (plus, it's ice cream!).

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# Creemees

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Other big vote getters included Goodie's Snack Bar in West Addison, Vermont Cookie Love in Ferrisburgh, Olsen's Ice Cream in Vergennes, Middlebury's Vermont Maple Market and Shiretown Marketplace, Village Creeme Stand in Bristol, Monkton's Full Belly Farm and Yates Orchard, and Village Green Market in New Haven.

(In an editor's note, VTDigger mentioned that it discovered after compiling its story that it had missed a few creemee outlets; ones they might have had on their list include Peet Farm in Cornwall, Lincoln General Store and Rosie's in Middlebury.)

Most creemee vendors serve a prepared base mix from a vendor. Only six establishments in 2023 had "milk handler" licenses to make the ice cream from scratch, according to the Agency of Agriculture, including Olsen's in Vergennes.

We would also be remiss if we didn't mention some of the rare vendors that offer dairy-free creemees

(Editor's note: We didn't see any in Addison County).

What about the Agency of Agriculture's favorite creemees? Flory said she didn't think she was "allowed" to pick favorites but that she loved a maple creemee twisted with black raspberry or peanut butter.

"I have a small Jack Russell that is quite a fan of dairy products, and she really liked that one," Flory said.

For Secretary of Agriculture Tebbetts, "nothing is better than just a standalone maple creemee."

He said he had not yet tried the roughly 400 locations.

"But I think it's a goal that we all should achieve, just like the 251 Club," Tebbetts said, referring to the organization that encourages people to visit every Vermont municipality.




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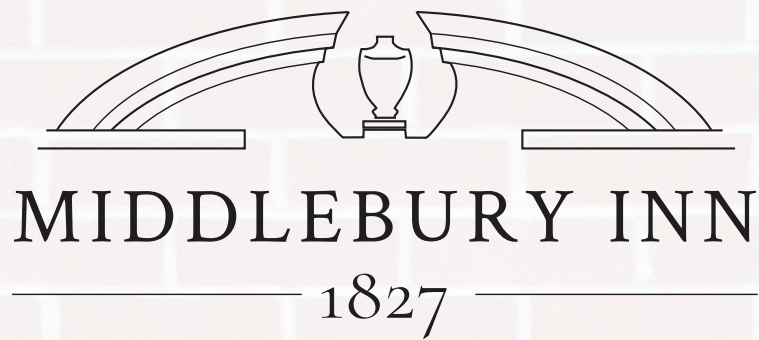
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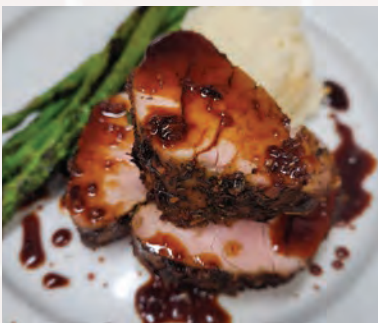
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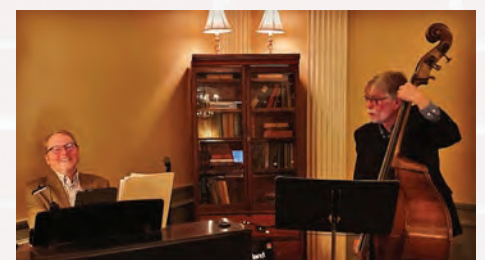
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## THURSDAY

**Job Fair in Vergennes.**

Thursday, June 5, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Northlands Job Corps Center, 100 Macdonough Dr. Find your next career opportunity at the Job Fair @ Job Corps! Employers are actively hiring and excited to meet you, so polish up your resume and come down. Free. Sponsored by the Vermont Department of Labor, Northlands Job Corps, and the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development. Questions? Call 802-877-0175.

**"Tips for Managing Diabetes in Older Age" in Middlebury.** Thursday, June 5, 4 p.m., Congregational Church of Middlebury, 3 Main St. Brought to you by Elderly Services, this session will be led by Margaret Young, MPH, RDN, LD Diabetes Educator with UVMHN/Porter Medical Center. People with diabetes can effectively manage their disease to prevent further health complications, which can be costly and individuals with prediabetes can prevent or delay type 2 diabetes. Learn about lifestyle changes proven to help people with type 2 diabetes manage and improve their condition as well as help those with prediabetes to delay or prevent the onset of type 2 diabetes. Free and open to all.

**True Crime podcast club in Middlebury.** Thursday, June 5, 6 p.m., Mini Ilsley Public Library, 30 Main St. Join fellow sleuths to discuss this month's podcast, "Park Predators – The Garden." Acadia National Park may exist on an island but in the late 1970s a human predator showed up there and started hunting. The identity of the killer has remained unknown for more than four decades and the mystery as to who killed Leslie Spellman is still waiting to be uncovered.

**Nathaniel Ian Miller in Middlebury.** Thursday, June 5, 6 p.m., Anderson Studio, Town Hall Theater, 72-76 Merchants Row. Bestselling author of "The Memoirs of Stockholm Sven," Nathaniel Ian Miller will appear in conversation with award-winning local author Janice Obuchowski to discuss his new book, "Red Dog Farm." Visit [vermontbookshop.com](http://vermontbookshop.com) for more details.

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## FRIDAY

**Photography opening reception in Middlebury.**

Friday, June 6, 4-7 p.m., PhotoPlace Gallery, 3 Park St. An opening for Dreams and Imagined Realities a juried exhibition exploring the spaces where imagination and reality intertwine.

**Danny & The Parts in Bristol.** Friday, June 6, 5-8 p.m., BCC Botanicals, 140 North St. Hailing from the heart of Burlington, Danny & The Parts deliver a fresh take on classic Americana with a honky-tonk soul and psychedelic shimmer. Rooted in tradition but unafraid to push boundaries, the band blends sweeping vocal harmonies, twang-laced Telecaster riffs, and rich local talent to craft a sound that feels both timeless and totally new. More info at [www.bristolcollaborativecampus.com/gathering#freshie-Friday](http://www.bristolcollaborativecampus.com/gathering#freshie-Friday)

**The Grift in New Haven.** Friday, June 6, 6-8 p.m., Lincoln Peak Vineyard, 142 River Rd. Free live music at the vineyard featuring local musicians and food trucks. Bring a blanket and a friend and celebrate the weekend with Vermont wines and Vermont vibes. Food by Mediterranean Mix and wine available for purchase.

**"Mind vs. Matter: Argument for a Renaissance" in Bristol.** Friday, June 6, 7 p.m., Lawrence Memorial Library, 40 North St. A dramatic reading featuring Diana Bigelow and Jim Stapleton. The classic conflict referred to in the title is hashed out over coffee between two friends, a physicist

and an art historian. A lively and amusing exchange of ideas emerges, suggesting a renaissance for our times. Q & A to follow. Admission by donation.

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**Peter Stumpf, cello; John Blacklow, piano, in Rochester.** Friday, June 6, 7:30 p.m., Federated Church of Rochester, 15 North Main St. In the Rochester Chamber Music Society's first concert of the 2025 season, Stumpf and Blacklow perform Sonata No. 1 B-flat Major, Op. 45, Mendelssohn, Sonata in C Major, Prokofiev.

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## SATURDAY

**Green Mountain Club hike in Lincoln.**

Saturday, June 7, Mt. Abraham. Hike the Battell Trail to Long Trail North to Mt. Abe. Strenuous hike with 2,500 feet elevation gain over 5.5 miles. Leashed dog friendly. Limit 6. Contact Samara Anderson at [anderson\\_samara@yahoo.com](mailto:anderson_samara@yahoo.com) for more information. More at [gmcbreadloaf.org](http://gmcbreadloaf.org).

**Pottery Sale in Middlebury.** Saturday, June 7, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Middlebury Studio School new campus, 94 Court St. Help raise funds for the Middlebury Studio School, check out its new space, and get some great local pottery at the same time. A portion of the proceeds will benefit MSS education programs.

**New England Review alumni reading at Reunion 2025 in Middlebury.** Saturday, June 7, 10 a.m., Axinn Center 229, Old Chapel Rd. In celebration of Middlebury's

reunion weekend, *New England Review* will host a reading for five alumni authors. Featured readers: writer and design director Tamara Himes, science fiction writer EJ Kavounas, novelist and editor Carolyn Kuebler, poet Emily Lee Luan, and writer and journalist Lauren Markham. Free and open to the public.

**Book sale in Middlebury.** Saturday, June 7, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Middlebury United Methodist Church, 43 N. Pleasant St. Held by The Friends of Ilsley Library. We have summer reading for the whole family at great prices and are located just a hop, skip and a jump from your Saturday errands in town. Proceeds fund Ilsley Library programs for all ages as well as staff development opportunities. Come check us out!

**J Gould author talk in Middlebury.** Saturday, June 7, 11 a.m., Mini Ilsley Public Library, 30 Main St. J Gould will discuss his new book, "The Last of the Greatest Generation," which captures the disruptive, uncertain times during World War II as seen through the eyes of the last living veteran of that war. Told in two timelines, this novel is a fast-paced mystery that embraces generational romance, patriotism, the horrors of war and the race to find hidden truths that will impact Japan and the United States.

**Melissa D in Brandon.** Saturday, June 7, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Kennedy Park, off Center St. Spend your midday with this singer-songwriter. Part of Brandon's Live at Kennedy Park music series.

**David Karl Roberts in Brandon.** Saturday, June 7, 4-6 p.m., Red Clover Ale, 43 Center St. Free live music with beer and goodies for purchase.

**"Underworld" on Screen in Brandon.** Saturday, June 7, 7 p.m., Brandon Town Hall, 1 Conant Sq. Director Josef von Sternberg's groundbreaking tale of big city mobsters, widely considered the father of all gangster pictures. Tale follows crime boss "Bull" Weed as he battles rival 1920s gangsters. Incredible black-and-white photography; winner of first-ever Oscar for original story by Ben Hecht. Live accompaniment by silent film aficionado Jeff Rapsis. It's free; donations welcome to

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**New Music on the Point concert in Salisbury.** Saturday, June 7, 7:30 p.m., Salisbury Meeting House, 853 Maple St. Hear world premiere chamber works by our participating composers from around the world, performed by participant performers and the Bergamot Quartet, Popebama, pianist Adam Tendler, soprano Tony Arnold and many more. Presented by Point CounterPoint.

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## SUNDAY

**Charity fundraising breakfast in Bristol.**

Sunday, June 8, 7:30-10 a.m., Libanus Lodge, corner of North and Elm Streets. Menu includes sausage gravy with homemade biscuits, scrambled eggs (or over easy if you ask us to flip them) bacon, sausage patties, sausage links, home fries, pancakes, blueberry pancakes, French toast, assorted juices, apple bread pudding and coffee. \$9 adults /\$5 children under 12. All profits are donated to a person or group in need within the Five Town Area.

**Chicken barbecue in Cornwall.** Sunday, June 8, noon until the chicken runs out, Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department, Route 30. Table seating and take-out will be available. Half-chicken meals with salad and sides will be the main feature, but kids (and the young at heart) can enjoy free hot dogs while they last. A great opportunity to see and meet neighbors and old friends, as well as see the CVFD's fire trucks, learn about serving on the fire department and meeting the volunteers. \$15. Proceeds benefit the work of the department.

**Puccini's "La Bohème" in Middlebury.** Sunday, June 8, 2 p.m., Main Stage, Town Hall Theater, 76 Merchants Row. See June 6 listing.

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## MONDAY

**Cribbage Night in Bristol.** Monday, June 9, 7 p.m., Libanus



A GREAT BLUE Heron glides over the waters of Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area.

Photo by Dale Cockrell

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Lodge, corner of North and Elm Streets.

## June 11 WEDNESDAY

**Bluegrass Extravaganza in Bristol.** Wednesday, June 11, 5-8 p.m., The Tillerman, 1868 North 116 Rd. Music is free. Food and beverages available for purchase.

## June 12 THURSDAY

**“A River Runs Through It” on screen in Middlebury.** Thursday, June 12, 1 p.m., Marquis Theater & Café, 65 Main St. Join Ilsley Public Library and Marquis Theater for a screening of this 1992 film, followed by a short discussion. A memoir of two very different brothers — one reserved, the other a hell-raiser — angling for the attention of their preacher father, who uses fly-fishing as a metaphor to teach his Cain and Abel offspring about life in early 20th-century Montana. As always, the popcorn is on us.

**Book Donation Day, in Vergennes.** Thursday, June 12, 3-6 p.m., Bixby Memorial Library, 258 Main St. Donate your used books to the Bixby Library Book Sale. Donations accepted in the back parking lot. Fiction should be published after 2014 or written by a popular author, and non-fiction should be current and saleable. Donated books will be featured at the book sale on Saturday, June 14.

**“Driving and Aging — Challenges, Strategies and Things to Consider” in Middlebury.** Thursday, June 12, 4 p.m., Congregational Church of Middlebury, 3 Main St. Brought to you by Elderly Services, this session will be led by Andrea Spinale from the Vermont Department of Health. Join us for an informative session on the challenges older drivers face in Vermont. The program will also cover how to approach the difficult conversation about driving retirement and how to start planning for the future. Free and open to all.

**Puccini’s “La Bohème” in Middlebury.** Thursday, June 12, 7:30 p.m., Main Stage, Town Hall Theater, 76 Merchants Row. Join Opera Company of Middlebury for the timeless story of La Bohème. There have always been people who live on the fringes of society — artists, writers, musicians — who sacrifice much in pursuit of their art. All are welcome to a pre-performance talks in the new wing at THT one hour before each show. Non-alcoholic option available. Tickets and info at townhalltheater.org.

**New Music on the Point concert in Salisbury.** Thursday, June 12, 7:30 p.m., Salisbury Meeting House, 853 Maple St. Hear world premiere chamber works by our participating composers from around the world, performed by participant performers and the Bergamot Quartet, Popebama, pianist Adam Tendler, soprano Tony Arnold and many more. Presented by Point CounterPoint.

## June 13 FRIDAY

**“Everything you ever wanted to know about geothermal but were afraid to ask!” in Middlebury.** Friday, June 13, 8:45 a.m., Unity Hall, Congregational Church of Middlebury, 30 N. Pleasant St. Learn about the promise of geothermal (i.e., ground-source) heat pumps for heating and cooling buildings from experts in designing, engineering, and deploying these systems. Sponsored by the Town of Middlebury Energy Committee. Free, but please register at bit.ly/GEOTHERMAL-WORKSHOP.

**Atom & The Orbits in Bristol.** Friday, June 13, 5-8 p.m., BCC Botanicals, 140 North St. Noah Hahn has spent the last decade playing in two-step bands from Vermont to Louisiana. Atom & the Orbits is the rocket ship he has assembled to launch those danceable rhythms in the form of two-minute old-school power pop songs a la Chuck Berry. Live, the Orbits blast off from the early rock ‘n roll universe, expanding and exploring the outer reaches of what it means when they say, “Let’s Rock!” More info at [www.bristolcollaborativecampus.com/gathering#freshie-Friday](http://www.bristolcollaborativecampus.com/gathering#freshie-Friday).

**Push to the Pavilion concert in Vergennes.** Friday, June 13, 5:30-8:30 p.m., Veterans Memorial Park, 43 East St. Live music featuring the Pavilion Rock Band, food (the good stuff: pizza, ice cream, beer) and prizes, including the chance to win outdoor furniture from Woodware.

**Hard Scrabble in New Haven.** Friday, June 13, 6-8 p.m., Lincoln Peak Vineyard, 142 River Rd. Free Live music at the vineyard featuring local musicians and food trucks. Bring a blanket and a friend and celebrate the weekend with Vermont wines and Vermont vibes. Food by La Chapina and wine available for purchase.

**Art opening reception in Brandon.** Friday, June 13, 7-8:30 p.m., Brandon Artists Guild, 7 Center St. An opening for works by artist David Munyaiak. Refreshments served.

**Puccini’s “Gianni Schicchi” in Middlebury.** Friday, June 13, 7:30 p.m., Anderson Studio, Town Hall Theater, 72 Merchants Row. Come experience the Opera Company of Middlebury Young Artist Program’s fully-

staged production of this one-act comedy sung by a talented group of 2025 Young Artists from around the country. Sung in Italian with English supertitles.

## June 14 SATURDAY

**Vermont Days Weekend,** Saturday, June 14, Mount Independence, Chimney Point, and

Hubbardton Battlefield state historic sites. Free admission to all Vermont’s state historic sites. Bring a kite to fly or try ours.

**Vermont Free Fishing Day.** Saturday, June 14, around the state. Designed for young or novice anglers and families, this event offers a variety of activities to participate in, including basic fishing instruction, fish biology and ID, crafts and lure making, and more. It also includes a chance for participants to catch big trout in a hatchery pond. No prior



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**Friday June 27<sup>th</sup> & Saturday June 28<sup>th</sup>**

Come celebrate the official opening of the Town Hall Theater's new wing, and the launch of the new outdoor Maloney Public Performance Plaza and Tilly Stage.

Featuring headliner musicians from Twiddle's Mihali to famed jazz icon Rodney Marsalis

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**June 27-August 29**



Friday June 27th 5-8pm: **Twiddle's Mihali**

Saturday July 5th 5:30-7pm: **Connor Young Quartet**

Saturday July 12th 5:30-7pm: **Julianna Luna & Friends**

Sunday July 20th 11am: **Windborne Community Sing**

Saturday July 26th 5:30-7pm: **The Traveling Middleburys**

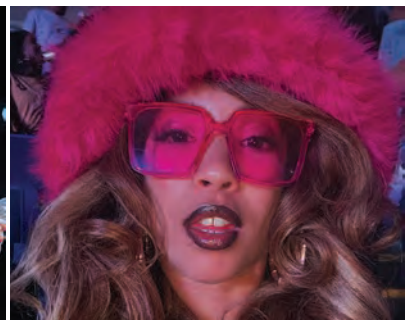
Saturday August 2nd 5:30-7pm: **Sarah King**

Saturday August 9th 5:30-7pm: **Zach Nevins Quintet**

Saturday August 16th 5:30-7pm: **Atom & The Orbits**

Saturday August 23rd 5:30-7pm: **Soulshine Revival**

Friday August 29th 5:30-7pm: **Bobby Alu**



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fishing experience is needed. Vermont Fish and Wildlife will supply fishing rods, reels and bait for use by participants. More info at [vfishandwildlife.org](http://vfishandwildlife.org).

**Wildlife walk in Middlebury.** Saturday, June 14, 7 a.m., Otter View Park, intersection of Weybridge St. and Pulp Mill Bridge Rd. Otter Creek Audubon and the Middlebury Area Land Trust invite community members to help us 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.

**Plein Air Art Festival in Middlebury.** Saturday, June 14, all day, locations around Middlebury. Sparrow Arts Supply invites all to join them for a choose-your-own-adventure weekend of outdoor art making. Whether you're a seasoned plein air painter or new to painting outside, this two-day festival is designed to inspire creativity in the great outdoors. Middlebury will come alive with artists at scenic spots around town — parks, river overlooks, sidewalks, and gardens — capturing the beauty of Vermont on the spot. One Day Pass: \$35, Two Day Pass: \$50, artists age 15 and younger participate for free with registration. Spectators welcome. More info at [sparrowartsupply.com/plein-air-festival](http://sparrowartsupply.com/plein-air-festival).

**Used book sale in Vergennes.** Saturday, June 14, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Bixby Memorial Library, 258 Main St. Stock up for summer reading. Browse through the selection of used books for sale in the Otter Creek Room downstairs. Enter from the back parking lot. Choose from a large variety of fiction, non-fiction and children's books, some on orderly shelves and the more recently donated in boxes and on carts. Not priced — sold by donation.

**Midd Summer Market in Middlebury.** Saturday, June 14, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Triangle Park corner of Main Street and Merchants Row. In conjunction with the Sparrow Art

Supply Plein Air Festival, come see what's on offer from Vermont artists, craftspeople and purveyors of fine Vermont products and prepared food. Shoppers can expect beautiful handmade items perfect for gifts, mementos, or staples for everyday use. Rain or shine. Learn more at [ExperienceMiddlebury.com/midd-markets](http://ExperienceMiddlebury.com/midd-markets).

**Abenaki Heritage Weekend in Ferrisburgh.** Saturday, June 14, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Lake Champlain Maritime Museum, 4472 Basin Harbor Rd. Join Vermont's Native American community for Abenaki Heritage Weekend and Arts Marketplace. Explore Abenaki perspectives on life in the Champlain Valley. Activities include storytelling, craft demonstrations, drumming, singing, and more. Bring a picnic basket for your lunch. Free. Learn more at [theabenakiart.org](http://theabenakiart.org).

**No Kings rally in Brandon.** Saturday, June 14, 10 a.m.-noon, Central Park. Indivisible Brandon will hold a local rally. Bring your signs and flags and good cheer. Let us know you're coming by registering online. A number of Vermont Indivisible groups have scheduled a flag relay on Route 7 to run concurrently with the rallies planned for the 14th. Help if you can.

**Bridport Day in Bridport.** Saturday, June 14, 11 a.m.-7 p.m., town green, 82 Crown Point Rd. Activities for kids, games, live music by Jim Shaw, Judd Markowski, and O'hAnleigh, craft/vendor tables, dunk tank, Bridport community group information tables, Andrea Warren line dance instruction and dance. Plus there will be food, including creemees. If you have any interest in donating to this event or are willing to volunteer, please email [bridportevents@gmail.com](mailto:bridportevents@gmail.com).

**Electrostatic Cats in Brandon.** Saturday, June 14, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Kennedy Park, off Center Street. Come hear a small band with a big sound. Free. Part of Bandon's Live at Kennedy Park series.

**Artist talk with Joe Bolger in Middlebury.** Saturday, June 14, 11-12:30 p.m., Edgewater Gallery at the Falls, 1 Mill St. Free.

**Sheep and Wool Day in Ferrisburgh.** Saturday, June 14, noon-3 p.m., Rokeby Museum, 4334 Route 7. Live sheep, weaving demonstrations, food, live music, John Vincent (A Revolutionary Press) and his monotype printing press, and the Instrument Petting Zoo, presented by Vermont Folklife. Free. More info at 802-877-3406, [www.rokeby.org](http://www.rokeby.org).

**“John Hancock: First to Sign, First to Invest in America's Independence” in Orwell.** Saturday, June 14, 1-2 p.m., Mount Independence State Historic Site, 472 Mt. Independence Rd. Noted historian Willard Sterne Randall will speak about John Hancock, whose bold signature was the first on the new Declaration of Independence in 1776.

**Ladies Day on the New Haven River: Introduction to Fly Fishing in Bristol.** Saturday, June 14, 1-4 p.m., Sycamore Park, Route 116. Learn the art of the cast, knots, flies and, of course, lots of water ecology and ethics. Try your hand at wading and catching that trout. Enjoy a fun afternoon and leave with new friends and a new favorite sport. Make sure to wear comfortable clothing for being outdoors. Waders will be provided. Register at [tinyurl.com/LCMM-Ladies-fly-fishing](http://tinyurl.com/LCMM-Ladies-fly-fishing).

**Puccini's “La Bohème” in Middlebury.** Saturday, June 14, 2 p.m., Main Stage, Town Hall Theater, 76 Merchants Row. See June 12 listing.

**“Paul Revere Resists” dramatic reading in Middlebury.** Saturday, June 14, 2:30 p.m., St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, on the green. Indivisible Middlebury hosts this dramatic reading on No Kings Day. Written for Writers for Democratic Action and Based upon the classic Henry Wadsworth

Longfellow poem “Paul Revere's Ride,” the play runs around half an hour with audience discussion to follow taking up the critical question of rescuing our democracy. Directed by Rebecca Strum. Free.

**Bingo in Vergennes.** Saturday, June 14, 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.

**Takeout-only chicken and biscuit supper in Vergennes.** Saturday, June 14, 5-6 p.m., Vergennes United Methodist Church, Main St., across from the Vergennes Opera House. Chicken and gravy over biscuits, stuffing, vegetable, cranberry sauce and dessert. Adults \$12. Take out preorder only. Must place order by 7 p.m. Thursday, June 12. To order call 802-877-3150.

**New Music on the Point concert in Salisbury.** Saturday, June 14, 7:30 p.m., Salisbury Meeting House, 853 Maple St. Hear world premiere chamber works by our participating composers from around the world, performed by participant performers and the Bergamot Quartet, Popebama, pianist Adam Tendler, soprano Tony Arnold and many more. Presented by Point CounterPoint.

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## June 16 MONDAY

**Addison Branch of the Vermont Railroad presentation in Shoreham.** Monday, June 16, 6:30 p.m., Old Stone School House, Route 22A. Shoreham Historical Society hosts Ed Barnard, who will speak on this subject and share his thoughts on the creation of a walking trail along this historic route.

## June 17 TUESDAY

**Introduction to Fly Fishing in Ferrisburgh.** Tuesday, June 17, 1-3 p.m., Lake Champlain Maritime Museum, 4472 Basin Harbor Rd. Learn the basics of fly fishing in this hands-on course designed for the beginner caster to the more advanced fly fisherperson. Learn about knots, rods, flies, and how to cast (or advance your cast). Make sure to wear comfortable clothing for being outdoors. Waders will be provided. Register at [tinyurl.com/LCMM-Intro-to-fly-fishing](http://tinyurl.com/LCMM-Intro-to-fly-fishing).

## June 18 WEDNESDAY

**T Kingfisher summer brown bag book group in Middlebury.** Wednesday, June 18, noon, Mini Ilesley Library, 30 Main St. Join Renee for a different take on summer reading in this author study book group on T Kingfisher. This summer



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discussion series will explore Kingfisher's adult horror novellas, dark fantasy and YA fantasy. Bring your lunch and enjoy some stimulating conversation. We will have soft drinks and snacks. Stop at the circulation desk to pick up a copy of the book each month.

**The Albany Sound in Bristol.** Wednesday, June 18, 5-8 p.m., The Tillerman, 1868 North 116 Rd. The Albany Sound is Lowell Thompson, Michael Chorney, Pat Melvin and Jeremy Fredrick. The band honed its sound, a rich combination of American country, folk and rock, with a weekly residency in Bristol. Thompson's songs make up the heart of the Albany Sound and complement their repertoire with renditions of rarities by Lucinda Williams, John Prine, Bobby Charles, Small Faces and others. Music is free. Food and beverages for purchase.

**Home: "Gather" and Fair Housing in Middlebury.** Wednesday, June 18, 6 p.m., NBM Meeting Room, Mini Ilsley Public Library, 30 Main St. In Ken Cadow's book "Gather," Ian loses his home through no fault of his own, illustrating how Vermont's housing landscape can be unfair and exclusive. Kahlia Livingston and Jess Hyman of the Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity discuss the roots of Vermont's lack of affordable housing and describe potential approaches to reduce housing discrimination. A Vermont Humanities Speakers Bureau Program. The meeting room at the back of the library, down Printer's Alley.

**Strawberry Festival in Shoreham.** Wednesday, June 18, 6-8 p.m., Town Gazebo, on the green. Shoreham Congregational Church will offer its famous Strawberry Shortcake with fresh Vermont strawberries, biscuits, and real whipped cream. Generous portion \$7/smaller portion \$4. Bottled water \$1. Afghan raffle tickets, \$5 each or 3 for \$10.

## FRIDAY

**Green Mountain Club hike/walk in Cornwall.** Friday, June 20, Lemon Fair Sculpture Park. Easy walk of under 2 miles to enjoy a diverse collection of sculptures spread over a large, sloping field with great views to the west. Open fields, with little elevation gain. Contact leader David Andrews at 802-388-4984 or vtrevda@yahoo.com for details. More at gmcbreadloaf.org.

**Andriana & The Bananas in Bristol.** Friday, June 20, 5-8 p.m., BCC Botanicals, 140 North St. Armed with an expressive alto and a theatrical voice compared to the emotional depths of Rufus Wainwright and Sarah McLachlan, Andriana Chobot brings a genre-blurring blend of pop, indie-folk, rock and jazz to the stage. More info at [www.bristolcollaborativecampus.com/gathering#freshie-Friday](http://www.bristolcollaborativecampus.com/gathering#freshie-Friday).

**Va-et-vient in New Haven.** Friday, June 20, 6-8 p.m., Lincoln Peak Vineyard, 142 River Rd. Free live music at the vineyard featuring local musicians and food trucks. Bring a blanket and a friend and celebrate the weekend with Vermont wines and Vermont vibes. Lincoln Peak Vineyard. Food by La Chapina and wine available for purchase.

## SATURDAY

**HOPE for TomorROW in Ferrisburgh.** Saturday, June 21, 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Lake Champlain Maritime Museum, 4472 Basin Harbor Rd. This annual rowathon is an all-inclusive rowing and community event committed to raising awareness about teen suicide and an opportunity for us to come together

in memory, hope and support. Bring your positive attitude, your willingness to make a difference in someone's life, and your spirit for an adventure on the water. T-shirts, lunch and a fantastic raffle courtesy of our generous sponsors! Free. No prior rowing experience needed. More info at [lcm.org](http://lcm.org).

**Let's Go Birding! with Otter Creek Audubon in Middlebury.** Saturday, June 21, 9-11 a.m., Wright Park, Seymour St. Ext. A delightful morning bird walk exploring the rich avian biodiversity of Wright Park. Perfect for both beginners and seasoned birdwatchers. Our expert guides will help you identify various bird species by song and sight. Family friendly. Light snacks provided. Tabling activities with bird nests and bird skulls. Free. More info and registration at [www.maltvt.org/events](http://www.maltvt.org/events).

**Town-wide yard sale in Bristol.** Saturday, June 21, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., locations around town. Join the Bristol Recreation Department for the 10th year of this exciting event and find some great treasures.

**Tom Van Sant in Brandon.** Saturday, June 21, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Kennedy Park, off Center St. Van Sant plays rock covers. Free. Part of Bandon's Live at Kennedy Park series.

**Celebrate Charity & Sylvia: Historic Roadside Marker dedication in Weybridge.** Saturday, June 21, 1-4 p.m., Weybridge Cemetery & Henry Sheldon Museum, 1 Park St. Come to the dedication of the Vermont Roadside Historic Marker for Charity Bryant & Sylvia Drake: A Same-Sex Couple in Early America. Dedication Ceremony with U.S. Rep. Becca Balint and LGBTQ+ Leaders, will take place from 1-2 p.m. at Weybridge Hill Cemetery. A Reception and a pop-up exhibit from the Charity Bryant & Sylvia Drake Collection will take place from 2:30-4 p.m. at the Henry Sheldon Museum in Middlebury. More info at [www.henrysheldonmuseum.org/events](http://www.henrysheldonmuseum.org/events).

**The Grift in Goshen.** Saturday, June 21, 3-6 p.m., Blueberry Hill Outdoor Center, Ripton-Goshen Rd. Local legends The Grift play a concert to benefit the Blueberry Hill Outdoor Center. Come for an afternoon of dancing and celebration of summer in Vermont. More info at [blueberryhilltrails.com](http://blueberryhilltrails.com). Music, Red Clover Brewing, food truck, cookies and ice cream.

**Cedar in Brandon.** Saturday, June 21, 4-6 p.m., Red Clover Ale, 43 Center St. Free live music with beer and goodies for purchase.

**Green Mountain Bicycle Club Kingsland Bay ride.** Sunday, June 22, 8:45 a.m., Shelburne Shopping Park. The 35-mile ride rolls from Shelburne through Charlotte to Kingsland Bay State Park and back. The 51-mile ride heads towards Vergennes and climbs to Monkton Ridge, returning through Hinesburg and a 65-mile option heads into Huntington but will not have a leader. More info Contact Donna Leban at [donna.leban@gmail.com](mailto:donna.leban@gmail.com).

## SUNDAY

**"Dirty Laundry" staged reading in Middlebury.** Sunday, June 22, 4 p.m., Anderson Studio, Town Hall Theater, 72 Merchants Row. When the woman who connected them passes away, three people confront their feelings of love, loss and desire, all while facing the daily grind of household chores. In "Dirty Laundry," Mathilde Dratwa explores the absurdity and messiness of life and death. A Middlebury Acting Company's Cutting Edge Staged Reading Series show.

## MONDAY

**Vergennes City Band concert in Vergennes.** Monday, June 23, 7 p.m., City Green. A staple of Vergennes



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**Root Chakra drum circle in Middlebury.** Tuesday, June 24, 6:30 p.m., 54 Main St., Unit B. Brought to you by Breanna Elaine music and Love Play Grow Wellness. \$10 suggested donation.

## June 25 WEDNESDAY

**Green Mountain Club Adirondack hike in New Russia, N.Y.** Wednesday, June 25, Bald Peak. A beautiful and strenuous hike toward Rocky Peak ridge, a prominent high peak visible from many places in Vermont. Six miles and 2,700+ feet of elevation gain. Group limit of 8. Exposed for a long stretch. Sunscreen required. Contact Ken Corey at 802-349-3733 or kencorey53@gmail.com to register. More at gmcbreadloaf.org.

**Teddy Bear Picnic in Bristol.** Wednesday, June 25, noon-1 p.m., on the green. Bring your favorite bear and join us on the Town Green for Stories, Songs, and Fun! Teddy Bear stories will be read by Ted's best friend, Ali. Rain location is at Holley Hall

**Scarlet Annie & The Individuals in Bristol.** Wednesday, June 25, 5-8 p.m., The Tillerman, 1868 North 116 Rd. Fronted by the one and only Scarlet Annie Nessen, the Individuals bring to life a delicious and

eclectic mix of soul, rock and funk covers as well as original songs by Nate Gusakov (electric banjo) and Jim Carroll (electric guitar). Also featuring David Gusakov on violin, Will Gusakov on drums and Colin Gunn on bass. The music is free, food and beverages available for purchase.

**Beyond Bars: Reimagining Justice and Healing in Vermont in Middlebury.** Wednesday, June 25, 6:30-9 p.m., Marquis Theater, 65 Main St. In conjunction with the Sheldon Museum summer exhibit, "Finding Hope Within," the Sheldon presents a film made about Vermonters, for Vermonters, and by a team of four Vermonters. Beyond Bars hopes to bring Vermonters into conversation around how we are making sense of the very visible struggle on our streets and in our communities. More info at [www.henrysheldonmuseum.org/events](http://www.henrysheldonmuseum.org/events).

## June 26 THURSDAY

**Bread and Bones in Goshen.** Thursday, June 26, 5-8 p.m. Blueberry Hill Inn, Ripton Goshen Rd. Free music with pizza by the pond. Cost \$34 per person (age 13 and older), includes all-you-can-eat pizza, lemonade, live music, taxes, and fees. Kids 7-12: \$20. Kids 6 and under: Free when accompanied by their parent or guardian. More info at [blueberryhillinn.com/pizza](http://blueberryhillinn.com/pizza).

## June 27 FRIDAY

**Town Hall Theater new wing celebration featuring Mihali in Middlebury.** Friday, June 27, 5-8 p.m., Maloney Public Performance Plaza, Town Hall Theater, 72-76 Merchants Row. Come to The official launch of the THT's new wing and outdoor performance space. Mihali is a Vermont-based singer, songwriter, guitarist and co-founder of rock outfit Twiddle. Mihali draws on a rich mix of influences, with reggae and upbeat lyrics shaping the architecture of his original music. Free. More info at [townhalltheater.org](http://townhalltheater.org). Also, Rock 'n' Roll Strong Quartet, Cirque de Fuego, Samulnori Drums, food trucks, magic, pop-up costume photo booth, and more. Free. More info at [townhalltheater.org](http://townhalltheater.org).

**Nate & David Gusakov in Bristol.** Saturday, June 27, 5-8 p.m., BCC Botanicals, 140 North St. This father-son duo weaves together threads of classical, bluegrass and old-time traditions into something wholly their own. Their collaborative sound bridges generations and genres, blending Appalachian rhythms with lyrical depth and melodic interplay that feels both timeless and freshly innovative. More info at [www.bristolcollaborativecampus.com/gathering#freshie-Friday](http://www.bristolcollaborativecampus.com/gathering#freshie-Friday).

**Point CounterPoint faculty concert in Salisbury.** Friday, June 27, 5-8 p.m., Salisbury Congregational Church, 853 Maple St. Admission is free, and goodwill donations are gratefully accepted.

**Tournesol in New Haven.** Friday, June 27, 6-8 p.m., Lincoln Peak Vineyard, 142 River Rd. Free live music at the vineyard featuring local musicians and food trucks. Bring a blanket and a friend and celebrate the weekend with Vermont wines and Vermont vibes. Lincoln Peak Vineyard. Food by Shady J's BBQ and wine available for purchase.

## June 28 SATURDAY

**Vermont Gran Fondo in Bristol.** Saturday, June 28, Bristol Rec Park. The Vermont Gran Fondo was born from a famous bucket-list epic 4-gap ride known by the locals as the LAMB ride. LAMB comes from the names of Lincoln Gap, Appalachian Gap, Middlebury Gap and Brandon Gap. When combined into a single ride, can easily top 100 miles and over 10,000 feet of climbing — on a bike! The après ride party will get underway at the Start-Finish under the big tent. Enjoy live music, a variety of food choices, locally produced beverages, and farm-to-spoon ice cream. More info at [vermontgranfondo.com](http://vermontgranfondo.com).

**Banjo Jim Shaw in Brandon.** Saturday, June 28, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Kennedy Park, off Center St.

**Town Hall Theater new wing celebration in Middlebury.** Saturday, June 28, 1-4 p.m., Maloney Public Performance Plaza, Town Hall Theater, 72-76 Merchants Row. Come celebrate the official opening of the Town Hall Theater's new wing, and the launch of the new outdoor Maloney Public Performance Plaza and Tilly Stage with a ribbon cutting, The Real McCoy Stunt Show, Bill Vitek Jazz Trio, Tom Verner Magic Show, plus Crazy Cotton Candy Lady and Lulu Ice Cream throughout. More info at [townhalltheater.org](http://townhalltheater.org).

**Rodney Marsalis Brass Band in Middlebury.** Saturday, June 28, 7:30-9 p.m., Rothrock Main Stage, Town Hall Theater, 72-76 Merchants Row. The electrifying grand finale of our Grand Opening Weekend will be the virtuosic and boundary-breaking Rodney Marsalis Philadelphia Big Brass Ensemble. Prosecco toast and small dessert bites following the show. Tickets \$75

generous/\$40 standard. Sliding scale option. Tickets and more info at [townhalltheater.org](http://townhalltheater.org).

## June 29 SUNDAY

**Green Mountain Bicycle Club Way to Weybridge ride.** Sunday, June 29, meet at 8:45 a.m., Shelburne Village Shopping Center. 64 miles of rolling hills from Shelburne through Vergennes and on to Weybridge. There are several food options in Vergennes for either the way out, the way back, or both. More info contact Allan Kunigis at 802-324-9958 / [akunigis@gmail.com](mailto:akunigis@gmail.com); or co-leader Chip Krakoff at 603-943-3701 / [ckrakoff@koiosllc.com](mailto:ckrakoff@koiosllc.com).

**"The Strong Women of Western Vermont during the American Revolution" in Hubbardton.** Sunday, June 29, 1 p.m., Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site, 5696 Monument Hill Rd. Site administrator Elsa Gilbertson will give an illustrated talk about some of the strong and resilient women and girls from western Vermont, in the southern Lake Champlain area, during the Revolutionary War.

## June 30 MONDAY

**Comic Art workshop in Shoreham.** Monday, June 30, 3-5 p.m., Platt Memorial Library, 279 Main St. Pick up your graphic novel on June 24 so you can join in our book discussion on the 30th. Ages 9 and up.

**Vergennes City Band concert in Vergennes.** Monday, June 30, 7 p.m., City Green. A staple of Vergennes summer. Relax on the green and listen to live band music.

**Cribbage Night in Bristol.** Monday, June 30, 7 p.m., Libanus Lodge, corner of North and Elm Streets The Masons of Libanus Lodge in Bristol will hold their semi-monthly Cribbage Night at the Lodge. Starts at 7 and usually finishes around 8:15.

## July 2 WEDNESDAY

**Folk Art painting (part 1 of 2) with Ms. Kim in Shoreham.** Wednesday, July 2, 3-4 p.m., Platt Memorial Library, 279 Main St.

**Atom and the Orbits in Bristol.** Wednesday, July 2, 5-8 p.m., The Tillerman, 1868 North 116 Rd. Come hear original songs influenced by 1950s rock and roll and beyond. The music is free, food and beverages available for purchase.

**Jenni Johnson in Brandon.** Wednesday, July 2, 6 p.m., behind the Brandon Inn. Brandon's Music by the Riverbend begins with this concert of old- and new-school music, jazzy, swinging and funky. Rain location in Brandon Town Hall.

**"From Earth to Earth: The Lost Art of Dying in America" in Middlebury.** Wednesday, July 2, 6 p.m., New Haven Community Library, 78 North St. See the award-winning documentary, which describes natural burial and its benefits through stories from the people who worked to make it legal in Vermont, and the stories of people whose experiences have shown the ways it can help come to terms with the loss of a loved one and with one's own mortality. Q&A to follow.

## July 3 THURSDAY

**Shipwreck Tour in Ferrisburgh.** Thursday, July 3, 10 a.m.-noon, Lake Champlain Maritime Museum, 4472 Basin Harbor Rd. Dive into Lake



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Champlain's underwater history without getting wet! This scenic boat tour will take you to the sites of some famous local shipwrecks as Museum experts recount their dramatic stories. Tickets \$25 kids/\$45 adults. More info at LCMM.org.

**4th of July storytime in Shoreham.** Thursday, July 3, 10 a.m., Platt Memorial Library, 279 Main St. For ages 0-5 and their parents or caregivers

**Great Brandon Auction in Brandon.** Begins Thursday, July 3, 11 a.m., Brandon Town Hall, 1 Conant Sq. Our great indoor location will be open for 10 days and items will be available for silent auction bidding and e-bay style "Buy It Now" format. Antiques, collectibles, new merchandise, surprises and treasures from attics and barns. Many gift certificates to scores of local businesses including restaurants, stores, brew pubs, massages, services and much more. Runs through Saturday, July 12 at 2 p.m.

**Photography opening reception in Middlebury.** Thursday, July 3, 4-7 p.m., Photoplace Gallery, 3 Park St. An opening for the exhibit Color + Space.

**Independence Eve celebration and fireworks in Bristol.** Thursday, July 3, 6 p.m. Bristol Rec Park, Airport Dr. A runner up to July 4th festivities with music by the 40th Army Band, DJ Jam Man, food and craft vendors, games and raffle tickets, with fireworks at dusk.

July  
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## FRIDAY

**Fourth of July celebration in Bristol.** Friday, July 4, Main Street and points around town. The day starts with a 5K road race at 7 a.m., followed by Bristol's annual outhouse races at 9 a.m. and parade at 11 a.m. Live music, food, fun and games on the park will commence at noon.

**Green Mountain Bicycle Club Salisbury Ice Cream Social ride.** Friday, July 4, 1 p.m., meet at Three-Mile Bridge Rd. A 27.5-mile ride from Middlebury to Lake Dunmore and Salisbury. It's a scenic tour with rolling hills and nice views of Lake Dunmore. The ride stops in Salisbury for their annual Ice Cream Social. More info contact leader John Bertelsen at 802-557-4633 or jo.bertel@gmail.com, or co-leader Karla Ferrelli 802-864-0101 or karla.ferrelli@gmail.com.

July  
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## SATURDAY

**Green Mountain Club hike in Granville.** Saturday, July 5, Clark Brook Trail. Spend a day in the shade climbing to the Long Trail along Clark Brook. It may be an adventure finding the trail, 6-10 miles and more than 1,500 feet of climbing. Contact Ellen Cronan at 908-595-2926 for more information. More at gmcbreadloaf.org.

**Wildlife walk in Middlebury.** Saturday, July 5, 7 a.m., intersection of Weybridge St. and Pulp Mill Bridge Rd. Join Otter Creek Audubon and the Middlebury Area Land Trust as they survey birds and other wildlife at Otter View Park and the Hurd Grassland. Meet at the parking area of Otter View Park at the in Middlebury. Birders of all ages and abilities welcome. For more information, call 802-388-6019.

**Independence Day Celebration in Brandon.** Saturday, July 5, locations around town. This small town knows how to throw a party and there are free events planned from morning to night and for everyone in the family. Beginning with a parade, there will also be bands in the parks, the Heritage train giving rides up Park Street and two auction sites where you can take home winnings on the same day. Also a beer garden, our



**THE JULY 4 Great Outhouse Race in Bristol is usually a fast-paced affair, but last year the Bird Nerds racers got a bit distracted by avian activity in the crowd and introduced some "slow birding" to the annual event.**

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world-famous Little Debbie Swiss Cake Roll Eating Contest, an evening street dance and fireworks at dusk that can be seen from up to a mile away.

**Midd Summer Market in Middlebury.** Saturday, July 5, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Triangle Park, corner of Main Street and Merchants Row. Circus Smirkus is in town! On your way there stop by and see what's on offer from Vermont artists, craftspeople and purveyors of fine Vermont products and prepared food. Shoppers can expect beautiful handmade items perfect for gifts, mementos, or staples for everyday use. Rain or shine. Learn more at ExperienceMiddlebury.com/midd-markets.

**Collections Corner: American Revolution Artifacts in Ferrisburgh.** Saturday, July 5, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Lake Champlain Maritime Museum, 4472 Basin Harbor Rd. Mark Independence Day with a special glimpse into local stories that played a role in our nation's founding. Take a look at original artifacts from the Battle of Valcour Island, Arnold's Bay and other sites around the region, and hear about the research being done at the site. Free. No registration or tickets required.

**Reading Frederick Douglass in Ferrisburgh.** Saturday, July 5, 1 p.m., Rokeby Museum, 4334 Route 7. Participate in reading Douglass's historic speech. More info at www.rokeby.org.

**Circus Smirkus in Middlebury.** Saturday, July 5, 1 and 6 p.m., Mary Hogan Elementary Field, 201 Mary Hogan Dr. Come see the only tented traveling youth circus in the United States. Performing under traditional European-style circus tents, the award-

winning circus company consists of some 80 people including teen performers, professional circus coaches, tent and technical crew and a live circus band performing an original score each year. Tickets \$40 adults/\$25 children. More info at www.smirkus.org/tourschedule.

**Afternoon movie in Shoreham.** Saturday, July 5, time TBD, Platt Memorial Library, 279 Main St. Join us wearing your favorite — green or pink — for this fantasy musical in the cool of the library.

**Connor Young Quartet in Middlebury.** Saturday, July 5, 5:30-7 p.m., Maloney Outdoor Performance Plaza, Town Hall Theater, 72-76 Merchants Row. THT offers its free Summer Sounds Concert Series with Connor Young, a Vermont-born trumpeter, composer and educator who performs a mix of jazz standards and original compositions. He'll be joined by Geza Carr on drums, Josh Childs on piano, and JD Haenni on upright bass. More info at townhalltheater.org.

Bristol before earning their pastries. More info contact leader Brian Howard at 802-304-0610 / bjhowd@gmail.com of co-leader Karl Garen at 802-318-0116 / kgaren@gmail.com.

**Midd Summer Market in Middlebury.** Sunday, July 6, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Triangle Park, corner of Main Street and Merchants Row. See July 5 listing.

**Circus Smirkus in Middlebury.** Sunday, July 6, 11 a.m. and 4 p.m., Mary Hogan Elementary Field, 201 Mary Hogan Dr. See July 5 listing

**Food & Farm Fest in Orwell.** Sunday, July 6, noon-4 p.m. on the green. Farmers and makers market with over 20 vendors and music by Bird Mountain String Band.

July  
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## MONDAY

**Egg tempera workshop in Shoreham.** Monday, July 7-Friday, July 11, 9 -10 a.m., Platt Memorial Library, 279 Main St. Join local artist and educator Jenny Muskopf to learn the art of mixing egg tempera paint and explore the medium. Adults only by registration at plattlib.org/programs-and-events.

**Make your own belt with Stuart Lilie, Saddler, in Shoreham.** Monday, July 7, 6:30 p.m., Platt Memorial Library, 279 Main St. For ages 9 and up.

**Vergennes City Band concert in Vergennes.** Monday, July 7, 7 p.m., City Green. A staple of Vergennes summer. Relax on the green and listen to live band music.

July  
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## SUNDAY

**Green Mountain Bicycle Club Bound for Bristol ride.** Sunday, July 6. Meet at 8:45 a.m., Clifford's Lumber, Route 116 in Hinesburg. This 40-mile ride takes low traffic roads from Hinesburg to Bristol. Those doing the short, 27-mile loop can stop at the Minifactory Café /Bakery or Smoke and Lola's on 28 North St. for an out and back, but those on the longer route will add a loop through New Haven and

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## July 9 WEDNESDAY

**Folk art painting (part 2 of 2) with Ms. Kim in Shoreham.** Wednesday, July 9. 3-4 p.m. Platt Memorial Library, 279 Main St. Ages 5 and up.

**The Albany Sound in Bristol.** Wednesday, July 9, 5-8 p.m., The Tillerman, 1868 North 116 Rd. The Albany Sound is Lowell Thompson, Michael Chorney, Pat Melvin and Jeremy Fredrick. The band honed its sound, a rich combination of American country, folk and rock, with a weekly residency in Bristol. Thompson's songs make up the heart of The Albany Sound and complement their repertoire with renditions of rarities by Lucinda Williams, John Prine, Bobby Charles, Small Faces and others. Music is free. Food and beverages for purchase.

**TinyusSmallus in Brandon.** Wednesday, July 9, 6 p.m., Behind the Brandon Inn. A high energy '90s nostalgia band with tight grooves. Part of Brandon's Music by the Riverbend series. Rain location Brandon Town Hall.

## July 10 THURSDAY

**Basin Bluegrass Festival in Brandon.** Thursday, July 10-Sunday, July 13. 1 Basin Rd. A weekend of bluegrass, food and craft concessions, cover for rain or shine Family-friendly. More info and full schedule at [basinbluegrassfestival.com/flyer](http://basinbluegrassfestival.com/flyer).

**Shipwreck Tour in Ferrisburgh.** Thursday, July 10, 10 a.m.-noon, Lake Champlain Maritime Museum, 4472 Basin Harbor Rd. Dive into Lake Champlain's underwater

history without getting wet! This scenic boat tour will take you to the sites of some famous local shipwrecks as Museum experts recount their dramatic stories. Tickets \$25 kids/\$45 adults. More info at [LCMM.org](http://LCMM.org).

**O & Schu in Goshen.** Thursday, July 10, 5-8 p.m., Blueberry Hill Inn, Ripton Goshen Rd. \$34 per person (age 13 and older), includes all-you-can-eat pizza, lemonade and live music. Kids 7-12: \$20. Kids 6 and under, free when accompanied by their parent or guardian.

**Embroidery circle drop-in in Shoreham.** Thursday, July 10, 5-7 p.m., Platt Memorial Library, 279 Main St. Come by with your current project or come to learn a new embroidery skill. This program is a drop-in, so you can come at any time and leave when you're done.

**Art opening in Middlebury.** Thursday, July 10, 5-6:30 p.m., Edgewater Gallery on the Green, 6 Merchants Row. Opening Reception with Tracy Burtz.

## July 11 FRIDAY

**Theater Walk in Middlebury.** Friday, July 11, 3-4 p.m., Otter Creek Gorge northern trailhead, Morgan Horse Farm Rd. Explore the enchanting Otter Creek Gorge and experience the magic of MALT campers putting on a play along the TAM. Enjoy a unique performance brought to life by MALT campers in collaboration with Town Hall Theater. Free. Space is limited. More info and registration at [www.maltvt.org/events](http://www.maltvt.org/events).

**Sweet Roots in New Haven.** Friday, July 11, 6-8 p.m., Lincoln Peak Vineyard, 142 Rier Rd. Free Live music at the vineyard featuring local musicians and food trucks. Bring a blanket and a friend and celebrate the



WHAT'S THE FOURTH of July without fireworks? When these Roman candles are set off above a body of water, viewers get double the fun with the reflection as well as the sparkle. These fireworks exploded above a private property off Lake Dunmore on Independence Day.

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LIVE ANIMALS & DEMOS



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CHARACTER DAYS

# ADDISON COUNTY FAIR & FIELD DAYS 2025 DAILY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

## TUESDAY, JULY 29

- Morning**
- 8:30 Western Only 4-H and Open Youth Junior Horse Show (horse area)
  - 9:00 4-H Dairy Conformation Classes (animal show arena)
  - 10:30 Antique Equipment Demos (antique equipment area)
  - 10:30 Blocking & Fitting Clinic (sheep tent)
  - 10:30 Tractor Trivia - Strolling Game Show
  - 11:00 Tom Joyce, The Magic Man (bandstand)
- Afternoon**
- 12:00 Dig for Treasure! (youth activity area) - FREE
  - 12:00 Pirate Man Dan (show tent)
  - 12:00 Wheels of Ag Game Show (dairy area)
  - 1:00 Midway Opens (approximately)  
\$25 all day ride bracelets
  - 1:00 Tom Joyce, The Magic Man (bandstand)
  - 1:00 The Silver Circus Show (entertainment show area)
  - 1:00-5:00 Children's Activities (children's barnyard area) - FREE
  - 1:30 Antique Equipment Demo (antique equipment area)
  - 1:30 4-H Hands on Workshop (4-H exhibit building)
  - 1:30 Buffalo Barfield Unherd-of-Entertainment (show tent)
  - 2:00 Sheep Shearing/Handling Demonstration (sheep tent)
  - 3:00 Pirate Man Dan (show tent)
  - 3:00 Antique Equipment Demos (antique equipment area)
  - 3:00 Sheep blocking and fitting contest (sheep area)
  - 3:30 4-H Hands on Workshop (4-H exhibit building)
  - 3:00 Wheels of Ag Game Show (dairy area)
  - 3:30 The Silver Circus Show (entertainment show area)
  - 4:30 Buffalo Barfield Unherd-of-Entertainment Gymkhana (horse area)
  - 5:15 Vermont Products Dinner-1st Sitting (dining hall)
  - 5:30 Wheels of Ag Game Show (dairy area)
  - 5:30 Slate Valley Raceway RC Dirt race cars (Butterfield Arena)
  - 6:00 Vermont Products Dinner-2nd Seating (dining hall)
  - 6:00 The Silver Circus Show (entertainment show area)
  - 6:00 Field Days Opening Parade - Theme: "Country Pride, County Wide"
  - 6:30 Tractor Trivia - Strolling Game Show
  - 7:00 G. Stone Motors Demo Derby (tractor pad)
  - 7:00 tinyussmallus (bandstand)
  - 7:00 Sanctuary - Local Band (show tent)

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 30

- Morning**
- 8:30 English Only 4-H and Open Youth Jr. & Sr. Horse Show (horse area)
  - 9:00 Open Dairy Show-Holsteins, Ayrshires, Milking Shorthorns (animal show arena)
  - 9:30 Ox Pulling (Butterfield Arena)
  - 10:00-12:00 Children's Activities (children's barnyard area) - FREE
  - 10:30 Antique Equipment Demos (antique equipment area)
  - 10:30 Tractor Trivia - Strolling Game Show
  - 11:00 Tom Joyce, The Magic Man (bandstand)
- Afternoon**
- 12:00 Midway Opens (approximately)  
\$25 all day ride bracelets
  - 12:00 Pirate Man Dan (show tent)
  - 12:00 Dig for Treasure! (youth activity area) - FREE
  - 12:00 Goat Show (sheep show tent)
  - 12:00 Wheels of Agriculture Game Show (dairy area)
  - 1:00 Ladies Iron Skillet Toss (tractor pad)
  - 1:00 The Silver Circus Show (entertainment show area)
  - 1:30 Antique Equipment Demos (antique equipment area)
  - 1:30 4-H Hands on Workshop (4-H exhibit building)
  - 1:30 Buffalo Barfield Unherd-of-Entertainment
  - 2:00-5:00 Children's Activities (children's barnyard area) - FREE
  - 2:00 Sheep Shearing/Handling Demonstration (sheep show tent)
  - 2:00 Juggling Workshop w/Silver Circus (entertainment show area)
  - 2:30 Tom Joyce, The Magic Man (bandstand)
  - 3:00 Wheels of Agriculture Game Show (dairy area)
  - 3:00 Antique Equipment Demos (antique equipment area)
  - 3:00 Pirate man Dan (show tent)
  - 3:30 4-H Hands on Workshop (4-H exhibit building)
  - 3:30 The Silver Circus Show (entertainment show area)
  - 4:30 Buffalo Barfield Unherd-of-Entertainment (show tent)
  - 5:00 Youth Beef Clipping & Fitting Demonstration (animal show arena)
  - 5:30 Wheels of Agriculture Game Show (dairy area)
  - 6:00 The Silver Circus Show (entertainment show area)
  - 6:30 Tractor Trivia - Strolling Game Show
  - 7:00 Karaoke Talent Night with DJ Amanda Rock (signup at 6:30) (show tent)
  - 7:00 G. Stone Motors Demolition Derby (tractor pad)
  - 7:00 The VT Bluegrass Pioneers (bandstand)

## THURSDAY, JULY 31

- Morning**
- 8:00 Annual ACCFFD Open Horse Show (horse area)
  - 9:00 4-H Dairy Fitting & Showmanship Classes (animal show arena)
  - 9:00 4-H & Other Youth Sheep Show (sheep show tent)
  - 10:00 Hand Mowing Contest (antique equipment demo area)
  - 9:00 VTPA-Antique & Enhanced Antique Tractor Pulls
  - 10:30 Pony Pulling (Butterfield Arena)
  - 10:30 Antique Equipment Demos (antique equipment area)
  - 10:30 Tractor Trivia - Strolling Game Show
  - 11:00 Pedal Tractor Pull (show tent) (sign-ups at 10:00)
  - 11:30 Tom Joyce, The Magic Man (bandstand)
- Afternoon**
- 12:00 Midway Opens (approximately) \$25 all day ride bracelets
  - 12:00 Dig for Treasure! (Youth activity area) - FREE
  - 12:00 Wheels of Agriculture Game Show (dairy area)
  - 1:00-5:00 Children's Activities (children's barnyard area) - FREE
  - 1:00 The Silver Circus Show (entertainment show area)
  - 1:30 Antique Equipment Demos (antique equipment area)
  - 1:30 Buffalo Barfield Unherd-of-Entertainment (show tent)
  - 1:30 4-H Hands on Workshop (4-H exhibit building)
  - 2:30 Tom Joyce, The Magic Man (bandstand)
  - 3:00 Antique Equipment Demos (antique equipment area)
  - 3:00 Wheels of Agriculture Game Show (dairy area)
  - 3:30 4-H Hands on Workshop (4-H exhibit building)
  - 3:30 The Silver Circus Show (entertainment show area)
  - 4:00 Beef Showmanship/Fitting Show (Senior, Intermediate, Junior, & Novice) & Market Classes (animal show arena)
  - 4:30 Buffalo Barfield Unherd-of-Entertainment (show tent)
  - 5:30 Wheels of Agriculture Game Show (dairy area)
  - 5:30 Miniature Horse Team Hitching Demonstration (children's barnyard area)
  - 6:00 The Silver Circus Show (entertainment show area)
  - 6:30 Tractor Trivia - Strolling Game Show
  - 7:00 LTD (Living the Dream) (bandstand)
  - 7:00 G. Stone Motors Demolition Derby (tractor pad)
  - 7:00-9:00 Good-Time Line Dancing demo/instruction (show tent)
  - 7:30 Animal Costume Class (animal show arena)

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 1

- Morning**
- 8:30 Exhibitors' Breakfast (dining hall)
  - 9:00 Open Sheep Show (sheep show tent)
  - 9:30 Draft Horse Show (horse area)
  - 10:00-12:00 Children's Activities (children's barnyard area) - FREE
  - 9:00 VTPA- Garden Division- Youth, Adult Stock, Sport, Stock, ATV, Super Stock Open, Pro Diesel, 4 Cyl Mods (tractor pad)
  - 10:00 Open Sheep Show (sheep show tent)
  - 10:00 Working Steer & Ox Show (animal show arena)
  - 10:00 Horse Pulling (Butterfield Arena)
  - 10:30 Antique Equipment Demos (antique equipment area)
  - 10:30 Tractor Trivia - Strolling Game Show
- Afternoon**
- 12:00 Dig for Treasure! (youth activity area) - FREE
  - 12:00 Midway Opens  
\$25 all day ride bracelets
  - 12:00 Wheels of Agriculture Game Show (dairy area)
  - 12:00 PeeWee Dairy Showmanship (animal show arena)
  - 12:15 Buffalo Barfield Unherd-of-Entertainment (show tent)
  - 1:00 Tractor Trivia - Strolling Game Show
  - 1:00 Tom Joyce, Magician (bandstand)
  - 1:00 4 Abreast, Show Division (horse area)
  - 1:00 The Silver Circus Show (entertainment show area)
  - 1:30 Antique Equipment Demos (antique equipment area)
  - 1:30 4-H Hands on Workshop (4-H exhibit building)
  - 2:00-5:00 Children's Activities (children's barnyard area) - FREE
  - 2:00 Magic Workshop w/Silver Circus (entertainment show area)
  - 2:45 Buffalo Barfield Unherd-of-Entertainment (show tent)
  - 3:00 Future Showmanship/Fitting Class & Beef Conformation & Group Classes (animal show arena)
  - 3:00 Wheels of Agriculture Game Show (dairy area)
  - 3:00 Antique Equipment Demos (antique equipment area)
  - 3:30 4-H Hands on Workshop (4-H exhibit building)
  - 3:30 The Silver Circus Show (entertainment show area)
  - 4:00 Tom Joyce, The Magic Man (bandstand)
  - 5:00 Arm-wrestling-Kids 16 & under (sign up at 4:00) (show tent)
  - 5:30 Wheels of Agriculture Game Show (dairy area)
  - 5:30 Miniature Horse Team Hitching Demonstration (children's barnyard area)
  - 6:00 The Silver Circus Show (entertainment show area)

- 6:00 VTPA- Street Stock, Mod trucks, 2WD trucks, Hot Farm & Altered Farm
- 7:00 Arm-wrestling-Adults (weigh-ins 5:00) (show tent)
- 7:00 Blues and Beyond Band (bandstand)

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 2

- Morning**
- 9:00 Open Dairy Show - Jersey, Brown Swiss & Guernsey
  - 9:30 Draft Horse Show (horse area)
  - 10:00 Baked Bean Contest & Samples (picnic pavilion)
  - 9:00 VTPA-Farmstock, Open 4WD, Hot Farm, SS 4x4, Altered Farm, St Legal Semi, Single Engine Mod Pulls (tractor pad)
  - 10:00-12:00 Children's Activities (children's barnyard area) - FREE
  - 10:30 Antique Equipment Demos (antique equipment area)
  - 10:00 Youth and Other 4-H Sheep Show
- Afternoon**
- 12:00 Midway Opens (approximately)  
\$25 all day ride bracelets
  - 2:00 Dig for Treasure! (Youth activity area) - FREE
  - 12:30 Tom Joyce, The Magic Man (bandstand)
  - 1:00 Backwoods Gun & Tackle Sling Shot Competition (sign up at 12:00) (Butterfield Arena)
  - 1:00 Six Horse Hitch, North American Classic Six Qualifier (horse area)
  - 1:00 The Silver Circus Show (entertainment show area)
  - 1:30 Youth Poultry Show (Bandstand)
  - 1:30 Antique Equipment Demos (antique equipment area)
  - 1:30 4-H Hands on Workshop (4-H exhibit building)
  - 1:30 Buffalo Barfield Unherd-of-Entertainment (show tent)
  - 2:00-5:00 Children's Activities (children's barnyard area) - FREE
  - 2:00 Clown Workshop w/Silver Circus (entertainment show area)
  - 2:30 Backwoods Gun & Tackle Turkey Calling Contest (Butterfield Arena)
  - 3:00 4H & Other Youth Poultry Showmanship (children's barnyard area)
  - 3:00 Antique Equipment Demos (antique equipment area)
  - 3:30 Backwoods Gun & Tackle Duck & Goose Calling Contest (sign up at 2:30) (Butterfield Arena)
  - 3:30 Tom Joyce, The Magic Man (bandstand) Presentation (home & garden bldg)
  - 3:30 4-H Hands on Workshop (4-H exhibit building)
  - 3:30 The Silver Circus Show (entertainment show area)

## JULY 29-AUG. 2, 2025

- Daily Activities**
- 10am - 10pm Children's Barnyard Open
  - 10am - 10pm 4-H & Youth Building Open
  - 10am - 10pm Antique Equipment Building Open
  - 9am - 9pm Maple Sugar House Open
  - 10am - 6pm Twist O' Wool Guild Demos (Twist O'Wool Guild tent)
  - 10am - 10pm Forest Festival Exhibits & Demonstrations (forestry building)
  - 10am - 10pm Home & Garden Building Open with continuous craft demos
  - 10am - 10pm Lucien Paquette Exhibit Building Open
  - 10am - 6pm NEW Chain Saw Artist Demonstrations
  - 11am - 8pm NEW Free Mini Golf
  - Daily Maple Products Demo (maple sugarhouse)
  - 12pm - 12am Midway Open (approximately)

*Please Note: Most exhibits will be removed on Saturday night at 10.*

- 4:00 4H & Open Youth Rabbit Show (Dairy Palace Arena)
- 4:30 Buffalo Barfield Unherd-of-Entertainment (show tent)
- 5:00 Home & Garden Awards & Leona Thompson Bowl
- 5:30 Miniature Horse Team Hitching Demonstration (children's barnyard area)
- 6:00 The Silver Circus Show (entertainment show area)
- 6:00 VTPA & NYTPA Tractors, Trucks & Semis
- 7:00 Dance Party w/ DJ Jamma (bandstand)
- 7:00 Vermont's own 40th Army band - IRON SIGHTS - rock band (showtent)
- 7:00 NYTPA - Sanctioned Super Farm & Limited ProTractor Pulls (tractor pad)
- 9:00 Farm Credit East Closing Fireworks Display (set off east of horse area)



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- Saturday Daily Admission \$20.00
- SEASON PASS \$60.00
- Seniors FREE on Tuesday with Green Mountain Passport (Green Mtn Passports can be purchased at your local Town Clerk's office)

### CHILDREN (ages 6-11)

- Daily Admission \$5.00
- SEASON PASS \$20.00

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# Summer Guide

# Calendar

weekend with Vermont wines and Vermont vibes. Food: A Taste of Abyssinia available for purchase.

**Artists' reception in Brandon.** Friday, July 11, 7-8:30 p.m., Brandon Artists' Guild, 7 Center St. Come meet and celebrate artist of the Month Joy Oxley. Refreshments served.

**Point CounterPoint Faculty Concert in Middlebury.** Friday, July 11, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall Theater, 72-76 Merchants Row. Constance Holden Memorial Concert. Admission is free; goodwill donations are gratefully accepted. More info at [townhalltheater.org](http://townhalltheater.org).

## July 12 SATURDAY

**Bird banding in Weybridge.** Saturday, July 12, 8-10 a.m., Hurd Grassland, Route 23. MALT welcomes folks for a morning of bird banding with Audubon Vermont Biologist Mark LaBarr. You'll get the chance to get hands-on with birds while contributing to a better understanding of their life cycles and migration patterns. Activities for families and youth. Bring food for a small picnic following banding. Light refreshments provided by MALT. Free. No bird banding experience required! More info and registration at [www.maltvt.org/events](http://www.maltvt.org/events).

**Peasant Market in Middlebury.** Saturday, July

12, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., on the green. Fabulous deals on jewelry, toys, sporting goods, garden accessories, plants, household goods, quilting fabric, linens, antiques, homemade baked goods and amazing fruit pies. Silent auction plus live auction for a solo wooden canoe. All proceeds to local social service agencies.

**Battle of Hubbardton Revolutionary War Encampment in Hubbardton.** Saturday, July 12, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site, Monument Hill Rd. This living history weekend encampment honors the 248th anniversary of the July 7, 1777, Revolutionary War battle fought here. Scores of reenactors portray the American, British and German soldiers. Tactical military and other special demonstrations, camp life activities, guided tours and talks. Admission \$8 adults/\$1 children age 6 - 14/under 6 free.

**Art & Chocolate in Salisbury.** Saturday, July 12, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Salisbury Meeting House, 853 Maple St. Come for art and craft vendors and lots of chocolate treats. A fundraiser for the Salisbury Free Library.

**Book sale in Middlebury.** Saturday, July 12, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Middlebury United Methodist Church, 43 N. Pleasant St. Held by The Friends of Ilsley Library. We have summer reading for the whole family at great prices and are located just a hop, skip and a jump from your Saturday errands in town. Proceeds fund Ilsley Library programs for all ages as well as staff development.

**Wyatt Watterman, Keyboard Extravaganza in Brandon.** Saturday, July 12, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Kennedy Park. Off Center St. Free live music.

**Natural ink art in Shoreham.** Saturday, July 12, 2-3 p.m., Platt Memorial Library, 279 Main St. Ages 5 and up.

**Brisson and Gill in Brandon.** Saturday, July 12, 4-6 p.m., Red Clover Ale, 43 Center St. Free live music with beer and goodies for purchase.

**The Goshen Gallop race in Goshen.** Saturday, July 12, 4 p.m., Blueberry Hill Outdoor Center, Ripton-Goshen Rd. Tackle either the famous 10 km + or the equally awesome, but more merciful 5 km + run. From lush forest to a stunning surprise view from the south end of Hogback Mountain, the Gallop's elevation profile and rugged terrain have earned the race the nickname "the toughest 10k in New England." Revel in a relaxed post-race wood-fired pizza party and pond dipping at the after party. All proceeds go to the Blueberry Hill Outdoor Center. More info and registration at [www.blueberryhilltrails.com/goshengalloptrailrace](http://www.blueberryhilltrails.com/goshengalloptrailrace).

**Julianna Luna & Friends in Middlebury.** Saturday, July 12, 5:30-7 p.m., Maloney Outdoor Performance Plaza, Town Hall Theater, 72-76 Merchants Row. THT's free Summer Sounds Concert Series. Julianna Luna Vasquez is an Afro-Dominican singer, actress and event producer with Vermont Public. Julianna performs with several jazz bands, and is a performer at the 2025 Burlington Discover Jazz Festival. More info at [townhalltheater.org](http://townhalltheater.org).

**Twenty-seventh Annual Bach Bash in Granville.** Saturday, July 12, 7 p.m., Granville Town Hall, 4157 Route 100. Join Rochester Chamber Music Society for their annual

## July 13 SUNDAY

celebration of all things Bach. **Battle of Hubbardton Revolutionary War Encampment in Hubbardton.** Sunday, July 13, 7:45 a.m.-2 p.m., Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site, Monument Hill Rd. See July 12 listing.

**Family Field Trip Day in Ferrisburgh.** Sunday, July 13, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Lake Champlain Maritime Museum, 4472 Basin Harbor Rd. Activities will focus on archaeology and the Revolutionary War and will include a scavenger hunt in one of our exhibit buildings, interpretation aboard our replica Revolutionary War gunboat, an activity to learn about how boats were built during the 18th century and a hands-on activity to learn about what archaeologists do. All family members welcome. Free. Registration required at [www.cognitofarms.com/lakechamplainmaritimemuseum/\\_2025familyfieldtripdayregistration](http://www.cognitofarms.com/lakechamplainmaritimemuseum/_2025familyfieldtripdayregistration).

**Rochester Chamber Music Society concert in Rochester.** Sunday, July 13, 4 p.m., Federated Church of Rochester, 15 N. Main St. Adda Kridler, violin; Gabriel Boyers, violin; Maren Rothfritz, viola; Kirsten Jermé, cello. Gatherings: Music by Paul Wiancko, Leilehua Lanzilotti and Beethoven String Quartet Op. 59, No. 1.

**Durham County Poets in Middlebury.** Sunday, July 13, 7-9:45 p.m., on the green. Middlebury's Festival on the Green kicks off with this Juno Award nominated ensemble,



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which covers a variety of musical genres including Blues, Soul, Folk, R&B and Gospel with a distinctly Canadian Flair. Free.

July 14

## MONDAY

**Metal detecting with Phil Wagner in Shoreham.** Monday, July 14, 9-10 a.m., Platt Memorial Library, 279 Main St. Ages 5 and up.

**The Art of Historical Writing in Shoreham.** Monday, July 14, 10-11 a.m., Platt Memorial Library, 279 Main St. Ages 7 and up.

**Mathis, Gaelle & Marc in Middlebury.** Monday, July 14, noon-1 p.m., on the green. Festival on the Green brown bag lunch. This trio will make you clap, sing along, discover and practice words (and animal sounds) in French and German — always making sure you never get lost in between languages. Free.

**Needle-Felted chick in Shoreham.** Monday, July 14, 6-8 p.m., Platt Memorial Library, 279 Main St. Join local fiber artist and designer Wendy-Ann Durkee to create a cute, needle-felted chick. This workshop by registration only at [plattlib.org/programs-and-events](http://plattlib.org/programs-and-events). Cost \$20.

**Vergennes City Band concert in Vergennes.** Monday, July 14, 7 p.m., City Green. A staple of Vergennes summer. Relax on the green and listen to live band music.

**Caitlin Canty in Middlebury.** Monday, July 14, 7-8:15 p.m., on the green. Come hear this Vermont native with a casually devastating voice and unshakable poise. A Festival on the Green event. Free.

**Ray Vega Afro-Caribbean Jazz Ensemble in Middlebury.** Monday, July 14 8:30-9:45 p.m., on the green. Festival on the Green welcomes Vega and his Vermont-based Salsa Band that focuses on Afro-Caribbean Dance Music. Prepare for a night of dancing! Free.

July 15

## TUESDAY

**Middlebury Community Music Center faculty concert in Middlebury.** Tuesday, July 15, noon, on the green. This Jazz Ensemble will perform selections in the tradition of New Orleans jazz and swing music, playing on a variety of instruments including clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, keyboard, guitar and percussion. A Festival on the Green brown bag special. Free.

**Ordinary Elephant in Middlebury.** Tuesday, July 15, 7-8:15 p.m., on the green. Winners of the 2017 International Folk Music Awards Artist of the Year, Crystal and Pete Danmore have since gained national recognition and appeared on many festival stages. Their songs focus on character-driven storytelling and their music is intertwined with banjo, guitar and octave mandolin parts wrapping around the duo's captivating vocals. A

Festival on the Green event. Free.

**Honey & Soul in Middlebury.** Tuesday, July 15, 8:30-9:45 p.m., on the green. Honey & Soul is an Indie Band offering ballads with rich harmonies as well as boisterous rock and roll for your dancing pleasure. A Festival on the Green event. Free.

July 16

## WEDNESDAY

**No Strings Marionette Company in Middlebury.** Wednesday, July 16 noon-1 p.m., on the green. Puppeteers Dan Baginski and Barbara Paulson's traveling stage transforms any space into an intimate theater, where the seamless blend of movement, music and masterful manipulation captivates young and old alike. A Festival on the Green brown bag special. Free.

**Summer Brown Bag Book Group: T Kingfisher in Middlebury.** Wednesday, July 16, noon, Mini Ilsley, 30 Main St. Join Renee for a discussion of T Kingfisher's novel "Nettle & Bone." This isn't a fairytale where the princess marries a prince. It's one where she kills him. Kingfisher writes adult horror novellas, dark fantasy and YA fantasy. Bring your lunch and enjoy some stimulating conversation. Soft drinks and snacks available. Stop at the circulation desk to pick up a copy of the book each month.

**Gnome storytime/gnome home slate painting with Ms. Abby and Ms. Kim in Shoreham.** Wednesday, July 16, 3-4 p.m., Platt Memorial Library, 279 Main St. Ages 5

and up.

**Cosplay workshop with Rachael Peden in Shoreham.** Wednesday, July 16, 5-7 p.m., Platt Memorial Library, 279 Main St. Ages 9 and up.

**Bluegrass Extravaganza in Bristol.** Wednesday, July 16, 5-8 p.m., The Tillerman, 1868 North 116 Rd. The band's name says it all. Music is free. Food and beverages for purchase.

**Bloodroot Gap in Brandon.** Wednesday, July 16, 6 p.m., behind the Brandon Inn. Locally Sourced Free-Range Bluegrass. Rain location Brandon Town Hall.

**Ali McGuirk in Middlebury.** Wednesday July 16, 7-9:45 p.m., on the green. A Boston musician, Ali McGuirk performs across many musical genres ranging from folk, R&B and soul with twists and turns into rock & roll. Inspired by classic Jazz vocalists such as Dinah Washington and Etta James, Ali's songwriting addresses contemporary themes with a nod to tradition. A Festival on the Green event. Free.

July 17

## THURSDAY

**Shipwreck Tour in Ferrisburgh.** Thursday, July 17, 10 a.m.-noon, Lake Champlain Maritime Museum, 4472 Basin Harbor Rd. Dive into Lake Champlain's underwater history without getting wet! This scenic boat tour will take you to the sites of some famous local shipwrecks as Museum experts recount their dramatic stories. Tickets \$25 kids/\$45 adults.

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PERENNIAL FAVORITE JON Gailmor entertains youngsters during Middlebury's annual Festival on the Green.

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More info at LCMM.org.  
**Little Cloud hand painting in Shoreham.** Thursday, July 17, 10 a.m., Platt Memorial Library, 279 Main St. Ages 0-5 and their parents or caregivers.

**Magician Tom Verner in Middlebury.** Thursday, July 17, noon-1 p.m., on the green. Magician Tom Verner is the Founder of Magicians Without Borders. He has toured the world entertaining children wherever a little magic and laughter is desperately needed including multiple trips recently to Ukraine. A Festival on the Green brown bag special. Free.

**Mathis Andersen Trio in Middlebury.** Thursday, July 17, 7-8:15 p.m., on the green. Mathis Andersen is the latest musical alter ego of Paris-based singer-songwriter, playwright and actor Mathieu Gerhardt. When he plays his electric guitar you can definitely hear the influence of '70s classic rock along with some West African inflections. He loves to interweave French, German, English and Spanish songs, making the audience feel comfortable hearing songs in a language they do not know. A Festival on the Green event. Free.

**Dobet Gnahoré in Middlebury.** Thursday, July 17, 8:30-9:45 p.m., on the green. Grammy-winner Dobet Gnahoré is a virtuosic singer, dancer, percussionist, songwriter and one of Africa's most amazing talents. Besides her powerful voice, this Combancha recording artist graces the stage with music, dance and theatre. Gnahoré has taken the modern Afropop sounds of her country in exciting new directions, showcasing her incredible

range as an artist with soul stirring energy and mission driven lyrics. A Festival on the Green event. Free.

July 18

## FRIDAY

**Green Mountain Club hike in Ferrisburgh.** Friday, July 18, Kingsland Bay. Meet on the west side (from Ferrisburgh Town Beach) a moderate hike through open fields and woods, partly along the shore of Lake Champlain, with views to the west and north. Around 2 miles, with under 200 feet of elevation gain. Contact leader David Andrews at 802-388-4984 or vtrevda@yahoo.com for details. More at gmcbreadloaf.org.

**Magician Juggler Extraordinaire Jason Tardy in Middlebury.** Friday, July 18 noon-1 p.m., on the green. Tardy is a multifaceted performer who uses his strength, endurance and skill to create a crazy high-energy, comedy and juggling show like you've never seen before. His hilarious show includes innovative choreographed juggling, fitting his body through a tennis racket, balancing a ladder on his face, standing on a yoga ball and fire eating and fire breathing. A Festival on the Green brown bag special. Free.

**The Summer Party in Ferrisburgh.** Friday, July 18, 5-8 p.m., Lake Champlain Maritime Museum, 4472 Basin Harbor Rd. An annual celebration, The Summer Party is a chance for our community, neighbors, friends, volunteers, partners and beyond to come together for one special evening to celebrate

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**Little City Jazz Band in New Haven.** Friday, July 18, 6-8 p.m., Lincoln Peak Vineyard, 142 River Rd. Free Live music at the vineyard featuring local musicians and food trucks. Bring a blanket and a friend and celebrate the weekend with Vermont wines and Vermont vibes. Food by Mediterranean Mix and wine available for purchase.

**Buffalo Rose in Middlebury.** Friday, July 18, 7-8:15 p.m., on the green. Buffalo Rose hails from Pittsburgh, Pa. This six-person ensemble uses powerful vocal harmonies with strong instrumental backup that provides a dynamic live show. They collaborate to move acoustic music to a new contemporary place without losing sight of their roots. A Festival on the Green event. Free.

**Madaila in Middlebury.** Friday, July 18, 8:30-9:45 p.m., on the green. After a few years of performing, Madaila's founding member and Middlebury resident Mark Daly disbanded the group in order to spend more time with his young family. Going solo for a spell, he grew tired of "doing it himself" and reformed the band last year with a different lineup. A Festival on the Green event. Free.

## July 19 SATURDAY

**Mid Summer Market in Middlebury.** Saturday, July 19, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., College Street Park. Welcome Middlebury College Language School Students. See what's on offer from Vermont artists, craftspeople and purveyors of fine Vermont products and prepared food. Shoppers can expect beautiful handmade items perfect for gifts, mementos, or staples for everyday use. Rain or shine. Learn more at ExperienceMiddlebury.com/midd-markets.

**Kevin Kareckas in Brandon.** Saturday, July 19, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Kennedy Park, off Center St. Free live music.

**Kids' poetry workshop with Ted Scheu in Shoreham.** Saturday, July 19, 1 p.m., Platt Memorial Library, 279 Main St.

**Logan Riesterer in Brandon.** Saturday, July 19, 4-6 p.m., Red Clover Ale, 43 Center St. Free live music with beer and goodies for purchase. 4-6

**Vermont Jazz Ensemble street dance in Middlebury.** Saturday, July 19, 7-9:45 p.m. Main St. The Festival on the Green's capstone event, featuring big-band selections by the Vermont Jazz Ensemble. With musicians hailing from all corners of the Green Mountain State, Vermont Jazz Ensemble is a 17-member instrumental group that performs selections in the jazz and Big Band styles and also plays a repertoire of rock, fusion, Latin and popular styles. We shut down Main Street for you to boogie and jive on the state's most unique dance floor! Christine Stone will join us to teach some basic dance steps.

## July 20 SUNDAY

**Windborne Community Singalong in Middlebury.** Sunday, July 20, 11 a.m., Maloney Outdoor Performance Plaza, Town Hall Theater, 72-76 Merchants Row. Sing along to traditional harmonies from around the world. With bold, inventive arrangements and deep roots in vocal tradition, this dynamic quartet brings centuries-old songs to life. Their performances span global styles and eras, weaving rich storytelling with a passionate commitment to folk music's legacy of social activism. Free More info at townhalltheater.org.

**Blast from the Past: Historic Clock and**

**Watches Afternoon in Addison.** Sunday, July 20, noon-4 p.m., Chimney Point State Historic Site, 31 Route 17. Green Mountain Timekeepers Society members are in residence on the Chimney Point porch to keep time and talk with you about the history of your clocks and watches and how they can be repaired. Bring your old clocks and watches or photographs and learn more about your timepieces. Clock repair demonstrations throughout the afternoon.

**Windbourne in Middlebury.** Sunday, July 20, 4 p.m., Main Stage, Town Hall Theater, 72-76 Merchants Row. A full-on performance by what NPR called "the best musical discovery of the year." Tickets \$15/\$35 available at givebutter.com/uwIBeW.

## July 21 MONDAY

**Citizen science art - sun spot pictures / Square-foot census in Shoreham.** Monday, July 21, 10-11 a.m., Platt Memorial Library, 279 Main St. Ages 7 and up.

**Vergennes City Band concert in Vergennes.** Monday, July 21, 7 p.m., City Green. A staple of Vergennes summer. Relax on the green and listen to live band music.

## July 22 TUESDAY

**Green Mountain Club hike in Hancock.** Tuesday, July 22, Middlebury Snow Bowl, Route 125. Hike up back trails of the Middlebury Snow Bowl. A 3-mile round-trip, 1,000 vertical feet gain, moderately strenuous, good views. Dogs welcome on leash. For more information or to join, contact Morris Earle at 802-734-0984 or morrisearle@gmail.com. More at gmcbreadloaf.org.

## July 23 WEDNESDAY

**Finding Hope Within: Artists and Curators Panel in Middlebury.**

Wednesday, July 23, 12:30-1:30 p.m., Henry Sheldon Museum, 1 Park St. In conjunction with our summer exhibit, Finding Hope Within, HSM will present a lunch time panel discussion with the artists and curators of the exhibit in the Cerf Gallery, followed by a gallery tour. More info at www.henrysheldonmuseum.org/events.

**Canvas window painting with Ms. Kim in Shoreham.** Wednesday, July 23, 3-4 p.m., Platt Memorial Library, 279 Main St. Ages 5 and up.

**The Albany Sound in Bristol.** Wednesday, July 23, 5-8 p.m., The Tillerman, 1868 North 116 Rd. The Albany Sound is Lowell Thompson, Michael Chorney, Pat Melvin and Jeremy Fredrick. The band honed its sound, a rich combination of American country, folk and rock, with a weekly residency in Bristol. Thompson's songs make up the heart of The Albany Sound and complement their repertoire with renditions of rarities by Lucinda Williams, John Prine, Bobby Charles, Small Faces and others. Music is free. Food and beverages for purchase.

**Twangtown Paramours in Brandon.** Wednesday, July 23, 6 p.m., behind the Brandon Inn. Come hear this soulful Americana duo and Retro Blues band. Rain location Brandon Town Hall.

## July 24 THURSDAY

**Green Mountain Club stargazing in Addison County.** Thursday, July 24, 9 p.m., location TBD. Navigate the summer night sky and learn to identify bright stars, asterisms and constellations; enjoy looking for Perseid

meteors. Weather dependent. (new moon July 24) & peak of Perseid meteor shower on Aug. 12. Check www.gmcbreadloaf.org/calendar for updates. Contact Ken Corey at kencorey53@gmail.com or 802-349-3733 to register. More at gmcbreadloaf.org.

**Creative clay storytime in Shoreham.** Thursday, July 24, 10 a.m., Platt Memorial Library, 279 Main St. Ages 0-5 and their parents or caregivers.

**Shipwreck Tour in Ferrisburgh.** Thursday, July 24, 10 a.m.-noon, Lake Champlain Maritime Museum, 4472 Basin Harbor Rd. Dive into Lake Champlain's underwater history without getting wet! This scenic boat tour will take you to the sites of some famous local shipwrecks as Museum experts recount their dramatic stories. Tickets \$25 kids/\$45 adults. More info at LCMM.org.

**Graphic novel book discussion: "Botticelli's Apprentice" in Shoreham.** Thursday, July 24, 5-6 p.m., Platt Memorial Library, 279 Main St.

## July 25 FRIDAY

**41st Annual Native American Elders and Youth Gathering in Lincoln.** Friday, July 25, Sunray Peace Village, 2202 Downingsville Rd. Learn the ancestral wisdom of Indigenous elders and youth, as well as other cross-cultural offerings. Events include daily wisdom teachings, circle of women's moon-time teachings from an Abenaki perspective, art and music activities for children and Monday workshops (separate cost). Healing celebration Saturday night. Camping and food available for purchase. Abundant volunteer opportunities. This is a drug and alcohol-free event. All are welcome. Come in-person or on zoom. More info and registration at sunray.org/eldersgathering.

**Atlantic Crossing in New Haven.** Friday, July 25, 6-8 p.m., Lincoln Peak Vineyard, 142



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 26**

## SATURDAY

**Green Mountain Club hike in the Adirondacks.** Saturday, July 26, Treadway Mountain. Treadway Mt. is a gem. Enjoy this 7.9-mile out-and-back trail near Ticonderoga, N.Y. Generally considered a moderately challenging route with an elevation gain of 1,340 ft. The summit is open with views in nearly all directions and includes Pharaoh Lake. Carpooling is encouraged. Contact Barry Francis at [barryfrancis@gmavt.net](mailto:barryfrancis@gmavt.net), for further details. More at [gmcbreadloaf.org](https://gmcbreadloaf.org).

**MALT Mid-Summer Volunteer Day in Middlebury.** Saturday, July 26, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Wright Park, Seymour St. Ext. Help MALT during the TAM's busiest season. Enjoy the dog days of summer on the beautiful TAM in a fulfilling and impactful way. MALT's Lands and Trails Manager, Liam, will be meeting volunteers, providing tools and instructions for volunteer groups. Bring work gloves, water and snacks. More info and registration at [www.maltvt.org/events](https://www.maltvt.org/events).

**Green Mountain Club hike in Starksboro.** Saturday, July 26, Mount Ellen. Hike the Jerusalem Trail to Long Trail South to Mt Ellen. Strenuous hike with 2,881 feet elevation gain over about 8 miles. Leashed dog friendly. Limited to 6. Contact Samara Anderson at [anderson\\_samara@yahoo.com](mailto:anderson_samara@yahoo.com) for more information. More at [gmcbreadloaf.org](https://gmcbreadloaf.org).

**Midd Summer Market in Middlebury.** Saturday, July 26, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Triangle Park, corner of Main Street and Merchants Row. Cheer on the Middlebury Marlin's at their home Swim Meet. On the way, see what's on offer from Vermont artists, craftspeople and purveyors of fine Vermont products and prepared food. Shoppers can expect beautiful handmade items perfect for gifts, mementos, or staples for everyday use. Rain or shine. Learn more at [ExperienceMiddlebury.com/midd-markets!](https://ExperienceMiddlebury.com/midd-markets!)

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**Collections Corner: Shipwreck Simulator in Ferrisburgh.** Saturday, July 26, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Lake Champlain Maritime Museum, 4472 Basin Harbor Rd. Try your hand at being an archaeologist! Visitors will experience an archaeological excavation firsthand in our shipwreck simulator. Staff will teach the basics of archaeological documentation and demonstrate how artifacts now in the collection were recovered. The public will learn about the importance of context in both archaeological investigation and Museum interpretation through this program, as well as get a chance to make their own observations. Free. More info at [info@lcm.org](mailto:info@lcm.org).

**Moosalamoo Ultra race in Goshen.** Saturday, July 26, Blueberry Hill Outdoor Center, Ripton-Goshen Rd. This race has become a classic Vermont trail run. A rugged course on beautiful trails, deep in the heart of the Moosalamoo National Recreation Area. Race distances of 14 or 36 miles. More info

**Drop-in tie dye bandanas for Field Days in Shoreham.** Saturday, July 26, 1-3 p.m., Platt

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Memorial Library, 279 Main St. This program is a drop-in, so you can come at any time and leave when you're done.

**The Traveling Middleburys in Middlebury.** Saturday, July 26, 5:30-7 p.m., Maloney Outdoor Performance Plaza, Town Hall Theater, 72-76 Merchants Row. Four long-time musicians from some of Addison County's favorite bands join forces to reproduce the acoustic vibe and vocal harmonies of some timeless songs from the '60s, '70s and '80s. Free. More info at townhalltheater.org.

July 27

## SUNDAY

**41st Annual Native American Elders and Youth Gathering in Lincoln.** Sunday, July 27, Sunray Peace Village, 2202 Downingsville Rd. See July 25 listing.

**The Memoirs of Isaac Kendall, Soldier of the Revolution, 1776-1777 in Orwell.** Sunday, July 27, 1-2 p.m., Mount Independence State Historic Site, 472 Mt. Independence Rd. Paul Andriscin, long-time site interpreter and retired history professor, will talk about his new book of historic fiction, "The Memoirs of Isaac Kendall, Soldier of the Revolution, 1776-1777," which follows the daily activities of a soldier serving with the Northern Army from his enlistment to being stationed at Mt. Independence and involvement in the 1777 battles of Saratoga.

July 28

## MONDAY

**Cardboard build challenge in Shoreham.** Monday, July 28, 2-3 p.m., Platt Memorial Library, 279 Main St. Ages 5 and up.

**Vergennes City Band concert in Vergennes.** Monday, July 28, 7 p.m., City Green. A staple of Vergennes summer. Relax on the green and listen to live band music.

July 29

## TUESDAY

**Addison County Fair and Field Days in New Haven.** Tuesday, July 29, Field Days Rd. First day of the popular annual fair, which runs through Saturday, Aug. 2. Don't miss it! More info at addisoncountyfairfielddays.com.

**Sacral Chakra drum Circle in Middlebury.** Tuesday, July 29, 6:30 p.m., 54 Main St., Unit B. Brought to you by Breanna Elaine music and Love Play Grow Wellness. \$10 suggested donation.

July 30

## WEDNESDAY

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**Jackson Pollock painting with Ms. Kim in Shoreham.** Wednesday, July 30, 3-4 p.m., Platt Memorial Library, 279 Main St. Ages 5 and up.

**Pat Melvin and Chris Bell in Bristol.** Wednesday, July 30, 5-8 p.m., The Tillerman, 1868 North 116 Rd. Music is free. Food and beverages for purchase.

**Blues Without Borders in Brandon.** Wednesday, July 30, 6 p.m., behind the Brandon Inn. Come hear the Champlain Valley's Premier Blues Band. Rain location Brandon Town Hall.

July 31

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**Rainbow Storytime in Shoreham.** Thursday, July 31, 10 a.m., Platt Memorial Library, 279 Main St. Ages 0-5 and their parents or caregivers.

Aug 1

## FRIDAY

**Addison County Fair and Field Days in New Haven.** Friday, Aug. 1, Field Days Rd. The popular annual fair runs through Saturday, Aug. 2. Don't miss it! More info at addisoncountyfairfielddays.com.

**Photography opening reception in Middlebury.** Friday, Aug. 1, 4-7 p.m., Photoplace Gallery, 1 Park St. An opening for the juried exhibit "People, Places, Things."

**Elena Sadina, carillonneur, in Middlebury.** Friday, Aug. 1, 6 p.m., the lawns around Middlebury Chapel. In the 40th annual Middlebury College Carillon Series, musicians from around the world come to Middlebury to perform in the Middlebury Chapel's bell tower, soaring high above

the college campus. Bring a lawn chair or a blanket to enjoy the music from the lawns surrounding the chapel. Rain or shine. Free and open to all.

**Atom & the Orbits in New Haven.** Friday, Aug. 1, 6-8 p.m., Lincoln Peak Vineyard, 142 River Rd. Free Live music at the vineyard featuring local musicians and food trucks. Bring a blanket and a friend and celebrate the weekend with Vermont wines and Vermont vibes. Food by La Chapina and wine available for purchase.

Aug 2

## SATURDAY

**Addison County Fair and Field Days in New Haven.** Saturday, Aug. 2, Field Days Rd. Final day of the popular annual fair. You're not too late! More info at addisoncountyfairfielddays.com.

**Green Mountain Club outing and picnic in Ferrisburgh.** Saturday, Aug. 2, Kingsland Bay State Park, 787 Kingsland Bay State Park Rd. A late morning to mid-afternoon gathering to share food and conversation, with options for hikes, bike rides, paddling and swimming. Bring your own food and any equipment needed. For details and to register, contact leader David Andrews at 802-388-4894 or vtrevda@yahoo.com. A park fee or senior passport is needed for admission to the park. Information about the park and facilities, go to VT State Parks-Kingsland Bay. (Rain date: Aug 3). More at gmcbreadloaf.org.

**Yard sale day in Brandon.** Saturday, Aug. 2, 9 a.m., locations around town. Day-long event. Rain or Shine. Official yard sales make it on the master list which will be available the morning of Aug. 6 at the Brandon Museum and Visitor Center (4 Grove St., Route 7 next to the church at the intersection with Route 73 West).

**Book sale in Middlebury.** Saturday, Aug. 2, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Middlebury United Methodist Church, 43 N. Pleasant St. Held by The Friends of Ilsley Library. We have summer reading for the whole family at great prices and are located just a hop, skip and a jump from your Saturday errands in town. Proceeds fund Ilsley Library programs for all ages as well as staff development opportunities. Come check us out!

**Summer Reading prize giveaway in Shoreham.** Saturday, Aug. 2, 1-2 p.m., Platt Memorial Library, 279 Main St.

**Sarah King in Middlebury.** Saturday, Aug. 2, 5:30-7 p.m., Maloney Performance Plaza, Town Hall Theater, 72-76 Merchants Row. Known for her powerhouse voice and "fiery, vulnerable songs," Sarah King's genuine stories draw on classic folk-blues themes. King has earned recognition as the New England Music Awards songwriter of the year. Free. More info at townhalltheater.org.

Aug 3

## SUNDAY

**Hike into History in Orwell.** Sunday, Aug. 3, 1-4 p.m., Mount Independence State Historic Site, 472 Mt. Independence Rd. Walk in the footsteps of Revolutionary War soldiers. Mount Independence Coalition president and guide Stephen Zeoli will tell you about some events leading up to the Revolution, as you look at traces reflecting the importance of Mount Independence in 1776 and 1777. Wear walking shoes and dress for the weather.

**Foodaroo in Middlebury.** Sunday, Aug. 3, 3:30-8 p.m., River front park, the Marble Works. It's Foodaroo's 10th anniversary. Come experience Vermont's most talented culinary artisans and beverage makers, with an emphasis on Addison County and Chittenden County vendors and farms. From food trucks to brick-and-mortar operations, this event



MEMBERS OF CRITTER Creek 4-H parade through the vending booths at Addison County Fair and Field Days.

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showcases creative, locally-sourced cuisine. Attendees taste their way through a huge diversity of vendors while musicians, street performers, dancers and more showcase the best of Vermont's thriving maker movement. Entrance fee \$5 (cash). Kids 12 and under FREE. Food and beverages available to purchase. A portion of proceeds to The Giving Fridge!.

Brandon Town Hall.  
**Shoreham Historical Society meeting and Callender and Shoreham Village Cemeteries tour in Shoreham.** Wednesday, Aug. 6, 6:30 p.m., Old Stone School House, Route 22A. Following the business meeting attendees will carpool to the cemeteries.

and open to all.  
**The Grift in New Haven.** Friday, Aug. 8, 6-8 p.m., Lincoln Peak Vineyard, 142 River Rd. Free live music at the vineyard featuring local musicians and food trucks. Bring a blanket and a friend and celebrate the weekend with Vermont wines and Vermont vibes. Food by Mediterranean Mix and wine available for purchase.

past the intersection with the Long Trail. Also includes a short walk to an overlook with a view over the Champlain valley and to the Adirondacks. Hike is about 5 miles, with about 1,500 feet of elevation gain. Poles and bug repellent are recommended. Contact Dwight at dgriesman@hotmail.com for more information and to sign up for the hike. More at gmcbreadloaf.org.

**aug 4 MONDAY**  
**Vergennes City Band concert in Vergennes.** Monday, Aug. 4, 7 p.m., City Green. A staple of Vergennes summer. Relax on the green and listen to live band music.

**aug 7 THURSDAY**  
**Shipwreck Tour in Ferrisburgh.** Thursday, Aug 7, 10 a.m.-noon, Lake Champlain Maritime Museum, 4472 Basin Harbor Rd. Dive into Lake Champlain's underwater history without getting wet! This scenic boat tour will take you to the sites of some famous local shipwrecks as Museum experts recount their dramatic stories. Tickets \$25 kids/\$45 adults. More info at LCMM.org.

**Artist's reception in Brandon.** Friday, Aug. 8 7-8:30 p.m., Brandon Artists Guild, 7 Center St. Meet artist Bonny Dutton and view her work. Refreshments served.  
**Point CounterPoint Faculty Concert in Salisbury.** Friday, Aug. 8, 7:30 p.m., Salisbury Congregational Church, 853 Maple St, Salisbury. Admission is free; goodwill donations are gratefully accepted.

**Town-wide yard sale in Bridport.** Saturday, Aug. 9, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., locations around town.  
**Zach Nevins Quintet in Middlebury.** Saturday, Aug. 9, 5:30-7 p.m., Maloney Performance Plaza, Town Hall Theater, 72-76 Merchants Row. Teenage trombonist and composer Zachary Nevins is establishing himself as an innovative up-and-comer in both the East and West Coast music scenes. Nevins is a Middlebury local, back in town premiering his latest quintet project in anticipation for his first jazz album as a leader. Free. More info at townhalltheater.org.

**aug 6 WEDNESDAY**  
**Sunday Morning in Bristol.** Wednesday, Aug. 6, 5-8 p.m., The Tillerman, 1868 North 116 Rd. A group of friends who celebrate life by attempting to make pretty sounds. Songs about the ins and outs of life focused on melodic harmonies, with an air of celebration. ranges from softer piano-jazz cocktail lounge songs to louder banjo driven country with an occasional Latin twist. Music if Free. Food and beverages available for purchase.  
**Breanna & the Boys in Brandon.** Wednesday, Aug. 6, 6 p.m., behind the Brandon Inn. Local folk rock power quartet. Rain Location

**aug 8 FRIDAY**  
**George Matthew Jr., carillonneur, in Middlebury.** Friday, Aug. 8, 3 p.m., the lawns around Middlebury Chapel. In the 40th annual Middlebury College Carillon Series, musicians from around the world come to Middlebury to perform in the Middlebury Chapel's bell tower, soaring high above the College campus. Bring a lawn chair or a blanket to enjoy the music from the lawns surrounding the chapel. Rain or shine. Free

**aug 9 SATURDAY**  
**Wildlife walk in Middlebury.** Saturday, Aug. 9, 7 a.m., Weybridge St. and Pulp Mill Bridge Rd. Otter Creek Audubon and the Middlebury Area Land Trust invite community members to help us survey birds and other wildlife at Otter View Park and the Hurd Grassland. Meet at the parking area of Otter View Park. Birders of all ages and abilities welcome. For more information, call 802-388-6019.  
**Green Mountain Club hike in Ripton.** Saturday, Aug. 9, Skylight Pond. Easy to moderate ascent from the Skylight Pond trail into the Breadloaf Wilderness. Beautiful Skylight Pond and shelter are a short hike

**aug 10 SUNDAY**  
**Town-wide yard sale in Bridport.** Sunday, Aug. 10, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., locations around town.  
**Green Mountain Bicycle Club ride in Washington and Addison counties.** meet at 9:15 a.m., Waitsfield Elementary School, Route 100. Waitsfield and Waterfalls. Enjoy a scenic tour through the countryside of Waitsfield and Warren with a visit to Moss Glen Falls in Granville. Turn around at the falls for a 35-mile ride or continue up Middlebury

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**BRISTOL'S Pocock Rocks festival** shuts down Main Street for a few hours each summer. Scores of locals and visitors of all ages enjoy listening to live music, dining on various treats and checking out the wares of several vendors. Callie Szavejko, 5, of Monkton, left, and her pal Nora Zeno, 5, of Starksboro show off colorful mugs at the face-paint booth.

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Gap with a stop at Texas Falls for a 60-mile ride. A visit to the Warren Store is always popular and the general store in Hancock provides an additional respite for those on the long ride. More info contact leader Allan Kunigis at 802-324-9958 / akunigis@gmail.com or co-leader Mark Dupuis at 802-318-6492 / mdd514902@yahoo.com.

## aug 11 MONDAY

**Vergennes City Band concert in Vergennes.** Monday, Aug. 11, 7 p.m., City Green. A staple of Vergennes summer. Relax on the green and listen to live band music.

**3Bluegrass Extravaganza in Bristol.** Wednesday, Aug. 13, 5-8 p.m., The Tillerman, 1868 North 116 Rd. The name says it all. Free Music with food and beverages available for purchase.

**Cold Chocolate in Brandon.**

## aug 13 WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, Aug. 13, 6 p.m., behind the Brandon Inn. Genre-bending Americana band fusing folk, funk and bluegrass creating a unique sound all their own. Rain location is the Brandon Town Hall.

## aug 14 THURSDAY

**Shipwreck Tour in Ferrisburgh.** Thursday, Aug. 14, 10 a.m.-noon, Lake Champlain Maritime Museum, 4472 Basin Harbor Rd. Dive into Lake Champlain's underwater history without getting wet! This scenic boat tour will take you to the sites of some famous local shipwrecks as Museum experts recount their dramatic stories. Tickets \$25 kids/\$45 adults. More info at LCMM.org.

## aug 15 FRIDAY

**Green Mountain Club Hike in Lincoln.** Friday, Aug. 15, Presidential Range of Vermont. Beautiful loop

hike over several of Vermont's Presidential range via Cooley Glen, Long and Emily Proctor trails. Strenuous hike of almost 14 miles and over 4,000 feet elevation change. Leashed dog friendly. Limited to 6. Contact Samara Anderson at anderson\_samara@yahoo.com for more information. More at gmcbreadloaf.org.

**Raptor encounter in Middlebury.** Friday, Aug. 15, 3-4 p.m., Otter Creek Gorge northern trailhead. Join MALT for live falcons, hawks and owls from VINS provide the lens through which we examine food webs, predator-prey relationships, and the interdependence of the systems that support life. Free. Space is limited. More info and registration at www.maltvt.org/events.

**Plein Air Celebration in Middlebury.** Friday, Aug. 15, 5-8 p.m., Edgewater Galleries, 6 Merchants Row and 1 Mill St. Opening reception with artists Susan Abbott at the Edgewater Gallery on the Green, followed by an artist panel discussion at Gallery at the Falls.

**Austin Ferguson, carillonneur, in Middlebury.** Friday, Aug. 15, 6 p.m., the lawns around Middlebury Chapel. In the 40th annual Middlebury College Carillon Series, musicians from around the world come to Middlebury to perform in the Middlebury Chapel's bell tower, soaring high above the College campus. Bring a lawn chair or a blanket to enjoy the music from the lawns surrounding the chapel. Rain or shine. Free and open to all.

**Blues Without Borders in New Haven.** Friday, Aug. 15, 6-8 p.m., Lincoln Peak Vineyard, 142 River Rd. Free live music at the vineyard featuring local musicians and food trucks. Bring a blanket and a friend and celebrate the weekend with Vermont wines and Vermont vibes. Food by La Chapina and Wine available for purchase.

**Pocock Rocks Music Festival and Street Fair in Bristol.** Saturday, Aug. 16, 2-7 p.m., Main St. A celebration of all things Bristol — including a lot of live music!

## aug 16 SATURDAY

**Atom & the Orbits in Middlebury.** Saturday, Aug. 16, 5:30-7 p.m., Maloney Performance Plaza, Town Hall Theater, 72-76 Merchants Row. Band leader Noah Hahn has spent the

last decade playing in two-step bands from Vermont to Louisiana. Atom & the Orbits is the rocket ship he has assembled to launch those danceable modern-rock rhythms. Free. More info at townhalltheater.org.

**"Manhandled" on screen in Brandon.** Saturday, Aug. 16, 7 p.m., Brandon Town Hall, 1 Conant Sq. Uproarious comedy from silent screen legend Gloria Swanson tells the story of a down-on-her-luck salesgirl who climbs the social ladder by pretending to be a Russian countess. Live accompaniment by silent film aficionado Jeff Rapsis. Admission is free. Donations are welcome to help defray expenses.

## aug 17 SUNDAY

**Green Mountain Club hike in Mendon.** Sunday, Aug. 17, Bald Mountain. Moderate 3.3-mile loop with an elevation gain of 850 feet. Located near Rutland. Vistas are at rock promontories along the trail & offer panoramic views of the Coolidge range and the Otter Creek and Cold River valleys. Mostly moderate grades with a few steep descents on the West Loop and the end of the East Loop. Contact Ryan Grace at gracerox@gmail.com for more

information. More at gmcbreadloaf.org.

**Champlain Philharmonic Orchestra in Middlebury.** Sunday, Aug. 17, 6-7 p.m., River Front Park, in the Marble Works. Bring your picnics, blankets and chairs and enjoy a Champlain Philharmonic Orchestra Pops concert outdoors at idyllic River Front Park in Middlebury's Historic Marble Works. More info at townhalltheater.org.

## aug 18 MONDAY

**Vergennes City Band concert in Vergennes.** Monday, Aug. 18, 7 p.m., City Green. A staple of Vergennes summer. Relax on the green and listen to live band music.

## aug 19 TUESDAY

**Green Mountain Club hike in Fayston.** Tuesday, Aug. 19, Stark Mountain. Meet at the base lodge of Mad River Glen ski area and walk up Stark Mountain, 2,000 vertical feet with many beautiful views. A strenuous hike at a moderate pace. Leashed dogs welcomed.



**INDONESIAN FILMMAKERS MAULANA Aziz, left, and Rheza Arden Wiguna** pause outside 51 Main St. in downtown Middlebury las August after checking in for the 2024 Middlebury New Filmmakers Festival.

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## aug 20 WEDNESDAY

**Middlebury New Filmmakers Festival in Middlebury.** Wednesday, Aug. 20 - Sunday, Aug. 24. MNFF is returning for its 11th annual year to showcase the films of outstanding first- and second-time filmmakers from around the world. More than 100 films in five venues and a diverse array of features and shorts across all genres, as selected by Artistic Director Jay Craven. Plus panels, special events, parties and music. Screenings at Town Hall Theater, Marquis Theatre and Middlebury College's Dana Auditorium and Twilight Hall. Festival Pass \$160; \$130 for Vermonters. More info at [midffilmfest.org](http://midffilmfest.org).

**Summer Brown Bag Book Group: T Kingfisher in Middlebury.** Wednesday, Aug. 20, noon, Mini Ilesley, 30 Main St. Join Renee for a different take on summer reading in this author study book group on T Kingfisher's adult horror novellas, dark fantasy and YA fantasy. In "Summer in Orcus," it's Wes Craven meets L. Frank Baum, or Narnia for those of us who thought Narnia smiled without showing enough of its teeth. Bring your lunch and enjoy some stimulating conversation. We will have soft drinks and snacks. Stop at the circulation desk to pick up a copy of the book each month.

**The Albany Sound in Bristol.** Wednesday, Aug. 20, 5-8 p.m., The Tillerman, 1868 North 116 Rd. The Albany Sound is Lowell Thompson, Michael Chorney, Pat Melvin and Jeremy Fredrick. The band honed its sound, a rich combination of American country, folk and rock, with a weekly residency in Bristol. Thompson's songs make up the heart of The Albany Sound and complement their repertoire with renditions of rarities by Lucinda Williams, John Prine, Bobby Charles, Small Faces and others. Music is free. Food and beverages for purchase.

**Enerjazz in Brandon.** Wednesday, Aug. 20, 6 p.m., behind the Brandon Inn. Vermont's high energy big band. Rain location Brandon Town Hall.

## aug 21 THURSDAY

**Shipwreck Tour in Ferrisburgh.** Thursday, Aug. 21 10 a.m.-noon, Lake Champlain Maritime Museum, 4472 Basin Harbor Rd. Dive into Lake Champlain's underwater history without getting wet! This scenic boat tour will take you to the sites of some famous local shipwrecks as Museum experts recount their dramatic stories. Tickets \$25 kids/\$45 adults. More info at [LCMM.org](http://LCMM.org).

**"Paint Me A Road Out of Here" film screening in Middlebury.** Thursday, Aug. 21, 2-4 p.m., Henry Sheldon Museum, 1 Park St. In conjunction with our summer exhibit, "Finding Hope Within," and the Middlebury New Filmmakers Festival, HSM presents this film centered on Faith Ringgold's artwork "For the Women's House." Currently on view at the Brooklyn Museum, this monumental painting was created in 1971 for women incarcerated on Rikers Island. As the documentary reveals, the artwork was treated with disregard by prison staff and ultimately whitewashed. More info at [www.henrysheldonmuseum.org/events](http://www.henrysheldonmuseum.org/events).

**Point CounterPoint Faculty Concert in Salisbury.** Thursday, Aug. 21, 7:30 p.m., Salisbury Congregational Church, 853 Maple St. Admission is free; goodwill donations are gratefully accepted.

aug 22

## FRIDAY

**George Matthew Jr., carillonneur, in Middlebury.**

Friday, Aug. 22, 6 p.m., the lawns around Middlebury Chapel. In the 40th annual Middlebury College Carillon Series, musicians from around the world come to Middlebury to perform in the Middlebury Chapel's bell tower, soaring high above the College campus. This program will feature a concert suite from Walt Disney's "Beauty and the Beast," Bohuslav Martinu's "Marionettes," and "Western Overture" by Rene Pisters, an exuberant piece reminiscent of cowboy movies. Bring a lawn chair or a blanket to enjoy the music from the lawns surrounding the chapel. Rain or shine. Free and open to all.

**O & Schu in New Haven.** Friday, Aug. 22, 5-8 p.m., Lincoln Peak Vineyard, 142 River Rd. Free live music at the vineyard featuring local musicians and food trucks. Bring a blanket and a friend and celebrate the weekend with Vermont wines and Vermont vibes. Food by Shady J's BBQ and Wine available for purchase.

aug 23

## SATURDAY

**Vergennes Day in Vergennes.**

Saturday, Aug. 23, downtown Vergennes. Something for all ages — pancake breakfast Little City Road Race,

55+ crafters/vendors, live music on the bandstand, children's activities, horse and wagon rides, Lions Club's famous chicken BBQ, events at the Bixby Library — all taking place around the Little City.

**Soldiers Atop the Mount living history weekend in Orwell.** Saturday, Aug. 23, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Mount Independence State Historic Site, 472 Mt. Independence Rd. Reenactors honor the 1776-1777 history of Mount Independence during this living history weekend. Saturday's popular interactive Baldwin Trail Walkabout, 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., features experts at trail stations bringing the site's history to life. Demonstrations of military tactics, skills and camp life. Annual reading of Declaration of Independence. Children's activities. Admission: \$9 adults/\$1 age 6-14/under 6 free. More info at 802-948-2000.

**MALT End of Summer volunteer day in Middlebury.** Saturday, Aug. 23, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Wright Park, Seymour St. Ext. Help MALT wrap-up the TAM's busiest season and ready the trails for the TAM Trek. MALT's Lands and Trails Manager, Liam, will be meeting volunteers and provide tools and instructions for volunteer groups. Bring work gloves, water and snacks. More info and registration at [www.maltvt.org/events](http://www.maltvt.org/events).

**Midd Summer Market in Middlebury.** Saturday, Aug. 23, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Triangle Park, corner of Main Street and Merchants Row. Join in the Middlebury New Filmmakers Festival 2025. See some movies and see what's on offer from Vermont artists, craftspeople and purveyors of fine Vermont

products and prepared food. Shoppers can expect beautiful handmade items perfect for gifts, mementos, or staples for everyday use. Rain or shine. Learn more at [ExperienceMiddlebury.com/midd-markets](http://ExperienceMiddlebury.com/midd-markets).

**Soulshine Revival in Middlebury.** Saturday, August 23, 5:30-7 p.m., Maloney Outdoor Performance Plaza, Town Hall Theater, 72-76 Merchants Row. With superb musicianship, this tribute band faithfully re-creates Allman Brothers live performances and their classic hits. Free. More info at [townhalltheater.org](http://townhalltheater.org).

aug 24

## SUNDAY

**Soldiers Atop the Mount living history weekend in Orwell.**

Sunday, Aug. 24, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Mount Independence State Historic Site, 472 Mt. Independence Rd. See Aug. 23 listing.

**Renaissance String Quartet in Rochester.** Sunday, Aug. 24, 4 p.m., Federated Church of Rochester, 15 N. Main St. Quartet No. 2, Price, Quartet Op. 130, Beethoven, "Satisfy My Soul," Hass/Marley

aug 25

## MONDAY

**Vergennes City Band concert in Vergennes.** Monday, Aug. 25, 7 p.m., City Green. A staple of Vergennes summer. Relax on the green and listen to live band music.

Tuesday, Aug. 26,



**SCORES OF AMERICAN** Revolutionary War buffs lodged at the Mount Independence State Historic Site in Orwell for the annual Soldiers Atop the Mount encampment. The event honored the soldiers who built and garrisoned Mount Independence in 1776-77 in the early years of our war for independence from Great Britain.

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## aug 26 TUESDAY

**Solar Plexus Chakra drum Circle in Middlebury.** Tuesday, Aug. 26, 6:30 p.m., 54 Main St., Unit B. Brought to you by Breanna Elaine music and Love Play Grow Wellness. \$10 suggested donation.

## aug 27 WEDNESDAY

**Northern Spy in Bristol.** Wednesday, Aug. 27, 5-8 p.m., The Tillerman, 1868 North 116 Rd. In turns sweet, sultry and driving, Northern Spy weaves three-part harmony with lean, rugged instrumentation to bring you a unique mix of folk, country and pop covers spanning decades. Music if free. Food and beverages available for purchase.

**Ten Rod Road in Brandon.** Wednesday, Aug. 27, 6 p.m., behind the Brandon Inn. Classic Brandon band reunites for one show. Rain Location Brandon Town Hall.

## aug 28 THURSDAY

**Shipwreck Tour in Ferrisburgh.** Thursday, Aug. 28 10 a.m.-noon, Lake Champlain Maritime Museum, 4472 Basin Harbor Rd. Dive into Lake Champlain's underwater history without

getting wet! This scenic boat tour will take you to the sites of some famous local shipwrecks as Museum experts recount their dramatic stories. Tickets \$25 kids/\$45 adults. More info at LCMM.org.

## aug 29 FRIDAY

**Bobby Alu in Middlebury.** Friday, Aug. 29, 5:30-7 p.m., Maloney Outdoor Performance Plaza, Town Hall Theater, 72-76 Merchants Row. Australian/Samoan singer, ukulele strummer and drummer Bobby Alu, with his band of musical soul brothers, ride the groove spectrum from Polynesian folk through roots, reggae, harmony laden soul to tropical pop. Free. More info at townhalltheater.org.

**Va-et-vient in New Haven.** Friday, Aug. 29, 6-8 p.m., Lincoln Peak Vineyard, 14 River Rd. Free live music at the vineyard featuring local musicians and food trucks. Bring a blanket and a friend and celebrate the weekend with Vermont wines and Vermont vibes. Food from La Chapina and Wine available for purchase.

## aug 30 SATURDAY

**The Vermont Yazz Fest, in Ferrisburgh.** Saturday, Aug. 30, 2-6 p.m., Ferrisburgh Town Offices and Community Center, 3279 Route 7. An experimental/improv/sound-art festival



THE SUN SETS over the Adirondacks and a Bridport field, bathing a tractor in a golden glow.

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**Cedar in Brandon.** Saturday, Aug. 30, 4-6 p.m., Red Clover Ale, 43 Center St. Free live music with beer and goodies for purchase.

**Point CounterPoint Faculty Concert in Middlebury.** Saturday, August 30, 7:30 p.m., Champlain Valley Unitarian Universalist Society, 2 Duane Ct. Admission is free; goodwill donations are gratefully accepted.

**Medusa Quartet in Lincoln.** Saturday, Aug. 30, 7:30 p.m., Burnham Hall, 52 E. River Rd. Burnham Presents opens its 3rd season with Canadian Folk Music Award nominees, Medusa. The group shreds strings virtuosically, fusing the past and present, inviting all listeners to smile, dance and be mesmerized. Tickets sliding scale \$20/\$25/\$30 or pay what you can.. Kids 12 and under \$10. Homemade desserts. More info at www.burnhampresents.org.

## sept 1 MONDAY

**Green Mountain Club annual corn potluck social in Middlebury.**

Monday, Sept. 1, 5-8 p.m., 446 Cobble Rd. Members and friends are all welcome. Hosted by Morris Earle. Feel free to bring a guest. Contact Morris at morrisearle@gmail.com to let him know what you'll bring to share. More at gmcbreadloaf.org.



**FOX LADY WAS** the winner in the Spinnaker A class in the Split Rock Race and runner-up in last year's Diamond Island Regatta on Lake Champlain.

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## SAVE THE DATE: St. Stephen's Peasant Market takes place on Saturday, July 12

MIDDLEBURY — In Addison County, summer isn't just a season — it's a feeling. It's creemees in hand, toes in the lake, laughter with loved ones, and the community-building tradition of the St. Stephen's Church Peasant Market.

For more than 75 years, neighbors, visitors and bargain-hunters alike have gathered on the Middlebury town green

to browse tables teeming with treasures: jewelry and household goods, toys and puzzles, vinyl records and CDs, sports and camping equipment, handicrafts, linens, plants and garden décor, antiques and collectibles. There are baked goods, games for children, and fruit pies lovingly prepared and baked in the church kitchen.

This year Peasant Market will run from

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, July 12.

"Whether you're a seasoned rummager or a first-time visitor, you'll find something to love — and all proceeds go to local nonprofits," said 2025 co-chair Heather McConville Durante.

Come for the deals, stay for silent auction, grab lunch at Gene's Chili Hut food truck, and feel good that the dollars

you spend are funneled right back to Addison County neighbors who need them most.

This year will feature a live auction of a beautiful, handmade Wee Lassie canoe. This very light, 10-foot long, wooden solo canoe is typically paddled kayak-style. In addition, a generous donation of fabric promises a bonanza for quilters looking for good materials. And there will be great deals on beautifully crafted, hand-made wooden cutting boards.

Items to be donated can be dropped off at the church before July 2. Donations must be clean and in good condition. To find out what is accepted and to see the hours for intake, go to ststephensmidd.org.

"Mark your calendars and dust off your tote bags — you don't want to miss this summer tradition, or a chance to help your community while scoring some great finds!" said 2025 co-chair Amy Beaupré.

Proceeds from last year's Peasant Market enabled the church to grant \$28,500 to 13 local non-profit groups.

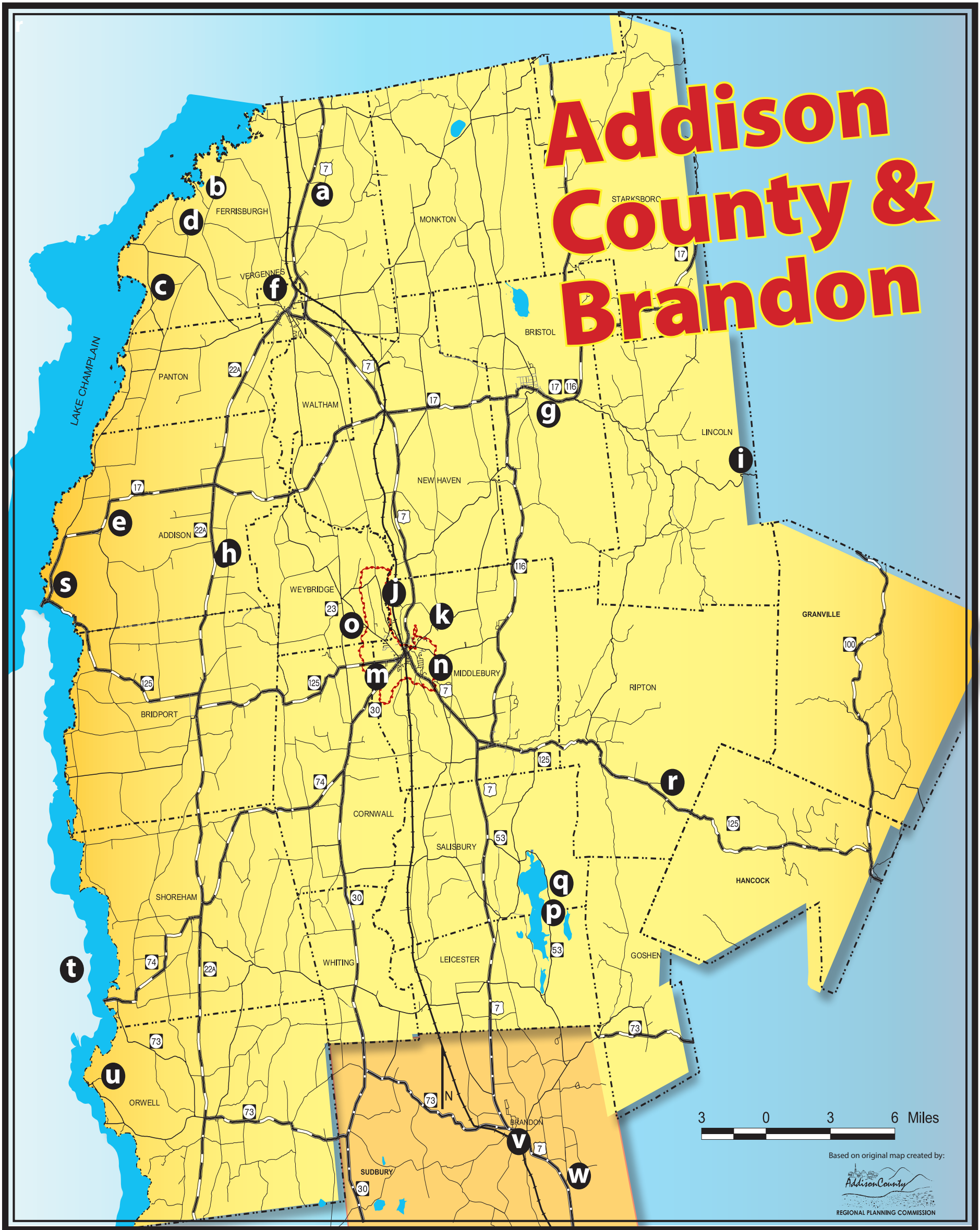
Volunteers from the community are welcome to help set up and clean up on Peasant Market day. To assist, please contact Amy Beaupré at ststephensmiddlebury@gmail.com or 802-388-7200.



**EAGER BUYERS CHECK** out the jewelry booth on The Gazebo at last year's Peasant Market, hosted by St. Stephen's annually on the Middlebury town green. The market returns July 12.

Photo by Joe McVeigh

# Addison County & Brandon



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# Summer Guide hot spots

- a. **Rokeby Museum**, 4334 Route 7, Ferrisburgh. Historical and cultural museum, Underground Railroad site and prominent Quaker family farm. Admission fee. rokeby.org.
- b. **Kingsland Bay State Park**, Ferrisburgh. Day use, nature path. Admission fee. vtstateparks.com/kingsland.html.
- c. **Lake Champlain Maritime Museum**, Ferrisburgh. Traces the history of Lake Champlain, extensive outdoor exhibits, including boats. Free admission! lcmm.org.
- d. **Button Bay State Park**, Ferrisburgh. Overnight camping, nature trails. Admission fee. vtstateparks.com/buttonbay.html.
- e. **Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area and Visitors Center**, Route 17, Addison. Home to migrating waterfowl, walking paths, and boat launches. vtfishandwildlife.com/dead-creek-visitor-center.html.
- f. **Bixby Library**, 258 Main St., Vergennes. Stained glass ceiling illuminates historic library and extensive collection of early arrowheads and other artifacts. bixbylibrary.org.
- g. **Lord's Prayer Rock**, Bristol. In 1891 Joseph C. Greene paid a carver to engrave the Lord's Prayer on a huge rock sitting next to what is today Route 116, east of the village. It's still an unusual roadside attraction.
- h. **Snake Mountain**. Parking lot on Mountain Road in Addison. Family-friendly hike leading to beautiful vistas of Champlain Valley and Adirondacks. Don't leave valuables in the car. tinyurl.com/ybhkstd.
- i. **Mount Abraham trail access, Long Trail**, Lincoln. Strenuous hike to summit nets 360-degree panorama. greenmountainclub.org.
- j. **University of Vermont Morgan Horse Farm**, Morgan Horse Farm Road, Weybridge. Beautiful grounds featuring a leading breeding program for the official state animal. Admission fee. Tours daily; pre-register at uvm.edu/morgan.
- k. **Henry Sheldon Museum of Vermont History**, 1 Park St., downtown Middlebury. Wednesday-Saturday, tour the Judd Harris House, ongoing exhibits and events. Admission fee. henrysheldonmuseum.org.
- m. **Middlebury College**. Campus tours available at admissions office — preregistration required. Event listings available at arts center ticket office. Friday afternoon carillon performance in the summer. middlebury.edu.
- n. **Museum of Art at Middlebury College**. Located inside the Mahaney Arts Center (MAC), the art museum features expansive collections and diverse temporary loan exhibits. This summer's special exhibitions look at Andy Warhol and at an 18th century Parisian interior. Open Tuesday-Sunday. middlebury.edu/museum.
- o. **Trail Around Middlebury**. The "TAM" is an 18.8-mile foot path that encircles Middlebury and links several hundred acres of town land, conserved properties and other local landmarks. maltvt.org/tam.
- p. **Falls of Lana, Rattlesnake Cliffs, Silver Lake trails**, Salisbury-Leicester town line. newenglandwaterfalls.com/vermont.php.
- q. **Branbury State Park**, Salisbury. Day use and overnight camping, kid-friendly sandy beach and extensive grass lawn, boat rentals. Admission fee. vtstateparks.com/branbury.html.
- r. **Spirit in Nature Path**, Goshen Road, Ripton. Immerse yourself in nature by walking any of the 11 different paths. spiritinnature.org.
- s. **DAR State Park & Chimney Point State Historic Site, Addison**. Overnight camping in tent sites at park plus historic DAR John Strong Mansion Museum near state park entrance. Admission fee. vtstateparks.com/dar.html. Nearby Chimney Point at the foot of the Lake Champlain Bridge is the site of Native American, early French, and Revolutionary War-era settlement. Historic tavern was an important meeting place. Ongoing exhibits and tours. Admission fee. historicssites.vermont.gov/chimney-point.
- t. **Fort Ticonderoga** (take the ferry from Shoreham across Lake Champlain to New York or take the Lake Champlain Bridge in Addison). Preserved Revolutionary War fort with extensive interpretation, guides, re-enactors, gift shop and many events. Admission fee. fort-ticonderoga.org.
- u. **Mount Independence State Historic Site, Orwell**. A largely undisturbed Revolutionary War site. Visitors center with extensive exhibits and many interpretive trails. Admission fee. historicssites.vermont.gov/mount-independence.
- v. **Brandon Museum at the Stephen A. Douglas Birthplace**, Route 7, Brandon. Town of Brandon museum located in historic birthplace of 19th Century statesman Stephen A. Douglas. Enjoy local history including architecture, industry, business, tourism and immigration. brandon.org/things-to-do/the-brandon-museum.
- w. **Brandon Artists Guild**, 7 Center St., Brandon. Gallery shows work from a diverse group of more than 50 artists in various media. brandonartistsguild.org.



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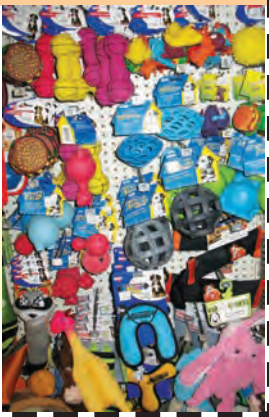
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