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No matter how the world is swirling around us with news on the national and international level grabbing our eyes and diverting our minds, it is good to remember that we actually live here — in this community. Many of the people we care about most live here among us. Wouldn't you like to put a name to a face? This publication gives you a chance to do that.

We have been publishing this guide to local businesses for a few decades now, and we've found that one of the pleasures of perusing Profiles in Community is to see so many people over and over, and seeing their hair turn grey while their smiles remain vibrant. Sometimes it's fun to note that this guy or this gal used to work at one place but now they're somewhere new. And look who's leading their own business now!

We hope you enjoy these pages and take the time to reacquaint yourself with these businesses and individuals — your neighbors. And that you find our community is filled not only with products and services, but also with the smiles of those who greet us each day.

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Taekwondo is more than self-defense, confidence and respect; it's family

By JOHN FLOWERS

MIDDLEBURY When you're 9 years old, you often draw the short end of the stick. Adults prescribe bedtime and pretty much call all the other shots.

But for more than an hour each Friday, Maddison Quiet turns chronological hierarchy on its

And she could probably turn you on your head, too.

Maddison on Fridays proudly dons a dogi, cinched with a firstdegree black belt, as a student in Master Kellie Thomas's Taekwondo KICKS class, held in the Bridge School gym in Middlebury. Master Thomas lines her 30-plus students — ranging from kindergarteners to seniors by rank. As a black belt, Maddison is in the front row, while 74-yearold Bill Sayre — a yellow belt still paying his dues — is in the taekwondo equivalent of the cheap

That's OK.

This class is about self-defense and confidence building, but it's also about family, respect and a pecking order that's earned through the devotional drumbeat of fists and legs hitting paddles and shields, all under the direction of a seventh-degree black belt who's more than paid her dues.

"I enjoy the connections, watching them grow and becoming more confident," Thomas said this past Friday, July 25, as she prepared to lead her students through another training session.

'They fill my heart.' Thomas, 55, grew on a farm

in Fairfield, Vt. Her dad signed her up for taekwondo classes in 1982, when she was 12. Like other Vermonters, he had read — and been horrified by — the headlines that year about Meghan O'Rourke and Melissa Walbridge, two 12-year-old Essex girls who were raped, tortured and stabbed by two assailants who had been stalking them.

Dad wanted Kellie to have basic self-defense skills. And Kellie was game, because she wanted to

(Taekwondo) was the first time I said. did something that made me feel welcomed," she said.

Thomas found taekwondo classes a refuge of sorts. She built strength, fitness and a new network of friends in a supportive environment. Per the tenets of taekwondo, Thomas learned the sport for defense, not offense. She developed a spring in her step and bullies stopped meddling with her.

"It was the first time I felt good about myself," she recalled.

Taekwondo requires dedication, and Thomas sadly knows firsthand what it's like to have to set the

Life happens.

In Thomas's case, the arrival of two children, injuries and work obligations forced her to temporarily table taekwondo.

"I threw everything away," she confessed of her martial arts accoutrements.

But that changed. Kellie's daughter was attending Middlebury's Aurora School during the early 1990s and Kellie was asked to lead a couple of "athletic days" for the kids.

Thomas decided to introduce the children into taekwondo. though she wasn't sure how it would work out. Respect is a major underpinning of taekwondo. It's "sir," "ma'am," and "may I."

"It's a totally different thing than you see in any school today, let alone a private school (like Aurora), where teachers sometimes went by their first name," Thomas recounted.

Rather than rebel, the students fell into ranks.

"They ate it up," she said.

At the end of the school year, one of the Aurora student's moms told Thomas he loved taekwondo and wanted to continue with the sport.

"I told her I would see if I could find him a school," Thomas said. "But she said, 'No, you don't understand; he only wants to take it with *you*.'

Thomas — with two young children of her own and no spare room in her home — gave it some

Then, 18 years ago, Thomas founded her school, Taekwondo KICKS (which stands for Keep fit, Inner strength, Confidence, Kinship and Self-defense). She has graduated thousands of students during her years teaching, and most of them still call her Master Thomas.

Enduring respect.

And Master Thomas remains in big demand, offering regular classes in Middlebury, Vergennes, Orwell and Hinesburg. She's used to teaching 30 classes per week with an itinerary that expands each summer to include camps and other venues where folks are keen on

On this day, Master Thomas was in rare form, shouting commands and recruiting her more experienced students to help with drills. What makes Thomas's effort and dedication more impressive is the fact she's been diagnosed with fibromyalgia and osteoarthritis. She's undergone three hip replacement operations and a knee replacement.

"If I didn't love my students, it would be easy to stay at home," she

She's not ready to throw in the taekwondo towel, and her students are grateful.

A FAMILY ACTIVITY

Sayre, the senior statesman of the Middlebury KICKS group, began as a spectator. He started coming to the Friday classes around a year ago to support his grandchild, Octavia (now 7).

A month and four classes later, Sayre thought to himself, "why don't I join her?"

He did, and Friday saw three generations of Sayres lined up among around 30-plus Taekwondo KICKS students dutifully moving to Master Thomas's commands. Joining Bill and Octavia these days are Bill's grandson, Michael, 19, and Bill's daughter (and Michael's and Octavia's mom), Liz, 40.

Sayre is keen in moving up the belt ranks. But his main priority is being with family and staying

He credited Thomas for being the heartbeat that keeps KICKS

MASTER KELLIE THOMAS, third from right, of Taekwondo KICKS encourages her students during a July 25 training session in the Bridge School gym in Middlebury.

"She's an excellent teacher because she has a knack for finding just the right combination of challenging us as individually, yet supporting us (as a group)," he said.

And Thomas does it by forging a personal connection with each student. She currently teaches around 250 total students.

"She knows our names, our strengths and our weaknesses," Sayre said. "She knows when to push us a little harder, or when to ease up.'

Thomas starts each class by asking her students if they have an interesting, unusual or exciting news to share. And the news needn't be taekwondo related. One of the younger students might talk about getting a perfect score on a spelling test. One of the older students might trumpet the arrival of a new grandchild.

It cracks a window into the soul of each martial artist before the game faces furrow and the feet and arms start flying.

A display of humanity — and at times vulnerability.

Because that's what families do. "It's how she builds a spirit among us all," Sayre said of Thomas's pre-class forums.

Charley Moulton, 6, has been under Master Thomas's tutelage for four years. She said she joined KICKS as "something to do," but it's evolved into much more than

At an age when some 6-yearolds are still biking with training wheels, Charley's a blue belt. And she's setting her sights a lot higher.

"I want to get a black belt," she said, resolutely. What's it feel like to have

accomplished so much in a martial art at such a young age? "It makes me feel fearless,"

Charley said, with a big grin. And that's what Thomas likes to hear. Empowerment through the ability to defend oneself, not the misguided use of taekwondo as a cudgel.

Charley's mom, Saddie Moulton,

said her daughter has been learning "a lot of respect and discipline. It's a nice community to be a part of."

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The testimonials don't end there. MEETING CHALLENGES

Thomas's tutelage has had a profound effect on children who either don't fit into team sports or who are dealing with challenges.

Kerianne Severy has a 9-year-old son who's become a Taekwondo KICKS regular. Diagnosed with autism, she said her son struggles in school. But there's something magical that happens when 4:30 rolls around on Fridays.

"This is one place where he doesn't need a one-on-one," Severy said. "He's extremely successful. He's social. There's a routine and expectations. It has been amazing to watch him bloom in taekwondo.'

Her voice was full of emotion as she recounted her son's first leveling up ceremony. That's when a student successfully graduates from one belt to a higher one.

"He got his new belt and said, (See Thomas, Page 8A)







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While Mary enjoys the variety of recipes she gets to tweak and perfect, she says her favorite are the breads.

"Bread is not always predictable. You have to work with it, watch it. It's kind of a living thing in a sense. It needs a little bit of care and kind of has its own personality. And yeah, we get along pretty good."





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Thomas

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'I'm so proud of myself," Severy said. "I just cried."

She also has a 5-year-old daughter enrolled in KICKS.

"It's been fabulous for her," Severy said. "She's gotten strong and far more confident."

KICKS has had a bonus impact—forging mentorships between the older and younger students. A KICKS classmate is helping Severy's daughter get her calf ready for showing at Field Days.

Erin Jones-Poppe's son Isaac is a red belt. He's battling dyslexia.

red belt. He's battling dyslexia.
"When he first started (in KICKS) he was very easy to shut down and was irritable. Not only did Master Thomas have a firm but soft hand, the amount of confidence he's shown and the amount of growth I've seen in him has been incredible," she said.

years to earn a first-degree black belt. The progression, according to Thomas, is white, yellow, highyellow, green, high-green, blue, high-blue, red, first red, second red,

floor with her son.

Like the Sayres, the Jones-

Poppes have made KICKS a family

affair. Erin is now out there on the

It usually takes three to four

third red, then first-degree black.
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"I get asked as lot if it's thrilling to see a child smash a board," Thomas said. "But I like to see the adults do it. Adults have gone through more of their lives seeing obstacles and believing they 'couldn't do it."

LEFT: SADDIE MOULTON AND her daughter Charley, 6, take a short break during a recent Taekwondo KICKS class in Middlebury. RIGHT: NOLAN TIERNEY, 10, of Bristol, throws a punch during a recent Taekwondo KICKS class in the Bridge School gym in Middlebury.

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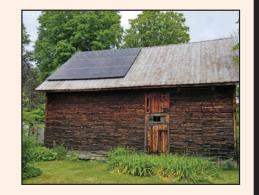
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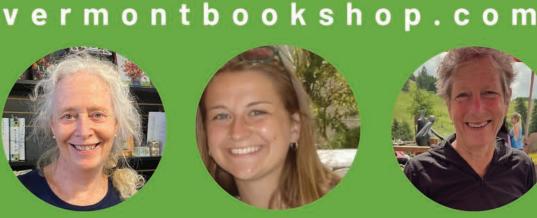
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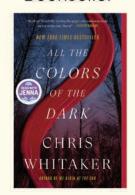


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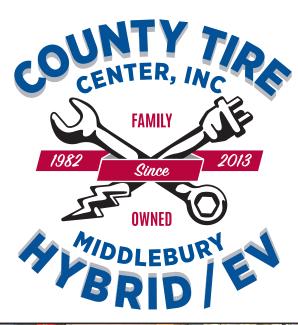
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A passion for healing and community

By BEE ECKELS

VERGENNES — For 25 years, Shannon Jacobson has loved every aspect of her work. As a dedicated licensed massage therapist, or LMT, Jacobson prides herself on being able to engage with her community and help serve them, emotionally and physically, through the healing power of massage.

"There's nothing more satisfying or gratifying than having people be like, 'I feel so much better ... I feel like I could do more, that I could stretch more, that I could live better," Jacobson said. "It's so rewarding."

Having moved across the country from Washington state to Vermont only four years ago with her family, Jacobson and her business — which operates under the name Shannon Jacobson LMT — are still relatively new to the small Vergennes community. However, she is not new to the game. Having attended the Port Townsend School of Massage in Washington from 2001 to 2002, Jacobson completed a 1,000-hour certification program in order to get her LMT license and even operated her own massage business for several years.

"Before I went to massage school, a friend of mine had gotten a couple gift certificates for massage, and he took me with him," Jacobson said.

"I felt so amazing afterward, you massage." know. It was during high school, where I played many different sports and ... It was such a unique, wonderful feeling that it stuck with me for so long. It's like, 'Oh, my gosh, to make people feel that good would be incredible.' And it has been."

In order to comply with the strict rules imposed on bodyworkers, Jacobson is required to participate in a continuing education program every two years. During this time, she has been able to grow her skill set, becoming trained in everything from the physical, hands-on aspect of massage to more academic areas like kinesiology (anatomy and mechanics of human movement), pathology (the study of disease) and physiology (how cells, tissues and organs work).

She has also completed many new certifications, such as getting licensed in sideline massage which allows her to safely perform prenatal massages, that have injuries or specific enabled Jacobson to conduct musculoskeletal the treatments she offers at her Vergennes location.

"My specialty and my focus is on treatment and therapeutic w h i c h massage," she said. "And in the last, say, 10 years, 15 years, I've relaxation incorporated fire cupping into my normal sessions of treatment

Jacobson's website describes fire cupping as an ancient alternative medicine technique that involves placing cups to create suction and increase blood flow to a specific area. This relieves muscle tension and improves blood circulation. Similarly, she offers hot stone massage therapy, in which the heat of the stones laid on specific areas if the body improves circulation and relieves muscle tension.

"Fire cupping results in improved blood supply to skin and muscles, reduced pain and hypertension, and balanced immune, nervous and hormonal systems," Jacobson explained on her Instagram page. "Overall, fire cupping is an effective therapy option for removing physical and emotional toxins from the body."

Other services offered at Shannon Jacobson LMT are deep tissue massage, which helps individuals pain, chronic

conditions; Swedish massage, promotes and stress relief while enhancing blood flow and flexibility; and pregnancy massage.

When asked if the popularity and interest surrounding fire cupping within the athletic community and the wider sports world has the tendency to drive her client demographic, Jacobson happily responded that she gets to treat a wide range of patients.

"It's been such a mixed bag," she said. "I get teenage kids to people in their 80s and 90s ... that will benefit from the cupping as well for so many different ailments, for so many different issues.... I have clients that are blue collar men, farmers ... they're like, 'I need to farm. This is my busy season. This (pain) in my body is keeping me from achieving this and achieving that.'

Still in the process of growing her business since renting out the



VERGENNES RESIDENT SHANNON Jacobson loves her job as a licensed massage therapist. She is grateful that she can witness the effect that her work has on the well-being of her community.

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space at 92 Main St. a year and a half ago, Jacobson sees about 40 to 50 customers a month. She hopes that number will continue to rise as people become more familiar with her and her practice. She is aiming to hit close to as many as 100 customers a month, which is more

Washington.

Jacobson's ultimate goal is to help streamline massage into an everyday, household necessity for medical and emotional well-being. She wants to help end the stigma that dictates massage as only being

in line with the numbers she saw in

a luxurious and leisurely activity and not something that should be sought out on a regular basis or integrated into daily lifestyles and health routines.

"People won't hesitate to make physical therapy appointments if something's bugging (them)," Jacobson said. "People dismiss stress...but it really takes a strong hold, not only mentally, but physically as well.

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The ability to help people recognize and feel the absence of that stress, that pain and tension, is what Jacobson loves so much about being an LMT. She feels rewarded every day to have a place in her community not only as a business owner, but as a healer.

"It's wonderful," she said. "It's so great to see the people that I work on out in the community and to have people recognize me."



AMONG THE THERAPIES offered at Shannon Jacobson LMT is fire cupping, in which hot cups placed on the skin create a suction that improves blood supply to skin and muscles.

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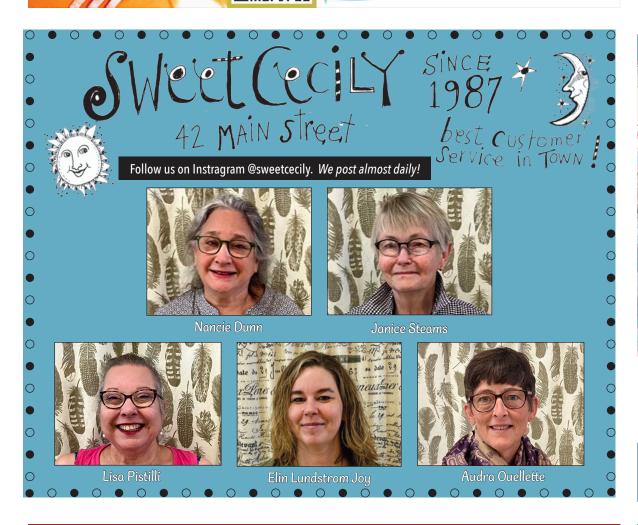
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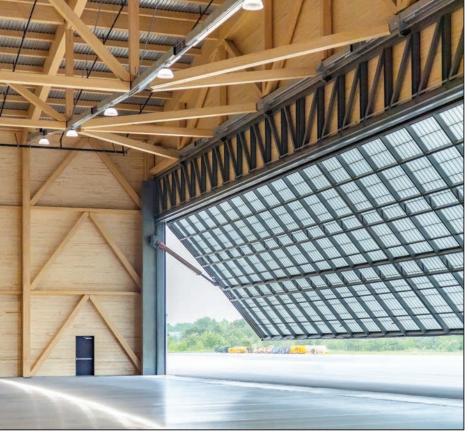
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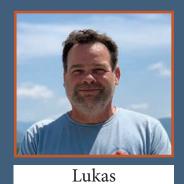


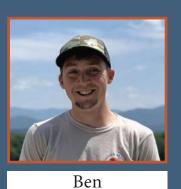


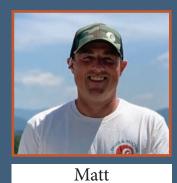
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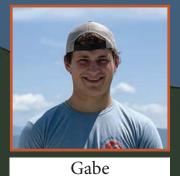








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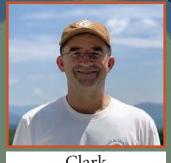




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By MARIA BARR

MIDDLEBURY — The Ralph Myhre Golf Course, a public 18-hole golf course owned by Middlebury College with a driving range and a restaurant, opened in 1920. But it isn't simply keeping pace with the game — it's rewriting its role in the life of the community. A new ball dispenser, upgraded tee boxes, improved drainage and the arrival of a snack cabana might seem like minor tweaks. But taken together, they signal something bigger: a long-term investment in care, access and identity.

At the helm of this transformation is Paul Politano, Ralph Myhre's head golf professional. Over the course of nearly a decade, Politano's role has expanded from running lessons and junior camps to managing the administrative operations.

"I'm kind of getting away from teaching as much," Politano golf course maintenance, the superintendent. So that entails a bit more."

That new oversight has brought with it a clear focus: improving playability, enhancing the golfer experience, and making Ralph Myhre feel more open to members, students and visitors alike.

What's the course's guiding philosophy?

"First and foremost, welcoming," Politano said. "People are here to have a good time. They're here on their time off, they're here on their days off, they're here during their retirement, enjoying their free time, so we always try to make sure that people feel welcome."

In the past five years, that welcoming atmosphere has been matched by visible physical improvements. Tee boxes are being stripped, leveled and re-seeded or sodded. Diseased or hazardous trees have been removed to improve safety, airflow and turf health. The driving range features upgraded mats and a digital ball dispenser, with a new shed and power line to keep things running smoothly. Another touch — a classic navy clock overlooking the practice green — adds both charm and meaning, honoring the life of longtime member C. Deem "Doc" Schoenfeld and reflecting the course's growing sense of connection to the community.

Politano said about a third of the tee boxes have been upgraded.

"And then we've also taken away a lot of trees... areas that need to be opened up to provide better drainage and better airflow, which provides better turf health,"

he said. Politano emphasized that the biggest impact hasn't come from any one project, but from consistent investment.

"It's not really a physical update, but the investment that we've made the last few years, just conditions-wise, has made a huge improvement. It's well manicured, it's well taken care of. It looks nicer, it's playing nicer."

The most recent addition is the "Oasis," a mid-course cabana offering food and drinks.

"That area on the golf course is said. "Now I'm overseeing the a good area where a lot of holes come together," Politano said. "So it's a lot for convenience and sales as well." The club hopes to turn the Oasis into a permanent structure with restrooms, electricity and shelter.

> The changes may seem subtle, but they've translated into measurable growth. Membership has risen from roughly 325 a decade ago to over 500 today. Student membership has climbed from 35 to 150.

> "I think just seeing our increase in membership has been a good indicator that it's all been very well received," Politano said. "We get good comments from the members and from outsiders on the conditions of the golf course that have changed a lot over the last six, eight years."

> Teegan Duffy, a sophomore at Middlebury College and member of the golf team, has experienced the transformation firsthand. As a summer employee, she helps with outdoor services and junior clinics — a role that's deepened her appreciation for what the course offers.

> "I think it is really cool to be able to see what goes on behind the scenes," Duffy said. "Everything has really helped me think about my own swing and be more aware of my own golf game."

> For Duffy and her teammates, who won this year's NESCAC golf championship, the improvements bring a new sense of pride.

> "I think it just makes us feel more excited to host because we have this

"People are here to have a good time. They're here on their time off, they're here on their days off, they're here during their retirement, enjoying their free time, so we always try to make sure that people feel welcome."

— Paul Politano

awesome course that's right on campus ... we had a really good season, so bringing that energy into the course will be great for our upcoming seasons."

That pride is echoed by Assistant Pro Loyal Broughton, who leads many of the teaching clinics and serves as assistant coach for the college men's team. For Broughton, the course's evolution reflects a commitment to growing the game especially among newer players.

"This is a sport that I think a few years ago during COVID was something that a lot of people realized they could do: one, on their own; two, with friends; and, three, outside," Broughton said. "It's something they can do for the rest of their lives. So if I can make it more enjoyable for people, that's kind of my number-one goal." **GROWING THE SPORT**

Ralph Myhre's junior camp recently hosted around 20 kids in a single week — part of a broader push to build the sport from the ground up.

"We start with the youth, and that drives into adulthood, and more people get involved," Broughton said. "It's very fulfilling to teach and watch people go from a lower level to a higher level."

Beyond player development, Broughton sees the course as a social bridge between the college and the surrounding community.

"It kind of creates ties between the institution and the county and outside area," he said. "It shows what the college has to offer to the local community and brings the local community closer to the college.

That connection is strengthened by expanded programming. Blues Jam Wednesdays, Sunday afternoon concerts, women's "Hit and Sip" clinics and family-friendly events now punctuate the golf calendar. Meanwhile, the old snack stand has

(See Myhre, Page 6C)



HEAD GOLF PROFESSIONAL Paul Politano leads a clinic on the Ralph Myhre driving range. The course hosts a wide range of programs, from private lessons and league play to youth camps and women's "Hit and Sip" events.

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Ralph Myhre raises a timely tribute

By MARIA BARR

MIDDLEBURY— The new clock at Ralph Myhre Golf Course isn't just there to keep golfers on schedule — it's a quiet tribute to a man who lived with intention — C. Deem "Doc" Schoenfeld, a longtime presence at the course, who played two rounds the same week he died on May 19, 2024.

His grandson Scott Schoenfeld said Deem was never sentimental about memorials, but if anything were to honor him, it made sense it would be at his favorite course.

The idea for the clock, which stands right outside the clubhouse, came together through a community effort friends from the course pitched in on everything from electrical work to landscaping. For the family, they said seeing it installed brought a sense of peace. It just felt right. Now, the clock stands as a reminder, not just to keep time, but to cherish it — echoing Deem's belief in being present.

And, Scott added with a laugh, his grandfather would probably say: "Just don't miss your tee time." THE NEW GREENSIDE clock stands beside the practice green at Ralph Myhre Golf Course, dedicated in memory of "Doc" C. Deem Schoenfeld. The timepiece

serves as both a tribute and a practical addition for Independent photo/Maria Barr





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(Continued from Page 5A) been transformed into Tavern on the Tee — a full-service restaurant.

"In the past, we had a lot of golfers that would leave right after a round," Politano noted. "Now we've got people sticking around for music and for food ... also a lot more non-golfers, even employees from the college, coming up just to have lunch."

Looking back, Politano sees a shift not just in appearance but in atmosphere. In the end, that's the story Ralph Myhre is writing: not one of flashy overhauls, but of thoughtful, layered progress. A course that knows what it is and invites others to feel at home.

"I think years ago ... people didn't feel as welcome," he said. "They would always see the college as a beautiful, immaculate place ... and then the golf course wasn't quite as well maintained. I think it just took making it a priority and trying to get to where we are - condition- and playability-wise — one of the top courses in the area."



INSTRUCTOR TEEGAN DUFFY and camper Cassandra "Cassie" Bellmann share a smile during a Junior Golf Camp session at Ralph Myhre Golf Course. Duffy, a sophomore at Middlebury College, plays for the women's golf team.

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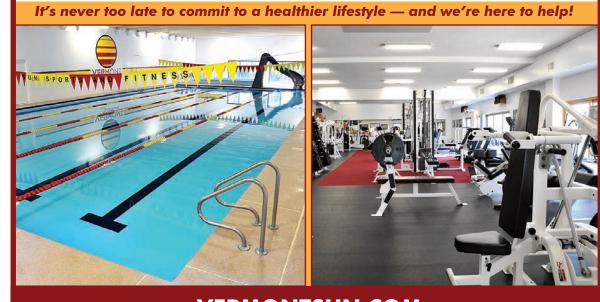


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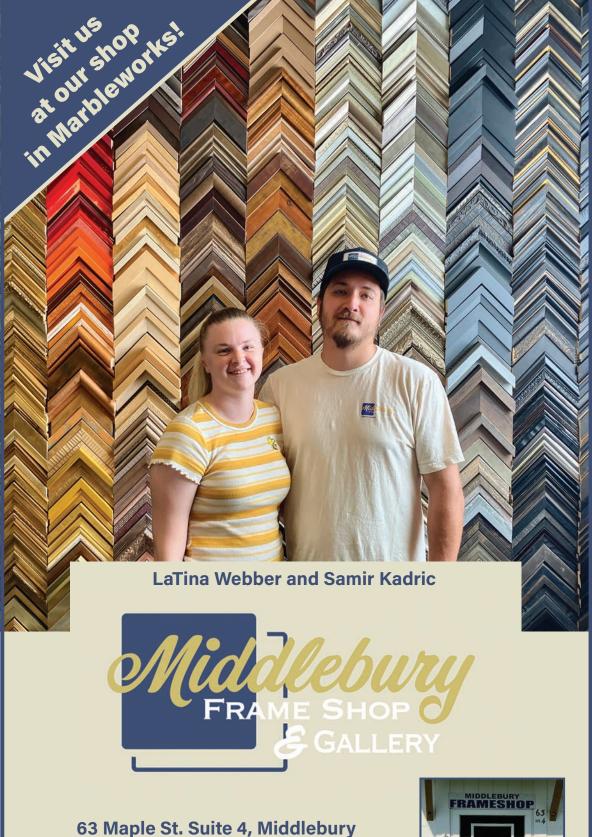
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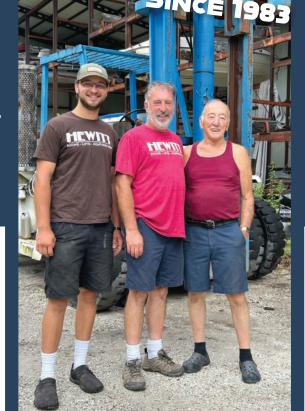
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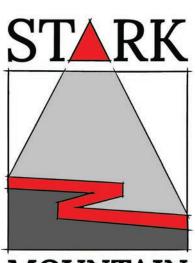
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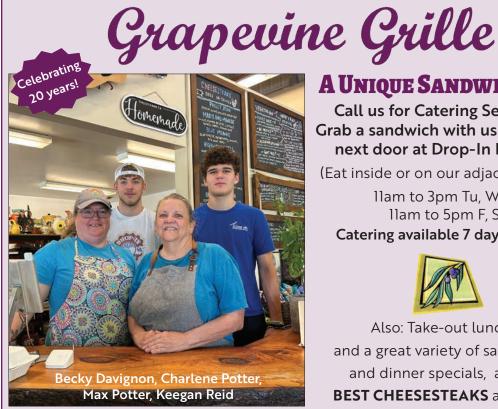
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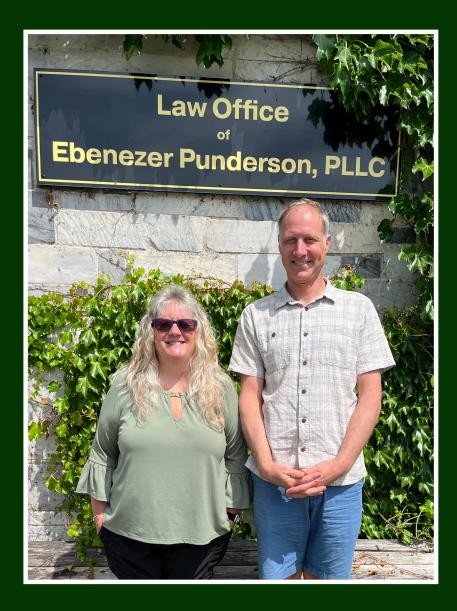
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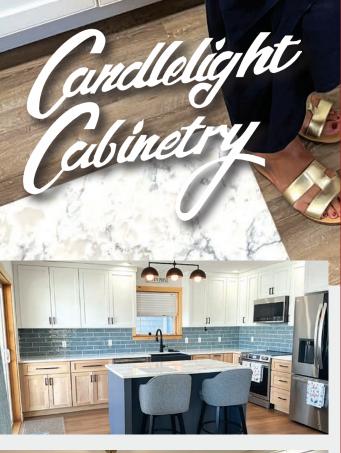














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