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## MAUSD responds to crisis in Bristol

### District plans for more staff, better communication

By CHRISTOPHER ROSS

BRISTOL — School board members, staff, parents and community members were looking for answers when the Mount Abraham Unified School District board convened a special meeting this past Thursday, Oct. 21.

It had been nine days since a group of Bristol Elementary School (BES) staff had raised the alarm about unsafe working conditions in their school — detailing for the board at its Oct. 12 meeting incidents of violence and destruction at the hands of a few

dysregulated students, describing a climate of fear in the building, expressing frustration with what they saw as a slow and inadequate response from administrators, and appealing to the school board for help. People wanted to know what was going to be done about it.

In the run-up to Thursday's special meeting, the MAUSD board had posed a number of questions to Superintendent Patrick Reen, which he spent the beginning of the meeting trying to answer, with the help of BES Principal David Wells and Mount Abraham Union High School Principal Shannon Warden.

### QUESTION ONE

*What resources have been deployed already at Bristol and have any additional resources been* (See MAUSD, Page 8A)

## Ripton, ACSD talks fail to make progress

### Town's withdrawal bid still in limbo

By JOHN FLOWERS

MIDDLEBURY — Early talks between officials in the Addison Central School District and Ripton have failed to produce a breakthrough that could prevent the town's exit from the ACSD.

Positions on both sides appear to make the chances for an accord unlikely before the Vermont State Board of Education (VSBE) re-examines Ripton's withdrawal bid in November.

Ripton has already met statutory requirements to withdraw from the ACSD, which it is doing to keep

its local elementary school open. The ACSD has flagged Ripton Elementary for possible closure in light of declining enrollment and rising education costs.

But the Ripton School Board is finding its withdrawal effort more arduous than anticipated, largely because nearby supervisory unions have declined to partner with the community to provide it with the transportation, special education and central office services it will need if it's to achieve independence. Ripton, with fewer than 50 K-5

(See Ripton talks, Page 15A)

## MUMS taking new steps to remedy student unrest

By JOHN FLOWERS

MIDDLEBURY — Middlebury Union Middle School, plagued this fall by an alarming pattern of student discipline problems, is reversing the trend thanks to newly hired staff, new programming and help from the community, the school's principal told the Addison Central School District Board on Monday.

It was only two weeks ago that the board heard substitute teacher Fawnda Buttolph's graphic account of unruly students posing a

major challenge to a shorthanded, shell-shocked staff at MUMS. She painted a picture of hallways filled with yelling and foul language, students refusing to do what they're told, and instances of school administrators having to help remove the most problematic children from classrooms.

Principal Michael Dudek acknowledged the problems, attributing some of the strife to a shortage of paraprofessionals, a student population that has

(See MUMS, Page 7A)



VUHS SENIORS GENEVA Verburg, left, Jasmine Beenen and Ryley DuBois smile through the raindrops on Green Street in New Haven during Monday's VUHS Senior Class Walkathon. The annual event raises money for the charity of the class's choice, in this case about \$3,100 and counting for Helping Overcome Poverty's Effects, or HOPE.

Independent photos/Steve James

## VUHS seniors walk for HOPE

### Rain and cold shortens distance, does not dampen spirits

By ANDY KIRKALDY

VERGENNES — The annual Vergennes Union High School senior class walkathon went on as scheduled on Monday despite rainy, cold weather, and the Class of 2022 exceeded its goal of raising \$3,000 for the social service organization Helping

Overcome Poverty's Effects, known as HOPE.

As of midday on Monday, the seniors had amassed more than \$3,100 in pledges through direct donations and in their gofundme.com account, which they planned to keep active through early

(See VUHS seniors, Page 16A)



KYLE BACON, LEFT, and Chris Therrien walk ahead of a group of classmates along Green Street in New Haven during the annual VUHS Senior Class Walkathon fundraiser. Organizers agreed in advance to cut the route short, but the seniors still walked about halfway to Middlebury through rain and cold.

## Bristol seeing significant solar investment



CONSTRUCTION OF THE 3-acre, 500-kilowatt Bristol Community Solar array is close to the halfway point and is expected to be completed around the end of this year. The project, which consists of nearly 1,700 solar panels, occupies about a quarter of the town-owned land that used to host the Bristol municipal landfill.

Photo by Richard Butz

## Three projects on tap or completed

By CHRISTOPHER ROSS

BRISTOL — If the 500kW community solar project under construction on 3 acres of Bristol's former town landfill is completed, as hoped, by New Year's, the project will have gone from idea to operational in less than two years.

Bristol Community Solar, a \$1.8 million solar project undertaken by Acorn Energy Solar (AES), a partnership between the Acorn Energy Co-op of Addison County and Aegis Renewable Energy of Waitsfield, calls for nearly 1,700 solar panels producing 440 watts apiece.

Construction began about a month ago, and significant progress has already been made on the site, including infrastructure to support the panels and all of the poles, wires and transformers, according

(See Solar, Page 2A)

## Longtime advocate for children steps back

### Peters helped found Parent-Child Center

By JOHN FLOWERS

MIDDLEBURY — Addison County Parent-Child Center Co-founder Cheryl Mitchell can tell you scads of stories to explain Natalie Peters's devotion to the center and its young clients.

But one story stands out.

"When the Parent-Child Center ran out of space and needed to build, Natalie said, 'I'll go back to school and become an architect so I can help,'" Mitchell recalled.

It wasn't idle chatter. She did it, and helped design an expansion project for the center's Monroe Street headquarters that's allowed the center to influence the lives of hundreds of young parents and children during the past 42 years.

"Natalie has been an inspiration, mentor, nudge, goal setter, and hard worker for generations of Addison County people and organizations," Mitchell said. "Just when you think something can't be done, Natalie does it."

Peters, 90, has proudly served on the local nonprofit's board of directors since its inception, but she's now ready to cede her spot to someone a bit younger. She departs having left her fingerprints on an organization that has become a national model for compassionately instilling parenting skills in young moms who begin their journey into adulthood with a lot of fear and virtually no resources.

"We were just doing something local that had to be taken care of," Peters said modestly last Friday during an interview.

"It's been very rewarding, and I'm so proud of the staff," she added. "They've done a wonderful job."

Indeed, thousands of young Addison County parents and children owe a debt of gratitude to Peters, Mitchell, Sue Harding and a handful of other visionaries who decided, during the late 1970s, that this region needed a special place for pregnant teens to receive compassion, counseling, job training and a nurturing environment in which to incubate

(See Peters, Page 11A)



## By the way

Folks looking for Halloween ambiance over the next several days should check out the New Haven Town Park. Through Nov. 5 it will boast scary decorations that will provide chills — during

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# Solar

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to the AES update presented to the Bristol selectboard on Oct. 22, which described the project as about 35% complete.

This is the third solar project undertaken by the Acorn Energy Co-op — the others were in Shoreham and Middlebury — and its second in partnership with Aegis Renewable Energy.

“Acorn is amazing and dedicated and put a lot of work and time into this project,” said Sally Burrell, chair of the Bristol Energy Committee, which pitched the project to Acorn in early 2020.

According to the Acorn website, “what distinguishes this project from most other solar development in the state, is that it’s entirely local in its legal, financial and ownership structure. It’s designed by Vermonters, for Vermonters and ... will ultimately be owned by the local investors who are project participants (individuals, local businesses, churches, and other organizations), and who will benefit from the project’s energy production.

“Those investors will receive monthly credits on their Green Mountain Power bills in proportion to their project ownership. This will allow these local investors to play an active part in Vermont’s renewable energy future, and will also provide them with a reliable and stably priced local source of electricity in uncertain times. It also demonstrates how projects like these can be successfully developed with the active partnership among Acorn Energy Co-op, town governments, and local residents and businesses.”

BCS investors include the town of Middlebury, which committed \$323,000 to the project, in exchange for being guaranteed at least 15% of its panels. The investment could



**BRISTOL COMMUNITY SOLAR is the third solar project undertaken by the Acorn Energy Co-op and at 500 kilowatts by far the biggest. Its previous projects, in Shoreham and Middlebury were 150 kilowatts. Investors in the \$1.8 million project, being constructed on the former Bristol landfill, include the town of Middlebury.**

Photo by Richard Butz

save Middlebury up to \$180,000 in energy costs over the life of the bond, which was approved by town voters this summer.

Bristol will also benefit financially from BCS, receiving an \$11,000 annual lease payment for the landfill space, Burrell said.

### BRISTOL SOUTH

Bristol Community Solar follows fast on the heels of “Bristol South GLC Solar,” a 150kW array built in 2020 on private land off Route 116, just south of Notch Road.

Waterbury’s Green Lantern Solar built that project, Burrell explained, and the town of Bristol benefits from that project as well, this time through net metering credits.

Net metering, as explained by Green Mountain Power (GMP) on its website, “is how Vermonters can generate their own electricity and send what they don’t use back onto the grid. If a net metered customer uses more electricity than is generated, the customer will pay the utility only for the difference. If the system generates more electricity than the customer used in a month, Green Mountain Power records a credit towards the customer’s next bill.”

Because of its modest size — it sits on less than an acre — Bristol South GLC Solar qualifies for the net metering program.

According to its agreement with Green Lantern and GMP, the town of Bristol receives credits primarily through four town meters — at the Firehouse, Holley Hall, the Town Garage and the Pump House, Burrell said. This allows the town to reduce its electricity bills by roughly \$4,000 a year.

### GREEN PEAK

A third major solar project in Bristol has just received its Certificate of Public Good (CPG) from the Vermont Public Utility

Commission.

The 2.2-megawatt project, developed by Green Peak Solar, will be located just off Cain Hill Road, on a site that had once been considered for a gravel pit.

Green Peak has purchased the land and plans to sell energy to the entire grid, Burrell said.

Like the BCS landfill solar project, the gravel pit solar project will feature bi-facial panels that can absorb and convert light that’s reflected off of snow on the ground. In addition, this array will use moveable panels that will track the sun across the sky.

A separate phase of the project calls for battery storage onsite, which can be made available to utilities during peak times, Burrell said.

Green Peak Solar was co-founded by Middlebury College alums Chris Cadwell, who began his solar career in San Francisco, and Nathaniel Vandal, who began his career in Seattle.

They describe themselves as “a small team of renewable energy developers with over 20 years of combined experience,” according to the company website. “We are passionate about the environment and continue to innovate ways to solve the climate crisis.”

### MOUNT ABE NEXT?

After Green Peak’s project, the next major solar project undertaken in Bristol could be at Mount Abraham Union High School.

Recent public comments by Mount Abraham Unified School District officials indicate there is strong interest in incorporating solar panels when it comes time to replace the high school roof.

According to MAUSD Facilities Director Joel FitzGerald, the Mount Abe roof has three years left from its life expectancy and “we

are certainly looking at installing panels when the roof is replaced at that time.”

The MAUSD has already dipped its toe into solar stream, so to speak, having partnered with AllEarth Renewables to install a 100kW array in a field adjacent to the school.

Ultimately, FitzGerald said, the MAUSD would like to have solar panels on every roof in the district.

### ENERGY PLAN

These are exciting times for Bristol and its Energy Committee, Burrell said.

The town’s Enhanced Energy Plan, which is currently being reviewed by the Addison County Regional Planning Commission, lays out a path toward helping Vermont reach its energy goals, including “90x50” — obtaining 90% of the state’s energy through renewable sources by 2050.

As the plan notes, Bristol isn’t the number-one sunniest place on earth, but it’s not too shabby, either.

“Bristol’s location and climate mean our share of solar energy is less than average,” the plan says. “Nevertheless, the rate of solar energy input to Bristol ranges from about 500 kilowatts per acre in January to 900 kilowatts per acre in June.”

Based on the town’s current electrical energy consumption, that should be plenty.

“Even in January Bristol could, in principle, meet its average energy demand with solar energy (18.4 MW), using just 150 acres,” the plan explains. “Inefficiencies could raise this figure many times over, as would increased energy consumption in January. Nevertheless, it’s clear that the solar resource at Bristol is theoretically more than adequate for their energy needs.”

Generating energy locally also has the added benefit of keeping money in the state, Burrell said.

Plus, “the more renewable energy we create, the more self-reliant we are. Which is why we’re grateful we’ve been able to find good locations for all of these projects.”

For more information about Bristol’s Enhanced Energy Plan, visit [tinyurl.com/BristolEEP](http://tinyurl.com/BristolEEP).

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# ACSD, teachers ink new three-year pact

## Bargaining described as productive

By JOHN FLOWERS

MIDDLEBURY — The Addison Central School District Board and the Addison Central Educators’ Association (ACEA) have ratified a new three-year contract that will add 4%, 3.5% and 3.3% in new money, respectively, to the teachers’ salary structure during each year of the agreement.

The new pact is retroactive to this past July 1, and extends through June 30, 2024.

“The tenor of negotiations was positive, and although we may approach negotiations looking at situations through various lenses, there was certainly a great deal of mutual respect present throughout the process,” teacher Jeff Lester, the ACEA’s lead negotiator, said of the agreement. “That, coupled with honest communication, allowed us to reach a settlement that extends into the next three years.”

Negotiators on both sides sought to maximize value for starting teachers, so they focused on beefing up base wages.

“Because we have a lot of staff who have been here a while, when we put new money into the salary schedule, a lot of it gets taken up by step increases,” said ACSD board member Peter Conlon, who led the district’s negotiating team. “If all of your new money gets taken up there, here’s very little money added to the base.”

With that in mind, the new pact stipulates teachers aren’t eligible for step movement during year one of the deal. But teachers are eligible for step movement in years two and three, thus rewarding the more senior educators based on years served and additional degrees

they might have earned.

“What that does is it helps us build the base,” Conlon said, adding, “Our base-level salaries haven’t really been keeping up, as well,” he said, adding, “the goal there is to both recognize the work of our existing staff and to build the base for attracting teachers so this is a place they want to come to teach.”

Conlon echoed Lester’s comments about the collegial and productive tenor of the contract talks.

“(The ACEA) could have brought up a lot of things that they’re going through with current events, in terms of the pandemic, and they didn’t,” he said. “I was really impressed that we kept focused on the core issues that existed pre-pandemic and that will exist post-pandemic — to solve and address those.”

Healthcare costs and wages are usually the most challenging items to resolve in a labor contract. But health insurance wasn’t on the local bargaining table this year, as Vermont public school teachers’ healthcare benefits are now negotiated as a statewide contract. A new health care agreement is currently in the works, with the Vermont School Boards Association on Oct. 22 describing the outstanding issues as being “out-of-pocket funding and clarification of how a statewide grievance procedure would be implemented.” An arbitration panel is slated to review both sides’ positions on those sticking points next week.

Other provisions of the new (See ACSD, Page 3A)

# Vermont COVID cases drop, but only slightly

By ERIN PETENKO & MIKE DOUGHERTY

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COVID-19 cases have declined 7% in the past two weeks, state officials reported Tuesday, but they reminded Vermonters it’s not the first time cases have begun to slow under the Delta wave, only to come back in force shortly after.

Vermont reported 90 new COVID-19 cases Tuesday, lowering the seven-day average to 201 cases per day, according to Department of Health data. But Michael Peciak, commissioner of the Department of Financial Regulation, said case levels remained “elevated.”

The state also has reported lowering case counts twice during the Delta surge — once in early September, and once in early October — that then rebounded and rose to even higher levels, he noted.

As if to prove his point, the state reported 164 new COVID-19 cases and two new deaths Wednesday.

Most of the improvement in the past week has been among vaccinated Vermonters, whose cases fell 2% in the last seven days, while unvaccinated cases rose 9%.

In the past week, not fully vaccinated Vermonters were

3.8 times more likely to get an infection and 3.8 times more likely to be hospitalized, according to the state data. On Wednesday, 54 Vermonters were in the hospital with the virus, including 13 in intensive care.

In Orleans County, which has the highest concentration of new infections in the state, the case rate for not fully vaccinated people is 4.8 times higher than vaccinated people, the data shows.

Peciak said fatalities across the state have started to decline, with 27 deaths reported in October though Tuesday. The state forecasts declining deaths in the coming weeks. In total, 356 people in Vermont have died of COVID during the pandemic.

But then on Wednesday the state reported two more COVID-19 deaths. Those deaths represent a grim statistical milestone: 100 Vermonters have now died since July, when the more contagious Delta variant became dominant in the Northeast.

Last year, it took nine months — including a summer of sustained low infection rates — for Vermont to reach the first 100 deaths of the pandemic. This year, the Delta variant has driven the same death toll in less than four months.

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# Surveyor: City, neighbors should talk about borders

By **ANDY KIRKALDY**

**VERGENNES** — The communities of Vergennes and Ferrisburgh are revisiting a centuries-old discussion of whether taxable property has been improperly mapped — a debate that takes on greater importance as an alternate truck route through the region is being worked on.

Similar property boundary issues are also surfacing in Pantan and Waltham.

Vergennes surveyor Tim Cowan said he believed the uncertainty about the border between Ferrisburgh and Vergennes dated back to survey errors in the 1780s, just before the city was chartered.

And he said that using the original dimensions of the lots created when Ferrisburgh was founded — all the lots were 40 chains by 50 chains — it's still possible to recreate the city's proper dimensions.

"Lot lines can be found in Ferrisburgh," Cowan told an audience of Ferrisburgh and Vergennes officials and residents during a 90-minute forum at the Ferrisburgh town office and on Zoom on Oct. 20.

Those dimensions should create land in Vergennes, per its original 1788 charter, that adds up to 1,200 acres. Vergennes officials, however, acknowledge they tax more than 1,600 acres.

City Councilor Mel Hawley — the former longtime city manager — said during the presentation that his research indicates agreements between the city and its neighbors as to which properties should be taxed by which communities date back to the 1840s.

But Cowan said at the end of his hour-long presentation that many boundaries between not only Vergennes and Ferrisburgh, but also the city and neighboring Pantan and Waltham, are currently "basically invisible."

Other parcels, he said, appear not to belong to any of the communities, while his best guess is that Vergennes (as taxed) contains 419 acres, of which 224 could be in Ferrisburgh

along the city's northern and northwest borders, 160 in Pantan along its southwest and southern boundaries, and 35 in Pantan on its southern edge.

He said the best solution might be for all parties to sit down and hash out borders they could all agree upon. Cowan included a couple examples of potential new boundaries among his PowerPoint presentation.

The Legislature would have to sign off on any final arrangement, Cowan added, whether friendly or court-imposed.

"If both sides agree, arbitration is easy," he said.

## ROOTS OF UNCERTAINTY

It remains unknown whether the border question ever arose between 1788 and 1996, when amateur historian and Ferrisburgh resident Robert Mitchell uncovered the discrepancy while reviewing old maps.

Mitchell reported, much like Cowan, the "lotting scheme" that was used to subdivide Ferrisburgh, and out of which Vergennes was carved, could be recreated.

The Ferrisburgh selectboard then pursued the question of whether the town owned any of the city in 1996 and 1997, and the Pantan and Waltham selectboards followed the issue.

Leaders in all three towns ultimately chose not to pursue any claims, in part because the school funding system then in place assigned a greater share of educational costs to towns with more children in union school districts. For example, the mobile home park on Pantan Road now in Vergennes could have been moved into Pantan.

In 1996, Hawley, then the city manager, argued that highway surveys done shortly after the city's incorporation show area towns already "acquiesce to the town lines as we recognize them today."

Hawley also believes more than a 150 years of property taxation is sufficient to establish which properties are in which communities.

Hawley said on Oct. 20 that in the 1990s he and another amateur historian, Ken Degree, uncovered evidence of an understanding among the neighbors.

"The towns needed to agree on town boundaries ... because no one out there is going to want to pay taxes on their land twice," Hawley said. "There was no disagreement until today."

## UNCHARTED TERRITORY?

Cowan said the issue wasn't "that the towns are disagreeing. It's that they don't know where their boundaries are."

Ferrisburgh more recently raised the issue again, and Pantan officials have also expressed concern, because of the alternate truck route proposed by the Agency of Transportation now working its way through pre-engineering and planning phases.

VTrans officials favored a route they believed ran entirely through Vergennes because it would have less impact on other towns, but whether the route stays inside Vergennes might now be called into question.

Cowan said unclear boundaries among Ferrisburgh, Pantan and Vergennes along the route "could throw a wrench in the works" for that planned truck road, one reason he urged leaders in the communities to sit down and work out an agreement.

He added it's "unfair to citizens to be unsure of where boundaries are."

"I think decisions can be made on the macro level," Cowan concluded in urging leaders of all the affected communities to sit down together.

Ferrisburgh Selectboard Chair Jessica James and Vergennes City Manager Ron Redmond co-hosted the Oct. 20 meeting. Both acknowledged the event was plagued by poor sound, particularly a Q-and-A session that followed Cowan's presentation.

The meeting was also hit by an inappropriate Zoom bomber, which precluded the meeting recording from being placed on the town website.

Still, Cowan had agreed to record his presentation, with plans to make that recording available for review by town and city officials.

James and Redmond said it's too early to describe the way forward, but they hope Cowan's efforts will help get people talking and thinking, possibly beyond discussions that have been ongoing between their communities.

"The whole point of hosting this with Jess was to start the conversation," Redmond said. "I think the conversation can be most productive when everyone is talking together."

He hopes anyone who missed, or had trouble hearing, Cowan's presentation will listen to what he and James hope will be a better second take, and then enter into what he expects could be a painstaking process.

"I just want everybody to see this and weigh in," Redmond said. "How long has this been? 200 years? It's going to take some time ... We'd like to find an end point, but everybody has to get there together."

James said she'll talk to the full selectboard about the Ferrisburgh's next steps.

"I need to have more discussion with the selectboard and see if we want to get an opinion from an attorney of what to do," James said.

Might this selectboard follow in the footsteps of the Ferrisburgh board in the mid-1990s and let the matter slide?

Probably not, James said, with the alternate truck route — which local officials like to call the Vergennes Economic Corridor because it is expected to open up hundreds of acres for new development — on the table.

"We could. It could happen again. But I don't think we will," she said. "We need to have clear boundaries so we know what is what for moving forward for the economic corridor. And we found areas that aren't taxed. It's a little too messy. We need to monument it in some way."



## Boo-nanza of fun

**ADDISON COUNTY WILL offer Halloween revelers a plethora of scary-good activities this weekend. Don't just sit around like the fellow in this photo. Check out the impressive lineup in our community calendar on Page 5B.**

Independent photo/Steve James

## ACSD

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ACSD teachers' contract call for:

- "A teacher who is the only full-time teacher in a multi-grade classroom at the K-5 level who is required to teach a full school year for three more grade levels shall receive a stipend of \$1,000 per school year in recognition of the additional work required to teach three or more grade levels."

- "The board will provide an annual reimbursement to any teacher who waives the health insurance coverage offered by the board, provided said teacher certifies he or she has the other

health insurance coverage and said insurance coverage is not provided through a Vermont public school district via a spouse, domestic partner or other relative. The board shall pay \$1,500, prorated for part-time teachers."

Lester is pleased with the three-year span of the new contract, which will give negotiators a lengthy breather.

"With contract negotiations behind us, it allows us to focus our energy on providing the best learning opportunities for the students in ACSD," he said.

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## Guest editorials

### Disinformation: How you can help protect our democracy

By Vermont Secretary of State Jim Condos

October is Cybersecurity Awareness Month. Over the past few weeks, I have given considerable thought to the message I want to convey to Vermonters on this important topic.

The world of cybersecurity has changed significantly for election officials over the last five years. Turn back to September of 2017, when Department of Homeland Security officials confirmed what we had suspected for months: Russian cyber actors had attacked our elections in an attempt to unduly influence the outcome.

This reality-changing announcement kicked off a years-long public education campaign that continues today about the many layers of robust cyber security we have in place protecting elections. From the 'gold standard' voter marker paper ballot we use in Vermont, to post-election audits, strict chain of custody procedures, routine penetration testing, threat prevention, detection and mitigation, multifactor authentication, and state and federal partnerships, my goal has always been to be transparent and give Vermont voters the information they need to feel confident in the security and integrity of our elections.

This won't be the last time you'll hear me say the phrase "cybersecurity is a race without a finish line."

This threat landscape is ever-evolving; but rather than talk about the protections we have in place for election systems, I want to discuss a threat that is as, if not more, dangerous to fair elections. It just so happens it is one we can all play a role in defeating: Election disinformation threatens to rip our country in two if we do not join together to do something.

Red or blue, it doesn't matter. How can we expect to have civil conversations when swirling around us everywhere we turn we see conspiracy theories, offensive memes, and outright lies designed to warp our own perceptions of the democratic process until we turn on each other?

It has been almost a year since the 2020 General Election, and the results were carefully and deliberately certified by Democrat, Republican, and non-partisan election officials across the country, but it doesn't feel that way when I go online. Instead, I see the same old disproven conspiracy theories, designed to appeal to those who didn't like the outcome and spread in an effort to weaken our confidence in American democracy.

At best, bad actors push false rhetoric that leaves us badly informed. At worst, disinformation and deliberately misleading mal-information leads to abusive and threatening behaviors, including death threats and physical violence.

We are teetering on a knife-edge, and if we are to find our way off, it needs to be together.

I hope you will use this Cybersecurity Awareness Month as a reminder to look only to primary, official sources for your information. The talking heads in our news feeds don't count: it is on all of us to verify the information we hear before promoting it ourselves. If you're skeptical, or have questions, reach out to those who have answers. You can call or email my office anytime, and we will gladly answer your questions to best of our ability.

Disagreeing with each other through civil discourse, based on facts and evidence, is the minimum standard we must consider in order to return to a healthy democracy. Please join me: be skeptical about what you read online and think before you link!

### Suggested use for ARPA funds

Dear Addison County community and selectboard members:

One of the most important topics on your collective agenda's lately has been, "How should your town spend the funding it received from the American Recovery Plan Act of 2021 ("ARPA")?"

I write to you today with a suggestion. I ask you to close your eyes and take a journey with me. Please think of your community, or your favorite small community in Addison County, or in Vermont for that matter. Now think of the most iconic building in or near the center of that community's village. Can you see it?

I will wager that you chose your town hall, or library or some other community building. I would also wager that it was constructed sometime in the 19th century, maybe the 1850s. Your community has maintained it, but has never really improved it. Over time, its systems have fallen out of date. The hall is not ADA accessible, so you no longer hold town meetings there; or it costs a fortune to heat, so it sits unused and unloved all winter. These buildings stand potentially grand, but slightly impoverished and under-utilized in many of our villages.

My challenge to all of you is this: How do we restore not only the buildings themselves, but their use, their purpose and their pride? How do we use the town and state ARPA funding, combined with other funding sources, to reinvigorate these iconic structures as economic engines and community centers in the heart of our villages?

Can they house a daycare, eldercare, or both? Can they serve as a business incubator or a joint community workspace (A short commute from home, but with a sense of community one does not get from their basement office)? Can it serve as the town hall again, enhanced by some other business use or uses that promote economic or community development and enable it to generate an income stream for its upkeep?

We need to be thoughtful and careful. Municipal ARPA funding can only pay for certain types of infrastructure, like broadband, water or wastewater (each of which could be a potentially important part of our project).

However, if we focus on the economic activity and recovery we could generate from our improved facility, I believe we can restore and preserve these cornerstones of our villages and improve them to help drive our communities' prosperity into the future; the intended use of the ARPA recovery funding.

The Addison County Regional Planning Commission stands ready to work with our communities to help you fulfill your vision to drive economic recovery in your community.

Sincerely,

Adam Lougee, executive director of the Addison County Regional Planning Commission.



### Peak reflection

FALL COLORS MAY be fading in the Greens, but were near peak on Lake Dunmore this past weekend and throughout the Champlain Valley basin. This reflection is captured just north of Sucker Brook with Mount Moosalamoo in the background.

Independent photo/Angelo Lynn

## Student discipline has been in flux

After I finished school, I didn't think much about public education until I became a parent. But when my daughter started at Bristol Elementary I realized things have changed a lot since I went to school there.

My daughter started 7th grade at Mt. Abe this year. From building renovations, to schools voting to leave the district, to the recent meeting over safety and policy concerns, school issues have been in the news. Throw COVID-19 into the mix, with social distancing, mask wearing, and adjusting to remote learning, and it is a crazy time to be attending school.

My 73-year-old father's experiences at schools in Bristol during the '50s and '60s are almost unrecognizable from my daughter's. Recently, we all sat down and talked about it. While my dad has endless entertaining anecdotes that may make a cameo in future columns, I want to focus on recent concerns for the safety of students and staff in schools.

To me, there are two very different situations that lead to unsafe situations. First is when a child who has cognitive or behavioral differences who should have personalized attention isn't getting the care they need and becomes unsafe to themselves or others. Second is simply kids being out of control. One needs to be addressed with appropriate staff and resources. The other stems from something fundamentally wrong today with the way parents and society are raising children.

I asked my daughter how often there were disruptive students in the classroom, and how it affected her teachers' ability to teach and the

students' ability to learn.

"In elementary school the first time something like that happened was in third or fourth grade. The kid was taken out of the classroom by one of the planning room staff. In fifth grade, there were two times when we had to leave the room because the disruptive student was refusing to leave. "Clear the halls" were mostly if someone got sick in the hall, or if someone got hurt. I think the teachers dealt with it really well, doing the necessary things to keep the class safe. But the same could not be said for the students, who mostly couldn't focus for the rest of the day."

I also asked my dad what teachers did about disruptive students when he was in school. He said there weren't any.

"In 7th and 8th grade I had Mrs. Wright as a homeroom teacher. She was a diminutive older lady who often spoke Spanish to us. We'd have an assignment to work on. You could open the top of the desk to get your stuff out, but we would open it up and fool around behind it. The teacher would walk around the room, and she had a ruler. If you weren't on task, she would hit you with a ruler. There was no fooling around after that."

Next, I asked my daughter if she'd ever felt unsafe at school.

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By Claire Corkins



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## Radiator purchase leaves me cold

This past spring, I fell victim to a diabolical scheme. All because our kitchen table now sits near a glass door, far from our woodstove.

Anticipating a chill, we started looking for a source of heat for that end of the room. We wanted something that would approximate the cozy radiance that the woodstove emits and also confuse people who thought our goal was to modernize the house.

So we bought a cast-iron radiator.

I grew up in a house heated with radiators, and I loved them. I slept in an uninsulated back bedroom with single-pane windows, and on winter mornings the hissing of my radiator was the only thing other than a snow day that could get me out of bed.

Classic radiators aren't made anymore, but I found a radiator collector and restorer in Minnesota. His vast online inventory showed dozens of salvaged radiators of all shapes and sizes, including a fancy one with a flower and vine design that curled up the sides.

I had to have it.

Mark didn't trust the website. But for the next few weeks, I emailed and talked on the phone with Kurt, the nice radiator man, to sort out the details of having the unit pressure tested, sandblasted, repainted and shipped to Vermont. Through PayPal, I sent him the

money — a ridiculous amount for an item that normal people rip out of their homes and sell for scrap.

In our many conversations, I learned about Kurt's grandchildren and the weather in Duluth. He checked in regularly with status updates, finally emailing me to let me know that the unit would be shipped by the end of April.

But that, I'm afraid, was the last time I heard from Kurt.

In May, I emailed him a few times and got no response. I left phone messages that went unreturned. Mark was sure that Kurt had scammed us; he obviously had set up an elaborate website to take advantage of the half-dozen people in the country with anachronistic tastes in heating. He had probably waited years for this transaction.

I, always one to give the benefit of the doubt, assumed something bad had happened to Kurt. Hoping to save face with Mark, I searched online for Kurt's obituary, but unfortunately for me, he appeared to still be alive.

Then I checked Kurt's website and found that the inventory page had been emptied. Mark gloated: Kurt had done us dirty after all. He had no doubt packed up his radiators and fled the country. (If so, I hope he had a good back brace.)

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## Letters to the Editor

### Easement deal was violated

Think twice before signing a Middlebury Regional Planning easement. I speak about the sidewalk through the Pulp Mill Bridge area. Three things:

First, Pulp Mill Bridge Road has a two-rod right of way. Half the sidewalk ended up a foot or two beyond that on our property.

Second, we had an old house foundation, possibly the oldest in the area, on the corner of our property. Despite an agreeable discussion with a construction supervisor, they destroyed it.

Third, we had a row of locust trees over 60 feet high. These had even been marked "Save" on the original decade-old Middlebury Regional Planning map for their first attempt to build the sidewalk. This time they cut them down and replaced them with three small oaks. Two are dead.

I put a sign about this on one of the dead trees. It disappeared. Thus, my letter.

Geoffrey Cobden  
Weybridge

### 'Unpacking' the latest jargon

Dear Jargonistas,

Like some of you, perhaps, I don't want to "unpack" anything anymore. Particularly during COVID when it is hard to travel. For the record, I am not an internet connection and I doubt you are, so we do not have "bandwidth." And I am not a ship captain either, so nothing is ever in my "wheelhouse." I do have a couple of apple trees at home, but any "low-hanging fruit" is always quickly eaten by the myriad deer who visit. And have you really ever met anyone who wanted to "circle back"? The last time I was glad I did was on the New York Circle Line Sightseeing Cruise around Manhattan. I was twelve years old. My children tell me that was a long time ago. And I really do not want to associate with folks who "think outside the box." If you are in a box to begin with, you probably have other issues. Nor do I like it when someone tells me they are going to "drill down." Historically that means I am visiting my dentist, Dr. Berkowitz.

I actually would like to take a "deep dive" sometime, but I would prefer to do that in some warm water where I might encounter tropical fish.

I know, some of you are saying who is this old guy, what a curmudgeon. My daughter told me "ok boomer, why don't we put a pin in it." But I want to expand my vocabulary and I imagine some of you wish to as well. This certainly would be a "win-win" situation for everyone. We will just have to "go with the flow." Yeah, I agree, it sounds disgusting. But "it is what it is."

Sincerely,

Richard Saunders  
Middlebury

### BES problems predate COVID

I was a classroom teacher at Robinson Elementary School in Starksboro from 1999 until this past June. I am writing this letter to echo the thoughts expressed by former BES teacher Peg Sutlive. While I am distressed to hear about recent events at BES, I am glad there is now board and community awareness of a bigger issue in the five town schools. As Peg pointed out, the problem predates the pandemic. The district's system for supporting students with behavioral needs is not working and needs an overhaul. I am not writing this letter to lay blame, but instead to advocate for change.

The district model for responding to behavioral outbursts may be based in practices that ultimately support individual students, but it fails to consider the impact of that response on the learning community. In the past, learning at Robinson was interrupted in the same ways that have recently been

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# BES problems merit drastic actions

I am here to speak on behalf of a fast-growing coalition of parents and taxpayers. The events of Thursday, Oct. 7, that occurred at Bristol Elementary School (BES), as well as the effects of that situation that followed in the coming days, were horrible, appalling and most extremely concerning. But, that one incident is merely a culminating example of policy and communication issues and utter ineptness that have plagued our district for several years. And yes, COVID did exasperate the situation, but these problems have been ongoing for years. As a result of not being properly dealt with, our students and staff members' mental and physical well-beings are being compromised each and every day.

## Community Forum

*Mary Dearborn of Bristol tried to present this statement from a coalition of Bristol-area parents to the Mount Abraham Union High School Board at their meeting on Oct. 21, but board rules prohibited her from mentioning staff so she was cut short. She asked that we publish it in the Independent.*

“discouraging,” and “awful.” A handful of parents have agreed to speak with the media about their experiences while others wanted to remain silent out of fear of retaliation against their child. Let that sink in for a minute.

These parents are advocating and fighting an uphill battle for their child to receive the help they need that was either denied or ended up taking years to implement. And now they are scared to speak out because they don't want their child to suffer more than they already have or lose the help that they were eventually provided. There are on-going incidents of harassment and abuse being inflicted by students to other children on the playground, or on the bus. One parent started documenting their correspondence with the administration after their child was hit and targeted repeatedly for over a year by one child. The “solution” was for their child to just avoid the other kid. Another parent told me about their child becoming afraid to ride the bus because another child was hitting him and harassing him. The current principal's response was for the parent to find another means of transportation for their child.

Several parents from Lincoln have expressed their astonishment and disgust with what they see happening in Bristol. They are more resolved than ever to dissolve from this district. And quite frankly, maybe it's time to put the consolidation issue on the back burner until the board can prove they can get these problems resolved.

Teachers and para-educators have been physically injured at school and their concerns and complaints have continued to fall on deaf ears. You, the board, are elected by us to govern our schools. It has become abundantly clear that most of you have been kept in the dark for far, far too long. It is time for you to step up and take the actions authorized to you in your policies and procedures.

Policy Title: 3.4 Monitoring Superintendent's Performance. 2. The board will acquire monitoring information by one or more of three methods: (a) by internal report, in which the superintendent discloses interpretations and compliance information to the board; (b) by external report, in which an external, disinterested third party selected by the board assesses compliance with board policies; or (c) by direct board inspection, in which a designated member or members of the board assess compliance with the appropriate policy criteria.

It is excruciatingly evident that we need more and specifically qualified special educators in our schools and less “coaches” for the teachers. These needs are immediate and if no money can be allocated for this, then we need to take emergency action to reevaluate our budget.

Initially, what we would have liked is a vote of no confidence

in our top three administrators and demand their resignations. That being said, we recommend the elimination of the positions of assistant superintendent, and director of student services, and create a brand new position to be held by one qualified person with a clinical background in social work. We also call for the termination of the “coach” positions, with all of that money earmarked for those positions to go to hiring an interventionist(s), as well as several more 1-on-1 aides, and mandatory CPI training for staff members.

Article 4.1 in the Collective Bargaining Agreement (signed by Dawn Griswold) states,

“In recognition of the fact that the board is vested with the responsibility for assuring the quality of education and the efficient and economical operation of the district, it is hereby agreed that except as specifically and directly modified by this agreement, the board retains all rights and powers that it has or may hereafter be granted by law, and may exercise such powers at its discretion. These rights shall include but shall not be limited to, the sole discretion and authority to: Part D. Create, revise and eliminate positions and Part F: Discipline, suspend, discharge and non-renew for just cause.

In addition, we implore the board to enforce and require direct and regular communication with parents when incidents such as those that happened two weeks ago occur. That severely downplayed email sent to parents in no way actually conveyed the seriousness of the events that took place.

I would also like to make the board aware that while the majority of you were blindsided at last week's meeting, I know for a fact that at least two board members were made aware of the events, along with other board members who have children at BES and would have received the principal's first email and subsequent email where he outlined bringing in Counseling Service of Addison County to help the younger students deal with the incidents that they had witnessed. I find it very disconcerting that these board members—who are elected by us in faith that they have the best interests of our children and community in mind—failed to share this in a timely manner with the other members of the board.

The time for reflection, excuses and data collecting has passed. YEARS have been wasted on these temporary fixes and band-aids. No more! Yes, mental health problems are prevalent in all schools around the nation. But we aren't talking about other schools. We are talking about OUR school and OUR children. The dereliction of duties and the utter incompetence of those at the helm are doing nothing to turn this around. The ball is in your court. We are not going away. Our children's safety and emotional health is in your hands. The perception is that our district is crumbling from failures at the top tiers of our administration and the lack of enforcement by the board. Perception is reality. We ask you to do what is in the best interest of our children. Fix the perception. Take action. NOW!

# Letters to the Editor

## Social media companies are undermining democracy

Something is baffling me. Why do people continue to use Facebook? This is a company that has contributed to divisiveness in our country. It allows misinformation on its platform about many issues including politics, vaccines, climate change and conspiracy theories. We now know that Facebook makes more money by encouraging hate speech, misogyny, and anger because people stay on longer with this kind of content and see more ads.

Facebook (and other social media) are directly responsible for an increased lack of civility in our country. And yet, people continue to use Facebook.

In a *Time* magazine article

this summer a Nobel Laureate described Facebook as “ethically filthy” and one of the 10 worst companies in the USA because of its abuses in the Cambridge Analytica scandal, for which Facebook was fined 5 billion dollars by the FTC. The information was then used by the Trump campaign. So, through the Cambridge Analytica breach, misinformation, and fake news, Facebook contributed to the election of Donald Trump in 2016.

And yet, people continue to use Facebook, which means supporting Facebook, and its bottom line.

New information is coming out almost daily about Facebook's impact on the events of January

6, and its decision to dismantle its own “Civic Integrity group, which was designed to combat dangerous content on Facebook.”

I often see businesses say, “Follow us on Facebook!” Do you really want your business associated with an ethically filthy company?

It's time we stood up to Facebook and other social media companies that are undermining our democracy, civility and much that we hold dear. Is it really surprising that we are seeing the behavior issues we now see in our schools?

Please think about your use of social media and what it supports.

**Carol Price  
Bristol**

## Rubright family thankful for charitable effort

Dear Addison County Community,

Three years ago, we lost Deane Rubright, a beloved father, son, brother, uncle, and friend in a tragic accident. Deane was one of those people who put a smile on anyone's face. With a bubbly and bright personality, he certainly made his mark on the Addison County Community. The Rubright family would like to thank Rick Buck, the

Mister Ups team members, the Ralph Myhre Golf Course staff, and the over 100 community members who participated in the 2021 Mister Ups Memorial Golf Tournament.

This year, a portion of the proceeds were donated in Deane's honor to the Vermont VA Hospital for Recreational Therapy. A big thank you to Kyle Kelton who generously donated

back his winnings from the 50/50 raffle.

The quintessential fall day was made even better when those who played in the tournament were invited to the deck of Mister Ups for food and drink. It is an honor to be a part of such a supportive and caring community. Deane would have been the first to raise his glass to those who came out in support.

Thank you,  
**The Rubright Family  
Salisbury**

## Notes of appreciation

Mister Ups team members, the Ralph Myhre Golf Course staff, and the over 100 community members who participated in the 2021 Mister Ups Memorial Golf Tournament.

# Jessie

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I filed a complaint with PayPal, and to my relief they sent a full refund. But Mark is still telling everyone how I'm a rube who fell for that old internet radiator scam.

Luckily, we soon found someone on Craigslist who was getting rid of a bunch of radiators. They were old, plain and paint-covered—but cheap. Here's how you, too, can get one:

Drive to Rutland. Have your husband and the seller lug one of the radiators out to your car. Do your part by reminding them to lift with their legs. Hand out Advil.

Bring the radiator to a plumber for pressure testing, learn that it leaks and haul it back to Rutland to exchange it for a different old, plain, paint-covered radiator.

Bring Radiator No. 2 to Middlebury, have it tested and confirm that this one works. Yay, Drag it to a body shop and have it sandblasted. Take it back to the plumber to have it retested after blasting, confirm that it still works and bring it home. Buy more Advil.

Paint it in your shop, roll it into the house using a dolly with a wheel that falls off every 10 feet and have the plumbers hook it up. Finally, soak

up that bone-warming, long-lasting blend of radiant and convection heat. It's that simple.

But keep these tips in mind: 1. Make sure a cast iron radiator is the right type of heating for you, as opposed to, say, baseboard heat, a cold-climate heat pump or, for a truly old-fashioned feel, an open hearth directly under a hole in the roof.

2. Hire plumbers and sandblasters who will humor your quirky choice of a heating unit so heavy it affects distant tides.

3. Never, ever, buy a radiator online from a man named Kurt.

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with it. Teachers always try to carry on, and pick up where things left off, and there are many counselors and trusted adults at the school to talk to if you need to.”

Reflecting on the “clear the halls” incidents (when students must enter the nearest classroom and stay behind locked doors) and frequent active shooter drills unheard of when I was a student, my daughter said, “I think that these disruptive behaviors happen because students aren't getting enough support from their family. The school has always had guidance counselors, and I think that is a very good thing, but nothing like this would happen if everyone had a good family support system.”

When my father thought back to if there were ever students who were physically aggressive or destructive, he couldn't think of any incidents like this happening, ever.

While obviously a small sample, it is interesting to look at how the school experience has changed from my parents' generation to my

child's. While I'm glad that teachers are no longer rapping students on the knuckles with rulers, I worry about increasing behavioral disruptions and even violent episodes, and I'm not convinced all the advances in public education have been positive.

Claire Corkins grew up and lives in Bristol and studied Human Ecology at College of the Atlantic

in Maine. After college she worked abroad teaching English as a second language. She currently works with her father in such various endeavors as painting houses, tiling bathrooms, building porches, and fixing old windows. She hikes, reads, plays ice hockey, travels, and wishes she could wear flip flops all year round.

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Chris mentioned that I could use a roof rake to remove snow from my array but I taped a cloth mop to a 20' closet rod that I had hanging around. I store it under the array and when the array is covered with snow I use it to gently brush the panels off. My array starts producing power quicker and I am very happy with my electric bills.

If we buy the electric car that we have been thinking about, we will have Bristol Electronics return and add to our system, and cover the cost of the added electricity. Solar has been a good investment for us.

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## Obituaries

## William A. James, 110, of Bristol

BRISTOL — William "Bill" James, age 110, passed away on Sunday, Oct. 24, 2021, at his home in Bristol, Vt.

He was born in Lincoln, Vt., on York Hill on July 5, 1911. He was the second son of Vern and Rena James.

As a young child Bill started living with his grandfather William York and his stepgrandmother Emma. They lived on a small farm in West Lincoln and he went to the local one-room schoolhouse. Often on Saturday nights he and a friend would walk to Bristol to catch a movie. In 1928, Bill got his first car, which was a 1927 Pontiac.

In 1927 they got electricity installed on the farm and that led Bill to be very interested in and pursue a career in the electrical field. In 1936, Bill began working for Central Vermont Public Service (now GMP) part-time. In 1938-1939 he helped rebuild the dam at Rocky Dale in Bristol, Vt. In May of 1940, Bill started working full-time in Middlebury, Vt., for CVPS, where he got to be a first-class line worker. In 1955, Bill became the district representative for the Bristol area, which he held until his retirement in 1974.

In September of 1945, while at a barn dance in Monkton, Vt., Bill met a girl there named Mabel Lucia who became the love of his life, and they were married on that New Year's Eve in Burlington, Vt. They spent their honeymoon in Montreal, Canada. Together they raised four children, built their new home with the help of Bill's dad and lived life to the fullest until Mabel passed away in July of 2009. Bill and Mabel were married for 63 years. They were able to celebrate their 50th and 63rd anniversary together.

Bill was a very active person



WILLIAM A. JAMES

and well-known man. He was a past town selectman of Bristol, member of the Lincoln Church, vice president of the Green Mountain Seniors, a past member of the retired CVPS coffee club and the Bristol Old Farts group, member of the Bristol Rotary Club, Bristol Historical Society, a lifetime member of the Bristol Rescue Squad, and a member of the Masonic Lodge in town for 75 years.

Bill used to enjoy meeting up with his buddies at Snaps Restaurant in Bristol and always found time to visit his dear old late friends Sam McKennon and Hap Smith. He also had a wonderful friendship with his dear late friend George Smith, who Bill missed after George passed away.

Bill's favorite sports to watch on television were watching NASCAR car racing, wrestling and boxing.

He was well-known for being in several television commercials for a car company, where his famous line was, "You nasty old used car salesman," along with his funny devilish laugh.

Bill is survived by his stepson, Jim Lucia (Linda) of Bristol, Vt.;

daughter Susan Vermillion (Keith) of Otis Orchard, Wash., daughter Maureen James of Salisbury, Vt., and daughter Beverly Teer (John) of Monkton, Vt. He is also survived by his five grandchildren, Stacey (Emil) of South Carolina, Joelle (Frank) of Pennsylvania, Alex (Ashley) of Washington, Matt Lucia (Caitlin) of Burlington, Vt., and Melissa Lucia of North Carolina. He has three great-grandchildren, Kathren, Spencer and Maisy; also four great-great-grandchildren, along with several nieces, nephews and many friends.

Bill was predeceased by his wonderful wife Mabel; a brother, Harry James; three half-brothers, Clarence, Marshall and Herbert Parker; his grandson, Michael Vermillion; and his cat, Buddy, who was the best companion to Bill.

Bill and his family would like to thank everyone who helped to make his final years enjoyable, especially the wonderful nurses and staff at Addison County Home Health and Hospice, his good friend Wilma Hallock and all of his other close friends and family.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 30, at Bristol Federated Church with a burial following at Greenwood Cemetery in Bristol. (Masks will be required at service regardless of vaccination status). In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Addison County Home Health and Hospice, PO Box 754, Middlebury, VT 05753, or to the charity of your choice.

To send online condolences to his family please visit [brownmcclyfuneralhomes.com](http://brownmcclyfuneralhomes.com). A video of the service will be available on the website for those who can't attend, located at the bottom of the obituary.◇

## Dianne Lynn Schroeder, 63, of Salisbury

SALISBURY — Dianne Lynn Schroeder passed away on Oct. 17, 2021, at the University of Vermont Medical Center after fighting a courageous battle with cancer and other health issues.

Dianne was born on March 27, 1958, the daughter of Jerry and Elaine (Brown) Schroeder. She resided in Salisbury for most of her adult life, where she raised her family. She worked various jobs, but her favorite and most rewarding was working as a respite caregiver for CSAC for many years. She loved crafts: She would find little treasures that were broken and discarded and turn them into beautiful gifts that she always gave to her family and friends. If you were ever fortunate to have received one of these, you know the love she put into them. She had beautiful flower gardens that she was very proud of and could often be found at dusk tending to them.



DIANNE LYNN SCHROEDER

She is survived by her loving partner of 27 years, Paul Smith of Salisbury; son Justin Schroeder of New Haven; daughter Emmalee Schroeder-Smith of Salisbury; brothers Gregory Schroeder and Kim Schroeder, both of Salisbury;

sisters Lisa Ryan of Pantton, Treat (Teresa) Schroeder of Middlebury and Allyson Bull of Sacramento, Calif.; stepmother Beverly Schroeder (who Dianne always considered her mother); two stepbrothers, Scott LaFountain of Milton and Marc Lafontaine of Swanton; one stepsister, Julie Schroeder of Middlebury; several nieces, nephews, aunts and cousins; and all of the many friends of Emmalee, who called her mom.

Dianne was predeceased by her father Jerald Lloyd Schroeder and sister LeAnne Schroeder.

Calling hours will be held Friday, Nov. 12, from 5-7 p.m., at Sanderson Funeral Home in Middlebury, Vt. The family requests that everyone in attendance please wear a mask.

If you wish, Memorial donations may be made to Homeward Bound, Addison County's Humane Society, 236 Boardman Street, Middlebury, VT 05753.◇

## Frank Broughton memorial mass

CORNWALL — Francis "Frank" Girard Broughton, 79, died peacefully on October 7, 2021 after a long courageous battle with cancer.

A memorial Mass will be held on Oct. 30, 2021, at noon, at St. Mary's Catholic Church, in Middlebury. All are invited to share memories

and greet the family at a luncheon following the service at the VFW, 530 Exchange St., Middlebury. Private burial will be held at a later date.

The family requests if you are attending the service to please wear a mask. In lieu of flowers, a donation may be made to Addison County Home Health and Hospice.

ADDISON COUNTY  
School Briefs

Jacob Bushee of Ferrisburgh made the dean's list at Wentworth

MIDDLEBURY — George Jaeger died peacefully at home on Oct. 20, after a short illness. His long life was filled with incident and notable service to the United States, yet it was his 50-year marriage to wife Pat that filled him with most contentment.

Born in Vienna, Austria, in 1926 to parents Frederick and Emilie, were it not for the cataclysmic political events in the late 1930s he might have become a distinguished Austrian. Instead, owing to Jewish grandparents he was considered by his parents to be in danger. He watched from the sidewalk as the German army — including Hitler — marched into Vienna in March 1938. His parents spirited him out of Austria as part of the famous Kindertransport operation and he was taken in as "Master George" at Hedenham Hall in Norfolk, England, where he taught himself English by reading Charles Dickens.

After a short time at an austere private boarding school, he was put on a ship to Halifax, Canada, from where he would meet his father in the U.S. He wasn't the only precious cargo aboard that crossing in 1940 — the gold from the Bank of England was secretly packed in too, meaning that the journey was accompanied by British warships from horizon to horizon.

School at St. Vincent College in Latrobe, Pa., gave him the grounding in philosophy, logic, language and structure by which he



GEORGE JAEGER

lived the rest of his life. Connecting and contextualizing world events to give a clear analysis of what was happening at home and abroad were to become his life's interest.

After basic training in 1944 and taking U.S. Citizenship in Jan. 1945, a ship took the young soldier back to Europe, where he came face to face with the horrors of the concentration camps. Days after the end of the war he inadvertently discovered an SS Panzer Division whilst on a solo bike ride, and to the surprise of all concerned he took their surrender.

Remarkably, he went AWOL to bombed-out Vienna to find his mother, ending up on the front page of the *New York Times* in the process as likely being amongst the first uniformed Americans to reach the city. His mother received the first immigration visa from

Vienna to the U.S. after the war, joining her husband there.

Post-war he attended Harvard (encountering fellow student Henry Kissinger), studying International Affairs. It was his launchpad into a career as a foreign service officer, taking him first to junior postings in Liberia, Yugoslavia, Germany and Washington D.C. He met Pat on the Greek island of Mykonos in 1964. They married in 1970 and had their daughter Christina the following year. Work postings continued in Paris, Québec (as U.S. Consul General), Ottawa and Brussels (working with Lord Carrington at NATO).

His final work assignment was as Diplomat-in-Residence at Middlebury College from 1987-89, after which he remained in Middlebury, building a house on Munger Street and filling his time with writing, lecturing (both as invited speaker and to anyone who showed the slightest whiff of interest anywhere, anytime), traveling (including lecturing on cruise liners), and carrying on a vigorous social life. He and Pat were blessed with many good friends.

George is survived by family in London, U.K.; daughter Christina, son-in-law Robin and grandchildren Henry, Magnus and Beth, all of whom knew him affectionately as 'Geo'. He will be sorely missed. A private memorial service at the Munger Street Cemetery is being planned for spring next year.◇

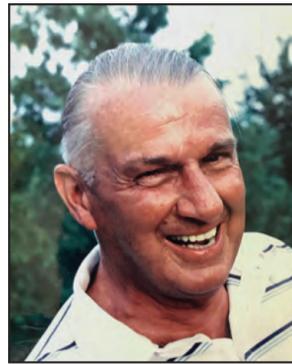
## James D. Ross, 92, of Middlebury

MIDDLEBURY — James Ross died Sept. 19, 2021, peacefully at home in Middlebury with his loving wife Ann by his side.

James "Jim" D. Ross was born April 9, 1929, in Proctor, Vt., and raised in Rutland, Vt., son of Stewart and Lauren (McAdam) Ross. He graduated from Middlebury College in 1951 and received his Master's degree from the Syracuse School of Business Administration in 1952. He attended Officer Candidate School and served in the Navy during the Korean Conflict.

Jim served as a Middlebury College Financial Officer and Business Manager from 1956 to 1991. He married Ann (McGinley) Ross and the couple had three children: Peter, Lauren, and Patty.

Throughout his entire life Jim's greatest passions were his family and his community. He served as a volunteer on many community organizations, including 26 years on the Porter Hospital Board and 25 years on the Addison County Chamber of Commerce. He was a fierce advocate for education at all levels, serving on the Addison Central Supervisory Union School



JAMES D. "JIM" ROSS

Board, and playing a lead role in conceiving, raising the funds for, constructing, and operating the new Anna Stowell Sunderland Bingham Memorial School in Cornwall in the early sixties. Jim ran the Mid-Vermont Skiing Council, guiding countless young skiers into ski racing. The last decade of his life he volunteered for the Vermont Center for Independent Living, installing wheelchair ramps across the state. He received the Governor's award for distinguished service from the Vermont Committee

on Employment of People with Disabilities for that work.

Many adults from around Middlebury remember Jim as the person who drove them to ski races throughout central Vermont every winter weekend as they were growing up in the sixties. And the person who made them laugh no matter how well they raced, and made them feel safe and loved as they trekked across the state to compete. Hundreds of other former MUHS field hockey players remember Jim as the person cheering them on at every home game long after Jim's two daughters had graduated from high school and stopped playing the sport. He loved supporting young kids having fun.

Jim is survived by his wife and three children, six grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. He was predeceased by his brother, Gordon Ross.

There will be a celebration of Jim's life on Saturday, Dec. 4, at the Champlain Valley Unitarian Universalist Society in Middlebury at 10 a.m. The church has asked that everyone wear a mask if attending the celebration.◇

## Obituary Guidelines

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Alan Charles  
Palmer, 73, former  
Addison County  
resident

BENNINGTON — Alan Charles Palmer, 73, a resident of the Vermont Veterans Home in Bennington, passed away peacefully on Oct. 20, 2021. For his full obituary and service details, please visit [www.maharandsonfuneralhome.net](http://www.maharandsonfuneralhome.net).

Institute of Technology for the Summer 2021 semester.

Justice Green of Starksboro is among the new and returning students enrolled at Elmira College in Elmira, N.Y., for fall 2021.

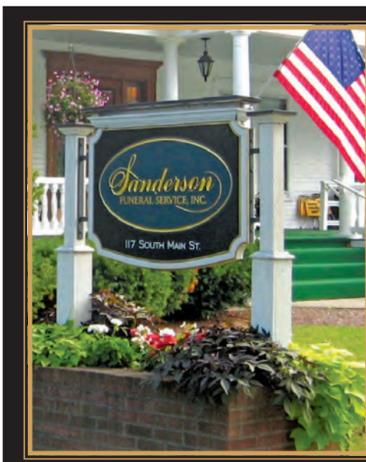
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# Obituaries

## Fred and Sally Hall, former Addison County residents

HIGGANUM, Conn. — Sally Palmer Hall, 77, passed away Sept. 21, 2021, and her husband, Fred Hall, passed away Sept. 23, 2021, at their home in Higganum, Conn.

Sally was the daughter of George Palmer and Ila Morrill Palmer Reynolds. Fred was the son of Bernard and Dora McCabe. They had six children: Susan, Tom (Kim), Dennis (Sue), Danny, Todd (Ann) and Sandy. They had nine grandchildren.

Fred drove a truck for Stop & Shop. He logged over 100,000 miles. Sally loved to bake for the family. She also made quilts and afghans.

Sally and Fred grew up in Vermont. They loved Vermont and had a cottage on Lake Champlain. In their later years they had a home in Florida and spent their winters there, golfing, dancing, and playing cards with family and friends.



FRED AND SALLY HALL

They are survived by their sons Tom, Dennis, Todd and Sandy; Sally's sisters Betty Patterson (Vt.) and Shirley Latrell (Conn.); and Sally's brothers Larry Reynolds (Vt.) and Dennis (Laura) Reynolds (N.Y.). They were predeceased by Fred's first wife, Florette; Fred's daughter, Susan; and his son, Danny; Fred's brothers, Bernard and Dick Hall; Sally's sister Doris Bushey; and her brothers Gary and Wayne Palmer. A graveside service was held Oct. 23, 2021 in Higganum, Conn. ◊

## Greenberg letter

(Continued from Page 4A) dysregulated students. Students witnessed unsafe and aggressive behavior.

Students who struggled with behavior were not always well served by the response, either. They were sometimes allowed to return to the classroom or to school without adequate time to regulate, process their actions and/or make repairs for them. Because of the public nature of some of their behaviors, they were not protected from the social fallout with their peers.

When I first came to Robinson in 1999, the school housed the district program, Toward Affective

Discipline (TAD). It was an intensive program that supported students in learning appropriate behaviors. Its ultimate goal was to transition students back into the general education program when they had learned the skills they needed to be successful there. After several years, the district discontinued the program. A few years later, a similar program at Mount Abe for students in grades 7-12 was also discontinued. While it is an admirable goal to have all students integrated in the general education program at all times, the reality is that some students need an educational program that is smaller

and more structured. They need a place where they can receive the individualized support needed for future successes.

There will be many challenges to creating a new system that supports individual learners and the greater learning community. However teachers have been told they can do the hard work required to teach under unimaginable circumstances for the past year and a half. Now it's time for the MAUSD school board and administration to do the hard work to build a system that supports all learners.

Liz Greenberg  
Huntington

## Learn about agritourism in web series

BURLINGTON — Agritourism Gatherings is offering monthly webinar presentations to provide a forum for information sharing and discussion led by industry professionals from around the world. Upcoming webinars are:

- Nov. 16, 9-10 a.m.: Definition and Standards of Agritourism from Around the Globe. A panel from India, Italy, Scotland, South Africa and the United States discuss what agritourism means in different parts of the world and the importance of having a common understanding.
- Dec. 7, 11 a.m.-noon: Agritourism as a Tool for Rural Development and Empowerment

of Women. Maria Baryamujura, Community Based Tourism Initiative, Kampala, Uganda; Claudia Gil Arroyo, North Carolina State University; and Claudia Schmidt, Pennsylvania State University, will describe how agritourism has the potential to empower women, especially in rural communities.

• Jan. 18, 11 a.m.-noon: Reaching your Target Audience: From Developing Experiences to Booking Reservations. Scottie Jones of Farm Stay USA, will discuss the various booking sites for farm stay experiences and what agritourism operators should consider before offering farm stays and agricultural-

focused activities for visitors.

• Feb. 15, 11 a.m.-noon (English), noon-1 p.m. (French): Original Ways to Buy Local. Presenters from Ontario, southern Québec and the Aube region of France will share ideas for promoting agri-food products in local markets, purchasing locally sourced supplies, and marketing through short distribution channels.

Future topics include Agritourism and Racial Justice, Innovation Meets Tradition and International Agritourism Survey.

It's free. Registration links and program details can be found at [go.uvm.edu/agtourism-gatherings](http://go.uvm.edu/agtourism-gatherings).

# MUMS

(Continued from Page 1A) grown substantially with the recent addition of 6th grade, and a lengthy pandemic that's precluded consistent, in-class learning for the better part of two years.

"It's our problem, and our solution," Dudek told the board. "There's that ownership, and we're going to do it together. That's powerful."

Dudek, in his first year helming the school, outlined a series of steps he and his staff are taking to reverse course on student unrest. Those steps include:

- A series of new hires to fill the depleted staffing ranks and provide extra help. New personnel include two behavior interventionists, a special educator, and a "general education" teacher to help implement new programming for students with behavioral issues. Among other things, the new general education teacher will be looking for personalized learning projects for students who aren't flourishing in a conventional classroom setting.

The school has accumulated five paraprofessionals, with three more to hire.

Also, Dudek announced the transition of Karyn Stannard from special education coordinator to assistant principal, and her duties will include programming for children with social and emotional needs.

• Creation of a task force to review current student behavior interventions and recommend potential changes.

• A commitment by the MUMS social and emotional learning team to suggest how to build "community" in MUMS classrooms. A community forum and survey will soon be sent out to parents asking for their input, something Dudek wants to do on a monthly basis.

"What's going well, where are there some opportunities for growth?" Dudek said of the survey objectives. "It's important for us to know and understand what the issues are and how we can do this better."

• Development of workshops to educate staff on ways to de-escalate cases of bad student behavior.

• An effort by the school's Education Support Team to devise more behavior intervention strategies.

"There's a responsibility they're learning about," Dudek said of the students. "To me, behaviors, routines and expectations are learned. We need to move forward with that."

• Identification of spaces within the MUMS building — including "calm spaces" and "resource rooms" — into which students could be temporarily placed if they're being disruptive.

• More collaboration with the Middlebury Police Department.

• Creation of new mentoring opportunities, pairing MUMS kids with older students and community members. The strategy includes building self-esteem in students and making them feel invested in their education, officials explained. To that end, the school is looking at resurrecting the MUMS "student ambassadors" group, while also holding a series of "school spirit days," with recent features including "twins day" and "class colors day."

Dudek and ACSD board members gave a shout-out to a group of MUMS parents who last week organized a fun meal for students.

The need for students to find a greater comfort level in the school setting should not be underestimated, according to Dudek.

"The last time our 8th graders had (a school experience) that was normal was back in 5th grade," he said. "That's a long time ago. They're coming into a building that's brand new — new structures, new systems and new staff, new transitions, new teams. There's a lot going on there."

Dudek recently launched what he's calling the "lunch bunch," convening every Monday, during which groups of students discuss school issues over pizza.

He hopes this all leads to establishing a "school culture," which he said typically takes around six weeks.

"At the beginning of this year, it's taking MUMS a bit longer than that," Dudek said. "We're aware of the challenges, and also see some amazing things happening, emerging from our classrooms."

Board members asked Dudek if relatively few children with acute behavior issues were causing the current strife. He responded it's "more than four or five students,"

but noted the newly added 6th-graders haven't been part of the problem.

"I think 6th-graders have done the best in our building," Dudek said, noting their "energy, resilience" and excitement of being in a new environment.

"They're loving life," he said. "If I want to have a good day, I go into that 6th-grade class and they do well."

### WORK IN PROGRESS

Mary Cullinane, chair of the ACSD board, praised Dudek for his efforts, and stressed the improvements at MUMS would likely be a work in progress.

"You're a practitioner when you're an educator," Cullinane said. "The sense of that word means you're only getting better; you're always learning more and you're always improving. This is a journey, and when you come through the journey on this road we've encountered, I worry that people think there's just going to be '10 things on a to-do list.' That's not what this is about."

Board member Peter Conlon agreed with Dudek's assertion that the pandemic has created a unique challenge for the 2021-2022 student body.

"Normally, a grade comes in and adopts the pre-existing culture — and you are really starting from scratch," Conlon told Dudek. "On top of that, for two years, these kids haven't even had the activities where they've had a chance to get to know one another outside (of the classroom), which has always been a tradition in sports, theater or elsewhere. These kids are all coming into a new environment, not necessarily knowing each other as well as they could, and they spend all day in masks not being able to read one another."

Many ACSD board members have offered to help out at MUMS, though that's a tricky proposition right now because district school buildings are closed to all except for those who study/work there. Undaunted, board member Barb Wilson is going through the process of becoming a substitute teacher in order to pitch in.

"Wherever I'm needed," she told her colleagues.

Reporter John Flowers is at [johnf@addisonindependent.com](mailto:johnf@addisonindependent.com).



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# MAUSD

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added since Oct. 12?

The district made efforts during the 2020-21 school year to develop and implement support plans for students who were struggling the most at BES, Reen said. In addition to that, Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) support personnel that had been intended to be deployed district-wide had “spent the vast majority of an extended period of time at a small number of classrooms in Bristol, offering support.”

The efforts were ongoing throughout the school year, he said.

“Admittedly, they did not eliminate the very challenging behaviors that we were seeing.”

In the spring, as BES was transitioning to an interim principal (Tom Buzzell had announced in March that he’d be leaving June 30), district officials met and agreed on the need for more staffing, Reen said. This past summer, the MAUSD hired two classroom behavior assistants and assigned 0.6 FTE (full-time equivalent) guidance counselor support to BES.

The district also hired a full-time social worker to increase support for elementary families. Before that, the district had had only one social worker, who was mostly focused on supporting students in grades 7-12.

“(New BES interim principal David Wells) and the SEL team members were meeting frequently to review plans, provide support,” Reen said, “and despite these considerable additions, early in this school year we continued to see challenging behaviors at Bristol.”

The district also started hearing concerns from teachers, Reen said. Then the Mount Abraham Education Association (MAEA), the teachers’ union, filed a grievance for unsafe working conditions.

By the time the grievance was filed, administrative meetings had already been scheduled or held to discuss the BES situation, Reen said. On the eve of the grievance filing, he added, BES Principal Wells had arranged for “support to be provided in one of those classrooms for the majority of each school day.”

Reen also pointed out that the grievance process was still ongoing when BES staff spoke up at the Oct. 12 board meeting.

It should be noted, however, that during the meeting’s public

comment period, MAEA Co-president Elizabeth Maher noted “MAEA has been raising concerns about safety in the district to the administration for two years.”

## QUESTION TWO

What further resources are needed to support teachers and staff?

After a series of meetings with staff, administrators and outside behavioral advisers, the MAUSD central office and Principal Wells developed a plan to provide more support.

“I can’t share all the details surrounding the plan, due to confidentiality, but I do want to make clear that there are also other processes that we’re required by law to follow before some of the actions can take place,” Reen said, adding that “those processes are underway.”

Reen did say the plan includes adding 3 FTE staff to support students, identifies “safe spaces where students can become regulated,” and “reassigns district resources to focus exclusively on supporting Bristol.”

The plan also involves “partnering more closely with at least three outside agencies,” including Counseling Service of Addison County (CSAC), UVM-based Vermont Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports, and Green Mountain Behavior Consulting LLC.

Some elements of the district’s plan to address issues at BES were already being implemented by the time of the Oct. 21 meeting, Reen said later in the meeting. Others will be initiated next month, and still others are considered longer range.

## QUESTION THREE

Are there other, similar student or staff needs at any of the other MAUSD schools? What is the plan to address those needs?

Yes, Reen said, there are similar staff needs at other MAUSD schools, “though I would say perhaps not to the level as what we were seeing (at BES).”

Reen then explained the district’s Multi-Tiered System of Supports, wherein Tier 1 students receive regular instruction, Tier 2 students receive regular instruction

and some additional targeted support according to their needs, and Tier 3 students receive regular instruction, targeted support and additional supports determined by “the intensive support team.”

In developing the response to issues at BES, the MAUSD admin team “recognized that there are really multiple supports that apply beyond BES to schools throughout MAUSD,” Reen said. “Once we address some of the immediate needs that we’re experiencing, we’re going to shift our focus to some of the longer-range work that can support all of our schools.”

## QUESTION FOUR

Reen invited Mount Abe Principal Warden and BES Principal Wells to address the board’s fourth question.

What is the policy or practice for notifying families that students have experienced/witnessed something disruptive at school?

In mid-October, Warden sent out a “news blast” to families, explaining what “clear the halls” announcements meant and what processes they were meant to initiate.

The practice has been the subject of much public discussion this month, with some parents decrying the anxiety it has caused their children and some MAUSD officials insisting it is a necessary component of the district’s safety procedures.

Mount Abe has used the “clear the halls” process for “many years,” Warden said.

“We’ve used (it) a number of times this year — no more, really, than a typical year — and the reasons have been varied, including drills.”

Last year, the school even used it to deal with a plumbing leak that had flooded part of the building, she

said. (When she was later asked for data, Warden said “clear the halls” had been used at Mount Abe this year, twice for medical events requiring privacy, twice for behavioral reasons and once for a drill.)

“One of the added benefits of a ‘clear the halls’ is you go from having (a three- or four-person) administrative team ... working on a situation, to every single person in your building putting eyes on students to make sure that they are in a safe location and that they are able to continue on with their day,” Warden explained.

None of this year’s “clear the halls” incidents at Mount Abe has

lasted more than seven minutes, Warden said, and instruction is not interrupted during this time.

“If the ‘clear the halls’ were to go on for an extended period of time, I would share that information with families to let them know that there was an interruption to instructional time,” Warden said. “That has not happened, knock on wood, since I’ve been here.”

If an incident in a classroom posed safety concerns or was “troubling” for students, the school would communicate with the impacted students and their families, but not the whole school, she said.

But even then, the Family Educational Rights Privacy Act

would prevent the school from communicating any information — including the “why” of a particular “clear the halls” incident — that could violate student confidentiality.

Interim Principal Wells also addressed the question.

“We have used ‘clear the halls’ (at BES) as well, and we’ve used it more frequently than we really would want,” he said. “Some of the occasions have been longer than what we have wanted, and on two occasions, I informed families because I felt ... that it was a significant disruption to learning, and I wanted to offer the families some explanation.”

Deciding whether to communicate with families is “always a little bit of a tricky call because we do need to respect confidentiality,” Wells said. “(We want to) inform families to help them be aware and know that their children are safe, but we cannot give a lot of details, and sometimes, frankly, that leaves families wondering.”

MAUSD officials are planning to reassess “clear the halls” practices at BES, Wells said.

“We’ve used it for medical situations, and we’ve done it for students if they are dysregulated, but then there are other times where ... it’s (students) going from one place to another, they’re totally regulated, there’s no risk of harm, and there’s really no reason to clear the hall and add stress to the rest of the building. So we’re trying to refine that practice as we work with our SEL experts to provide increasingly improved support for these students.”

When Wells was later asked how many “clear the halls” incidents BES had had so far this year he said he didn’t have the statistics, but it was “more often than (the five) at Mount Abe.” This fall it has happened multiple times in a week,

he added, even multiple times in one day.

Indeed, a BES teacher has reported that on Oct. 8 alone, the school’s halls were cleared seven times.

“Which is why we’re pivoting our response,” Wells said.

Several community members insisted during the public comment period that school officials start collecting — and releasing — data related to “clear the halls” incidents.

## QUESTION FIVE

What is the policy or practice when a student needs to be evaluated for safety to self or others before returning to school?

If a student at BES makes statements or exhibits behaviors that prompt safety concerns, Wells or a designee is notified, he said, and a process is set in motion.

A mental health professional — it could be a guidance counselor or social worker or CSAC staff — conduct a “triage evaluation.” If they find the student has a low risk of harming themselves or others, the district will work to provide supports, but if they are found to have moderate or high risk, they would be referred to CSAC’s 24-hour ACCESS crisis services — or the student’s guardian(s) could make other arrangements for an evaluation.

“Fortunately, at the elementary level the risk is relatively low ... but still, we want to be more safe than sorry,” Wells said.

Mount Abe has similar protocols in place, Warden said.

For students who pose no or low risk, “we invite the family in and we have a conversation about what our concerns are, from a mental health angle, as opposed to a punitive one,” she said.

Students considered moderate to high risk are required to undergo a professional evaluation before they can return to school, and the Bristol Police Department is notified to coordinate a home visit to assess weapons access in the home.

The school uses a restorative approach when convening reentry meetings with students, Warden said.

“That includes a self-facilitated reflection on the impact that their behaviors or comments had on

others or the school as a whole, as well as on their family. When appropriate, the student will make restitution with individuals impacted, including their family.”

Mount Abe collects and analyzes data, including anecdotal and digital network monitoring data, to identify and evaluate students who have more specialized behaviors or social and emotional needs, Warden said, “and we develop plans with support from the SEL team to implement and monitor (them), as a proactive step, so that hopefully we don’t get to the point where we are sending students with any sort of risky behaviors to ACCESS, or needing them to not be in school for a period of time.”

## STAFF SHORTAGES

When the MAUSD board raised concerns about how the central office planned to juggle support staff among the district’s six school buildings, Reen said “conversations are already underway to acknowledge what’s going to be lost somewhere else to be able to reassign resources to Bristol.”

He also noted, “we can talk about adding all the bodies we want (but) they may well not be there to secure. The hiring conditions right now are not favorable.”

There are currently three student support positions open in the MAUSD, Reen told the *Independent* on Tuesday, one at BES, one at Mount Abe and one at Robinson Elementary in Starksboro.

These are not counting the 3 positions the district wishes to add as part of its response plan for BES, he said.

That response plan, he explained at the Oct. 21 meeting, “calls for the ideal. We may have to get creative in how we strive for that ideal in terms of finding the personnel. And some of the finding of personnel is wrapped into that partnership with outside agencies.”

That, too, may pose a challenge.

According to a VT Digger.org report last month, nonprofit counseling services in Vermont, which are often the source for school-based clinicians, are also struggling to fill positions — and have been struggling for most of the pandemic.

MAUSD’s school-based clinicians are provided through CSAC, which has been designated by the Vermont Department of Health to provide its programs in this region.

So for instance, while Bristol (See Questions, Page 10A)

**“We invite the family in and we have a conversation about what our concerns are, from a mental health angle, as opposed to a punitive one.”**

— Mount Abe Principal Shannon Warden

**“I can’t share all the details surrounding the plan, due to confidentiality, but I do want to make clear that there are also other processes that we’re required by law to follow before some of the actions can take place,”** Reen said, adding that “those processes are underway.”

Reen did say the plan includes adding 3 FTE staff to support students, identifies “safe spaces where students can become regulated,” and “reassigns district resources to focus exclusively on supporting Bristol.”

The plan also involves “partnering more closely with at least three outside agencies,” including Counseling Service of Addison County (CSAC), UVM-based Vermont Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports, and Green Mountain Behavior Consulting LLC.

Some elements of the district’s plan to address issues at BES were already being implemented by the time of the Oct. 21 meeting, Reen said later in the meeting. Others will be initiated next month, and still others are considered longer range.

MAUSD officials are planning to reassess “clear the halls” practices at BES, Wells said.

“We’ve used (it) a number of times this year — no more, really, than a typical year — and the reasons have been varied, including drills.”

Last year, the school even used it to deal with a plumbing leak that had flooded part of the building, she

said. (When she was later asked for data, Warden said “clear the halls” had been used at Mount Abe this year, twice for medical events requiring privacy, twice for behavioral reasons and once for a drill.)

None of this year’s “clear the halls” incidents at Mount Abe has

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— Superintendent Patrick Reen

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From Oct. 18-22, Vermont stonemason and artist Thea Alvin led FCS students and staff in a five-day, immersive process to design and build a sculptural stone wall and arch on school grounds. The sculpture they built featured a plaque dedicated to Loretta Lawrence, who retired in June after 40 years of service to the school as administrative assistant and so much more.

Students gathered at their new stone wall this past Friday afternoon and held a formal dedication of the sculpture with Lawrence there to accept the honor. The plaque adorning the new wall appropriately called Lawrence "Our Rock!"



As part of a school project that lasted five days, these third-graders stack flat stones in front of Ferrisburgh Central School Friday to get experience building a dry stone wall.

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During the dedication ceremony Friday, Loretta Lawrence, center, stands in front of the arch with, from left, Ava Foster, Roxanne Griffin, Lawson Trombley and Alister Griffin.

Photo by Dylan Griffin



Ferrisburgh Central School third-graders and art teacher Julie Cousino on Friday pose in front of the wall they helped build and in front of a smaller arch they constructed.

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Vermont stonemason Thea Alvin, an artist-in-residence at Ferrisburgh Central School last week, supervised and advised the school's children as they built a dry stone wall.

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# Questions

(Continued from Page 8A) Elementary is normally supposed to be staffed with two school-based clinicians, the second one hasn't always been able to be in place, Reen said at the meeting.

Regardless, Maher said during public comment, the MAEA objects to juggling support staff among schools.

"We do not support using possible challenges to hiring staff as an excuse for not attempting to increase needed staffing, and as a justification to move staff from other buildings where staffing is already bare bones," she said.

## OTHER QUESTIONS

Many board members expressed concerns about the policies and practices that prompted BES staff to speak out.

"The fact that we had to have the teachers come here, sort of circumventing the grievance process, because of the dire need they felt to communicate, points to a communication breakdown," said Steve Rooney of Starksboro. "I'm hearing anecdotes that there's a very poor communication bridge between the staff and the administration. There's a culture that doesn't seem to be really inviting communication across that bridge. I'm interested in seeing that that is improved."

Dave Sharpe of Bristol, wondered if the school board needs to reassess a few things.

"I think it's our responsibility to not just hear from the administration," he said. "This isn't just a two-way conversation: Are you doing your job? Yes you are, blah blah blah. This is about

us being informed about the best way to run the schools, and the best way to run THIS school."

**"There are people who are afraid to come before the board in a public comment session, for fear of retribution, for fear of how their child will be treated in school, so they come to one of us in a private conversation ... It's a tiny red flag."**

— Board member David Sharpe of Bristol

conversation," he said. "Is that gossip? No, it's a tiny red flag."

**TENSIONS FLARE**  
During the public comment period, Bristol resident Mary Dearborn, speaking "on behalf of a fast-growing coalition of parents and taxpayers," presented a statement that was intensely critical of the school district's handling of special education and student support services, as well as the "disconcerting lack of communication exhibited between the central office and the governing board."

When Dearborn referred to district administrators by their job titles and began detailing the frustrations recounted to her by coalition parents, she was interrupted by the school board.

"It is not appropriate for us to allow a member of the public to publicly disparage parents,

community members, staff, board members or administrators," said board member Krista Siringo of Bristol. "We very much want to hear from the community. If it is not possible to hear that in a respectful way that is not disparaging to any member of our community, then I plead with this board to end the meeting."

After some back and forth between the board and community members, Siringo made a motion to adjourn, but after some more back and forth, including a statement from board member Sandra Lee of Lincoln, about why public meetings were not the appropriate venue for lodging staff complaints, the meeting calmed down and Siringo withdrew her motion.

Dearborn appreciated Lee's explanation, she said, but insisted that parents have already filed complaints through the available channels. "They have tried to voice their concerns to these people, and they've been ignored. So what's their next step? Maybe to hire a lawyer? They don't want to do that. But they're feeling ignored ... they're feeling like no one cares."

(See Dearborn's full statement on Page 5A.)

## COMMUNICATION

"The Mount Abraham Unified School District is committed to having strong communication channels with the public," MAUSD board chair Dawn Griswold told the *Independent* on Tuesday. "The past few weeks have made it clear that we need to create more ways to get information from all stakeholders.

**"This challenge is not unique to our district."**

— MAUSD board chair Dawn Griswold

This includes sharing information out and gathering information from community members and staff."

The board intends to reconsider the kinds of data and information it needs to fulfill its role, Griswold continued, and it will also reevaluate its meeting protocols to find a more effective way to hear public comment.

"The Vermont School Board Association is planning a webinar in the near future to bring in experts to assist boards across the state with meeting management," she said. "This challenge is not unique to our district."

Griswold also shared with the *Independent* two documents she thought might be of interest to its readers, and added the board will create an FAQ around these issues on its website.

The document outlining the process for addressing public complaints about district staff can be found at [tinyurl.com/MAUSDstaff](http://tinyurl.com/MAUSDstaff).

Another document, "Parents' Rights in Special Education Procedural Safeguards Notice," was created by the Vermont Agency of Education and can be found by visiting [tinyurl.com/VTEdRights](http://tinyurl.com/VTEdRights).

"Across the state and country, there is significant concern about how best to address the social-emotional and behavioral needs of students in an effective, equitable and just manner," Griswold concluded. "This concern existed before COVID and has certainly been exacerbated by it. MAUSD is committed to keeping our community informed and providing opportunities for input as we navigate these challenges."

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# By the way

(Continued from Page 1A) **the day or after dark. Organizers continue to add finishing touches and have really enjoyed hearing the giggles and eeks! The town keeps park lighting on at night, but some of it is solar — which can be finicky — so viewers may want to bring along a flashlight or headlamp if they come after dark. New Haven residents are also being encouraged to scare up Halloween decorations on their properties to participate in what has become an annual drive-by opportunity on Oct. 30 and 31. Email organizers at [newhaveneventsvt@gmail.com](mailto:newhaveneventsvt@gmail.com) if you'd like your address to be included in the publication to be shared with anyone interested in taking the drive-by tour.**

Colder weather is upon us, and it's time to make extra sure your smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms are working well so they can alert you to danger. Bristol Fire Department Deputy Chief Eric J. Forand points out that in the event of fire you might have as little as two minutes to escape safely, which is why smoke alarms need to be in every bedroom, outside of the sleeping areas (like a hallway), and on each level (including the basement). Don't put smoke alarms in your kitchen or bathrooms. Carbon monoxide is an odorless, colorless gas that displaces oxygen in your body and brain and can render you unconscious before you even realize something is happening to you. Without vital oxygen, you are at risk of death from carbon monoxide poisoning in a short time. CO alarms detect the presence of carbon monoxide and alert you so you can get out, call 9-1-1, and let the professionals check your home. Forand recommends choosing an alarm that's listed with a testing lab, meaning it's met certain protection standards. You can select a unit that requires yearly changing of batteries, or a 10-year unit that you eventually change out. CO alarms

also have a battery backup. For the best protection, use combination smoke and carbon monoxide alarms that are interconnected throughout the home, Forand recommends. These can be installed by a qualified electrician so that when one sounds, they all sound. This ensures you can hear the alarm no matter where in your home the alarm originates. For general information about fire prevention, visit [www.fpw.org](http://www.fpw.org).

**The Congregational Church of Middlebury is holding its annual Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 6, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This year's 97th Bazaar features a wide variety of items for sale on the building's two levels. Shop upstairs for handmade crafts, jewelry, scarves, silk neckties, and a collection of gently used books. Also upstairs, bid on a wide selection of theme baskets that make wonderful gifts for a friend or for yourself. On the lower level of Fellowship Hall is a room with games, puzzles and toys for both children and adults. The garden table will have beautiful handmade planters crafted by local artist Danya Pirie of Pear Tree Ceramics, and, as always, a wide variety of indoor plants. Because no food may be eaten inside this year, all homemade goodies will be available and safely packaged for takeout. The food tables will be filled with cookies, cakes, candies, jams, breads, as well as specialty and traditional pies. And, just in time for the chilly weather, a variety of delicious, hearty soups can be purchased by the pint or quart. All proceeds from the bazaar benefit the church's mission programs. Church guidance requires everyone to wear a face mask inside the building.**

Beeman Elementary School's windows are big and lovely — but also old and drafty. Members of the New Haven energy committee have (See Beeman, Page 11A)

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# Peters

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 their blossoming families.  
 As a parent herself, Peters was on the board of the Mary Johnson Children's Center — of which Mitchell was co-director. Mary Johnson was providing care to children age three and older, but Mitchell could see a void in services for infants and young parents.

The Visiting Nurses Association in Burlington had recently started a daycare service for children ages birth to 3 years, so Mitchell decided to check out the new offering, Peters said.

"She came back shaking her head — it was so expensive, because you had to have, by regulation, an adult for every two babies," Peters recalled of Mitchell's findings.

"How can we possibly do this?"

At the same time, Naomi Tannen of the Counseling Service of Addison County was shining a light on the plight of pregnant teens, some of whom she was mentoring. In what was fortuitous timing, the federal government during the late '70s was offering grant money targeting teen pregnancy. Peters recalled that she, Mitchell and Tannen became excited about the prospect of receiving one of the grants to create a new center that could provide infant care and instill parenting skills in pregnant moms.

## ON-THE-JOB TRAINING

"Parenting is so important," said Peters — who with her late husband, the beloved pediatrician "Dr. Pete" Peters — was just beginning to navigate child-rearing herself. So the Peters were dealing firsthand with some of the same challenges all young moms face.

But rather than simply have an educator show young parents the ropes, founders of the Addison County Parent-Child Center, or ACPCC, wanted to give their "students" on-the-job training. They wanted them to learn early on what it was like to change diapers, put together meals, appease a crying child and feel fine about asking for help.

"I said I thought it was important we have some element of teaching and the ability for parents to be involved — because they learn," Peters said.

The local group applied for — and won — a substantial federal grant in 1979 to get the parent-child center rolling. Just a year later, the center moved into its first home: rented space behind the Middlebury United Methodist Church off North Pleasant Street. Mitchell and Harding became the ACPCC's first co-directors and assembled a great staff, with several employees — including Howard Russell and current Executive Director Donna Bailey — staying with the nonprofit for decades.

"That's the thing about that staff; they had experience, but they also learned on the job," Peters said.

A big part of the job was dispensing generational knowledge.

"I can remember going to a staff meeting (and hearing), 'You know what? These girls need mothering;

all they need is a family and mothering,'" Peters said. "And they were right."

During its first year of operation, the ACPCC served 70 families by offering childcare and parent education. Today, the center serves almost 2,000 Addison County residents annually by providing childcare, parent education, play groups, job training, academic education, social services and assistance in moving from welfare to work.

"We thought that if we were going to have this kind of childcare for our community, it needed to be top-notch," Peters said.

Mission accomplished.

The ACPCC has earned a reputation as an innovator in assisting teen parents and their

kids, so much so that its administrators are constantly being asked to share the organization's success story with others hoping to replicate it. With that in mind, the Parent-Child Center outlined its blueprint in a 2018 book, titled "I'm Home!! A Manual for Providing Therapeutic Child Care."

Some of the ACPCC's biggest fans include U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders — who recently donated a portion of the money earned from the sales of his inaugural-mitten-meme merchandise to the center — and former Gov. Howard Dean, who recruited Mitchell to serve as his deputy secretary of the Vermont Agency of Human Services for 10 years.

Natalie Peters has joyfully witnessed it all as she and her ACPCC colleagues have helped guide the organization from a newborn baby to a mature, healthy pillar of the community.

It hasn't been easy. Some ACPCC clients enter the program with heartrending backgrounds. In some cases, histories of abuse — emotional, physical and/or sexual.

"I told (the staff) at one point, 'I could never do your work; I would be in tears all day long,'" Peters recounted. "I could be a board member and help make the place happen because it's at a distance. But if I had to work every day as they do with these parents and kids ... I don't have it. I admire them so much, for being able to be as effective as they are."

## SHOWING RESPECT

She gives all the credit to past and present ACPCC staff. They instill a sense of self-worth in the young clients as they travel the road toward self-sufficiency.

"They feel like they're nothing when they come there, and by the way they handle them and talk to them and the respect they show them, they develop self-esteem," Peters said. "When you're treated like a real person, with courtesy day after day, it takes."

It's a philosophy that Peters also espouses in life and in public service. Both her mother and father volunteered for local causes, so community service came naturally for her. Her contributions to Middlebury have included stints on the Mary Hogan Elementary School board, the Ilsley Library board, the UD-3 school board,



**NATALIE PETERS, A charter member of the Addison County Parent-Child Center board, has stepped down after helping guide the Middlebury nonprofit through 42 years of making positive changes in the lives of young parents and their children.**

Independent photo/John Flowers

the town Design Advisory Board, and the planning commission. She established a Girl Scout troop in Bristol more than 40 years ago.

"I felt a need to help the community, but it was also fun," she said. "(My husband) worked with kids one way, and I worked with them in a different way."

While she's loved her time on the ACPCC board, Peters said health issues are forcing her to step away from volunteering. At 90, her mental faculties remain spot-on, but she's become hard of hearing. She suffered a stroke earlier this year that's affected her mobility.

Parent-Child Center officials refuse to let her make a complete break with the organization. So she'll proudly sport the ceremonial

title of "board member emeritus."

"I'm still doing it because I believe in the place and believe it still needs to be supported," Peters said. "It's been kind that they've put up with me for all this time."

Mitchell believes the good that Peters has done will last for generations.

"If you look at almost any educational, health care, or social service organization in town, you are likely to see Natalie's fingerprints," she said. "The stunning thing is, she is so low-key you almost don't notice all she is doing. You simply enjoy how much fun she is to be around and you bask in the warmth of her brilliance."

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# Beeman

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 joined with community members from Bristol and Lincoln to organize a multi-day community workshop of affordable insulating window inserts to weatherize homes for the winter that will also focus on Beeman. The effort includes a unique and exciting plan for a pilot energy-saving education plan for the school. The Vermont Council for Rural Development is funding a grant to pay for "insulating window insert kits." Windows in select Beeman learning spaces have been measured and the kits ordered. An educational program will also allow students to learn about climate change, weatherization, and data collection to monitor temperature and room comfort. Volunteers are needed to help put the window insert kits together. No particular expertise is needed, training will be provided and strict COVID protocols will be observed. If you can help, contact Maggie Eaton at [maggieeaton@me.com](mailto:maggieeaton@me.com) to sign up or get more information. Building shifts — starting at 8:30 a.m., or at 1 p.m. — will run from Nov. 4 to Nov. 9 at Holley Hall in Bristol.

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A second Little Free Pantry is now available in South Starksboro, at the Jerusalem Schoolhouse at 782 Jerusalem Road. This new Little Free Pantry, along with the already-established pantry in Starksboro village, are resources available to local folks in need of food. The Little Free Pantry motto is "take what you need and leave what you can." The Little Free Pantry Initiative is sponsored by the Starksboro Food Shelf, New Community Project, United Way of Addison County and RiseVT. Pantry hosts include the First Baptist Church and the town of Starksboro/Jerusalem School House. For more information about Starksboro's Little Free Pantries, contact Pete at New Community Project at (802) 434-2333 or [antosketchamncp@gmail.com](mailto:antosketchamncp@gmail.com).

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## Rail project teams receive safety awards

MIDDLEBURY — The Middlebury Bridge & Rail Project Team were recently the recipients of the The Vermont Highway Safety Alliance presents the Highway Safety Engineering Achievement Award to.

In Summer 2017, VTrans replaced two deteriorated bridges spanning Vermont's western rail corridor in downtown Middlebury with temporary structures, setting in motion one of the Agency's most complex construction projects, which would ultimately improve highway safety for all road users.

For four years, downtown

Middlebury remained under construction as the project replaced the two temporary bridges on Main Street and Merchants Row with a rail tunnel.

Designed by VHB, built by Kubricky and its subcontractors, and managed by the Vermont Agency of Transportation with support from inspection staffs provided by WSP, EIV, and GPI, the Middlebury Bridge & Rail Project has revitalized downtown Middlebury with two new public parks and event spaces, and supporting infrastructure.

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tunnel, the goal is to enhance mobility, improve safety, expand passenger rail services, create street and sidewalk improvements, bring new and expanded park space above the railroad, and better connection of public green spaces with the surrounding downtown. With improvements such as new sidewalks and roadways, highway safety has been improved for pedestrians, motorists, and rail traffic. The Vermont Highway Safety alliance recognized and thanked the team for their efforts in the extensive and important project for all Vermont road users.

## 22A crash takes a teen's life

ADDISON COUNTY — Two Orwell residents were injured and a Fair Haven teen was killed in a tragic two-car crash on Route 22A on Tuesday morning.

Vermont State Police report a 17-year-old Fair Haven man was driving a 2006 Subaru Legacy on Route 22A in West Haven at a few minutes before 8 a.m. when he tried to pass a tractor-trailer and lost control of the vehicle, struck a utility pole and ricocheted into a Subaru Forrester driven by 63-year-old Rodney Batschelet of Orwell. The crash forced the Forrester off the road. The Legacy overturned several times and ended up on its roof facing southeast in the northbound lane of the highway.

The 17-year-old driver was pinned in the vehicle and pronounced dead at the scene.

A 14-year-old male passenger in the Legacy was taken to Rutland Regional Medical Center to be treated for internal injuries. Due to their ages, police didn't immediately release their names. The *Rutland Herald* identified the deceased driver as Kristopher Severance, a junior at Fair Haven Union High School.

Batschelet was treated for minor injuries at the scene.

State police said speed, heavy rain and standing water on the road were likely contributing factors in this crash.

This incident remains under investigation. Anyone who witnessed the crash or who may have information regarding to crash

## Vt. State Police Log

is asked to contact Trooper Craig Roland at the Rutland Barracks at 802-773-9101.

Meanwhile, Vermont State Police were busy enforcing laws on local roads in other incidents this past week.

In the first incident, two vehicles were totaled and a passenger was hurt in an Oct. 17 crash at the intersection of Cider Mill and James roads in Cornwall. At about 4:45 p.m. that day, troopers were dispatched to the crash, which included someone trapped in one of the vehicles.

State police found William and Penny Mallory of East Middlebury trapped in the 2020 Chevy truck that William had been driving. Middlebury Heavy Rescue was called to extricate them. Penny Mallory, 66, was airlifted to UVM Medical Center.

While troopers spoke with the driver of the other vehicle, identified as 25-year-old Sarah Clum of Chicago, they noted signs of impairment and screened her for driving under the influence. Police subsequently cited Clum for DUI.

A traffic ticket was pending.

Middlebury fire and police departments, Cornwall Fire Department, Middlebury Regional EMS and Mike's Town assisted

state police at the scene.

On Oct. 19, troopers closed Route 7 in Salisbury for 40 minutes for another accident that totaled two vehicles.

At around 8:30 p.m. that Tuesday, state police were called to a crash with a vehicle on fire on Route 7 near the intersection with Pomainville Drive.

Police said that Ervina Iseric, 30, of Essex Junction was driving a 2021 Volkswagen Tiguan southbound on Route 7 at a "high rate of speed" behind a 2002 Chevy Silverado pickup driven by a 16-year-old from Pittsford. Police said Iseric's VW struck the rear end of the Chevy, causing it to leave the road and overturn. Iseric's vehicle also left the road and caught fire. No occupants of the pickup were injured, though the driver was taken to Porter Hospital as a precaution.

Police cited Iseric for DUI and negligent driving, and issued her traffic tickets for following too closely, leaving her lane of traffic, and speeding.

Separately, on Oct. 21 at a 6:45 p.m., troopers converged on a crash scene on Route 100 in Rochester, where a pickup truck had collided into a telephone pole, sustaining minor front-end damage. Police cited 71-year-old Michal Roy of Cranville for DUI.

Then troopers responded to a one-car crash on Route 22A in Addison on Oct. 23, at around 12:15 a.m. When VSP arrived at the scene, they found that 23-year-old Morgan Huestis of Bridport being seen by members of the local rescue squad. He was subsequently taken to Porter Hospital. While speaking to Huestis, Troopers observed indicators of impairment and screened him for DUI. They subsequently cited Huestis for DUI.

## Vergennes Police Log

VERGENNES — On Sunday, Oct. 24, police and the Vergennes Area Rescue Squad responded to a downtown accident in which a vehicle struck a pedestrian, who was then hospitalized. Police described the unidentified victim as in serious condition at the UVM Medical Center as of Tuesday afternoon.

Police said the driver was turning left from North Green Street onto Main Street to head east when he struck the pedestrian. They said no charges have been filed, but they're still looking into the circumstances of the accident.

In other action between Oct. 18 and 24, Vergennes police conducted nine patrols by cruiser and three on foot, helped two motorists get into locked cars, ticketed one commercial truck for speeding, and also:

- On Oct. 18:
  - Helped Boston Transit Authority Police conduct a background check.

- Took a report for insurance purposes that a vehicle parked on Main Street had been damaged while parked.

- Directed traffic around a disabled vehicle at the intersection of Main Street and Macdonough Drive.

- Spoke to a man police said had a learning disability who had knocked on a Country Commons door with the mistaken belief he was welcome at the residence; police said the man agreed not to return.

- On Oct. 19, expunged records per court order.

- On Oct. 20, dealt with an allegation that a Hillside Drive resident's neighbor had taken keys that he had dropped; police said it was unfounded.

- On Oct. 21:
  - Accepted a wallet found by a resident, but have been unable to reach its out-of-state owner.

- Helped VARS lift a patient on a West Main Street call.

- On Oct. 22:
  - Dealt with an allegation that one neighbor was harassing another on New Haven Road.

- Checked the welfare of a Walker Avenue resident, found to be OK.

- Helped a resident renew a driver's license online.

- On Oct. 23 spoke to a resident who said an unknown person had been leaving stuffed animals on her doorstep in recent weeks. Police said they would monitor the stalking situation.

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## Two men cited for retail theft

### Bristol Police Log

BRISTOL — The Bristol Police Department made four arrests during the four-week period of Sept. 20 to Oct. 17:

On Sept. 22, Bristol police assisted Middlebury police in arresting David M. Loyer, 33, of Burlington, and Eric Loyer, 29, of Bristol, and cited them for retail theft. The pair were ordered to answer the charges in Addison Superior Court, criminal division, on Nov. 22.

On Sept. 26, Bristol police arrested a 17-year-old male juvenile for aggravated domestic assault after an incident on Main Street. The juvenile was ordered to appear in court on Sept. 27. Vermont law designates criminal defendants age 18 and younger as juveniles and authorities may keep their names secret.

And on Oct. 15, Bristol police arrested Ryan L'Heureux, 32, of Bristol, and cited him for aggravated assault, following an investigation of reported threatening behavior on North Street. L'Heureux's court date was on Oct. 18.

Between Sept. 20 and Oct. 17, Bristol police completed 43 foot patrols, conducted 10 car patrols, and checked security at Mount Abraham Union High School 27 times, at Bristol Elementary School 28 times, and at local businesses 24 times.

Police also processed 136 fingerprint requests — most of them associated with local schools — monitored traffic during school dismissal nine times, responded to one alarm and one 911 call that turned out to be false, helped one person get into their locked vehicle and helped in the return of a lost cellphone.

Also during this period Bristol police assisted VSP four times, Bristol Rescue twice, Bristol Fire Department once, and the Windsor County State's Attorney's Office once.

In other recent activity, Bristol police:

- On Sept. 21, investigated a

report of vandalism on Airport Drive.

- On Sept. 21, and again on Oct. 4, 5 and 11, directed traffic during student dismissal at Bristol Elementary School.

- On Sept. 22, provided transportation to someone on West Street.

- On Sept. 23, investigated a report of possible animal abuse on South Street.

- On Sept. 23 investigated a report of threatening behavior on West Street.

- On Sept. 23, responded to a report of a tree blocking part of West Street, directing traffic until the Department of Public Works could remove it.

- On Sept. 24, helped someone with a ride home from Prince Lane.

- On Sept. 24, investigated a report of vandalism on Airport Drive.

- On Sept. 25, received a report that a purse had been stolen on Main Street. The purse was later located, with nothing apparently missing, and was returned to its owner.

- On Sept. 26, verified sex offender compliance within the police district.

- On Sept. 26, investigated a report of erratic driving near the intersection of Main and North streets, but the vehicle was gone before police arrived.

- On Sept. 27, investigated a report of threatening behavior on North Street.

- On Sept. 28, investigated a report of fraud on West Street.

- On Oct. 1, investigated a loose dog complaint on Pleasant Street, but the dog had been returned to its owner prior to police arrival.

- On Oct. 1, helped a citizen

with a possible fraud complaint on Drake Smith Road.

- On Oct. 1, helped someone with mental health concerns by giving them a ride home from West Street.

- On Oct. 2, responded to a parking problem on Prince Lane and issued a warning.

- On Oct. 2, investigated a report of theft from a bank account on Main Street.

- On Oct. 7, responded to a report of a two-car crash on Main Street, but the vehicles were gone before police arrived.

- On Oct. 8, helped someone on Garfield Street obtain mental health services.

- On Oct. 11, took a late report of a possible sex crime on Mountain Street and turned the information over to the Addison County Unit for Special Investigations.

- On Oct. 13, investigated a report of vandalism on Mountain Street.

- On Oct. 13, helped someone experiencing a mental health issue with a ride home from West Street.

- On Oct. 13, at around 11:50 p.m., responded to a complaint of loud music on Main Street and issued a warning.

- On Oct. 14, responded to a minor motor vehicle crash on Mountain Street.

- On Oct. 14, tried but were unable to locate someone on behalf of the Chittenden Unit for Special Investigations.

- On Oct. 14, helped find someone for a welfare check outside the district and forwarded information to the appropriate agency.

- On Oct. 14, investigated a violation of conditions of release case on West Street.

- On Oct. 14, responded to a motor vehicle complaint on Mountain Street, but the vehicle was gone before police arrived.

- On Oct. 15, completed an information request at the police station.



ARTIST INGA WALDEN painted these two portraits of children based on photos she saw around 30 years ago. If you know who these kids are, let Inga know by sending an email to news@addisonindependent.com.



Where have these children gone?

## Artist seeks subjects of old paintings

Salisbury's Inga Walden has fair time.

Walden sold her house and is liquidating a lifetime of oil paintings and watercolors that she has created. Someone offered to buy these two paintings but she decided to hold off on the sale and see if she could find out who the subjects of the paintings were and make them available to them.

*"I saw the picture and I could not resist that boy eating the corn, and the dog [eating it], too. I had to paint it."*

— Inga Walden

"I've enjoyed looking at them for 30 years," Walden said.

One is an oil painting that portrays a little boy in a cowboy hat and bib

overalls sitting in the grass eating one end of an ear of corn while a little black dog happily maws on the other end of the cob.

"I saw the picture and I could not resist that boy [eating the corn, and the dog [eating it], too," Walden said. "I had to paint it."

The watercolor shows a small blonde child getting ready to launch a ball up toward a basketball hoop way above their head.

If you can identify the children in these photos, Inga Walden would love to hear from you. Drop an email to news@addisonindependent.com, and we'll put you in touch.

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# Vergennes Lions Club gives area students dictionaries

VERGENNES — The Vergennes Lions Club is busy helping others and trying to raise funds to expand their reach with an annual budget of about \$30,000. Recently, Lions Club president Yvonne Raphael and Lion Larry Simino visited all schools in Vergennes and Ferrisburgh to distribute “A Student’s Dictionary” to 62 3rd-grade students. Teachers said they have seen significant educational growth from the students using these dictionaries. One 5th-grade student, who has been using the dictionary the past

two years said, “this is more than a dictionary, it has geography, history, math, and lots of other useful information in it.” The club has been giving the dictionaries to 3rd graders for the past few years based on the recommendation of Brandon-Forest Dale Lions member, Mary Shields, a teacher at Vergennes Union Elementary School.

The club members have started selling tickets for the annual “Cash for Christmas” raffle. One winner, drawn on Dec. 8, will take home half of the value of the tickets sold.

Anyone interested in tickets can contact any Vergennes Lion, call Lion Debbie Brace at 324-1758, or mail a check to “Vergennes Lions Club,” PO Box 94, Vergennes, VT 05491. The tickets cost \$10 for one, \$20 for three, or \$40 for eight. Funds from our fundraisers go to many area groups, such as John Graham Shelter; rescue squad; Bixby Library; community food shelf; Boys and Girls Club; purchase of eyeglasses, hearing aids, and materials for accessible ramps; and other community needs.

Also, the Toys for Kids barrels have been distributed to a number of businesses such as Jackman Fuels, Ferrisburgh Bake Shop and Deli, Gaines Insurance, Shear Cuts, One Credit Union, Kinney Drugs, Dollar General, Porky’s, and Long Trail at the Falls Physical Therapy. People are encouraged to drop off unwrapped toys and games to help families in need.

After Thanksgiving, parents will be able to stop by a designated location to pick out a couple of gifts for each of their children. The club is also planning to give children an opportunity to pick up a possible gift for their parents. The club plans to work with the Vergennes Rotary Club in lighting the Memory Tree, which the club planted several years ago, in the park. More information about this

will be out later. Other upcoming club events or fundraisers will be the “Food from the Heart” Food Drive in February and the Scholarship Tickets sales in the spring. If anyone is interested in possibly joining the club, they should contact one of the current members or drop a note in the mail, so the club can invite you to a meeting.



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THIRD GRADERS AT Champlain Valley Christian School were among the 3rd-grade students in the Vergennes area to receive a “Student’s Dictionary” from the Vergennes Lions Club recently. Weston Kittredge (left front), Hendrik VanVoorst, Braxton Van De Weert, Grace Kittredge, Tessa Kaufman, and Annika Richards, students in Kelly Boelens’ class, were excited to receive the valuable learning tool. Administrator Linda Larocque and Lions Larry Simino and Yvonne Raphael helped present the books.

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VERGENNES — Old-fashioned rock ‘n’ roll is alive and well in Vergennes, and will be seen and heard when Vergennes Union High School students return to the stage next month.

The public is invited to come when the VUHS Music Department presents “Bye Bye Birdie” on Nov. 11, 12 and 13 at 7 p.m.

A loving send-up of the 1950s, small-town America, teenagers, and the early years of rock ‘n’ roll, “Bye Bye Birdie” remains as fresh and vibrant as ever. Teen heartthrob Conrad Birdie has been drafted, so he chooses All-American girl Kim MacAfee for a very public farewell kiss (producers note this production is for mature audiences).

Featuring a tuneful high-energy score, plenty of great parts for teens, and a hilarious script, “Birdie” continues to thrill audiences around the world. “Bye Bye Birdie” opened on Broadway on April 14, 1960, starring Chita Rivera as Rose and Dick Van Dyke as Albert.

Tickets for “Bye Bye Birdie” at VUHS are on sale now and available online for in-person performances, live streaming and scheduled content viewing. For a ticket to

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# Ripton talks

(Continued from Page 1A) students right now, would be hard-pressed — both financially and logistically — to provide those key services on its own as a one-town supervisory district.

With that in mind, the VSBE in September asked Ripton and ACSD to discuss ways the small mountain town could remain in the district. But a meeting earlier this month involving Ripton School Board member Steve Cash and ACSD Superintendent Peter Burrows achieved no breakthrough.

The lack of progress prompted the Ripton School Board to send a letter to the VSBE on Oct. 11, requesting, in part, that the state board become involved in the process.

“We would like to know if the state board has any thoughts on how to support the framework of our negotiations if our concerns continue to be met with resistance,” the letter from Ripton states. “Would a third-party moderator be appropriate?”

The Ripton board termed the conversation with Burrows as “cordial and friendly,” but largely unproductive.

“Our perspective on why it was unproductive is that there is little motivation on the part of ACSD to recognize our concerns and to put effort into cooperatively building a scenario where Ripton could, in good faith, remain in the district,” the letter continues. “In essence, Ripton has returned to the familiar territory of holding no power.”

The town had hoped to gain more power for itself — and other rural communities in the district — in early 2020, when a group of local citizens presented the ACSD board with a petition seeking two key changes in the district’s articles of agreement. Requested changes included a provision for a town vote before that community’s elementary school could be closed, and a system whereby ACSD board members would be elected only by voters in the community in which they reside.

Current rules — approved by a majority of voters in all seven ACSD towns when the district consolidated its governance structure in 2016 — allow the ACSD board to close a school by a super-majority vote — at least 10 of its 13 members. The rules also call for board members to be elected at-large by the collective voters of the towns of Bridport, Cornwall,

Ripton, Middlebury, Salisbury, Shoreham and Weybridge.

Petitioners had hoped the ACSD board would warn their suggested changes for a Town Meeting Day 2020 vote. The panel declined to do so, however, based in part on legal advice.

Ripton officials continue to lament the board’s rejection of the petition, saying the changes would have benefitted multiple towns.

*“This was decided a long time ago, and because it wasn’t decided in what Ripton thought was its advantage, they then pursued separation.”*

— ACSD board member Chip Malcolm

“To continue to push the idea that Ripton shouldering this is in any way selfish is to not understand how democracy works,” Ripton School Board member Joanna Doria said. “With that said, I do understand the board’s position and hesitancy to give up its power. As with all processes, we are learning more each day. I am hopeful the two parties can move beyond binary reactions and find the common ground I know we share.”

Current ACSD board members served notice at their Monday meeting they haven’t changed their mind on those charter change requests.

“This was decided a long time ago, and because it wasn’t decided in what Ripton thought was to its advantage, they then pursued separation,” ACSD board member James “Chip” Malcolm said.

### COMMON GROUND?

Ripton officials on Monday requested — and have now been granted — a meeting with the ACSD board’s executive committee in a further effort to find common ground. The executive committee was created to troubleshoot on behalf of the full board in between its regular meetings. The committee has no decision-making power.

“We don’t have the ability to respond to any request at that meeting,” said ACSD board Chair Mary Cullinane, who’s also an executive committee member. “If they come to us and say, ‘This is what we’re looking for,’ we can get more information and ask clarifying questions. Step two is to come back here.”

Cullinane and her colleagues hope to receive specific requests from Ripton, something they said has been lacking.

Doria said that considering the pandemic and a pause in the ACSD’s facilities master planning effort, Ripton officials have put a lot of time lately in determining “what remaining in ACSD might look like,” rather than plowing headlong into separation plans.

“I believe Chair Cullinane’s unprecedented call to arms for the relationship between school and home and other community institutions be stronger than ever can be answered with a call to reconsider the value of our rural community schools,” Doria said. In this light, our rural community schools should be considered assets, not liabilities, and the rhetoric around consolidation should not be keeping schools open at all costs but at what cost are we willing to close these valuable institutions.”

The VSBE has stated it would likely designate Ripton its own supervisory district if its talks with the ACSD fail. Such a designation wouldn’t take effect until July 1, 2023, officials said.

And it’s clear the VSBE is putting

much of the negotiating pressure on Ripton.

“(VSBE) Chair (Oliver) Olsen said it is the responsibility of the withdrawing entity to have a plan in place before moving forward and to understand the consequences of withdrawing,” read the minutes from the state board’s Oct. 20 meeting. “It is not the state board’s responsibility to solve the problems as they arise.”

Olsen, according to the meeting minutes, said he’ll draft a formal response to Ripton’s Oct. 11 letter “that offers a suggestion for mediation and will reinforce that the state board is not going to be supportive of any plan that negatively impacts other districts with the consequences of a decision made by a withdrawing entity.”

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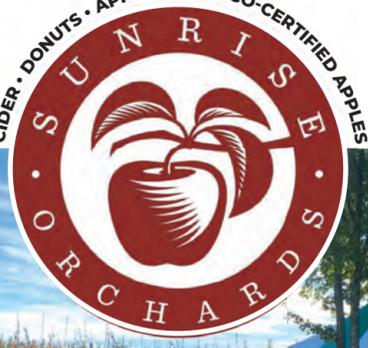
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**DURING MONDAY'S VUHS Senior Class Walkathon a group pauses for a break along Green Street in Waltham. Pictured, from left, are Chris Therrien, Kaitlyn Little, Richard Cosgrove, teacher Julia Beerworth, Sierra Bertrand and Andrew Kachmar. The Class raised more than \$3,000 for HOPE and is still seeking donations.**

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**THE VUHS SENIOR Walkathon went about halfway to Middlebury through Waltham and New Haven on Monday. Plans called for the walkathon to end in Middlebury, but, given rain and cold, organizers cut it short.**

## VUHS seniors

*(Continued from Page 1A)*  
 November (gofund.me/c7e296a8).  
 The seniors chose HOPE because they had seen the Middlebury nonprofit's efforts to help those affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, according to class treasurer and walk co-organizer Olivia Brooks.  
 Brooks said other suggestions were floated at a September class meeting, but that HOPE emerged as the seniors' overwhelming choice in a follow-up survey.  
 "We're a class that has really been impacted by COVID. Our sophomore year got cut short, and we've really seen the effects that COVID has had on everybody's financial situation for the past three years of high school," she said. "And HOPE has done a lot to help people who have been struggling to pay rent and pay their bills and take care of their families."

About 40 of the class's 63 members walked, a good turnout, Brooks said, considering the weather and academic conflicts for some seniors.  
 Brooks and the other class officers — President Ian Henderson, Vice President Jonah Mahé and Secretary Audrey Scribner — polled fellow seniors on their feelings about postponing the event given inclement weather, and she said the walkers were enthusiastic.  
 "Spirits were pretty high. We contacted the class Saturday and said it's going to be really rainy and pretty cold. We're thinking of rescheduling. What do you think?" Brooks said on Monday. "And everyone was, no, it's a really good cause. We want to walk. And everyone was in the same spirits today, and everyone had a really good time."

The original plan was for the class to walk all the way to the Middlebury town green, but the class did acknowledge that distance was not realistic given the forecast. The seniors changed the goal to the New Haven intersection of Green Street and Route 17, but also exceeded that goal by a couple miles.  
 "Once we got to the intersection we had about an hour left with our bus. So everyone voted and we decided to keep walking," Brooks said. "So we walked about an extra two miles."  
 She said the class is also excited about next spring's annual Back to the Roots program, in which the class members visit their former elementary schools to perform community work projects and to serve as role models for younger students about to enter their middle school years.

Brooks also said members of the Class of '22 have embraced another initiative.  
 "We've been working to help the atmosphere at the high school, to get all the other classes to be more tight-knit. We have a Senior Ambassador program right now, where a couple of us in a group will go to a ninth-grade morning meeting, talk to them about class bonding, expectations within the school, really try to help the ninth-grade class," she said.  
 Brooks said her class has bonded.  
 "We're all really close, especially because we only have 63 kids. We have been able to grow a lot closer," she said. "Everybody's friends. There's no drama in our class."  
 If anything, COVID-imposed separation has made the seniors appreciate for each other grow.



**SENIORS ELLA HAMELINE, left, and Mykenzie Duffy, rights, flank teacher Julia Beerworth, rear, and all are bundled up against the elements, stroll along Green Street in Waltham during Monday's VUHS Senior Class Walkathon, which raised \$3,100 for HOPE.**

"I think we have definitely pulled together more," Brooks said. "I remember when we came out of the hybrid learning last year everyone was just so excited to see each other. Everyone was together after that."

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## Dave Morey: 'Middlebury's Miracle Mentor'

Last month, on the occasion of the Middlebury-Bates football game, I reminisced about growing up in Lewiston, Maine, and my attachment to Bates football, the result of my dad's love of the game.

I mentioned that he himself was a football player at Bates and played on the team that famously "defeated" mighty Yale, 0-0, in 1932 in the Yale Bowl before 20,000 fans. His coach at Bates was a fellow named Dave Morey.



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"Little Bates," a Boston publication wrote at the time, "inspired by the dynamic Mr. Morey, held Yale to a scoreless tie and came close to trimming the Elis. Back in Lewiston they celebrated wildly, and the press of the country heaped praise on Bates and their coach."

Why am I waxing nostalgic again in our local newspaper about sports nearly a century ago at a school over 200 miles from here?

Coach Dave Morey provides the connective tissue:

Morey also coached at Middlebury, before Bates, and provided Middlebury partisans (which is to say, everyone at the school and town) with similar excitement to that he gave the folks in Lewiston in his 10 years there (1929-39).

Nine years before his crowning (See Lindholm, Page 4B)

## Score

### BOARD

#### HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Football	
10/22 MUHS at BBA	.....Canceled
10/23 Bellows Falls vs MAV	.....49-7
10/23 OV at Springfield	.....20-6
Field Hockey	
10/21 Mt. Abe vs Colchester	.....4-2
10/21 CVU vs MUHS	.....7-1
10/21 OV vs Fair Haven	.....7-0
10/23 OV vs Windsor	.....2-0
Division II Playoffs	
10/27 #12 MUHS at #7 St. J.	.....Late
Girls' Soccer	
10/20 VUHS vs MUHS	.....2-1
10/21 Fair Haven vs OV	.....9-0
10/22 Milton vs MUHS	.....2-0
10/22 Mt. Abe vs VUHS	.....2-0
Division II Playoffs	
10/27 #16 OV at #1 Harwood	.....Late
10/27 #11 Mt. Abe at #6 Stratton	.....Late
Division III Playoffs	
10/27 #14 VUHS at #3 Fairfax	.....Late
Boys' Soccer	
10/20 Milton vs MUHS	.....2-0
10/21 GMVS vs Mt. Abe	.....1-0
10/22 OV vs White River	.....1-0
10/23 Mt. Abe vs Missisquoi	.....4-2
10/23 MUHS vs Rice	.....4-1
10/23 Milton vs VUHS	.....4-1
Division II Playoffs	
10/28 #12 Mt. Abe at #5 MUHS	.....3 PM
Division III Playoffs	
10/26 #4 VUHS vs #13 B. Falls	.....13-0
10/26 #7 Fairfax vs. #10 OV	.....2-0
COLLEGE SPORTS	
Field Hockey	
10/23 Midd vs Trinity	.....4-2
10/26 Midd vs Williams	.....2-1 (OT)
Men's Soccer	
10/23 Midd vs Trinity	.....0-0
10/26 Midd at Williams	.....1-0 (2 OT)
Women's Soccer	
10/23 Midd vs Trinity	.....1-0
10/26 Midd vs Williams	.....2-1
Football	
10/23 Wesleyan vs Midd	.....24-0



VUHS SENIOR FORWARD Ethan Gebo serves a ball from the right side during the No. 4 Commodores' 13-0 romp over No. 13 Bellows Falls on Tuesday. Gebo set the tone early with a goal in the second minute and later picked up an assist.

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## Commodore boys' soccer thumps Terriers, 13-0

### VUHS next faces a stiffer challenge from Peoples in Division III playoffs

By ANDY KIRKALDY

BRISTOL — An old adage states, "The race doesn't always belong to the swift, nor the battle to the strong."

But sometimes the favorite really just is faster and better and is favored for a reason. Or several reasons.

Consider Tuesday's first-round high school boys' soccer playoff

game between No. 4 Vergennes, which came into the Division III playoffs with a 9-3-2 record against a tough schedule, and No. 13 Bellows Falls, 1-12 against softer competition.

It looked like a mismatch on paper. It was.

When the dust settled — OK, there was no dust. Mount Abraham agreed to host the game because

by Tuesday after days of rain the Commodores' home field looked more suitable for kayaking than soccer.

Anyway, the Commodores scored early and often as they leashed the Terriers, 13-0.

Ten Commodores scored, led by Jonah Mahé, Parker Kayhart and Xavier DeBlois with two apiece, and six added assists. They outshot

BF, 40-2, and took all nine of the game's corner kicks.

But the Commodores know their real postseason begins on Friday, when they'll host defending champion Peoples Academy (10-4-1), the No. 5 seed. Peoples ousted No. 12 Oxbow on Tuesday, 10-0.

A year ago in a semifinal game, Peoples, the No. 4 seed (See Commodores, Page 2B)

## Eagle girls' soccer blanks host Commodores, 2-0

### Teams readying for postseason play

By ANDY KIRKALDY

VERGENNES — The Mount Abraham girls' soccer team continued its late-season surge on Friday, when the Eagles bested Vergennes, 2-0, in the final regular-season game for both teams.

The Division II Eagles had won three of their past four games, and their other result in that stretch was a tie vs. top D-II team Rice, a game that Coach Dustin Corrigan said could have gone either way.

They finished the season at 5-8-1, but five of those losses came to D-I teams, including an overtime setback to a 10-win Rutland team.

Corrigan said he and the Eagles are pleased with their progress over the course of the season.

"Our players have been working hard, and they stick together," Corrigan said. "We've been steadily improving every game we've played, and things are starting to come together at a pretty good time, we feel."

Certainly, it's been a rebuilding year for Co-coaches Dwight Irish and Peter Maneen's Commodores, whose 2-12 regular season follows the program's fourth consecutive appearance in a D-III title game.

When postseason tournament pairings were announced on Monday, it was learned that both

teams would play away games on Wednesday after the deadline for this edition: No. 11 Mount Abe at No. 6 Stratton in D-II, and No. 14 VUHS at No. 3 Fairfax in D-III.

This past Friday, VUHS was coming off a 2-1 win against a shorthanded Middlebury team two days before, but the Commodores were unable to maintain momentum on Friday.

The fact the Eagles took charge early in Friday's game and scored in the 10th minute — on a beautiful strike by midfielder Natalie Atkins — took the wind out of the Commodores' sails, Maneen said.

"We just had trouble controlling the ball today. Our first touches let us down, (and we had) trouble keeping possession," Maneen said. "When you're chasing the game the whole time, unfortunately that's going to be the result."

Maneen also credited the Eagles' grit. "They beat us to most 50-50 balls. They outworked us today," he said.

The Eagles' edge in possession showed in the stats: They outshot the Commodores, 16-2, and earned more corner kicks, 6-3.

And they scored on their second shot, not long after VUHS goalie (See Eagles, Page 3B)



MOUNT ABE FORWARD Louisa Painter touches the ball past the tackle attempt of Commodore defender Anna Carr during Friday's girls' soccer game at VUHS. The visiting Eagles prevailed, 2-0.

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**BELLOWS FALLS DEFENDER** Mackinnon Ross (No. 2), is too late to stop this scoring shot from Commodore Jonah Mahé, one of his two goals as the No. 4 Commodores cruised to a 13-0 first-round D-III playoff win over the No. 13 Terriers.

Independent photo/Steve James



**COMMODORE MIDFIELDER** Jade Edwards one-times home a first-half goal during his team's easy first-round playoff win on Tuesday in a game played at Mount Abe. No. 4 VUHS is scheduled to host No. 5 Peoples, the defending D-III champion, on Friday.

Independent photo/Steve James

## Commodores

(Continued from Page 1B)  
in 2020, defeated the top-seeded Commodores, 1-0. The Wolves' last-second goal was a fluke deflection, but they carried much of the play.

The Commodores realize they have to play better this year, and believe they're capable of doing so. Mahé, the senior captain, said playing with poise and intensity will be important.

"We've got to really focus in and get back into our rhythm. We've played tough teams, and we've done well during the season, and I don't want to let this (game) give us false confidence," Mahé said after Tuesday's match. "For Peoples, being aggressive out of the gate and getting our focus back on point is what it will be for us."

That tough schedule should help the Commodores, too, Mahé said: Games against top D-II teams like Middlebury and Milton have prepared them to take on the better D-III sides.

"Actually developing your team throughout the season, maybe losing a few games, seeing what that feels like, understanding those moments that are pivotal to development, I think that's what it's all about," he said. "We have to analyze what we were doing wrong so we can go play these tougher teams in Division III."

Coach Kevin Hayes believes his team is better equipped this year to handle Peoples and other challenges beyond — Nos. 1, 2 and 3 seeds Green Mountain, Winooski and Enosburg all entered the tournament with one loss.

Hayes cited improvement up and down the field, but particularly at midfield, the team's biggest problem vs. Peoples a year ago.

"We're bigger, faster, stronger. We've got the right personnel in there," Hayes said. "Midfield is stronger than last year. I feel Shamus (Rooney) is more of a presence up top. Defensively, we've been solid this year."

*"We've got to really focus in and get back into our rhythm. We've played tough teams, and we've done well during the season, and I don't want to let this (game) give us false confidence."*

— Jonah Mahé

Regardless of whether the tournament really begins in the quarterfinal round, the schedule required Tuesday's match.

Ethan Gebo put VUHS on the board in the second minute, when center middle Jack Wyman found him cutting open (that happened a lot for VUHS) into the right side of the box, and Gebo ripped a shot high into the right side past BF goalie

Christopher Leary (11 saves).

Mahé made it 2-0 in the eighth minute, taking a right-to-left feed from Kayhart across the top of the box and pounding it inside the left post. Wyman made it 3-0 at exactly 24:00 with a 22-yard wonder strike that grazed the framework on the way into the upper right corner.

Before the half, Jade Edwards slammed a Gebo feed from the right end line into an open goal; Kayhart, at about the penalty stripe, tucked a back pass from Rooney inside the left post; and DeBlois knocked in a loose ball from a scrum.

After the break, defender Hayden Bowen scored on a long direct kick that bounced home when Leary apparently believed it was an indirect kick that didn't require his attention.

Thirteen minutes in, VUHS goalie Abram Francis picked up a long Mackinnon Ross shot that rolled in on his net for his only save.

Given ample room to make plays, VUHS kept scoring: Rooney hit the right corner with a 15-yard left-footed shot after a nice controlling touch; Kayhart banged in a loose ball from near the penalty stripe; Oakley Francis, at the top of the box, took a feed from Elijah Duprey and ripped it in; Duprey headed home a Francis feed from the right; and DeBlois netted his own rebound.

"We saw some good stuff," Hayes said. "It's tough in a game when you're not as challenged as you want to be, but it's good for the offensive guys to get in some work."

## Eagles, OV field hockey seeded high

ADDISON COUNTY — The Mount Abraham and Otter Valley field hockey teams earned the Nos. 1 and 4 seeds in the Division II playoffs after successful regular seasons that concluded late last week, and they will open their title quests on Friday in what is a deep and talented tournament field.

Meanwhile Middlebury came up short last week in its search for an initial victory against its largely D-I schedule, and will look for wins in the D-II tournament as its No. 10 seed.

In the playoffs, the 12-1-1 Eagles, winners of three straight D-II tournaments, will open on Friday at 3:30 p.m. with a quarterfinal vs. the winner of a Wednesday first-round matchup between No. 8 Woodstock and No. 9 Brattleboro.

The 11-2-1 Otters, the Southern Valley League B Division champs this fall, have a tougher-looking quarterfinal at the same time on Friday: They will host No. 5 Spaulding, also 11-2-1. If both the Otters and Eagles prevail, they will meet in a semifinal on Wednesday, Nov. 3. The D-II final will be at a time and site to be announced.

The 0-14 Tigers were seeded No. 10 and were set to visit No. 7 St. Johnsbury (9-5) on Wednesday afternoon after the deadline for this edition. The winner of that game will take on No. 2 Hartford on Friday.

U-32 (12-1-1) is the No. 3 seed. **EAGLES**

On Oct. 21 the Eagles tied a bow on their regular season by knocking off yet another D-I team, this time host Colchester, 4-2. Mount Abe's only loss came to D-I top seed South Burlington by one goal.

**Txuxa Konczal** and **Abby Reen** each scored twice for the Eagles. **Molly Laurent** assisted both of Konczal's goals, and **Madison Gile** set up both of Reen's. Goalie **Maddie Donaldson** made two saves.

The Lakers became just the second team to score twice on the Eagles this fall, with Sarah Bokelberg accounting for both goals. Laker goalie Trinity Conley made three saves.

### OTTERS

On Oct. 21 the Otters blanked visiting Fair Haven, 7-0. **Ryleigh Laporte** and **Mackenzie McKay** each scored twice, **Brittney**

**Jackson** and **Riley Keith** contributed a goal and two assists apiece, and **Sydney Gallo** added the other goal. Goalie **Lily Morgan** worked a four-save shutout as the Otters racked up a 19-4 advantage in shots on goal.

On Friday the Otters wrapped up by defeating host Windsor, 2-0. OV defended seven first-period penalty corners and took the lead when Laporte scored late in the period. The Otters took control of the play in the second period, with seven corners of their own, and finally iced the victory when Jackson scored late in the fourth quarter.

Coach Jodie Keith said Morgan played "an excellent game" in finishing with 12 saves, four more than the Windsor goalie.

### TIGERS

On Oct. 21 visiting Champlain Valley defeated the Tigers, 7-1, in a game moved to MUHS because the Redhawks' field was unplayable.

Ava Bartlett's first-half hat trick sparked the CVU attack, and goalie Grace Ferguson made four saves. **Scarlet Carrara** scored for the Tigers in the fourth quarter, and goalie **Cassie Bettis** stopped 14 shots.

By **ANDY KIRKALDY**

ADDISON COUNTY — The Vergennes and Middlebury union high school boys' soccer teams received high seeds in the Division III and II tournaments and the right to host playoff games.

The 9-3-2 Commodores, seeded No. 4, faced No. 13 Bellows Falls (1-10) on Tuesday in a game played at Mount Abraham; see story on Page 1B.

The 8-5-1 Tigers received the No. 5 seed in D-II and will face a difficult — and familiar — foe in the first round, No. 12 Mount Abraham (5-8-1).

The two local rivals were scheduled for a rubber match on Wednesday after splitting two hard-fought regular-season games this fall: Each won on the other's home turf, 1-0, in physical contests.

But poor field conditions and rain forced that game to be moved to Thursday at 3 p.m.

Otter Valley won its final two games to finish 4-8-2 in the regular season and climb up to the No. 10 seed in D-III.

But the Otters came up short in their quest to oust a higher seed, falling to No. 7 Fairfax, 2-0, on Tuesday. The Otters put six shots on goal, but Bullet goalie Brandon Gillian stopped them all. Matt

Spiller scored both goals for the 8-6-1 Bullets.

### REGULAR SEASON

As the regular season wound down late last week, MUHS and Mount Abraham each split two games, VUHS lost to D-II's top seed on the road, and OV finished on a high note.

### TIGERS

On Oct. 20, host Milton improved to 13-0 by topping MUHS, 2-0. Zack Logan and Riley Zeno scored first-half goals for Milton, and goalie Braeden Caragher made three saves. Tiger goalie **Owen Lawton** stopped 12 shots.

On Saturday, the Tigers won at Rice, 4-1. Wilfried St. Francis gave Rice the lead in the 32nd minute, but **Henry Carpenter's** penalty kick equalized before the break. The Tigers then scored three times in the final 28 minutes to come away with the win, with goals from **Eliot Schneider**; **Ben Seaton**, assisted by **Gus Hodde**; and **Ronen Silberman**, assisted by **Greg Wilhelm**.

Two Rice goalies combined for six saves, and Lawton made seven for the Tigers.

### EAGLES

On Oct. 21, visiting Green Mountain Valley edged the Eagles, 1-0, but Mount Abe bounced back

on Saturday to end the regular season on a high note, defeating visiting Missisquoi, 4-2. The T-Birds scored in the third minute, but the Eagles answered with three goals before halftime, two from **Eli Burgess** and one from **Carter Monks**. Burgess completed the hat trick in the second half.

**Neil Guy** assisted on two goals for the Eagles, and **Monks** and **Judah Jackson** each set up a goal. Ethan Bushey-Hanson made eight saves for MVU, and Eagle goalie **Creed Stillwell** made three.

### COMMODORES

On Saturday, Milton completed its unbeaten season, defeating the visiting Commodores, 4-1.

Zack Logan scored twice for 14-0 Milton, which pulled away after taking a 1-0 halftime lead, and goalie Braeden Caragher made one save.

**Jonah Mahé** scored for VUHS, and goalie **Abram Francis** made 16 saves

### OTTERS

On Friday, the Otters wrapped up their regular season with a positive result, edging visiting White River Valley, 1-0. **Luca Cifone** scored for OV with 10 minutes left in regulation, with an assist from Owen Thomas, and OV goalie **Hayden Bernhardt** played a strong game against WRV (6-6-2).



**Upcoming Events**

**Thursday, October 28**  
9:00-11:00 am - Public Skating  
3:30-5:00 pm - Stick & Puck  
5:30-7:00pm - Public Skating

**Friday, October 29**  
3:30-5:00 pm - Stick & Puck

**Saturday, October 30**  
1:30-3:15 pm - Public Skating

**Sunday, October 31**  
2:00-4:00 pm - Public Skating

**Monday, November 1**  
3:30-5:00 pm - Stick & Puck

**Tuesday, November 2**  
9:00-11:00 am - Public Skating  
3:30-5:00 pm - Stick & Puck

**Thursday, November 4**  
9:00-11:00 am - Public Skating  
3:30-5:00 pm - Stick & Puck

**Friday, November 5**  
3:30-5:00 pm - Stick & Puck

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**Thursday, November 11**  
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- **Broccoli** (diameter) - Pamela Thomas, 15.5"
- **Cabbage** (circumference) - Steve Reigle, 31.25"
- **Cantaloupe** (circumference) - Barbara Peltton, 22"
- **Carrot** (length x circumference) - Gary Miller, 20" x 7"
- **Cauliflower** (diameter) Barrie Bailey, 18.25"
- **Corn** (length x circumference)- Pamela Thomas, 9" x 6.75"
- **Cucumber** (length x circumference) - Julie Lonergan, 24" x 9.25"
- **Eggplant** (circumference x circumference) - Ted Foster, 22.25" x 18"
- **Fennel** (length x circumference) - Dottie McCarty, 13" x 32"
- **Green bean** (length) - Gary Miller, 28.5"
- **Kohlrabi** (circumference) - Barrie Bailey, 15"
- **Leafy greens** (length x width - leaf only) - Pamela Thomas, 24" x 20"
- **Leek** (length x circumference) - Ted Foster, 50" x 3.75"
- **Melon** (circumference) - Pamela Thomas, 34"
- **Onion** (circumference) - Ed Blechner, 14"
- **Parsnip** (circumference) - Ted Foster, 10"
- **Potato** (length x circumference) - Kelley Mills, 8.5" x 11"
- **Pepper** (circumference x circumference) - Gary Miller, 13" x 15"
- **Pumpkin** (circumference x circumference) - Julie Lonergan, 71"
- **Radish** (circumference) - Pamela Thomas, 11.5"
- **Rhubarb** (length) - Ann & Peter Demong, 24.5"
- **Rutabaga** (circumference) - Sue Galipo, 16"
- **Summer squash** (length x circumference) - Enea Ancarani, 13" x 14.75"
- **Sunflower** (diameter) - Julie Lonergan, 18.75"
- **Tomato** (circumference) - Julie Lonergan, 19.5"
- **Turnip** (circumference) - Mike Chicoine & Vera Bergeron, 16"
- **Winter squash** (length x circumference) - Pat Anderson, 23.5" x 25.75"
- **Zucchini** (length x circumference) - Sebastian Ancarani, 22.75" x 19"





Despite the frost, we had six spectacular submissions to close out the **final week** of the 2021 Garden Game.

Kicking things off was **Barrie Bailey** with three sizable entries. Barrie's 18.25" cauliflower was the first of the season. She also brought in a 15" kohlrabi and 28.5" x 18" winter squash. Unfortunately, her vibrant squash wasn't quite big enough to beat **Pat Anderson's**, but her cauliflower and kohlrabi put her in the top spot in those categories!

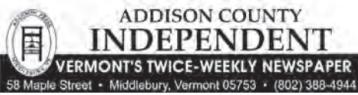
Garden Game regular **Ted Foster's** 13" cauliflower was just shy of beating Barrie's but he takes an impressive lead in yet another category with his 10" parsnip. Way to go, Ted!

Our very last submission of the season was from the renowned **Gary Miller**. Never one to settle, Gary brought in a 20" x 7" carrot that topples his existing record. "Last for the year" (with a sad face) was his final comment for this year's competition. We agree, Gary, it's been one for the books!

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**MOUNT ABE MIDFIELDER Natalie Atkins** lets a left-footed shot rip early in the first half of the Eagles girls' soccer team's 2-0 win at Vergennes on Friday. Atkins' blast, set up by Elena Bronson, found the net for the Eagles' first goal.

Independent photo/Steve James



**VUHS SENIOR MIDFIELDER Allie Croke**, left, tries to block a pass from Eagle middle Ellie Thomas during Friday's girls' soccer game at Vergennes, won by visiting Mount Abraham, 2-0.

Independent photo/Steve James

## Only MUHS girls' soccer is hosting

**ADDISON COUNTY** — Middlebury Union High School girls' soccer earned the No. 8 seed and a home playoff game in Division II, but the other local girls' soccer teams all hit the road for first-round D-II or D-III matchups.

### PLAYOFF RUNDOWN

The 7-6-1 Tigers were set to host No. 9 U-32 (6-6-2) on Tuesday, but rain and poor field conditions forced that game to be moved to Wednesday after the deadline for this edition of the *Independent*. A win vs. U-32 would almost certainly mean a weekend date with No. 1 Harwood.

Mount Abraham (5-8-1) earned the No. 11 seed in D-II and was scheduled to take on No. 5 Stratton (10-3) on Wednesday. The Eagles entered the playoffs on a 3-0-1 surge that included a tie with No. 4 seed and defending champion Rice.

Also in D-II, Otter Valley (1-13) squeaked into the postseason as the No. 16 seed and played No. 1 Harwood (12-1-1) on Wednesday; that game was also postponed from Tuesday.

In D-III 2-12 Vergennes received the No. 14 seed and was set to take on No. 3 Fairfax (11-1-1) on Wednesday.

### REGULAR SEASON

VUHS upended a shorthanded MUHS squad on Oct. 20 as the regular season concluded late last week. Elsewhere Otter Valley fell to rival Fair Haven, and the Tigers lost again.

The Commodores also hosted the Eagles on Friday; see story on Page 1B.

### VUHS VS. MUHS

On Oct. 20 the visiting Commodores edged the Tigers, 2-1. **Felicia Poirier** and **Kaelin Sullivan** each scored in the first half for VUHS, and goalie **Carlyn Rapoport** made three saves as the team improved to 2-11 heading into Friday.

**Lia Robinson** found the net for the Tigers, and goalie **Julia Bartlett** stopped two shots.

Some Tigers missed the game after one or more players tested positive for COVID-19. According to Activities Director Sean Farrell the team went through contact-tracing and testing protocols before it took the field on Wednesday, and the process was completed in time to allow the Tigers to take on the Commodores, with a lineup that included JV callups.

### OTTERS

On Oct. 21 host Fair Haven broke the game open in the second half to defeat the Otter Valley girls' soccer team, 9-0. The Slaters improved to 10-2-2 and earned a top-four seed in the D-II tournament.

The OV defense and goalie **Linnea Faulkner** held the Slaters to one first-half goal, but could not hold them off after the break. **Brittney Love** scored four times to lead Fair Haven.

### TIGERS

The Tigers fell to Milton, 2-0, on Friday despite 14 saves from Bartlett. **Karissa Leclair** and **Emma Grasso** scored for the Yellowjackets, and goalie **Grace Williams** made three saves.

## Football

(Continued from Page 1B) pulled away late for a 35-21 home win. Undeclared Rutland is D-I's top seed, and Hartford (6-2) is the No. 2 seed and the Tigers' likely foe if they advance.

### EAGLES

Undeclared top D-II seed Bellows Falls rolled to a 49-7 victory over the host 1-6 Eagles on Saturday.

Bright spots for the Eagles were a four-yard rushing touchdown for quarterback **Adam Mansfield**, who led the Eagles with 68 yards rushing and threw for 140 yards, 90 of those to **Carmelo Miceli** and 20 to **Collin Dupoise**. Defensively for Mount Abe-VUHS, **Ben Brown** and **Caleb Russell** each picked off passes.

### OTTERS

The Otters (5-3) lost at Springfield, 20-6, on Saturday night in a game that did not affect their D-III playoff positioning — they had already clinched the No. 3 seed with their overtime win vs. Woodstock the week before, and could not move up in the standings.

They will host No. 6 Mill River Union on Saturday at 1 p.m. The Otters defeated the Minutemen in Brandon on Sept. 25, 37-6.

Details on the Springfield game were unavailable. The Cosmos improved to 4-4.

Windsor (8-0) and Fairfax (6-1) are the top D-III seeds. Fairfax is the Otters' probable semifinal opponent if they get past MRU.



**COMMODORE GOALIE CARLYN Rapoport** stretches to pick up a ball sent into the VUHS box as Eagle midfielder Safi Camara charges after it. The visiting Eagles stretched their unbeaten string to four games with a 2-0 victory over Vergennes on Friday.

Independent photo/Steve James

## Eagles

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Carlyn Rapoport stopped Eagle midfielder Lucy Parker's long-range bid in the ninth minute, a tough save because the ball skidded on the soggy turf.

The Eagles bottled the Commodores in their own end after that play. Right back Elena Bronson, one of only three Eagle seniors, won the ball on her flank about halfway into the VUHS zone and served a strong diagonal ball to Atkins on the far side of the box. Atkins let the ball roll to her left foot and unleashed an 18-yard bomb back into the upper right corner at 30:32.

Despite the Eagles' advantage in possession, their true chances were few in the first half. Late in

the period Rapoport bolted off her line to beat middle Dakota Laroque to another Bronson cross. The Commodores didn't put a shot on goal in the first half, but in that half they earned all their corner kicks, on one of which Eagle goalie Jo Toy won the ball in a crowd.

The Eagles pressed more effectively for most of the second half, launching nine of their shots and forcing Rapoport to make three of her five saves. Commodore Madelyn Hayden also made a key defensive play on Atkins. With an open goal looming, Hayden knocked the ball away from Atkins after a Maia Jensen serve from the right rolled to her with an open goal looming.

The Commodores did have a

good offensive stretch midway through the half. Senior middle Allie Croke put a hard, skidding shot on Toy that the Eagle goalie handled, and shortly afterward Toy made a more routine stop on Kennedy Decker for her second and final save.

The VUHS defense of Ella Hameline and Anna Carr in the middle and Sam Hallock and Emerson Rice on the flanks also generally held up well.

The Eagles' second goal did come on a breakdown, however. At 18:14 Annie Dufault belted a corner kick into the box from the right side, and it deflected in off the Commodores into the near corner.

Like the Eagles, the Commodores have played a tough schedule, one

that on Friday Maneen said will help them to surprise opponents in the D-III tournament.

"We'll see what happens," Maneen said. "That's always paid off for us in the past, and we'll see if it can happen for us again this year."

Corrigan said the Eagles would like to make a postseason run, even while acknowledging their record will not earn them any home games, and they will face tough teams right from the start.

"We're looking forward to the playoffs. It's like an all-new season, and I think we're a very different team than when we started this year. It's a really good group to coach and be a part of," he said. "I don't think there's anyone out there we can't play with."

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# Panthers to host in NESCAC tourney

## Field hockey undefeated; soccer teams claim key wins

MIDDLEBURY — Three Middlebury College teams wrapped up their regular season in style in recent action on the road: Panther field hockey won two tight games to move to 15-0, women's soccer won twice, and men's soccer earned a tie and a win. All three will host NESCAC quarterfinals on Saturday.

The football team continued to find tough going however, failing to score in a road setback.

### FIELD HOCKEY

The Middlebury field hockey team, top-ranked in NCAA Division III, on Saturday turned back No. 9 Trinity, 4-2 on the road.

The Panthers exchanged goals in the second quarter with the Bantams (11-4, 6-4 NESCAC) before they took the lead for good. Isabel Chandler netted the rebound of an Erin Nicholas shot before the Bantams equalized on a penalty corner.

Middlebury scored the next two goals, with Katie George and Amy Griffin finding the cage. Trinity converted another penalty corner to make it 3-2 at the half. George knocked in a Chandler rebound 1:09 after the break to create the final score.

Panther goalie Grace Harlan stopped two shots, while Trinity goalie Olivia McMichael made 13 saves.

On Tuesday, the Panthers edged host Williams, 2-1, in overtime. Williams (11-4, 6-4) earned six of its nine penalty corners in the first quarter, but couldn't break through.

After a scoreless first half, Nicholas converted a penalty stroke early in the third quarter. The Ephs equalized early in the fourth quarter, when Emily Batchelor tapped in a rebound.

Nicholas provided the game-winner on a penalty corner 6:46 into OT, taking a feed from Chandler and lifting the ball home from the left side for her 17th goal of the season.

Harlan made four saves for the Panthers, while two Eph goalies combined for six stops.

The Panthers will host No. 8 Bates (8-7, 3-7 NESCAC) on Saturday at a time to be announced. A win in that game would mean they would host the league's final four the following weekend.

### MEN'S SOCCER

On Saturday, the Panther men's soccer team settled for a scoreless tie with host Trinity (3-11-1, 0-9-1). The Panthers outshot the Bantams, 18-10. Panther goalie Ryan Grady made five saves, while Bernardo Simoes had six stops for the Bantams.

On Tuesday, at Williams, the Panthers took over fourth place in NESCAC in dramatic fashion, defeating rival Williams (7-6-2, 3-5-2) in double overtime, 1-0.

The game-winner came from Shane Farrell with 1:15 left in the second extra session. Tyler Payne slid the ball back to Farrell, who was 25 yards out, and Farrell rocketed a shot that went into the upper right corner.

Middlebury outshot the Ephs, 15-9. Grady and Williams goalie Ben Diffley each made five saves.

The Panthers will host No. 5 Wesleyan (10-3-2, 5-3-2) in the NESCAC playoffs at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday. Middlebury defeated visiting Wesleyan, 3-1, on its home turf early this season.

### WOMEN'S SOCCER

On Saturday, the Panthers edged host Trinity, 1-0. The Bantams dropped to 7-6-1, 3-5-1 NESCAC.

Defender Ellie Bavier scored the only goal with 8:34 left in the first half by curling home a corner kick.

The Panthers piled up edges of 16-11 in shots and 10-2 in corner kicks, but survived a late Trinity push that saw goalie Sydney Poppinga make several of her eight saves in the final 15 minutes. Two Bantam goalies combined for 10 saves.

On Tuesday, the Panthers edged the Ephs, 2-1, to nail down fourth place with an 11-3-1, 6-3-1 NESCAC mark. The Ephs dropped to 6-8-1, 2-7-1.

Gretchen McGrath gave the Panthers the lead in the 26th minute, converting a Bavier cross from the right that eluded Eph goalie Chelsea Taylor.

Victoria Laino knotted the game at 56:19 by one-timing home a feed from the left. At 62:52, Eliza Robinson bent home a corner kick for the game-winner.

Panther goalie Lucy VanNewkirk made five saves, while Taylor made one stop.

Middlebury will host No. 5 seed Conn College (9-3-3, 5-3-2) at noon on Saturday. The Camels defeated the Panthers, 2-0, in Middlebury on Oct. 2.

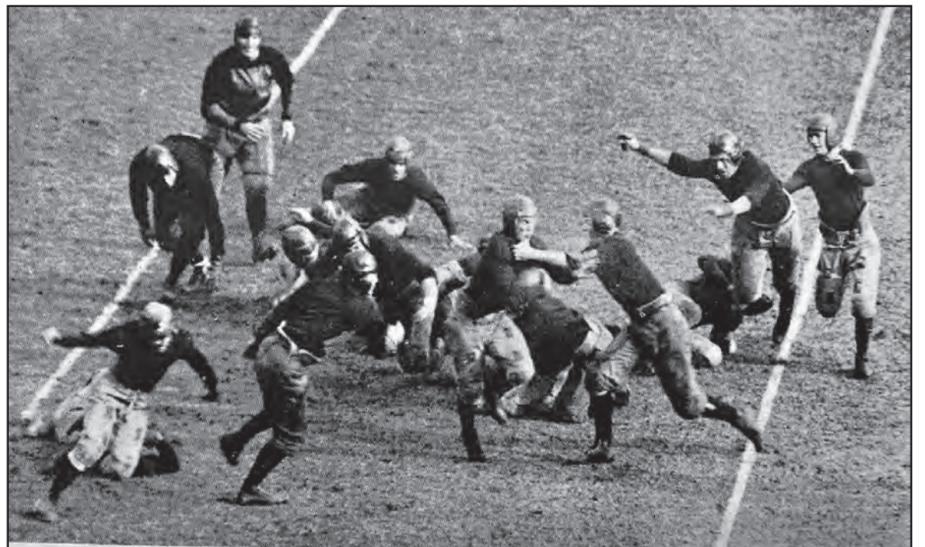
### FOOTBALL

Undeclared Wesleyan blanked the Middlebury football team on Saturday, 24-0, dropping the Panthers to 1-5. Wesleyan outgained the Panthers, 390 yards to 288, and controlled the ball for more than 40 minutes. The Panthers will host Bowdoin this coming Saturday at 1 p.m.

Wesleyan took charge early, marching 75 yards with the opening kickoff and scoring on a five-yard David Estevez run. Estevez added a 17-yard scoring run, and the Cardinals led by 14-0 at the half.

In the fourth quarter, Wesleyan kicked a field goal and recovered a fumble by Panther QB Will Jernigan in the Middlebury end zone. Jernigan completed 13 of 35 passes for 175 yards and tossed two interceptions.

Estevez had 119 yards rushing on 22 carries with two scores, and completed 11 of 22 passes for 125 yards; he also threw two picks. Charlie McPhee added 124 yards on the ground on 29 attempts.



Hollquist Crashing Through for Five Yards—Harvard-Middlebury Game

DURING THE 1923 Middlebury-Harvard game Panther running back Stone Holmquist kept the ball in Harvard territory, resulting in the game tying field goals.

Photo credit/Middlebury Archives

## Lindholm

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(1929-39).

Nine years before his crowning achievement at Bates, Morey's Middlebury team, the "Black Panthers" then, "defeated" the other national powerhouse, Harvard, 6-6, before 25,000 fans in Harvard Stadium. Because of that game in 1923, and a close 16-6 loss to Harvard the next year, the Boston press called Morey "Middlebury's Miracle Mentor."

The next year, 1924, Middlebury had "the greatest team ever to represent Middlebury in any sport on any field," according to the '24 *Kaleidoscope* (yearbook), with seven wins and just that one loss against Harvard. Their 254 points that season were the most of any school in the East and third-most nationally.

Dave Morey came to Middlebury in 1920, served as an assistant for a year and then became head coach for the next four years. As an undergraduate at Dartmouth, he was twice an All-American halfback (and second leading scorer in the country to Jim Thorpe in 1912), an accomplished violinist in the Dartmouth orchestra, and a baseball player skilled enough to play professionally for Connie Mack's A's in 1913.

Morey left Middlebury in 1925, "because of the ill health of his wife, which could only be remedied by residence in a warmer climate," and coached at Auburn University in Alabama, before returning to the northeast and Bates.

That 6-6 tie of Harvard in Cambridge in 1923 by his Middlebury team was "the greatest game ever played by Middlebury... an outstanding exhibition of courage and determination (*Kaleidoscope*)." It appeared that Middlebury would suffer a dignified, tight loss, as Harvard scored in the first half and clung to a 6-0 lead into the fourth quarter.

However, the dashes of Marshall Klevenow and the line-bucking of Stone Holmquist (Stone!) kept Midd in Harvard territory. Middlebury tied the game on two field goals by Klevenow from the 23 and 30 yard lines—and the 500 Middlebury fans amid the thousands in attendance erupted "in ecstasy" at the outcome (Middlebury enrollment at the time was only slightly over 500 students, men and women combined).

My dad maintained a life-long connection with his old coach, who lived to be 96 and died in 1986. I met Dave Morey on a number of occasions, but what did I know—I was a kid. I'd love today to hear his accounts of the shocking Middlebury and Bates games against mighty Harvard and Yale.

Near the end of his life, Morey was divesting himself of valued possessions, making gifts to friends who would treasure them as he had. My dad, captain of his Bates team in 1934, was given a beautifully engraved pocket watch.

that over my 45 years in coaching, the five at Middlebury were the happiest beyond description."

I am, of course, that "definite tie-in" with Middlebury—and my dad gave me that watch and the letter. I still have the letter, but I lost the pocket watch. I should have kept it in a drawer, or on a shelf, but I put it in my pocket. It was my timepiece. I carelessly left it on a countertop once, and when I returned for it, it was gone, never to be recovered.

It's a thing, the watch, and losing things is not like losing people. But that watch is one thing I truly miss.

It was a symbol, a "token," as Dave Morey put it, that reminded me of the "tie-in" of my dad, there at Bates, and me, here at Middlebury.



DAVE MOREY, "Middlebury's Miracle Mentor," coached at Middlebury College from 1920 to 1925. His Middlebury team famously tied mighty Harvard before 25,000 fans at Harvard in 1923. Then in 1932, his team at Bates College "defeated" Yale 0-0. He specialized in "David and Goliath" affairs.  
Photo credit/Bates College Archives

On one side, in elegant calligraphy, were the initials DBM, for David B. Morey, and on the other this inscription: "To Coach Dave. From his Middlebury football squad, 1923."

With the gift of the watch, Coach Dave included a remarkable letter to my dad. "I hold for you, Milt," he wrote, "a deep respect, admiration, and affection, and I am sure that the Middlebury boys would be happy with the manner in which I have handled the situation. I leave this watch, this token, with you because you have a definite tie-in with Middlebury."

"I feel sure that in talking about my coaching days at Middlebury, you may recall hearing me say

## Sports SCHEDULE

### HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

**Football**  
Division I Playoffs  
10/30 #6 MUHS at #3 CVU ..... 1 PM  
11/7 ..... Semifinal

Division III Playoffs  
10/30 #6 Mill River at #3 OV ..... 1 PM  
11/7 ..... Semifinal

**Field Hockey**  
Division II Playoffs  
10/29 TBD at #1 Mt. Abe ..... 3 PM  
10/29 #5 Spaulding at #4 OV ..... 3 PM  
11/3 Semifinal ..... 3 PM  
Final ..... TBA

**Girls' Soccer**  
Division II Playoffs  
10/28 #9 U-32 at #8 MUHS ..... Late  
10/29 or 30 ..... Quarterfinal

Division III Playoffs  
10/29 ..... Quarterfinal

**Boys' Soccer**  
Division II Playoffs  
10/29 or 30 ..... Quarterfinal

Division III Playoffs  
10/29 #5 Peoples at #4 VUHS . . . 3 PM  
11/2 ..... Semifinal

**Cross Country**  
10/30 ..... State Meet at Thetford

### COLLEGE SPORTS

**Field Hockey**  
NESCAC Quarterfinal  
10/30 #8 Bates at #1 Midd ..... TBA

**Men's Soccer**  
NESCAC Quarterfinal  
10/30 #5 Wesleyan at #4 Midd. Noon

**Women's Soccer**  
NESCAC Quarterfinal  
10/30 #5 Conn at #4 Midd. 12:30 PM

**Football**  
10/30 Bowdoin at Midd. .... 2 PM  
11/6 Midd at Hamilton ..... 12:30 PM

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# community calendar

## THURSDAY

**28** **“Joseph Battell: A Life and a Legacy” virtual lecture.** Thursday, Oct. 28, noon, Zoom. The Henry Sheldon Museum presents a talk by David Bain, Middlebury College Senior Lecturer in English and American Literatures, who will offer a biographical slide talk on Joseph Battell (1806–1874), a leading citizen of Middlebury and contemporary of Henry Sheldon. Battell bequeathed his mountain lands to Middlebury College. Presented in conjunction with the Sheldon Museum’s current exhibit “Sightlines-Picturing the Battell Wilderness.” \$5 pre-registration required. More info and registration at [henrysheldonmuseum.org/events](http://henrysheldonmuseum.org/events).



## Whoa, gorilla

**HALLOWEEN FESTIVITIES RETURN** after distanced trick-or-treating last year. Along with a drive-through and walk-through Spooktacular in Middlebury, haunted houses and walks, pumpkin fests, orchard and horse farm costume parties, dances and more are on tap throughout Addison County. You might see this intrepid gorilla from last year on your travels. Just remember that Halloween masks aren’t the only kind of mask required. See calendar listings for Oct. 29-31 for details.

## FRIDAY

**29** **Age Well grab-and-go meal in Starksboro.** Friday, Oct. 29, 3:30 p.m., Starksboro Baptist Church, Route 116. Menu of pot roast with vegetable gravy served with mashed potatoes, diced beets, dinner roll, berry crisp and milk. Please stay in your car. Drive up, check-in, contact free pick up. Call Michelle to reserve by Tuesday, Oct. 19, at 802-377-1419. Open to anyone age 60 and up and their spouse of any age. Free ride or pick-up and delivery may be provided. Call TVT at 388-2287 to inquire. TVT requires 48-hour notice.

**Haunted jail tour in Middlebury.** Friday, Oct. 29 — due to COVID, CHANGED TO A DRIVE-THROUGH EVENT ON OCT. 31, 4-7 P.M.

**Food distribution in Bristol.** Friday, Oct. 29, 5-6 p.m., St. Ambrose Church, 11 School St. Have A Heart food shelf will distribute food to those in need. Curbside pick-up only. Unvaccinated people need to mask. Newcomers always welcome. No sign up — just show up. See you there.

**Terror on TAM in Middlebury.** Friday, Oct. 29, 8-11 p.m., Creek Road entrance. Come walk the haunted trail on the TAM portion next to the athletic fields near the Middlebury Parks & Rec building on Creek Road. Free. Appropriate for middle and high school age and over. Repeats Saturday.

## SATURDAY

**30** **Halloween celebration in Middlebury.** Saturday, Oct. 30, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Middlebury Sweets, 1395 Route 7. Come by the candy store in costume and get a free treat. Enjoy spooky decor and music, discounted bulk candy, free samples, free hotdogs, popcorn and cider (while supplies last) and kids’ games. More info at 802-388-4518. Appropriate for all ages.

**Dragon Hunt in Vergennes.** Saturday, Oct. 30, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Bixby Memorial Library, 258 Main St. Come help find the dragon’s egg that has gone missing at the Bixby Library it. The hunt takes place both inside and outside on library grounds. Start at the circulation desk, where you will receive your first clue. Children and/or families that find the egg will be entered into a drawing for a Folkmanis Dragon puppet with a special dragon egg. Take home a dragon’s egg craft, help paint a large dragon tail, and get busy with dragon coloring and activity pages. Free.

**Brother-to-Brother Halloween bash in Middlebury.** Saturday, Oct. 30, 1-4 p.m., outside of McCullough Student Center, 14 Old Chapel Rd. Open to all male-identifying and non-binary (fully vaccinated) middle school students. Pumpkin carving, leaf pile jumping, and outdoor games. Wear a costume if you dare. RSVP to [btb@middlebury.edu](mailto:btb@middlebury.edu).

**Pumpkin Palooza in Lincoln.** Saturday, Oct. 30, 2-5 p.m. Lincoln Library, 222 W. River Rd. Start sharpening your pumpkin carving tools. Watch or participate in the costume parade and partake in the annual pumpkin carving contest and naming ceremony outside at the library. Enjoy delicious homemade soup and baked goods, hot cider and popcorn. Bring your own carving tools. Proceeds from the sale of food and pumpkins will benefit the Lincoln Library.

**Author Matthew Raidbard in Middlebury.** Saturday, Oct. 30, 3 p.m., Isley Public Library, 75 Main St. Raidbard will discuss his new book, “Lead Like a Pro: Effective Leadership Styles for Athletic Coaches.” More info at [isleypubliclibrary.org](http://isleypubliclibrary.org).

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**Haunted Forest and bake sale in Bristol.** Saturday, Oct. 30, 4-8 p.m., 3319 South 116 Rd. See Oct. 29 entry.

**Orchard Spooktacular in Shoreham.** Saturday, Oct. 30, 6-8:30 p.m., Douglas Orchards, 1050 Route 74. Bid farewell to an amazing harvest season while celebrating Halloween with a night of spooky family fun, live music by The Plumb Bobs, hard cider tasting, bonfire, hot cider, pumpkins and more. Free. Appropriate for all ages. More info at 802-897-5043.

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## SUNDAY

**31** **Halloween celebration in Middlebury.** Sunday, Oct. 31, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Middlebury Sweets, 1395 Route 7. See Oct. 30 entry.

**Halloween costume barn in Middlebury.** Sunday, Oct. 31, 2-4 p.m., Eddy Farm, 1815 South Street Ext. Trick or Treat from stall to stall. Horses and their handlers will be dressed up and passing out candy. Temporary tattoos; food table. Fundraiser for Nora Warren. Cost is \$10 adults and families/\$5 for 3-12 year olds/free for ages 2 and under. More info contact Margaret Bojanowski at 802-388-6196.

**Haunted jail tour in Middlebury.** Sunday, Oct. 31, 4-7 p.m. — due to COVID, Jail tour changed to a drive-through event at the jail, 35 Court St.

**Spooktacular in Middlebury.** Sunday, Oct. 31, 4-7 p.m., Drive-through and walk-through Spooktacular is back with up to 12 stops, plus a walk-through area. Check out the locations online at [tinyurl.com/MiddSpook2021](http://tinyurl.com/MiddSpook2021).

**Haunted Forest and bake sale in Bristol.** Sunday,

Oct. 31, 4-8 p.m., 3319 South 116 Rd. See Oct. 29 entry.

**Monster Mash in Middlebury.** Sunday, Oct. 31, 8-11 p.m., Town Hall Theater, 68 S. Pleasant St. Addison Central Teens hosts this Halloween dance for kids ages 12- 18. Free.

## WEDNESDAY

**3** **Age Well grab-and-go meal in Middlebury.** Wednesday, Nov. 3, 11:30 a.m., VFW, 530 Exchange St. Please stay in your drive-up, check in, and stay in your car for contact-free pick-up. Menu includes pot roast with gravy, mashed potatoes, carrots, dinner roll, chocolate raspberry cake and milk. Call Michelle to reserve by Sunday, Oct. 31, at 802-377-1419. Open to anyone age 60 and up and their spouse of any age. Free ride or pick-up and delivery may be provided. Call TVT at 802-388-2287 to inquire. TVT requires a 48 hour notice.

## THURSDAY

**4** **Light Detection and Ranging (LiDAR) virtual lecture.** Thursday, Nov. 4, noon, Zoom. Will Amidon, Middlebury Geology Professor will discuss a new technique to visualize landscapes using high-resolution topographic images of Earth’s surface — Light Detection and Ranging (LiDAR) — which collects data by firing a laser from an aircraft and uses the reflection to estimate land surface elevation at a spatial resolution of roughly 1 meter. Presented by the Henry Sheldon Museum in conjunction with the exhibit “Sightlines — Picturing the Battell Wilderness.” \$5 pre-registration required. Register and more info at [henrysheldonmuseum.org/events](http://henrysheldonmuseum.org/events).

## FRIDAY

**5** **Age Well grab-and-go meal in Starksboro.** Friday, Nov. 5, 3:30 p.m., Starksboro Baptist Church, Route 116. Drive up, check-in, and stay in your car for contact-free pick up. Menu includes pot roast with gravy, mashed potatoes, carrots, dinner roll, chocolate raspberry cake and milk. Call Michelle to reserve by Saturday, Oct. 30, at 802-377-1419. Open to anyone age 60 and up and their spouse of any age. Free ride or pick-up and delivery may be provided. Call TVT at 802-388-2287 to inquire. TVT requires a 48 hour notice.

**Knights in Italy walk-up/drive-up spaghetti dinner in Bristol.** Friday, Nov. 5, 4-5:30 p.m., St. Ambrose Parish, 11 School St. Menu includes spaghetti with sauce, garlic bread, salad and dessert. Please pull around to the School Street side of the church building, place your order and your meal(s) will be brought out, packaged up for you to bring home. All proceeds will go toward furthering the Knights of Columbus mission of aiding the community. Cost \$10 adults/\$5 for children 12 and under/\$25 family.

## SATURDAY

**6** **Annual Holiday Bazaar in Middlebury.** Saturday, Nov. 6, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Congregational Church of Middlebury UCC, 30 North Pleasant St. A wide variety of gift and personal items: Hand crafts; fashion and fine jewelry, ties and scarfs; theme gift baskets; rooms full of books, toys, puzzles and games. A garden table will offer a wide variety of indoor and outdoor plants and other garden-related items. Also choose from a delicious variety of homemade foods for take-out: Soups, pies, cookies, cakes, breads, candies, jams, and more. Masks are required for all. More info at [midducc.org](http://midducc.org).

**Rummage sale/bag sale in Vergennes.** Saturday, Nov. 6, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Champlain Valley Christian Reformed Church, 73 Church St. All items are overstock clearance from Your Turn Resale Shoppe in Vergennes. More info call 802-877-3915 or email [yourturnresale@gmail.com](mailto:yourturnresale@gmail.com).

**St. Peter’s Annual Penny Fair in Vergennes.** Saturday, Nov. 6, 10 a.m.- 7 p.m., St. Peter’s Parish Hall, 85 South Maple St. Doors open at 10 a.m., drawings begin at 6:30 p.m. Come for a fun-filled day and a chance to win a variety of great prizes for pennies a chance. Fun for

all ages. **Salute to Veterans parade in Vergennes.** Saturday, Nov. 6, 11-noon, Downtown. Boy Scout Troop 539 plays host to this annual parade, with representation from Scout Troops across the state. The route starts at the Vergennes Union High School, moves to Main Street and turns left and then heads down Green Street toward Vergennes Elementary. Come line the streets. The Vermont National Guard’s 40th Army Band will take part with other surprises being planned.

## MONDAY

**8** **Sheldon Museum virtual annual meeting.** Monday, Nov. 8, 6 p.m., Zoom. The Henry Sheldon Museum invites the public and Sheldon Museum members to its virtual annual meeting, featuring special guest speaker Alexander Wolff, journalist and historian, and author of the recently acclaimed “Endpapers: A Family Story of Books, War, Escape, and Home.” At 6:45 p.m. Wolff will present his talk titled “Riddling Out Endpapers.” Free. Register online at [henrysheldonmuseum.org](http://henrysheldonmuseum.org).

## TUESDAY

**9** **American Red Cross Blood donation in Middlebury.** Tuesday, Nov. 9, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., American Legion, 49 Wilson Rd. Despite ongoing appeals to donors and the public, the American Red Cross emergency blood and platelet shortage continues. Additional donors are needed heading into the busy holiday season. Donors of all blood types — especially type O — and platelet donors are urged to make an appointment to give now to help meet the needs of patients. Schedule an appointment now by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

## WEDNESDAY

**10** **Age Well grab-and-go meal in Shoreham.** Wednesday, Nov. 10, 11 a.m.-noon, Halfway House, Route 22A. Honk once at back door, meals will be brought out. Menu includes meatloaf, mashed potatoes, roll, vegetables and dessert. Open to anyone age 60 and up and their spouse of any age. Call the restaurant to reserve at least 24-hours in advance. 802-897-5160. Free ride or pick-up and delivery may be provided. Call TVT at 802-388-2287 to inquire. TVT requires a 48 hour notice.

**ACORN Annual meeting (virtual).** Wednesday, Nov. 10, 5:30-7 p.m. This year’s meeting will feature a virtual conversation with a panel of four women who work in different aspects of the Champlain Valley’s food system, covering a wide range of topics such as food access, education, farming, labor and procurement. Speakers include Anna Freund, Local Foods Coordinator at HOPE; Samantha Langevin, head chef at American Flatbread-Middlebury Hearth; and Pauline Stevens, second-generation farmer of Golden Russet Farm in Shoreham. Registration is required at [acornvt.org](http://acornvt.org). More info at [info@acornvt.org](mailto:info@acornvt.org).

**“The Elephant in the Room” virtual lecture series in Middlebury.** Wednesday, Nov. 10, 7 p.m., [www.henrysheldonmuseum.org/events](http://www.henrysheldonmuseum.org/events). Graham C. Boettcher of the Birmingham Museum of Art will give the second lecture, “Aesthetic Addictions: Psychological Perspectives on Collecting from Rudolf II to Charles Foster Kane,” as part of the Sheldon Museum’s year-long virtual lecture series.

## HEALTH & WELLNESS

**Sun Style 73 Tai Chi in Middlebury.** Wednesdays, Sept. 15-Dec. 8, 10-11:30 a.m., Middlebury Rec Center, 154 Creek Rd. To sign up contact instructors Doreen Peterson at [doreenvermont@gmail.com](mailto:doreenvermont@gmail.com), or Beverly Blakeney at [beverlyblakeney@gmail.com](mailto:beverlyblakeney@gmail.com).

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AND THEY'RE OFF! Participants in the Ripton Ridge Run, which took place on Oct. 10, leave the starting line.

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## Runners hit the road for the Ripton Ridge Run

RIPTON — The Ripton Ridge Run was back in-person this year. A few runners opted for the virtual race, but well over 100 participants came out to enjoy one of two race courses and a to-go lunch of homemade chili, cornbread, and a cookie. With the help of more than 50 volunteers behind the scenes, COVID protocols in place, a generous raffle, and some beautiful weather, the festivities and competition were enjoyed by and kept safe for all. Organizers were very grateful to all the runners, supporters, and the Ripton Volunteer Fire and First Response Department.

The top six 5K finishers were Ripton's own Matthew McIntosh (20:26) and Beth McIntosh (20:50), followed closely by Evan Kaigle (20:57), Martin Wesolowski (21:09), Walker Allen (21:27), and Ava Schneider (21:30).

The top six runners for the 10K were Kyle Friis (41:48), Oliver Hall (42:03), Peter Schneider (44:08), Estella Laird (45:41), Tom Nevins (46:36) and Emily Wesolowski (47:32).



YOUNG RUNNERS LUCAS FLINNER, 5k winner Matthew McIntosh, Mary Harrington, 5K 2nd-place finisher Beth McIntosh and 5K 6th-place finisher Ava Schneider are all smiles after the Ripton Ridge Run on Oct. 10.

Photo courtesy of Joanna Doria

## Author Alex Wolff to speak at Sheldon annual meeting

MIDDLEBURY — The Henry Sheldon Museum will hold its annual meeting virtually this year, Monday, Nov. 8, beginning at 6 p.m., via Zoom. The meeting will feature special guest speaker Alexander Wolff, journalist and historian, author of his recently acclaimed "Endpapers: A Family Story of Books, War, Escape, and Home."

The event, which is free and open to the public, begins at 6 p.m. At 6:45p.m., Wolff will present his talk titled "Riddling Out Endpapers." Registration and more information can be found online at henrysheldonmuseum.org.

Vermont resident Wolff spent a year in Berlin, sifting through family letters and diaries and mining German archives, for his book "Endpapers." In this Zoom presentation, he describes the process of researching and ultimately writing this saga about his book publisher grandfather, who fled the Nazis, and his father, who was left behind to fight for them. With surprising revelations from never-before-published family letters, diaries, and photographs, Endpapers is a moving and intimate family story, weaving a literary tapestry of the perils, triumphs, and secrets of history and exile.

Shuchi Saraswat of *The Boston Globe* writes Wolff "powerfully uses the present to lace together the biographies of his father and paternal grandfather ... Endpapers is more than a book of history; it's a transnational, intergenerational reckoning." Wolff's remarks should be of interest to anyone eager to illuminate their ancestors' lives and times with primary source materials and to discover the importance of the archives, libraries, and museums, which have primary collections.

Wolff spent 36 years on staff at *Sports Illustrated*. He is author, co-author, or editor of nine books, including "The Audacity of Hoop: Basketball and the Age of Obama," and the *New York Times*



ALEXANDER WOLFF

Photo/Clara Wolff

bestseller "Raw Recruits; and Big Game, Small World: A Basketball Adventure," which was named a *New York Times* Notable Book.

Wolff attended Brighton High School in Rochester, N.Y., where he co-captained the varsity basketball team. He earned his B.A. in History with honors from Princeton after taking a leave to play basketball for a season with STV Luzern, a club team in Switzerland. He later served as a Ferris Professor of Journalism at Princeton University in 2002, teaching an undergraduate seminar called "Writing about Sports and the Wider World."

In 2006 Wolff and his wife, Vanessa, founded the Vermont Frost Heaves of the American Basketball Association, whose birth and life he chronicled in *Sports Illustrated* and on the website si.com. In 2010, he served as commencement speaker at Springfield College, and the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame honored him with its 2011 Curt Gowdy Media Award for contributions to the game as a print journalist.

# STUDENTS OF THE WEEK FROM AREA HIGH SCHOOLS

## Middlebury Union High School

### Ivy Doran

Ivy Doran, the daughter of Mark Doran and Tracy Winters of Middlebury, is Middlebury Union High School's Student of the Week. Her older brother, Spencer, is in his first year at Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Massachusetts. Ivy defines the term "well-rounded student." She is involved in all aspects of the daily life of MUHS. The school honored Ivy by awarding her the Dorey Cup; given each year to a male and female student based on their athletic abilities, leadership and academic achievements.

Ivy is a three-sport athlete, captaining the Tiger soccer team, where she plays center back, playing guard on the basketball team, and playing defense in lacrosse. She also plays club soccer with Far Post in Burlington. She also finds great enjoyment in her participation in Best Buddies, which she says is due to the strong sense of community spirit. She has been involved in the Student Council since sophomore year and values the time spent with other students from across the grades, sharing ideas and planning events. Other activities include her involvement with the human rights club, SCHOR, and being a Peer Leader to newly enrolled ninth-graders as they transition from middle to high school. She has a part-time job at the maple creemee stand at Woodware in Middlebury.

Academically, she chose to pursue the full diploma in the International Baccalaureate program and admits that "it is challenging, but I enjoy the rigor and I appreciate the teacher's dedication to each subject." She is currently working on her extended essay, a 4,000-word paper, and has chosen to focus on gender equality. Ivy enjoys her classes and says Mr. Harrington's Physics class is "so fun" and appreciates that he makes learning so interesting! She is also enjoying her Theory of Knowledge class and feels that it allows students to question and delve deeply into the subject matter. As Ivy looks ahead to the next four years and higher education, she is focusing her attention on small, four-year liberal arts institutions in the West. She hopes to play soccer and while she has not settled on a major specifically, she is certain that a college offering a range of majors, with good advising, will lead her to a rewarding outcome. We are certain that only good things await Ivy in the future and wish her well.



Ivy Doran  
MUHS

## Vergennes Union High School

### Audrey Scribner

Vergennes Union High School has selected Audrey Scribner of Vergennes as its latest Student of the Week. Audrey is the daughter of Travis and Leslie Scribner and has two younger brothers, Gabriel, who is in 9th grade, and Jackson, who is in 6th grade.

Audrey works hard at VUHS, both inside and outside of the classroom and is respected by her teachers and fellow students. Last year she served as her class president and served on the prom committee and this year continues to serve her class as secretary, helping to organize the recent senior walkathon. Seniors from VUHS walked from Vergennes toward Middlebury on a very rainy day to raise money for the poverty-fighting organization HOPE. Softball has been a part of Audrey's high school life since she was a freshman, when she received a sportsmanship award. She also manages varsity wrestling.

Audrey enjoys working with children, and works at the Vergennes Union Elementary School afterschool program, Thundercare. She started working there this past summer. She is also part of a youth ministry program at Saint Peter's Catholic Church. In the program, young people volunteer multiple times a year to help others in the community. In the summer, the group takes a week to go to camp, where they volunteer their time and energy cleaning up houses, camps, schools and many other places that need help.

When she's free, Audrey says she likes spending time with friends and supporting them and the sports they play. When she's not cheering from the sidelines she may take up a palette and brush and start painting. Walks with her dog also factor in to her days.

From her time at VUHS Audrey has learned that hard work pays off. "I've learned that if you work hard and keep pushing yourself you will be ready for harder level classes than what you think you are," she says.

After high school Audrey plans to go to college, though she is undecided on what her major will be. We all wish her the best of luck.



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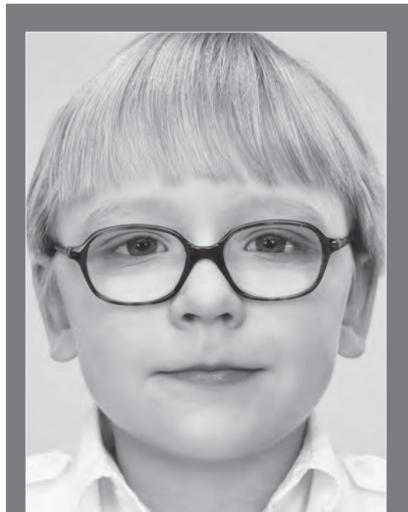
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# CLASSIFIEDS

**Public Meetings**

**AL-ANON OFFERS HELP** and hope to anyone who has been affected by a loved one's drinking. Middlebury hosts online meetings, Sunday nights at 7:15 pm and Wednesdays at 1:30 pm. Visit [vermont.alanonalateen.org](http://vermont.alanonalateen.org) for the link and list of other meetings in the region. If you'd like to speak to an Al-Anon member, call our answering service (866-972-5266) and an Al-Anon member will call you back.

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS** in person meetings are suspended until further notice. For a list of local virtual meetings visit <http://bit.ly/district9aa>. For more information visit <https://aaavt.org/> or call the 24 hour hotline at 802-388-9284.

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**Public Meetings**

**THE TURNING POINT CENTER** of Addison County is temporarily closed. Due to COVID-19 we are now holding our meetings online. For up-to-date information on how to access recovery services remotely please visit <https://turningpointaddisonvt.org/covid-19-page-2/>.

**VERMONT SUPPORT LINE** Are you struggling with a challenging situation? Do you have feelings of sadness, loneliness, isolation, anger, or depression? You don't have to face it alone. Talk with a caring person who understands what you're going through today by calling or texting the free and confidential Pathways Vermont Support Line available 24/7 at (833) VT - TALKS.

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**Free**

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**Help Wanted**

**Garage Sales**

**HUGE GARAGE SALE.** October 30, 9am-3pm at 1876 Carlstrom Road, Bristol.

**Opportunities**

**HOMESHARE SOUGHT:** Queer woman, nonsmoking, social worker with tortoise seeks wheelchair accessible housing with caregivers. Homesharer(s) receive generous yearly stipend in exchange for help with daily living tasks. \$ available to help fund home modifications. Training provided. All ages, genders, races, orientations and family configurations welcome; experienced with kids aged 4-college and ready to contribute fun and funds to household. Jill: [allenjillm@gmail.com](mailto:allenjillm@gmail.com).

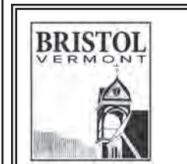
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**Help Wanted**

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**Town of Bristol TOWN MODERATOR VACANCY**

The Town of Bristol is seeking residents interested in being appointed by the Selectboard to serve in the volunteer role of Town Moderator for the remainder of the one-year term through the March 2022 Town Meeting. The Moderator is the presiding officer at Town Meetings, conducts the annual Town Meeting, keeps order, and ensures the business of the meeting proceeds in a fair and efficient manner.

No experience is necessary, though a good sense of humor, interest and/or experience in group process, and/or following Roberts Rules of Order would be beneficial. Training is available.

Bristol residents wishing to be considered for appointment should submit a letter of interest by November 17, 2021 to the Bristol Selectboard at 1 South Street, P.O. Box 249, Bristol, VT 05443 or by e-mail to [townadmin@bristolvt.org](mailto:townadmin@bristolvt.org). For more information, contact Town Administrator Valerie Capels at (802) 453-2410 ext 1 or [townadmin@bristolvt.org](mailto:townadmin@bristolvt.org), or Town Clerk Sharon Lucia at (802) 453- 2410 ext 5 or [clerk@bristolvt.org](mailto:clerk@bristolvt.org) during normal office hours.

**FUEL HAULING**

**South Mountain Transport is hiring for a Fuel Hauling Position.** Must have a Class A CDL with Hazmat endorsement and at least 3 years' experience. We offer health benefits, paid vacation and holiday pay. If you are interested in joining our team, please inquire by email to [office@southmttransport.com](mailto:office@southmttransport.com), or call Jeff @ 802-989-5024 or 802-870-7121.

**HELP WANTED TOWN OF BENSON EQUIPMENT OPERATOR/ROAD CREW MEMBER**

The Town of Benson is accepting applications for a full-time (40 hours) Equipment Operator/Road Crew Member. Work includes plowing, grading, road repair, roadside mowing, culvert work, equipment maintenance and other duties. Applicants should have a clean driving record and ability to work a flexible schedule with overtime. Current CDL preferred. Health insurance and retirement. Pre-employment drug test required. Applications available from the Benson Town Clerk (802 537-2611) or email [benсонclerk@myottmail.com](mailto:benсонclerk@myottmail.com). Applications will be accepted until position is filled. EOE.

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**Come Join Our Team!**

**Otter East Bakery + Deli is looking for a new team member to join their baking staff!** Bread, pastry, cookies, and desserts all made here in house. An open kitchen requires some customer service skills. The ideal candidate should have good communication skills, be quick on their feet and enjoy working with the public. **Responsibilities include, but are not limited to:**

- Morning bake-offs (shifts start at 3:45am).
- Prepping product for the week.
- Maintaining a clean work space.
- Working well with others.
- Working fast in a fast-paced kitchen.
- Providing a helping hand for the team as needed.

**Cashier- East Middlebury and Downtown Middlebury** We are looking for positive, friendly and hard-working individuals to join our teams at either Otter East Bakery + Deli or Otter Creek Bakery + Deli (depending on availability). **Responsibilities include, but are not limited to:**

- working register and welcoming customers
- training on barista station
- maintaining a clean front of house
- working well with the team to run a smooth operation
- boxing and setting up pastries for the day
- stocking beverage cooler, merchandise, and shelves
- helping wherever is needed

**Catering Manager- East Middlebury** This position has an immense opportunity for growth. The role would start at Otter East Bakery + Deli for training and production, but eventually grow into future spaces and schedule. **Responsibilities include, but are not limited to:**

- Produce all deli salads, green salads, soups, hot foods and specials for Otter East and Vergennes Wine Shop
- Order any product needed for catering needs through vendors
- Launch a streamlined and brand-aligned menu for catering
- Facilitate both locations (Otter Creek Bakery and Otter East) with any sub-ins on deli as well as innovation for menu development
- Communicate with fellow managers regarding weekly offerings
- Launch catering program for all of Otter Creek Kitchens (Otter Creek Bakery, Vergennes Wine Shop and Otter East-- as well as future projects!)
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**UVM Extension is looking for volunteers to deliver food to households in Addison County during the holidays.**

They are seeking helpers from the end of November (after Thanksgiving) through mid-December. Food would need to be picked up on Tuesdays from the Intervale Farm in Burlington and delivered to households in Ferrisburgh, Vergennes and Middlebury.

**If you are interested in offering support, please call or email RSVP of Addison County at 388-7044 or [rsvpfgp@gmail.com](mailto:rsvpfgp@gmail.com).**

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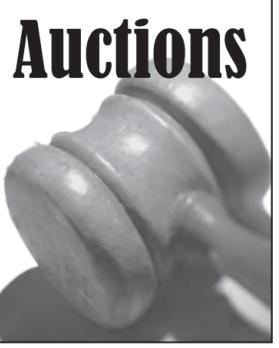
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 Sales for 10/21 & 10/25, 2021

		COST	
BEEF	LBS.	/LB	\$
Monument Farms	1550	.80	1240.00
Blue Spruce Farm	1550	.75	1162.50
D Bennett	1440	.75	1080.00
Woodnotch Farm	1755	.70	1228.50
A. Brisson	1535	.70	1074.50
B. Manning	1750	.69	1207.50
Correia Family Ltd	1140	.65	741.00

		COST	
CALVES	LBS.	/LB	\$
Champlainside Farm	113	2.50	282.50
H. Sunderland	92	2.30	211.60
Kayhart Bros	95	2.20	209.00
Barnes Bros	107	2.10	224.70
M. Russell	88	2.00	176.00

**Total # Beef: 226 • Total # Calves: 308**  
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- Addison County Courthouse (1)
- Addison County Regional Planning Commission (1)
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- Lincoln (1)
- Middlebury (2)
- New Haven (1)
- Orwell (1)
- Salisbury (1)
- State of Vermont (1)

**TOWN OF ORWELL HEARING NOTICE**  
**DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD**  
 The Orwell Development Review Board will meet in person on Wednesday, November 17th, 2021 at 7:00pm at the Orwell Town Clerk's Office located at 436 Main Street, Orwell, VT.  
 By Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88435878221>  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88435878221> or phone 1-929-205-6099  
 use meeting ID: #884 3587 8221 to conduct the following business:  
 1. Permit #10-64-21: Chance Hall/Hall's Welding, LLC for a Conditional Use Permit for a Home Business located at 274 Fisher Road, Orwell, VT 05760  
 Information pertaining to this matter may be viewed M, T, Th & Fr. 9:30-12:00 and 1:00-3:30 at the Orwell Town Clerk's Office located at 436 Main Street, Orwell, VT.  
 Joseph Andriano, Chair  
 Orwell Development Review Board

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# Police resuscitate man, bring him to Porter

MIDDLEBURY — Middlebury police assisted Middlebury Regional Emergency Medical Services (MREMS) with the resuscitation of a person believed to be going through cardiac arrest on Oct. 20 in the Wilson Road neighborhood.

Police said the man was then taken to Porter Hospital for treatment.

In other action last week, Middlebury police:

- Cited William T. Blodgett, 57, of Bridport for driving with a suspended license following a traffic stop on South Main Street on Oct. 18.
- Assisted MREMS with a medical call on Main Street on Oct. 18.

- Assisted Middlebury Union Middle School officials with two students who had been having an argument on Oct. 18.
- Were informed of a possible assault at MUMS on Oct. 18.
- Assisted a local resident who said on Oct. 18 he was being blackmailed via social media.
- Received a report on Oct. 18 that someone had smashed a display pumpkin in front of the National Bank of Middlebury entrance on Main Street.

- Were informed of new graffiti on the Battell Bridge on Oct. 18.
- Stopped a driver on Cross Street whom witnesses believed might be intoxicated during the evening of Oct. 19. Police said the driver wasn't impaired.
- Responded to a report of suspicious activity on Mary Hogan School grounds on Oct. 19.

- Assisted South Burlington police on Oct. 19 in attempting to cite a local man into court, but police were unable to find the man at the residence given.
- Assisted a person on Oct. 19 who complained of being the victim of fraud in connection with an apartment rental.
- Received a request from a Case Street homeowner to have a former tenant removed on Oct. 19.
- Heard from a local school bus driver on Oct. 19 who said a vehicle had passed him unsafely on Court Street.

- Spoke with a local parent who alleged a juvenile had been threatening her daughter via social media on Oct. 19.
- Investigated a suspected poaching incident off Cobble Road on Oct. 19.
- Interviewed a man on Oct. 19 suspected to have been involved in the recent placement of graffiti

## Middlebury Police Log

around town. Police determined the man wasn't involved.

- Cited Jonathan C. Opra, 30, of Colchester for retail theft in connection with an incident at Shaw's Supermarket on Oct. 20.
- Helped remove an unwelcome person from a Jayne Court home on Oct. 21.
- Moved along a man who had been sleeping on Mary Hogan School property during the evening of Oct. 21.
- Responded to a report of a student refusing to get off a school bus at MUMS on Oct. 21.
- Were informed on Oct. 21 of the theft of a hydraulic part for a plow that had been stored at the Middlebury Department of Public Works headquarters off Route 7 South.
- Investigated the untimely death of a Middlebury College student on campus on Oct. 21.
- Police determined no foul play was involved in the death of the 20-year-old woman.
- Responded to a reported assault at The Commons off Buttolph Drive on Oct. 22. Police said the investigation is ongoing.
- Helped a man who had lost a piece of jewelry on Golf Course Road on Oct. 22.
- Responded to a domestic dispute involving people on Middle Road on Oct. 22.
- Received requests to serve no-trespass orders on two local individuals on Oct. 22.
- Received a report that Rainbow Pediatrics had received a threat through social media on Oct. 22.
- Responded to a noise complaint in the Washington Street area on Oct. 23.
- Investigated a report of an underage youth using a fake ID in an attempt to buy alcohol at the Hannaford Supermarket on Oct. 23.
- Received a report of a "number of vandalisms" at The Commons housing development on Buttolph Drive on Oct. 23.
- Responded to a report of an elderly woman walking too close to traffic on Quarry Road on Oct. 23.
- Checked on a man believed to have passed out outside Shaw's Supermarket on Washington

Street on Oct. 23. Police said the man was OK.

- Assisted MREMS with a drunken student on Middlebury College campus on Oct. 23.
- Assisted a woman who was seeking refuge from her boyfriend on Oct. 24. Police said they directed the woman to WomenSafe.

- Interceded in a family dispute in the Airport Road area on Oct. 24.
- Arrested Steven T. Browne, 36, of Shoreham for violating a court-ordered curfew, at around 3:50 a.m. on Court Street Extension on Oct. 25. Browne was released on a citation to appear in court at a later date.

### PROPOSED STATE RULES

By law, public notice of proposed rules must be given by publication in newspapers of record. The purpose of these notices is to give the public a chance to respond to the proposals. The public notices for administrative rules are now also available online at <https://secure.vermont.gov/SOS/rules/>. The law requires an agency to hold a public hearing on a proposed rule, if requested to do so in writing by 25 persons or an association having at least 25 members.

To make special arrangements for individuals with disabilities or special needs please call or write the contact person listed below as soon as possible.

To obtain further information concerning any scheduled hearing(s), obtain copies of proposed rule(s) or submit comments regarding proposed rule(s), please call or write the contact person listed below. You may also submit comments in writing to the Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules, State House, Montpelier, Vermont 05602 (802-828-2231).

Licensing Regulations for Registered and Licensed Family Child Care Homes. Vermont Proposed Rule: 21E17

**AGENCY:** Agency of Human Services, Department for Children and Families  
**CONCISE SUMMARY:** Rule 2.7 (Rule Variance) is amended to exempt rules 3.4 (Nondiscriminatory Enrollment), 4.7 (Communicating CBCCPP Policies and Procedures), 6.1.4.3 (Respect for Diversity), and 6.2.3 (Quality of Interactions).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:** Heidi Moreau, Vermont Agency of Human Services, Department for Children & Families, HC 1 South, 280 State Drive, Waterbury, VT 05671-1080 Tel: 802-595-9639 Email: heidi.moreau@vermont.gov URL: <https://dcf.vermont.gov/cdd/laws-regs>.

**FOR COPIES:** Christel Michaud, Vermont Agency of Human Services, Department for Children & Families, Child Development Division, NOB1, 280 State Drive, Waterbury, VT 05671-1040 Tel: 802-224-6940 Email: christel.michaud@vermont.gov

Licensing Regulations for Afterschool Child Care Programs. Vermont Proposed Rule: 21E18

**AGENCY:** Agency of Human Services, Department for Children and Families  
**CONCISE SUMMARY:** Rule 3.15 is amended to include non-discriminatory enrollment language found in both the Center Based Child Care and Preschool Program (CBCCPP) licensing regulations and Registered and Licensed Family Child Care Homes (FCCH) licensing regulations. Rule 4.7 is amended to include the non-discrimination assurance language found in both the CBCCPP and FCCH licensing regulations. Rule 8.6 is amended to include the respect for diversity language found in both the CBCCPP and FCCH licensing regulations. Rule 18.66 (Rule Variance) is amended to exempt rules 3.15, 4.7, and 8.6.

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Child Care Licensing Regulations: Center Based Child Care and Preschool Programs. Vermont Proposed Rule: 21E19

**AGENCY:** Agency of Human Services, Department for Children and Families  
**CONCISE SUMMARY:** Rule 2.7 (Rule Variance) is amended to exempt rules 3.5 (Nondiscriminatory Enrollment), 4.7 (Communicating CBCCPP Policies and Procedures), 6.1.4.3 (Respect for Diversity), and 6.2.5.1 (Quality of Interactions).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:** Heidi Moreau, Vermont Agency of Human Services, Department for Children & Families, HC 1 South, 280 State Drive, Waterbury, VT 05671-1080 Tel: 802-595-9639 Email: heidi.moreau@vermont.gov URL: <https://dcf.vermont.gov/cdd/laws-regs>.

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Reportable and Communicable Diseases Emergency Rule. Vermont Proposed Rule: 21E20

**AGENCY:** Agency of Human Services, Department of Health  
**CONCISE SUMMARY:** The purpose of this rule is to protect the public health through the reporting of communicable diseases and other diseases dangerous to public health. Through this rulemaking, the Department adds COVID-19 to the list of reportable diseases, clarifies how diseases are to be reported to the Department and by whom, and requires demographic information be reported to the Department. The Department anticipates initiating formal rulemaking soon, which will include the proposed changes to this emergency rule.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:** David Englander, Vermont Department of Health, 108 Cherry Street, Burlington, VT 05401 Tel: 802-863-7280 Fax: 802-951-1275 Email: ahs.vdhrules@vermont.gov URL: <http://www.healthvermont.gov/about-us/laws-regulations/public-comment>.

**FOR COPIES:** Natalie Weill, Vermont Department of Health, 108 Cherry Street, Burlington, VT 05401 Tel: 802-863-7280 Fax: 802-951-1275 Email: ahs.vdhrules@vermont.gov

Rules of the Board of Medical Practice. Vermont Proposed Rule: 21P034

**AGENCY:** Agency of Human Services, Department of Health  
**CONCISE SUMMARY:** The proposed changes update existing rules to reflect changes to statute enacted that modified: 1) the qualifications for physician licensure; 2) the Board's powers and duties, and the Board's complaint, investigation, and hearing processes; 3) the requirements for Physician Assistants; and, 4) the provision for reciprocity of licensure from any other state when in good standing. It also makes operational a new option in law for the Board to offer non-disciplinary penalties for administrative infractions in lieu of possible discipline. Last, it provides written procedures for the Board to conduct hearings remotely when needed.

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Recognized Accrediting Agencies and Relationship with Other Entities. Vermont Proposed Rule: 21P035

**AGENCY:** Agency of Education / Vermont Board of Education  
**CONCISE SUMMARY:** In this filing, the State Board first proposes to repeal Rule 7320 effective July 1, 2024. This proposed amendment is an initial step in a larger plan to incorporate all discussion of accrediting agencies directly within the Rule 2200 Series. The Board intends to initiate a separate rulemaking process to amend the 2200 Series, and anticipates that the 2200 amendments will be effective on or before July 1, 2024 – thus rendering Rule 7320 both obsolete and unnecessary at that time. Second, the Board proposes to repeal all other rules within the Rule 7000 Series effective 15 days after the amendment's adoption per 3 V.S.A. § 845 in order to eliminate rules that provide no independent information, but instead cite other statutes and rules.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:** Donna Russo-Savage, Agency of Education 1 National Life, Davis 5, Montpelier, VT 05620 Tel: 802-828-0110 Fax: 802-828-6430 Email: Donna.RussoSavage@vermont.gov URL: <https://education.vermont.gov/state-board-councils/state-board/rulemaking>.

**FOR COPIES:** Emily Simmons, Agency of Education 1 National Life, Davis 5, Montpelier, VT 05620 Tel: 802-828-1518 Fax: 802-828-6430 Email: Emily.Simmons@vermont.gov

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on Pages 10B 11B and 12B.

### TOWN OF LINCOLN PUBLIC NOTICE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE LINCOLN PLANNING COMMISSION THURSDAY NOVEMBER 18, 2021, AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE LINCOLN TOWN OFFICE AND VIA ZOOM

The Lincoln Planning Commission will hold a Final Hearing for Application #21-078 for a 3-lot subdivision as proposed by Eleanor Thompson for Parcel #04-04-01-64.100, located at 1283 Quaker Street, Lincoln, VT.

Immediately following will be a continuation of the Sketch Plan Hearing for Application #20-064, for a two-lot subdivision as proposed by Nicholas and Susan Gulrajani for Parcel #27-07-03-82.000 at 542 Geary Road, Lincoln, VT, to be immediately followed by the Final Hearing for Application #20-064, for a two-lot subdivision as proposed by Nicholas and Susan Gulrajani for Parcel #27-07-03-82.000 at 542 Geary Road, Lincoln, VT.

Said hearings will be held Thursday, November 18, 2021, beginning at 7:05 p.m., to review applicant testimony and evidence by interested parties wishing to be heard on this matter.

The Hearings will be hybrid- held in person at the Lincoln Town Office and hosted virtually on Zoom. For questions, to view the applications, or for the link to the hearings please contact Ann at (802) 453-2980 or at [zoningadmin@lincolnvermont.org](mailto:zoningadmin@lincolnvermont.org).

### ADDISON COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION AMENDMENT OF THE ADDISON COUNTY REGIONAL PLAN - NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Addison County Regional Planning Commission will hold two public hearings, the first on November 10, 2021 and the second on January 12, 2022, on the proposed amendments to the Addison County Regional Plan. Both hearings will be held at 7:00 p.m. with the option to join in-person at 14 Seminary Street, Middlebury or remotely. These hearings are being held pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 4348. This notice is provided pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 4444.

The Addison County Regional Plan is used as a basis for guiding planning efforts in the Addison Region. The Plan also will be used as regulatory review criteria in Act 250 and Section 248 proceedings. All areas within the jurisdiction of the Addison County Regional Planning Commission are affected.

The Addison County Regional Planning Commission proposes to make amendments to the following Section of its Plan:

#### POPULATION AND HOUSING 3-1

Copies of the proposed plan are available from the Addison County Regional Planning Commission, 14 Seminary Street, Middlebury Vermont 05753, or online at [www.acrpc.org](http://www.acrpc.org).

Join with Google Meet [meet.google.com/pgt-okuu-kch](https://meet.google.com/pgt-okuu-kch) Join by phone 1254-645-(US) +1 385 PIN: 172 102 471#

For further information please contact Adam Lougee or Katie Raycroft-Meyer at (802) 388-3141 or [alougee@acrpc.org](mailto:alougee@acrpc.org) or [kraycroftmeyer@acrpc.org](mailto:kraycroftmeyer@acrpc.org) respectively.

### ACT 250 NOTICE APPLICATION #9A0332-1 AND PREHEARING CONFERENCE 10 V.S.A. §§ 6001 - 6093

On August 12, 2021, Multy Builders, LLC filed application #9A0332-1 for a project described as renewal of a previously-approved six-lot commercial/industrial subdivision on a ±67-acre parcel. The applicant intends to retain fee ownership of the land and lease six proposed building sites. The Project is located off Vermont Route 7 just south of the Vermont State Police Barracks in the Town of New Haven, Vermont. The project will be evaluated by the District 9 Environmental Commission in accordance with the 10 environmental criteria of 10 V.S.A., § 6086(a). Pursuant to Act 250 Rule 16, a Prehearing Conference is scheduled for Thursday, November 18th, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. The Prehearing Conference WILL BE HELD REMOTELY. An agenda and specific instructions for participation in the Prehearing Conference will be distributed on November 8th. Accommodations will be made for anyone seeking to remotely participate in the Prehearing Conference.

A copy of the application and plans for this project is available for inspection by members of the public by appointment only at the District 9 Commission Office in Essex Junction. The application can also be viewed on the Natural Resources Board's Act 250 permit database (<https://anrweb.vt.gov/anr/vtanr/Act250.aspx>) by entering project number "9A0332-1." If you have a disability for which you need accommodation in order to participate in this process (including participating in a public hearing, if one is held), please notify us as soon as possible, in order to allow us as much time as possible to accommodate your needs. For more information, contact the District Coordinator before the hearing date at the email address below.

Dated this 25th day of October 2021.  
Josh Donabedian, Coordinator  
District 9 Environmental Commission  
111 West Street Essex Junction, VT 05452  
[joshua.donabedian@vermont.gov](mailto:joshua.donabedian@vermont.gov)

### TOWN OF MIDDLEBURY NOTICE OF PROPOSED CONVEYANCE

In accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 1061, the Middlebury Selectboard hereby gives notice of the proposed terms of conveyance of a quit claim deed from the Town of Middlebury (the "Town") to the Raymond C. Churchill Family Trust and the Teresa F. Churchill Family Trust (the "Purchasers"). The quit claim deed will convey a portion of Town property located on Chipman Hill northerly and westerly of the Purchasers' property located at 1 Forrest Lane in Middlebury, Vermont (the "Town Parcel").

The proposed terms of the transaction are as follows:

1. The Town will convey to the Purchasers, by quit claim Deed, subject to a restrictive covenant, a 50' by 62' area of the Town Parcel upon which the Purchasers' existing garage and woodshop is located pursuant to an existing easement with the Town. The existing easement will terminate upon the conveyance of the quit claim deed.

2. The restrictive covenant will provide that the garage shall not be enlarged, relocated, or converted to any use other than a vehicle/storage garage appurtenant to the residence on the Purchasers' existing parcel, and that the garage shall not be occupied as a residence or used for commercial or industrial purposes.

3. The purchase price of the quit claim deed will be Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00). In addition, the Purchasers will be responsible for all taxes, recording fees, the Town's attorneys' fees, surveyors' fees, permit fees and costs of notice publication, and any other expenses associated with this transaction.

This notice will be posted in three public places in the Town of Middlebury (the Municipal Building, the Post Office and the Ilsley Public Library). Notice shall also be published in the *Addison Independent*, a newspaper of general circulation within the municipality, at least 30 days prior to the date of the proposed conveyance. Unless a petition objecting to the conveyance is filed in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 1061(2), the Selectboard may proceed with the conveyance.

If a petition signed by five percent of the legal voters of the municipality objecting to the proposed conveyance is presented to the municipal clerk within 30 days of the date of posting and publication of this notice, the Selectboard shall cause the question of whether the municipality shall convey the easement to be considered at a special or annual meeting called for that purpose. After the meeting, the easement may be conveyed unless a majority of the voters of the municipality present and voting vote to disapprove of the conveyance.

Middlebury Selectboard  
October 28, 2021

**STATE OF VERMONT**  
**SUPERIOR COURT CIVIL DIVISION**  
**ADDISON UNIT DOCKET NO: 300-12-12 Ancv**  
**DITECH FINANCIAL, LLC**  
**PLAINTIFF**  
**VS.**  
**CAROLINE M. MARINI AND OCCUPANTS of 1836**  
**MUNGER STREET, MIDDLEBURY, VT 05753**  
**DEFENDANT(S)**

**NOTICE OF SALE**

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Gary P. Marini & Caroline M. Marini, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Mortgagee, as nominee for Home Loan Center, Inc., dba LendingTree Loans, dated April 6, 2009, and recorded in Book 242, at Page 339, of the City/Town of Middlebury Land Records, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder by Assignment of Mortgage recorded in Book 274, Page 850, as corrected by Assignment of Mortgage recorded in Book 279, Page 566, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction on November 19, 2021 at 02:00 PM at 1836 Munger Street, Middlebury, VT 05753 all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

To Wit:

**Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Gary P. Marini and Caroline M. Marini by Warranty Deed of Michael C. Visconti dated June 15, 2005 and recorded June 16, 2005 in Book 216, at Page 327 of the Middlebury Land Records and further described therein.**

**The description of the property contained in the mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.**

The public sale may be adjourned one or more times for a total time not exceeding 30 days, without further court order, and without publication or service of a new notice of sale, by announcement of the new sale date to those present at each adjournment or by posting notice of the adjournment in a conspicuous place at the location of the sale. Terms of Sale: \$10,000.00 to be paid in cash or by certified check by the purchaser at the time of sale, with the balance due at closing. The sale is subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.

The Mortgagor is entitled to redeem the premises at any time prior to the sale by paying the full amount due under the mortgage, including the costs and expenses of the sale.

Other terms to be announced at sale  
Ditech Financial, LLC  
Sheldon M. Katz, ERN 4784  
BROCK & SCOTT, PLLC  
1080 Main Street, Suite 200  
Pawtucket, RI 02860  
Phone: 401-217-8701  
Fax: 401-217-8702  
[Sheldon.Katz@brockandscott.com](mailto:Sheldon.Katz@brockandscott.com)

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**CALL 388-4944**

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## NOTICE OF SELF-STORAGE LIEN SALE

116 SELF STORAGE,  
BRISTOL, VT

Notice is hereby given that the contents of the self-storage unit listed below will be sold at public auction by sealed bid at the 116 Self Storage facility. This sale is being held to collect unpaid storage unit occupancy fees, charges and expenses of the sale.

The entire contents of the self-storage unit listed below will be sold, with the proceeds to be distributed to 116 Self Storage for all accrued occupancy fees (rent charges), attorney's fees, sale expenses in relation to the unit and its sale. Any proceeds beyond the foregoing shall be returned to the unit holder.

Contents of the unit may be viewed on 11/15/2021 commencing at 10 a.m. Sealed bids are to be submitted on the entire contents of the self-storage unit. Bids will be opened one-quarter of an hour after the unit has been viewed on 11/15/2021. The highest bidder on the storage unit must remove the entire contents within 48 hours after notification of their successful bid. Purchase must be made in cash and paid in advance of the removal of the contents of the unit. A \$50.00 cash deposit shall be made and will be refunded if the unit is broom cleaned. 116 Self Storage reserves the right to accept or reject bids. Unit 77

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### Full Passport Service

### Addison County Courthouse

The Addison County Clerk located in Frank Mahady Courthouse is available to accept passport applications and provide passport photos.

#### REGULAR HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday  
9am to 1pm

Wednesday 12:30pm to 4:30pm

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(even if vaccinated)

802-388-1966

addisoncountyclerk@gmail.com

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# Student helps promote composting at her school

MONKTON — Banana peels, apple cores, egg shells, potato skins, coffee grounds — all food scraps are now required by law to be composted in Vermont. Gold Award Girl Scout Cassandra Guillemette knew this law was set to go into effect on July 1, 2020, and set about making it easier for her town's elementary school to comply with that law by building a composting station and educating the school community on how to use it. Her work has been recognized with the Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest honor a high schooler in Girl Scouts may earn.

Guillemette, 16, of Monkton, said she knew Monkton Central

School did not have a place for composting food scraps or the time to teach students about the importance of composting.

"Composting is very important because it's a waste that can be reused," she said. "Reusing is one of the ways we can limit issues that will impact future generations."

After creating a slide show on composting for the students to educate them on the importance of recycling and how to do it, she worked with the administration to allow a three-bin compost structure to be built at the school. The COVID-19 pandemic kept her from making an in-person presentation to the students, so she adapted and presented her work on Zoom. Adapting to the realities of building the structure were part of the experience, too. Guillemette's original idea was to build the structure from pallets, but she discovered they can vary in size and quality.

"Pallets come in different sizes," she said. "It was hard to find standard ones. They had holes in them. So we built our own pallets, rebuilt to a standard size. I spent many afternoons taking out staples and nails."

With help from her grandfather, she built a structure with three separate bins — one for food scraps and wood chips, a second for the scraps to rest and decompose, and a third for storing the items needed to turn the compost.

"The janitor has been very helpful," she said of moving the



CASSANDRA GUILLEMETTE ORGANIZED and helped build this composting structure at Monkton Central School to help them comply with a new Vermont law and to help make the world a better place. She is now a Gold Award Girl Scout, having earned the organization's highest honor for her work.

Courtesy photo



CASSANDRA GUILLEMETTE

scraps from bin to bin. "We're trying to get a mentoring group started. They'll check on it twice a week — check the temperature, understand what needs to be added, then when to switch to the next bin."

The project taught Guillemette a range of new skills in construction and organization. She learned to use a Skilsaw, table saw, planer, and other tools. "I learned a lot on how to build and could build the same structure in half the amount of time it took me to build this one," she said. "It was hard to work on my grandfather's schedule, but I'm very grateful to him and was super excited to finish without any injuries or complications."

Not only will this structure be useful for years to come,

Guillemette has shared her slideshow with other schools and has posted it online for others to make use of. This junior at Mount Abraham Union High School spent 145 hours and \$346.40 on her project.

A Girl Scout for the past 11 years, Guillemette has long provided community service to her town. She also earned the Girl Scout Silver Award for creating a pop-up library and two Adirondack chairs overlooking Monkton Pond. Over the years, she has participated in the Girl Scout Cookie program, gone camping, and enjoyed traveling with her troop.

Guillemette expects to graduate in the spring of 2023, and hopes to attend college, possibly for business or teaching.

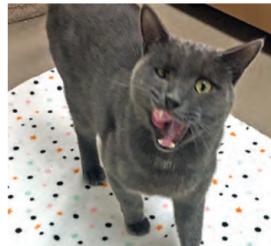
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Baba is an absolute stud. He is a lover and a great companion. He loves food and is crafty when it comes to getting extra treats. He was previously an indoor/outdoor cat and would like to continue this lifestyle. We are unsure about his interest in cats and other dogs, but he adores his humans for sure.



Miss Butters is 8 years old. She came in with her pal Caesar (14). Butters loves to be pet and wants all the attention she can get. She likes playing with feather toys and loud jingly balls! She would do well in a home by herself or if two is better than one in your eyes, we would be happy to see her go home with Caesar!



Darlene was a stray that came in to us and no one claimed her. We could not imagine why as she is the sweetest and most talkative cat ever! We adore her, she adores people — it's all love with Darlene! She is about 2 years old. She needs to be the only cat in a home with no dogs.



This wiggle-butt is Jayla! She is crazy about people and would adore a human of her very own. She needs to be the only animal in the household. As far as she is concerned, cats are 100% snacks. She is playful and in need of bonding and training with her new owner. She is 4 years old and as cute as it gets. We are learning more about her the more time we spend with her, so call and talk to us to see if Jayla is the one you have been looking for!



Call or check our website. We may have a pet for you.  
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## TOWN OF ADDISON PUBLIC NOTICE

The Addison Planning Commission will hold a monthly meeting on **Monday, November 15, 2021 at 6:00 PM at the Addison Town Clerk's Office.** PLEASE NOTE TIME & PLACE CHANGE!!!

To consider the following:

- To approve the meeting minutes for October 18, 2021.
- To transact any business found necessary before the board.
- To allow time for public comment interaction at beginning of the meeting.
- We need to work on updating & referencing some sections for implementing Subdivision & Zoning Regulations into the Town Plan. Continue to work on definitions at the November meeting & reviewing info on the VT State Statutes.
- Continue working on items that are considered projects in progress at the November meeting & continue to review the Zoning Regulations pertaining to Districts & the sections.
- We will review the revised notes on items that the Z.A. helped with (Zoning) PUDS, and Density-zoning, tables & road frontages within the districts. Jeff Kauffman is putting the changes into the copies on the laptop for reviewing.
- Planning for a **WORK MEETING ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 25 AT 6:30 PM AT T.C.O. AND MONDAY, NOVEMBER 01 AT 6:30 PM AT T.C.O.**

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Addison Planning Commission

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## Lincoln

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

### NEWS

LINCOLN — It's all about postcards in this month's display case at the library. The Golden Age of postcards was the late 1800s and early 1900s. During this time sending a penny postcard was like sending a quick text. The postman would likely walk it right across town! There were many postcard companies marketing their versions of the 50 states. Lucinda has shared some of the beautiful and comical postcards she has collected on this theme. Come find your favorites!

### FROM THE TOWN

There will be some slight changes to the Town Clerk's office hours in the coming week. On Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 25 and 26, the town clerk's office will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. They will be back to regular hours on

Wednesday, Oct. 27.

### REMINDERS

The 5 Town Fire Department Food Drive is Saturday, Oct. 23. The Lincoln Firehouse will be collecting non-perishable and toiletry donations from 9 a.m. to noon. Cash and check donations are welcomed and appreciated. All donations benefit the Have-A-Heart Food Shelf. Pumpkin Palooza will be held at the library on Saturday, Oct. 30 from 2 to 5 p.m. There will be pumpkin carving (bring your own tools), costume parade and soup and bake sale.

Until next time... When You Are At Peace You Attract Positive Energy. Beauty Begins The Moment You Decide To Be Yourself. Life Is Short, Make Your Own Music.

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Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will sell, to satisfy lien of owner, at public sale by closed bidding on November 6, 2021 at 9:00 am, at Bristol Stor Mor Storage Facility, located at 508 Burpee Road, Bristol, Vermont, the personal goods stored therein by the following:

**Name and Address: Don Morgan, 2837 Mount Philo Rd, Charlotte, VT 05445**  
Unit # 26-B, 10' x 20', Contents: Household Items

**Name and Address: Cassandra Chasse, PO Box 325, Brandon, VT 05733**  
Unit # 44-D, 10' x 15', Contents: Household Items

**Name and Address: Lauren C Williams, 295 Russell Young Rd, Bristol VT 05443**  
Unit # 70-D, 10' x 15', Contents: Household Items

Purchase must be made with cash only and paid for at the time of the sale. **Minimum bid required.** All goods are sold as is, where is, and all items to be removed from unit at time of purchase. Sale is subject to adjournment. A \$50.00 deposit will be required and refunded to bidder when ALL items have been removed from the unit and broom-cleaned.

The owners of the storage facility reserve the right to place a minimum bid on any sheds being sold.

## TOWN OF SALISBURY PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Salisbury Development Review Board (DRB) will hold a Public Hearing in the Town Office (25 Schoolhouse Road) at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, November 17, 2021 to consider the following:

1. **Application 2021-10**  
An application from Robert & Christina Naylor (parcel ID #15XT192) for a Conditional Use Permit in connection with a proposed accessory dwelling at 275 Timber Lane within the Lakeshore District 1 (LS1).

This application is pursuant to §2.4.4 D, §3.4, §4.3.1 & §5.1 of the Salisbury Unified Development Regulations.

2. **Application 2021-11**  
An application from Robert Naylor for a Conditional Use Permit in connection to placing a commemorative sign on a parcel of land owned by Dunmore Group LLC (dba Waterhouses) at 897 West Shore Road within the Lakeshore District 1 (LS1).

This application is pursuant to §2.4.4 D, §3.4 & §4.4 of the Salisbury Unified Development Regulations.

Participation (either oral or written) is a prerequisite to an interested person's right to take any subsequent appeal from the DRB's decision. See 24 V.S.A. §§4465(b) and 4471.

These hearings will be conducted with in-person and remote access. Those wishing to participate remotely must obtain the necessary remote access codes. Access codes (for on-line or phone) are available by contacting the Salisbury Town Clerk during regular business hours prior to 3:00 PM on November 16, 2021. The Salisbury Town Office is open on Tuesdays from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM and Thursdays from 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM.

Application materials are available for inspection in the Town Office during regular business hours.

Mark Wilch  
Zoning Administrator

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# ARTS+LEISURE

The Addison Independent

October 28, 2021



Middlebury dairy farmer Doug Butler is the protagonist of the new documentary "Underdog" directed by Middlebury College grad Tommy Hyde. The Vermont premier of the film will take place at Town Hall Theater Saturday, Nov. 6, at 7 p.m.

## How a local farmer became 'Hollywood Doug'

**M**iddlebury College graduate and emerging filmmaker Tommy Hyde packs a lot into his first feature-length documentary, "Underdog," a loving portrait of Middlebury dairy farmer Doug Butler.

BY **CHRISTOPHER ROSS**

A perfect example of this is the two-minute montage that begins around the 49-minute mark, after an adviser has

told Butler he needs to start thinking about selling his farm because it doesn't seem like he'll be able to milk his way out of his ballooning debt.

On the way home from that meeting Butler says he can "see why some of them poor old people committed suicide ... depression ... losing everything, their life's work, the family farm..."

The montage begins with a howling snowstorm, blowing in through the window of an abandoned barn, covering up old farm equipment, chasing birds into a tree for shelter. Rather than an invitation to hibernate it feels like a kind of smothering. The sounds of the squall bleed through to the next shots, of the milking parlor, and the next, of the kitchen table, where Butler sits in a dirty, frayed sweatshirt, staring out the window, his eyes tired and full of worry.

Butler doesn't begin to speak, however, until the shot has transitioned outside again, to a handsome black dog standing in a light snow, turning its head toward the camera in slow motion. Then two more dogs, then another. Deep in the background, somewhere, that cold wind is still blowing.

"I was going to go to UVM," Butler, who's now 60-something, says in a voiceover, "but I was seeing rough times on the farm ... (my family) were going to lose the farm ... it was down to a couple of days ... so that's how I jumped into it."

Butler's recollections of missed opportunities  
SEE DOUG ON PAGE 3

# THE MONTH IN POETRY



Susan Jefts is a poet and editor from the Adirondacks and Vermont, who runs workshops using poetry to deepen our experiences in nature, and of what we find sacred. Her website is [manyriverslifeguidance.com](http://manyriverslifeguidance.com). Her poems can be found in many print journals and online.

*"What we have done all our years/is printed on pages.....But in early dew to have traced the tracks/of the fox's journey through the meadow."* It's all right there — the facts, the paradox, the beauty. Yes, our lives are full of doing and then afterward perhaps it gets written down somewhere, becomes dust, but hopefully not before leaving a beneficial imprint on the world. But to have traced the tracks of the fox's journey or felt the silence of leaves is a whole other kind of accomplishment, more akin to being and beingness than doing.

I admire how Ms. Katz's poem holds the suggestion of all of these ideas and more, but keeps to its natural music and lyricism. The stanzas flow effortlessly one to the next with barely a pause, yet their content is vastly different. The first three suggest our culture's focus on doing and accomplishing within the linear movement of our lives, while the fourth stanza holds the soft awareness of being and interconnectedness that exists outside of time. Clearly, we need both, but

we're left to wonder what is it that informs all our "doing."

Some words of Robin Wall Kimmerer from a recent lecture came to mind while reading the poem: "Restoring land without restoring relationship is an empty exercise. It is relationship that will endure and relationship that will sustain the land." I think she's talking about relationship in all its meanings: to the earth and its nonhuman beings, to ourselves, and each other. And of course, all relationships are interconnected just like we are to the earth, her ecosystems, and all living beings. All call for deep listening, presence and empathy, and for dropping into other ways of knowing that go well beyond the intellectual.

Meanwhile, we go on with our work and activities, while the fox and turkey, ponds and trees go on with theirs. But their work is grounded and shaped by millions of years of deep attunement with the natural world and by greater unseen forces. May we continue to track the fox's journey through snow, the wonders in the night sky, the paths of our own souls back to our own deep attunement.

## TO HAVE TRACED THE TRACKS...

### CURRICULUM VITAE AT SEVENTY-FOUR

Did I dream when we were young  
and full of hope, we'd always dance all night,  
work all day without a sign of weariness?

Our yesterdays have vanished  
as quickly as the breath of summer  
I felt this morning brush my lips as I awoke.

What we have done in all our years  
is printed on pages  
soon forgotten like dusty books  
aging on shelves that no one ever visits.

But in early dew to have traced the tracks  
of the fox's journey through the meadow,  
pattern of turkey's passage in the snow,  
to have seen at night a shower of Perseids,

to have watched the glow of Northern Lights  
have sat beneath the reddening maple tree  
beside the pond listening to the silence  
of leaves floating on its surface,

to have watched the growing  
of our children's children,  
and to have held each other through the times of  
pain and darkness

will have been enough.

— By Phyllis Katz

*This poem was first published in "All Roads go Where they Will" by Antrim House, Simsbury, Conn.*



Phyllis Katz received a PhD in Classics from Columbia University, 1969, and has recently retired from teaching. She lived in Vermont for many years, and after her husband died, moved to Northampton, Mass., to be closer to family. Her second book, "Migrations," was published by Antrim in 2013. Her more recent books are "Finding Ithaca" (2018), and "Ghost Orchids" (2020) both by Dos Madres Press.

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**DOUG**

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and dreams for the farm are accompanied by footage of a dozen or so slap-happy dogs racing toward the

camera, pulling Butler on a sled.

As Butler in voiceover describes the first time he ever saw dog sledding, in Shelburne, Vt., and how it inspired him to buy a team of his own, we see his dogs up close and personal, their eyes glowing with a kind of bonkers dog-joy, their tongues flapping wildly in the winter sunlight.

Earlier in the film, Butler seemed to have given up on a long-held dream to race his dogs in the Open North American Championship, which is organized every year by the Alaska Dog Musers Association. But by the time the montage ends, he has changed his mind — over the protestations of his wife, Joann, who is concerned about his health. He *will* try to qualify for the race, he says, and if he does he *will* drive to Fairbanks to compete.

Those two minutes tell a story that reflects the major concerns of the film: the loss of family dairy farms in Vermont, the mental health crisis in rural America, the slow and sometimes agonizing death of bigger-than-life dreams.

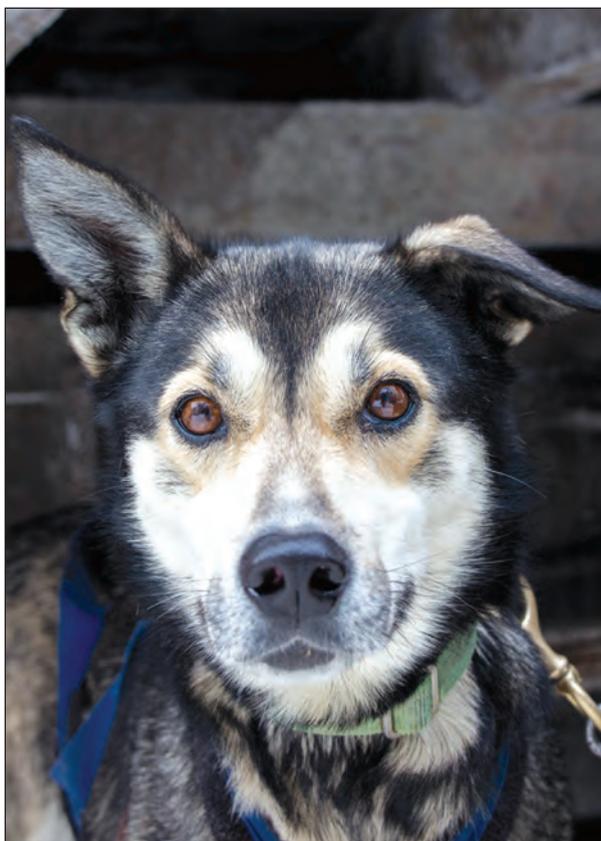
And it is an artful piece of narrative filmmaking.

The only thing it's missing — because you'd need an entire film to get at it — is the Doug-joy: the kid-like whooping when a train driver answers the call to sounds his horn, the falsetto smitten dog owner baby talk, the excitement of lighting out for the unknown, dangers be damned.

As "Underdog" shows so well, Doug-joy draws people into Butler's sphere, it inspires nicknames like "party on a sled," and it wins him admirers, especially among people who understand how complicated it is. Doug-joy is the response to the grave concerns laid out in that montage. Which is why Hyde was so intrigued by Butler to begin with.

"I think I saw a lot of myself in Doug," Hyde said in his director's statement. "I'm a dreamer and an extrovert, and in Doug I saw a potential future — one where my hopes and plans didn't pan out. I wanted to know if that was OK, and how to harvest happiness from the nooks and crannies of a downtrodden life."

Hyde, a Connecticut native who graduated from Middlebury in February 2015, was working on an assignment for a digital storytelling class his freshman year when he was introduced to Butler. Hyde and his classmate hung out at the farm, shot some footage and "made a



really terrible four-minute film," he told the *Independent*.

After the assignment was complete, Hyde kept going back to the farm. Sometimes he would just visit or help out, other times he would bring a camera he borrowed from the college film department or library. This went on for years, and Hyde accumulated around 500 hours of film footage.

"Doug would never sit down," Hyde recalled, so the budding filmmaker had to find other ways to communicate and get to the emotional truth of Butler's story. "In a funny way, Doug was kind of teaching me how to make the film," Hyde said.

And the first person who really "got it," he said, was a different Doug — Town Hall Theater founder and Artistic Director Doug Anderson.

Not long after Hyde moved back to Vermont in 2016, he shared his film idea with Anderson, whom he'd known in passing during his college years.

"When we heard about the project and met both Tommy and Doug Butler, Town Hall Theater immediately created the position of Resident Filmmaker and has supported Tommy in many ways," Anderson told the *Independent*. The finished product, which recently debuted at the Camden Film Festival in Maine, "is bracing and beautiful, and has an unexpected warmth at the finish," Anderson said.

"I WANTED TO KNOW... HOW TO HARVEST HAPPINESS FROM THE NOOKS AND CRANNIES OF A DOWNTRODDEN LIFE."

— Tommy Hyde

Town Hall Theater will host the Vermont premier of "Underdog" on Saturday, Nov. 6, at 7 p.m. Both Hyde and Butler will offer answer questions from the audience after the screening.

The audience for that premier, Hyde predicted, is likely to show a wide cross-section of the community, reflecting the many voices and efforts that went into making "Underdog" a reality.

"The whole project feels like a creative collaboration of disparate communities coming together to interact and make something special."

For more information about "Underdog," visit [underdogfilm.com](http://underdogfilm.com). For ticket info, visit [townhalltheater.org/event/underdog](http://townhalltheater.org/event/underdog).

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# UPCOMING MUSIC

## OPERA PREVIEWED AT TOWN HALL THEATER

On Sunday, Nov. 7, at 7 p.m., Town Hall Theater and Opera Company of Middlebury present a preview showcase performance of "Aliceheimer's," the new chamber opera by composer Erik Nielsen and artist, writer and anthropologist Dana Walrath.

The opera will feature soprano Mary Bonhag as Alice, accompanied by pianist Alison Cerutti. "Aliceheimer's," based on Dr. Walrath's graphic memoir of the same name, tells the story of Walrath's mother Alice,

and her dementia journey, from her perspective. As Alice lives her experiences in front of our eyes, we gain insight not just into her condition, but into Alice as a person.

There will be a discussion following each performance with Walrath, Nielsen and Bonhag.

"Aliceheimer's" is free of charge, but donations are encouraged and will help fund a full production of the opera. For tickets and more information visit [townhalltheater.org](http://townhalltheater.org).

## more tunes

### TRADITIONAL TRIO TAKES THE STAGE

The Ripton Community Coffee House on the Road will present a live and live-streamed concert on Saturday, Nov. 6, at 7:30 p.m.

Kalos, a trio of master musicians, consists of Ryan McKasson (fiddle), Eric McDonald (guitar/vocals), and Jeremiah McLane (accordion). Together they play traditional music that purposefully explores the dark corners floating on its edges. Come experience their sound live at Burnham Hall, 52 East River Road in Lincoln.

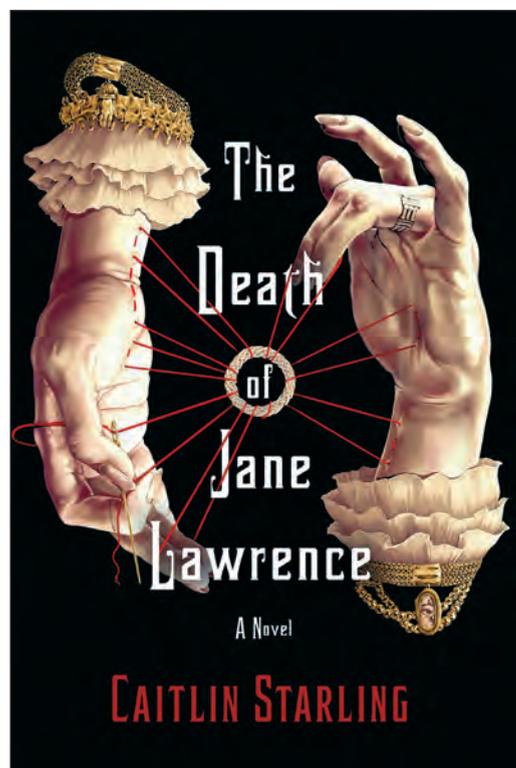
Proof of Covid vaccine required, masking for all indoors, refreshments outside only. Kalos will play two sets. No open mic. To access the live-stream concert, visit the Ripton Community Coffee House's Facebook page or YouTube channel.

Admission: \$10 general admission; \$15-\$20 generous admission. For more information call 802-388-9782.

## REVIEW BOOK

### THE DEATH OF JANE LAWRENCE — BY CAITLIN STARLING

(St. Martin's Press)



Jane Shoringfield is a pragmatic woman with a head for figures; she's been keeping the accounts for her guardians, the kindly couple who took her in after the death of her parents in the recent war, but it is time for Jane to make her own way. She draws up a list of potential husbands, Dr. Lawrence is at the top of the list, so naturally she proposes a marriage akin to a business arrangement, in which she could keep his books and also be his wife, and all would have been tidy had not fate, and magic, intervened. Fate in the form of an undeniable spark and attraction between Jane and Dr. Lawrence, and magic in the form of a mysterious dark shroud enveloping the manor house of Dr. Lawrence in which Jane has agreed to never spend the night. When a storm ravages the roadway, Jane has no choice but to sleep at Lawrence's ancestral home and the disturbing nature of the Lindridge Hall is revealed in this gothic near-reality version of Victorian England after World War I, where superstition and ritual have partially replaced religion. This dark, very delightful and creepily thrilling tale is perfect for your All Hallows' Eve.

— Reviewed by Jenny Lyons. Connect with her on Instagram @ [jennysbookshop](https://www.instagram.com/jennysbookshop) to find more great book reviews and recommendations. Look for these titles and more at your local bookstore.

### DELICIOUS GOTHIC ROMANCES

*Wuthering Heights*, by Emily Brontë

*Rebecca*, by Daphne Du Maurier

*The Shadowy Horses*, by Susanna Kearsley

*Mexican Gothic*, by Silvia Moreno-Garcia

*Dragonwyck*, by Anya Seton

*Dracula*, by Bram Stoker

*The Shadow of the Wind*, by Carlos Ruiz Zafon

*The Glass Woman*, by Caroline Lea

*My Soul to Keep*, by Tananarive Due

*The Essex Serpent*, by Sarah Perry

*The Widow of Rose House*, by Diana Biller

# Pianist brings jazz to the MAC Nov. 6

**A**t just 20 years old, jazz keyboardist Matthew Whitaker is a once-in-a-generation musical talent. He's been performing across the globe since age eleven, opening for Stevie Wonder at the Apollo Theater. The Middlebury Performing Arts Series will present a concert of warm and wonderful jazz by Whitaker and his quartet on Saturday, Nov. 6 at the Mahaney Arts Center's Robison Hall. Whitaker will be joined by guitarist Marcos Robertson, bassist Karim Hutton, and John Steele on drums.

Audiences from both on- and off-campus are welcome. Vaccinations (or valid medical or religious exemptions) and masks are required.

Tickets are \$25 for the general public; \$20 for Middlebury College ID card holders; \$10 for youth; and \$5 for Middlebury College students. The concert will also be streamed live; streaming tickets are \$15, or \$5 for Middlebury College students. For tickets, health and safety protocols, and information, call (802) 443-MIDD (6433) or visit [middlebury.edu/arts](http://middlebury.edu/arts).



Jazz pianist Matthew Whitaker and his quartet will perform at Middlebury College's Mahaney Arts Center on Saturday, Nov. 6.

PHOTO / JACOB BLICKENSTAFF



**ARIES:** March 21-April 20. Find new ways to bring more love into your life, Aries. This can be romantic love or the love of friends and family. What you put out you get in return.

opportunity to spend more quality time with people. Foster new friendships in the days to come. Certain ones may have the potential to last a lifetime.

**TAURUS:** April 21-May 21. Taurus, if you explore art in any form, this is the time to get more serious about it. It could be your opportunity to turn it into a career or at least a side venture.

**GEMINI:** May 22-June 21. While technology already is ever-present in your life, this week you may be introduced to a new form technology in your home or place of work.

**CANCER:** June 22-July 22. The way you reacted to a situation came out differently than you had hoped, Cancer. You may have some people feeling put off as a result. Find ways to make amends.

**LEO:** July 23-Aug. 23. Leo, look for pleasures in all the simple things you experience over the next several days. It's all about having a positive attitude and finding happiness in what counts.

**VIRGO:** Aug. 24-Sept. 22. Step up and take charge of a situation, Virgo. If you wait around for someone else to plan out your future, you'll be waiting for some time. Be proactive in your pursuits.

**LIBRA:** Sept. 23-Oct. 23. Libra, this is a good

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**SCORPIO:** Oct. 24-Nov. 22. Don't feel like you need to make excuses for how you feel, Scorpio. If your gut tells you to go in a specific direction, then trust your instincts. Usually you're right on target.

**SAGITTARIUS:** Nov. 23-Dec. 21. Keeping everything in perspective may mean you have to be more conservative in your choices right now, Sagittarius. There will be opportunities to let loose later.

**CAPRICORN:** Dec. 22-Jan. 20. Social engagements keep stacking up, Capricorn. Soon you will have to make some tough choices regarding which events you can commit to and which to pass up.

**AQUARIUS:** Jan. 21-Feb. 18. Aquarius, you are feeling extra generous this week, but you do not need to treat everyone you meet. If you want to lavish attention on a special person, go for it.

**PISCES:** Feb. 19-March 20. It can be frustrating when your emotions seem to be all over the place, Pisces. You just have to hold on a bit longer and remain patient.

## FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

OCT. 28 — Ben Harper, singer-songwriter (52)  
OCT. 29 — Niki de Saint Phalle, sculptor (d)  
OCT. 30 — Ezra Pound, poet (d)  
OCT. 31 — Zaha Hadid, architect (d)

NOV. 1 — Aiswarya Rai Bachchan, actress (48)  
NOV. 2 — K.D. Lang, singer-songwriter (60)  
NOV. 3 — Rosalie Edge, environmental activist, socialite (d)

# CALENDAR

OCT. 28-NOV. 3  
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## THURSDAY, OCT. 28

**“JOSEPH BATTELL: A LIFE AND A LEGACY” VIRTUAL LECTURE.** Thursday, Oct. 28, noon, Zoom. The Henry Sheldon Museum presents a talk by David Bain, Middlebury College Senior Lecturer in English and American Literatures who will offer a biographical slide talk on Joseph Battell (1806 –1874), a leading citizen of Middlebury and contemporary of Henry Sheldon, who bequeathed his mountain lands to Middlebury College. Presented in conjunction with the Sheldon Museum’s current exhibit “Sightlines-Picturing the Battell Wilderness.” \$5 pre-registration required. More info and registration at [henrysheldonmuseum.org/events](http://henrysheldonmuseum.org/events).

## FRIDAY, OCT. 29

**“THE SPIRITS OF ROKEBY” IN FERRISBURGH.** Friday, Oct. 29, 5-8 p.m., Rokeby Museum, 4334 Route 7. Be part of this short-form experience — part history, part live theater. Event includes a history presentation and a reenactment of a séance. Small visitor groups with timed tickets. More info at [rokeby.org](http://rokeby.org). Masks required indoors (actors excluded). If Covid numbers suddenly rise, may shift to digital. Continues

Saturday, Oct. 30, 2-8:45 p.m.

**SCAREFEST DOUBLE FEATURE IN VERGENNES.** Friday, Oct. 29, 7 p.m., Vergennes Opera House, 120 Main St. Join in a weekend of Halloween thrills and chills with a scary movie double feature. Doors open 6:30 for “Micky Keatings’ Darling,” starring Sean Young, followed by Robert Mocklers’ “Like Me,” a chilling response to the age of social media. Talkback to follow.

**MUSIC FROM COPLAND HOUSE, SUSAN GRAHAM, MEZZO-SOPRANO IN MIDDLEBURY.** Friday, Oct. 29, 7:30 p.m., Robison Hall Mahaney Arts Center, 72 Porter Field Rd. or live-streamed. The acclaimed Music from Copland House ensemble and “America’s favorite mezzo” Susan Graham (Gramophone) perform works by Richard Danielpour and Rita Dove, Pierre Jalbert, and John Harbison. Tickets: \$25/20/10/5. In-person attendees must have COVID vaccination and wear masks. More info at [middlebury.edu/arts](http://middlebury.edu/arts).

## SATURDAY, OCT. 30

**AUTHOR MATTHEW RAIDBARD IN MIDDLEBURY.** Saturday, Oct. 30, 3 p.m., Ilsley Public Library, 75 Main St. Raidbard will discuss his new book, “Lead Like a Pro: Effective Leadership Styles for Athletic Coaches.” More

info at [ilsleypubliclibrary.org](http://ilsleypubliclibrary.org).

**SCAREFEST MOVIE AND DANCE PARTY IN VERGENNES.** Saturday, Oct. 30, doors open at 6:30 p.m., Vergennes Opera House, 120 Main St. Get your costumes on and creeped out with “The Ranger,” starring Jeremy Holm, followed by a Halloween Dance Party. Tunes by DJ Fatty B! The Antidote will be slinging drinks. A special mystery guest will judge the Costume Contest and will give away \$200 in prizes. Catch the whole weekend for \$50.

## SUNDAY, OCT. 31

**GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB HIKE IN LEICESTER.** Sunday, Oct. 31, Leicester Hollow and Chandler Ridge Loop. This moderate 9-mile hike can be wet as it ascends to Silver Lake and passes through the camping area. Return via the Chandler Ridge Trail, with views to the east and west. Total elevation change is roughly 1,300 feet. Contact leader for details, Jenn Mayhew, 513-403-4196. More at [gmcbreadloaf.org](http://gmcbreadloaf.org).

**SPOOKTACULAR IN MIDDLEBURY.** Sunday, Oct. 31, 4-7 p.m. The Drive-thru Spooktacular is back, along with a bonus walk-through area. See the locations at [tinyurl.com/MidSpook2021](http://tinyurl.com/MidSpook2021).

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MCTV SCHEDULE Channels 1071 & 1091		MIDDLEBURY COMMUNITY TELEVISION: P.O. Box 785, Middlebury, Vt. 05753		Please see the MCTV website, <a href="http://www.middleburycommunitytv.org">www.middleburycommunitytv.org</a> , for changes in the schedule; MCTV events, classes and news; and to view many programs online. Submit listings to the above address, or call 388-3062.	
<b>MCTV Channel 1071</b> <b>Friday, Oct. 29</b> 5 a.m. Cannabis Control Board (CCB) 7:30 a.m. Congregational Church Service 10 a.m. Selectboard, Gov. Scott Weekly Update 4 p.m. Memorial Baptist Church Service 5:30 p.m. Energy Week 6:30 p.m. Middlebury Edition with Robin Scheu 7 p.m. CCB - Market Structure, Licensing 9 p.m. CCB - Medicinal Cannabis & Advisory Committee <b>Saturday, Oct. 30</b> 6:30 a.m. CCB 9 a.m. Energy Week 10 a.m. Selectboard, CCB 3:30 p.m. Middlebury Edition 4 p.m. Memorial Baptist Service 5:30 p.m. Eckankar 7 p.m. Catholic Mass 7:30 p.m. Energy Week 8:30 p.m. Gov. Scott Weekly Update <b>Sunday, Oct. 31</b> 12 a.m. CCB	5 a.m. Selectboard, Public Affairs 9 a.m. Catholic Mass 9:30 a.m. The Story Matters 10 a.m. Energy Week 11 a.m. Memorial Baptist Service 12:30 p.m. Middlebury Edition 1 p.m. Gov. Scott Weekly Update 4 p.m. Congregational Service 5:30 p.m. Eckankar 6 p.m. The Story Matters 7 p.m. Catholic Mass 7:30 p.m. CCB <b>Monday, Nov. 1</b> 12 a.m. CCB 6 a.m. The Story Matters 6:30 a.m. Public Affairs 10 a.m. Selectboard 12 p.m. The Story Matters, Public Affairs 4 p.m. Gov. Scott Weekly Update 8 p.m. Green Mountain Care (GMC) Board <b>Tuesday, Nov. 2</b> 12 a.m. GMC Board 9:30 a.m. Eckankar 10 a.m. Selectboard, Public Affairs 2 p.m. CCB - Compliance 3 p.m. Energy Week 4 p.m. Congregational Service	5:30 p.m. Middlebury Edition 7 p.m. Selectboard <b>Wednesday, Nov. 3</b> 12 a.m. CCB - Sustainability 7:30 a.m. Memorial Baptist Service 9:30 a.m. Catholic Mass 10 a.m. Selectboard, Public Affairs 5 p.m. Energy Week 7 p.m. Selectboard 9:30 p.m. Middlebury Edition 10 p.m. Gov. Scott <b>Thursday, Nov. 4</b> 5 a.m. Selectboard, Public Affairs 8 a.m. Congregational Service 9:30 a.m. The Story Matters 10 a.m. Gov. Scott 12 p.m. Selectboard, Public Affairs 8 p.m. Energy Week 10:30 p.m. Eckankar 11 p.m. Gov. Scott, Public Affairs <b>Channel 1091</b> <b>Friday, Oct. 29</b> 5:30 a.m. Bear Pond Books 6 a.m. Sheldon Museum Gallery Talk 11 a.m. ACSD & HCC School Board Meetings 5 p.m. All Things LGBTQ	6 p.m. Sheldon Museum 8 p.m. Dr. John Campbell - COVID Lectures <b>Saturday, Oct. 30</b> 5 a.m. All Things LGBTQ 6 a.m. Sheldon Museum 7:40 a.m. 251 Club 8:30 a.m. Moccasin tracks 9:30 a.m. ACSD, HCC Board Meetings 4 p.m. Kids Yoga 4:25 p.m. Yoga with Liza Eaton 5:30 p.m. All Things LGTQ 6:30 p.m. Street Signs 7 p.m. Lyndon Institute Fall Concert <b>Sunday, Oct. 31</b> 5 a.m. All Things LGBTQ 6 a.m. Lyndon Institute 7 a.m. Kids Yoga, Yoga 8:30 a.m. GMALL Lecture 11 a.m. Sheldon Museum 1 p.m. School Board Meetings 5:30 p.m. Lyndon Institute 6 p.m. COVID Lectures 8 p.m. Sheldon Museum <b>Monday, Nov. 1</b> 5 a.m. Bear Pond Books 11 a.m. Chair Yoga 12 p.m. Abled and On Air 12:30 p.m. COVID Lectures	3 p.m. Lyndon Institute 6 p.m. Sheldon Museum 8 p.m. School Board Meetings <b>Tuesday, Nov. 2</b> 8:30 a.m. Lyndon Institute 10:30 a.m. GMALL Lecture 12 p.m. All Things LGBTQ 1 p.m. Sheldon Museum 4 p.m. COVID Lectures 6 p.m. School Board Meetings <b>Wednesday, Nov. 3</b> 5 a.m. COVID Lectures 7 a.m. Local School Boards 12 p.m. Sheldon Museum 3:30 p.m. All Things LGBTQ 6 p.m. Moccasin Tracks 8 p.m. GMALL Lecture 9:30 p.m. The World Fusion Show <b>Thursday, Nov. 4</b> 12 a.m. State Board of Education 6 a.m. All Things LGBTQ 7 a.m. Yoga 12 p.m. Lyndon Institute 12:30 p.m. School Board Meetings 5 p.m. All Things LGBTQ 6 p.m. COVID Lectures 8 p.m. Sheldon Museum	

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# More advocacy means more impact

United Way helping create and frame the policy agenda to improve local services

## WHY WE'RE DOING ADVOCACY

Policy change can be big or small. It can be petitioning your school board to require healthier cafeteria meals. It can be urging your government to invest more in childcare or make more services available for people who need it most.

For years UWAC has provided Addison County with a robust volunteer center to strengthen community ties and broaden a network of support for our community. Thanks to our generous donors, UWAC has secured and increased funding to ensure the sustainability of the high-quality services local organizations provide. Moreover, during times of crisis, additional emergency funding was made available. However, there is more we can do for Addison County.

This year we are pleased to announce our commitment to advancing our impact through advocacy. We begin with two new roles in our office: Director of Advocacy, Jesse Brooks (formerly Director of Prevention), and Public Health and Advocacy Coordinator Celia Heath.

Advocacy is not new to United Way. It

is part of our three calls to action; Give. Advocate. Volunteer. United Way of Addison County's new advocacy focus will lead to creating and framing a strategic policy agenda. We aim to improve every person's health, education, and financial stability in Addison County by improving public policy and systems that support local services and efforts.

## OUR POLICY GUIDELINES

We are committed to achieving a more comprehensive approach that invests needed resources in education, childcare, healthcare, affordable housing, job training, and other programs and services that promote social determinants of health to build safer and more vibrant communities.

As we rebuild and strengthen communities, we must listen to and lift the voices and experiences of impacted people and communities. More fundamentally, when we center and address the needs of the most marginalized, we recognize their humanity and advance equity and opportunity for all people in Addison County.

Visit our new Advocacy Page at [unitedwayaddisoncounty.org/advocate](http://unitedwayaddisoncounty.org/advocate).

## Is volunteering an option for teens? Yes, absolutely!

### By SEAN DAVISON

Let's be real, high school students are constantly caught under a tsunami of grade maintenance, AP tests, working part-time, extracurriculars, and so much more. It's understandable that volunteering might seem like just another thing to add to your various to-do lists. Even so, finding time to volunteer can make a significant positive impact on both your and others' lives. For now, let's talk about how volunteering can affect you.

### HOW IS VOLUNTEERING GOING TO HELP ME?

With adulthood and the option of further education just around the corner, students are often looking for different ways to make their academic and personal résumés stand out from competing applicants. One of the surefire ways for youth to boost their individuality and stand out for school administrators and future employers is to volunteer.

*(See Volunteering, Page 11)*



**UNITED WAY'S DAYS of Caring** brought out these Middlebury College volunteers to help build out the trail system at Rokeby Museum in Ferrisburgh last month.

# WOW!!

The first-ever 0.5K Race for the Rest of Us on Sunday, Oct. 10, was better than we had ever imagined! Thank you to all of the participants who came out and enjoyed an afternoon of Jazzercise, racing, playing, eating, drinking, creating, dancing, and living united!

There are so many people to thank for making this day a success! Thank you to Co-operative Insurance Companies, IPJ Real Estate, Kinney Drugs Foundation, Bee's Wrap, G. Stone Motors, Middlebury Fitness, Middlebury Jazzercise, Aqua ViTea Kombucha, Viva El Sabor, Hired Hand Brewing Co., Deb Brisson & The Hay Burners, Find Your Wings and Middlebury Natural Foods Co-op. Addison County truly is the best!



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# Moving forward with compassion

UWAC has changed how it does its work, but not its mission



that may have sounded 18+ months ago. Today those words carry more weight than the simple question itself. Unlike, “how are you,” we don’t expect a generic response. “Are you comfortable shaking hands” is a genuine inquiry, a way to check in with others as we slowly reacclimate ourselves to in-person interactions. The odds of being answered with an extended right hand are as high as being offered an elbow bump or a hand-to-heart. I like the spirit of the question because it demonstrates compassion and a willingness to meet others where they are while also striving to move forward.

UWAC, too, has continued to move forward with compassion at the heart of our mission to improve lives and strengthen Addison County. In our strategic plan

our partners, have had to change how we approach our work thanks to the pandemic. Despite the numerous hurdles, UWAC has continued to convene our partners to help work through serious issues ranging from homelessness to racial equity. I am proud to work alongside some of the brightest and most ambitious folks in human services — Addison County is lucky to have these professionals in our corner of the state, and we are all grateful to be supported by neighbors like you.

The end of our Fiscal Year 2021 meant saying goodbye to three board members who each finished six year terms with UWAC: Jerrod Rushton, Abby Blum, and Darcy Tarte. Their leadership and friendship has been invaluable to UWAC. I will miss having their guidance and support as Board members, but am thankful for the ways they’ve already continued to show their ongoing support of our work.

Speaking of our work, it’s far from over. UWAC’s Board, staff, and funded partners could not continue to fight for the well-being of every resident of Addison County without your generous support —thank you.

With gratitude,

**Helena Van Voorst**  
UWAC Executive Director

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— Helena Van Voorst,  
Executive Director

Dear Neighbors and Friends,

“Are you comfortable shaking hands?”  
It’s funny to think of how awkward

we promised to be ever-evolving and forward thinking, to lead in collaboration, and to grow awareness and support for local challenges. We, like all of

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# Invest & see the impact

## Hello Neighbors,

When my wife Maria and I moved to Addison County in 2013, we wholeheartedly adopted our new home and the life that came with it. As part of the new “remote workforce,” we opted for quality of life over proximity to an office as part of our new and growing focus on community first.

We both dove into community life in our own way, our goals being, in part, to seek a broader connection with members of our new community and, in part, to encourage each other to invest more in community service.

Of course, we invested in the community in other ways as well, be it in the form of direct investments through donations, time investments in the social fabric of the community such as theater, and patronage investments by consciously transitioning the bulk of our spending to local shops, venues, and companies. This conscious focus on community investment has become part of our overall investment strategy for retirement, as we plan to live out our lives in Addison County. And it underlies my interest and commitment in serving on the Board of Directors of the United Way of Addison County.

My personal philosophy is that when it comes to donating to community non-profits, it’s not just about feeling good about the donation or the social capital of your donation that matters; it’s about the impact. We should seek more to “do good” than to “feel good”. Ultimately, the “Return on Community Investment” you earn has solid



benefits that can be measured by things such as quality of life (personal and of others’), community capacity (to absorb risk, provide for continuity of life, support need in various forms), social equity and inclusion, and some sort of financial multiplier for your dollars (i.e., the local impact of investments in UWAC).

I thank each of you for your investment in our community through your generosity to UWAC. You are an integral part of our mission to improve lives and strengthen Addison County. I look forward to working with you all and the UWAC team to help make your investments count every day.

**Ken Stockman**  
 UWAC Board President



**THESE LOCAL CHAMPIONS** contributed a lot of elbow grease and some personal sweat at Otter Creek Child Center, sprucing up the outdoor learning area during United Way’s Days of Caring.



**The Addison County 365 Small Business Circle provides busy entrepreneurs, business owners, and managers an opportunity to make a significant impact on the lives of people in your community – with just one gift. Get involved at [UnitedWayAddisonCounty.org](https://UnitedWayAddisonCounty.org).**

## Thank you to our 2020-2021 Members

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# Setting our priorities

The UWAC Board of Directors invested \$318,228 in Community Impact Funding to 34 programs across 30 local nonprofits in 2021. These funds were raised through UWAC's annual campaign, thanks to the generous support of community donors.

Historically, UWAC has accepted Community Impact Funding (CIF) applications every winter.

Funding commitments are made for three years (dependent on the success of annual fundraising efforts) and focus each year on one of the three priority areas: health, education, and financial stability. A diverse team of dedicated Addison County citizens carefully review and evaluate applications and make program funding recommendations to UWAC's board of directors.

In January, UWAC's board voted to keep the CIF cycle closed in 2021 for a second year, meaning that we did not release a request for proposals. Seven local nonprofits would have been applying for Financial Stability grants in 2021: HOPE, Charter House, John Graham Housing & Services, Tri-Valley Transit (formerly Addison County Transit Resources), Addison County Community Trust, Counseling Service of Addison County, and New Community Project.

## \$318,228 Invested in Three Areas:

### HEALTH: \$102,460

- Addison County Home Health & Hospice: \$5,659
- Addison Allies Network: \$8,000
- Age Well: \$10,690
- Elderly Services: \$10,340
- Green Mountain Foster Bikes: \$1,500
- John Graham Housing & Services: \$12,771
- Junebug: \$1,500
- Lund: \$2,000
- MiddSummer Lunch & Recreation: \$3,000
- Open Door Clinic: \$20,000
- Pathways Vermont: \$3,000
- Turning Point Center: \$4,000
- WomenSafe: \$20,000

### EDUCATION: \$94,433

- Addison Central Teens: \$3,975
- Addison County Parent Child Center: \$9,792
- Addison County Readers: \$2,017
- Boys & Girls Club of Greater Vergennes: \$13,230
- Bristol Family Center: \$14,300
- Mary Johnson Children's Center: \$9,444
- Otter Creek Child Center: \$14,300
- Starksboro Co-operative Preschool: \$11,000
- The DREAM Program: \$1,400
- The HUB Teen Center & Skatepark: \$3,975
- Vermont Adult Learning: \$11,000

### FINANCIAL STABILITY: \$121,335

- Addison County Community Trust: \$15,000
- Tri-Valley Transit: \$21,216
- Charter House Coalition: \$25,000
- Counseling Service of Addison County: \$15,086
- HOPE (Helping Overcome Poverty's Effects): \$21,033
- John Graham Housing & Services: \$22,000
- New Community Project: \$2,000

Recognizing the critical role that these organizations play in helping Addison County to respond and recover from the pandemic, UWAC's Board Chair Jerrod

Rushton noted, "while we didn't come to this decision lightly, it wasn't a difficult one to make. The Board and staff are committed to supporting these seven

organizations — and all of our funded partners — however we can. Right now, allowing them to focus on their work of saving lives is one way we can do that."

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# Staff profiles — what's your favorite kombucha?



**HELENA VAN VOORST**  
Executive Director  
Hometown: Vergennes

**Favorite place in Addison County:** Kingsland Bay State Park  
**Explain the last photo taken on your phone:** It's actually a video! I captured a little clip of my son, daughter and cat eating cereal together this morning before school.  
**Character from "The Office" you most identify with and why?:** Most days I relate most to the documentary film crew — I want to take it all in and not miss a moment!  
**Favorite kombucha flavor:** AquaViTea's Blueberry Social



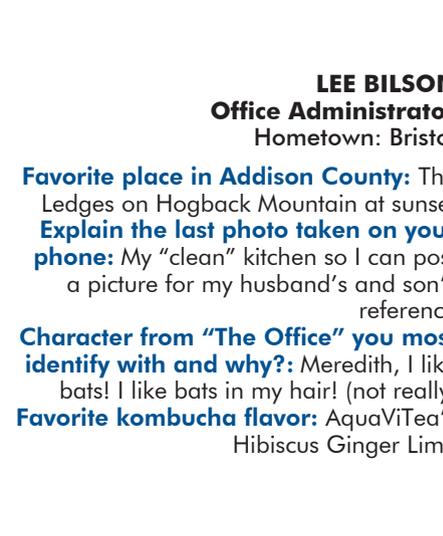
**JESSE BROOKS**  
Director of Advocacy  
Hometown: Vergennes

**Favorite place in Addison County:** The Lake Champlain Bridge in Addison. I refuse to give up my search for Champ!  
**Explain the last photo taken on your phone:** My 14-year-old daughter, Rory, dressed in purple and red pads, a helmet, and jersey with the #40 on it, defending the JV field hockey goal for Mt. Abraham. Go Eagles!  
**Character from "The Office" you most identify with and why?:** Dwight K. Schrute, Assistant (to the) Regional Manager. As Dwight once said, "I am ready to face any challenge that is foolish enough to face me."  
**Favorite kombucha flavor:** Pass the iced tea please!



**STEVE WILLIAMS**  
Director of Finance  
Hometown: New Haven

**Favorite place in Addison County:** Anywhere along the TAM trail!  
**Explain the last photo taken on your phone:** A photo of my three-legged tortoiseshell cat named Ginger enjoying her new cat tent.  
**Character from "The Office" you most identify with and why?:** I'm the Office "Oscar," but I most identify with Jim Halpert and his pranking skills!  
**Favorite kombucha flavor:** Blueberry Social



**LEE BILSON**  
Office Administrator  
Hometown: Bristol

**Favorite place in Addison County:** The Ledges on Hogback Mountain at sunset  
**Explain the last photo taken on your phone:** My "clean" kitchen so I can post a picture for my husband's and son's reference  
**Character from "The Office" you most identify with and why?:** Meredith, I like bats! I like bats in my hair! (not really)  
**Favorite kombucha flavor:** AquaViTea's Hibiscus Ginger Lime



**AMY HOEKSTRA**  
Volunteer & Donor Engagement Coordinator  
Hometown: Middlebury

**Favorite place in Addison County:** Bartlett Falls  
**Explain the last photo taken on your phone:** It's a photo of an orange tree. Spending my first fall in Vermont means that a good one-third of my camera roll is full of colorful trees.  
**Character from "The Office" you most identify with and why?:** Recently I have identified more with Erin's character due to being both incredibly impressed and bewildered by all things Vermont.  
**Favorite kombucha flavor:** Strawberry Sage



**ERIN REED**  
Development & Marketing Director  
Hometown: Addison

**Favorite place in Addison County:** It's hard to pick just one, but the top of Snake Mountain is a family fave.  
**Explain the last photo taken on your phone:** It's actually a video of my 10-year-old playing "Hot Cross Buns" on her trumpet (and our dog barking in the background!).  
**Character from "The Office" you most identify with and why?:** Pamela Beesly-Halpert. I wear a lot of cardigans and am loyal to my fellow officemates. Will I go along with an epic office prank? Absolutely I will.  
**Favorite kombucha flavor:** Elderberry



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Volunteer & Donor Engagement Coordinator  
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# More staff profiles — name your favorite place



**JESSICA HELLYER**  
Grants Coordinator  
Hometown: Salisbury

**Favorite place in Addison County:** Memorial Sports Center watching a hockey game, Go Tigers!  
**Explain the last photo taken on your phone:** My kids standing next to the 25 pumpkins they grew!  
**Character from "The Office" you most identify with and why?:** I identify with Angela because I like things to get done in a certain way (check those boxes)!  
**Favorite kombucha flavor:** Elderberry



**OLIVIA BROOKS**  
Youth Coordinator  
Hometown: Vergennes

**Favorite place in Addison County:** New Haven River in Lincoln. I love to swim!  
**Explain the last photo taken on your phone:** I had to create a business for one of my classes, so my dad drew me a bagel with a halo strumming the lute for my business logo.  
**Character from "The Office" you most identify with and why?:** I definitely see myself as a Stanley. I spend a lot of my time napping and doing crossword puzzles.  
**Favorite kombucha flavor:** Peach Pineapple

**CELIA HEATH**  
Public Health & Advocacy Coordinator  
Hometown: Starksboro

**Favorite place in Addison County:** Anywhere walking in the woods with my dog, Gus!  
**Explain the last photo taken on your phone:** A picture of Gus covered in mud!  
**Character from "The Office" you most identify with and why?:** I identify with Phyllis for sure. I relate to her quiet nature, and random commentary.  
**Favorite kombucha flavor:** Pineapple Lemonade



**SEAN DAVISON**  
Youth Coordinator  
Hometown: Bristol

**Favorite place in Addison County:** I love Bartlett Falls, it's really cool to go behind the waterfall and jump off the rocks.  
**Explain the last photo taken on your phone:** A delivery update for cross-country swag that I had purchased. It's a few weeks late, so I wanted to send the update to my team who are also waiting on the swag.  
**Character from "The Office" you most identify with and why?:** I haven't watched a lot of the office, but probably Andy since I can be really clueless oftentimes, but I'm always trying my best and have good intentions.  
**Favorite kombucha flavor:** I think I'll go with water. :)

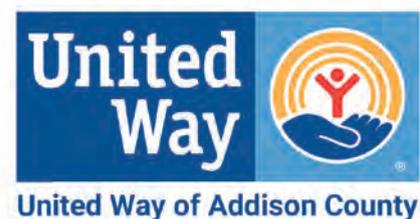


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**KYLE MITCHELL**



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**ANNA WAGNER**

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On behalf of a generous donor, three students are chosen annually for the LIVE UNITED Volunteer Scholarship Award, recognizing students who volunteer in their community and who are interested in advancing their education. This award comes with a \$1,000 cash grant for each student, to be used for post-graduation education. Congratulations to our 2021 scholarship recipients!

**Kyle Mitchell** of Middlebury has

been volunteering at Charter House Coalition's community suppers for the past five years. A supervisor at Charter House noted that Kyle is exceptionally gifted at making others feel comfortable and always maintains a positive attitude. Kyle is attending Utica College where he plans to major in Social Work, with minors in political science, psychology, and philosophy of law.

Two years ago **Harper Sinclair** of

Middlebury started a Middlebury Union High School chapter of Best Buddies, an international organization that focuses on fostering relationships between those with and without intellectual and developmental disabilities. Her goal was to leave the community a little better than she found it. This fall, Harper will major in neuroscience at Dickinson College.

**Anna Wagner** of Bridport has served as co-president of the National Honor

Society at MUHS, which has allowed her the opportunity to partake in several volunteer activities. Anna has organized a food drive for Charter House Coalition, conducted fundraisers for the Muscular Dystrophy Association, and every week spends time with a classmate who has an intellectual and developmental disability. Anna will major in biological science at the University of Vermont.



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## Nonprofit Resource Hub

At the heart of our mission is to ensure our local nonprofits are strong, healthy, and prepared to accomplish great things. We are proud to be the nonprofit resource hub in Addison County.

### In-Kind Donations:

When volunteering opportunities became limited as a result of the pandemic, UWAC became a hub for collecting and distributing in-kind donated products. From pajamas to masks, face cleanser to hand sanitizer, our community has found creative ways to "be there" for one another.

### Nonprofit Seminars:

Working with the Addison County Chamber of Commerce and local nonprofit consultant Sarah Audet, we continue to learn together with our county partners by offering free seminars on various topics and challenges that are relevant to nonprofits.

July 2020:  
Critical Questions for  
Anti-Racist Organizations  
September 2020:  
What is Your Story  
and How Do You Tell It?  
December 2020:  
Build the Board  
of Your Dreams  
March 2021:  
Post-2020 Fundraising  
June 2021:  
Nonprofit Program Evaluation

### Addison County Racial Equity Learning Community

Together with Donna Bailey (Addison County Parent Child Center) and Lauren Ross (Lake Champlain Maritime Museum), and at the interest of Addison County leaders, we created this group that meets regularly to support each other to address and dismantle systemic racism both within our organizations and within our communities.



MARY JOHNSON CHILDREN'S Center in Middlebury got a helping hand from these Days of Caring volunteers.

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# Ways we're involved

Addison County residents are getting involved and supporting one another in different ways, and we're so glad! While the pandemic tested our ability to convene and volunteer in-person, we found creative ways to bring people together.

## ELAC Stayed Connected

Emerging Leaders of Addison County (ELAC) identifies, develops and empowers the next generation of philanthropic leaders through community service, leadership development, and fun networking opportunities. The pandemic made it tough for a group that thrives on in-person connection. Our ELACers hung in there for virtual "Lunch & Learns" and social media interactions, and are excited to bring their efforts back to in-person events in 2021-22.

## Days of Caring Extended to a Whole Month

2020 saw our traditional Days of Caring (two days dedicated to county-wide service projects) transition to a Month of Caring during which folks volunteered safely on their own and reported their good work to UWAC. We saw beautiful creations

of sidewalk art, litter cleared from parks and roadsides, and notes of appreciation sent to frontline workers in our community. Great job, Addison County!

## Backpacks and Facemasks and Hand Sanitizer – Oh, My!

Thanks to your generous support of "Stuff the Bus" we were able to fill over 500 backpacks with new school supplies and distribute to elementary, middle and high school students throughout Addison County. In addition to the traditional supplies of pencils, papers, crayons, etc., local donors provided facemasks and hand sanitizer for every backpack!



# A focus on Public Health

United Way of Addison County has been the recipient of both State and Federal substance use prevention grants since 2016. Since that time, we've been working with community leaders to decrease risk factors that lead to an increased likelihood of adolescent substance use and increase protective factors that make it easy for local youth to make healthy choices. Our goal is to reduce youth substance use, understanding that we'll see positive outcomes in every person's health, education, and financial stability in Addison County if we do.

## Talk. It's Important.

During the pandemic's height, when activities were difficult to implement, UWAC teamed up with local businesses for a prevention awareness project focused on encouraging the conversation of youth substance use between parents and children. Our goal is to increase the percentage of parents who talk to their kids about the risks of substance use. To better support parents and increase the likelihood of this critical conversation, we created a Talk CAMP guide for parents.

## Parent Survey.

In 2020, we conducted the Addison County Parent Survey on Youth Substance Use to gather data that can help inform and improve substance misuse prevention programs for Addison County youth and families. View the survey results at [bit.ly/UWAC2020ParentSurvey](https://bit.ly/UWAC2020ParentSurvey).

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## What YOU Do Matters.

Studies show that when students focus on fun, healthy behaviors, they are happier and less likely to engage in risky behaviors such as substance use. Students across Addison County participate in all sorts of fun activities and hobbies that keep them healthy and safe. Through our 2020 "Promoting Positivity" campaign, we spotlighted more than 20 Addison County youth who shared information about the activities they love to participate in and how it keeps them healthy.

## PEEPS (Partners Educating and Empowering Prevention for Success).

Our community coalition consists of many local sectors such as youth, parents, non-profits, volunteer organizations, law enforcement, faith-based organizations, policymakers, youth-serving organizations, Vermont Department of Health, Department of Lottery & Liquor Control, and more. Our coalition focuses on increasing protective factors while reducing risk factors to increase the likelihood of positive outcomes and to reduce youth substance use in Addison County.

Visit our website to learn more about our public health programming, policies, and youth substance prevention: [unitedwayaddisoncounty.org/substance-prevention-in-addison-county](https://unitedwayaddisoncounty.org/substance-prevention-in-addison-county).



Days of Caring connects hundreds of volunteers with dozens of nonprofits for two days of hard work, laughter, and making a change in our community.

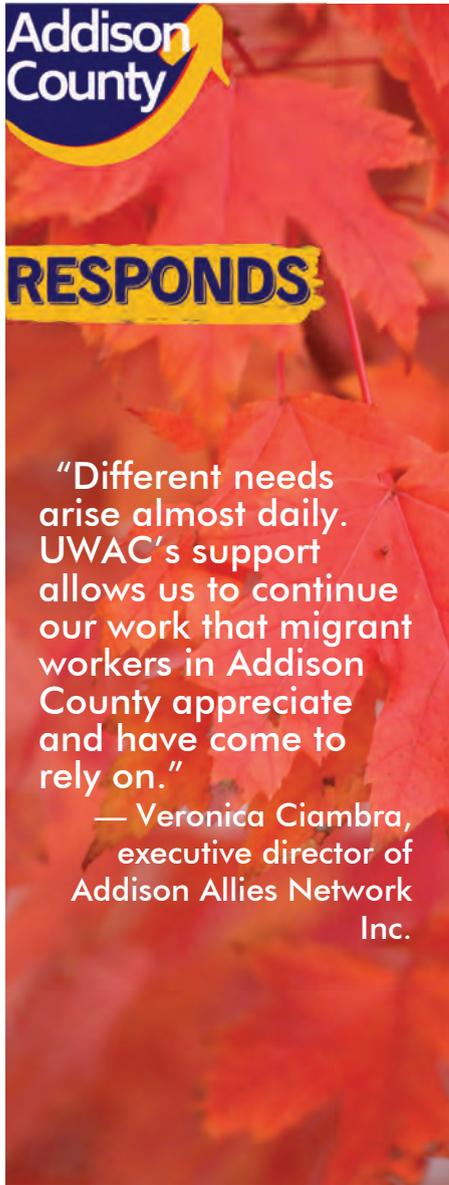
Thank you to all who participated in Days of Caring 2021!



**DAYS OF CARING** volunteers do all kinds of work from heavy lifting to getting kids ready to read.



**HOW MUCH FUN** was the .5K race at the United Way? If Beth Diamond is any indication it was a blast!



**Addison County**

**RESPONDS**

“Different needs arise almost daily. UWAC’s support allows us to continue our work that migrant workers in Addison County appreciate and have come to rely on.”

— Veronica Ciambra, executive director of Addison Allies Network Inc.

# Rallying to help during pandemic

In March of 2020 we launched Addison County Responds, our COVID-19 emergency relief campaign that allowed us to deploy emergency grants to nonprofit partners and provide relief funds to individuals/families nearly immediately, while also providing continued funding for our partners agencies on the front lines. Our emergency grant funding continued through Fiscal Year 2021: We provided \$21,000 in emergency funding to 10 agencies to help with pandemic-related needs. In addition, we distributed \$34,514.08 in COVID housing relief grants to the Addison County housing coalition to assist residents displaced due to the pandemic.

**Addison County Responds Grants**  
July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

- Addison County Home Health & Hospice: \$5,000
- Addison County Childcare Directors’ Network: \$3,000
- Addison County Parent Child Center: \$2,000
- Addison Allies: \$3,000
- AgeWell: \$1,000
- Lund: \$2,000
- Pathways: \$1,000
- St. Stephen’s Homelessness Assistance: \$1,500
- Starksboro Cooperative Preschool: \$1,000
- Turning Point Center: \$1,500

## Volunteering

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Service projects are a great way to build new skills and show a willingness to help others (a quality that is highly sought after). Additionally, volunteering can open paths that would otherwise remain unexplored, such as work opportunities and new interpersonal connections. In fact, I came to know about United Way of Addison County and the amazing team I work with by volunteering! Safely contributing to your community can also help establish your credibility by word of mouth and for your resume.

### IS THAT ALL?

Nope! There are many other benefits to

volunteering, and I’ve included some for you in the list below.

Volunteering can...

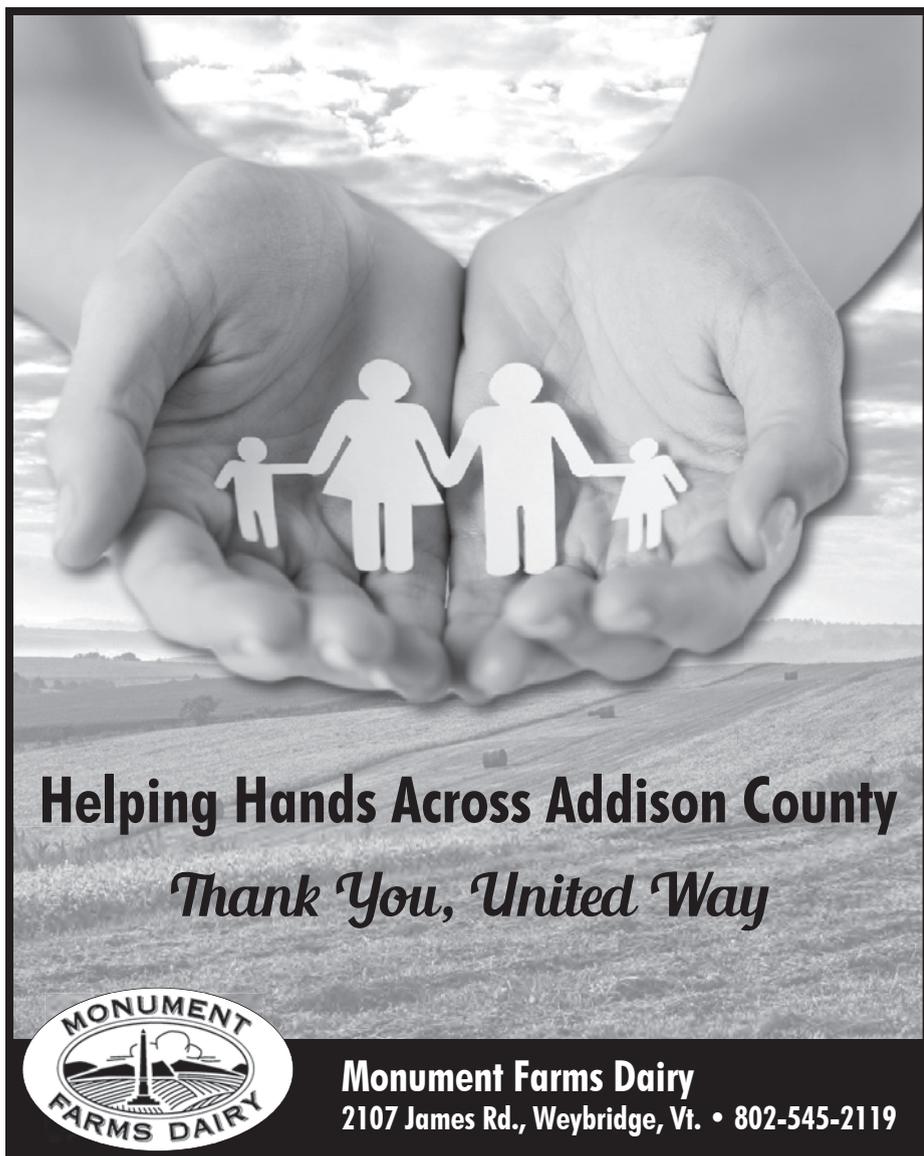
- Broaden our perspective on the world around us.
- Lead to healthy habits of helping others.
- Help us achieve better grades (there’s an association between youth who have good grades and those who engage in service activities in their communities).
- Build upon important skills such as collaboration, leadership, communication, reliability and time-management.
- Boost self-esteem as we contribute to others’ lives and gain life experience.
- Decrease potential for engaging in risky behavior (youth who participate in service projects are 50% less likely to spend their time doing dangerous activities, such as

drinking or using drugs).  
**WHERE CAN I START VOLUNTEERING?**

There are almost always organizations, groups, and families looking for people to help with a variety of different services. For now, ask your family and friends if they know of projects that you could help with, or even check in with local businesses and nonprofit organizations. Look out for a future post about volunteering opportunities in our community, Addison County, Vermont.

Want to learn more about the volunteer opportunities in our community? Check out the Volunteer Center at United Way of Addison County online at [volunteer.unitedwayaddisoncounty.org](http://volunteer.unitedwayaddisoncounty.org).

*Sean Davison is a Youth Coordinator with United Way of Addison County.*

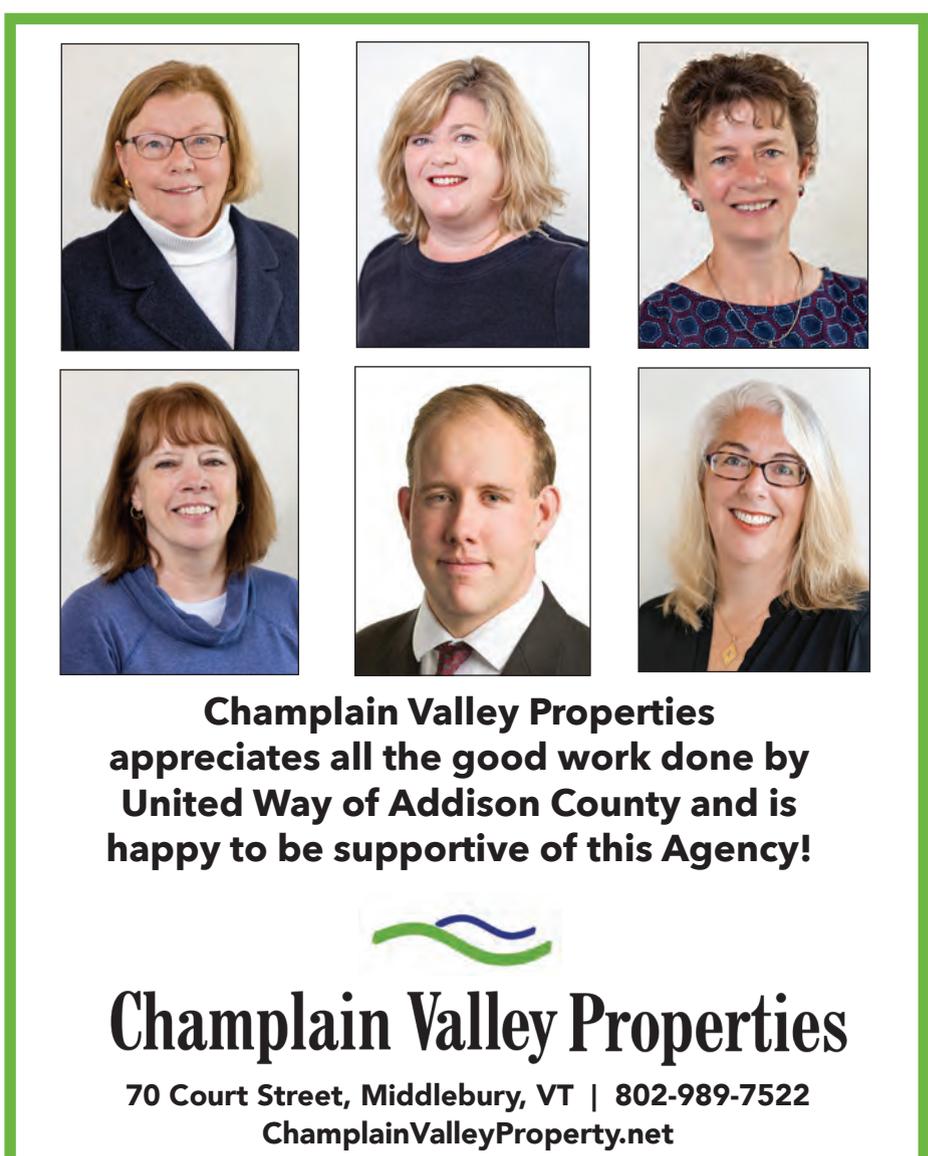


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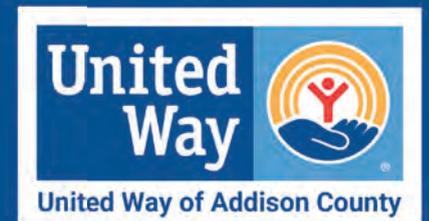


# Ready to LIVE UNITED

United Way of Addison County is working with our community partners and the 30 nonprofits that we proudly support to reimagine how Addison County can better support those who need us most, and we're driving toward that. But we can't do this alone - we need your help.

The intersection of COVID and inequity has only widened the gap in health, financial stability, and education. Your generous support of UWAC helps the most vulnerable people in Addison County stay in their homes, feed their families, keep the lights on, flee unsafe situations, and more. Your donation helps close the divide and give every person an equal opportunity to succeed.

**Strong communities need a strong United Way. Strong communities need people who are ready, not "to be there," but Ready to Live United.**



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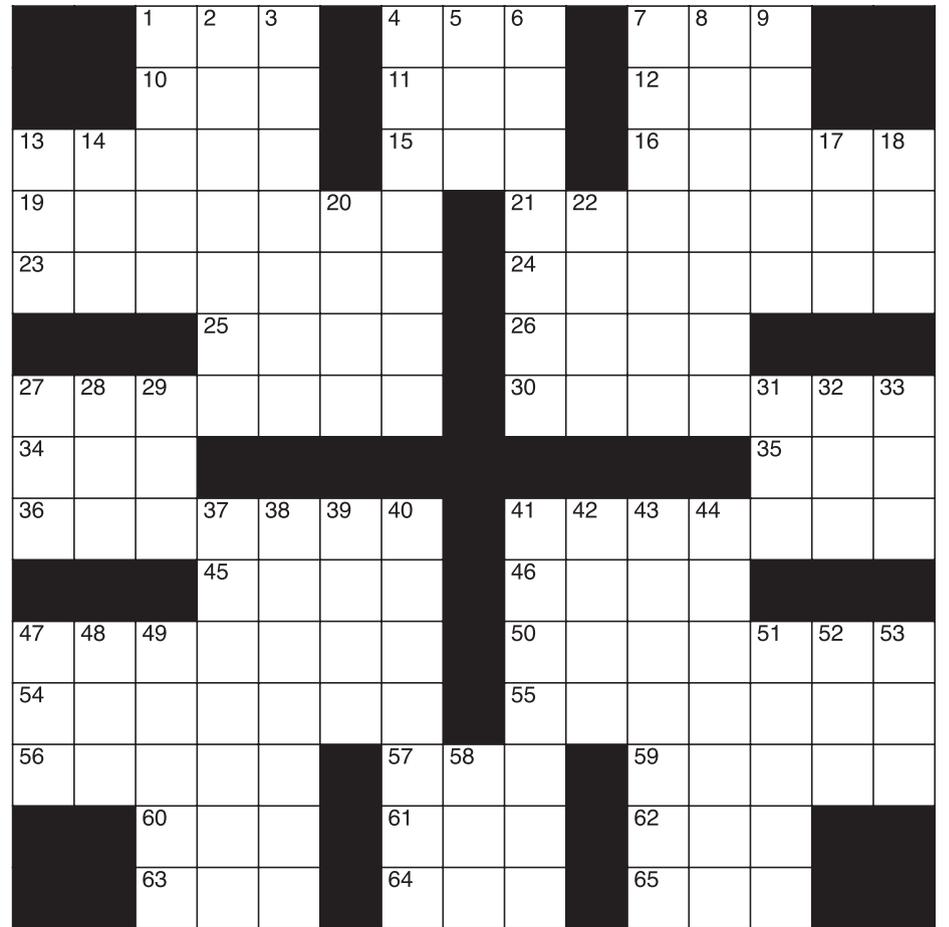
## ACROSS

- 1. Pouch
- 4. Cooling device
- 7. Corporate exec (abbr.)
- 10. Antidiuretic hormone
- 11. South American plant
- 12. Adult female bird
- 13. Type of snake
- 15. Soak in water
- 16. Emerge
- 19. Church tower
- 21. Having solidified from lava
- 23. Eye parts
- 24. Natural
- 25. Swiss river
- 26. Require to live
- 27. Obstruct
- 30. Immobile
- 34. Expression of satisfaction
- 35. Moved quickly
- 36. Popular cocktail
- 41. Dish detergent brand
- 45. Waxed finish
- 46. Kyrgyzstan mountain range
- 47. A place to get clean
- 50. Able to be rescued
- 54. Large, open grassland

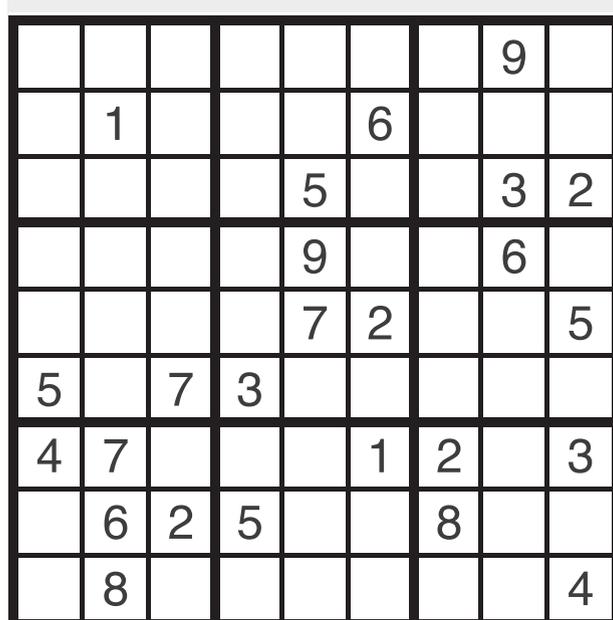
- 55. Expressions for humorous effect
- 56. Hindu goddess
- 57. Beverage container
- 59. Long narrow hilltop
- 60. Sir (abbr.)
- 61. Data executive
- 62. Doctor of Education
- 63. Car mechanics group
- 64. Autonomic nervous system
- 65. "The Partridge Family" actress

## DOWN

- 1. Cavalry-sword
- 2. Gland above the kidneys
- 3. Hat
- 4. Predict
- 5. A team's best pitcher
- 6. Countries
- 7. Substitutions
- 8. Peruses again
- 9. Popular food
- 13. Reciprocal of a sine
- 14. Of or relating to the ears
- 17. \_\_\_ juris: Independent
- 18. Keyboard key



- 20. Fat from a pig
- 22. AC manufacturer
- 27. Organization of N. and S. American countries
- 28. 22nd star of a constellation
- 29. Scoundrel
- 31. A way to save money
- 32. Boy or young man
- 33. Midway between northeast and east
- 37. Egg-laying mammal
- 38. Salt of citric acid
- 39. Barbary sheep
- 40. Actress \_\_\_ de Mornay
- 41. Gambling hotspots
- 42. Wing-shaped
- 43. Basked in
- 44. Poison
- 47. Beats per minute
- 48. Macaws
- 49. Military vehicles
- 51. Elderly woman
- 52. Body part
- 53. Midway between east and southeast
- 58. Forearm nerve (abbr.)



## Sudoku

Each Sudoku puzzle consists of a 9x9 grid that has been subdivided into nine smaller grids of 3x3 squares. To solve the puzzle each row, column and box must contain each of the numbers 1 to 9. Puzzles come in three grades: easy, medium and difficult.

**Level: Medium**

This week's puzzle solutions can be found on Page 23.





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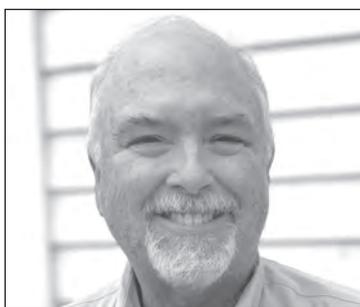


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# ART ON EXHIBIT

## EXHIBIT EXPLORES MOUNTAIN 'SIGHTLINES'

The Sheldon Museum presents the exhibit "Sightlines — Picturing the Battell Wilderness," featuring oil and gouache paintings on linen by Jill Madden and photographs by Caleb Kenna capturing colorful "sightlines" within the Green Mountains of Vermont, particularly the Breadloaf and Battell Wilderness areas. The exhibit is on view at the Middlebury museum and will remain on view through Dec. 31.

Both artists visit the mountains year round and their work records varied seasonal views of the captivating peaks and valleys so central to the recreational and environmental challenges of Vermont. The exhibit highlights the importance of Middlebury philanthropist Joseph Battell (1839-1915) who donated 35,000 acres of the Green Mountains

to Middlebury College, later becoming a core portion of the Green Mountain National Forest.

Inspired by the legacy of Joseph Battell, Madden and Kenna have an enthusiasm for the outdoors. Their energy, artistic passion, ability and devotion to Vermont are evident through their paintings and photographs.

Throughout the exhibit, the Museum will offer Zoom presentations on Oct. 28 with David Bain, Middlebury College Senior Lecturer in English and American Literatures; and on Nov. 4 with Will Amidon, Middlebury Geology Professor Talks are \$5 pre-registration required. Visit [henrysheldonmuseum.org](http://henrysheldonmuseum.org) or call 802-388-2117 to register and for more details.



Caleb Kenna taking drone photographs.



Jill Madden painting in the wilderness.

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**CALENDAR**

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# OCT 31ST 4-7PM

## DRIVE-THRU/WALK THRU

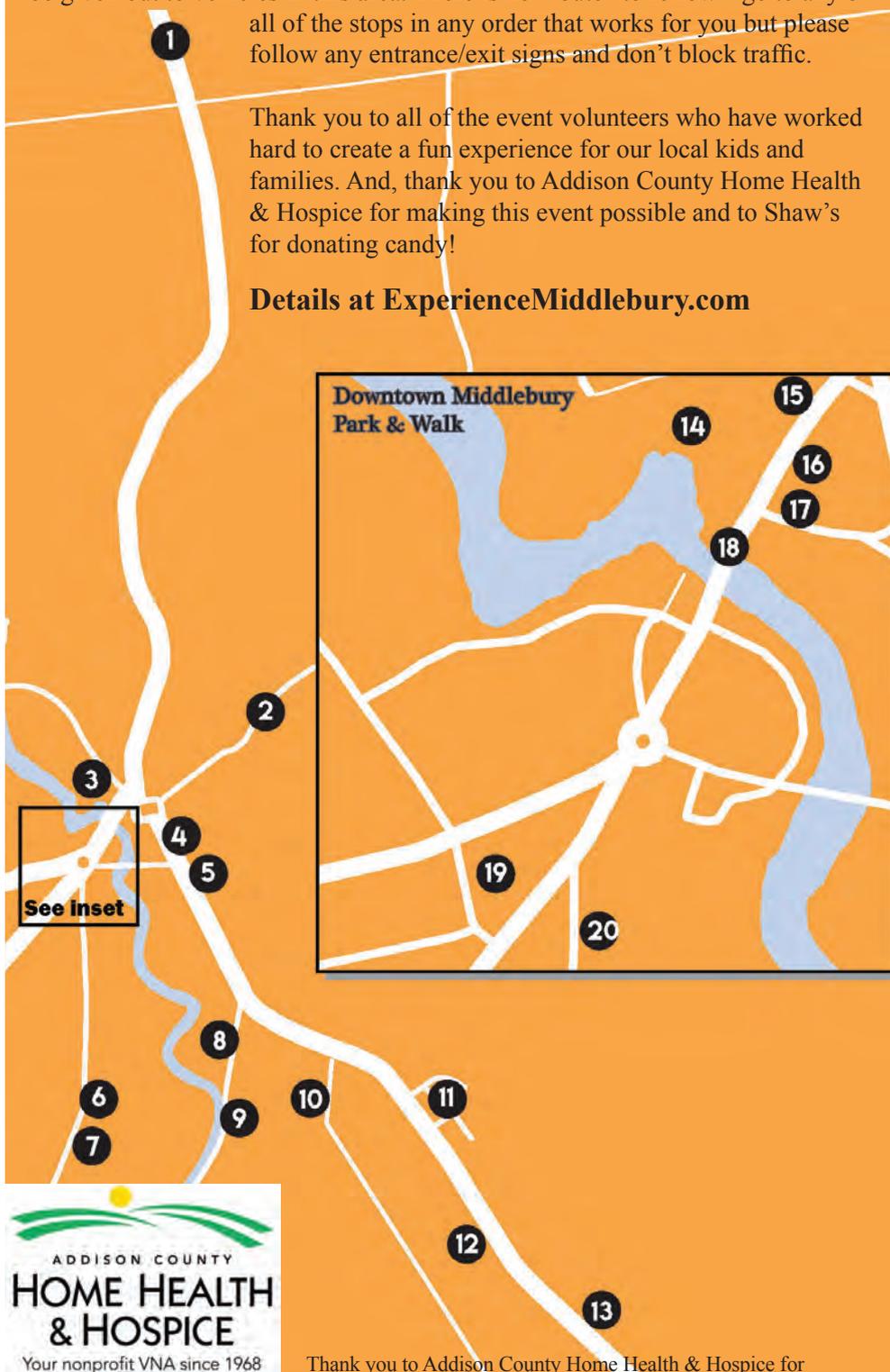
# Trick-or-Treat

### Keep volunteers and trick-or-treaters safe!

When pulling up to a drive-thru location, please do not get out of your vehicles; candy will be handed in through open windows. When visiting walk-thru locations, please park your vehicle and walk through the stations. Candy cannot be given out to vehicles in this area. There is no "route" to follow-- go to any or all of the stops in any order that works for you but please follow any entrance/exit signs and don't block traffic.

Thank you to all of the event volunteers who have worked hard to create a fun experience for our local kids and families. And, thank you to Addison County Home Health & Hospice for making this event possible and to Shaw's for donating candy!

Details at [ExperienceMiddlebury.com](http://ExperienceMiddlebury.com)



### Drive-Thru Stations

- 1. Tail Feather Farm**  
1740 US-7
- 2. Middlebury Animal Hospital**  
139 Washington Street Extension
- 3. National Bank of Middlebury**  
15 Seymour Street (*use bank drive through*)
- 4. The Addison County Sheriff's Dept**  
35 Court Street
- 5. Mary Hogan Elementary School**  
Hosted by Vermont Fencing Alliance  
201 Mary Hogan Drive (*enter via traffic light by Sunoco Station to go through the bus circle in front of school*)
- 6. Helen Porter**  
30 Porter Drive
- 7. Eastview**  
100 Eastview Terrace
- 8. Middlebury Parks & Recreation Facility**  
Hosted by: Addison County Home Health & Hospice  
154 Creek Road
- 9. Tri-Valley Transit**  
297 Creek Road
- 10. Associates in Orthodontics**  
170 Middle Road
- 11. American Legion**  
49 Wilson Road
- 12. Rosie's**  
Hosted by: Addison County 4-H & Rosie's  
886 US-7
- 13. Middlebury Sweets**  
1395 Route 7

### Walk-Thru Stations (please park & walk)

- 14. Marble Works Park**  
Hosted by: Vermont Children's Museum  
Riverfront Park
- 15. Post Office**  
Hosted by: Middlebury Fire Department  
Main Street
- 16-17. Fountain Plaza**  
Hosted by: Berkshire Hathaway & St. Stephen's (two separate stations)  
Triangle Park, by the fountain
- 18. Downtown Businesses**  
Hosted by: Marquis Theater, Sweet Cecily, Buy Again Alley, Vermont's Own  
Main Street
- 19. College Park**  
Hosted by: Page 1 Literacy (Middlebury College)  
Academy Street
- 20. Middlebury College President's House**  
Hosted by: Middlebury College President Laurie Patton  
3 South Street



Thank you to Addison County Home Health & Hospice for sponsoring this event. Find their station at Parks & Rec Facility.

And, thank you to Shaw's Supermarket for the donation of candy!

