

A vibrant field of yellow Black-eyed Susans in full bloom, set against a clear blue sky. The flowers are the central focus, with some in sharp focus and others blurred in the background, creating a sense of depth. The overall mood is bright and cheerful, typical of a summer scene.

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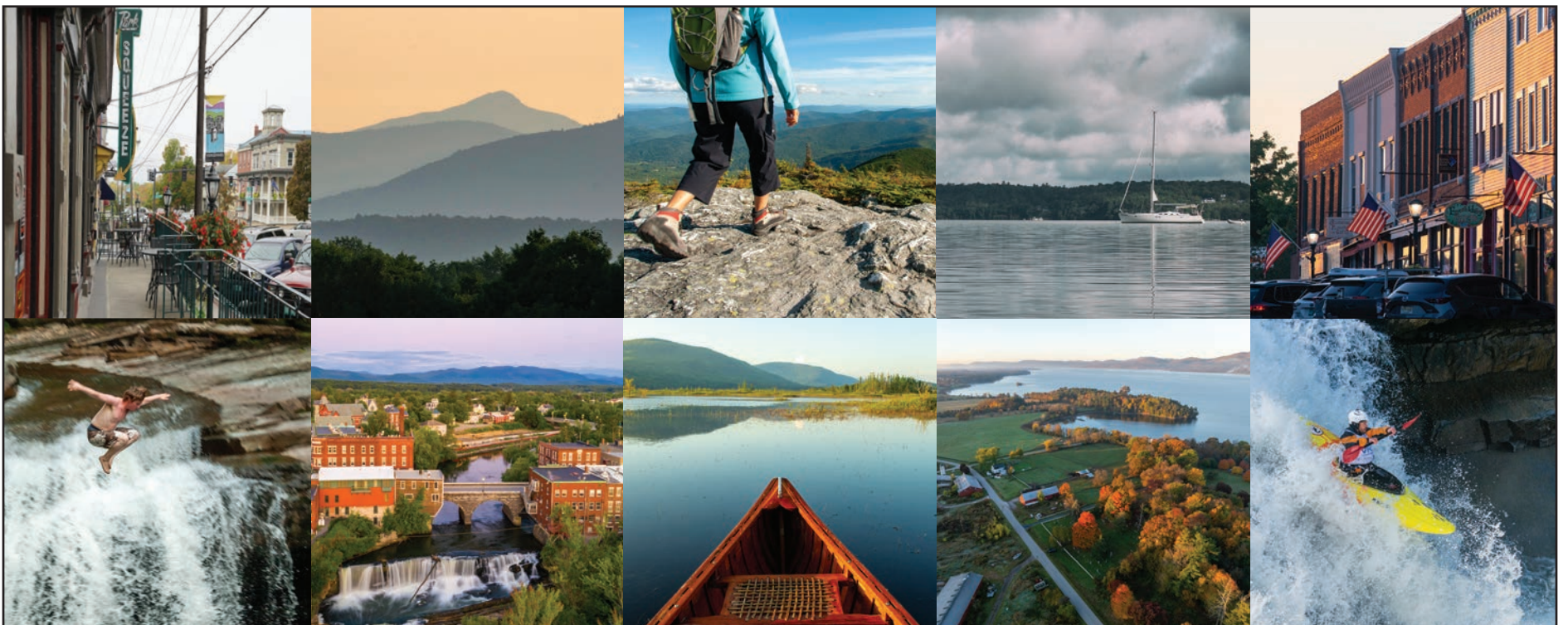
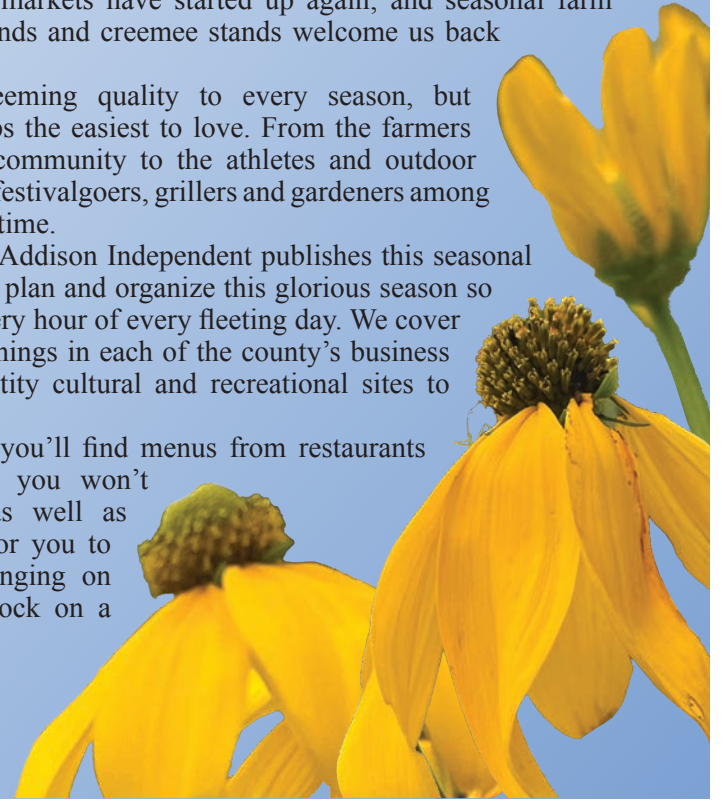
Summer has kind of snuck up on us in Vermont this year. Yes, it's that blissful season that's so sweet it erases the memory of frozen ground and bitter temperatures and brown sloppy springs. A hundred shades of green erupt from tree limbs and burst out of the ground, filling open spaces across the landscape with life. Flowers decorate gardens, lawns and fields, and sweet smells float on the breeze.

Year-round residents and seasonal visitors alike fill the streets, restaurant patios and parks, reminding us of the rich community we have in Addison County. Farmers markets have started up again; and seasonal farm stands, campgrounds and creemee stands welcome us back for the summer.

There's a redeeming quality to every season, but summer is perhaps the easiest to love. From the farmers and agricultural community to the athletes and outdoor enthusiasts to the festivalgoers, grillers and gardeners among us, summer is go-time.

Every June the Addison Independent publishes this seasonal guide to help you plan and organize this glorious season so you can enjoy every hour of every fleeting day. We cover events and happenings in each of the county's business districts and identify cultural and recreational sites to explore within.

In these pages you'll find menus from restaurants and dining sites you won't want to miss, as well as relevant stories for you to peruse while lounging on a dock or hammock on a warm afternoon.



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RON PAYNE OF Otter Creek Audubon and others take part in a birdwatching session in Wright Park a few years back. Come to watch birds — and bird banding! — this summer.

Let's go birding!

Nature enthusiasts of all ages and experience levels are invited to take part in June in a beginner's bird walk through Wright Park, a segment of the Trail Around Middlebury (TAM). Folks can then see how wild birds are banded later in the summer.

Small groups, led by experienced birders, on June 20 will have the opportunity to explore several side trails of the TAM. This annual event is hosted by the Otter Creek Audubon Society (OCAS) and Middlebury Area Land Trust (MALT). It will take place 9 to 11 a.m. that Saturday.

The walk samples the diverse natural landscape of Addison County. Beginning in a shrubland, the route then leads into a forest, passing the evidence of former beaver activity. There is much to explore: an unusual footbridge, woods filled with birdsong, the peaceful banks of the Otter Creek, and the rich diversity of trees and ferns. Along the way local naturalists will offer a station with a hands-on discovery activity. There will even be a "trail appropriate" snack available for hungry hikers.

Walkers may bring binoculars or borrow a pair from OCAS. The walk is family-friendly and suitable for all ages, but not appropriate for strollers or wheelchairs.

Meet at 9 a.m. at the Wright Park parking lot north of Pulp Mill Covered Bridge. (Go northwest from the Middlebury Green on Seymour Street, then just before Pulp Mill Covered Bridge turn right on Seymour Street Extension to the parking area at the end.) The walk will last about two hours

and will go rain or shine, but if you have questions please call 713-818-7033.

Then on Thursday, July 9, see a bird banding demonstration with Vermont Audubon Biologist Mark LaBarr.

This marks the return of this annual event. MALT welcomes folks for a morning of bird banding from 8 to 10 a.m. You'll have the chance to get hands-on with birds while contributing to a better understanding of their life cycles and migration patterns.

While LaBarr teaches the art of banding, Otter Creek Audubon Society volunteers will lead engaging activities for families and youth. After the birding and banding wrap up, bring some snacks to enjoy a small, relaxed gathering celebrating birds and all things summer, where you can socialize, share your observations, and soak in the sights and sounds of the season.

It takes place at Hurd Grassland in Weybridge, which is out Route 23 just west of the Middlebury town line. Park along the east side of Meadow Lane, which can be accessed off Sheep Farm Road.

Families, bird enthusiasts, nature lovers, and anyone curious about birds and their migration who would like a hands-on learning experience is invited to this free event.

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Bristol Fourth to celebrate America's 250th

By JING WILLIAMS

BRISTOL — It's America's 250th birthday this Fourth of July, and Bristol's annual parade and festivities committee is gearing up to celebrate it with some new additions.

Along with the usual fireworks, outhouse races and parade there will also be 14 red stars stenciled into the Bristol Green's fountain to celebrate Vermont as America's 14th state.

This year's parade is themed "Happy 250th Birthday America" and will feature

six calvary members at the end of the parade, following the floats and firetrucks, bringing back a beloved tradition.

Ted Lylis, who has helped with the Bristol Fourth of July celebration for 45 years, has been selected as the 2026 Grand Marshal.

"He was one of the longest members of the Fourth of July committee and has also served on the Bristol selectboard," said Meridith McFarland, a member of the Fourth of July committee. "He's always given his time to the town of Bristol when

it comes to something that needs to be fixed, repaired or replaced. He's been part of our community for a very long time."

With 8,000 people who show up on July 4 and only eight committee members, McFarland said that volunteers are especially appreciated, and anyone interested in helping can reach out at bristolvt4thofjuly@gmail.com.

The annual firework celebration will be held on the night of July 3 at Mt. Abe. While McFarland said she is excited for the display, the fireworks have gotten

significantly more expensive this year. Despite this challenge, McFarland said the committee has been working hard to fundraise and make sure the festivities are the best they can be.

As usual, anyone can buy a Bristol Fourth raffle ticket.

One fundraiser to support the events is the Chicken BBQ on the Bristol Green on June 17, from 5 p.m. until food is gone. One meal at the Chicken BBQ includes a half- or quarter-chicken, potato salad, *(See Parade, Page 18)*

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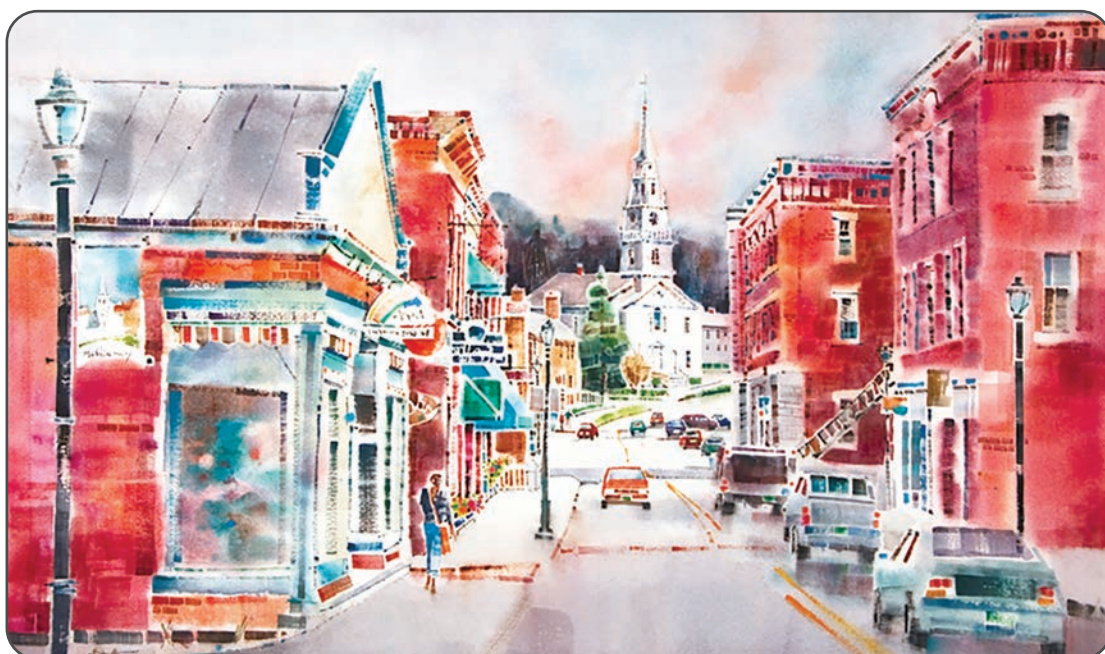
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Creativity abounds in Addison County

Addison County has a vibrant, creative arts community. Not only is it home to many visual artists, but it boasts local art-making workshops and spaces where makers can get their work down.

The Middlebury Studio School is a good place to start. Located at 94 Court St., this organization offers year-round classes for all ages, including painting and specialized workshops like nature bookmaking, to promote the creative process and community through art and craft education for people of all ages and abilities.

This summer a couple adult art classes are still taking applications. One is “Book Arts: Simply Sewn Workshop” on July 11. Adult and teen participants will learn the basics of bookbinding while sewing several single and multiple-signature books that can be used as journals or sketchbooks. You’ll use a variety of papers, thread, and bookbinding tools to create your own unique books while working with resources, and learning a few tricks of the trade.

A new once-a-week class, July 8-Aug. 19, is called “Nature & the Artist Book.” It will start with making several simple book structures and then experiment with low-tech printing techniques such as gel plate printing, stamp making, and other approaches to expressive mark-making.

The Studio School also week-long camps for kids over the summer. While a couple are taking names only for a waitlist, as of early June there was still a July 26-31 camp taking new campers. It’s called “Mythical Creatures & Magical Worlds,” and in it young artists will explore mythical creatures, enchanted landscapes, and legendary tales through painting, sculpture, printmaking and mixed media.

Artists and crafters can find a full-service sewing lab, woodworking studio and more at The Makery, a makerspace located as part of the Hannaford Career Center in Middlebury. There is an open woodshop on the first two Thursdays in June, and the sewing studio is open Thursdays

(See Art. Page 15)



MANY ARTISTS FOUND inspiration by Middlebury Falls during the 2025 Plein Air Festival hosted by Sparrow Art Supply. Some painted in oil or watercolor at Riverfront Park in the Marble Works during the inaugural event. The festival returns this June.

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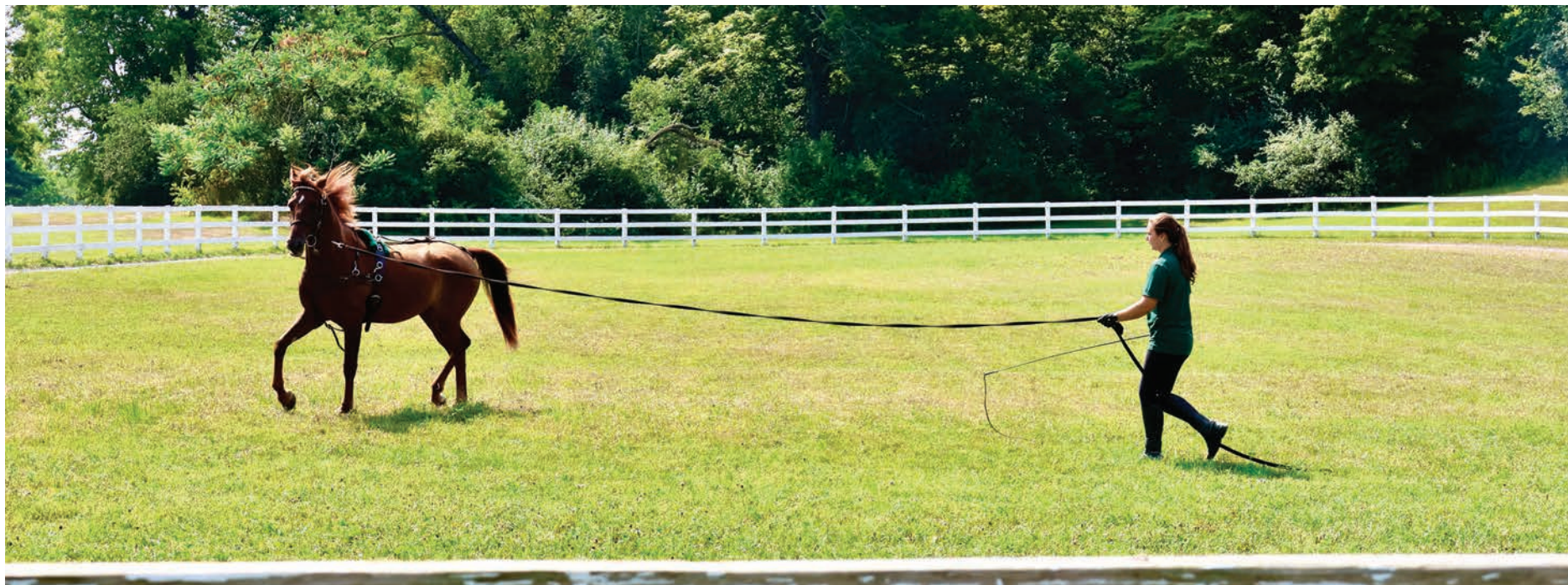
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More than 40 Morgan horses call the UVM Morgan Horse Farm home, and they live in the same historic home of their ancestors.

The first Morgan horse was a bay colt born in 1789, according to the American Morgan Horse Association. Justin Morgan, a teacher, composer, businessman, and

horseman in Randolph. Morgan bred the horse, and it proved to be an outstanding sire that carried his owner's name: Morgan. The stallion's three most famous sons — Sherman, Bulrush, and Woodbury — carried on his legacy to future generations of Morgan horses.

The Morgan horse officially became the Vermont State Animal in 1961.

One of the most important advocates for the breed was Col. Joseph Battell of Middlebury. To house his collection of the era's finest Morgans, Battell in 1878 commissioned the Weybridge Stock Farm

on this site off what is now called "Morgan Horse Farm Road." Battell's passion for preserving the Morgan breed led him to publish the first few volumes of the Morgan horse registry, saving the breed from extinction.

In 1907 it became the U.S. Government Morgan Farm — a cavalry remount station. Under the USDA, the Government Morgan Farm bred Morgans until the 1950s as cavalry mounts. Government Morgans are known as one of the four families of Morgans and are regarded as substantial in bone and superbly athletic.

The University of Vermont became the farm's steward in 1951. Under the direction of Dr. Donald J. Balch, the UVM Morgan herd became one of the highest regarded herd of Morgans known for conformity in type, confirmation and athleticism.

In 2026 tourist season at the UVM Morgan Horse Farm runs through Oct. 27.

There are special events on Foal Days, which are every Saturday in June, and Vermont Day, Aug. 1.

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BRANDON — Get ready for another weekend filled with bluegrass favorites and fresh new talent— right here in Brandon, Vt!

This summer will see the 31's edition of the Basin Bluegrass Festival — four days of live music, camping and celebration with friends old and new. It's July 9-12, at the end of Basin Road.

This year's show will include 11 bands from across Northern New England and New York state, plus acts from Connecticut, Pennsylvania and Ohio.

The fun will kick off that Thursday evening with a spaghetti dinner followed by a classic country concert by "Rank Strangers" that's a great old bluegrass song, and apparently some good old boys are coming together to capture its magic and get the crowd primed for a weekend of good music. If you like the sounds of banjo, mandolin, bass and guitars accompanying authentic storytelling voices, this is the place for you.

In addition to the music, there will be crafters selling their wares, and cooks selling their vittles, including breakfast sandwiches, coffee and doughnuts available at the porch.

Camping is encouraged. You can buy a ticket for a single day, or for Friday, Saturday and Sunday (the Rank Strangers show is \$15 as a one-off or free if you buy the three-day ticket). Find out more online at basinbluegrassfestival.com.

Bring a lawn chair, make some friends and listen to some great music.

Organizers stress that this is a family festival. They say, "Anyone appearing abusive, intoxicate or possessing illegal drugs will be removed from the grounds, not refunds given."

Apparently that's the way regulars like it.

One online commenter said, "Location is perfect, there's not a bad seat anywhere. If you wanna feel like a part of a family, then you gotta come to Brandon!"



MAYBE YOU ARE familiar with the quartet Blood Root Gap, which often plays in the Addison County area. The band, which will perform at next month's Basin Bluegrass Festival in Brandon plays traditional and progressive bluegrass, relying on dynamics and interplay between the instruments to form a unique and captivating sound. Just one of nearly a dozen bands at the event.

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The Vermont Sun Triathlon season kicked off on May 10 with classic road races, and will continue with races on three more Sundays this summer.

The sprint distance Vermont Sun Triathlon, a 600-yard swim, 14-mile bike and 3.1-mile run will be held on three Sunday: June 28, Aug. 2 and Aug. 30.

The Branbury Classic Triathlon substitutes the swim with a 1.5-mile paddle followed by a 14-mile bike and 3.1-mile run. It will be held twice on June 28 and Aug. 2.

The Olympic distance Lake Dunmore Triathlon (1,500-yard swim, 28-mile bike and 6.1-mile run) will be held on Aug. 30.

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Explore Vermont's naval past at the Maritime Museum

FERRISBURGH — The Lake Champlain Maritime Museum, on the shores of the great lake in Ferrisburgh, features exhibits about Champlain's important naval history, a wonderful site on the shore, working displays of boat builders, and even a working replica of "The Philadelphia," a Revolutionary War-era gunboat. Other boats are also on display.

The museum has grown tremendously over the years.

Lake Champlain Maritime Museum's 2026 season, which opened May 23, features a new exhibit about the American Revolution as well as tours, public programs and free admission. As the nation marks the 250th anniversary of its founding, the museum will share a uniquely local perspective on the American Revolution in the Champlain Valley for all to explore.

"The story of Lake Champlain is a story of the people and for the people of the Champlain Valley," affirmed Chris Sabick, executive director of Lake Champlain Maritime Museum. "With a new exhibit this season, Lake Champlain Maritime Museum helps all explore the complex story of our region during the American Revolution through the artifacts, shipwrecks and previously unknown stories left by the many people who were there."

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One of those took place Oct. 11-13, 1776, when the Battle of Lake Champlain saw three tumultuous days of fighting. The events left shipwrecks and artifacts along the lake's bottom for miles from Plattsburgh, N.Y., to Arnold's Bay, Vt. Since its founding, the museum's archaeologists have worked as detectives into this unique moment in American history: researching, excavating and analyzing in a never-ending pursuit to confirm, challenge and refine what is known about the battle.

The new exhibit "Fragments: Voices of the American Revolution on Lake Champlain" addresses this pivotal moment on Lake Champlain. In addition to a detailed exploration into the battle, the exhibit shares stories of people uncovered by the museum including common soldiers from both sides, their families, civilians, enslaved people and Indigenous people. Through this archaeological storytelling, visitors will have the unique opportunity to uncover fragments of lives of the past and untold stories of the revolution. Explore all exhibits that will be open at lcmmm.org/exhibits.

MEMORABLE PROGRAMS & EVENTS FOR ALL AGES

On land and on water, the 2026 season at the museum will be packed with free programs on history, archaeology and *(See Maritime, Page 13)*

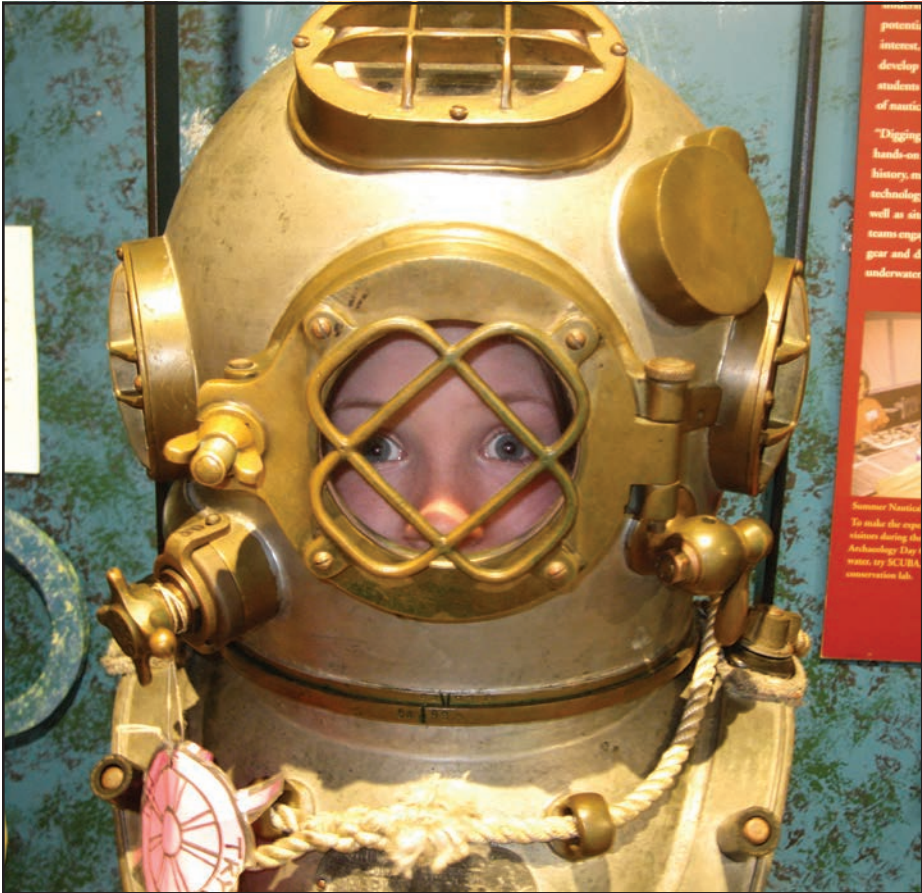
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Maritime

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ecology; sailing classes and on-water tours; and other exciting events relating to the nation's 250th anniversary. Featured programs include:

- 250th Commemoration Days will be held on July 4 and on October 12. These days offer the public a unique opportunity to mark vital local historical moments during the founding of the United States of America through documentary screening, talks, and more.

- Deep Dives, the museum's free evening presentation series, will be held every other Wednesday evening starting on June 3. Featuring museum experts, these talks shine a spotlight into fascinating stories on American Revolution research, tales from Lake Champlain shipwrecks, new discoveries in archaeology, and more.

On-water programs run from June to the end of the season in October offering

all skill levels the chance to get out on Lake Champlain. Visitors can take a sailing class or rent a sailing boat, explore the shoreline by canoe, join a rowing club, or sign up for a Shipwreck Tour. Many on-water programs are offered on an accessible pay-what-you-can ticket model.

Free events, museum tours, and weekend programs will run from May through October to ensure that all neighbors, visitors and locals can connect with stories from the American Revolution, get a special glimpse into exhibits, speak with museum experts about unique artifacts, read books and more.

Lake Champlain Maritime Museum will be open daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Oct. 18 and admission is always free for all visitors. Check the museum's calendar for the latest programs and events at www.lcmm.org/Calendar.

Discover the delights of the Little City on a walking tour

VERGENNES — The nation's smallest city has plenty to offer, whether you just stop off for an hour or two, or choose to spend the whole day.

The Little City earned its moniker by being the chartered city in the United States that is the smallest combination of population and land size. It occupies just under two square miles and claims a population of around 2,600 — the fourth-largest municipality in Addison County.

Downtown Vergennes includes historic architecture, culinary delights for all tastes, and a spectacular library that is as much a museum as a readers' paradise.

The center of the Little City is a textbook of small town renewal. Energized by the successful renovation of its community opera house on the second story of city hall (home to many concerts and events; look on the marquee), downtown Vergennes has been revitalized and has become a destination for shoppers and visitors.

The interior space of the Bixby Memorial Library — just down Main Street from the city park — is a sight to behold with its stained-glass dome and second-floor balcony. The building also (See *Little City*, Page 14)

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CARTOONIST TILLIE WALDEN gets a little help as she puts the finishing touches on the exhibit “Drawing on the Archive.” It is one of five exhibits at the Sheldon Museum in Middlebury this summer.

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Unearth our shared past at the Henry Sheldon Museum

By **ELSIE LYNN PARINI**

MIDDLEBURY — The Henry Sheldon Museum in downtown Middlebury opens visitor’s eyes about many aspects of the past.

The highlight of the summer 2026 series of exhibits at the Park Street museum is fresh look at the story of a same-sex couple who live in Weybridge 200 years ago. But the museum also features new takes on things (clocks, wallpaper), seasons (winters of the past and future) and events (the American Revolution) in separate

exhibits and activities.

If you know Charity Bryant and Sylvia Drake were one of America’s earliest documented same-sex couples, who built a shared home, tailoring business, and life in Weybridge, then you know part of the story. And you can expand on that by going to see the exhibit “Drawing on the Archive,” which invites visitors into a layered conversation between past and present, pairing the museum’s archival and object collections with cartoonist Tillie

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serves as a storehouse for Indian artifacts. Walking the neighborhood streets around downtown is also a pleasure. Stately historic homes along quiet lanes are a testament to the city’s history.

Right in the center of downtown is city park, with plenty of benches and shade for a break. One night a week during the summer, the park is filled with the music of the city band and a very appreciative audience. (Check the calendar for times).

Just below the library are the Otter Creek falls, marking the end of navigable water along the Otter Creek from Lake Champlain. A short walk to the city docks will find people fishing or tying up a sailboat, having made the trip up the river for a meal out and overnight in Vergennes. It makes a nice place to enjoy a break or a picnic lunch.

It was on these shores that McDonough built his fleet of gunboats, which sailed 7.7 miles downstream to Lake Champlain and turned back the British the lake — a major turning point in the War of 1812.

In fact, Vergennes has a very interesting history. There’s archeological evidence that Native Americans stopped and indeed lived in this site for the Otter Creek falls in Vergennes. European settlers arrived in the 1760s with the first homestead built on present-day Comfort Hill in 1766. See

the historic marker in MacIntosh Park — named for that original homesteader, Donald MacIntosh.

Early on, Vergennes became a commercial hub thanks to the navigable river and the waterpower potential of the 37-foot falls. In 1787, the residents of the three towns whose borders met at the falls — New Haven, Panton and Ferrisburgh — agreed to give up portions of their land to establish a separate village. And thus Vergennes was incorporated on Sept. 19, 1788 — the first city chartered in Vermont and the third in the new United States.

Legend has it that Revolutionary War hero Ethan Allen suggested naming the new city after the Comte de Vergennes, who supported the colonies’ right to be independent of England.

The Vergennes Partnership, in cooperation with several local businesses and institutions, has created a walking tour featuring 42 historic sites within the city. They are mostly buildings of a certain age that boast a lot of beauty as well as tremendous history. You’ll also see a monument, historic marker, burying ground and a water feature.

The Partnership put out a booklet of the 42 sites that features a wonderful watercolor of downtown Vergennes by local artist Erin Daigle. Find it online at tinyurl.com/VergennesTour.



LOCAL ARTIST ERIN Daigle painted this beautiful watercolor of Main Street, Vergennes, which is featured on the cover of a booklet that describes more than three dozen points of interest in the Little City.

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11. St. Paul’s Rectory
12. Franklin Stage House Hotel
13. Fishman’s Store
14. Willson House
15. Macdonough Monument
16. Stevens House
17. Wm White Building
18. Stone Block
19. Vergennes Farmers National Bank
20. Ira Bingham House
21. Bank of Vergennes
22. Basin Block
23. 1825 Federal Style Brick House
24. Red Brick Store
25. Bixby Memorial Free Library
26. St. Peter’s Church
27. Vergennes Congregational Church
28. Amos W. Barnum House
29. Delia Webster House
30. Macdonough Shipyard
31. Bellamy’s Distillery
32. Meyers Warehouse
33. Champlain Arsenal



Art

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throughout June.

You'll also find a space to make art in the Henry Sheldon Museum on Park Street in Middlebury. Come to the museum on July 18, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., for Community Art Making Day. It will be a fun-filled day of making art featuring recycled textiles and using a hand crank letterpress to print your own souvenir. The Henry Sheldon team and printmaker John Vincent will guide you through the process of making paper and printing artwork on a letterpress.

Meanwhile, the Turning Point Center of Addison County invites anyone who is in recovery to come to his HQ at 79 Court St. in Middlebury for "Recovery in color: mocktail paint & sip." It is an alcohol-free paint & sip with guided art, mocktails and community on Sunday, June 28, 11-1 p.m. Supplies will be provided, and it's free.

PLEIN AIR PAINTING

You can go old-school with oil paints on the weekend of June 12-14, when Sparrow Art Supply sponsors its second annual Plein Air Festival in



downtown Middlebury. The event transforms the town into a vibrant open-air studio where artists and visitors can experience the creative process in real time.

In partnership with Better Middlebury Partnership, painters will work across downtown streets, riverbanks, gardens and historic sites, capturing Vermont's landscape en plein air —directly from life. The festival is free and open to the public, inviting visitors to explore the town, watch artists at work, and engage with demonstrations and programming throughout the weekend. Participating artists register through a paid festival pass and families with young artists are also encouraged to join.

The inaugural event brought together nearly 100 artists of all ages and more than two dozen local businesses, establishing a town-wide celebration of the arts. A centerpiece of this year's festival is the Wet Paint Exhibit and Sale, where artwork created during the weekend will be displayed and available for purchase at Sparrow Art Supply through the July 4th weekend.

"Plein air painting is a powerful way to experience Vermont," said Beth Bluestein, owner of Sparrow Art Supply and Sparrow Plein Air Festival organizer. "You're immersed in nature — the light, the sounds, even the wind become part of the work. It's both meditative and energizing."



CROWDS OF PEOPLE at last August's Morgan Horse Farm Vermont Day eagerly reach out to touch one of the resident steeds at the farm in Weybridge. You can visit the farm any day this summer.

Independent file photo/Steve James

Morgans

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seven days a week. You do not need to make a reservation. Come at a time that works for you.

When you arrive, go to the gift shop in the lobby of the main barn, to pay your admission fee. It's \$10 for adults, \$7 for youth ages 5-17, and free for kids 4 years old and younger. Admission for UVM ID holders, seniors, military, and Addison County residents is \$8.50.

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 national historic site and popular Vermont tourism attraction, the Morgan Horse Farm is also a resource for educational opportunities outside animal science, including tourism, historic preservation, community development, and natural sciences. Learn about apprenticeships, internships and more educational opportunities to expand your knowledge of equine careers by going the horse farm's website, tinyurl.com/MorganCareer.

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Monkton Museum: ordinary people doing extraordinary things

By MAEVE O'NEIL
Community News Services

MONKTON — On bitter Vermont mornings in times gone by, Monkton's one-room schoolhouses came alive with song and stomping feet as children danced to the Victrola, keeping warm while the older kids worked to bring the wood stove to life.

By 1880, Monkton was home to nine one-room schoolhouses. Although they are now long closed, their history has been preserved by Lauren Parren and colleagues at the Monkton Historical Society's new museum, which opened last July.

The quaint museum off Monkton Ridge Road has three exhibits jam-packed with captioned photos, biographies and artifacts on loan from community members. The museum is located in the Monkton Town Hall and shares a space with the Russell Memorial Library.

The museum's mantra, "ordinary people doing extraordinary things," couldn't be more true to the work of volunteer curators Parren, Cindy Walcott and Candace Polzella as they share stories of Monkton's past.

The exhibit on the schoolhouses is near to Parren's heart. As a former educator, she believes it speaks to the resilience of teachers at the time.

"I was a school teacher. I was overwhelmed when I had one ninth-grade social studies class that had 25 kids in it. I had one subject, one age group, one goal," Parren said. "These teachers in Monkton

had eight grades, eight subjects, and 25 kids from ages 5 to 18. That's extraordinary. And they were just ordinary people who did this."

The exhibit features many artifacts, including yearbook photos, with names still relevant to Monkton today, old novels and children's books, students' preserved homework, a Victrola and a school desk. The collection helps resurrect the old schoolhouses, humanizing the past with personal objects and real people.

Alongside these artifacts is a display of photos taken by Gill Coates, a longtime Hinesburg resident who served as president of Monkton Historical Society for 16 years, showing one-room schoolhouses as they've aged.

Other exhibits feature biographies and artifacts of residents who served in World War II and a display of general stores. Preserved advertisements and display cases from Monkton general stores highlight the selection of groceries, gas and goods that could be bought, all at prices that are humorous by today's standards. In 1945, a pint of ice cream cost just 11 cents.

The exhibits came together as a result of teamwork and no one person could have created them alone, Parren said.

"Listen to all the different groups in town who are helping pull these stories together. It can be a unifying factor. People you might think you have absolutely nothing in common with politically, well, when you start talking about some of these other things, it's, wow, that's cool, I thought that



MONKTON MUSEUM VOLUNTEER curator Lauren Parren shows some of the current exhibit that explores the former one-room schoolhouses in Monkton.

Photo by Maeve O'Neil

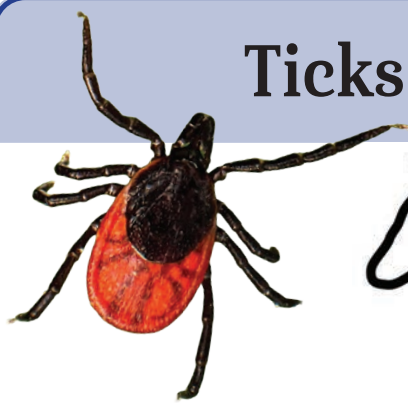
was really cool too," Parren said.

The Monkton Historical Society network extends to neighboring towns, businesses and friends who have dedicated time and resources to the society. The Monkton museum hosts semi-regular events, including photo scanning sessions, gravesite cleaning and speakers from

all over Vermont, creating a space for community members to learn and share the history of the land they call home.




Monkton Historical Society also works with neighbors. The historical societies of Monkton, Charlotte, Starksboro, Bristol, Addison, New Haven, Ferrisburgh and Lincoln have been meeting for over a year

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As the United States approaches its 250th anniversary, these societies have designed a Passport to History project to engage young students and their families. In participating towns, young historians will embark on a scavenger hunt, visiting historic sites and collecting a unique button from each location to add to their passport booklet.

The booklets are available at libraries, town clerk offices and local museums, inviting anyone interested to join in and explore their town's history. The initiative reflects the museum's goal to be accessible to all, encouraging community members to actively engage with the materials it preserves.

Beyond the Passport to History project, this summer Walcott and the curatorial team are preparing fresh exhibits for the public. They approach exhibits with basic goals.

"We're interested community members," Walcott said. "So (it's about) trying to figure out how to design exhibits that are appealing, that are within our means, which will get people to slow down and look."

Upcoming exhibits will focus on pre-European contact and Revolutionary War history, featuring collaborations with the Vermont Archaeological Society, the Ethan Allen Homestead, Chimney Point State Historic Site and Vermont state archaeologists.

"The support we are getting to put together this next exhibit is unbelievable," Parren said.

The story of the Historical Society is a living exhibit of ordinary people doing extraordinary things. With a mission to share tales once forgotten, the society breathes life into small-town history, inspiring Vermont towns and their residents to join its mission.

"I guess I'd say, in a more sort of esoteric way, we just want to help preserve history, because it's disappearing right before our very eyes," Parren said.

Visit this self-guided museum at 92 Monkton Ridge Road when the library is open: Tuesday and Thursday, 3 to 7 p.m., or Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.. Or email to make an appointment at a time more convenient for you: monktonmhs@gmail.com.

Editor's note: This story comes via the Community News Service, a University of Vermont journalism internship, and was originally produced for the Hinesburg Record.



AN OLD VICTROLA from one of Monkton's one-room schoolhouses is part of the current exhibit.

Photo by Maeve O'Neil



Parade

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baked beans, a drink and a roll. Members of the Sons of the American Legion will do the grilling.

Racing and competition are classic parts of Bristol's Independence Day tradition, with a 5K race and Outhouses Races prior to the parade. For the 5K, runners tour through the village starting at 7:30 a.m. at Mt. Abe. Preregistration is available on the website — sign up before June 22 and get a t-shirt plus save \$5 on the fee. The race is organized by the Three Day Stampede, and proceeds go to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

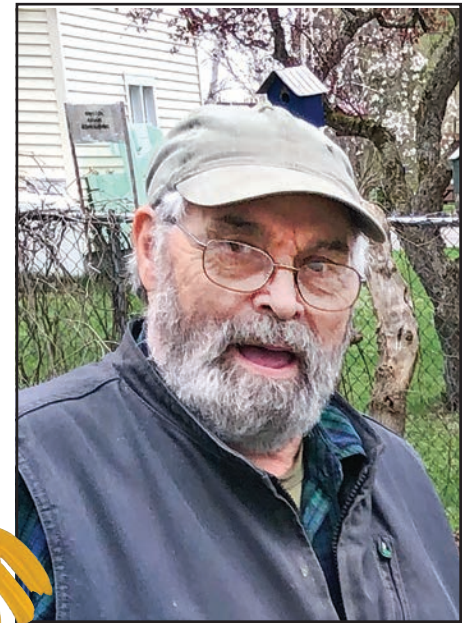
In pursuit of the prized golden plunger, teams of three race outhouses of their own design starting at 9 a.m. on West Street. Groups of three (two pushers and a third contestant sitting on "the throne") push or pull a specially designed "outhouse" on wheels in a straight line up West Street from the crosswalk in front of St. Ambrose Catholic Church to the finish line at the traffic light (which traffic light? Well, the only one in Bristol).

Bets can be placed on the teams; sellers will be wandering the crowd before each race dispersing tickets for a buck apiece — the winning tickets from each race go into a pool and one prize winner is drawn after the last race. A portion of the betting money goes back to supporting the July 4 events.

The longest running parade in Vermont will start at 10:30 a.m., complemented by festivities in the Bristol Green with live music, a dunk tank and over 40 vendors from 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

The applications to be in the parade is open until July 2. To find out more information, visit bristolvt4thofjuly.com.

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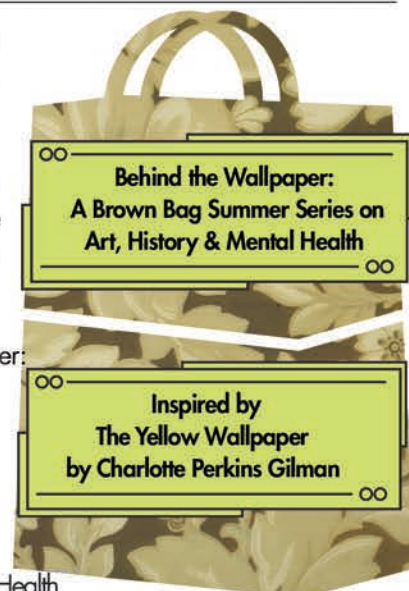
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"Seeking Freedom: The Underground Railroad and the Legacy of an Abolitionist Family," is the primary exhibit. "Help Each Other," the season's newest show, weds art and activism and features the work of Quaker graffiti artist Todd Drake.

Traces of Rokeby's rich agricultural past mark the landscape. Museum collections appear on display throughout the historic Robinson home. Guided tours of the house take place Wednesday through Monday at 11 am and 1:30 pm. Walking trails are open year-round.

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~Margaret



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Vt. Department of Creemee to 'regulate' sweet treats

By SOPHIA KESHMIRI

NEW HAVEN — Nowadays, the addition or subtraction of a government agency in D.C. is hardly news.

But the political trend seems to have made its way north to the Green Mountain State.

Going forward, Vermonters will have to examine the consequences of the Department of Creemee — sweet treats, sticky hands and a general sense of whimsy.

This spring New Haven resident Adam Rice established the nonprofit Vermont Creemee Passport and began issuing documents to Vermonters — and anybody else who wants one — on behalf of the unofficial “government entity.”

“This is just a fantastic platform to not only let, like, the out-of-staters have this platform to explore Vermont, but also Vermonters as well, to get out there and not go to the creemee stand that you go to every Saturday, Sunday,” Rice said of his new nonprofit.

“The folks that work there, and those stands are great, don’t get me wrong, but here’s an opportunity to taste something a little different.”

So far Rice estimates around 1,300 people have obtained a \$10 passport to accumulate custom stamps in their booklets from the roughly 50 participating creemee businesses. In addition to stamping passports, some stands and shops are encouraging passport holders with a sprinkle, maple drizzle or size upgrade — it depends on where you hit.

“I’m really giving the creemee businesses a lot of control to be able to use that as a marketing lever or incentive,” the Middlebury College alum said.

“So, you’ll hear from a handful of businesses that will come out and say ... if you have your passport, you’re

What’s a creemee?

In Vermont we don’t have “soft-serve” ice cream, we have “creemees” — and, yes, that is the correct spelling with four Es. A creemee is served soft out of a machine, but it generally has a higher butterfat content and, of course, is enjoyed while surrounded by the beauties of summertime in Vermont.

going to get free sprinkles or a free upgrade. Some other businesses are doing a free creemee day, so if you bring your passport, you get a free creemee. Some people are doing buy one get one.”

Though this is the nonprofit’s inaugural creemee season, Rice is already thinking ahead. His hope is to issue new passports to people each summer, he said.

The concept for VT Creemee Passport sprang from an 85th birthday present Rice put together for his father-in-law.

“He’s a Vermonter, lived in Vermont his whole life, and is a huge fan of creemees,” Rice explained.

“I was thinking of getting him gift cards to his favorite creemee stands and presenting it in a fun manner, and that manner was kind of like a passport concept, so I spent a little bit of time putting together a fun little design, I got his headshot, got his birthday, figured out where he was born, and assembled it, pasted the gift cards in there, and presented it to him on his birthday.”

Much like the response the public initiative has garnered, Rice’s father-in-law, who some might say is the original creemee passport holder, was “over the moon.”

“He loved it, he was telling all of his friends and family, and my mother-in-law was like, ‘That’s a cool idea, that would be cool if somebody formalized something like this,’ and it happened right (at the) time as I was starting to do some heavy experimentation into design tools or web development tools that are out of the market.”

Rice kept running with it. He set up a website, bought the domain name “creemepassport.com” and organized the program for customers to buy a passport and for

THE COOKIE LOVE shop is one of roughly 50 businesses participating in the new VT Creemee Passport initiative. Here’s what the stamp holders get when they check the Middlebury shop off their list.

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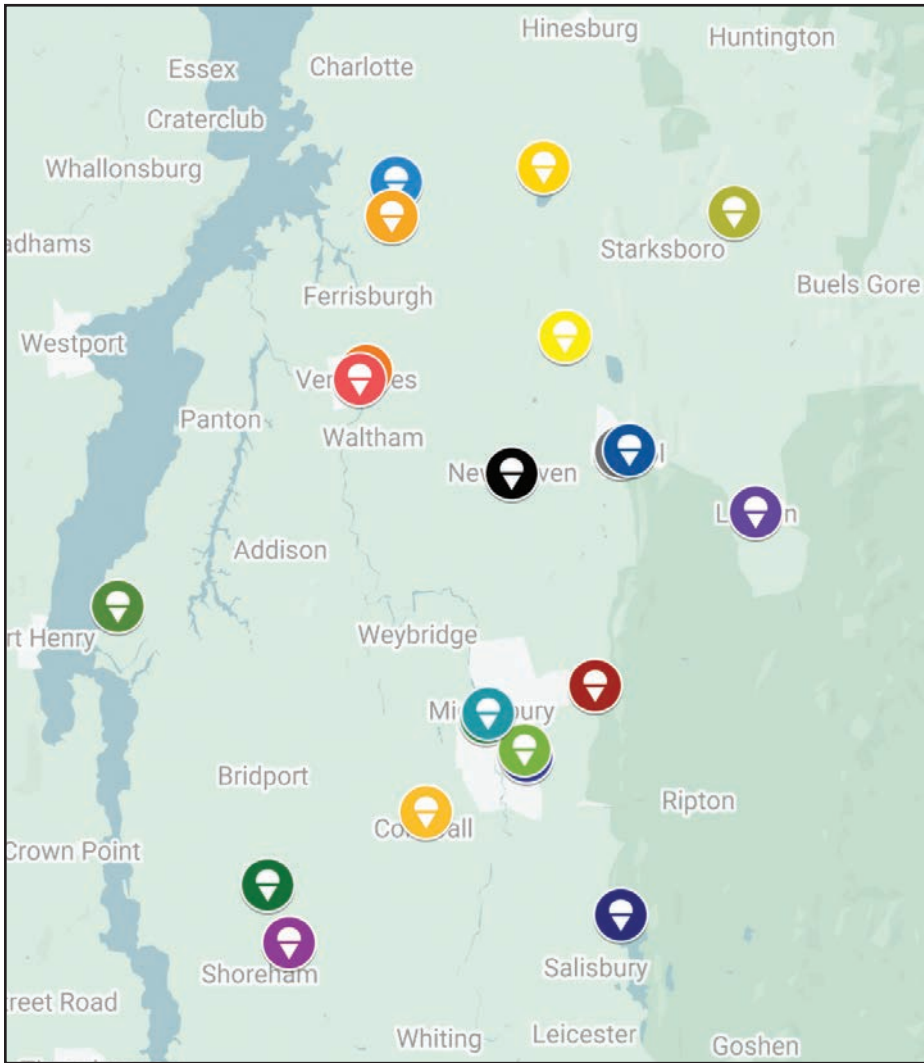
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businesses to participate.

He went live with the initiative in mid-April.

“Within the first 48 hours, there were people that were purchasing passports and businesses that were inquiring to see if they could be a part of the program,” he said. People can opt for a basic passport, or customize one with their name and photo.

“I’m blown away by the reception, both from businesses that want to be involved, take part in the creemee craziness and find ways to stand out from the crowd, either doing unique things for passport holders or bringing unique flavors and experiences to the table,” he said.

“And then you have this cohort of creemee enthusiasts that are excited to find new places to explore, try new flavors, go to places that they wouldn’t go otherwise, and really celebrate the tradition of the creemee together as a state.”

Rice noted that his passport operation is catching cred outside of Vermont, too.

“We call it the Vermont Creemee Passport, but the coolest thing is, is we’re seeing people buy passports in ... Florida, California, other states. So people, people are kind of seeing what’s going on and getting excited, that could be people that are visiting Vermont, or people that are familiar with Vermont.”

He sees the initiative as a way to encourage tourism.

“But the other thing that I’m very excited about is we’re going to have people ... that live in Addison County who now have a reason to visit the Northeast Kingdom to go to April’s Maple and get our stamp in Canaan, Vt.”

Those who are interested in acquiring a passport can “apply” for one at creemeepassport.com.

The dues that Rice brings in from sales and the \$75 fee (See Creemees, Page 68)



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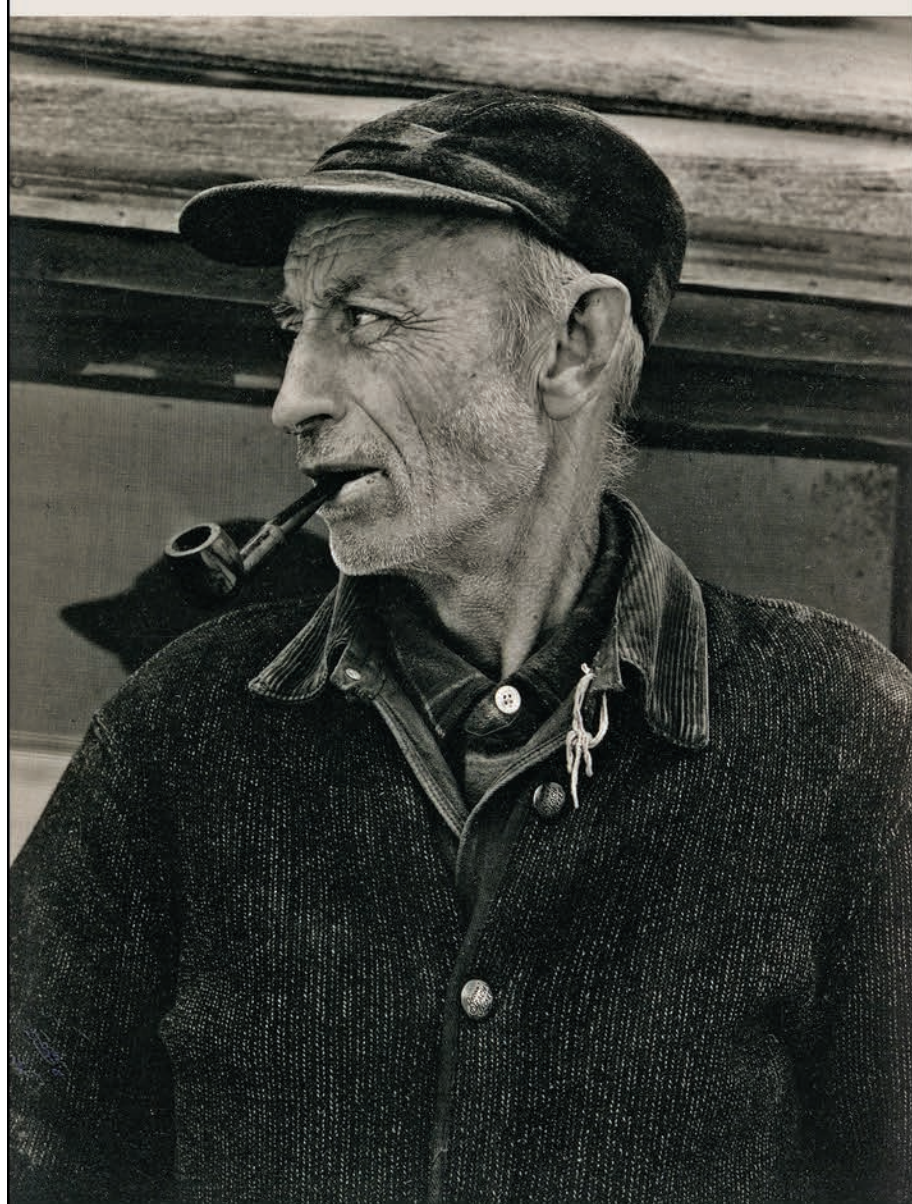
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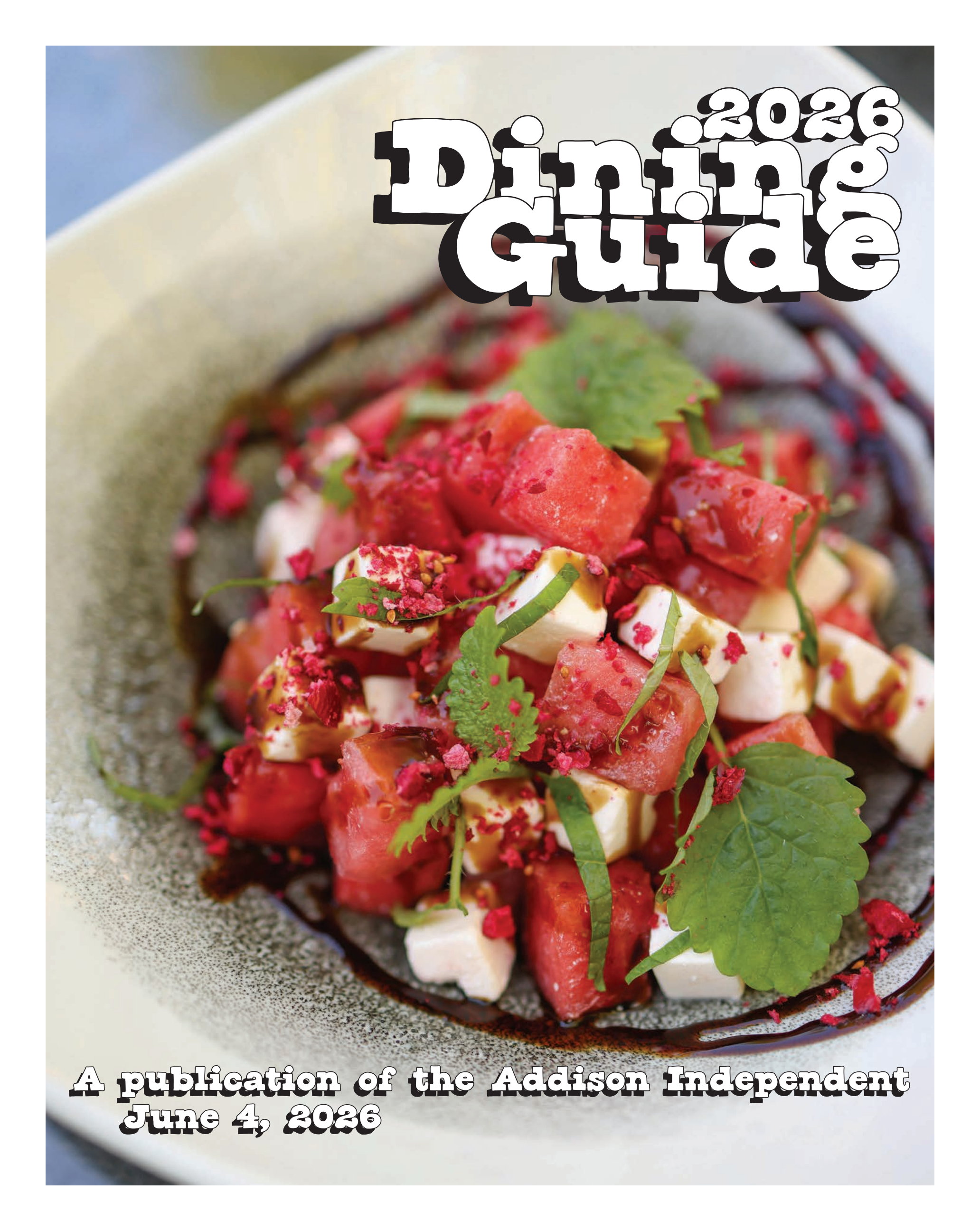
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- Scampi Shrimp Salad large shrimp in garlic, lemon & olive oil over fresh greens, tomatoes & marinated broccoli florets.....\$24.95
- Misto Verdure medley of roasted & marinated vegetables with fresh herbs, olive oil & balsamic.....\$18.95
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- Sea Scallops.....\$ MP
- Gulf Shrimp.....\$ MP
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- Fish & Chips.....\$17.95
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- Mixed Garden Salad.....\$12.95
- Caesar Salad.....\$10.95
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- Salmon Caesar.....\$19.95
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- Fresh Yellow Fin Tuna Salad
celery & mayo, served on bed of fresh greens with tomato & cucumber salad.....\$15.95
- Mediterranean Salad
fresh greens, roasted peppers, onion, cucumbers, mozzarella cheese, tomato, kalamata olives & feta cheese dressing.....\$15.95
- Sicilian Salad
with chicken \$20.95 with shrimp \$24.95
- Sicilian Salad
fresh greens, marinated roasted eggplant, artichokes, olives, roasted peppers, mozzarella, sun dried tomatoes, lemon & olive oil.....\$17.95
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- Classic Italian Sub- salami, tomato, provolone, lettuce & seasoned olive oil.....Small \$12.95 Large \$15.95
- De Pasquale's Favorite – prosciutto di Parma, provolone, tomato, lettuce & seasoned olive oil.....Small \$14.95 Large \$16.95
- The "Don Corleone" - oven baked sub with cappicola provolone, roasted peppers & onions, tomato.....Small \$14.95 Large \$16.95
- The Veggie - aged provolone, tomato, romaine, onion, banana peppers, cucumbers.....Small \$12.95 Large \$15.95
- The "Don Barzini" - oven baked sub with salami, roasted peppers & onions, tomato, provolone.....Small \$14.95 Large \$16.95
- The "Fredo" - veggie sub with fresh mozzarella, romaine lettuce, tomato, onion & seasoned olive oil...Small \$12.95 Large \$15.95
- Baby Bella & Roasted Pepper Sub - oven baked sub with fresh basil aioli, Vermont goat cheese & arugula...Small \$12.95 Large \$15.95
- Eggplant Caponata & Mozzarella - oven baked sub of Sicilian eggplant salad & fresh mozzarella.....Small \$12.95 Large \$15.95
- Turkey Sub – tomatoes, lettuce, mayo.....Small \$12.95 Large \$15.95
- The Roma Sub - capicola, provolone, tomatoes, lettuce, seasoned olive oil & banana peppers.....Small \$12.95 Large \$15.95
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- The "Scarface" - based on the "Cuban Sandwich" pulled pork, mustard, pickles, cheddar cheese, onion..... Small \$14.95 Large \$16.95
- Tonno & Salami Sub - Italian canned tuna & salami, basil aioli, roasted peppers, arugula, romaine & aged provolone.....Small \$14.95 Large \$16.95
- Eggplant Parmesan Sub - oven baked sub of breaded & fried eggplant w/tomato sauce, provolone & parmesan cheese.....Small \$12.95 Large \$15.95
- BBQ Chicken Sub - pulled chicken meat in BBQ sauce.....Small \$12.95 Large \$15.95
- "The Soprano" - prosciutto di Parma, fresh mozzarella, lettuce, tomato & seasoned olive oil.....Small \$14.95 Large \$16.95
- Pancetta & Capicola Sub - oven baked sub with fresh mozzarella, seasoned olive oil, tomato & romaine..... Small \$14.95 Large \$16.95
- Roast Beef & Provolone Sub - beef with aged provolone, lettuce, tomato, onion & horseradish mayo.....Small \$12.95 Large \$15.95



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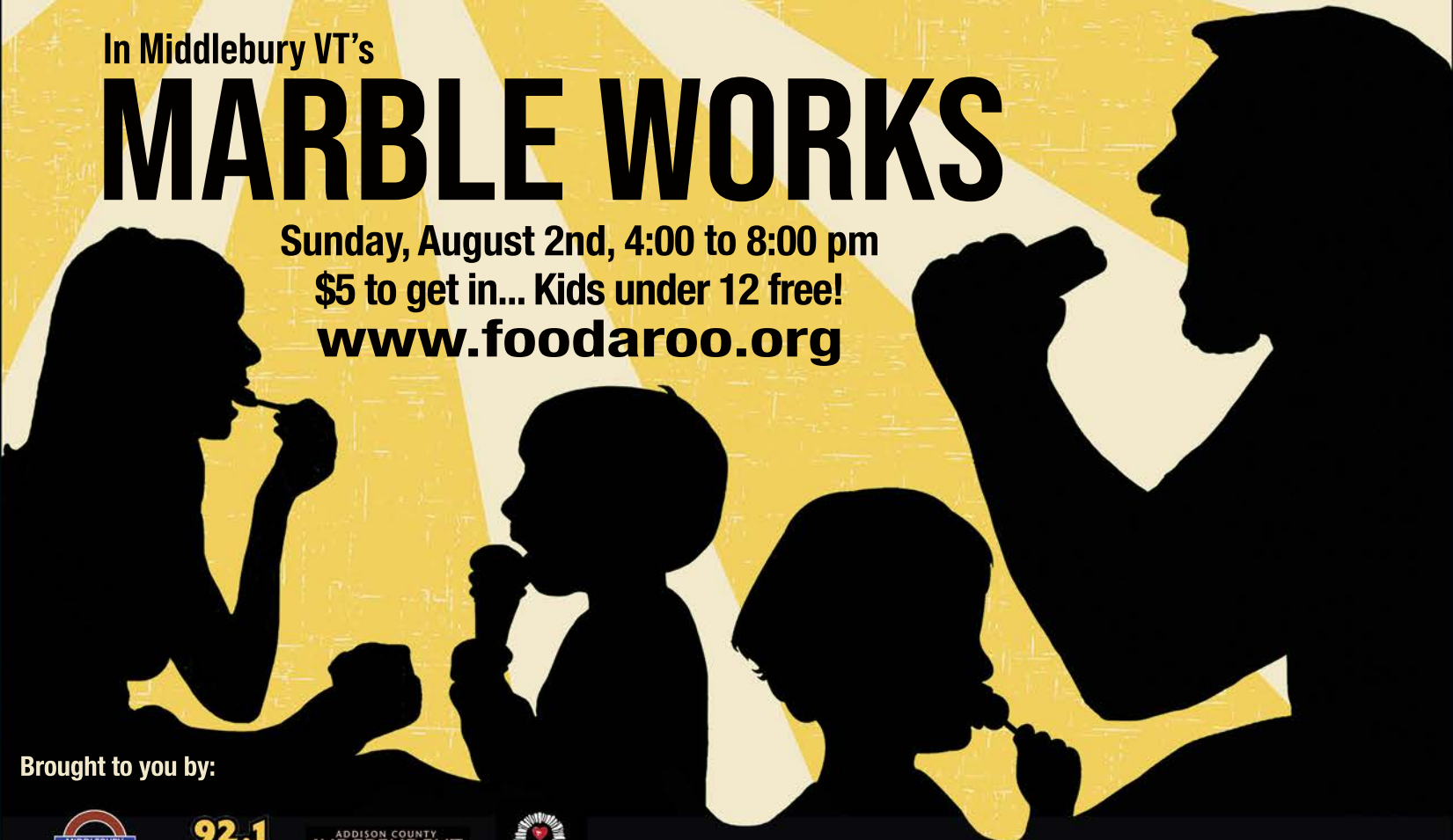
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June 4 THURSDAY

Noontime organ recital in Middlebury. Thursday, June 4, 12:15 p.m., St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 3 Main St. Organ Scholar Madison Thompson of Christ Church Cathedral, Montreal, and McGill University presents a recital on the church's 150-year-old pipe organ. Works by Bach, Sweelinck, Vierne, Whiting and Florence Price. Free.

Artist's reception with Zarrah Shethar in Salisbury. Thursday, June 4, 4 p.m., Salisbury Free Public Library 853 Maple St. See Zarrah Shethar's vibrant and whimsical paintings and drawings. Primarily working in gouache, she likes to add ink, acrylic paint and colored pencils in her work.

Tech help night in Salisbury. Thursday, June 4, 6 p.m. Salisbury Free Public Library 853 Maple St. Have an issue with your phone or laptop? Bring your device and your questions to the library the first Thursday of the month. Our new tech guru, Dino Jandric, will be on hand to field questions about PCs and Android devices, while Alissa will help you with Apple products.

June 5 FRIDAY

Live Music from The Morning Dudes in Middlebury. Friday, June 5, 4-7 p.m., The Ralph Myhre Golf Course, 317 Golf Course Rd. (Patio at the Tavern on the Tee). A special Reunion Weekend show with acoustic duo The Morning Dudes. Songs from the repertoire of Jerry Garcia and the Grateful Dead, blending folk, blues, country, bluegrass and improvisational rock. Free.

Freshie Fridays concert: Remember Baker in Bristol. Friday, June 5, 5-8 p.m., BCC Botanicals, 140 North Street. An evening of good food, live music, and joyful gathering around the greenhouses. Remember Baker plays a blend of bluegrass, old time, and New Orleans jazz. For more info visit bristolcollaborativecampus.com.

Gallery Talk: Luciana Frigerio in Middlebury. Friday, June 5, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Henry Sheldon Museum 1 Park St. Join contemporary artist Luciana Frigerio and curator Kelly Hickey for a special talk. Step into magically crafted worlds of paper theater nestled in vintage clocks and watch housings, where each piece reveals stories of time, imagination, and possibility. For more info visit henrysheldonmuseum.org.

Five Fridays Concert: Dwight + Nicole Band in Middlebury. Friday, June 5, 5:30-7 p.m., Town Hall Theater, Merchants

Row Maloney Plaza, 68 South Pleasant Street. Dwight Ritcher and Nicole Nelson bring a genre-defying sound rooted in blues, R&B, soul, roots rock, alternative and Americana. The series features local and internationally celebrated performers as part of Middlebury's First Friday downtown festivities, with food and bar offerings available. For more info visit townhalltheater.org.

Friday night music in New Haven. Friday, June 5, 6-8 p.m., Lincoln Peak Vineyard, 142 River Rd. Enjoy live music by The Grift, food from La Chapina and Vermont wines. Bring a blanket and relax at the vineyard. Free.

Contra dance in Middlebury. Friday, June 5, 7 p.m., Champlain Valley Unitarian Universalist Society, 2 Duane Court. (Park at MUHS). Join the fun, get some exercise and meet your neighbors at this non-gendered contra dance. Richard Hopkins will teach and call dances for people of all ages. Enjoy lively music by Northern Sugar. Experienced dancers and first-timers welcome. Free.

"La Traviata" by Opera Company of Middlebury in Middlebury. Friday, June 5, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall Theater, Merchants Row. A full production of Verdi's "La Traviata," reimagined in the roaring '20s. Pre-show talk with Maestro Filippo Ciabatti at 6:30 p.m. For more info visit townhalltheater.org.

June 6 SATURDAY

New Haven Neighbors Coffee Hour in New Haven. Saturday, June 6, 9 - 10 a.m., Lincoln Peak Vineyard. Join your New Haven neighbors for coffee and home baked goodies. This monthly event brings together our community for conversation, the sharing of news and events and the simple joy of connecting. The New Haven Neighbors will take a break from hosting the event in July.

Green Mountain Bicycle Club ride in Charlotte. Saturday, June 6, 9:15 a.m., Charlotte Central School. MUP #3 (gravel). 28 miles on low-traffic country dirt roads including Prindle, Rotax, Lewis Creek and Monkton with at least two covered bridges. All riders must wear helmets and obey the rules of the road. Led by Jon Shenton (jon@jonshenton.com) and Brian Howard (bjhowd@gmail.com). Register and find out more visit thegmabc.com.

Green Mountain Club: Join the Trail Crew in Hancock. Saturday, June 6. Looking for an opportunity to give back? Come work on the trails for the day. Plan to hike about 5 miles, clear water bars and create drainage structures to keep water off the trail. Contact Ellen Cronan with questions

and for more information, 908-595-2926. For more info visit gmcbreadloaf.org.

Book and bake sale in Salisbury. Saturday, June 6, 9 a.m., 647 West Salisbury Rd. The library is hosting our annual book and bake sale to coincide with Jack Beasley's estate sale. Come check out the books, the furniture and fixtures and don't forget to pick up some delicious baked goods.

Sheep & Wool Day in Ferrisburgh. Saturday, June 6, 12 - 3 p.m., Rokeby Museum. Join Rokeby Museum to celebrate Vermont's woolly heritage! This family-friendly event will feature sheep petting, kid's crafts, historic demonstrations, treats and more. Free; museum admission not included. Check rokeby.org for details.

Kids Cafe at the Marquis Theater in Middlebury: "Hercules". Saturday, June 6, 12:30 p.m. 65 Main St. A weekly free kids movie in the cafe space.

Free Cone Day at the Historic Depot in New Haven. Saturday, June 6, 1-2:30 p.m., New Haven Community Trust and New Haven Neighbors will serve ice cream cones as a celebration of summer and the ongoing restoration of our historic train station. There will also be an opportunity to fill out a survey on your ideas for the future use of the building. Free.

NER Alumni Reading at Reunion 2026 in Middlebury. Saturday, June 6, 1 p.m., Axinn Center 229, Middlebury College. In celebration of Middlebury's reunion weekend, New England Review will host a reading for six alumni authors: Susan Fritsch Hunter '71, Jeneva Burroughs Stone '86, Katherine Ferrier '91, Jeffrey

T. Price '01, Emily K. Lackey '06, and Isabelle Stillman '16. Free.

Crafternoon in Brandon. Saturday, June 6, 1-3 p.m., Brandon Free Public Library, 4 Franklin St. A monthly crafting afternoon for all ages. Bring your own project or create something using library supplies. A different craft will be featured each month. Free.

Green Mountain Club: Hike the Trail Around Middlebury in Middlebury. Saturday, June 6. Hike a 6-mile section of the TAM. Section to be determined by leader. Contact Ken Corey at kencorey53@gmail.com. For more info visit gmcbreadloaf.org.

June 7 SUNDAY

Taste of Summer in Ferrisburgh. Sunday, June 7, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., 41 Middlebrook Rd. Enjoy food from El Gato Cantina and Aba's Kitchen & Catering, sweet treats, more than 30 vendors and exhibitors, live music, local history exhibits and family-friendly activities at this annual community event. Meet local first responders, browse antiques and handmade goods, and take part in an old-time jam session. Proceeds support the Friends of the Union Meeting Hall and its year-round cultural programming.

"La Traviata" by Opera Company of Middlebury in Middlebury. Sunday, June 7, 2 p.m., Town Hall Theater, Merchants Row. A full production of Verdi's "La



MARGO AUDET JUMPS into the Middlebury Town Pool on a hot summer day to get some relief from the extreme heat.

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Sunday, July 12, 2026

7:00 Mojo Birds

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Monday, July 13, 2026

Noon - Magician Tom Verner

7:00 Ted Perry and the Big Easy Revival with Special guest Ryan Montbleau

Presenting a blend New Orleans music, this Vermont band will perform sweet instrumentals and high energy danceable tunes along with vocals by national touring artist Ryan Montbleau.

8:30 Ernest James Zydeco

Along with honoring the tradition of Zydeco and the giants of the past, Ernest's accordion playing presents a burst of high energy and genre-bending artistry. *Laissez les bons temps rouler!*

Tuesday, July 14, 2026

Noon - No Strings Marionettes

1:30 Addison County Live

An afternoon showcase of some of our very talented regional musicians, including Evan Dennison, Jim and Clara Carroll and Naunau Beloha & Friends.

Tuesday (continued)

7:00 Mélisande

Mélisande Gélinas-Fauteux is a favorite performer of the Quebecois music scene. She has an infectious energy that, combined with her band's amplified instrumentation and percussion, makes for a unique experience of "trad" music from our neighbors to the North.

Wednesday, July 15, 2026

Noon - Taiko Drummers

7:00 Faux Paws

The Faux Paws play a raucous blend of Bluegrass, Jazz, Cajun and Folk from raging fiddle tunes to saxophone solos to unrequited love songs. Their acoustic style is on the fringes yet always memorable, with a contagious, spirited groove!

8:30 Damn Tall Buildings

If you like your bluegrass served with a little attitude, grit and gravy, then Damn Tall Buildings is for you. This Brooklyn-based Bluegrass band pulls from a wide range of influences including swing, ragtime and jazz.

Thursday, July 16, 2026

Noon - Robinson Crusoe & Zoé Liberté

A musical storytelling show for the whole family!

7:00 Mammals

Described as indie-roots trailblazing high-octane Americana, The Mammals make music for a world that has forgotten how to listen. They carry forward the lineage of protest music, family harmony, and grassroots resilience and weave them into something alive, awake and stunningly contemporary!

8:30 Slap Dragon

This group of Nashville-based session musicians present an acoustic groove with bluegrass instincts. The band creates a fresh, funky, irresistibly joyful sound that is equal parts bluegrass, disco and R&B soul, coupled with great song writing.

Friday, July 17, 2026

Noon - Circus Minimus

7:00 Brett Hughes and the Honky-Tonk Crowd

Prepare for boot-stomping, barbecue-ready, Vermont flavored country music with Vermont musician Brett Hughes and his musician friends. Brett hosted Honky-Tonk Tuesdays in Burlington for over a decade. His enthusiasm is contagious as he belts out tunes from some of country-music's best honkey-tonk songwriters.

Saturday, July 18, 2026

7:00 Vermont Jazz Ensemble Street Dance & Scarlett Annie

We turn Main Street into a big-band dance hall for your dancing and listening pleasure!

Rain or shine! Check our website prior to shows for schedule changes.

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Summer Guide Calendar

Traviata,” reimagined in the roaring '20s. Pre-show talk with Dr. Danielle Simon at 1 p.m. For more info visit townhalltheater.org.

Sunday Sessions: Deep Think live in Middlebury. Sunday, June 7, 4-7 p.m., The Ralph Myhre Golf Course, 317 Golf Course Rd. (Patio at the Tavern on the Tee). Deep Think is a dynamic instrumental neo-jazz trio based in Middlebury. Their sound is the product of diverse musical roots and shared curiosity, blending genres to create something distinctly their own. Free.

June 8 MONDAY

Great Decisions Lecture: “Islamophobia, the War on Iran, and the Heart’s Mirror” in Middlebury. Monday, June 8, 3 p.m., EastView at Middlebury. Presented by Middlebury College Associate Muslim Chaplain Zahra Moeini Meybodi. The talk will be offered in-person and via Zoom. Call 802-989-7501 for Zoom link.

Monday Night Bingo in Middlebury. Monday, June 8, 4:30 p.m., Addison County VFW 7823, 530 Exchange St.. \$1,000 Jackpot. Quickies start at 6 p.m., regular bingo starts at 7 p.m. Kitchen is open from 5 - 6:30 p.m. Open to the public. Benefits Veterans Programs.

Cribbage night in Bristol. Monday, June 8, 7-8:15 p.m., Masonic Lodge on the corner of Elm and North Streets. The Masons’ semi-monthly Cribbage Night. Now that nicer weather is coming, crowds are improving. We look forward to seeing you.

Vergennes City Band rehearsal in Vergennes. Monday, June 8, 7-9 p.m., Vergennes Opera House. Instrumentalists of all experience levels are invited to join the Vergennes City Band for community rehearsals. For more information, contact Sue O’Daniel at sodaniel27@gmail.com.

June 10 WEDNESDAY

Slow Rollers social bike ride in Middlebury. Wednesday, June 10, 6-9 p.m., Meet outside Little Seed Coffee Roasters, 24 Merchants Row. These casually paced community

bike rides explore local neighborhoods and the Trail Around Middlebury while bringing people together for fresh air and conversation. More info on Instagram @ SlowRollersMiddlebury.

Summer live music: Wild Leek River in Bristol. Wednesday, June 10, 6-8 p.m., Tillerman, 1868 Rt 116 Rd. Enjoy live music and tacos, creative cocktails and mocktails, snacks and paletas. You are welcome to bring your own blankets and chairs for the lawn. For more info visit thetillermanvt.com/live-music.

June 11 THURSDAY

“La Traviata” by Opera Company of Middlebury in Middlebury. Thursday, June 11, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall Theater, Merchants Row. A full production of Verdi’s “La Traviata,” reimagined in the roaring '20s. Pre-show talk with Dr. Danielle Simon at 6:30 p.m. For more info visit townhalltheater.org.

Green Mountain Club hike: Charlotte Wildlife Refuge in Charlotte. Thursday, June 11. Easy 2.7-mile hike with gravel and grass paths. Scenic views of farms, the ADK’s, and Lake Champlain to the west and the Green Mts. to the east. Elevation gain of 250 ft. Allow two hours for the outing. Dogs not allowed on this property. Bring bug spray, snacks, and water. Contact Steve Ralph at 802-398-5448 or sralph00@gmail.com to register. For more info visit gmcbreadloaf.org.

June 12 FRIDAY

Sparrow Plein Air Festival weekend begins in Middlebury. Friday, June 12, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., Sparrow Art Supply. Sign up for a choose-your-own-adventure weekend of outdoor art-making with optional demonstrations and on-site guidance each day. Kickoff at The Blue Bar at Swift House Inn from 5:30-7 p.m. for all registered artists. Kids prices and supply bundles available. \$45-\$80. Registration required: sparrowartsupply.com.

Open mic night hosted by 3 Piece Suit in



HIS FACE FRESHLY painted to resemble a tiger, young Ernie Ham of Ferrisburgh last June dons firefighter gear in a potential preview of his future civic service. Ernie, his family and a bunch of other people checked out Ferrisburgh’s “Taste of Summer.”

Photo courtesy of Dottie Flowers

Bristol. Friday, June 12, 5-8 p.m., BCC Botanicals, 140 North Street. 3 Piece Suit is a band of talented high school students playing bluesy rock jams. Kick off the end of the school year and celebrate the talent of this community. For more info visit bristolcollaborativecampus.com.

Friday night music in New Haven. Friday, June 12, 6-8 p.m., Lincoln Peak Vineyard, 142 River Rd. Enjoy live music by Brett Hughes & the Honky Tonk Crowd, food from A Taste of Abyssinia and Vermont wines. Bring a blanket and relax at the vineyard. Free.

“Babel 46” by Opera Company of Middlebury Young Artist Program in Middlebury. Friday, June 12, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall Theater, Merchants Row. See the U.S. premiere of Xavier Montsalvatge’s multilingual postwar opera “Babel 46.” Pre-show talk with Alejandro Roca at 6:30 p.m. For more info visit townhalltheater.org.

June 13 SATURDAY

Monthly wildlife walk in Middlebury. Saturday, June 13, 7-9 a.m., Meet at the parking area of Otter View Park at the 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.

Green Mountain Club hike: Mt. Abe in Lincoln. Saturday, June 13. Hike Mt. Abe from Lincoln Gap. Moderate to strenuous hike of about 5.5 miles round trip with 1,600 feet elevation gain. Panoramic views from the alpine summit. To register, contact Dwight Griesman at dwight.griesman@gmail.com. For more info visit gmcbreadloaf.org.

Addison County Bike Club Family Ride: Moosalamoo Campground in Salisbury. Saturday, June 13, 10 a.m., Meet at Moosalamoo Campground parking lot. Looking for good beginner trails for young riders to learn on? These rides are family-friendly and considerate of kids’ skills and endurance levels. Fun for kindergarten age and older. The ride will go along the campground trail, great for beginners. Cold treats will be available at the end of the ride. Look out for July and August family ride info soon. RSVP required.

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VEGETABLE FARMER JANIS McWayne of Foggy Meadow Produce in Benson displays some of her fresh produce at the Middlebury Farmers Market.

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Fair in Vergennes. Saturday, June 13, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Vergennes City Green. Come have a conversation about energy and nature-based solutions for your home or business. Cohosted by the Vergennes and Weybridge Energy Committees and Addison County Regional Planning Commission. Free. Event contacts: jlarson@acrpcorg or cherylbrinkman3@gmail.com.

Cat Cafe at Bixby in Vergennes. Saturday, June 13, 11-1 p.m., Bixby library. Join us for a Cat Cafe with Homeward Bound, Addison County's Humane Society. Meet and play with sweet, adoptable cats while enjoying light refreshments. This event has limited capacity. Email miranda.

degreenia@bixbylibrary.org to reserve a 20-minute spot.

"La Traviata" by Opera Company of Middlebury in Middlebury. Saturday, June 13, 2 p.m., Town Hall Theater, Merchants Row. Final performance of Verdi's "La Traviata," reimagined in the roaring '20s. Pre-show talk with Douglas Anderson at 1 p.m. For more info visit townhalltheater.org.

Takeout chicken and biscuit supper in Vergennes. Saturday, June 13, 5-6 p.m., Vergennes United Methodist Church, Main Street. Chicken and gravy, over biscuits, stuffing, vegetable, cranberry sauce and dessert. Take out only. Must preorder by 7 p.m. Thursday, June 11. To order call 802-

877-3150.

Silent movie: "The Kid" in Brandon. Saturday, June 13, 7 p.m., Brandon Town Hall, 1 Conant Square. Charlie Chaplin's 1921 classic, also starring a young Jackie Coogan, is shown with live music by Jeff Rapsis. Part of the annual Silent Movie Series featuring live accompaniment. Concessions support future screenings. Free.

with Patrick Diamond at 1 p.m. For more info visit townhalltheater.org.

Sunday Sessions: Bob Recupero in Middlebury. Sunday, June 14, 4-7 p.m., The Ralph Myhre Golf Course, 317 Golf Course Rd. (Patio at the Tavern on the Tee). Bob Recupero is known for his soulful voice and masterful guitar playing. His performances, encompassing genres such as Americana, folk and country-blues, offer a heartfelt experience that connects deeply with his audience. Free.

June 14

SUNDAY

Bristol Mason's monthly charity fundraising breakfast.

Sunday, June 14, 7:30-10 a.m., Bristol Masons Lodge, corner of North and Elm streets. This month, the Lodge has voted to donate all proceeds to the Starksboro Fire Department. We will be serving sausage gravy with biscuits, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, home fries, pancakes, French toast, maple syrup from Alan Mayer's sugarhouse, assorted juices and apple bread pudding. \$9 for adults; \$5 for children under 12.

"Babel 46" by Opera Company of Middlebury Young Artist Program in Middlebury. Sunday, June 14, 2 p.m., Town Hall Theater, Merchants Row. Final performance of the U.S. premiere. A powerful one-act opera set in a refugee camp after World War II. Pre-show talk

June 15

MONDAY

Monday Night Bingo in Middlebury. Monday, June 15,

4:30 p.m., Addison County VFW 7823, 530 Exchange St.. \$1,000 Jackpot. Quickies start at 6 p.m., regular bingo starts at 7 p.m. Kitchen is open from 5 - 6:30 p.m. Open to the public. Benefits Veterans Programs.

Monkton history scanning evening in Monkton. Monday, June 15, 7-8:30 p.m., Monkton Town Hall. Help us save the stories of Monkton's past. Bring photos or documents from life in Monkton, from the recent past to long-ago days. We'll scan your precious memories and return the items to you immediately. The most popular items in our current museum exhibit are photos of people from the '50s



A COUPLE KIDS at Salisbury's annual Fourth of July Ice Cream Social share a table outside the Salisbury Meeting House. It's a great way to celebrate Independence Day.

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exhibit are photos of people from the '50s and stories from WWII. Light refreshments will be served and a slide show of pictures from earlier scanning days will be shown.

Vergennes City Band rehearsal. Monday, June 15, 7-9 p.m., Vergennes Opera House. Instrumentalists of all experience levels are invited to join the Vergennes City Band for community rehearsals. For more information, contact Sue O'Daniel at sodaniel27@gmail.com.

June 17 WEDNESDAY

Chicken BBQ in the park in Bristol. Wednesday, June 17, 5 p.m. until sold out, the Bristol Green. One meal includes a half- or quarter-chicken, potato salad, baked beans, a drink and a roll. This usually sells out fast! Cooked by the Sons of the American Legion.

Strawberry Festival and Concert in Shoreham. Wednesday, June 17, 6 - 8 p.m. at the Town Green's gazebo. Bring your lawn chairs or picnic blankets for seating on the lawn, enjoy your shortcake and listen to the music provided by Nick Thornblade and his accordion. Since the Church will close in December, this is the last Strawberry Fest that the Church will sponsor. Strawberry shortcake: \$4 - \$7

Summer live music: Albany Sound in Bristol. Wednesday, June 17, 6-8 p.m., Tillerman, 1868 Rt 116 Rd. Enjoy live music and tacos, creative cocktails and mocktails, snacks and paletas. You are welcome to bring your own blankets and chairs for the lawn. For more info visit thetillermanvt.com/live-music.

Friends of the TAM Chipman Hill sunset bird walk with Elyn Montgomery in Middlebury. Wednesday, June 17, 7 p.m., Chipman Hill Trailhead on Washington Street Ext. Chipman Hill in the evening comes alive with birdsong. We will stop at several view spots to take in the sunset. Plan on hiking about 2 miles with some steep parts. Attendees should wear hiking shoes and bring a flashlight or headlamp and a pair of binoculars. We will have a few pairs to share. A phone with the Merlin ID app is helpful but not necessary. We will be joined by Kevin Fox, MALT's executive director. Notification of rain postponement by email the day before if needed. Limited to 20 people. Registering in advance is required. Sign up at secure.lglforms.com/form_engine/s/OliV05YJwvIYqUlBwA7Zg.

June 18 THURSDAY

Green Mountain Club hike: Burnt Hill in Hancock. Thursday, June 18. Hike a lovely, quiet section of the Long Trail from Middlebury Gap to Burnt Hill, an area frequented more by moose than people. We will look for signs of moose and learn about trail adoption and trail maintenance. Bring hand clippers and a 1-inch paintbrush if you have them and learn from the "Tom Sawyer" of the field. Moderate hike of 5-mile round trip and 1,000 foot elevation gain. Leashed dogs allowed. Contact Morris Earle at morrisearle@gmail.com for information or to sign up. For more info visit gmcbreadloaf.org.

Supporting recovery, strengthening community in Middlebury. Thursday, June 18, 6 p.m., Town Hall Theater.

Join us for an evening moderated by Jane Lindholm of Vermont Public, featuring a panel of community members representing people in active recovery, recovery professionals, family members, law enforcement, healthcare and public policy. The evening will also include a short film featuring local stories of recovery, light refreshments, and an audience Q&A.

June 19 FRIDAY

Freshie Fridays concert: REDadmiral in Bristol. Friday, June 19, 5-8 p.m., BCC Botanicals, 140 North Street. An evening of good food, live music, and joyful gathering around the greenhouses. REDadmiral plays foot-stomping alt-rock garage-grass dance music. For more info visit bristolcollaborativecampus.com.

Friday night music in New Haven. Friday, June 19, 6-8 p.m., Lincoln Peak Vineyard, 142 River Rd. Enjoy live music by Blues Without Borders, food from Cravens and Vermont wines. Bring a blanket and relax at the vineyard. Free.

June 20 SATURDAY

Let's Go Birding beginner bird walk in Middlebury. Saturday, June 20, 9-11 a.m., Wright Park parking lot north of Pulp Mill Bridge. Nature enthusiasts of all ages are invited for this bird walk through part of the TAM. Bring binoculars or borrow a pair from OCAS. Local naturalists will offer a station with a hands-on discovery activity. Trail appropriate snack available. Family-friendly but not appropriate for strollers or wheelchairs. Rain or shine. Contact 713-818-7033.

Bridport Day. Saturday, June 20, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m., 82 Crown Point Rd. Celebrate Bridport at the annual festival with activities, music, vendors and more.

The MET Live in HD: Eugene Onegin in Middlebury. Saturday, June 20, 12:15 talk; 1 p.m. showing, Town Hall Theater, Anderson Studio. Encore showing of Tchaikovsky's Eugene Onegin. Soprano Asmik Grigorian returns to the Met as Tatiana, baritone Igor Golovatenko reprises his role as Onegin. Directed by Deborah Warner. Timur Zangiev makes his Met conducting debut. Pre-show talk by OCM Chorus Master Nathaniel Lew. Tickets: \$10-\$24.

Kids Cafe at the Marquis Theater in Middlebury: "Tangled". Saturday, June 20, 12:30 p.m. 65 Main St. A weekly free kids movie in the cafe space.

Miles Donahue Quartet: Jazz from Movies & TV in Middlebury. Saturday, June 20, 7:30-9:15 p.m., Town Hall Theater, Rothrock Main Stage. Featuring celebrated jazz trumpeter, vocalist, composer and educator Miles Donahue, the evening promises an unforgettable mix of jazz standards, original works and beloved classics. The quartet will blend timeless repertoire with virtuosic improvisation and dynamic musical interplay. Tickets: \$15 - \$50; Cash bar.

June 21 SUNDAY

Sunday Sessions: Cooie live in Middlebury. Sunday, June 21, 4-7 p.m., The Ralph

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12:30 p.m. 65 Main St. A weekly free kids movie in the cafe space.

June 22 MONDAY

Monday Night Bingo in Middlebury. Monday, June 22, 4:30 p.m., Addison County VFW 7823, 530 Exchange St.. \$1,000 Jackpot. Quickies start at 6 p.m., regular bingo starts at 7 p.m. Kitchen is open from 5 - 6:30 p.m. Open to the public. Benefits Veterans Programs.

Vergennes City Band concert in Vergennes. Monday, June 22, 7-8 p.m., City green. Relax on the green and listen to some great free summer music.

June 25 THURSDAY

Teddy Bear Picnic in Bristol. Thursday, June 25, 12-1 p.m., Town Green. Please 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. Twenty lunches will be provided for children. Rain location is at Howden Hall. Free.

Pizza by the Pond: Bloodroot Gap plays live in Goshen. Thursday, June 25, 5-8 p.m., Blueberry Hill Inn, 1245 Goshen Ripton Rd. Enjoy all-you-can-eat wood-fired pizza made with Vermont flour, lemonade and a beautiful atmosphere. Bloodroot Gap plays traditional and progressive bluegrass with a unique and captivating sound. Pizza starts at 5, music at 6 p.m. BYOB. Local ice cream and Blueberry Hill cookies also available. Well-behaved leashed dogs welcome. \$34 for adults; \$23 kids 7-11; free for kids 6 and under. Reservations open the Saturday before and are strongly suggested.

Community storytelling night in New Haven. Thursday, June 25, 6 p.m., New Haven Town Hall. Gather to share and listen to true, first-person stories, and connect through the power of storytelling. First time storytellers encouraged.

June 26 FRIDAY

Freshie Fridays concert: Sunday Evening in Bristol. Friday, June 26, 5-8 p.m., BCC Botanicals, 140 North Street. An evening of good food, live music, and joyful gathering around the greenhouses. Sunday Evening plays vocal-driven feel-good string music. For more info visit bristolcollaborativecampus.com.

Friday night music in New Haven. Friday, June 26, 6-8 p.m., Lincoln Peak Vineyard, 142 River Rd. Enjoy live music by Atom & the Orbits, food from La Chapina and Vermont wines. Bring a blanket and relax at the vineyard. Free.

June 24 WEDNESDAY

Summer live music: Queen City Cut Ups in Bristol. Wednesday, June 24, 6-8 p.m., Tillerman, 1868 Rt 116 Rd. Enjoy live music and tacos, creative cocktails and mocktails, snacks and paletas. You are welcome to bring your own blankets and chairs for the lawn. For more info visit

June 28 SUNDAY

Recovery in color: mocktail paint & sip in Middlebury. Sunday, June 28, 11-1 p.m., Turning Point Center, 79 Court Street. Alcohol-free paint & sip with guided art, mocktails and community. Open to all in recovery. Supplies provided. Free.

Middlebury Acting Company presents: "Darwin in Malibu" in Middlebury. Sunday, June 28, 4 p.m., Town Hall Theater, Merchants Row. Part of the Cutting Edge series, this performance will be presented as a staged reading of Crispin Whittell's play, where actors bring the script to life with minimal staging and props. Post-show conversation with the cast and director. Tickets: \$15. For more info visit townhalltheater.org.

Sunday Sessions: Bobby Sheehan live in Middlebury. Sunday, June 28, 4-7 p.m., The Ralph Myhre Golf Course, 317 Golf Course Rd. (Patio at the Tavern on the Tee). Singer-songwriter Bobby Sheehan's music is steeped in the folk traditions of New England and shaped by a life surrounded by melody and storytelling. Free.

June 27 SATURDAY

Green Mountain Club hike: Mt. Abe in Lincoln. Saturday, June 27, Hike to Mt. Abe via the Battell and Long trails. Strenuous hike of about 6 miles with 2,600 feet elevation gain. Dog friendly as there will be a therapy dog on the hike. Limited to only 6 hikers. Contact Samara Anderson at Anderson_samara@yahoo.com for more information. For more info visit gmcbreadloaf.org.

Biodiversity Builders: Creating and Implementing Your Plan in Vergennes. Saturday, June 27, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Bixby Memorial Library, 258 Main St. Second in a series of hands-on workshops demonstrating how to bring native plants into outdoor spaces. Native plants boost biodiversity, support pollinators and birds, and reduce maintenance, fertilizer use, and runoff. Learn why native plants matter, how to assess and prepare your site, choose the right plants, convert your lawn step-by-step, and maintain long-term success. Presented by Lisa Sausville and Ashley Robinson. For more information email Ashley at arobinsonld@gmail.com.

Kids Cafe at the Marquis Theater in Middlebury: Minions. Saturday, June 27,



A HUMMINGBIRD CLEARWING moth gently zooms into a lilac bush in Lincoln for a summer snack.

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June 29 MONDAY

Monday Night Bingo in Middlebury. Monday, June 29, 4:30 p.m., Addison County VFW 7823, 530 Exchange St.. \$1,000 Jackpot. Quickies start at 6 p.m., regular bingo starts at 7 p.m. Kitchen is open from 5 - 6:30 p.m. Open to the public. Benefits Veterans Programs.

Birds Are Dinosaurs: VINS Live Animal Presentation in New Haven. Monday, June 29, 5 p.m., New Haven Town Hall, 78 North St. What did 65 million years of evolution turn the dinosaurs into? Birds! Celebrating "Unearth a Story" at your local library, this live presentation introduces audiences to birds of prey and explores their dinosaur ancestry. The 45-minute program features three live animals (turtle and birds) and is designed for families and children of all ages.

Cribbage Night in Bristol. Monday, June 29, 7-8:15 p.m., Bristol Masons Lodge, corner of North and Elm streets. Semi-monthly cribbage night welcomes community players for an evening of cards. Free.

July 1 WEDNESDAY

Summer live music: Albany Sound in Bristol. Wednesday, July 1, 6-8 p.m., Tillerman, 1868 Rt 116 Rd. Enjoy live music and tacos, creative cocktails and mocktails, snacks and paletas. You are welcome to bring your own blankets and chairs for the lawn. For more info visit thetillermanvt.com/live-music.

July 3 FRIDAY

Green Mountain Club hike: Clark Brook and Mt. Wilson in Granville. Friday, July 3, Stay away from the crowds and enjoy a cool walk up Clark Brook trail to a great eastern view with an option to climb Mt. Wilson. Strenuous hike of 6-8 miles with more than 2000 ft elevation gain. Leashed dogs allowed. Contact Ellen Cronan to register at 908-595-2926. For more info visit gmcbreadloaf.org.

Independence Day Celebration in Brandon. Friday, July 3. This small town knows how to throw a party! There are free events planned from morning to night and for everyone in the family. If you would like to participate in and help with the day's festivities, please contact Committee

Chair Jessie Mohan at jessica.m.mohan@gmail.com. For the event schedule, visit: brandon.org/events-and-happenings/brandon-independence-day-celebration-brandons-favorite-day-of-the-year.

Block Party with Vermont National Guard Band plus Redd & The Paper Flowers in Middlebury. Friday, July 3, 3-8 p.m., Town Hall Theater Maloney Plaza, 68 South Pleasant St. A community block party celebrating America's 250th anniversary featuring chamber music from Vermont's Own 40th Army Band and Appalachian folk-grass group Redd & The Paper Flowers, along with a festive bike parade. Food trucks and bar offerings available on site. Free. For more info visit townhalltheater.org.

Independence Day festivities and fireworks in Bristol. Friday, July 3, 6-10 p.m. Join us for vendors, music, games and boy's lacrosse dunk tank. Fireworks at dusk at Mount Abraham Union High School.

Friday night music in New Haven. Friday, July 3, 6-8 p.m., Lincoln Peak Vineyard, 142 River Rd. Enjoy live music by Nick Cassarino and The Family Band, food from Monti Verdi Salumi and Vermont wines. Bring a blanket and relax at the vineyard. Free.

July 4 SATURDAY

Fourth of July 5k Road Race in Bristol. Saturday, July 4, 7 a.m., Mount Abraham Union High School. Run starts at 7:30 a.m. at the high school and concludes at the Bristol Green. Runners who pre-register before June 22 will receive a t-shirt. Proceeds go to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. \$30 in advance or \$35 day-of. Register at: threedaystampede.org/5k-registration.

The Great Bristol Outhouse Race. Saturday, July 4, 8:30 a.m., Holley Hall. Teams build and decorate their own mobile outhouses to compete for World Champion Outhouse Racer. Race begins at 9 a.m. and lasts about 1.5 hours. Registration tent will be on the west side of the announcer's stage. Ticket sellers walk through the crowd selling betting tickets for \$1. More info at bristolvt4thofjuly.com/events.

Fourth of July Parade in Bristol. Saturday, July 4, 10 a.m., Rec Park east on Pleasant Street, right on Mountain Street, right on Main/West Streets to Airport Drive. More info at bristolvt4thofjuly.com/parade.

Independence Day with the Maritime Museum in Vergennes. Saturday, July 4, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum. We'll have hands-on activities, kids' games, readings,

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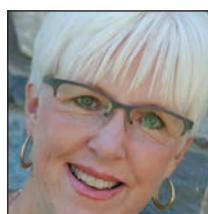
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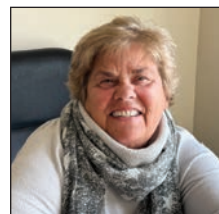
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51st Annual Ice Cream Social in Salisbury. Saturday, July 4, 2-4 p.m., Salisbury Church Meetinghouse, 853 Maple Street. What could be better than Ice Cream and Pie on the Fourth of July? Come join the celebration, rain or shine! Ice cream with toppings or with delicious homemade pie. Proceeds to support local charities. To donate a pie or two, or to volunteer to work on the day of the event, contact Martha Robinson 203-521-2332 or m.robinson2332@gmail.com.

July 5 SUNDAY

Sunday Sessions: Breanna Elaine live in Middlebury. Sunday, July 5, 4-7 p.m., The Ralph Myhre Golf Course, 317 Golf Course Rd. (Patio at the Tavern on the Tee). Breanna's music blends earthy folk, indie and singer-songwriter influences, but her sound goes well beyond easy labels. Performing a mix of original songs and thoughtfully chosen covers on vocals and guitar, she brings a warmth and depth that pulls listeners in and keeps them there. Free.

July 7 TUESDAY

Vergennes City Band concert in Vergennes. Tuesday, July 7, 7-8 p.m., City green. Relax on the green and listen to some great free summer music.

July 8 WEDNESDAY

Summer live music: Connor Young & Friends in Bristol. Wednesday, July 8, 6-8 p.m., Tillerman, 1868 Rt 116 Rd. Enjoy live music and tacos, creative cocktails and

mocktails, snacks and paletas. You are welcome to bring your own blankets and chairs for the lawn. For more info visit thetillermanvt.com/live-music.

July 9 THURSDAY

Bird banding in Weybridge. Thursday, July 9, 8-10 a.m., Hurd Grassland, 91 Meadow Lane. Join MALT and Audubon Vermont biologist Mark LaBarr for a morning of bird banding. Otter Creek Audubon Society volunteers will lead family- and youth-friendly activities. Drop in anytime; birds are most active early. Free. More info at maltvt.org.

31st Annual Basin Bluegrass Festival in Brandon. Thursday, July 9, Basin Rd. A weekend filled with bluegrass music, field picking, camping, and a family-friendly festival atmosphere. Camping free with festival ticket. Prices range \$15-\$80. Find out details at basinbluegrassfestival.com

Pizza by the Pond: The Morning Dudes play live in Goshen. Thursday, July 9, 5-8 p.m., Blueberry Hill Inn, 1245 Goshen Ripton Rd. Enjoy all-you-can-eat wood-fired pizza made with Vermont flour, lemonade and a beautiful atmosphere. The Morning Dudes play songs from the repertoire of Jerry Garcia, Bob Weir and the Grateful Dead, including folk, blues, country, bluegrass and improv rock. Pizza starts at 5, music at 6 p.m. BYOB. Local ice cream and Blueberry Hill cookies also available. Well-behaved leashed dogs welcome. \$34 for adults; \$23 kids 7-11; free for kids 6 and under. Reservations open the Saturday before and are strongly suggested.

July 10 FRIDAY

31st Annual Basin Bluegrass Festival in Brandon. Friday, July 10, Basin Rd. See July 9 listing. Find out details at basinbluegrassfestival.com

Friday night music in New Haven. Friday, July 10, 6-8 p.m., Lincoln Peak



DAVID O'HARA EXPLORES one of Addison County's little blue lines — that is, a stream inked in blue on a map — with his fishing pole and columnist Matthew Dickerson during a recent visit to the Green Mountain State.

Photo by Matthew Dickerson

Vineyard, 142 River Rd. Enjoy live music by Electric Bear, food from Gene's Chili Hut and Vermont wines. Bring a blanket and relax at the vineyard. Free.

July 11 SATURDAY

31st Annual Basin Bluegrass Festival in Brandon. Saturday, July 11, Basin Rd. See July 9 listing. Find out details at basinbluegrassfestival.com

St. Stephen's Peasant Market in Middlebury. Saturday, July 11, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Town green. The popular rummage sale features bargain shopping, baked goods, games and an auction to support local non-profits. Last year's market raised \$24,000 for local groups. Good condition donations can be dropped off at the church before July 1. Volunteers are welcome to help set up and clean up on Peasant Market day. To assist, contact Heather McConville Durante at ststephensmiddlebury@gmail.com or 802-388-7200.

The Goshen Gallop run. Saturday, July 11, 4 p.m. race start, map provided with registration. Run the 48th annual race at the Blueberry Hill Outdoor Center. Fun 5+km and 10+km trails. Raffle at 6 p.m. Post-race local wood-fired pizza party and pond dipping. Cup-free event; bring your own flask to fill. Proceeds go to maintaining the trails. Adult \$40; Youth under 12 \$30. For questions contact info@blueberryhilltrails.com. Register at blueberryhilltrails.com/goshengalloptrailrace.

July 12 SUNDAY

31st Annual Basin Bluegrass Festival in Brandon. Sunday, July 12, Basin Rd. See July 9 listing. Find out details at basinbluegrassfestival.com

Sunday Sessions: Nick Breduce live in Middlebury. Sunday, July 12, 4-7 p.m., The Ralph Myhre Golf Course, 317

Golf Course Rd. (Patio at the Tavern on the Tee). An evening of live music with Vermont singer-songwriter Nick Breduce. Known for his raw, indie-folk sound and improvisational style, Nick brings a mix of heartfelt originals and familiar influences — from Bob Dylan and John Prine to John Butler and Mihali Savoulidis. Free.

Festival on the Green begins in Middlebury. Sunday, July 12, 7-10 p.m., Town green. Award-winning music festival featuring six days of performances by local musicians. Perfect for family picnics and relaxed viewing. Free. See lineup and schedule at festivalonthegreen.org.

July 13 MONDAY

Vergennes City Band concert in Vergennes. Monday, July 13, 7-8 p.m., City green. Relax on the green and listen to some great free summer music.

Festival on the Green in Middlebury. Monday, July 13, noon-10 p.m., Town green. See July 12 listing. Free. See lineup and schedule at festivalonthegreen.org.

July 14 TUESDAY

Festival on the Green in Middlebury. Tuesday, July 14, noon-10 p.m., Town green. See July 12 listing. Free. See lineup and schedule at festivalonthegreen.org.

July 15 WEDNESDAY

Festival on the Green in Middlebury. Wednesday, July 15, noon-10 p.m., Town green. See July 12 listing. Free. See lineup and schedule at festivalonthegreen.org.

Summer live music: Albany Sound in Bristol. Wednesday, July 15, 6-8 p.m., Tillerman, 1868 Rt 116 Rd. Enjoy live music and tacos, creative cocktails and



OLIVIA AUDET OF Cornwall exercises her horse, Danza Bella Luna, during a break in the action at Addison County Fair and Field Days. Independent file photo/Steve James

ADDISON COUNTY FAIR & FIELD DAYS 2026 DAILY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4

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 Wheels of Ag Tractor Trivia - Strolling Game Show
- 10:30 Pete & Chris Amusements (show tent)
- 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
- 1:00-5:00 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 Pete & Chris Amusements (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)
- 3:00 Wheels of Ag Game Show (dairy area)
- 3:30 4-H Hands on Workshop (4-H exhibit building)
- 3:30 Tom Joyce, The Magic Man (bandstand)
- 4:00 Slate Valley Raceway RC Dirt race cars (Butterfield Arena)
- 4:30 Pete & Chris Amusements (show tent)
- 5:00 Gymkhana (horse area)
- 5:15 Vermont Products Dinner-1st Seating (dining hall)
- 5:30 Wheels of Ag Game Show (dairy area)
- 5:45 Power Wheel Derby (Tractor Pad)
- 6:00 Vermont Products Dinner-2nd Seating (dining hall)
- 6:00 Field Days Opening Celebration -Theme: "Country Nights, Carnival Lights"
- 6:00 BINGO (bandstand)
- 6:00 Wheels of Ag Tractor Trivia - Strolling Game Show
- 7:00 Magnetic Horse- Local Band (show tent)
- 7:00 Demolition Derby (tractor pad)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5

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 Children's Activities (children's barnyard area) - FREE
- 10:30 Antique Equipment Demos (antique equipment area)
- 10:30 Pete & Chris Amusements (show tent)
- 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 Ag Game Show (dairy area)
- 1:00 Ladies Iron Skillet Toss (tractor pad)
- 1:30 Antique Equipment Demos (antique equipment area)
- 1:30 4-H Hands on Workshop (4-H exhibit building)
- 1:30 Pete & Chris Amusements (show tent)
- 2:00-5:00 Children's Activities (children's barnyard area) - FREE
- 2:00 Sheep Shearing/Handling Demonstration (sheep show tent)
- 2:30 Tom Joyce, The Magic Man (bandstand)
- 3:00 Wheels of Ag 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)
- 4:00 Pete & Chris Amusements (show tent)
- 5:00 Youth Beef Clipping & Fitting Demonstration (animal show arena)
- 5:30 Wheels of Ag Game Show (dairy area)
- 5:45 Power Wheel Derby (Tractor Pad)
- 6:30 Wheels of Ag Tractor Trivia - Strolling Game Show
- 7:00 Karaoke Talent Night with DJ Amanda Rock(signup at 6:30) (show tent)
- 7:00 Demolition Derby (tractor pad)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6

Morning

- 8:00 Annual ACCFD 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)
- 9:00 VTPA-Antique & Enhanced Antique Tractor Pulls
- 10:00 Hand Mowing Contest (antique equipment demo area)
- 10:00 Ox Pulling (weigh ins 8am)
- 10:30 Antique Equipment Demos (antique equipment area)
- 10:30 Wheels of Ag Tractor Trivia - Strolling Game Show
- 11:00 Pedal Tractor Pull (show tent) (sign-ups at 10:00)
- 11:00 Pete & Chris Amusements (show tent)
- 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 Ag Game Show (dairy area)
- 1-5p Children's Activities (children's barnyard area) - FREE
- 1:00 Pirate Man Dan (show tent)
- 1:30 Antique Equipment Demos (antique equipment area)
- 1:30 Pete & Chris Amusements (show tent)
- 1:30 4-H Hands on Workshop (4-H exhibit building)
- 2:30 Tom Joyce, The Magic Man (bandstand)
- 2:45 Pete & Chris Amusements (show tent)
- 3:00 Antique Equipment Demos (antique equipment area)
- 3:00 Wheels of Ag Game Show (dairy area)
- 3:30 4-H Hands on Workshop (4-H exhibit building)
- 4:00 Beef Showmanship/Fitting Show (S/I/J/N) & Market Classes (show arena)
- 4:00 Pirate Man Dan (show tent)
- 4:30-5pm Dark Horse Lumberjack Show (tractor pad) 4:30 Prelims
- 5:30 Wheels of Ag Game Show (dairy area)
- 5:30 Pete & Chris Amusements (show tent)
- 5:30 Miniature Horse Team Hitching Demonstration (children's barnyard area)
- 6:00 BINGO (bandstand)
- 6:30 Wheels of Ag Tractor Trivia - Strolling Game Show
- 7-9pm Good-Time Line Dancing demo/instruction (Show Tent)
- 7:30 Animal Costume Class (animal show arena)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7

Morning

- 8:30 Exhibitors' Breakfast (dining hall)
- 8:30 VTPA-Youth, Adult Stock, Sport Stock, Enhanced Sport Stock, Super Stock, Limited Pro Diesel, 4 Cylinder Mod, ATVs Antique: all classes beginning with 3000# and up
- 9:00 Open Sheep Show (sheep show tent)
- 9:30 Draft Horse Show (horse area)
- 10:00-12 Children's Activities (children's barnyard area) - FREE
- 10:00 Pete & Chris Amusements (show tent)
- 10:00 Open Sheep Show (sheep show tent)
- 10:00 Working Steer & Ox Show (Animal Show Arena)
- 10:00 Pony Pulling (Butterfield Arena) Weigh ins 8AM
- 10:30 Antique Equipment Demos (antique equipment area)
- 10:30 Wheels of Ag Tractor Trivia - Strolling Game Show
- 11:30 Pirate Man Dan (show tent)

Afternoon

- 12:00 Dig for Treasure! (Youth activity area) - FREE
- 12:00 Midway Opens (approximately)\$25 all day ride bracelets
- 12:00 Wheels of Ag Game Show (dairy area)
- 12:00 PeeWee Dairy Showmanship (animal show arena)
- 12:30 Pete & Chris Amusements (show tent)
- 1:00 Tom Joyce, Magician (bandstand)
- 1:00 4 Abreast, Show Division (horse area)
- 1:30 Antique Equipment Demos (antique equipment area)
- 1:30 4-H Hands on Workshop (4-H exhibit building)
- 1:30 Pirate Man Dan (show tent)
- 2:00-5:00 Children's Activities (children's barnyard area) - FREE
- 2:45 Pete & Chris Amusements (show tent)
- 3:00 Future Showmanship/Fitting Class & Beef Conformation & Group Classes
- 3:00 Wheels of Ag 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 Tom Joyce, The Magic Man (bandstand)
- 5:00 98.9 WOKO 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)

- 6:30 Wheels of Ag Tractor Trivia - Strolling Game Show
- 6:00 VTPA- Trucks: Factory Stock St. Legal, Enhanced St. Legal, St. Mod, Work Stock Diesel, Open St. Legal Diesel, 3.0 Pro Diesel, SS 4x4, 2WD Mini, V8 Minis, Semis
- 6:00 Design a hat with Hat Tat (bandstand)
- 7:00 98.9 WOKO Arm-wrestling-Adults (weigh-ins 5:00) (show tent)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

Morning

- 9:00 Open Dairy Show- Jersey, Brown Swiss & Guernsey
- 9:00 Paint with KT Kayhart - Barn Quilts
- 9:30 Draft Horse Show (horse area)
- 10:00 Baked Bean Contest & Samples (picnic pavilion)
- 10:00 Horse Pulling (Butterfield Arena) Weigh ins 8AM
- 10:00-12 Children's Activities (children's barnyard area) - FREE
- 10:30 Antique Equipment Demos (antique equipment area)
- 10:30 Wheels of Ag Tractor Trivia - Strolling Game Show
- 10:00 Youth and Other 4-H Sheep Show
- 11:00 Highland Dance Vermont- Scottish Highland Dance School Performance

Afternoon

- 12:00 VTPA-Pure Stock/Out of Field Farm Stock, Farm Stock, Hot Farm, 466 Hot Farm Altered Farm
- 12:00 Midway Opens (approximately)\$25 all day ride bracelets
- 12:00 Dig for Treasure! (Youth activity area) - FREE
- 12:00 Wheels of Ag Game Show (dairy area)
- 12:30 Pirate Man Dan (Show tent)
- 1:00 Six Horse Hitch, North American Classic Six Qualifier (horse 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
- 3:00 Pirate Man Dan (Show tent)
- 3:00 Wheels of Ag Game Show (dairy area)
- 3:00 4H & Other Youth Poultry Showmanship (Childrens Barnyard area)
- 3:00 Antique Equipment Demos (antique equipment area)
- 3:30 Tom Joyce, The Magic Man (show tent) Presentation (home & garden bldg)
- 3:30 4-H Hands on Workshop (4-H exhibit building)

AUGUST 4 -AUG. 8

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)
- 1pm - 4pm Milking Parlor Demonstrations

last minute changes may occur

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

- 5:00 Home & Garden Awards & Leona Thompson Bowl
- 5:30 Wheels of Ag Game Show (dairy area)
- 5:30 Miniature Horse Team Hitching Demonstration (children's barnyard area)
- 6:00 BINGO (bandstand)
- 6:00 VTPA-Pure Stock/Out of Field Farm Stock, Farm Stock, Hot Farm, 466 Hot Farm Altered Farm
- 6:00 NYTPA - Sanctioned Super Farm & Limited ProTractor Pulls (tractor pad)
- 6:30 Wheels of Ag Tractor Trivia - Strolling Game Show
- 7:00 Vermont's own 40th Army band -IRON SIGHTS- rock band (showtent)



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mocktails, snacks and paletas. You are welcome to bring your own blankets and chairs for the lawn. More info at thetillermanvt.com/live-music.

July 16 THURSDAY

Green Mountain Club Paddle Kingsland Bay in Ferrisburgh.

Thursday, July 16, Kingsland Bay State Park. Join us for a paddle (kayaks or canoes) around Kingsland Bay with a possible venture into the main lake depending on the weather and lake conditions. Personal floatation devices are required to be worn during the paddle. Bring bug spray, snacks, water and water shoes or sandals. Contact Steve Ralph at 802-398-5448 or sralph00@gmail.com to register. More info at gmbreadloaf.org.

Green Mountain Club picnic and outing in Ferrisburgh. Thursday, July 16. A late morning to mid-afternoon gathering to share food and conversation, with options for hikes, bike rides, paddling (refer to Steve Ralph's July 16 paddle) and swimming. Bring your own food and any equipment needed. Kayak rentals are available from the park. Park fee or senior passport is needed for admission to the park. For details and to register, contact leader Ruth Penfield at 802-458-1116. For information about the park and facilities, go to VT State Parks-Kingsland Bay. More info at gmbreadloaf.org.

Festival on the Green in Middlebury. Thursday, July 16, noon-10 p.m., Town green. See July 12 listing. Free. See lineup and schedule at festivalonthegreen.org.

July 17 FRIDAY

Green Mountain Club hike: Mt. Ellen in Starksboro.

Friday, July 17, Jerusalem trail to Mount Ellen. Challenging hike of 7.8 miles round trip and 2,600-foot elevation gain. Great views from the summit. Contact Jen Kluever at jennifer.kluever@yahoo.com with questions and to register. For more info visit gmbreadloaf.org.

Festival on the Green in Middlebury. Friday, July 17, noon-10 p.m., Town green. See July 12 listing. Free. See lineup and schedule at festivalonthegreen.org.

Lake Champlain Maritime Museum Summer Party in Vergennes. Friday,

July 17, 5-8 p.m., 4472 Basin Harbor Rd. Explore the museum after hours, enjoy food and drinks and connect with fellow community members. Try your hand at a game or craft and celebrate being part of the quilt of our region's past, present and future as the nation commemorates its 250th anniversary. Live music by Unruly Allies. \$50 per person; ages 10 and under free. For more info visit lcmm.org/event/summer-party-2026.

Friday night music in New Haven. Friday, July 17, 6-8 p.m., Lincoln Peak Vineyard, 142 River Rd. Enjoy live music by The Little City Jazz Band, food from A Taste of Abyssinia and Vermont wines. Bring a blanket and relax at the vineyard. Free.

July 18 SATURDAY

Festival on the Green in Middlebury.

Saturday, July 18, noon-10 p.m., Town green. See July 12 listing. Free. See lineup and schedule at festivalonthegreen.org.

July 19 SUNDAY

Sunday Sessions: Steven Audy live in Middlebury.

Sunday, July 19, 4-7 p.m., The Ralph Myhre Golf Course, 317 Golf Course Rd. (Patio at the Tavern on the Tee). A dynamic blend of classic rock, blues, and Americana, creating an upbeat and soulful experience that resonates with music lovers of all kinds. With rich vocals, tight guitar work, and a knack for engaging an audience, Steven brings both heart and energy to every performance. Free.

July 20 MONDAY

Vergennes City Band concert in Vergennes.

Monday, July 20, 7-8 p.m., City green. Relax on the green and listen to some great free summer music.

July 22 WEDNESDAY

Music at the Riverbend: The Yurtbags in Brandon.

Wednesday, July 22, 6 p.m., Riverbend, Central Park. The Yurtbags



A CROWD OF FOOD enthusiasts conservatively estimated at more than 3,000 turned out in 2025 for the 10th anniversary of Foodaroo, an event showcasing Vermont's culinarians and beverage makers.

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perform funky, groovy and jazzy tunes in this free weekly community concert. Rain location Brandon Town Hall. Free.

Summer live music: Beg Steal or Borrow in Bristol. Wednesday, July 22, 6-8 p.m., Tillerman, 1868 Rt 116 Rd. Enjoy live music and tacos, creative cocktails and mocktails, snacks and paletas. You are welcome to bring your own blankets and chairs for the lawn. More info at thetillermanvt.com/live-music.

July 24 FRIDAY

Friday night music in New Haven.

Friday, July 24, 6-8 p.m., Lincoln Peak Vineyard, 142 River Rd. Enjoy live music by The Horse Traders, food from Cravens and Vermont wines. Bring a blanket and relax at the vineyard. Free.

July 25 SATURDAY

"Everything Butterflies" presentation in Vergennes.

Saturday, July 25, 11-noon at the Bixby Library. See wonderful slides of our local butterflies at this family event presented by Jerry Schneider, creator of the award winning Butterfly Game. Learn

July 23 THURSDAY

Pizza by the Pond: Swing Noire plays live in Goshen.

Thursday, July 23, 5-8 p.m., Blueberry Hill Inn, 1245 Goshen Ripton Rd. Enjoy all-you-can-eat wood-fired pizza made with Vermont flour, lemonade and a beautiful atmosphere. Swing Noire brings the energy of a swingin' jazz club with their unique take on hot swing. Pizza starts at 5, music at 6 p.m. BYOB. Local ice cream and Blueberry Hill cookies also available. Well-behaved leashed dogs

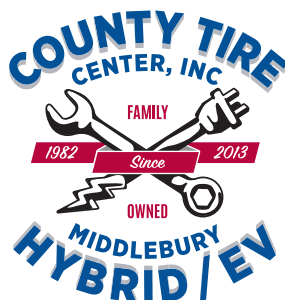
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fascinating butterfly facts and check out displays of butterflies and moths, cocoons and sometimes caterpillars. T-shirt craft will follow the talk. \$5 for shirt, or bring your own.

july 27 MONDAY
Vergennes City Band concert in Vergennes. Monday, July 27, 7-8 p.m., City green. Relax on the green and listen to some great free summer music.

july 29 WEDNESDAY
Music at the Riverbend: Enerjazz in Brandon. Wednesday, July 29, 6 p.m., Riverbend, Central Park. Vermont's high-energy big band takes the stage for Brandon's summer concert series. Rain location Brandon Town Hall. Free.
Summer live music: Brett Hughes & the Honky Tonk Crowd in Bristol. Wednesday, July 29, 6-8 p.m., Tillerman, 1868 Rt 116 Rd. Enjoy live music and tacos, creative cocktails and mocktails, snacks and paletas. You are welcome to bring your own blankets and chairs for the lawn. For more info visit thetillermanvt.com/live-music.

july 31 FRIDAY
Friday night music in New Haven. Friday, July 31, 6-8 p.m., Lincoln Peak Vineyard, 142 River Rd. Enjoy live music by Duncan Macleod Trio, food from Monti Verdi Salumi and Vermont wines. Bring a blanket and relax at the vineyard. Free.

aug 1 SATURDAY
Crafternoon in Brandon. Saturday, Aug. 1, 1-3 p.m., Brandon Free Public Library, 4 Franklin St. A monthly crafting afternoon for all ages. Bring your own project or create something using library supplies. A different craft will be featured each month. Free.

aug 2 SUNDAY
Foodaroo in Middlebury. Sunday, Aug. 2, 4-8 p.m., Marbleworks. From food trucks to brick-and-mortar operations, this outdoor event showcases creative, locally sourced cuisine including all-time festival favorites as well as newcomers. Attendees taste their way through a huge diversity of



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vendors while enjoying music, Street performers, dancers and more. Foodaroo is proud to donate a portion of proceeds

to The Giving Fridge. Entry: \$5 cash; free for kids 12 and under. For vendor list, visit middunderground.org/foodaroo.



SUMMER TO-DO LIST

- ☑ Mow the fields
- ☑ Improve the landscape
- ☑ Repair the driveway
- ☑ Clear brush and debris
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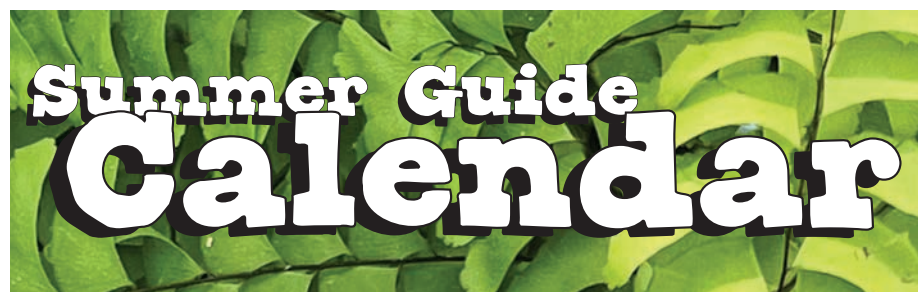


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Vergennes City Band concert in Vergennes. Monday, Aug. 3, 7-8 p.m., City green. Relax on the green and listen to some great free summer music.

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TUESDAY

Addison County Fair & Field Days in New Haven. Tuesday, Aug. 4, 1790 Field Days Rd. Bringing together the very best of Vermont's agricultural traditions. Five days of family fun, featuring livestock shows, 4-H exhibits, horse events, farm products and demonstrations, antique tractors, motorsports, carnival rides, live entertainment, and classic fair food. Weekday admission: \$15; Saturday admission \$20; Kids ages 6-11: \$5; Kids 5 and under: free. Season passes available.

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WEDNESDAY

Music at the Riverbend: Otter Creek in Brandon. Wednesday, Aug. 5, 6 p.m., Riverbend, Central Park. Burlington-based bluegrass band Otter Creek performs weekly summer concert series. Rain location Brandon Town Hall. Free.

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Summer live music: The Shady Trees in Bristol. Wednesday, Aug. 5, 6-8 p.m., Tillerman, 1868 Rt 116 Rd. Enjoy live music and tacos, creative cocktails and mocktails, snacks and paletas. You are welcome to bring your own blankets and chairs for the lawn. For more info visit thetillermanvt.com/live-music.

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THURSDAY

Pizza by the Pond: Footworks plays live in Goshen. Thursday, Aug. 6, 5-8 p.m., Blueberry Hill Inn, 1245 Goshen Ripton Rd. Enjoy all-you-can-eat wood-fired pizza made with Vermont flour, lemonade and a beautiful atmosphere. Footworks brings powerful rhythms and red-hot fiddling inspired by the Celtic music of Cape Breton. Pizza starts at 5, music at 6 p.m. BYOB. Local ice cream and Blueberry Hill cookies also available. Well-behaved leashed dogs welcome. \$34 for adults; \$23 kids 7-11; free for kids 6 and under. Reservations open the Saturday before and are strongly suggested.

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FRIDAY

Friday night music in New Haven. Friday, Aug. 7, 6-8 p.m., Lincoln Peak Vineyard, 142 River Rd. Enjoy live music by Blues Without Borders, food from Monti Verdi Salumi and Vermont wines. Bring a blanket and relax at the vineyard. Free.

Green Mountain Club hike up Stowe

Pinnacle and yoga in and Waterbury. Friday, Aug. 7. Challenging and then relaxing. Hike up Stowe Pinnacle and then take a therapeutic yoga class with a focus on feet/calves at the GMC visitor center. Dog friendly, as there will be a therapy dog on the hike and attending the yoga class. Limited to 10 people. Contact Samara Anderson at Anderson_samara@yahoo.com with any questions or for more information. Participants must register at: buytickets.at/greenmountainclub/2221710. For more info visit gmcbreadloaf.org.

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SATURDAY

Green Mountain Club hike to Abbey Pond Trail in Middlebury. Saturday, Aug. 8. Hike a pretty trail with waterfalls and a secluded pond where moose have been spotted. Moderate hike with 1,220 feet of elevation gain over 4.4 miles. Contact Cary Beckwith at cwbeckwith@yahoo.com for more information. For more info visit gmcbreadloaf.org.

Five Fridays Concert: Atom & the Orbits in Middlebury. Saturday, Aug. 8, 5:30-7 p.m., Town Hall Theater Maloney Plaza, 68 South Pleasant St. Led by Vermont musician Noah Hahn, Atom & the Orbits delivers danceable modern rock, roots rhythms, and high-energy Americana built for a summer concert atmosphere. Food and bar offerings available for purchase. Free. For more info visit townhalltheater.org.

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MONDAY

Vergennes City Band concert in Vergennes. Monday, Aug. 10, 7-8 p.m., City green. Relax on the green and listen to some great free summer music.

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WEDNESDAY

Music at the Riverbend: Gold Dust Gypsies in Brandon. Wednesday, Aug. 12, 6 p.m., Riverbend, Central Park. Fleetwood Mac and Stevie Nicks tribute band Gold Dust Gypsies performs live. Rain location Brandon Town Hall. Free.

Summer live music: Sunday Morning in Bristol. Wednesday, Aug. 12, 6-8 p.m., Tillerman, 1868 Rt 116 Rd. Enjoy live music and tacos, creative cocktails and mocktails, snacks and paletas. You are welcome to bring your own blankets and chairs for the lawn. For more info visit thetillermanvt.com/live-music.

Green Mountain Club stargazing in Addison County. Wednesday, Aug. 12, 9 p.m. Navigate the summer night sky and learn to identify bright stars, asterisms, and constellations. Also enjoy looking for Perseid meteors. Location to be determined. Contact Ken Corey at kencorey53@gmail.com or 802-349-3733 to register. For more info visit gmcbreadloaf.org.

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aug 13 THURSDAY
Green Mountain Club hike: Otter Creek Gorge in Middlebury. Thursday, Aug. 13. Easy 2.6-mile hike with an elevation gain of 280 feet. This hike requires crossing two short suspension bridges over Belden Falls and takes you through a forest which skirts an open field before reentering the forest. The trail at the end goes over a rock outcropping with a cable for support. No dogs. Bring bug spray, snacks and water. Contact Steve Ralph at 802-398-5448 or sralph00@gmail.com to register. For more info visit gmcbreadloaf.org.

aug 14 FRIDAY
Friday night music in New Haven. Friday, Aug. 14, 6-8 p.m., Lincoln Peak Vineyard, 142 River Rd. Enjoy live music by Sweet Roots and Vermont wines. Bring a blanket and relax at the vineyard. Free.

aug 15 SATURDAY
Bridport Town-Wide yard sales. Saturday, Aug. 15, 9

a.m.-4 p.m., throughout Bridport. Town-wide yard sales featuring multiple participating households and locations across Bridport, offering a wide variety of secondhand goods and community browsing opportunities.

Pocock Rocks in Bristol. Saturday, Aug. 15, 2-7 p.m., Main Street. Hudost, Red Admiral, Jacob Green, Eclipse, Tom Bisson & The Rustics and Remember Baker play the annual music festival and street fair. Enjoy food, drinks and shopping from local vendors. Free.

aug 16 SUNDAY
Bridport Town-Wide yard sales. Sunday, Aug. 16, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., throughout Bridport. See Aug. 15 listing.

Wetland walk in Middlebury. Sunday, Aug. 16, 10 a.m.-noon, Wright Park. Guided nature walk led by Vermont wetland ecologist Zapata Courage, exploring the beaver-influenced ecosystem from the uplands to the Japanese boardwalk and wetland. Learn to identify common wetland plants and discover how floodplain wetlands protect communities while supporting diverse wildlife. Family-friendly, all ages welcome. Free. For more info visit maltvt.org.

aug 17 MONDAY
Vergennes City Band concert in Vergennes. Monday, Aug. 17, 7-8 p.m., City green. Relax on the green and listen to some great free summer music.

aug 19 WEDNESDAY
Music at the Riverbend: Deb Brisson & The Hay Burners in Brandon. Wednesday, Aug. 19, 6 p.m., Riverbend, Central Park. Deb Brisson & The Hay Burners bring rootsy, soulful, bluesy and rockin' alt-country to Brandon. Rain location Brandon Town Hall. Free.

Summer live music: Albany Sound in Bristol. Wednesday, Aug. 19, 6-8 p.m., Tillerman, 1868 Rt 116 Rd. Enjoy live music and tacos, creative cocktails and mocktails, snacks and paletas. You are welcome to bring your own blankets and chairs for the lawn. For more info visit thetillermanvt.com/live-music.

aug 20 THURSDAY
Pizza by the Pond: Zoe Carter live in Goshen. Thursday, Aug.

20, 5-8 p.m., Blueberry Hill Inn, 1245 Goshen Ripton Rd. Enjoy all-you-can-eat wood-fired pizza made with Vermont flour, lemonade, and the music of award-winning folk singer-songwriter Zoe Carter. Pizza starts at 5, music at 6 p.m. BYOB. Local ice cream and Blueberry Hill cookies also available. Well-behaved leashed dogs welcome. \$34 for adults; \$23 kids 7-11; free for kids 6 and under. Reservations open the Saturday before and are strongly suggested.

aug 21 FRIDAY
Friday night music in New Haven. Friday, Aug. 21, 6-8 p.m., Lincoln Peak Vineyard, 142 River Rd. Enjoy live music by Hard Scrabble, food from Gene's Chili Hut and Vermont wines. Bring a blanket and relax at the vineyard. Free.

aug 22 SATURDAY
Vergennes Day celebration. Saturday, Aug. 22, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., City green. The 44th Annual Vergennes Day is a beloved community tradition filled with family fun for all ages. Start your morning with a pancake breakfast at the fire station, cheer on




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aug 23 SUNDAY

Green Mountain Club hike to Skylight Pond in Ripton. Sunday, Aug. 23, Afternoon hike up to Skylight Pond. This is a 5- to 6-mile hike with a moderate climb of 1200 feet. Leashed dogs allowed. Contact Ellen Cronan to register and for more information, 908-595-2926. For more info visit gmcbreadloaf.org.

aug 24 MONDAY

Vergennes City Band concert in Vergennes. Monday, Aug. 24, 7-8 p.m., City green. Relax on the green and listen to some great free summer music.

aug 26 WEDNESDAY

Middlebury New Filmmakers Festival. Wednesday, Aug. 26.

Each year, we welcome more than 80 filmmakers and hundreds of audience members for five days of exceptional films, notable honorees, panels and events, topped off by happy hours and evening parties. Dedicated solely to the work of first- and second-time directors, MNFF provides a unique and supportive platform for artists taking early steps into the world of independent cinema. Passes and bundles \$35-\$230; standalone tickets to the opening night screening available June 12. Tickets and more info at middfilmfest.org.

Music at the Riverbend: Gallison Hill Band in Brandon. Wednesday, Aug. 26, 6 p.m., Riverbend, Central Park. Gallison Hill Band closes the season with a modern take on classic rock. Rain location Brandon Town Hall. Free.

Summer live music: Remember Baker in Bristol. Wednesday, Aug. 26, 6-8 p.m., Tillerman, 1868 Rt 116 Rd. Enjoy live music and tacos, creative cocktails and mocktails, snacks and paletas. You are welcome to bring your own blankets and chairs for the lawn. For more info visit thetillermanvt.com/live-music.

aug 27 THURSDAY

Middlebury New Filmmakers Festival. Thursday, Aug. 27, See Aug. 26 listing. Tickets and

more info at middfilmfest.org.
Pizza by the Pond: Jaded Ravins plays live in Goshen. Thursday, Aug. 27, 5-8 p.m., Blueberry Hill Inn, 1245 Goshen Ripton Rd. Enjoy all-you-can-eat wood-fired pizza made with Vermont flour, lemonade and a beautiful atmosphere. Great food, music and outdoor atmosphere. Modern day Johnny and June duo Jaded Ravins play soulful original music. Pizza starts at 5, music at 6 p.m. BYOB. Local ice cream and Blueberry Hill cookies also available. Well-behaved leashed dogs welcome. \$34 for adults; \$23 kids 7-11; free for kids 6 and under. Reservations open the Saturday before and are strongly suggested.

aug 28 FRIDAY

Middlebury New Filmmakers Festival. Friday, Aug. 28, See Aug. 26 listing. Tickets and more info at middfilmfest.org.
Friday night music in New Haven. Friday, Aug. 28, 6-8 p.m., Lincoln Peak Vineyard, 142 River Rd. Enjoy live music by Electric Bear, food from Cravens and Vermont wines. Bring a blanket and relax at the vineyard. Free.

aug 29 SATURDAY

Middlebury New Filmmakers Festival. Saturday, Aug. 29, See Aug. 26 listing. Tickets and more info at middfilmfest.org.
The Vermont Yazz Festival in Ferrisburgh. Saturday, Aug. 29, 2-6 p.m., Ferrisburgh Town Offices and Community Center, 3279 Route 7, The experimental, improvisational sound-art festival formerly known as BTV Yazz Fest returns for a family-friendly afternoon of left-of-center music, food and art. Face painting courtesy of Unpredictable Artist. Free parking. BYO NA drinks and snacks. Other art offerings, crafts and vendors. \$15 suggested donation; no one turned away for lack of funds. Contact JB Ledoux with questions at theleduo@gmail.com.

aug 30 SUNDAY

Middlebury New Filmmakers Festival. Sunday, Aug. 30, See Aug. 26 listing. Tickets and more info at middfilmfest.org.
Green Mountain Club annual corn potluck social in Middlebury. Sunday, Aug. 30, 5-8 p.m., 446 Cobble Rd. Join us for this informal social potluck. Corn provided. Feel free to bring a guest.



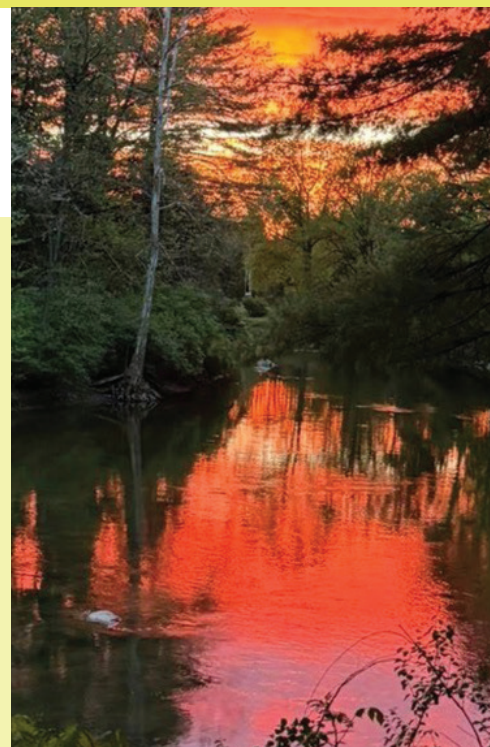
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Summer live music: Albany Sound in Bristol. Wednesday, Sept. 2, 6-8 p.m., Tillerman, 1868 Rt 116 Rd. Enjoy live music and tacos, creative cocktails and mocktails, snacks and paletas. You are welcome to bring your own blankets and chairs for the lawn. For more info visit thetillermanvt.com/live-music.

sept 3 THURSDAY

Pizza by the Pond: Remember Baker plays live in Goshen. Thursday, Sept. 3, 5-8 p.m., Blueberry Hill Inn, 1245 Goshen Ripton Rd. Enjoy all-you-can-eat wood-fired pizza made with Vermont flour, lemonade and a beautiful atmosphere. Five-piece string band Remember Baker plays bluegrass and old-time music with a nod to our region's Yankee roots. Pizza starts at 5, music at 6 p.m. BYOB. Local ice cream and Blueberry Hill cookies also available. Well-behaved leashed dogs welcome. \$34 for adults; \$23 kids 7-11; free for kids 6 and under. Reservations open the Saturday before and are strongly suggested.

sept 4 FRIDAY

Five Fridays Concert: Billy Wylder in Middlebury. Friday, Sept. 4, 3-8 p.m., Town Hall Theater Maloney Plaza, 68 South Pleasant St. Art-rock ensemble Billy Wylder blends global influences, American folk and rock, African rhythms, and groove-driven percussion into an electrifying live performance. Food trucks and bar offerings available on site. Free. For more info visit townhalltheater.org.

sept 5 SATURDAY

Crafternoon in Brandon. Saturday, Sept. 5, 1-3 p.m., Brandon Free Public Library, 4 Franklin St. A monthly crafting afternoon for all ages. Bring your own project or create something using library supplies. A different craft will be featured each month. Free.

sept 9 WEDNESDAY

Summer live music: Alum Ridge Boys & Ashlee and Steam Machine in Bristol. Wednesday, Sept. 9, 6-8 p.m., Tillerman, 1868 Rt 116 Rd. Enjoy live music and tacos, creative cocktails and mocktails, snacks and paletas. You are welcome to bring your own blankets and chairs for the lawn. For more info visit thetillermanvt.com/live-music.



BEAU FROLICS IN a field during a session at New Haven's Vermont Dog Camp, where local dogs get outside for off-leash, small-group hikes while their owners are gone during the day.

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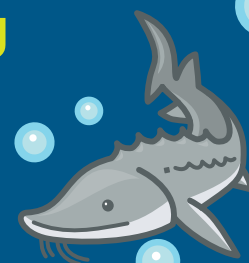
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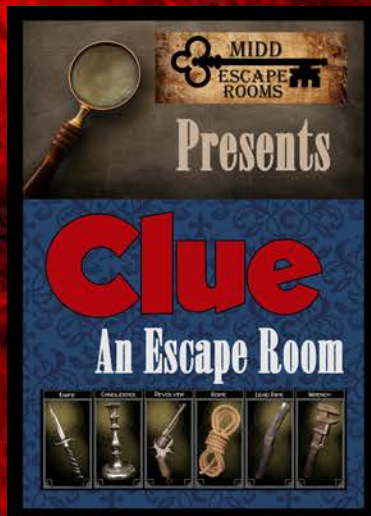
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Sheldon

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Walden's highly anticipated graphic novel, "Charity & Sylvia," selected by Vermont Humanities as the 2026 Vermont Reads.

Walden, who was named Cartoonist Laureate in Vermont in 2023, met with Christopher Kaufman Ilstrup, the executive director of Vermont Humanities, to explore project ideas. "He said, 'You have to make a book about Charity & Sylvia.' I said, 'OK, but I don't know who that is?'"

Walden got her hands on a copy of Rachel Hope Cleves's "Charity and Sylvia: A Same-Sex Marriage in Early America" (2014), and after just one chapter knew this story needed to be retold as a graphic novel.

She began in the summer of 2023, and through hours, months and years of arduous research and hand-drawing literally "every corner of their life," Walden is set to release her 240-page historical graphic novel "Charity & Sylvia."

"One thing I really love is that the exhibit is really a conversation between Charity and Sylvia's world, and Tillie's world," noted Sheldon Executive Director Coco Moseley. "In Tillie's book the story is told in vignettes... Vignettes are so well suited to archives because archives aren't the complete story either — they are bits and pieces."

Learn more by perusing the exhibit "Drawing on the Archive" this summer.

In addition to "Tillie Walden's Charity

& Sylvia" exhibit, there are four other new exhibits on view at the Sheldon Museum. Three of them will be up through Jan. 2, 2027, but the wallpaper exhibit closes Nov. 7.

TIME KEEPING

Exhibiting Henry Sheldon Museum's vast collection of timepieces including clocks, watches, calendars, journals and time capsules the community will be welcomed to consider how time is kept, measured, worked, and recorded both individually and as part of collective history.

Artifacts and archival treasures from the 18th century through today will be presented in conversation with New England contemporary artist Luciana Frigerio's "Clockworks," the magically crafted worlds of paper theater within vintage clocks and watch housings. Showcasing stories of far-reaching possibilities in layers of time, Luciana Frigerio's captivating mixed media collages mirror Henry Sheldon's own passion for storytelling through paper and material culture.

Stories of immigration and professional collaboration; tales of tragedy and war; and the skillful beauty of pre-pocket fashion will be on view. Time Keeping will be presented as measured, responsive, fragile, artistic, illusionary and include opportunities for dreaming through an interactive community art making & recording project. In this current age when holding time is literally in the palm of your hand through personal devices, visitors are encouraged to curiously engage and take their time.

There will be a gallery talk with artist

Luciana Frigerio on June 5, from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Curated by Kelly Hickey with support by the Henry Sheldon Museum Staff, Ellery Foutch, Colin Boyd and Appelt Clock & Watch Repair.

UNCOVERING WALLPAPER DESIGN: 1800 - PRESENT

Bringing what we as viewers are familiar with as a backdrop into the foreground, this exhibit explores wallpaper design across the Henry Sheldon Museum's collection and Middlebury community through time and tastes.

The wallpaper in the Museum's collection tells the story of artistic process, globalization, and design tastes from the 1800s to present day. While wallpaper operates as a backdrop, bringing it to the forefront sheds light on the skill and process of creating these designs. Many the wallpapers on display are block printed. In a contemporary world where so much of production is now automated, these wallpapers invite viewers to slow down and consider the process, layers, and method on display in these prints.

Curated by Alexandra Weimer in collaboration with the Patricia Hannaford Career Center's Visual Communications course and Lisa Rader

REMEMBERING THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

How have the people and events of 1776 been remembered and commemorated — or even mythologized and commercialized? And how have artifacts, pictures and even souvenirs shaped these stories?

This exhibition features objects related to the American Revolution, as well as

items produced to commemorate those events, notably for the World's Fairs of 1876 and 1926, and the U.S. Bicentennial of 1976. Collected by Henry Sheldon and community members, past and present, these artifacts illuminate how methods of commemoration and exhibition have shaped public memory, attesting to different ideas about American identity, gender roles, race, war and pacifism, rebellion or resistance, across different historical and political contexts.

Curated by Middlebury College Associate Professor Ellery Foutch and students of the Spring 2026 course "Remembering the American Revolution," part of the Axinn Center for the Public Humanities Labs Initiative, with support from Julia Breckenridge and HSM Staff.

ICY ARTIFACTS OF THE EVERYDAY

Icy Artifacts of the Everyday highlights the strength, beauty, and peril of winter through the lens of Middlebury's history. We invite the community to reflect on our own experiences of winter in Vermont in comparison to the changing work, play, and weather practices.

These objects and photographs from the past speak with the "Tempestry," an artistic display of Addison County climate data, knitted by the hands of nearly 100 current community members from locally sourced and hand dyed wool.

Curated by Middlebury College Visiting Assistant Professor Robyn Barrow and students of the January 2026 course "Icy Art History in Vermont and Beyond" with special assistance from Holly Mattson and HSM staff.

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People at gathering in Lincoln will explore restorative abundance

LINCOLN — The 42nd Annual Sunray Native American Elders and Youth Gathering returns to the sacred ground of Sunray Peace Village in Lincoln from Friday, July 24 through Sunday, July 26, with additional workshops offered on Monday, July 27.

This year's theme, "Restorative Abundance," invites a simple but essential reflection: *what are we planting now, and what will it become?*

Just as gardens are planted in the spring, we are always planting the next stage of family, community, and human life. In times of transition, what we choose to cultivate matters. What skills, practices, and ways of being can we bring forward to nurture relationships that are strong, balanced, and life-giving — for people, for the land, and for all living beings?

Throughout the gathering, elders will bring forward the lived wisdom of their families, clans, and cultures, with a focus on how communities move through dissonance. How are relationships repaired? How is trust restored? How is reconciliation possible?

The work lives in how we speak to one another, how we listen, how we take responsibility, and how we return to right relationship with each other and Earth.

In the presence of elders, youth, and wisdom keepers from many traditions, the gathering offers a space to listen, reflect, and reconnect with what can sustain us as a species living in turbulent times. Together, we will explore what it means to live in alignment with restorative abundance, and how that way of being can co-create the future that is already emerging.

Hosted by Venerable Venerable Dhyani Ywahoo, Pema Sangdzin Khandro, founder and Spiritual Director of the Sunray Meditation Society and the 27th-generation lineage holder of the ancestral Ywahoo lineage of the Ani Yun Wi Wa (Cherokee) tradition. She is also Chief of the Green Mountain Band of the Ani Yun Wi Wa peoples, a community composed

of her relatives and descendants of the original Ani Yun Wi Wa.

The Elders and Youth Gathering is a celebration of Indigenous wisdom and cross-cultural sharing, where the voices of elders and youth are honored and uplifted. Participants will receive deep teachings, participate in ceremonies and workshops, and become part of a vibrant, healing community.

GATHERING HIGHLIGHTS

Friday night: A heart-centered concert, featuring Lee Mixashawn Rozie and Grandmother Joani Henry (7-9 p.m.) at Burnham Hall in Lincoln

Friday, Saturday and Sunday:

- Daily Wisdom Teachings throughout the weekend
- Women's Moon-Time Circles from an Abenaki Perspective
- Art and Music Activities for Children
- A Powerful Healing Celebration on Saturday Night

A partial list of this year's speakers includes Grandfather Mike Bastine; Tatjana Cady and Tom Cady; Grandmother Joani Henry and Firekeeper Jon Delson; and Church of Lincoln pastor Rev. Co'Relous Bryant.

Grandmother Tatjana will hold women's moontime teachings. And the Aztec dance group Kalpulli Tletl Papalotzin will be there.

Monday: After sitting with the elders and honored speakers in the arbor at Sunray, the Monday workshops give participants the opportunity to sit at length (2-3 hours) with a Culture Keeper and explore wisdom teachings in depth.

Camping and nutritious food are available for purchase during the weekend. There are abundant opportunities to volunteer. This is a unique opportunity to experience the healing and transformation of good medicine created together in a welcoming, drug- and alcohol-free space.

All are welcome. Learn more and register at: sunray.org/eldersgathering.



WHILE THE LAWNS outside St. Stephen's church host a wide variety of great used stuff for purchase at last summer's Peasant Market, the church basement drew shoppers to look over and purchase kitchenware of all sorts.

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Charity donations will flow from huge summer yard sale on green

MIDDLEBURY — Looking for some dishes or hand towels, maybe a wooden chair or a plant, tools, puzzles, playing cards, kids toys ... the St. Stephen's Episcopal Church community has you covered.

Locals and visitors alike are invited to celebrate one of the community's most cherished summer traditions as St. Stephen's hosts its annual Peasant Market on the Middlebury town green from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, July 11. For generations, the popular rummage sale has drawn a crowd seeing bargains and supporting community.

In addition to jewelry and household goods, toys and puzzles, linens, plants and garden décor, sports and camping equipment, handicrafts, vinyl records and CDs, antiques and collectibles, the fun event will feature baked goods, games for children, a silent auction and fruit pies baked the day before in the church kitchen.

"Whether you're an experienced bargain-seeker or stopping by for the first time, there's something here for everyone — and every purchase helps support local non-profits," said 2026 co-chair Tom Klemmer.

Items to be donated can be dropped off at the church before July 1. Donations must be clean and in good condition. To find out what is accepted and to see the hours for intake, go to ststephensmid.org.

"Save the date! This beloved summer event is the perfect opportunity to support

the local community and score some amazing treasures," said 2026 co-chair Heather McConville Durante.

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

It was noted that 100% of the proceeds of the Peasant Market help local people in need. The church this spring awarded \$24,000 from last summer's event to five local organizations.

Tri-Valley Transit was awarded \$10,000 toward its goal of acquiring two new buses.

Charter House Coalition was awarded a grant to purchase essential goods not covered under government grants for its emergency shelter and street outreach programs. John Graham Housing and Services received funds to provide gas cards to clients. An innovative program winning a grant is Laundry Love, promoted and staffed by volunteers at Vergennes Congregational Church, who provide companionship along with payment for laundromat services and detergent to low-income and unhoused persons. ACORN's Pharmacy: Food is Medicine program received a grant to support fall and winter CSA shares to local families.

St. Stephen's Welcome Home Kits, which received a micro-grant of \$500, offer basic housekeeping necessities to vulnerable persons moving into permanent housing.



PARTICIPANTS IN THE Sunray Native American Elders Gathering dance to drumming at the 2022 edition of the gathering. The event, which also calls for youth participation, runs from July 24-26 in Lincoln.

Creemees

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that participating businesses pay cover operating expenses, like the cost to get the documents created by 802 Print in Vergennes.

“Every dollar above and beyond that is going to get donated,” Rice said. Those extra funds will be distributed among HOPE Addison County, the Vermont Community Foundation and Voices for Vermont’s Children.

Additionally, when inquirers purchase a passport they can donate to the ECHO Center’s Open Door Access Program, which works to ensure accessibility to its programs and, naturally, creemees.

“When I look at the data of passport holders purchasing passports ... we have a very high donation rate, we have a donation built into the margin, and we also had a call to action that we added on our website, if you’d like to donate more, \$5, \$10, \$100, custom amount, whatever you want, please feel free and so many people are donating,” Rice said.

“It’s honestly giving me goosebumps, the amount of donations that we’re seeing, and the amount of people that are donating too, it’s just a beautiful thing.”

THE SHIRETOWN creemee stand is one of roughly 50 businesses participating in the new VT Creemee Passport initiative.

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An official indicator of the VT Dept of Creemee Passport. An interactive map of additional Addison County creemee locations can be found at addisonindependent.com/creemees.

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Guides combine hikes with other interests

Addison County plays a role in two new guides that feature fun things to do this summer. “Beer Hiking New England” and “Dog Hiking New England” showcase how New England’s trails can deliver not just scenic adventure, but memorable experiences tailored to the people — and pets — exploring them.

For hikers seeking dramatic views and regional character, Snake Mountain in Addison delivers a rewarding 4.1-mile loop through the Snake Mountain Wildlife Management Area. The moderate climb follows an old carriage road to a 1,287-foot summit with vistas ranging toward Lake Champlain and the Adirondack High Peaks. Along the way, hikers will encounter the site of the historic Grand View Hotel, built in 1874, adding a layer of local history to the experience. “Beer Hiking New England” extends the adventure beyond the trail itself by pairing the hike with a visit to Drop-In Brewing Company in nearby Middlebury, where our authors recommend hikers unwind with the brewery’s flagship Heart of Lothian Scottish Ale. The book’s blend of trail guidance, local history, and brewery recommendations makes it an ideal companion for travelers looking to experience New England’s outdoor culture and craft beer scene together.

Just a short drive away, the Silver Lake Trail in Salisbury highlights the kind of dog-friendly adventure featured throughout “Dog Hiking New England.” This 5.4-mile moderate loop passes

waterfalls, a hydroelectric penstock, and the quiet shores of Silver Lake, with ample opportunities for dogs to cool off and hydrate along the route. The trail’s accessible terrain, picnic facilities, and year-round appeal make it especially attractive for hikers planning outings with their pets. Beyond this featured trek, the book offers 45 carefully selected dog-friendly hikes across the region, complete with practical details on trail surfaces, leash policies, water access, and safety considerations designed to help both hikers and dogs enjoy the outdoors comfortably.

The beer hikes book pairs 52 breweries, taprooms or brewpubs across New England with scenic hikes, complete with tasting notes and brewer profiles. The beer hikes book highlights 45 dog-friendly trails throughout the region, complete with off-leash spots and swimming holes.

Together, these books, published by Helvetiq, tap into a growing interest in experience-driven travel — whether that means discovering local breweries after a scenic summit or finding safe, memorable trails to share with your pup. By combining curated hikes with insider regional knowledge, “Beer Hiking New England” by Carey Kish and “Dog Hiking New England” by Jill McMahon and Kristen Valenti offer readers not just trail guides, but also a roadmap to exploring New England’s landscapes, communities, and outdoor lifestyle in a deeper, more personal way.

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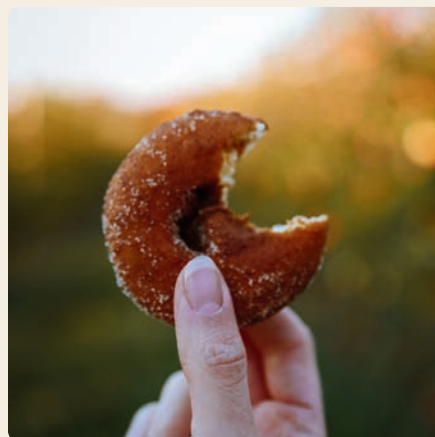
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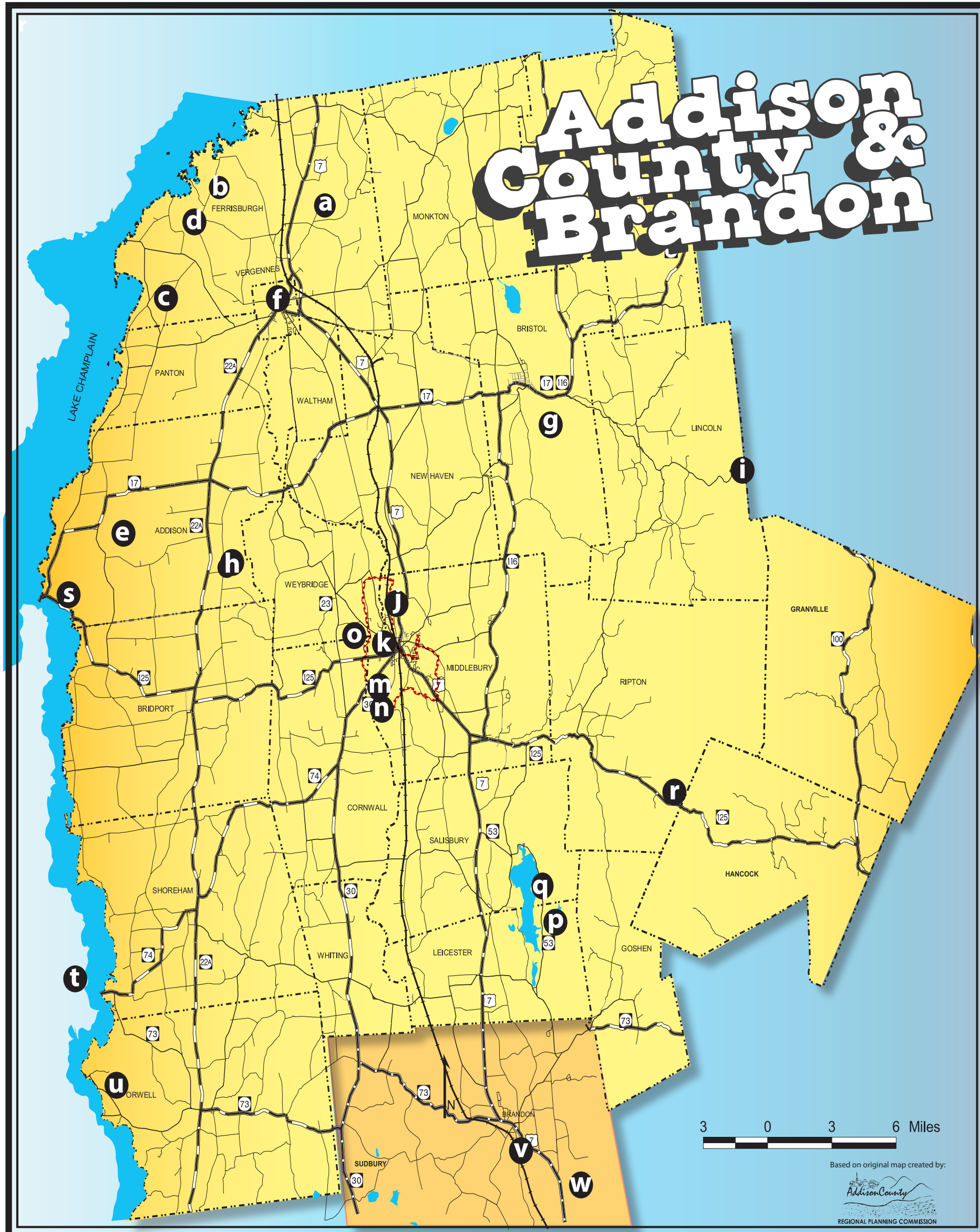


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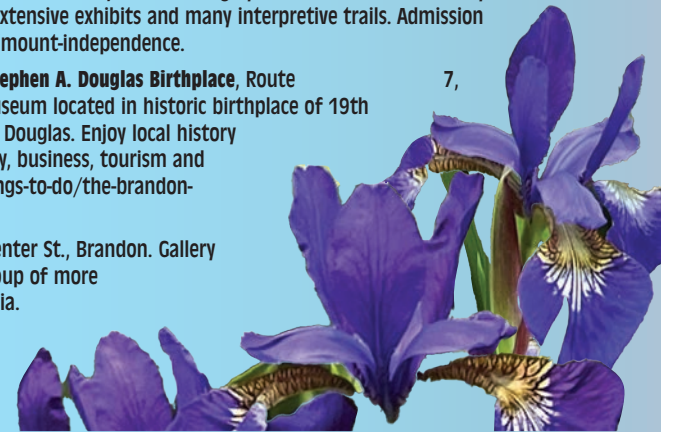
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Summer Guide hot spots

- 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.

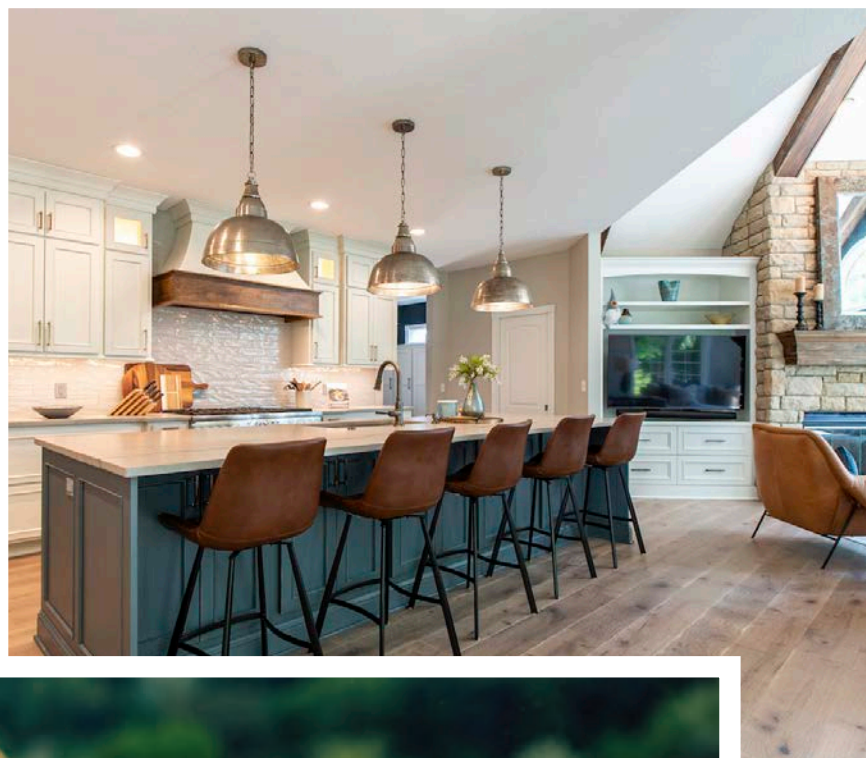
- n. **Museum of Art at Middlebury College**. Located inside the Mahaney Arts Center (MAC), the art museum features and expansive collections and diverse temporary loan exhibits. This summer's special exhibitions look at Andy Warhol and at an 18th century Parisian interior. Open Tuesday-Sunday. middlebury.edu/museum.
- 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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