



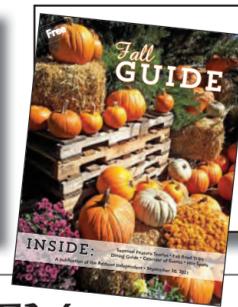
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A Cornwall poet has published a retrospective of four decades of his work. See Arts + Leisure.



Crunch time

The Tiger football team bounced back to shut down undefeated Hartford on Friday. See Page 1B.



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MAUSD eyes impact of Lincoln's leaving

Financials hinge on many variables

By CHRISTOPHER ROSS
BRISTOL — Given all of the unknown factors, it's challenging to predict how Lincoln's withdrawal will impact the Mount Abraham Unified School District. Lincoln residents voted in August to leave the MAUSD, and the town clerks of Bristol, Monkton, New Haven and Starksboro have been notified by the Vermont State Board of Education (VSBE) that they must organize votes in their towns to ratify Lincoln's exit plan, but no date for those votes has been announced.

Lincoln's plan cannot proceed without ratification of all four towns. In the meantime, the MAUSD is trying to get a handle on what this will mean for a district already struggling with declining enrollment and increasing costs.

At Tuesday night's MAUSD board meeting Superintendent Patrick Reen provided a basic outline of what the impacts could be, but, as his presentation noted, much depends on what the VSBE decides.

Reen based his projections on the three options that have been (See MAUSD, Page 3A)

Afghan student fears for family back home

By CHRISTOPHER ROSS
BRIDPORT — Jill Vickers spent part of her summer this year teaching a young Afghan woman how to drive.

During the seven years Vickers has been her mentor, Jamila has spent a number of high school and college breaks in Bridport. Often she develops a to-do list for these visits, Vickers said, with items like "get driver's license."

"We spent a lot of time in the car together this summer," Vickers said. It was challenging at times, not least because Jamila was somewhat resistant to the concept of yielding. "I would say, 'Jamila, let me tell (See Family, Page 12A)



Bushel upon bushel

GEMAAR O'CONNOR, A Jamaican native who is a permanent resident of Salisbury, smiles for the camera but doesn't even stop picking apples at Happy Valley Orchards in Middlebury Tuesday. O'Connor and others involved in the industry said 2021 has been a great year for apples with plenty of fruit in trees around Addison County.

Independent photo/Steve James

Midd takes 'Mead' off its chapel

By CHRISTOPHER ROSS
MIDDLEBURY — After "a careful and deliberative process," Middlebury College has decided to remove the Mead name from Mead Memorial Chapel, because the man whose gift established the chapel, Gov. John A. Mead, class of 1864, advocated and promoted eugenics policies in Vermont in the early 1900s.

That is according to an announcement made Monday afternoon by George C. Lee, chair of the Middlebury's board of trustees, and Middlebury President Laurie Patton.

(See Chapel, Page 16A)

Advocates tout 'choice' in Addison

Vote on Tuesday; some question post-withdrawal finances, organization

By ANDY KIRKALDY
ADDISON — On Tuesday Addison voters will decide the same question for a second time in three months: "Shall the Town of Addison withdraw from the Addison Northwest School District?"

On July 13 Addison residents voted no, 122-106.

But a petition triggered a revote. The town's selectboard picked Oct. 5 as the vote date and Sept. 21 as the date for its informational meeting.

After realizing that date for the informational meeting did not meet statutory requirements, the board added a second meeting, on Sept. 28, within the legal 10 days of the vote. Questions remain about how that meeting was warned (see related story).

Ballots can be cast on Oct. 5 between 7 a.m.



"Nobody is planning on opening a public or private school. Most of the people who have supported this want school choice."

— Peter Briggs

and 7 p.m. at the Addison town clerk's office

There are hurdles for Addison's withdrawal from ANWSD, including that state law requires a two-thirds majority for a revote to change an earlier Australian ballot result.

If Addison residents back withdrawal, residents in each of the other four ANWSD towns — Ferrisburgh, Panton, Vergennes and Waltham — would have to vote to allow the separation process to continue.

The next hurdle would be a Vermont State Board of Education (VSBE) decision on whether Addison could meet the needs of its students — now 138 in grades pre-K through 12 — without belonging to ANWSD.

Addison students now attend Vergennes Union elementary and high schools, both about seven miles north.

If it leaves the district, Addison does not have the right to buy back its elementary school. ANWSD has repurposed the Addison Central School building as a special education hub that also serves other districts.

(See Addison, Page 10A)

Construction issues delay big eldercare project in city

By ANDY KIRKALDY
VERGENNES — It now looks like groundbreaking on a major downtown Vergennes eldercare project, once expected for early this summer, will not occur until sometime in 2022, according to its owner-developers, Shelburne residents Daniel and Rebecca Hassan.

Spiraling construction costs and difficulty finding contractors, in part due to the ongoing construction boom and a simultaneous labor shortage, have pushed the original project cost estimate from around \$18.5 million to roughly \$20 (See Vergennes, Page 15A)



BETH DOW HAS been a familiar face in Middlebury town government for most of the past five decades. She will soon retire from her current job as secretary to the town manager.

Independent photo/John Flowers

Beth Dow serves town in many ways, many years

By JOHN FLOWERS
MIDDLEBURY — Beth Caul Dow has more hats than can fit in the average closet.

She's worn a half-dozen of them during a career with the town of Middlebury that began during the Nixon Administration. Dow has served stints in the town clerk, recreation, planning/zoning, assessing, town manager and lists' offices.

But she's going to pack up most of those hats later this fall as she phases out a lengthy term of service to a community she's called home for her entire life — 70 years.

"I think I've put this decision off so long because this job is who I am," Dow said of her career during a recent interview. "It's huge."

It all started in November of 1972, when Dow, three years after her graduation from Middlebury Union High School, was hired as assistant to her uncle, Middlebury Town Clerk Kenneth Caul.

In 1977, she switched over to what was then the recreation,

planning, zoning and assessor's office.

In 1983, then-Town Manager Rick McGuire assigned her exclusively to the assessing office, where she served until the fall of 1984. And that's when Dow took a breather from her role as a municipal worker to enter the private sector.

She explained that she found it less satisfying to work in the municipal offices after Rick McGuire replaced Dave Crawford as town manager in 1983. Dow said the previous teamwork approach gave way to a new era in which employees were told to stay in their respective lanes.

"I wasn't happy," she recalled. "It was a whole different ballgame under (McGuire). When Dave Crawford was there as town manager, everyone worked together. We socialized together; it was a real group effort. If someone needed help (in another department), you'd go help them, (See Beth Dow, Page 13A)



By the way

It's been a long time since Middlebury College's Sister-to-Sister mentoring program has been able to hold an in-person get-together but the group is inviting all vaccinated Addison County middle school students (ages 12 and up) to its first (See By the way, Page 16A)

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Workforce housing study sees shortage

ACCT's work shows affordability lacking

VERGENNES — A new report from the Addison County Community Trust (ACCT) demonstrates strong demand for affordable workforce housing in the county. According to the “Addison County Workforce Housing Need Assessment Report” spearheaded by three Middlebury College students, hundreds of affordable homes are needed to meet demand for workforce housing.

This chronicle comes on the heels of the Addison County Regional Planning Commission’s Housing/Population Report that says the region suffers from a lack of housing stock for low- to moderate-income families (See *Addison Independent*, Sept. 9, Page 1A).

During this past June through August, Middlebury College students Lily Jones, Mihir Singh and Castin Stone surveyed workers from roughly three dozen Addison County businesses to better understand the region’s workforce housing needs.

Responses from 847 individuals who work for area employers such as Middlebury College, Porter Medical Center and Cooperative Insurance confirm that high housing costs in Middlebury and surrounding towns prevent employees from living close to where they work.

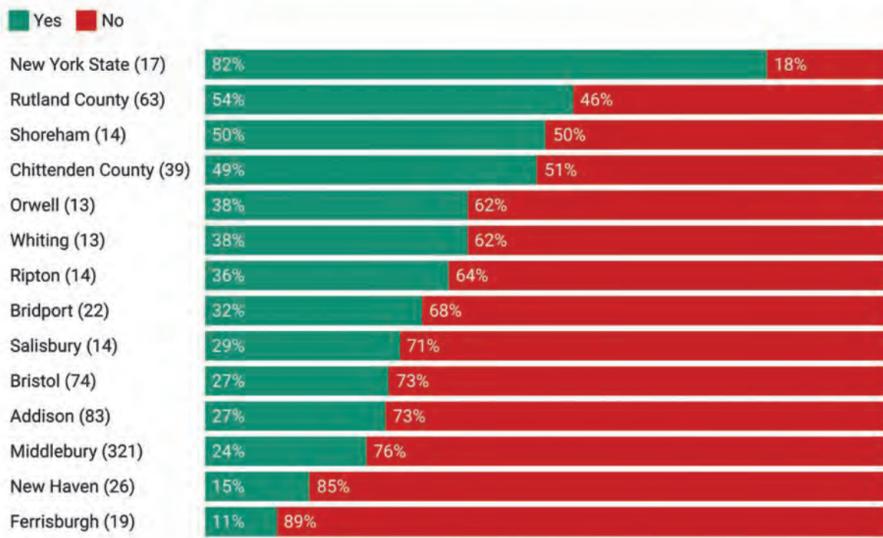
According to survey findings, one-quarter of respondents wanted to live closer to work but were unable to due to lack of affordable housing. Consequently, the report estimates that Addison County would need at least 230 additional homes near downtown employment hubs to meet the need.

Over half of these units (129) must be affordable to households earning 120 percent of Area Median Income or less. Since the response rate to the survey was approximately 25 percent, these estimates likely represent a floor and the true quantity of housing needed is even higher.

ACCT Executive Director Elise Shanbacker praised the students’

Percent of Respondents that Would Live Closer to Work if Able by Town/Area

Respondents who selected yes indicated a desire to live closer to work but could not due to certain obstacles/barriers.



Total Responses: 732. Numbers in parentheses represent number of respondents from that town/area. Source: Addison County Community Trust Summer 2021 • Created with Datawrapper

efforts. “Without our three MiddWorks interns, gathering and assessing the data that is the basis of the report would have been impossible,” she said.

“There was already a critical shortage of affordable housing prior to the pandemic, and it has compounded the problem even further. This report will help us respond to the need more effectively.”

Shanbacker said that anecdotes from employers show that this shortage has been preventing them from hiring the workers they need to fill positions and restart the local economy.

“The report provides the data we need to better understand the magnitude of the challenge and inform potential solutions,” she said. “We believe policymakers from municipal to state officials will find this information useful in directing resources to workforce housing developments in Addison County.”

Other findings confirm that many workers commute from as

far away as New York state and Rutland County due to high housing costs in Middlebury. Respondents from Middlebury reported average housing costs that were 82% higher than commuters from New York state. Costs in Middlebury averaged \$2,179 a month vs. \$1,199 a month in New York.

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— ACCT Executive Director Elise Shanbacker

Respondents from New York state and Rutland County were most likely to report wanting to move closer to work, with residents of Shoreham, Chittenden County and Orwell rounding out the top five locations based on percentage of would-be movers. The full report is available online at tinyurl.com/WorkerHousing.

ACCT’s current plans will create 20 additional affordable homes in a mixed-income community on Firehouse Road in Bristol by 2023, and the organization is seeking additional opportunities in Middlebury. Meanwhile, ACCT is reinvesting in its existing stock of over 700 permanently affordable homes through planned

infrastructure upgrades in mobile home parks and renovations of other existing Vergennes properties.

ACCT’s vision is to ensure that residents of Addison County have access to a solid foundation: a safe, affordable place to call home. “We strive to enrich the lives of low- and moderate-income people by ensuring the development, management and maintenance of safe, quality, affordable homes and related supports for families, seniors and individuals,” Shanbacker said.

- The work of ACCT includes:
- Property management and ownership of 334 multifamily apartments;
 - Operation of 340 lots in nine nonprofit ACCT-owned mobile home parks for owner-occupied homes;
 - Down-payment grants for low- and moderate-income homebuyers and stewardship of 78 homes currently in its perpetually affordable single-family shared equity ownership program;
 - Providing “Support and Services at Home” through the SASH program for up to 200 residents of ACCT senior housing and in surrounding communities;
 - Developing new units to help alleviate the county’s affordability crisis.

City water district eyes ARPA funding

By ANDY KIRKALDY

VERGENNES — Officials from the Vergennes-Panton Water District are researching the extent and cost of needed upgrades to the water lines that serve more than 5,500 customers in five communities — and they are looking to those communities for help in paying for the work.

District Superintendent Jonathan Deming said cast iron district water pipes that date back to the 1930s will be the primary focus of an ongoing engineering study.

“We’re talking with an engineering firm about out project needs, and we’ve had a hydraulic analysis and identified a couple projects. But that’s only a couple where there could be many,” Deming said. “We’re just trying to figure out what are the priorities. But currently I think we’re mainly talking about replacing pipes.”

Newer district pipes, he said, are made of longer-lasting ductile iron or more modern C-900 plastic and probably pose less of a concern. The district does have a clear picture of which lines run where and what they are made of, Deming said.

“We know which lines are which lines,” he said.

Ideally, Deming said the district could replace all of the cast iron lines, but the cost might be prohibitive. That’s why they hope Vergennes, Pantton, Ferrisburgh and Waltham will consider passing along to the district some of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding they will be receiving in the months to come to complement a bond.

“We would like to, but it’s way more expensive than we can afford right now,” he said. “It’s trying to understand how much we can do with the money we have. We would still have to borrow money to do any kind of major upgrade, but certainly if we were able to get any kind of ARPA money it would go a long way to reducing the amount we would have to borrow.”

And he said, the less the district has to borrow for a bond of a yet-unknown amount, the less the district rates will have to increase, or the more old pipes that can be replaced, or both. Therefore, Deming said, regardless of where pipes end up being replaced, all Vergennes-Panton ratepayers will benefit from the final project design.

“If we have to borrow more money, then we would have to have a higher rate increase to pay the bond back,” Deming said, while acknowledging the district’s first significant rate hike in almost a decade is probable.

Deming and district board members have thus had preliminary discussions with Vergennes officials and selectboards in Pantton and Ferrisburgh about receiving a share of those communities’ American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.

Officials in all those towns have so far adopted a wait-and-see approach. They want more

details from the district about its plans before they commit funding.

“We’d love to help them, but we need more data,” said Vergennes City Manager Ron Redmond, whose community will receive about \$772,000 in total, but also is eyeing a major sewer upgrade.

“We’re going to have to be very mindful and thoughtful about how we use it, because it’s once-in-a-lifetime money.”

The district asked for half of Ferrisburgh’s \$804,000 of ARPA funds.

“We want to see the maps of who they serve,” as well as other information, said Ferrisburgh selectboard Vice Chair Clark Hinsdale.

The water district is working with Hoyle, Tanner & Associates, the same firm working with Vergennes on its sewer system upgrade, and Deming said its engineers are helping him with a presentation to explain its needs to the communities.

“I’m working on something I’m going to review with the board. The board wants to go back and talk to Ferrisburgh and some of these other towns to be part of the discussion,” Deming said. “I have provided them with a lot of information already, but I think the board would like to go talk to them.”

STAKE IN THE DISTRICT

Certainly, all the towns involved have a stake in the Vergennes-Panton district, which serves a more than 2,000 “units.”

Using the average people per unit served, per district estimates, that translates to roughly 3,330 customers in Vergennes, 880 in Pantton, 1,160 in Ferrisburgh (not counting a separate Ferrisburgh fire district for which it supplies water), 195 in Waltham, and a dozen in Addison.

Current rates in Vergennes and Pantton are \$96.60 per quarter for up to 18,000 gallons, and then \$2.62 per each 1,000 gallon used above that total.

Out-of-district users pay \$127.50 per quarter for up to 18,000 gallons, plus \$2.91 per each 1,000 additional gallon.

Those rates have increased little since they roughly doubled about a decade ago, when voters in Vergennes and Pantton backed a \$5.1 million upgrade to the district’s water-treatment plant on Lake Champlain, which is on Adams Ferry Road in Pantton. Deming said that work leaves the plant still in good operating condition.

Upgrade funding options are somewhat limited to straight bonding. For example, Deming said although the city of Vergennes qualifies for USDA backing for its sewer project, Pantton and Ferrisburgh do not because of their citizens’ higher per-capita incomes. Thus, that and other similar sources of support are not available to the water district.

“Nobody likes to give money for infrastructure work, except if you are a community that

(See *Water*, Page 3A)

Starksboro’s municipal tax rate declines

STARKSBORO — This year’s municipal tax rate in Starksboro is the lowest it’s been in at least four years.

The town selectboard has set

the fiscal year 2021-22 municipal tax rate at \$0.5987 per \$100 of assessed property value — a decrease of \$0.023, or 3.7%.

The new rate, which also

includes \$0.0012 to raise the amount granted as an exemption for disabled veterans, is a hair lower than it was for FY 2018-19.

The town’s residential education tax rate also went down. The FY22 rate of \$1.7486 is a half-penny, or 0.3%, lower than last year.

Starksboro’s nonresidential education tax rate, on the other hand, has gone up. The FY22 rate of \$1.732 is \$0.0136, or 0.8%, higher than last year.

The total property tax rate for Starksboro residents is \$2.3473, a decrease of \$0.0288, or 1.2%, from last year.

The total nonresidential tax rate is \$2.3307, a decrease of \$0.0094,

or 0.4%, from last year.

Starksboro’s common level of appraisal (CLA), as reported by the Vermont Department of Taxes, decreased by 1.67 points to 93.07.

Residents paying on the full value of their property will see a tax decrease of \$28.80 per \$100,000 of assessed value, and nonresidents will see a decrease of \$9.40.

Starksboro residents who pay based on their incomes are very likely to receive prebates for a portion of their school tax bills, and some will also receive municipal tax credits.

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MAUSD

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driving discussions about Ripton's plan to withdraw from the Addison Central School District. Ripton voted to leave that district earlier this year, and its exit plan has already been ratified, but the VSBE recently urged town and district to again try and work out a plan that would prevent a separation.

In Lincoln's case, Reen outlined three options the VSBE might pursue.

Option 1 would place the Lincoln school district in an existing supervisory union, so it can obtain administrative services, such as special education, payroll and transportation.

Option 2 would force Lincoln to form its own school district and provide its own administrative services.

Option 3 would require the Lincoln district and the MAUSD to form a new supervisory union.

There are plenty of other options, but these have seemed the most likely given other statewide withdrawal discussions, Reen said.

OPTIONS 1 OR 2

Reen grouped Options 1 and 2 together because Lincoln would be completely separated from the MAUSD in both cases, and the impact would be the same.

With Option 1 or 2:

- MAUSD would be governed the same way it has been, just with four towns.

- School board membership would remain at 13 unless the district formally changed this. One of the two seats currently represented by Lincoln would likely be reassigned to Monkton, the other to Starksboro.

- Staffing in the MAUSD central office would remain the same, because the range of services provided to the district would not change.

- Using data from the current fiscal year, Reen predicted Lincoln's absence would reduce district costs by about \$2.15 million and total education spending by \$3.77 million. At the same time, the district would lose 205 equalized pupils, so the cost per equalized pupil would increase by \$52, resulting in a slight educational tax increase of \$0.0046, before the CLA is applied.

- The above numbers are based on the assumption that 99, or 85% of Lincoln's secondary students, would pay tuition to attend Mount Abraham Union Middle/High School. This assumption is based on discussions the MAUSD has had with other districts that have seen tuition rates above 70%. Reen estimated higher, at 85%, betting that transportation services would lure more Lincoln students.

- MAUSD board member Dave Sharpe, who represents Bristol, said at the meeting he thought

that number was optimistic. He asked if the district had created a projection based on 70% of Lincoln secondary students paying tuition to Mount Abe.

The district had, said Business Manager Floyd Davison, and the results were as follows:

Instead of \$52, the increased cost per equalized pupil would be \$278. Instead of \$0.0046, the tax increase before CLA would be \$0.025.

- If Lincoln assumed local control of its school, it might change its curriculum in a way that does not gel with the MAUSD, Reen said. "Students in the four MAUSD towns would receive comparable programming and support that may or may not be consistent with the programming and support in Lincoln. This has the potential to create challenges for teachers when students from all five towns come together at the secondary level."

"I think Patrick (Reen) and Floyd (Davison) did a good job with the numbers and the tax implications. We think we're on the same page."

— Lincoln selectboard member Paul Forlenza

they wouldn't necessarily be the teachers currently assigned to the Lincoln Community School.

According to the district contract with the teacher's union, the least senior MAUSD staff across the district would be the first ones to be let go.

That is, unless LCS teachers resigned with the intent of being re-hired by the Lincoln School District, MAUSD board member Krista Siringo (Bristol) pointed out.

OPTION 3

In the event the VSBE requires the MAUSD and the Lincoln school district to form a supervisory union together:

- MAUSD governance would remain the same.
- School board membership would likely pan out the same way as in Options 1 or 2.

- A new supervisory union board would have to be created, which has traditionally featured three members from each SU district. In other words, the MAUSD, with 1,200 students, would get three representatives, and Lincoln, with 200 students would get three representatives. But the two districts could decide to change this to make it more equitable, which is possible and has happened in the past.

- The MAUSD central office staff would need to support three boards: the MAUSD board, the Lincoln board and the SU board.

- Therefore it would need more staff: at least an accounting assistant to help build three budgets and manage state and federal grants for two districts.

- Reen used the same assumption that 85% of Lincoln secondary students would pay tuition to attend Mount Abe, resulting in a \$1.6 million revenue increase for the MAUSD.

- At the same time, overall district expenses would decrease

by \$1.48 million because direct services to Lincoln would be removed, and revenue would further increase as the MAUSD assessed Lincoln for \$909,973 in supervisory services.

- As a result, Reen predicted, while the MAUSD would see a reduction of 205 equalized pupils, it would also see a \$3.94 million decrease in education spending, resulting in a decrease of \$89 in per pupil spending, and a \$0.0078 reduction in the tax rate.

- Two separate budgets voted on by two separate boards acting independently of each other would make it harder to prioritize common initiatives. As Reen wrote in his slide presentation, "Our ability to advance the work of improving outcomes for students would be compromised."

- The MAUSD would cut 15-18 staff positions according to the terms described above.

- Lincoln and the MAUSD would not be able to share staff with each other because they would be legally separate employers.

UNKNOWNNS

Reen emphasized that these are not forecasts; rather, he said they're the district's best guesses about what might happen in a number of scenarios that are not guaranteed to come to pass.

He also emphasized his concern that the district is not going to know the answers to a lot of questions before voters in Bristol, Monkton, New Haven and Starksboro go to the polls to ratify Lincoln's exit plan — whenever that may happen.

The district is prohibited by law from campaigning for or against ratification, Reen said.

Lincoln selectboard member Paul Forlenza, who is also a member of Save Community Schools, the group spearheading the town's withdrawal campaign, attended Tuesday night's school board meeting and met with Reen Wednesday morning.

"I think Patrick and Floyd did a good job with the numbers and the tax implications," Forlenza told the *Independent*. "We think we're on the same page."

In terms of how many Lincoln secondary students might tuition into Mount Abe — vs. Champlain Valley or Middlebury union high schools, or private schools — the most likely scenario is that Lincoln students now attending Mount Abe would continue attending Mount Abe, Forlenza said. After that, it remains to be seen.

If the four town clerks decide to fold the required ratification votes into pre-scheduled votes — the earliest such instance would be Town Meeting Day, March 1, 2022 — Save Community Schools would use the delay to connect with more people around the district, Forlenza said.

The Monkton selectboard will host a school forum for Thursday night, Sept. 30, to discuss the district situation, including Lincoln's potential withdrawal, and the New Haven community has scheduled a similar gathering for Oct. 10.

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RAIN OR SHINE, the Ripton Ridge Run promises a challenging run made sweet by the colors of fall and a rejuvenating lunch afterwards.

Photo Courtesy of Ripton Ridge Run

Ripton Ridge Run set for Oct. 10

RIPTON — The Ripton Ridge Run will have both an in-person and virtual event on Sunday, Oct. 10, starting at 12:30 p.m. Runners and walkers from throughout the region are invited to beautiful Ripton, Vt., for a 5K/10K run or 5K fun walk.

The courses take runners and walkers on paved and dirt roads showcasing some of Ripton's natural beauty. The 10.4K run is a loop, where the 5K run/walk is out and back — both offering participants some of Ripton's signature hilly terrain. After the race/walk, there will be a bagged lunch for all entrants, as well as awards and a raffle. Due to COVID precautions, the school will be closed and everything will take place outside. Facemasks are required except when running

or eating. There is also a virtual run/walk option for folks from anywhere across the globe.

Early registration is online at www.riptonridgerun.org. Race day registration is from 11 a.m. to noon. The registration fee includes race, lunch, a raffle ticket, and a long-sleeved race t-shirt. There are prizes for top runners and glass medallions to top runners in every age group. Race day fees are \$25 for ages 15 & under, \$30 for seniors 65+ and \$40 for adults (ages 16-64). The Ripton Elementary School is on the Ripton-Lincoln Road, less than a mile from the Ripton Country Store.

The Ridge Run depends on the generosity of many local businesses. This year's prizes for the top runners will include Middlebury Money to show

support and gratitude for many of these businesses.

Barry King, long-time chairperson of the Ridge Run Steering Committee says, "Ripton's families and residents turn out in force to make the day successful and fun. We have a strong sense of community and that's really evident at the Ridge Run."

All proceeds from the Ripton Ridge Run go to Friends of Ripton School, Inc. to benefit the programs, activities and purchasing of materials for Ripton Elementary School students and staff. For more information, call the Ripton Elementary School at 802-388-2208 during school hours, email riptonridgerun@gmail.com or go to www.riptonridgerun.org.

Water

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has a population that has a lower income," Deming said.

"When we did the plant upgrade, they said Vergennes by itself would probably qualify for grant money, but Panton and Ferrisburgh put you out of the picture. Essentially, I'm saying we can't get grant money from the state or USDA or anybody on infrastructure. The only time we have a chance of getting grant money is through these ARPA funds."

A state revolving loan fund is one source of bond funding, and Deming said Hoyle, Tanner will design the upgrade with that in mind because state officials will thus play a role in deciding if the Vergennes-Panton effort is a priority.

"We're going to be talking to the engineers to determine what is the best project for us to be working on, and then put that package together and submit it to the state, as far as the state saying we can help Vergennes-Panton Water fund the

project because they have so much money in the state revolving fund," he said.

Deming also pointed out that even if lines don't end up being replaced in a specific community, its water users will still benefit because the entire system will be upgraded, and the ARPA funding will help keep bond payments, and

thus sewer fees, lower.

"Everybody wants to see the work is done in their community. But a lot of these pipes feed their community, and they don't understand if they've got to be fixed in Vergennes how that affects their community," he said.

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Guest editorial

'Offensive and shocking:' We better come to terms with solar panels soon

By Bill McKibben

Vermont gets a good press, and I've generated my share of it—especially after the pandemic years I'm proud of the Green Mountain State. But this is a different kind of story: a story of a state that's failing to understand we're actually in a climate emergency, and so continuing with business that looks a lot like usual. I think that that's typical of too many places—and since science says that business as usual must end right now to deal with our crisis, it seems to me a story worth telling.

It begins with a man named Thomas Hand, who grew up in the Manchester region of the state, along its southwest border not far from Massachusetts. His father and uncle owned the town Chevy dealership; he grew up working on cars, before making it up Route 7 for college at Middlebury, where I met him as a young and idealistic student—among other things, his mechanical abilities helped him pilot a biodiesel school bus across the country to promote alternative energy, filtering grease from Chinese restaurants to fill the tank...

He took his education and his practical skills and his passion, and in the years since graduation has built a small business constructing solar farms in different parts of the country—precisely the work that physicists tell us is the most important task on earth, since if we can't cut our fossil fuel emissions in half by 2030 we will have no chance at meeting the climate targets we set in Paris just six years ago.

Because he knew the terrain of his boyhood best, many of Hand's projects have been built there—often out of sight in the abandoned slate quarries that pock the landscape. "But the reality is there are only so many old pits," he says. "The reality is that you can't hide all these things. You can hide some of them, but not all."

And so he took an option on a plot of land on a road near the town of Manchester, and began drawing up plans for a 500-kilowatt solar array on the eight-acre parcel, not far from a group of homes. "We knew folks wouldn't want to see it, so we offered to screen it from the start," he said. He spent \$20,000 hiring an "aesthetics expert" and coming up with the plan for plantings—three hundred trees and bushes. Those didn't placate the neighbors, but after six public meetings over the course of a year the town granted it the necessary permits, at which point Hand applied to the state's Public Utilities Commission for a "certificate of public good."

And that's where the process went off the rails.

With the state now in charge, the neighbors issued a reprise of their objections. Their letters are listed in the record: "this is unfair to property owners who will see property devaluation and suffer detraction to their daily life." "This solar array will detract from their view and their pocketbooks due to the decrease in property value. In turn this will drop prices for property and every homeowner."

And fair enough. These are not millionaire second-home owners (of which Manchester has its share); these are just normal people. No one likes change, and solar arrays are not, in and of themselves, beautiful... But as Hand points out, the Manchester land is zoned "mixed use." Any developer could build dozens of condos on the site, or a warehouse, "or a paddle tennis court with 16-foot-high lights."... And if those had been proposed, the state's public utility commission would not have been in a position to do what they did in this case: turn down Hand's proposal, entirely and explicitly on aesthetic grounds.

Their 54-page ruling goes through a long checklist of damage the proposed array won't do: it wouldn't interfere with historical artifacts, it wouldn't "damage public investment," it wouldn't "endanger public health." ... Indeed, the sole and only quibble that the state's hearing examiner raised concerned the appearance of the arrays. And here he had to overrule not only the aesthetics expert that Hand had hired, but also the aesthetics expert designated by the state's own Department of Public Service, who had given his official blessing: "The limited views where the Project will be visible are mitigated by the proposed landscape mitigation plan in conjunction with existing mitigating factors like the relatively short duration of view and highly limited viewshed area. In addition, the Project fits with existing land uses."

Against all that, the commission and their hearing officer ruled instead that because some of the screening trees would be deciduous, views might not be fully blocked in winter; that (like most spots in the Green Mountain State) there was a mountain—in this case Mt. Equinox—in the "viewshed;" that the color scheme of solar panels ("dark or galvanized steel in color") is "out of context with the area;" and that in sum the project would be "offensive or shocking to the average person."

...(The point is) Vermonters, like Americans everywhere, run up large carbon totals driving cars and heating their homes with oil and gas; these all need to be converted to electricity this decade to meet the state's carbon goals. By Hand's estimate, it's a thousand gallons of fossil fuel per Vermonter. So we need more electricity—a lot more. Some can come from rooftops, and some can come from gravel pits, and some is going to need to come from where we can see it...

So it would be better if our leaders—Public Utility Commissioners, say—sympathetically but truthfully explained to people why we need more solar energy. Perhaps they could point out that we've seen more wildfires this year than ever before, that tens of millions of people have already been made refugees by climate change, that the very trees that turn this time of year and make Mt. Equinox so beautiful are at risk because of the rising temperature...

None of this is easy: no one, especially politicians, like telling people that we need to change. That's why it's been so hard not just to build solar panels and wind turbines (which are effectively blocked in Vermont), but to densify housing in cities across the country, even as everyone acknowledges it would help us cope with impossible housing costs and ruinous commutes...

The ultimate irony is that the commissioners did consider climate change in their opinion, ruling tersely that "the project would not result in undue air pollution or greenhouse gas emissions." They'd checked a legal box, and their finding was true enough, but the real point of course is precisely the opposite: such projects are our only real hope of cutting those emissions while we still have time. It would have been right to at least acknowledge that bedrock truth in passing.

Building clean energy is the project of our era on earth. And at some level it really is an aesthetic issue. When we look at a solar panel or a wind turbine, we need to be able to see—and our leaders need to help us see, because that's what leadership involves—that there's something beautiful reflected back out of that silicon: people finally taking responsibility for the impact our lives have on the world and the people around us. We are in an emergency, and an emergency calls for imagination, for literally seeing things in a new way. To hide that truth behind a screen of words is—well, offensive and shocking.



Surrounded by fruit

THREE-YEAR-OLD BEN HARGUS of New York City was visiting Champlain Orchards in Shoreham on Tuesday with his parents when he picked this apple himself. Not finding it to his liking, the little tyke picked a second one and found it more to his tastes.

Independent photo/Steve James

Reaching those who deny science

Science denial has become deadly.

Too many people are defying the most basic health measures that can prevent COVID-19 — vaccines, masking, and social distancing. Some have died while denying its very existence. Many political leaders have failed to support what scientists know to be effective.

Like me, you might be wondering: How did we get here? What can we do? How do we learn to talk to others and make a difference?

Science denial is not new. Galileo lived out his life in house arrest for his heretical claims that the earth revolved around the sun. Now, with the planet in peril and a pandemic raging, it is more important than ever to understand why we sometimes deny, doubt, or resist scientific explanations — and what we can do to overcome these barriers. This is not an "us and them" situation. All of us are susceptible to ways of thinking that can prevent us from accepting scientific findings.

Here are three psychological challenges that can lead to science denial and suggested action steps to address them, in yourself and with others.

Challenge 1: Social identity

People are social beings and tend to align with those who hold similar beliefs and values. Social media and their powerful, unseen algorithms amplify these alliances. You're likely to see more of what you already agree with and fewer alternative points of view. When those in your own social circle share misinformation, you are more likely to believe it and share it. Misinformation multiplies and science denial grows.

Action steps: Recognize that we all have multiple social identities. Listen to others' concerns and try to find common ground. Maybe someone is vaccine-hesitant because so are the mothers in her child's play group, but she is a caring person and community member, concerned about the risk to immunocompromised individuals. When one identity is blocking acceptance of the science, leverage a second identity to make a connection. Two people on opposite sides of the political continuum might have trouble discussing climate change, but if you draw on your common identity as grandparents concerned about the future of the planet you may better hear one another. We can all learn to be caring, compassionate, curious listeners.

Know that very few individuals rely on a single authority for knowledge and expertise. Vaccine hesitancy has been successfully countered by doctors who persuasively contradict erroneous beliefs from social media, as well as by friends who explain why they changed their own minds. Clergy can step forward, and some have offered places of worship as vaccination hubs.

Challenge 2: Cognitive Biases

Each of us is subject to a range of cognitive biases that can distort our understanding of scientific issues. It would be exhausting to be vigilant deep thinkers all the time, and we all take mental shortcuts. Perhaps you see an article online with a clickbait headline or one with alarming claims about vaccines and you share it (See *Ways of Seeing*, Page 5A)

Ways of Seeing

By Barbara Hofer



Some of us prefer to be cooler

According to social media, we have just wrapped up "Hot Girl Summer." I am not a hot girl and consider summer the season of sweating and bugs, so I skipped the trend. As far as I can tell, it was mostly young women "being their best selves" by posting bikini pictures online and pretending the pandemic was over.

While hot girls were radiating confidence by twirling in sundresses, I spent most of the summer pacing, waiting for the chance to finally say those magic words: "Gonna be good sleeping weather tonight." I've reorganized my sock drawer and ceremonially returned our heaviest comforter to its rightful place on our bed.

Fall is here, and I'm loving it.

My enthusiasm for this time of year might sound clichéd, but for me, taking selfies in a corn maze is only part of the appeal. I don't wear

Uggs. I've never had a pumpkin spice latte, if such a thing even exists in Addison County. Yes, the smell of cinnamon makes my heart flutter, but I feel no shame.

Fall has its challenges, of course. The temperatures can swing 30 degrees in as many minutes, leaving me unsure of what to wear. I know the correct answer is "layers," but as a person who runs cold, I tend to overdo it. On a chilly morning, I'll pile on long sleeves and a sweater and heavy socks, only to end up running errands among people wearing flip-flops and tank tops.

I laugh at them for not knowing when to let go of summer, those fools. But later, when I leave the supermarket and flirt with heatstroke while pushing my cart across the sunbaked parking lot, I understand. On the drive home, I have to jam a bag of frozen peas under my thermal henley to keep from passing out.

Then, in another two hours, when the mercury has plummeted, you'll find me lounging on the porch steps in a fleeting patch of sunshine, like an iguana.

I find so many things about fall irresistible. The drop in humidity alone raises my baseline mood index from a 5.0 to an 8.2. And there are sensory pleasures: the smell of fallen leaves, the taste of chicken noodle soup, the sound of tearing open a bag of mini KitKats I secretly know no trick-or-treaters will ever show up for.

A lot of it, I think, comes down to the sensation of feeling protected against the first hints of cold. Keeping warm in winter is serious work, but in the fall the stakes are lower. It's like a game you can win just by pulling on a pair of socks or closing a window.

My enjoyment of fall involves either finding warmth, such as wrapping my hands around a mug of hot apple cider, or anticipating a need for warmth, such as knitting a hat. The season has all the challenges of

(See *Jessie*, Page 5A)

Letters to the Editor

Bill would ease school tax load

Thank you for printing Bram Kleppner's letter urging changes in the education property tax. Our representative Mari Cordes has submitted an excellent bill, H.388, which would relieve the staggering impact of the existing education property tax, especially on seniors and lower income Vermonters.

As many communities struggle to find a way to keep their local schools, and as many homeowners find themselves with crushing tax increases, this bill would help to resolve both urgent problems.

The bill is apparently still in the Ways and Means Committee. Hopefully it will reach a floor vote soon.

Bob Anderson
Bristol

In defense of school closings

Author's note: The following letter to the editor reflects only my views and not the views of the Addison Central School District Board of which I am a member. Also, I was not in the Vermont House when Act 46 was passed.

In last Thursday's *Independent*, Angelo Lynn penned yet another anti-Act 46 and school consolidation editorial for which he provides no substance for his usual unfounded criticisms.

Chief among them is his continued myth that Act 46 has caused discussions about closing schools. It has not. Enrollment declines, per-pupil spending increases and concerns about equity of opportunity have been the reasons why these discussions are taking place. They would be happening with or without Act 46, and, in fact, were and are. If you look at the schools that have closed in the past 10 years, most have taken place in districts that did NOT unify under Act 46. Holland, Windham and Rochester are examples.

Angelo also calls Act 46 "poorly crafted." How is it poorly crafted? Show the reader your case for calling it poorly crafted. ("Show" the reader, don't "tell" the reader" a veteran editor once told me when I was a cub reporter.)

His editorial also offers this backhanded compliment about Act 46: "It is not working poorly in all school districts." If the implication is that it is working poorly here, Angelo remains woefully or willfully uninformed. It has tremendously helped ACSD become an educational leader in Vermont, to assure that all students in ACSD come together under equitable opportunities when they enter middle school, and has provided staff with security knowing that they are part of a much bigger organization rather than a small school that fluctuates its employment year after year — among many other advances. We have become a very attractive district in which to learn and teach.

In the district where Angelo pays his homestead property taxes, the cumulative savings to taxpayers under Act 46 unification has been well in excess of a million dollars (as his property tax bill reflects), in part because they were able to carefully and thoughtfully close two under-enrolled elementary schools. Interestingly, these school closings have escaped his critical pen.

Angelo should also be more up front with *Addison Independent* readers. If he is going to continue to advocate for all schools to stay open at all costs, then he should boldly say that Vermont taxpayers have an obligation to support this. He needs to be honest that it means per pupil spending in ACSD might surpass \$20,000 and that Vermonters should support statewide spending of nearly \$2 billion for 85,000 kids (and dropping). And boldly state that there is no better place to spend these extra tax dollars.

It is easy to criticize when you offer no solutions, and when you say nothing of the consequences.

Peter Conlon
Cornwall

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Letters to the Editor

Districts' central office bloat, coaches criticized

I have worked as an educator for over 50 years, and I have seen a lot of less-than-stellar ideas, but nothing like what is happening right now. Towns in the Mount Abraham Unified School District (and elsewhere) are in a fight for their very existence. They realize that schools are far more than learning centers. They are critical places where community gets built.

Superintendents and school boards whose very job is to do what is best for *all* its students seem to have become the nemesis. If Lt. Gov. Molly Gray recognizes that it will be very hard to create an attraction for young families to move to towns if they don't have schools (*Addison Independent*, July 29), why can't MAUSD Superintendent Patrick Reen and the MAUSD board? As a New Haven resident, why should I even be allowed to vote on what Lincoln does as it valiantly struggles to keep its school. Stop the merger with Addison Northwest School District! We can't even get our own district straightened out!

It is disingenuous to rename Lincoln and Starksboro elementary schools innovation centers. Think of the lost learning time and transportation costs alone. For years at Monkton, I was evaluated on how much time my students were spending on task.

Our pupils were working while the high school students were still riding the buses to Mt. Abe and meandering to their classes. The reverse was true at the end of the day. In a year, that minimum of one hour daily translated to almost six weeks less of classroom time. But wait, it gets even more ridiculous. Now put a six-year-old on a bus (who may have already spent 45 minutes riding from the hillsides), bus him to Monkton or Bristol and that's an hour. Now bus him back to Lincoln or Starksboro so he can "innovate" and then back to Monkton or Bristol so he can now spend another hour riding home! Look at the long bus rides for ACSD (Aug. 19); that doesn't even count moving little kids to another town!

As if the fight is not hard enough for these small towns, they no longer have local school boards standing up for them. Something has gone wrong; this is not what we were sold. The one existing board has forgotten to question constantly; it is the superintendent's job to provide answers. End all those executive sessions!

The central office feels like a monolithic black hole where no one "owns" anything, yet it has amassed incredible power. Control of education used to be in local schools, now it's through the central office. How

many people actually are central office personnel? There are endless managers, supervisors, coordinators, and directors. Before you take away our teachers and schools, cut the people who do not work with kids. I remember when Superintendent Keith Hall, Assistant Betty Farr, and co-workers (about one-third the size of today's central office) were so aptly able to manage the needs of twice today's student body. These professionals put the needs of the students first, could tell you where every penny went, and allowed teachers to ask questions and to provide input into programs and services for kids.

It is imperative that before our schools are closed that we, as taxpayers, know where our money has and continues to go. When local school boards had large costs, they clearly appeared in the report and had to be defended. When all costs and expenses go through a central office they seem to merge into a never-never land and no one owns them. It would be interesting to know how much has been spent on such things as attorney fees in the last decade. There are high costs every time an IEP or 504 plan is not followed, an unwanted superintendent is bought out, or an attorney is hired to negotiate with teachers and brags that he is going to screw (See *Fournier letter*, Page 7A)

Rawls: Justice is fairness

American philosopher considered equal treatment for all

40th in a series

In 1971, Harvard University Press published "A Theory of Justice." Its author was a professor of philosophy at Harvard, John Rawls (1921–2002). It is a work of profound scholarship, and, during the half century since its publication, it has become a classic, or, at the very least, a classic of political liberalism. I will conclude this series of essays on the life of the mind in America with a brief account of it, for although Rawls's book was written for scholars and not the general public, its theme concerns us all.



The Life of the Mind in America

An essay by Victor Nuovo Middlebury College professor emeritus of philosophy

To begin with, Rawls takes it as given that all of us human beings are born or created free and equal; also that we are social animals, fashioned by nature to live in communities;

further, that we are all rational beings capable of knowing truth and of distinguishing truth from falsehood, right from wrong. Because we are rational social animals, we are committed to living together according to the rule of law, and so we, the people, have founded our civil society upon a fundamental law that provides basic rights and liberties to all persons, all of whom it declares are free and equal; this law is subject to amendment and improvement so that over time our common life might be made more just, and our civil society grow to be more perfect and more lasting, for civil societies are living entities whose nourishment is truth and justice, whereas lies and injustices are poisons that kill it. As Rawls put it, "Justice is the first virtue or excellence of social institutions, just as truth is of systems of thought."

So, what is justice? It is neither a Platonic idea nor a divine truth sent down from heaven. It is a principle of common sense, a pragmatic principle. William James would have approved. Justice is the sort of principle that finite beings, rational social animals, ordinary human beings, might come up with when deliberating together how to constitute themselves into a civil society. Under what sort of rule should they live? These framers of a fundamental law do not

dwell in ivory towers, rather they have both feet on the ground, trying to decide what sort of rules would make it possible for them to live together in peace; being just is for them an existential matter, a matter of being or not being. It is also for us.

Before getting into details, these framers of a fundamental law must decide upon a basic principle upon which their system of government, its structure, institutions and laws, is to be founded. It must be taken as given that the blessings of liberty must be made available to everyone without exception to realize and enjoy; from which it follows all persons be treated fairly; from which it follows that justice is fairness.

This is the thesis of Rawls's book: justice is fairness. And the reason why Rawls's theory has been so widely and enthusiastically acclaimed is because its thesis seems self evident, so that one need not go through the long and tedious argument that Rawls presents to justify it. As social beings, we all desire to be treated fairly by every authority, especially by our government, and by each other. Who would take exception with this?

But it is not enough to declare that justice is fairness. Since it is a practical principle, we must determine how it is to be applied to all without exception, for ours is a democratic civil society.

So, how is justice to be applied? Rawls had less interest in how justice would work in an ideal society, than in how it works in American society as it currently exists. Thus, he observed that even though our law declares that we are all free and equal, economically and socially we are not in fact all equal. We are not all rich, nor do we all have the same social and economic advantages. And although through taxation there is some redistribution of wealth, it is not enough to overcome inequality. And although we have no hereditary privileged class, wealth and education are not equally provided to all; not everyone enjoys the benefit of education at elite institutions, or the social connections that

will give them an advantage over poorer, less well-connected students. These inequalities are unjust, but it would require a revolution and complete remaking of our civil society to rectify them.

Rawls's way of addressing these inequalities is not revolutionary but progressive. It has two parts. The first part is an affirmation of the principle of equal rights. He calls for the enactment of "the most extensive of rights and liberties compatible with a system of equal rights for all." According to this principle or rule, American society must advance on a path towards full equality. But equality does not give anyone the right to infringe upon the liberty or well-being of others. For example, it does not give one the right not to be vaccinated or not to wear a mask, because this supposed right impinges on the right of others to be safe. The same applies to the right to bear arms. Because guns are lethal weapons, no one has the right to carry them in public places in a manner that may be threatening to others. It applies also to speech, for words can cause harm. For example, we are not free to utter racial slurs.

The second is a principle of equal opportunity; it is a method of compensation whereby the less advantaged are provided with the greater benefits, which will gain them the equal and in some instances greater advantage. It's all right for the rich to get richer, but only if it does not cause the poor to get poorer, only if they get richer too. It is all right to amass wealth, but only if a significant portion of that wealth is used to benefit the poor and disadvantaged, so that they too can enjoy the benefits of prosperity. The purpose of taxation is a fair redistribution of wealth. The policy of affirmative action in giving disadvantaged persons preference in opportunities for employment is another application of Rawls's principle. It's only fair. Hence, it's the right thing to do.

I could write more. But I want to conclude this essay with a tribute. In 1971, the late Stanley Bates joined the faculty of Middlebury College. For almost a quarter century, we were colleagues, and we became close friends. Stanley had been a student of John Rawls at Harvard. He not only understood Rawls's theory of justice, he lived it. He taught me a great deal, for which I will be always grateful.

Ways of Seeing

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because you assume it is true, want it to be, or think it is funny. Maybe you ignore articles that contradict what you think.

Action Steps: Instead of sharing that article without vetting it, learn to slow your thinking down. Monitor the quick, intuitive responses that psychologists call System 1 thinking. Instead turn on the rational, analytical mind of System 2 and ask yourself, how do I know this is true? Is it plausible? Why do I think it is true? Do some fact-checking and read laterally across sites. System 1 is great when you need to brake quickly, but not when you're trying to decide whether to take Ivermectin to treat COVID. Learn not to immediately accept information that aligns with what you already believe, what is called confirmation bias.

Challenge 3: Understanding and valuing how science works

Science education often focuses on learning facts, with too little attention to how science is conducted. Some people may expect scientific knowledge to always be certain and might not understand that scientific findings change as more evidence is gathered. They may be distrustful

of how public health policy shifted around COVID-19, but a "novel" coronavirus is just that — new, unique, not previously studied. Remember wiping down groceries at the outset, and then learning it wasn't necessary? That's not because scientists were "flip-flopping," but because they learned that the main route of transmission is through airborne droplets from an infected person.

Action steps: Recognize that other people (or possibly even you) may be operating with misguided beliefs about science. Work toward adopting and promoting a scientific attitude: an openness to seeking new evidence and a willingness to change one's mind in light of new evidence. If you're a teacher or parent, teach the value of science and scientific processes.

Know the difference between denial and skepticism. Healthy productive skepticism is valued by scientists and a part of the scientific process. When you read a catchy headline that eating chocolate early in the day burns fat, take note that it's a single study with 19 participants, and hold off on spreading chocolate on your toast until you see considerable

confirmation.

When you read that the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has issued a report based on more than 14,000 studies concluding that the rise in global temperatures is attributable to burning fossil fuels, know that this is settled science. We are losing time to act on the most critical issues facing the planet. Be wary of those with vested interests who try to sow doubt.

Vote for those who support science and who make policy decisions based on science. We have significant problems to solve in this world that depend on your actions.

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Jessie

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fighting the elements but without the threat of frostbite, which takes a lot of the fun out of it.

And while many people curse the changes that are coming, like turning the clocks back, I embrace the impending darkness. At last, I can focus on my favorite activity — cocooning — without feeling judged by people who think staying home all the time is antisocial.

I mean, of course it's antisocial, but in the best way. The darker it gets, the less likely friends are to badger me with demands, like "Let's meet up for coffee."

Fall brings me as close as I can get to my dream life as a woodland creature in an English children's book. In that world, I live under a tree in a snug little home featuring dark walls and low ceilings, where I sip endless pots of hot tea by a glowing fireplace.

But don't get the impression that my affection for fall and its associated coziness means I'm not busy. Last weekend, I stacked firewood, finished a project on my spinning wheel, baked my third apple pie of the season and made beeswax candles. I'm over here prepping for winter like I'm the reincarnation of Ma Freaking Ingalls.

I hope all of you who celebrated Hot Girl Summer had a great time rocking your sunglasses and lip

gloss and jumping off docks or whatever it was you did. Just be aware that, at least in my world, Hot Girl Summer has given way to Older Woman Fall.

It's my time now.

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Obituaries

Carolyn "Connie" R. Loizeaux, 97, of Sudbury

SUDBURY — Carolyn "Connie" R. Loizeaux, age 97, passed peacefully on Sunday, Sept. 19, 2021, at her home in Sudbury, Vt.

Connie was born in Buffalo, N.Y., on Jan. 13, 1924 to Harmon "Rosie" and Grace (Spencer) Rosenkrans. She moved to Plainfield, N.J., in 1926. After graduating from Plainfield High School in 1942, she attended Plainfield School of Art, the Art Institute of Buffalo, and the Grand Central School of Art in New York City. She then attended William & Mary College in Williamsburg, Va., and the Art Students League of New York City.

On Oct. 2, 1945, she married her high school sweetheart and World War II P-38 pilot, Richard Cronkite Loizeaux. After living in Plainfield, N.J. for 17 years, in 1962 they moved to Greenrange Farm in Sudbury, where Connie worked the farm with her husband. They retired in 1987 and moved to a home they built overlooking the farm they loved.

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CAROLYN "CONNIE" R.
LOIZEAUX

her life fruitful. In the first season, she was a budding dancer and proficient oil and watercolor artist, with professional potential in both fields. In her second season, she was a happy 1950s suburban homemaker with four active children, a big garden, and service at her local church. In her third season, she found fulfillment as a farmer's wife raising her own food, baling hay, nurturing calves, and playing piano for the Whiting

Community Church Sunday School. In the fourth season of her life Connie found joy in competitive swimming with Dick, serving as an active member of Brandon Baptist Church; but her greatest joy, second to her husband, came from her four married children (Donna Wilson, Richard "Dick" Loizeaux, Peter Loizeaux, and Denise Walton), 13 grandchildren, and 27 great-grandchildren.

Friends were invited to call at the Miller & Ketcham Funeral Home in Brandon on Saturday, Sept. 25, from 1-3 p.m.

The funeral service will be held at 1 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 13, at Brandon Baptist Church. Pastor Bob Bove will officiate. The graveside committal service and burial will follow in the family lot at Pine Hill Cemetery in Brandon.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to "The 3rd Choice" at www.the3rdchoice.org, or mailed to 230 Briarhurst Road, Williamsville, NY 14221.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Miller & Ketcham Funeral Home in Brandon. ◊

George Drummond Bathgate, 94, formerly of Orwell

PEACH TREE CITY, Ga. — George Drummond Bathgate, 94, passed away on Thursday, Sept. 16, 2021, in the Fayetteville Center for Nursing and Healing. He was a resident at Ashley Glen Senior Living, in Peachtree City, Ga., for the past two years.

He was a beloved father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Born in West Haven, Conn., on July 3, 1927, he was the only surviving son of a strong and disciplined military man. George had a full and varied life. He joined the U.S. Navy on his 17th birthday in 1944 to fight in World War II, and served in the Pacific Theater until the end of the war. He then reenlisted, but this time, following in his father's footsteps, he joined the Army.

With his strong background in electricity from working with his father, the Army put him in the Army Air Corp. When he again reenlisted, he made sure they kept him in the Army, where he stayed for many years, both active and reserve, until he retired as a Sargent Major. However, he always spoke of his time in the Air Force. After leaving the active Army, George settled in to raise his family in Connecticut as a "beat cop" in New Haven, Conn., often doing undercover work. After several years, he moved

GEORGE DRUMMOND
BATHGATE

up to become a Connecticut State Trooper, where he was also one of their scuba divers, and eventually Constable of his home town of Bethany, Conn.

In later years he remarried and moved to Vermont, which he fell in love with, and spent 40-plus years there. He spent many years as Zoning Administrator of Orwell, Vt. George loved the outdoors and his family. All his grandchildren and great-grandchildren loved visiting his lovely farm in Vermont and hearing his "Grandpa Stories," and with 94 years' worth he had volumes to tell.

George also loved history, boy how he loved history, and his Scottish ancestry. In 2019, his health brought him to Peachtree City, Ga., to be close to his oldest daughter, Sandra, his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He truly loved living at Ashley Glen and telling his stories to his new friends.

George was preceded in death by his parents, Jack and Helen Bathgate; his wife, June Earley Bathgate; his former wife, Jean Streeter Bathgate; his sisters, Olive Dawson, Helen Busher and Elizabeth Verdini. He is survived by his sister Shirley Driscoll; his daughters, Sandra (Frank) Destadio, Cynthia (Tom) Stankus, Shelley (Chris) Shields, and Lori McCord; his grandchildren, Michelle Pickrell, Karie (Mike) Barnes, Christine (Rusty) Ard, Amy (Brian) Lauda, Abiram (Michelle) Bathgate, and Giorgia Shields; his stepchildren, Sandy (David) Martin, Mark Falcone, and Laura Falquero; and his step grandchildren, Josh Martin, Jessie Martin, and Emma Falquero. He was also a proud and loving great-grandfather of eleven.

A memorial at Holy Trinity Catholic Church will be announced in the near future to honor this strong and faithful man. He will eventually be interred in Vermont next to his wife, June. ◊

Rodney Jermiah DeGray, 89, of Salisbury

SALISBURY — Rodney Jermiah DeGray, 89, passed away on Sept. 21, 2021, at his residence in Salisbury, surrounded by his beloved family.

He was born Feb. 9, 1932, in Middlebury, the son of George and Alfreda (Counter) DeGray.

Rodney was a graduate of Middlebury High School class of 1951. He joined the United States Army, serving in the Korean War. He was a lifetime member of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Rodney was a dedicated employee for over 50 years at Middlebury College, starting as a dishwasher and working his way to chef then retiring as Dining Services Assistant Director. At his retirement in 2002, Rodney was the first Middlebury College staff member to complete 50 years of service. At that time, his service was one-quarter of the College's 200-year lifetime. After his retirement as a full-time employee, Rodney continued as a part-time consultant to Middlebury Dining Services.

He was a man of few words but had a great love of speaking about his daughters and grandchildren. He was proud of his family, but



RODNEY JERMAH DEGRAY

his pride and joy were his three grandchildren. He enjoyed bowling and was an avid Boston Red Sox and New York Giants fan. He also enjoyed spending time with friends at the Middlebury Legion in the afternoons.

Survivors are his wife Beverly (Dragon) DeGray; his daughters Kim DeGray and her husband Charlie Liberty, and Tae DeGray and her husband Justin Allen; by his cherished granddaughters Brooke Warner and her partner Kayla Fitchette, and Shelby Monica.

Rodney is also survived by his

siblings, Joseph DeGray, Gerry DeGray and Deniele Hayford, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Rodney was predeceased by his beloved first grandchild, and only grandson, Jeremiah Warner. Jeremiah was the light of his life, and the two shared a very special bond.

He was also predeceased by his parents and his brothers Ellsworth DeGray and George DeGray.

A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m., Friday, Oct. 1, at St. Mary's Catholic Church. The Rev. Luke Austin will be the celebrant. Burial will follow in Prospect Cemetery in East Middlebury.

A celebration of his life will follow at the American Legion in Middlebury. All are welcome.

In lieu of flowers, a donation may be made to the Salisbury Volunteer Fire Department. Address P.O. Box 658, East Middlebury, VT 05740.

The family would like to thank Dr. Gavin Noble, Dr. Natasha Withers, Porter Hospital Nursing Staff, and Home Health and Hospice.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Sanderson-Ducharme. ◊

Janet M. Skoville, 59, of Palm Bay, Fla.

PALM BAY, Fla. — Janet M. Skoville, 59, of Palm Bay, Fla., died at home of natural causes on Aug. 29, 2021. Janet was predeceased by her parents, George Scoville and Kathryn (Provanca Scoville) Vaughn (originally from Monkton), and her sister Cheryl. She is survived by her brother Tim Scoville of Maryland. Born April 22, 1962, in Glens Falls, N.Y., Janet moved to Merritt Island, Fla., in 1972. She served in the U.S. Army for 10 years, deploying to Europe and Iraq during Operation Desert Storm. Janet then moved to Maryland and worked in telecommunications before returning to Florida in 2012.



GLENNA E. (OBER) KIMBALL EMMONS

Glenna E. (Ober) Kimball Emmons, 89, of Bristol

BRISTOL — Glenna E. (Ober) Kimball Emmons, 89, of Bristol, Vt., passed away on Sept. 15, 2021.

Glenna was born in Lincoln, Vt., to Edward N. Ober and Dorothy A. (Scofield) Ober. She leaves three daughters, Tisa E. Gurnee of Middlebury, Vt.; Tena E. Fraser of Bristol, Vt.; and Tanya E. Combs of Essex Jct., Vt. She also leaves two grandchildren and two great-

grandchildren.

She will be laid to rest in Greenwood cemetery in Bristol. She wished for no memorial service. Donations may be sent in Glenna's memory to Bayada Hospice, 2517 Shelburne Rd, Ste 1, Shelburne, VT 05482 and/or to the wonderful caretakers at the non-profit Our Lady of Providence, 47 West Spring St., Winooski, VT 05404. ◊



JUNE A. OLSON

June A. Olson, 89, of New Haven

NEW HAVEN — June A. Olson, age 89, passed away on Sept. 20, 2021, at her home in New Haven, Vt., where she had lived the last four years with her daughter Susan and family.

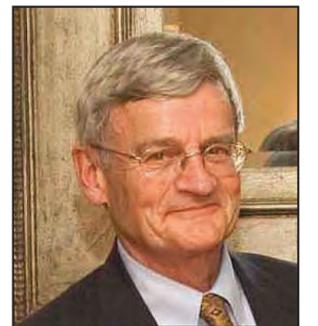
June was born June 16, 1932, in Randolph, N.Y., one of 10 children born to Cora Estelle (Grant) and Leon Victor Hettenbaugh.

June was a championship bowler in her younger years and loved fishing, gardening, sewing and spending time with family. She gifted many family members with her beautiful quilts.

Surviving June are her daughter Susan Angier and family of New

Haven, Vt.; her son James Olson and family of Fiskdale, Mass.; stepdaughter Gloria Beckwith of Boynton, Va.; two daughters-in-law, Tanis Olson of Bristol, Vt., and Connie Olson of Peoria, Ariz.; and several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. June was predeceased by her husband, Robert M. Olson in 2004; a son, Steven Olson in 2006; two stepsons, Bruce Olson and Robert D. Olson; and all her siblings.

At June's request there will be no formal memorial service. Sincere thanks to the Hospice nurses and a special thank you to granddaughter and nurse Molly M. ◊



KARL W. NEUSE

Karl W. Neuse
celebration of life

MIDDLEBURY — A service in celebration of the life of Karl Werner Neuse, who passed away on Sept. 14, 2021, will be held on Saturday, Oct. 16, at 10:30 a.m., at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church on the Village Green, 3 Main Street, Middlebury.

Following the service the family will gather in the church memorial garden for private committal of his ashes. The family asks that masks be worn if attending the service in person. An invitation to the Zoom link may be obtained by emailing or calling the parish office at StStephensmiddlebury@gmail.com or 802-388-7200.

After leaving the church or Zoom service, all are invited to continue the celebration and greet the family at the Waybury Inn, Route 125, East Middlebury. ◊

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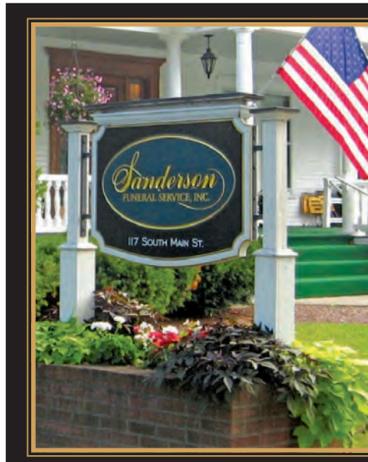
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Memorial Service

LINCOLN — David Peirce, 72, of Lincoln, Vt., died Sunday, Aug. 15, at home peacefully from natural causes. A memorial service has been planned for Saturday, Oct. 2, at 11 a.m. at the Congregational Church of Middlebury, located at 2 Main Street, in Middlebury. Arrangements by Middlebury Floral and Gifts.

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ADDISON COUNTY

Obituaries

Larry Wayne Curavoo, 62, of Orwell

ORWELL — Larry Wayne Curavoo, age 62, passed away Sunday, Sept. 26, 2021, at Rutland Regional Hospital.

Mr. Curavoo was born in Burlington on Dec. 8, 1958. He was the son of Frederick and Gladys (Dupree) Curavoo Sr. He grew up in Bristol, where he received his education in local Bristol schools. He served in the United States Army in Germany from 1975 until 1977. Upon his return from military service he began his career as a carpenter. He worked for several years for the John Russell Corp., and afterwards for many years for Bud Carpenter Construction in Orwell. He later worked as his own boss doing what he loved: Carpentry.

He enjoyed hunting and fishing.

He is survived by two daughters, Ashlee Curavoo and Brittney Carter; two brothers, Frederick Curavoo Jr. and Barry Curavoo; three sisters, Betty Atkins, Kay Ann Desjardon and Susan Curavoo; and his granddaughter, Autumn Bell. He was predeceased by his parents and three brothers, Lloyd, Wayne and Alfred Curavoo. Several nieces, nephews and cousins also survive him.

Respecting his wishes, there will be no public funeral service.

Memorial gifts in lieu of flowers may be made, in his memory to The Larry Curavoo Memorial Fund, c/o Miller & Ketcham, 26 Franklin St. Brandon, VT 05733.0



LARRY WAYNE CURAVOO

Letters to the Editor

Multi-sided school closure coverage appreciated

Dear Addy Indy,
Thank you for continuing your in-depth coverage of the issues surrounding the dwindling population and the need for school closures.

I especially appreciated David Sharpe's concern for equity in the recent article "What does 'local control' Mean?" He said, "What we are saying that is very distressful for me is that relatively wealthy communities that have placed a high value on education

are opting out." I attended several Zoom meetings before the Weybridge School vote. I learned that Weybridge is one of the wealthiest towns as determined by the percentage of students eligible for free lunch.

It saddened me to have to vote; I did not like either choice. But the plan to send Weybridge students to Mary Hogan was not unreasonable. I believed Weybridge kids would continue

to do well wherever they were. However, it seemed to me that the rest of the district would clearly suffer if Weybridge were to opt out. In the end I felt loyalty to the district and to the greater good.

I do believe in public schools, and also in the importance of addressing issues of equity. Thank you reporters, for helping us look at all sides of a complicated dilemma.

Susan Humphrey
Weybridge

Not all anti-racist signs seen as created equal

I am writing in response to Joanna Colwell's letter to the editor on Sept. 9, 2021 ("MUHS should fly the BLM flag"), in which she passively/aggressively refers to her "dear neighbors" and then shames them by accusing them of "denial and gaslighting of our Black and Brown neighbors." How many people will now look for these "Racism Has No Home Here" signs and assume that they are gaslighting people Ms. Colwell is referring to when she states, "What is it about this simple statement, 'Black Lives Matter' that makes so many white people anxious and upset? What makes us want to stay neutral in the face of injustice?"

I do not find anything neutral about the statement "Racism Has No Home Here," nor does it strike me as turning a blind eye to injustice. It is a powerful statement. Maybe that is why this sign has never been stolen as Ms. Colwell states in her letter. Could the reason that her sign has been stolen "multiple times" be because the first sign is inclusive of everyone and the second sign has a color attached to it? There are people who feel that when you attach a color to anything it becomes exclusive. Inclusive

means "not excluding any of the parties or groups involved in something." White people are a part of that something and if you continue to shame and bully them, they will not want to join your "train." These are hot button issues that have real legitimacy, but shaming people and assuming they are doing nothing serves no purpose.

I don't know, I didn't steal her sign and I haven't spoken with anyone who has, but I am a firm believer in having one race ... the human race. United we stand, divided we fall. There are many people who have causes that they support and invest their time and energy in and are quiet and unpretentious about it. Ms. Colwell has no idea what her neighbors do or don't do with their time and money. Perhaps they have Native, Hispanic or Asian relatives who are also struggling and they are offended by a sign that does not include them, even though the struggles might be similar.

While I am in no way suggesting that racism doesn't exist, I also feel that Ms. Colwell's statement "Black and Brown neighbors who have experienced plenty of racism in our polite

and progressive community" is an insult to so many people who go out of their way to try and be inclusive to all human beings. To assume that if we are not flying a flag we are doing nothing is not a very neighborly way to act. There are many groups and individuals in our community that work tirelessly to help all people in need.

If the Black Lives Matter flag flies at our local high school, then in order to be fair and inclusive to all human beings and their causes, you are going to have to open it up to Native Lives Matter, Hispanic Lives Matter, Asian Lives Matter, Blue Lives Matter or anything else that deeply matters to someone.

This could be a wonderful teaching moment for students at the high school. They could put together a panel of "fly" or "don't fly" with representatives from every class in the high school, give them a history credit for their work and have them do extensive research into what works with race issues and what doesn't work and then present their findings to the student body and the administration.

Heidi Recupero
Ripton

Delta variant makes masking up more necessary

Since the pandemic began I have felt lucky to live in the state with the highest vaccination rates in the country. However, the present surge in cases in Vermont, partly due to the Delta variant, is troubling, and I believe preventable. I recognize that Vermont is offering multiple sites for testing and vaccinations, which is laudable; however, this is not currently enough to slow the COVID rates down.

The current rates of illness — and deaths in Vermont — are at or near an all-time high. Hospitalizations and deaths are increasing. Phil Scott's philosophy seems to be, people are sensible and there is no need to mandate masks. Appeals from health experts and some school districts have not made a difference thus far.

I do not believe 100+ infections in children in our schools in just a few weeks since school opened is acceptable. In fact, it is heartbreaking. I do believe that many still believe that the CDC's statement at the beginning of the summer that those who are vaccinated can be safe in almost any situation without masks no longer holds. The current advice from the CDC for fully vaccinated people: "To reduce being infected

by the Delta variant, wear a mask indoors if you are in an area of substantial of high transmission."

If we truly wish to save lives, there should be a mask mandate indoors. This currently applies to Addison County, which has "substantial" transmission. The elderly, partially vaccinated people, and those with compromised immune systems are particularly at risk. I also believe that unvaccinated people may be most likely not to be wearing masks indoors.

Let us do everything we can to slow the infections and deaths by mandating everyone to wear masks indoors, or in any other crowded situation that can put people at risk. The CDC also recommends that people not attend large events.

The sooner we ask for something as simple as masking up for a trip to the grocery store, theater, or school setting, the sooner we can put this pandemic in the rear-view mirror.

Molly Fitzpatrick
Middlebury

Fournier letter

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them while his meter is running. If you have two central office administrators tag-team a new principal advocating that a student with challenges be sent out of the district, the costs go up and get "lost." When administrators fail to complete and submit paperwork in a timely fashion, we taxpayers pay a penalty. Although I can't recall the details, colleagues remember an in-service announcement of a \$300,000 "oops!" Central office hired UVM at \$10,000 to argue that individual support personnel were not necessary. This has since been applied to program supports even while contradictory evidence and common sense counters that. Did the central office really need such a high rent space and all that new furniture? Unbelievably, an architect has now been hired to create a central office space in New Haven.

Years ago, we teachers in this district volunteered to come in during the summer to discuss math programs only to find out weeks later the decision had long been made and materials already ordered. So pardon me if I feel a bit jaded learning that close to \$100,000 is now being spent so that a consultant hired by the superintendent will weigh the best school-closing plan. There should not be any school closing plans! Representative Caleb Elder writes eloquently about a historic influx

of federal aid while the excess spending threshold has been eliminated for FY 22 and FY 23 (Independent, June 3). Even more is coming since that article.

We need open and honest discussions, to know where money continues to be wasted, a superintendent who is expected to answer all questions, and teachers who are allowed a voice. My colleagues remember when Mr. Reen, as a Bristol teacher, vociferously demanded answers, respect, better pay and a role in the decision process. Yet, newspaper articles and numerous individuals tell of the difficulty of getting answers from him.

Now more than ever, in these crazy times of COVID and dysfunctional governments, humans need relationships. Caring teachers and good support personnel are invaluable. Yet, at great expense, schools have moved to a totally disconnected model of coaches who, for the most part, are not allowed to work with kids. They are supposed to help teachers improve by finding articles for them to read. Many of the coaches are far less experienced than the classroom teachers. As one teacher opined, "I have never been given advice from any coach that I hadn't already known by my second year of teaching." Others describe watching coaches text with friends while "waiting" for some teacher

to request help. I remember my colleague telling me about a young student that faced many challenges. Support personnel working with him could have made a world of difference. But since each highly paid coach has replaced about three lower paid support people, the teacher received an article to read.

According to ZipRecruiter, the average coach makes \$65,122 with top earners at \$106,500. That could translate to around \$8,000,000 of hard earned Vermont taxpayer money. Preliminary studies indicate that coaching models have largely failed to produce the hoped-for results. How many coaches are in Addison County?

There is a lot to look at and prioritize before our schools are closed. As Mr. Elder says, wouldn't it be wonderful to use our extra space for community schools and add such things as childcare and human services to make a difference? Rent out space. Defray costs. Let's cut the central office bloat, eliminate personnel who do not work with kids, and save our schools to save our towns. Let the boards know how you feel. Tax money is too hard to come by; let's spend it directly helping kids in the most efficient manner possible.

Donna Fournier
New Haven

Restaurants can get by with limited staff, offerings

I have been in the food service for many a year, having graduated from the Culinary Institute of America in 1977, and I've worked as a line cook, chef and manager, over and over. It is with interest that I notice that restaurants seem to have trouble keeping help. This is not surprising, as it's a hot and fast job in the kitchen and a fast and customer relations one on the floor.

I do wonder, though, why restaurants feel that they need more help in staying open than other small businesses. All personally-owned businesses have been struggling over the last year and a half. Some have had to close; some have remained barely open. The state's desire to have all base salaries zoom up is understandable; however, it will probably put businesses out

of business, as the independent business owners won't be able to pay the salaries.

As I said, I worked in the hospitality industry for a long time, and one doesn't get rich doing it. There seem to be a lot of people living happily off of unemployment this last year and now that the free ride is over, they're going to probably have to go back to the jobs that they had before as they aren't qualified to do anything else. But it has to happen.

My suggestion to restaurant owners at this point is to work with the staff that you have. This means that if you have two servers on the floor and chef/owner, one cook and one dishwasher in the back of the house, then all customers have to have a reservation. This way, each of your servers will have a finite number of tables to serve

well, while the kitchen will put out quality meals for a smaller number of patrons.

I realize that this does not really pay the bills, but it will enable you to stay open while serving quality food and offering quality service. Works for take-out as well — smaller is better! It will be very tempting to have wanderers come in to the restaurant without a reservation and to seat them, but if you don't have the staff, that's it. Both the front and the back of the house have struggles of their own, believe me: dropped plates, burned entrees, etc., in the back, while the servers have to deal with irate or snotty customers in the front and messed up orders that aren't their fault. If you work together you should be able to stay open.

Carolyn Van Vleck
Brandon

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ZOE NOBLE AND ASTRID OLSEN

Students named to National Merit Program

MIDDLEBURY — Two Middlebury Union High School students, Zoe Noble of Middlebury and Astrid Olsen of Cornwall, have been named Semifinalists in the 2022 National Merit Scholarship Program.

About 16,000 semifinalists throughout the nation are

being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. These academically talented high school seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 7,500 National Merit Scholarships worth more than \$30 million that will be offered next spring.

To be considered for a Merit

Scholarship award, semifinalists must fulfill several requirements to advance to the finalist level of the competition. About 95% of the semifinalists are expected to attain finalist standing, and approximately half of the finalists will win a National Merit Scholarship, earning the Merit Scholar title.

Bald Mountain Theater is calling for contributors

ROCHESTER — Bald Mountain Theater is calling for submissions for its annual Krampusnacht show, a celebration of both the light and the dark.

Anyone who would like to contribute to one of the theater's most popular yearly events can submit a piece no more than two pages long dealing with some of the darker aspects of the winter solstice season. Previous Krampusnacht shows

featured horror stories, tales of family dynamics around the holiday season, urban legends, and stories about finding hope in the darkness. Humor is always welcome. Drawing inspiration from real life and then adding an element of the magical is particularly fitting with Bald Mountain Theater's brand. There is no need to write them in script form as they will be read aloud. Organizers say they are looking

to fill the show with stories, but would also very much welcome submissions of poems, songs, folk tales, or even ideas about what viewers would like to see in a show dealing with Krampusnacht themes and the time of year.

Submission deadline is Monday, Nov. 15. Performance dates are Friday, Dec. 3, and Saturday, Dec. 4. Email submissions to baldmountaintheater@gmail.com.

Rock throwing man calmed by cops

MIDDLEBURY — On Sunday, Sept. 26, Middlebury police spoke with and calmed a man who reportedly threw rocks at a low-flying helicopter that was inspecting power lines. Police said the man was upset that the helicopter had been flying "for a prolonged period of time over his house with no prior notice given."

Police also reported that no rocks struck the helicopter.

In other incidents between Sept. 20 and 26, Middlebury police:

On Sept. 20:

- Went to Button Bay Road in Ferrisburgh to help Vermont State Police with an intoxicated male reportedly armed with a large knife who had threatened other people at the house. State police charged the man with domestic assault.

- Responded to an accident at the intersection of Foote Street and Route 7.

- Notified the dog warden of a dog reported to be running loose near Danyow Drive and Rogers Road.

- Checked the welfare of a student on Valley View Road.

- Investigated a broken window in a Middlebury Union High School hallway.

- Checked on a vehicle with an open door parked in an abandoned lot off Exchange Street.

On Sept. 21:

- Checked the area of Washington Street and Painter Road after a report of a possibly intoxicated and injured person. No one was found.

- Responded to an accident with injuries at Academy and College streets.

- Served a temporary restraining order to a Court Street resident.

- Helped a man who was confused about having his vehicle secured by family members for safety reasons.

- Dealt with a car accident on College Street.

- Checked the welfare of a high school student.

- Served two no-trespass orders in the Court Street area.

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- Issued Court Diversion paperwork to a student after school staff found the student in possession of tobacco and marijuana paraphernalia.

- Took a report of a car driving past a stopped school bus on Seymour Street.

On Sept. 22:

- Dealt with an accident at Court and Monroe streets.

- Looked into larceny from an unlocked vehicle parked on Court Street.

- Dealt with a minor accident on College Street.

- Served a local resident with court documents on Merchants Row.

- Handled a car accident on Merchants Row.

- Arrested James E. Bryant, 41, of Rutland on an outstanding warrant and lodged him at the Marble Valley Regional Correctional Facility. Police had responded to a request from the Middlebury Natural Foods Co-Op for help with an intoxicated and belligerent customer.

- On Sept. 23:

- Looked into the possible theft of mail on Route 7 South.

- Checked out a report of a traffic hazard on Quarry Road.

- Took a report of two backpacks stolen from Middlebury College.

- Responded to a report of a man acting suspicious near Creek Road. Police found no one.

- Began an investigation into possible child abuse at a Court Street address; the investigation in ongoing.

- Went to North Pleasant Street to assist the Counseling Service of Addison County with a troublesome patient.

- On Court Street issued diversion paperwork to a minor who had consumed alcohol.

- Cited to Dylan P. Hughes, 30, of South Burlington for driving

with a suspended license following a traffic stop on Court Street.

On Sept. 24:

- Transported a suicidal female to Porter Hospital for a mental health evaluation.

- Responded to a report of a vehicle being operating erratically on Cady Road.

- Investigated a noise complaint on Valley View Drive.

- Notified the dog warden that a Maple Court caller had reported dogs were harassing her chickens.

- While on patrol investigated homeless people sleeping on town property near Mary Hogan Drive.

On Sept. 25:

- Investigated a complaint of people on and around parked construction equipment near Hannaford Supermarket. No one was found.

- Investigated a person under 21 years of age attempting to purchase alcohol at Hannaford.

- Investigated an unfounded noise complaint on Valley View Drive.

- Checked out a report of male yelling at traffic, playing music and pointing something at passing cars. Police determined a man was playing a clarinet and asking for money from passersby.

- Warned hosts of a college party on Quarry Road to turn down a loud outside stereo system.

- Assisted Middlebury Regional EMS at Middlebury College with an intoxicated student.

- Spoke to an individual on Main Street about having an open beer and littering.

On Sept. 26:

- Took a report from Porter Drive of a possible missing firearm.

- Investigated a complaint of ongoing issues with people consuming alcohol and sleeping on Mary Hogan Drive.

- Looked into a report of unlawful mischief on Washington Street Extension.

- Investigated complaints of homeless people sleeping on Mary Hogan school property.

- Investigated the report of a loud party on Jayne Court.

City police help out state troopers

VERGENNES — Vergennes police handled a variety of calls between Sept. 20 and 26, including twice helping out Vermont State Police in major cases, performing welfare checks, dealing with vandalism, investigating the theft of money from unlocked cars, and processing what they called a minor altercation outside a local business.

As well as conducting two foot patrols, responding to one car alarm, and helping one motorist get into a locked vehicle, during that week Vergennes police:

On Sept. 20:

- Began investigating the reported theft of \$128 cash from a strongbox left in an unlocked car parked on Sunset Drive.

- Looked into the theft of lesser amounts of money and small items from the parking lot of the affordable housing complex at 45 Armory Lane.

- Helped a driver negotiate his way out of a partially blocked parking spot on North Green Street.

- Backed up state police while they made a domestic assault arrest on Button Bay Road in West Ferrisburgh. Initial reports said a large, drunken man was wielding a

Vergennes Police Log

large knife.

- On Sept. 21 met state police at the city station and helped them evaluate a driver arrested for driving under the influence of drugs.

On Sept. 22:

- Responded to the bottle redemption window at the Community Market on West Main Street, where two parties had come to blows after exchanging words. Police earlier this week said they were readying details on the case to send to the state's attorney's office for possible prosecution for simple assault. They added one of the parties involved was also being investigated by state police in a Ferrisburgh domestic dispute.

- Checked the welfare of a Walker Avenue resident, who was determined to be well.

- Dealt with a report of a downed phone line on East Street.

On Sept. 23:

- Went to the city green, where cryptic graffiti had been spray-painted on a table. Police said it read, "Brian Food #473." The table was cleaned, police said.

- Received a tip about criminal activity in the city.

- Took a report of a car being scratched earlier in the month, an incident police said was probably related to the spree of car keying that dates back to then.

On Sept. 24:

- Helped out with the Vergennes Union High School homecoming parade.

- Responded to a one-car crash on Monkton Road in which a vehicle swerved and struck a road sign.

On Sept. 25:

- Determined a death at a Second Street residence was due to natural causes.

- Following a call from a concerned citizen, concluded there was nothing amiss at an unattended Green Street yard sale.

- Stopped a vehicle on West Main Street after a report that it had been operated erratically on Route 22A, but along with state police determined the driver was not impaired.

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Couple rescues passel of baby possums

By STEVE COSTELLO

One recent day did not go as planned, but after starting with sadness, tension and adrenaline, it came to an end with an incredible feeling of happiness.

With plans for tailgating and Castleton University football, I

was up early for an 8-mile run. Not quite 1.5 miles in, I came upon a mother possum, dead in the road, one lifeless baby beside her, two others wriggling on the pavement, and a pouchful more crying and trying to nurse.

I didn't have a phone, so I ran

home, and while my wife Jane put together a box with a blanket, towel and gloves, I started looking for an animal rehabilitator. The first one I reached couldn't take the babies, but told me how to remove them from the mom's pouch.

"You'll have to unscrew the

babies from the mother," she said. "What's the saying? Lefty-loosey. Turn them counterclockwise, and they will eventually release."

Jane and I raced back to the scene, parked to prevent traffic from running over me and the babies, and I approached the mother. One baby that had been out of her pouch was now dead, too.

I put on rubber gloves, slipped the other loose baby into the box, and pulled the mother's pouch open — where four more squirming babies were trying to suckle.

I reached in, and each one let go after a little turn to the left, and one by one I piled them together on the blanket, hoping they'd survive till we could get them to someone who actually knew what they were doing.

We drove home, started calling licensed rehabbers listed on the Vermont Department of Fish & Wildlife's website, and connected with a wonderful woman, Medora Plimpton at Howling Mountain Wildlife Rescue in Starksboro. A few minutes later, I was on the road for an 80-minute drive to meet Medora.

The possums, crawling all over each other before we left home, were making noises that sounded like a cross between kisses and small sneezes, a smoochy soundtrack that stopped a couple of times. Worried they had died or were dying, I scratched the side of the box and made a similar noise — and the chorus restarted.

Medora met us in her driveway, and we brought the babies into her home, where she takes care of everything from orphaned bobcats to raccoons and coyotes. She quickly cleaned up each baby, weighed them (they weighed between 35 and 39 grams each — about two-thirds the weight of a candy bar — which she said made them eight to nine weeks old) and put them into an incubator. Food was to quickly follow.

I'm sure some readers are probably thinking, "Who cares if they lived or died? Animals get run over by cars every day, and living in nature is brutal, with every creature fighting for survival."

It would have been easy to have just



STEVE AND JANE Costello recently found some baby possums with their mother, who was killed on the road by an automobile, and took them to Howling Mountain Wildlife Rescue in Starksboro, where they are being rehabilitated.

Photos by Steve Costello

who give their time, energy and own funds to help save dozens of animals annually.

We watched Medora Plimpton gently feed one of the babies through a tube the size of angel hair pasta, and witnessed her intern Maggie's obvious love for all the animals they help. And we learned one more of the babies died, apparently due to unapparent internal injuries.

That news hit with a jolt — it's stunning to me how emotionally invested I became in the possums — but the disappointment was quickly replaced with appreciation for Medora and Maggie's efforts, and the support the babies engendered. Over 70 people have contributed more than \$2,000 through a Gofundme campaign to support the possums and the Starksboro refuge.

While the quintet is now a quartet — three rambunctious girls and a boy that would normally be in their mom's pouch for another month — they are quickly adding weight, grooming themselves and each other, growing thicker fur and changing color. And they are becoming cuter by the day, in the process ensuring I maintain that goofy grin.

Steve Costello of Rutland Town is a former Addison Independent editor and an avid wildlife photographer.

kept running, and let the hawks and crows have a free roadside breakfast. No one would have thought much about the mother's flattened carcass, or what the birds were picking at along her lower belly.

But in re-planning our day and giving the survivors a chance at life, we got nearly as big a gift as they did: an astonishing feeling of joy, the opportunity to see some of the cutest little animals imaginable up close, and big goofy grins we can't seem to relinquish two weeks later.

We've witnessed an implausible outpouring of emotion from hundreds of strangers and friends on Facebook, and met a couple of selfless wildlife rehabbers



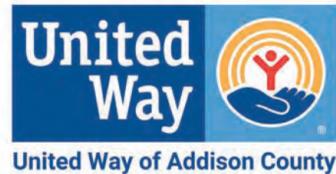
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ANWSD won't challenge revote due to meeting glitch

By ANDY KIRKALDY

ADDISON — Although the Addison Northwest School District Board does not believe the town of Addison's required public meeting before the Oct. 5 town-wide revote on ANWSD was legally warned, its board chair said the district will not challenge an unfavorable result.

"The district will not call into question this vote," ANWSD Board Chair John Stroup told the *Independent*. "I don't think the district could even do that. A person does that. A person goes to Superior Court and files."

Addison residents will on Tuesday, Oct. 5, for a second time vote on whether to leave ANWSD. They supported staying with the district on July 13 by a 122-106 margin, but more than 120 residents petitioned the Addison selectboard for a second vote. State law requires a two-thirds majority to overturn the original result.

ANWSD itself brought the public meeting issue to the Addison selectboard's attention not long before the board's first scheduled informational meeting, on Sept. 21. The selectboard also described that

meeting as an education forum run in tandem with the private group "Educate Addison."

ANWSD officials realized and pointed out to the selectboard that the Sept. 21 date was not within 10 days of the vote, as required by Vermont law. Stroup told the *Independent* that district officials raised the issue to give Addison officials a chance to "rectify it (the warning issue) if they can."

Selectboard Chair Jeff Kauffman publicly acknowledged the initial error at the Sept. 21 meeting, when he also told those gathered

at the Addison Central School and on Zoom the selectboard had advertised its second meeting, which was held on Tuesday, Sept. 28.

"You may have read on Front Porch Forum we are out of compliance. When we began to look at this meeting the law said you have to warn this meeting at least 10 days before the (vote). The second part we missed, that you have to hold your vote within 10 days after the hearing," Kauffman said.

"So in order to comply we'll

have a meeting tonight as an informational meeting, and we'll have another formal meeting on next Tuesday, same place ... That will be the meeting that will make it official and make it law."

The possible issue that remains is the selectboard had not held an official meeting with a quorum to set the date until Sept. 20, eight days before the second meeting. Warnings had been placed for the meeting several days previously, however, creating a possible gray area.

The law that applies is VSA 17

2680, section (g). That section reads:

"Whenever a municipality has voted to adopt the Australian ballot system of voting on any public question or budget ... the legislative body shall hold a public informational hearing on the question by posting warnings at least 10 days in advance of the hearing in at least two public places within the municipality and in the town clerk's office."

In a Sept. 28 advisory email to the *Independent*, Jenny Prosser, (See Meeting glitch, Page 15A)

Addison

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After withdrawal, Addison could use state funding to pay tuition for its students to the public school district or accredited independent school of families' choice, such as Middlebury's Bridge School or South Burlington's Rice Memorial High School.

9/21 HEARING

That choice was the key pitch withdrawal advocates made at the Sept. 21 informational meeting, which was co-organized by the group Educate Addison, also the petition sponsors.

About 30 attended either in person at ACS or on Zoom, including consultants invited by the organizers, attorney and former Hazen Union School Board member David Kelley, and Thomas Martin, who previously helped found and lead an independent school in North Bennington. A third invitee, the Hancock school board chair, did not attend.

The meeting was plagued by technical problems. Many remarks were inaudible or partially audible, including those of Kelley and Martin over Zoom.

But pro-withdrawal speakers made their message clear. They said if Addison chose withdrawal

Addison families would have more schooling options funded by the state.

Selectboard member Peter Briggs said an Educate Addison flyer handed out at the meeting noted 97 Vermont towns have some form of school choice, and Briggs explained why he backed withdrawal.

"If people like going to Vergennes, I want them to keep going to Vergennes. But I do know there are families that don't want to go to Vergennes, they want to go somewhere else. And I want them to be able to have the choice," Briggs said.

Resident Carrie Kauffman called choice "a standard level of practice in many areas of the country" that also "creates a healthy level of competition within the schools" to improve and attract students. She said that Addison residents could choose schools that best met their children's educational needs.

Carrie Kauffman also responded to those present who pointed to

the lack of transportation after withdrawal by saying parents find ways to bring children to preferred schools, as she had in the past as a single parent.

"It was a half-hour drive. We made it work," she said.

Kelley said there are many choice towns in the Hazen Union area who "will never give up their choice," in part because they didn't want to "surrender their sovereignty."

Resident and Educate Addison organizer Carol Kauffman said families with special needs children could particularly benefit.

"Parents should be in charge. There is no school that is perfect, and sometimes parents need another school," she said.

Carol Kauffman also helped write the Educate Addison flyer that noted that Addison "could also negotiate to reacquire our school, and once again offer education through public or independent operations and secondary students would have choice."

"Parents should be in charge. There is no school that is perfect, and sometimes parents need another school."

— Carol Kauffman



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The flyer also made these statements:

"Under the ANWSD, Addison was responsible for \$2,907,660 of the FY2021 budget — 138 students."

"If all families choose ANWSD schools, total tuition would be \$2,462,580."

The flyer also later stated, "A tuition school district is responsible for some SU services, special education and transportation."

Carol Kauffman said at the meeting the flyer's printed cost comparison was not apples to apples.

"You have about \$400,000 left (to pay for) for special ed, SU services, transportation ... So it's pretty much equal," she said. "But the one advantage is Addison will stay responsible for the 138 kids."

ANWSD Director of Finance and Operations Elizabeth Jennings offered mixed news about the Educate Addison estimates. The good news, she wrote in an email, was that if enough Addison students chose ANWSD after withdrawal district buses were possible:

"We currently run 2 buses to Addison for students at a cost of approximately \$55,000 per bus. In a scenario where most students would choose to tuition into our schools, the district might decide it is most cost effective to keep those buses running."

But special education costs could push the difference between the two figures over \$400,000, Jennings wrote. She said Addison's future Special Ed costs could be estimated by looking at ANWSD's budgeted costs and multiply it by 16%, Addison's current percentage of district students.

"It is not a wash, even in this method of estimating. And if Addison has particularly high-needs students, their share would be much greater than the 16%," she wrote, adding that even after reimbursement a single high-needs student costs could be as high as \$36,000 per year.

Meanwhile, Addison's tax rates have fluctuated under ANWSD, but the current rate is equal to that

of the year the district was formed, 2017.

That year, the Department of Education set Addison's homestead tax rate at \$1.63. It dropped to \$1.4975 in 2018 before rising to as high as \$1.7158 in 2020, and the homestead rate set this year is \$1.629.

PUSHBACK

Not all at the meeting agreed with withdrawal. Resident Peter Macfarlane noted withdrawal backers were emphasizing the potential for a new school as well as choice. He asked Briggs if anyone was planning an effort to create a school.

"My best answer is no, nobody is planning on opening a public or private school," Briggs responded. "Most of the people have supported this want school choice."

Macfarlane called it mixed messaging: "I think we need something clearer than that before we make a move to withdraw."

Briggs answered. "The intent was to try to make people aware of the options," Briggs said. "The only way for them to have a debate about which way do we want to go is to have a withdrawal vote."

Selectboard Chairman Jeff Kauffman clarified that neither the selectboard nor a town school board formed after withdrawal can found a school: Only an independent group could move to found a school, he said.

But without withdrawal, he said, an independent school was not possible.

Resident Ben Bruso called the flyer, "very poorly written, unfocused," and cited potential difficulties of Addison running its own school.

"You have to have your own school board. You have to have an administration. You have to have maintenance. You have to make a plan for sports and activities and everything else," Bruso said.

He also backed ANWSD education and questioned withdrawal's potential cost savings.

"Other people who are more in touch with the situation have determined the students who were here would get a better education by traveling six miles up the

road. They have access to better resources," Bruso said. "And if you're trying to say it's a financial thing, I think you're wrong."

And he wondered if the constituents most affected had been consulted.

"Has anyone polled the families of the students that go to Vergennes? How many of those students would rather come back here?" Bruso asked.

Macfarlane also said school choice would concentrate resources at already wealthier schools.

"Generally, they're (families) going to opt for the schools with the best services ... The problem is the tuition follows the student," Macfarlane said. "It's going to lead to the rich getting richer, and the poor getting poorer."

Tom Martin responded that the relationships between teacher, student and parent were paramount, not extracurriculars.

"It's that interface that the parent values most of all," Martin said.

Resident Wendy Bruso answered Martin.

"We have good teachers in all the schools," she said. "You don't have to spend money and send them somewhere else to have a good relationship with a teacher."

OTHER ISSUES

The loss of ACS as a community hub — ANWSD now uses it as a special education hub also serving other districts — remains a sticking point, especially after a November 2019 Addison vote that went overwhelmingly against closing the school.

The ANWSD board also rejected a petition for a vote to amend the district charter to allow towns to veto school closures.

Carol Kauffman, whose children attended ACS, said the school once hosted overnight events for children, bingo and movie nights, town meetings, dances and sports games.

"Addison has lost a lot," she said.

Carrie Kauffman echoed others who said they are concerned about ANWSD's ongoing merger talks with the Mount Abraham Unified School District. She said Addison would have even less say in its educational future and children could face even longer bus rides.

Carol Kauffman summed up the Educate Addison point of view:

"I just think that the best move for Addison and education is to ... give the parents choice. And only in a choice system will a school ever come back into this building."

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Man facing embezzlement charges

BRISTOL — On Sept. 13, after investigation, Bristol police arrested Harry Doner III, 33, of Bristol for embezzlement.

Doner is accused of embezzling from the Maplefields gas station and convenience store on West Street and was ordered to answer the charge in Addison Criminal Court on Nov. 8.

Details of the case against Doner won't be released until after his arraignment.

Between Aug. 30 and Sept. 19 Bristol police conducted 25 foot and seven car patrols, and checked security at Mount Abraham Union High School 19 times, at Bristol Elementary School 19 times, and at local businesses 19 times.

Police also completed at least 24 fingerprint requests, monitored traffic during school dismissal four times, responded to two false, conducted one welfare check without incident, verified one vehicle identification number, served court paperwork twice, issued five no-trespass orders, and facilitated the return of one lost wallet.

During this period the department assisted Vermont State Police twice and Bristol Rescue once.

In other recent activity, Bristol police:

- On Sept. 1 helped someone on Pleasant Street obtain mental health services.
- On Sept. 1 delivered a message to someone on Main Street.
- On Sept. 2 responded to a report of a barking dog and contacted the owner, who let the dog inside.

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- On Sept. 2 responded to a report of a person yelling in the South Street area but did not locate anyone.
- On Sept. 3 responded to a report of a disabled vehicle on South Street causing traffic issues, but the vehicle was gone when police arrived.
- On Sept. 4 began investigating a motor vehicle complaint on Airport Drive.
- On Sept. 5 provided traffic control on Main and North streets during the Green Mountain Stage bicycle races.
- On Sept. 6 helped someone on Prince Lane obtain transportation to receive medical services.
- On Sept. 8 checked on the welfare of someone on West Pleasant Street and gave them a ride home.
- On Sept. 8 took a report of erratic vehicle operation, contacted the owner and determined no action rose to the level of a criminal offense.
- On Sept. 9 responded to a complaint about a barking dog on Sugar Maple Lane and spoke to the owner, who is a new resident; police explained the dog ordinance.
- On Sept. 9 began investigating a theft complaint from a North Street resident.
- On Sept. 10 responded to a report of someone walking on West Street who appeared to be

confused and asking for a ride, but police were unable to locate the person.

- On Sept. 11 responded to a minor two-car crash on Prince Lane.
- On Sept. 11 directed traffic at a crash site on Route 116 North until VSP arrived.
- On Sept. 13 received a report that the stop sign at the intersection of Firehouse Drive and West Street was struck by a dark-colored truck on the night of Sept. 12. If anyone who has information about this incident is asked to contact Bristol police at 802-453-2533.
- On Sept. 14 helped Mount Abraham with a truancy concern.
- On Sept. 14 began investigating a report of theft on Main Street.
- On Sept. 16 received a report of a minor motor vehicle crash that had occurred the previous night on Prince Lane.
- On Sept. 16 responded to a minor motor vehicle crash on West Street.
- On Sept. 16 helped someone on West Street get transportation home.
- On Sept. 17 responded to and helped a juvenile trying locate a lost item on West Street.
- On Sept. 17 helped Mount Abraham with a truancy concern.
- On Sept. 17 completed a foot patrol during an event at Mount Abe.
- On Sept. 18 completed a foot patrol during a football game at Mount Abe.
- On Sept. 18 helped someone get a ride home from West Pleasant Street.

Woman cited for grand larceny

ADDISON COUNTY — A Berlin woman faces burglary and grand larceny charges for allegedly stealing a dog from a Leicester home.

On Sept. 24 at around 6 p.m. Vermont State Police received a report of a burglary at a Route 7 home in Leicester. Troopers said they determined that Patricia Dukette, 57, of Berlin had entered the residence without permission and took a dog.

The dog was returned to its owner on Sept. 26, and police cited Dukette into Addison Superior Court, criminal division, on Oct. 25 to answer the burglary and larceny charges.

Also, on July 19 at 4:25 p.m. state police were contacted regarding a possible family fight on Old Stage Road in Granville. Police alleged that Jozef Ellers, 29, of Granville had assaulted a household member. Ellers fled the residence before troopers arrived, but police found him in Rochester. They cited him for aggravated domestic assault.

A Sept. 22 crash between a van and an agricultural truck sent the van driver to the hospital. Shortly after 9 a.m. that

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Wednesday, troopers responded to a crash on Route 7 near Lotsawater Road in Salisbury. Police report that Christina Hernandez, 36, of Brandon was driving a 2014 Chrysler van southbound on Route 7 when the van struck a 2005 Chevrolet truck driven by William Nop, 50, of Salisbury, who was stopped waiting to turn left.

Hernandez was transported to Porter Medical Center for minor injuries. Nop was not injured in the crash. The van was considered a total loss, while the agricultural truck sustained moderate damage.

VSP were assisted by the Salisbury Fire Department, Middlebury Regional EMS, Mike's Towing and Addison County Sheriff's Department deputies.

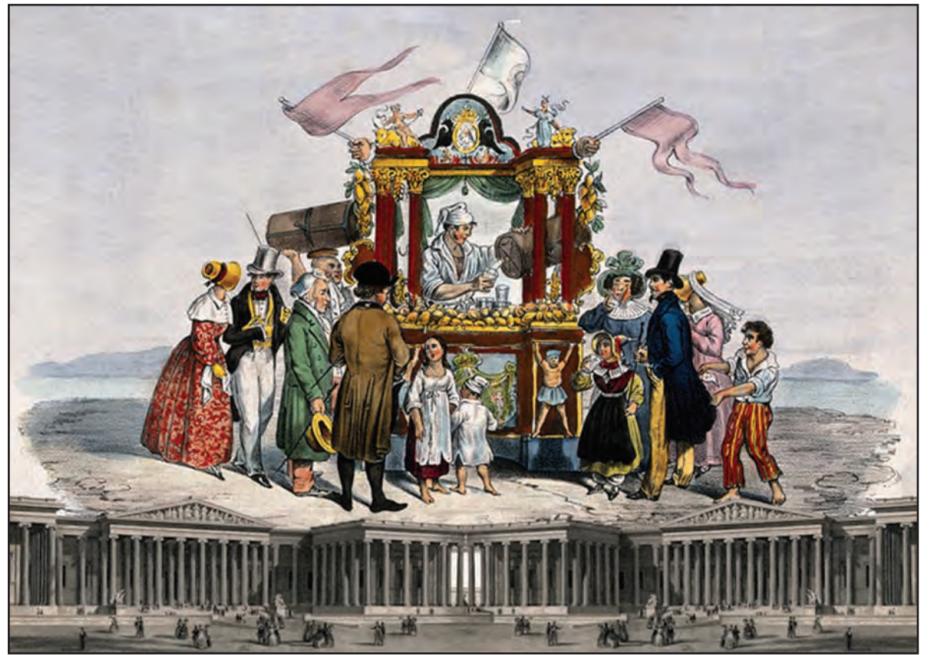
On Sept. 23 at 1:30 p.m., troopers stopped a motor vehicle on Route 7 near the New Haven Jiffy Mart after observing

several traffic violations. After conducting standard field sobriety tests, police cited Joyce Petersen, 73, of New Haven for driving under the influence of drugs.

Back in Granville, state police on Sept. 26 at a little before 7 p.m. received a call reporting that Vincent Gibbs, 51, of Granville threatened suicide and his house was burning down. The Granville Volunteer Fire Department responded to Gibbs's residence and found gasoline on the floor throughout the house. Gibbs arrived on scene but left quickly and the firemen stated he was acting strange.

Further down the road another fireman saw Gibbs in his black Chevrolet Monte Carlo and stated he was driving erratically. Troopers found Gibbs at a relative's house in Hancock. Upon further investigation, they determined that Gibbs was under the influence of intoxicants, and they took him into custody and cited him for driving under the influence of drugs.

Gibbs was transported to Gifford Medical Center by troopers where he refused medical treatment. The arson investigation is ongoing.



RIC KASINI KADOUR'S digital collage "Museums of the Future" sets the tone for the "Elephant in the Room" lecture series at the Sheldon Museum, which will explore the role of museums in today's society.

Sheldon's Elephant in the Room Speaker series looks at museums' future

MIDDLEBURY — What is "the elephant in the room" at museums? What topics do cultural heritage organizations shy away from, obscure or feel ill-equipped to address? Whose stories are told and whose are missing? Do we reflect our communities? How can institutions with historical collections make meaningful programs for 21st-century audiences?

The Henry Sheldon Museum of Vermont History next week will convene the first in a series of virtual lectures by national artists, scholars, curators and cultural visionaries to explore these questions and to open a dialogue between museum makers and goers.

The Sheldon in Middlebury joins museums, archives, and cultural heritage institutions nationwide and beyond in debating how to better incorporate diversity, equity and inclusion into our collecting and exhibiting practices, and how to adequately respond to the growing demands of more socially diverse audiences.

The presenters in "The Elephant

in the Room" series will examine historical and present-day museum practices with an eye on race, gender, and class differences. They will share their vision for the museum of the future, with an emphasis on creating democratic curatorship, meeting the demands of changing demographics, and envisioning museums as community spaces.

The virtual talks will take place on Wednesdays, at 7 p.m., once a month between October 2021 and April 2022. They are free and open to all.

On Oct. 6, in the series' inaugural talk, artist and writer Dario Robleto and Middlebury College art historian Ellery Foutch will discuss the role of artists and museums in any era of catastrophic loss, including the tragedies of 9/11 and our current pandemic. This talk is entitled "Living with Death: How artists, historians and museum curators create meaning in a time of loss."

This year, the Henry Sheldon Museum celebrates the 200th anniversary of the birth of its

founder and avid collector, Henry Luther Sheldon (1821-1906). Not a wealthy man, Mr. Sheldon was unlike many of his contemporaries, who amassed collections largely for their own edification. He collected more democratically, not for himself, but for his community. But now, over 100 years since his death, one may wonder whether his collections represent the true local community or just what he imagined his community was?

The series, funded in part through a Vermont Humanities Council grant, provides an opportunity to examine and extend Henry Sheldon's legacy by offering opportunities to learn from, listen to, and engage museum makers and the public in conversations on how to create forward-looking changes to shape new narratives, so that historical and art collections speak more adequately to today's social justice issues.

To learn more about the series and to register for the talks, visit henrysheldonmuseum.org/elephant-in-the-room.

Addison County's got wildlife trackers

VERMONT — The Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department is providing a list of 29 certified leashed tracking dog owners who volunteer during the hunting seasons to help hunters locate deer or bear that have been shot during hunting season but not yet recovered. Seven of those trackers are in or near Addison County.

The leashed tracking dog owners, who provide their

services free of charge, must pass an extensive exam administered by Fish and Wildlife to be certified and licensed to provide their services.

This complete list, which may be updated during hunting seasons, is available online at tinyurl.com/VtTrackingDogs.

The local leashed dog trackers, with their town and phone numbers, are:

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- 802-989-2213
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Family

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you again what you do at a yield sign. You have to know who has the right of way, you have to wait for traffic, that's what that means.' And she would argue with me," Vickers said with a laugh. "She had an answer for every irrational thing she was doing. I said, 'Really, Jamila, you should be a lawyer,' and she said, 'Yeah, other people have told me that.'"

Later in her conversation with the *Independent*, Vickers made a point to acknowledge that Jamila really is a good driver.

When Vickers talks about Jamila her voice acquires a warm and regal musicality and it's clear she's been deeply and utterly charmed.

"It's become full-blown," she said of her relationship with Jamila. "She's like a granddaughter to me."

When asked about Jamila's appearance, Vickers paused, and then spoke tenderly, taking care to avoid descriptions that might stir Jamila to self-consciousness.

"Jamila is five-foot-two, with long, black, very curly hair down to her waist," she began. "A very strong person. Particularly her hands. Dark eyes. A deep golden complexion. Those beautiful arching black eyebrows and long eyelashes." She paused again. "Yes, she's quite attractive."

The *Independent* asked Vickers for this description because publishing a photograph of "Jamila" — or using her real name — could endanger her family in Afghanistan, who could be targeted for letting a female relative pursue a western education.

Because circumstances prevented the *Independent* from communicating directly with Jamila, the following story has been based upon Vickers's observations and experiences.



BRIDPORT RESIDENT
JILL VICKERS

DARK DAYS

Jamila's mother, older sister and brother, along with his wife and three small children, rent three rooms together in an urban compound with spotty electricity and an outdoor communal water pump. They have no refrigerator and they cook on a hot plate.

"It's noisy, people are in and out of each other's houses all the time," said Vickers, who first became acquainted with Afghanistan in the early 1970s, when she traveled the country as part of a Peace Corps vaccination campaign. "The custom isn't 'We'll be stopping by this afternoon' or 'We'll invite you over for dinner.' People just drop in and are served tea and a meal if it's that time of day. And then there are the kids in the street."

Then the Taliban came and everything went silent. When Kabul, the capital of Afghanistan, fell to the Taliban on Aug. 15, Jamila stayed up all night in Bridport, watching the news and talking to her family.

Jamila's brother has insisted it's not safe for the women to leave the compound.

The last time the Taliban controlled Afghanistan, from 1996 to 2001, it banned girls from getting an education and prohibited women from leaving their homes unless their bodies were entirely covered and they were accompanied by a male relative.

Spokesmen for the reconstituted regime have promised things will be different this time, but when the Taliban took over Kabul they told female employees of the former Afghan government to stay home — unless their jobs were to clean the women's bathrooms — and replaced the Women's Affairs Ministry with the Ministry for Promotion of Virtue and Prevention of Vice, an instrument of social control established during its previous rule.

On Monday Reuters reported that a number of activist groups, including members of the former Afghan government, have called on the United Nations Human Rights Council to investigate reports of targeted killings and restrictions on women and free speech by the Taliban.

"They are creating an environment of fear for everyone, including for human rights defenders, women's rights activists and journalists that are still in the country, most of them in hiding," said Shaharзад Akbar, who chaired the country's independent human rights commission before she and the rest of the government fled the country.

'DOLLAR MAN'

Jamila's brother, the family's sole breadwinner, used to make a living as a rickshaw taxi driver. But now that the Taliban have taken over, economic activity in their city has ground to a halt, and the family has no income.

Jamila has been sending them money.

"Everyone is suffering," she told Vickers over the phone not long after she returned to college this fall. "Taxi drivers have no

work. I'm so fortunate that I'm here. If I wasn't here (my family would) already be on the streets. But I feel bad about other drivers. How will their families live? I see men in tears. It's not just women struggling and suffering, the men as breadwinners are suffering too."

In the middle of September Jamila's brother was trying to collect a wire transfer Jamila had sent, when he was attacked by a member of the Taliban.

For some reason Jamila's wire transfer had not specified the currency.

"This doesn't say whether you're supposed to get the funds in dollars or Afs (Afghan currency)," the clerk at the bank kiosk explained to Jamila's brother. "We don't have dollars, but I can't give you the Afs because it doesn't say what you were supposed to get."

Nearby, the Talib who was posted inside the bank to watch everyone, overheard the word "dollars." He rushed over and started beating Jamila's brother, shouting, "Dollar man! Dollar man!"

Jamila's brother was fortunate to escape with only a few bruises.

ESCAPE

Jamila, Vickers and others are working with the office of Congressman Peter Welch, D-Vermont, to secure special refugee visas for Jamila's family.

Vickers is fairly confident their campaign will succeed, but physically getting Jamila's family out of the country is another question altogether.

The Taliban have established checkpoints throughout the country, especially around the Kabul airport, and there have been a number of reports of soldiers using violence against families attempting to emigrate.

Days after the Taliban took over, Jamila's family received word that their names were on the flight list for a flight to Europe and that they needed to get themselves to Kabul. A woman would meet them there and help them get to an evacuated

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BECAUSE REVEALING THE identity of "Jamila" could endanger her family in Afghanistan the *Independent* has withheld her photo as well as her real name, her hometown and the American schools she has attended. Bridport resident Jill Vickers has been working with U.S. officials to secure visas for Jamila's family, but it's unclear at this time if they will be able to safely exit the country.

Image by Christopher Ross

hotel being used as a launch site for people trying to get through the Taliban's airport checkpoints.

The night before they were to leave, Jamila spoke with her sister by phone.

"Will there be a place to sit where we're going?" her sister wanted to know. "Will there be green tea?" She worried the family was leaving behind a home full of things.

Jamila said, "If you go to bed at night wondering what's going to happen the next day, if you're going to be beaten or imprisoned, these things don't mean a thing."

How scary it must have been, Vickers said, for this 25-year-old woman to be thinking about just flying off to some unknown world. "And

then be reminded by your younger sister that this is a desperate situation, this is an emergency. What you had is gone. You have to get out."

Moments into their journey to Kabul, Jamila's family discovered there had been a mix-up and that it was another family with the same surname who were on the flight list. They turned around and went home.

The following day, at the gate they would have had to pass

through to get to their flight, a suicide bombing killed dozens of people.

HOPE

Jamila is doing very well in college, Vickers said, and she was highly praised for her work at a recent internship with an Afghan foundation.

Her dream is to have a career in international business.

"She wants to be an entrepreneur," Vickers said. "She's got ideas. And she's got a former roommate who's interested in going into business with her."

Before the Taliban took over, Jamila had planned to go back to Afghanistan, but this has been

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A GROUP OF local athletes gathered on Thursday, Sept. 23, at the Middlebury College track, where Addison County Special Olympics track and field and bocce competitions took place. Because of the pandemic, Special Olympics Vermont hosted events spread around the state — socially distant — rather than in one venue. Pictured top right, Elizabeth “Bip” Brown is excited to receive a second medal; bottom right, Cari Wilch shows her enthusiasm by raising her arms in triumph; and above, athletes assembled for a group photo. Pictured, from left to right, are (front row) name unavailable, Elizabeth “Bip” Brown, Rachel Wollum, Cari Wilch, Hazel Grace Rakowski and Emmaline Heilman; and (back row) Evan Kennedy, Mary Lafountain, name unavailable, Jeb Plouffe, Craig Davis and Hillary Stone.

Independent photos/Steve James



Beth Dow

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Dow stuck it out until the fall of 1984, when she took an administrative assistant job at the local law firm of Langrock,

Sperry & Wool. After nine months there, she became secretary to the MUHS principal, but soon took a job as secretary to the Department of Religion and Sociology/Anthropology at

Middlebury College.

But Dow maintained a relationship with the town offices during her private-sector work. She ran successfully for Middlebury’s board of listers in 1985, serving the town in that capacity.

Meanwhile, her former colleagues lobbied her to return to the municipal fold. Former Director of Planning & Zoning Fred Dunnington and then Town Manager Betty Wheeler — who had succeeded McGuire — offered her a job as administrative assistant in the town’s planning and zoning office in 1988.

“I was torn,” Dow said. Neither her college job at the time, nor the proposed town job, paid benefits; her hours weren’t quite enough to qualify.

Dow asked the town to sweeten its offer.

“I said I wouldn’t come back without benefits,” Dow said. “Finally, (Wheeler) said, ‘OK, you’ll have benefits.’”

Now she was back to stay. Dow worked in the planning/zoning office until 2009, whereupon she transitioned to secretary to the town manager — where she’s been ever since.

Her varied duties have included processing employee insurance, Workers Compensation and liability claims; fielding public assembly permit applications; assisting in maintenance of the town website; taking minutes for the selectboard and a few of its subcommittees; and composing meeting/event notices. Dow continues to serve Middlebury as E-911 coordinator and as a lister.

A LOT HAS CHANGED

As one can imagine, Dow has seen a lot of changes during her more than four decades with the town.

She’s served under five town managers, as well as several town

clerks, recreation directors and planning/zoning heads.

When she first started, records were transcribed by hand and filed in cabinets. They’re now logged on computers.

But one thing has remained consistent during each of the thousands of workdays Dow has devoted to town business: interactions with people. It used to be that Dow knew most people who came into the town office to do business. But she said many of the faces have changed with the passage of time, to the extent that most of the transactions these days are fairly impersonal.

“It’s very hard to be a public employee right now,” she said.

She’s fortunate to have many longtime colleagues with whom he’s built solid friendships and working relationships. They include Police Chief Tom Hanley, Treasurer Jackie Sullivan, Town Manager Kathleen Ramsay, Health Officer Tom Scanlon, and wastewater treatment plant Superintendent Bob Wells.

Still, her dealings with colleagues have lessened during recent years, due mainly to sweeping changes in municipal facilities.

The former town office building at the intersection of College and South Main streets placed employees in close proximity to one another. Middlebury police were located in the basement of that building, with the Parks & Recreation Department sharing the main floor with the town clerk,

treasurer, listers, planning office and town manager.

That began to change almost two decades ago when police moved into a new headquarters off Seymour Street, while Parks & Recreation transitioned to a new building off

Creek Road six years ago, following construction of the new municipal building at 77 Main St.

“I don’t know half the new (police) officers,” Dow lamented. “It used to be we knew everybody, and now we don’t. I know them by their name and a file, but I don’t know their faces.”

While she appreciates the new town office building, Dow said it has “departmentalized” municipal staff to the extent they don’t cross paths as frequently as before.

DEDICATION & VERSATILITY

Dow’s colleagues are sad they’ll be seeing less of Dow.

Ramsay, her current boss, marveled at the dedication and versatility Dow has shown through the years. And she’s embraced new technology, rather than shy away from it, according to Ramsay.

“Given that she’s done virtually every job in the municipal building except for town manager, she’s been like a secret weapon,”

Ramsay said. “If there’s ever a gap somewhere, or someone needs a little piece of history, she’s there to help.”

Ramsay is grateful Dow has agreed to continue to help out, even if it will be in a more limited way.

Treasurer Jackie Sullivan said the town offices will lose a large piece of its institutional memory when Dow steps away.

“Beth’s knowledge on anything Middlebury will be missed,” Sullivan said. “We can always count on Beth for the answer to both current and historical questions. We are so fortunate that she will still be available to answer our inquiries. I wish her much happiness in this new phase of life.”

Dow was already a mainstay in the town’s zoning office when Scanlon arrived around 21 years ago. He called her a “real town treasure” who knows “virtually knows every job in the building.”

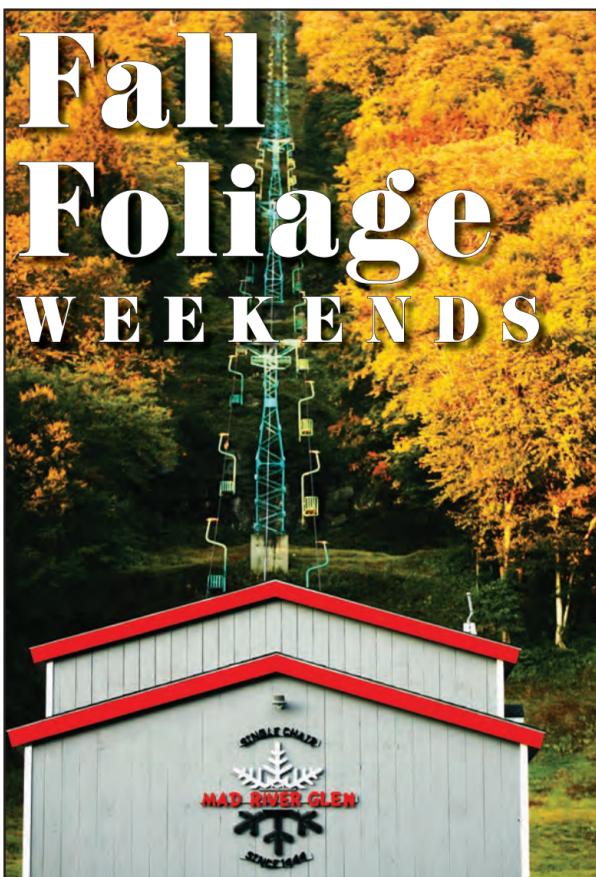
“She was the go-to person for information, both historic and anecdotal, to which she remains to this day,” Scanlon said. “Over the years, she has become a close friend who I always enjoy talking to and annoying. She knows I like to push her buttons due to the response it elicits. The town offices would never be the same without her.”

“I am truly proud to call her my friend.”

Dow hasn’t lined up a bunch of things to do with the extra time she’ll suddenly have. But she’s looking forward to taking her granddaughter, Paislee Provoncha, to the Mary Hogan School each day for pre-K.

Other than that, she plans to do more volunteer work for two dog rescue organizations.

“My only hobby is shopping, and I need to work to fuel that hobby,” she said with a smile.



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ANWSD receives state grant

By ANDY KIRKALDY

VERGENNES — The Addison Northwest School District has been awarded a \$238,000 grant through Act 67, a law the Legislature passed in the spring that used federal money to fund “the implementation of Community School Programs that provide students with equitable access to a high-quality education.”

The district will establish a mentoring program, expand afterschool programming, provide more meals to food-insecure families, enhance mental health supports, increase community partnerships, and focus on equity issues, according to an ANWSD press release.

The Community Schools Act is funded by roughly \$3.4 million of American Rescue Plan Act money awarded to the Vermont Agency of Education. The \$238,000 is intended to be the first installment of a three-year bequest that could approach \$750,000, per ANWSD Superintendent Sheila Soule.

Soule said although the Agency of Education may deny or reduce second- and third-year funding if the ANWSD doesn't make sufficient progress towards developing and implementing the programs, she expects support for the district's efforts will remain at a level of up to \$250,000 per year.

“We need to reapply in each subsequent year, but presumably we will continue,” Soule said.

The grant specifically went to Vergennes Union Elementary School, in part because 40% of its student get free and reduced-price lunches. But Soule said in an email, “all ANWSD schools will benefit through our existing district partnerships,” including by expansion of afterschool

programming at secondary school levels.

Overall, the ANWSD press release stated, “In addition to improving educational outcomes for our learners, this grant will further efforts to support our students' social emotional health, increase access to health services, and increase family engagement through mentoring and other youth/adult programming.”

Act 67 provides for the hire of a community coordinator, which the law states is a cost-effective move: “According to impact studies, each dollar invested in a community coordinator position returns approximately \$7 in net benefits to the school.” The district installed Lynne Rapoport as its Community Coordinator for Health and Wellness.

Also working to oversee the grant will be Director of Learning Gabe Hamilton, Recovery Coordinator for Equity and Inclusion Monica Desrochers, VUES Principal Matthew DeBlois, Director of After School and Summer Programming Tara Brooks, and Soule.

Specific actions the district plans include:

- Expanding systems of support for learners, including flexible learning environments, with a focus on “at-risk students.”
- Establishing youth-adult mentoring.
- Increasing access to mental health supports and other health services.
- Improving food security for students and their families.
- Boosting outdoor classrooms, community gardens, outdoor recreational opportunities.
- Expanding community partnerships with groups such as Vergennes Recreation, Northland

Job Corps and UVM Extension.

- Providing adult literacy education in partnership with the Bixby Library.
- Developing a “Vergennes Community School Coalition.”
- Expanding anti-racism training for school personnel.
- Improving data collection “to understand more broadly the student experience.”

The grant allows ANWSD expand its “Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child” model that has been in place since 2016.

“The WSCC model is student-centered and emphasizes the role of the community in supporting the school, the connections between health and academic achievement and the importance of evidence-based school policies and practices,” the press release said.

The Community Schools Act emphasizes in its text the value of community schools and students' access to equitable education whatever their race, gender identity, sexual orientation, ethnicity, religion, language, disability, family background, or family income.

The act cites the Learning Policy Institute's four key pillars of the community schools approach of “integrated student supports, expanded and enriched learning time and opportunities, active family and community engagement, and collaborative leadership and practices,” and calls them “part of a unified and interconnected approach.”

According to the Learning Policy Institute, establishing community schools is also “one of 10 recommended strategies for restarting and rethinking the role of public education in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.”



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Officials back Northlands operator

By ANDY KIRKALDY

VERGENNES — Vergennes City Manager Ron Redmond and Police Chief George Merkel have written or are writing letters to the U.S. Department of Labor supporting the current operator of Northlands Job Corps in its effort to obtain a new contract to stay on the job.

But on Tuesday the Vergennes City Council declined to make a formal endorsement of Educational Training Resources' bid to remain the operator of the federally funded job-training center for disadvantaged youths on Macdonough Drive.

Councilors at their Sept. 28 meeting said they would review the letter Redmond planned to write on Thursday and reserved the right to sign on as individuals to support ETR, the Kentucky company that has for the past three years run Northlands.

When ETR took over Northlands in 2018 it became the fourth private company in the previous eight years to run the center under contract with the U.S. DOL.

City officials have generally welcomed ETR's leadership, and Merkel has said cooperation from Northlands officials and his department has improved. Two years ago the city and Northlands struck a deal that pays the city \$51,000 a year for police services, including student outreach and

mentoring and staff training as well as law enforcement.

Center Director Michael Dooley on Tuesday pitched consistency and longevity in ETR's tenure as a benefit to Vergennes, and said ETR had been “responsive to the city and its needs,” and “any sort of letter of support would be helpful.”

Councilor David Austin agreed: “ETR is one of the best contractors we've had.”

But Councilor Mel Hawley noted that the city lacked a real contractual relationship with Northlands upon which to base a recommendation, and that if ETR did not win a new contract there could be an “awkward situation” with the next contractor.

“I don't think we should inject ourselves into these contracts,” Hawley said.

Deputy Mayor Dickie Austin also said he would not be comfortable approving a letter without seeing it first.

Soon afterward Redmond said he was writing a letter to the DOL backing ETR because “having consistency is important.”

Mayor Matt Chabot then suggested that the motion made to approve the letter to allow discussion be withdrawn, and councilors agreed they would look over Redmond's letter and choose whether to sign it, with council sentiment appearing positive.

“We'll look forward to working with Northlands in the future,”

Chabot said.

In other business on Tuesday, councilors:

- Changed their meetings' start time back to 5:30 p.m. from 6 p.m. Councilors made the earlier switch in hopes of boosting attendance, but most noted it had dropped off in recent months.

Hawley and others also pointed out the earlier start time would be better for City Clerk Britney Aube and Treasurer Angela Bolduc, whose work day ends at 4:30, and both told the council they agreed.

They also said public hearings scheduled during meetings would begin later during sessions to be more convenient for those who commuted to work out of town.

- Agreed to a swap of 200-square-foot parcels of land at the edge of the city's East Street recreation park with the Addison Northwest School District.

The city will receive that amount of land soon from ANWSD. It will allow a planned covered pavilion near the skate park to be built as designed. Recreation committee Chair Kathy Rossier said one square corner of the pavilion would have impinged on school land.

ANWSD will receive from the city a similar parcel near the outdoor classroom behind the two district schools in Vergennes, but not until and unless approved by city voters, hopefully in March. The city charter requires a vote by residents before Vergennes can divest itself of any property.

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Waltham tax rate rises 2.66 cents

By ANDY KIRKALDY

WALTHAM — After a year that saw a more significant tax increase, Waltham residential taxpayers are

looking at a more modest hike in their 2021-2022 property tax bills.

Including modest increases in both the municipal and school

portions, the Waltham residential rate will rise by 2.66 cents to \$2.0479 per \$100 of assessed property value.

That translates to almost \$27 more per \$100,000 of assessed value. The increase in the 2020 rate was closer to 13 cents, or \$130 per \$100,000.

Those increases only fully apply to those who pay on the assessed value of their property. About two-thirds of Vermont homeowners pay using income sensitivity provisions of state law and receive prebates averaging more than \$1,000.

Waltham's municipal rate — funding town services — rose by 2.4 cents to 32.4 cents. That changed followed a 2-cent decrease a year ago.

The homestead rate with which Waltham homeowners help fund Addison Northwest School District operations rose by 0.26 cents. Most ANWSD towns saw their homestead rates remain level or decline.

Owners of non-residential property in Waltham — commercial or rental property, or second homes — will see their taxes increase more substantially. Waltham's non-residential school tax rate rose by almost 8 cents to \$1.6613 per \$100 of assessed value.

Combined with the 2.4-cent municipal hike, that means a roughly 10.3-cent increase to \$1.9853.

Thus, owners of Waltham residential property will pay about \$103 of additional taxes per \$100,000 of assessed value.

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million, according to Daniel Hassan.

Hassan told the *Independent* that of that total about \$13 million are now “hard construction costs,” an increase of about \$1.5 million, and he and Rebecca Hassan will be looking for more local investment in a project to which he said they remain “totally committed.”

The Hassans propose to create “Vergennes Grand Senior Living,” a major expansion and renovation of Vergennes Residential Care on the city green that is projected to employ 48.

Their plans call for transforming the existing 18-bed property at 34 North St. into an interconnected 53-room, four-building eldercare home capable of accommodating up to 82 seniors.

The project will include 40,000 square feet of new construction, followed by a historically sensitive renovation of the existing 10,000-square-foot building, first erected two centuries ago.

The Hassans, as they have with their similar eldercare properties in Vermont and New Hampshire, will cater in Vergennes to an elder clientele they refer to as the “forgotten middle” — those not on Medicaid, but who also cannot afford high-end retirement communities — as well as those who are eligible for federal benefits.

But the current reality of the construction sector has delayed their original summer timetable, Hassan said. Not only are costs increasing, but also he said suppliers told him it could take six months for some materials to be

delivered.

And estimates from already busy subcontractors were coming in high.

Some “have so much work they could quote high and hope they get it,” without worrying if they didn’t, Hassan said, while at the same time, “some of them were actually having trouble attracting labor.”

It all added up to the higher costs and delays.

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FINANCING
As well as the start date, the increasing costs and delays inevitably affected the financial end, Hassan said.

“In the process we needed to revisit how we were funding the project as well as our timeline. Both of those really directly tied to each other,” Hassan said. “About a month ago it became really clear to us, but sitting here in late September, there’s little chance we can break ground this year.”

The Hassans purchased Vergennes Residential Care from Barbara and Tim Buskey in 2019, with an eye on these expansion plans all along. But he said the plans would work better if more local investors stepped up to lower the institutional financing percentage in the project.

“They would be getting an ownership equity share,” Hassan said, saying he hopes that eventually roughly 25% of the \$20 million project will be investment

equity, essentially an ownership stake.

“We have a significant portion of that pledged already by ourselves and our local investors,” Hassan said, but now he hopes to replace “some of the institutional equity” with that from local investors as the cost rises.

With that in mind, the Hassans plan to meet with potential investors privately in the near future to explain the project benefits not only to investors, but also to the community at large.

“I think people do know about our project, but don’t have a lot of details about it,” Hassan said.

Part of their pitch will be that there are specific advantages for local investors in this project because Vergennes is a federally approved “Qualified Opportunity Zone” that confers tax breaks on project participants. For instance, investors with capital gains elsewhere can earn tax credits to defer or offset them.

The project does have support from city officials and the Vergennes-area business community. According to estimates accepted by the city’s development review board, Vergennes Grand would add about \$390,000 annually of civic and commercial revenue to Vergennes, including property taxes, water/sewer fees, and visitor and staff purchases at local businesses.

The city was also awarded a \$181,000 grant based on the project’s completion. It would be used to fund re-paving of the streets that surround the city green next door and the green’s sidewalks, plus pay for new park lighting.

Thus, Hassan is hopeful that a combination of financial benefits and civic-mindedness will help persuade potential investors.

“The local investors on our project said there are a lot of local folks who would be community-minded and would be interested,” he said.

Celebrate Morgan horse statue Oct. 2

WEYBRIDGE — The life-size bronze statue of the first Morgan horse, Justin Morgan, that stands at the University of Vermont Morgan Horse Farm in Weybridge turns 100 years old this fall. The farm will host an event on Oct. 2 to celebrate the occasion.

Guided by an original program from the statue-unveiling field day in 1921, event organizers have worked to replicate the day and encourage those attending to bring a picnic blanket and chairs for the affair.

Events start at 10 a.m. and end at 2 p.m. The first program will instruct visitors about Morgan horse conformation from a professional Morgan

horse judge, and then everyone will be invited to watch riding and driving presentations in the outdoor arena.

At lunchtime, enjoy music and shape-note singing, lawn games, and plan to grab some delicious food from the CBD: Catering By Dale food truck.

In the afternoon, the UVM Morgan mares and foals will be in the outdoor arena while guests gather around to celebrate the statue, the farm, and the wonderful Morgan horse.

The event takes place outdoors on the spacious grounds of the historic Morgan Horse Farm on Horse Farm Road in Weybridge. Face-coverings are required inside all buildings regardless

of vaccination status, and are recommended for crowded areas.

There is no admission fee to come celebrate Vermont’s State Animal, however a suggested donation of \$10 per person directly supports the mission of the UVM Morgan Horse Farm. Bring walking shoes to enjoy the 1.1 miles of new walking trails.

Morgan horse history displays, Morgan horse clubs and Vermont 4-H will have promotional materials in the main barn. There will be activities for all ages at this family-friendly event.

Email uvmorgan@uvm.edu for more information or call 802-388-2011. Rain date is Sunday, Oct. 3.

Meeting glitch

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General Counsel & Director of Municipal Assistance at the Vermont Secretary of State’s Office, said the question was not cut and dried, and relates more to Vermont’s open meeting law:

“Vermont’s open meeting law does require that any ‘formal action’ of a public body be taken or made in open meeting in order to be binding ... ‘Formal action,’ though, is not defined, and to my knowledge, the courts haven’t offered us guidance on what is and is not encompassed by this term.

“I will note, though, that the OML does explicitly permit public bodies to communicate for the purpose of scheduling its own meetings, provided that no other business is discussed, without considering those communications to be a ‘meeting’ that must be duly warned, open to the public, and so forth...

“One could potentially read this provision to apply to scheduling of informational meetings, since as I understand it informational

meetings are generally considered to be meetings of the public body, rather than meetings of the voters.”

Ultimately, she wrote that if a complaint were filed, “it would be up to the courts to determine if a violation occurred, and if so, the appropriate remedy.”

ANWSD DECISION

Ultimately, ANWSD declined to attend the Sept. 21 meeting because of the legal question, even though the Addison selectboard had invited them. Stroup, who had planned to attend before the issue arose, asked for advice from board members, saying he was of two minds.

“My hard place is I want to go and communicate, but the other part is I can’t go and take the Addison Northwest School District into a process that may not be legal,” he said. “It’s not the hearing. I don’t know exactly what it is. It’s the meeting to share information. And then I’ve literally heard nothing from anyone on the selectboard about

what the next steps are.”

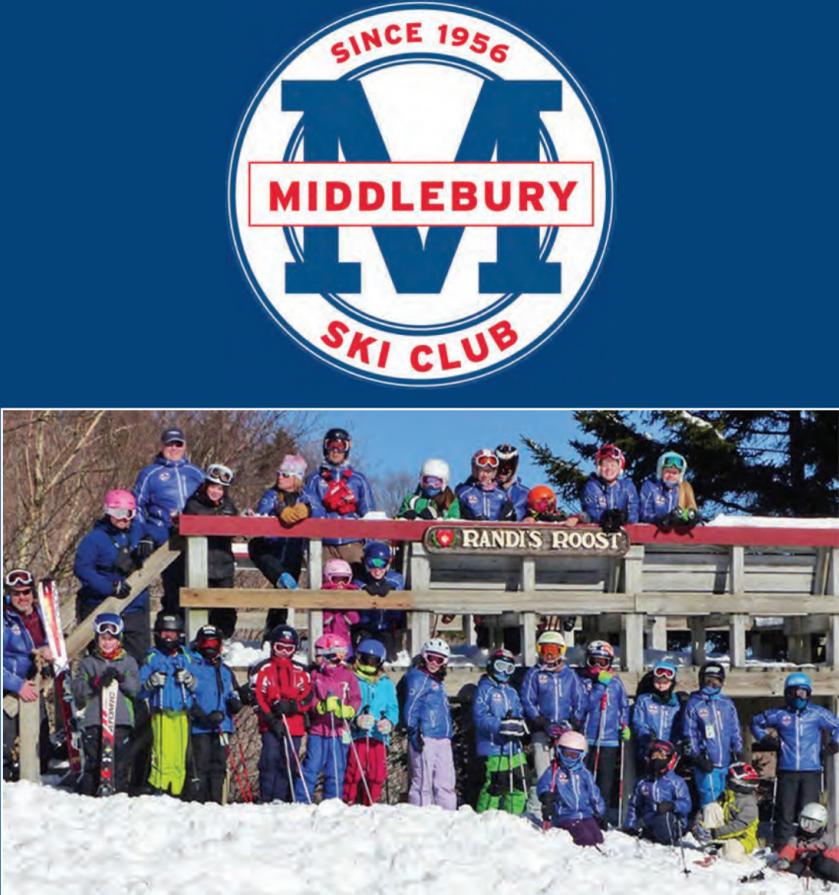
ANWSD board members who spoke to Stroup’s concerns on Sept. 20 agreed it was probably best not to attend the meetings.

Board member Mark Koenig described Addison’s revote as internal town business. Any ANWSD presence in Addison should be limited to a legally warned meeting, and then only to answer questions if asked, he said.

“We shouldn’t be injecting ourselves into their management or mismanagement of this issue,” Koenig said, adding, “We should take a step back and let people come to us if they have a specific question.”

Stroup said the ANWSD board hopes to continue to partner with Addison, but welcomes the vote regardless of outcome.

“I think it is really important the people of Addison show up and vote for this issue. We all want this to be a good and true and fair election that will help us understand the direction forward,” he said.



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Chapel

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“We want to stress up front that this was a process involving deep reflection and discussion,” Lee and Patton wrote. “No issue like this should be undertaken lightly or often.”

The chapel will for now be called “Middlebury Chapel” or simply “the chapel,” they said.

Discussions on campus began this past spring, after the Vermont General Assembly issued a public apology for early-20th-century legislation authorizing the forced sterilization of hundreds of Vermonters as part of existing eugenics program.

The legislature’s statement “compelled us to ask whether it is appropriate to have Mead’s name so publicly and prominently displayed on the Middlebury campus, especially on the iconic chapel, a place of welcome for all,” Lee and Patton wrote.

The full announcement can be found on the Middlebury College website at tinyurl.com/MeadChapel.

“Eugenics is a subject that should strike us at our core, requiring that we confront our values, our history, and some difficult choices around legacy and accountability,” Lee and Patton wrote.

“Based in early-20th-century notions of racial purity and ‘human betterment,’ eugenics policies sought to isolate and prevent the procreation of so-called ‘delinquents, dependents, and defectives’ to bring about a more ‘desirable’ society. Such policies were enacted through the involuntary confinement of community members in state schools, hospitals, and other facilities — and the unconscionable practice of forced sterilization.”

Victims of Vermont eugenics included people living in poverty, suffering from mental illness, struggling with incurable diseases and living with physical disabilities, along with “illegitimate children,” French Canadians, Abenakis, the illiterate and people of mixed racial ancestry, Lee and Patton said.

“It is difficult for us to write these words,” they acknowledged.

The college established a working group to examine the role Gov.

Mead had in Vermont’s eugenics policies. Patton also asked the group to consider how other states and universities have responded after the acknowledgment of eugenics in their own histories.

This summer, citing Mead’s central role in advancing eugenics in Vermont, the working group determined that having his name on an important campus building “is not consistent with what Middlebury stands for in the 21st century” and recommended its removal.

College officials waited until everyone was back on campus to make their announcement, so “we can allow these questions the community conversations they deserve, which was not possible over the summer months.”

Though Mead’s role in Vermont eugenics is well documented, it has not been widely discussed or acknowledged, Lee and Patton said.

After graduated from Middlebury in 1864, he became a physician, industrialist, Vermont governor, and a trustee of the college, Lee and Patton wrote. In 1914 he gave the college \$74,000 to build a new and “prominent” chapel.

Two years before, in his outgoing speech as governor, Mead had urged the legislature to adopt policies and pass laws premised on eugenics theory.

“His call to action resulted in a movement, legislation, public policy, and the founding of a Vermont state institution that sterilized people — based on their race, sex, ethnicity, economic status, and their perceived physical conditions and cognitive disabilities,” Lee and Patton wrote.

Removing the Mead name from Mead Chapel is “not about erasing history, just the opposite — engaging with it so we can learn from it,” they said.

The college will form an Educational Task Force in October. Among other things, it will be tasked with determining how the chapel should be renamed, if at all.

“We know that this decision may come as unexpected news to some,” Lee and Patton wrote. “It may take some time to absorb. We are intensely aware of the profound feelings that the chapel evokes,



THIS BUILDING ON the Middlebury College campus will be known simply as “The Chapel” after college trustees this week announced that they are taking the name “Mead” off the building because namesake Gov. John Mead was a promoter of eugenics and human sterilization in the last century.

Independent file photo/Trent Campbell

and the special place it holds in the life of Middlebury and the lives of Middlebury people. The significance of those memories remains at the

core of our Middlebury experience, no matter what the name of the building is. The meaning it has brought — and will continue to

bring to so many — will inspire us all for generations to come.”

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outside event on Oct. 9. We’re told that the youngsters will meet at 26 Blinn Lane, on the west edge of campus off Route 125 a little before the turn into the McCardell Bicentennial Hall parking lot, between 2 and 4 p.m. for decorating pumpkins, making slime, eating doughnuts and playing bingo. Please give organizers an RSVP online at go.middlebury.edu/stsevent.

Bristol was abuzz last week when news arrived that “Travel + Leisure” magazine had named Bristol one of the 10 best small towns to retire in the U.S. Calling Bristol a “quintessential New England small town,” the magazine said people will appreciate Bristol’s “quaint atmosphere and scenery.” “Travel + Leisure” wrote that Bristol’s “old-style walkable downtown — a National Historic District — features restaurants, coffee shops, and stores offering gifts, local arts and crafts, clothing, and more.” Those who know Bristol couldn’t agree more. The town of almost 4,000 features plenty of businesses and some good restaurants.

The Town of Monkton is pleased to host the grand opening of the new Town Offices and the new home for the Russell Memorial Library on Saturday, Oct. 2, from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., at 92 Monkton Ridge Road (right next to the Friends Methodist Church). If you haven’t had a chance to visit the new building, this is your chance. There will be cider and doughnuts, tours of the building and lots of good conversation.

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An exhilarating return: Bates-Middlebury

Last Saturday, I ventured to the Middlebury-Bates football game, the first athletic event at the college I have attended in more than year and a half.



Sports (Mostly) **KARL LINDHOLM**

I was exhilarated by the game, not so much because the Panthers won, though that is always gratifying — just by being there, so happy to be there,

outside, released into God's green acre on a beautiful early fall day, cloudless skies, temperatures in the 70s.

I was hardly alone in that sense of exhilarating release. I had plenty of company, there with an estimated 2,650 other folks, all in a mood apparently as festive as mine, as large a crowd as I have ever seen at Youngman Field.

Sports are back for me, in-person, with friends and other partisans lost in the excitement of the moment and the spirited play we witness. I trust and pray it is not a chimera and when the snow flies, we are thrust back indoors, masks on, prisoners once more of COVID and now its variants.

I used to say that I owned a few acres of property in Cornwall and 350 acres in town! Having graduated from Middlebury and worked at the college for 35 years, and lived here another 10 since retiring, I "owned" Middlebury College.

(See Lindholm, Page 2B)



TIGER SOPHOMORE QB Jackson Gillett fights for tough yards in the grasp of Hartford defensive end Brody Tyburski as linebacker Cole Withington closes in. Gillett ran for 77 yards and threw a TD pass in the Tigers' 15-7 win on Friday.

Independent photo/Steve James

Two Panther teams still perfect

MIDDLEBURY — In the past week of Middlebury College athletics action, the undefeated field hockey and men's soccer teams kept rolling, the football team won its home opener to even its record at 1-1, and women's soccer split two weekend games.

FIELD HOCKEY

The Middlebury field hockey team, top-ranked in NCAA Division III, picked up three one-sided victories, two over the weekend and another at Skidmore on Tuesday. The Panthers are 8-0, 3-0 in NESCAC play.

On Saturday the Panthers outshot host Hamilton, 23-2, in a 4-0 victory. Audrey Lazar scored twice, Erin Nicholas and Meg Fearey had a goal apiece, Caroline Segal assisted two scores, and goalie Grace Harlan stopped the only shot on the Middlebury cage. Hamilton dropped to 4-2, 1-2 NESCAC.

On Sunday the Panthers thumped host St. John Fisher in a non-league game, 6-0. Goals came from Katie George, Lazar (two), Nicholas, Lilly Branka and Selin Everitt (penalty stroke). Harlan and KK Newton each played a half and made one save in goal.

On Tuesday the Panthers victimized host Skidmore, outshooting the 5-4 Thoroughbreds, 25-3, in a 7-1 victory.

The Panthers took a 4-1 first-period lead on goals from Nicholas, Lazar, Grace Murphy and George. Lazar and Isabel Chandler scored in the third period, and Branka added a fourth-quarter strike. Harlan made one save.

MEN'S SOCCER

On Saturday Shane Farrell's goal in the 20th minute stood up (See Panthers, Page 3B)

Tigers take the wind out of Hartford

By **ANDY KIRKALDY**

MIDDLEBURY — The Middlebury Union High School football team thrust itself back into the middle of the Division I title discussion on Friday, when the Tigers knocked off previously unbeaten Hartford, 15-7. Both teams are now 3-1.

Friday's solid all-around effort, which was capped by a two-

touchdown fourth quarter, followed a dispiriting loss at BFA-St. Albans the week before in which the Tigers turned the ball over six times.

The Tigers also had to shrug off adversity during Friday's game when they fumbled on the Hartford 1-yard line late in the first half while trailing, 7-0. And senior starting quarterback Ryan Thomas-Danyow and two defensive

linemen sat out due to injuries.

Critically, said Head Coach Dennis Smith, the Tigers didn't hang their heads after that crucial fumble. They swarmed to force a Hartford safety to enter halftime on a high note, and then dominated the second half, holding the Hurricanes to one first down until a desperation drive in the final minute.

"It didn't snowball into a big problem like it did last week," Smith said. "They didn't get their heads down, and we went to halftime feeling good."

Smith also said he felt positive before the game because the Tigers had responded well after the subpar effort the week before, and the coaching staff and the team (See Tigers, Page 4B)

Score BOARD

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Football

9/24 Spaulding vs. Mt. Abe.....	26-16
9/24 MUHS vs. Hartford	15-7
9/25 OV vs. Mill River.....	37-6

Field Hockey

9/23 MMU vs. MUHS.....	3-0
9/23 SBHS vs. Mt. Abe	2-1
9/25 Essex vs. MUHS	5-1
9/25 OV vs. Springfield.....	11-0
9/27 Mt. Abe vs. CVU	2-1
9/29 MUHS at Essex	Late
9/29 OV @ Fair Haven.....	Late
9/29 Rice at Mt. Abe.....	Late

Girls' Soccer

9/23 Mt. Abe vs. Milton.....	1-0
9/24 Rice vs. MUHS.....	2-1
9/25 MSJ vs. OV.....	4-2
9/25 VUHS vs. GMVS.....	7-1
9/28 OV at Mill River.....	Ppd. to 10/12
9/29 Mt. Abe at Rice.....	Late
9/29 MUHS at Rutland.....	Late
9/29 Milton at VUHS.....	Late

Boys' Soccer

9/22 MUHS vs. Missisquoi.....	7-0
9/22 VUHS vs. Rice.....	4-0
9/22 Milton vs. Mt. Abe.....	6-1
9/24 Green Mountain vs. OV.....	1-0 (OT)
9/25 VUHS vs. Missisquoi.....	3-0
9/25 Mt. Abe vs. MUHS.....	1-0
9/27 Hartford vs. OV.....	2-1
9/28 MUHS vs. VUHS.....	1-1
9/28 Mt. Abe at Rice.....	4-1

COLLEGE SPORTS

Field Hockey

9/25 Midd. vs. Hamilton.....	4-0
9/26 Midd. vs. St. John Fisher.....	6-0
9/28 Midd. vs. Skidmore.....	7-1

Men's Soccer

9/25 Midd. vs. Hamilton.....	1-0
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Women's Soccer

9/25 Hamilton vs. Midd.....	3-2 (OT)
9/26 Midd. vs. St. Lawrence.....	2-0

Football

9/25 Midd. vs. Bates.....	24-0
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Tiger teams, North Branch runner excel at Mount Abe meet

BRISTOL — The Middlebury Union High School boys' and girls' cross-country teams breezed to wins at a Tuesday meet hosted by Mount Abraham on a cool early-fall afternoon.

North Branch ninth-grader Estella Laird, an independent runner who trains with the Eagles, claimed a 99-second win in the girls' race, and Eagle Coach Eva

Friend was also happy to see her boys' team edge Spaulding for second place in the boys' run.

Ella Landis led the Tiger girls by finishing second behind Laird, with Beth McIntosh in third. Baxter Harrington and Haaken Olsen ran 2-3 behind boys' winner John Viens of Richford.

Noah Engvall paced the Eagle boys by taking fifth, and Abigail Johnson led the non-scoring Eagle girls by finishing eighth.

Calder Rakowski led a non-scoring group of Vergennes boys by taking 17th. The only Commodore female runner, Torrey Hanna, was 33rd.

MUHS won the boys' meet with 28 points, followed by the Eagles (66), Spaulding (76), Richford (114), Rice (115) and Missisquoi (134).

The Tiger girls scored 17 to win, followed by Spaulding (55) and Rice (64).

Next up for the three county teams, and Otter Valley, is Saturday's major Thetford Invitational, which typically draws runners from around New England. (See X-country, Page 3B)



TIGER RUNNER ASTRID Olsen, hair flying, runs through the woods during Tuesday's girls' varsity cross-country race at Mount Abraham. Olsen finished 20th as the MUHS girls won the event.

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EAGLE RUNNER HUGH Ball is dappled with sunshine as he emerges from the woods during the boys' varsity cross-country race in Bristol on Tuesday. Ball finished 18th to help the Eagle boys take second place.

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TIGER SENIOR GOALIE Cassie Bettis makes one of her 17 saves during the Tigers field hockey team's 5-1 loss to visiting Essex on Saturday as teammates Kenene Otis and Alex Bonavita move in. Bettis has again played well for the Tigers this fall.

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Hornets erupt late to top improving Tigers

By **ANDY KIRKALDY**

MIDDLEBURY — The Middlebury Union High School field hockey program did not claim its first win since 2019 on Saturday vs. Essex, but the Tigers showed signs they are pointing in the right direction in a 5-1 loss to a strong Division I opponent.

The game was tied heading into the fourth quarter, and the Tigers had chances to take the lead after ninth-grader McKenna Raymond knocked home a feed from sophomore Scarlet Carrara to tie the score early in the third period.

More to the point, said Coach Brandi Whittemore, the Tigers were linking up better with each other and showing improved chemistry.

"This was the first game where I really saw us connecting all our passes," Whittemore said. "We were all on the same page. We were looking upfield. We were utilizing each other's strengths, and it all came together."

It was also understandable that Essex scored four of its goals in the final 6:53. Although Whittemore said the team did "get a little tired at the end" and "will definitely work on our conditioning," she also pointed out they were hampered by injuries.

Senior defender Hannah Cameron, junior forward Kelsey Altemose and ninth-grade forward Pelagia Slater all missed the game, and senior forward Talia Cotroneo's minutes were limited due to knee woes.

Cameron's absence meant starting midfielder Erin Mulcahy had to move to defense, and the lack of rest for the midfield and forwards showed late in the game against the deeper Hornets.

Mulcahy's presence in the back proved helpful in the first period. With senior goalie Cassie Bettis

out to cut down the shooting angle, Mulcahy swooped in and adeptly reverse-sticked a ball off the goal line.

Although the Tiger midfielders — junior Hana Doria, and seniors Kenene Otis and Viviana Hammond, and Carrara — were holding their own, the Hornets did earn an edge in territory. Early in the second period they forced a penalty corner, and Bettis stopped a drive from the top of the circle and then denied Elizabeth Tupaj from point blank on the rebound.

Shortly afterward Bettis had no chance when Essex took the lead at 12:16. Peyton Ashe served from the right side, and Paige Rovnak, at the

fought for the rebound before Essex cleared.

The Tigers broke through at 12:50 of the third. Carrara raced past several Hornets down the right side and hit a solid ball through the circle. Raymond got position on the defense and rapped a hard shot into the left side of the cage.

Bettis ranged far out to stop an Essex break soon afterward, and Mulcahy broke up a penalty corner. Then the Tigers stormed the Essex cage midway through the period. Byrne stopped Cotroneo again, and Cotroneo, Carrara and senior Patience Hanley battled the Hornets to get a stick on the ball during a lengthy scramble, but to no avail.

Essex then began to take charge, earning four penalty corners in the third quarter's final four minutes, with defense from Otis and Mulcahy helping keep the Hornets off the board.

Essex took the lead at 12:29 of the fourth, when Tupaj deposited the rebound of a Rovnak shot. Bettis racked up four of her 17 saves on two more corners, but could not stop Annika Simard from chipping a shot home from a scrum at 6:53. Ava Spooner picked a corner in transition at 3:53, and Tupaj converted a Cassidy Daniels feed at 1:53.

Overall Whittemore was happy with the defensive effort and work of the midfield, and she believes goals and better results will come as the Tigers get healthier and their teamwork creates more offensive possession.

"The time will come and we will see that success. We can. We know how to do it," she said.

And Whittemore said the Tigers can build on the way they played for most of Saturday's contest.

"Today was the game that will help us move forward," she said.



TIGER JUNIOR MIDFIELDER Hana Doria races past Essex defender Charlee Olio during Saturday morning's field hockey game in Middlebury, won by the visiting Hornets with a late scoring outburst, 5-1.

Independent photo/Steve James

far post behind Bettis, tapped it in.

The Tiger defense — senior Alex Bonavita in the middle, ninth-grader Lila Cook on the left and Mulcahy on the right — kept Essex at bay for the rest of the period, and Bettis had to make only one more stop.

At the other end, Essex goalie Adowyn Byrne denied Tiger senior forward from the left side at the eight-minute mark, and for several seconds the Tigers and Hornets

Lindholm

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The pandemic put an end to that.

I drove by campus every day, multiple times, and saw those neon signs on Main and College streets that read "No Visitors/Campus closed/Even you, Karl!"

That hurt, but I didn't object. As a townsperon, I was proud of the way the college staff, students, and faculty (despite skepticism) unified to ensure that protocols were followed explicitly last year, and we all remained comparatively safe.

It's fitting that this happy reunion for me last Saturday was a football game against Bates College. My attachment to Bates, and Lewiston, Maine, where it is located, is equal to my attachment to Middlebury College, and Middlebury, Vermont.

While my life for the last half-century has been in Middlebury, my roots are at Bates.

If you see me around town, I'm likely to be wearing a weathered "Bates" baseball hat, a gift from my daughter Annie, Bates class of 2020. Annie was home last weekend and at the game with two Bates friends. I wore that Bates hat — and my Middlebury pullover!

My father and mother met at Bates and both graduated from that college. My sister, my only sibling, went to Bates, so did Uncle Peter and Aunt Sara, and Cousin Wendy and many other cousins too. Annie actually attended Bates with three of her cousins whom she met for the first time there.

When people ask me why I came to Middlebury for college, I explain, "because I couldn't get into Bates," and it's true. My dad was the dean of admissions and he told me that, explicitly. He thought I needed to get out of Lewiston, which I thought was the center of the universe.

I had assumed I would go to Bates. Middlebury, all the way over in Vermont, was sufficiently like Bates to appeal to me. Fred Neuberger, admissions director at

Middlebury, was a friend of my dad. The admissions building at Bates is the Lindholm House.

My dad was a football player at Bates, a very good one (unlike his son), a member of the team that famously "defeated" Yale 0-0 in 1932 and captain of the team his senior year. He loved the hurly-burly of the game and believed in football, and sports generally, as character-building, a precursor to a healthy manhood.

When I was growing up at Bates, in that era, football was the only game in town — soccer was a foreign sport, and women's intercollegiate athletics were yet to come. The football game was the centerpiece of the fall weekend, even in small colleges like Middlebury and Bates, in a way much bigger than now.

Everyone came to The Game, the whole school and town. The stands were packed. There was organized cheering ("Hold That Line! Hold That Line;" "Block That Kick! Block That Kick!"), and the fight song was sung after every touchdown. (Middlebury had a great fight song, "Victory, Oh Victory," that only old fart alumni like me know now.)

I have keen memories of football games at Bates, on the same field that they play on today. Compared to Middlebury, the Bates campus is constricted physically, and Garcelon Field is surrounded on three sides by college buildings.

Opposite the grandstand not 50 yards from the gridiron itself, the exterior of Smith Hall, a large dormitory, would be festooned with white bed sheets hanging out the windows painted with battle cries: "Beat Bowdoin!"; "Crush the Mules (Colby)" and so forth.

I sat at games with my dad and his male friends, old footballers themselves whom I admired extravagantly. They enthusiastically encouraged the Bobcat players and excoriated the referees. I traveled to State Series away games with my dad, to Colby, Bowdoin, and the University of Maine — and the rides home, buoyant after wins,

gloomy after losses.

When the football team was away, we would await the ringing of Hathorn Hall bell in the center of the Bates campus after a victory. That's how we learned of the outcome. Should it ring, we could hear the celebrations on campus at our home two blocks away.

All this personal history packed into my high at Saturday's Bates-Middlebury football game last Saturday.

A poignant note amid the cheer: I and others were aware at the game of the presence of another Bates man, Russ Reilly '66, though he was there in spirit only. In his retirement from his career in the Middlebury athletic department (basketball coach and athletic director), he became the Voice of the Panthers as the PA announcer at football games. Russ died in the summer of 2019.

In stentorian tones, Russ would greet us, "Ladies and Gentlemen, Boys and Girls, welcome to Youngman Field!" He took the job seriously but was characteristically exuberant in his resonant announcer-voice, inserting light embellishments in his capsule descriptions of play: "tackle by a congress of Continentals" or "a herd of Jumbos." Russ would offer scores from NESCAC's "sister conference, the Big Ten," and would on occasion give what he called "partial scores" — "thirty-love; nil-nil, and seven."

Russ was missed at Saturday's game. OK, I am returning to earth now from this sentimental flight. *Tempus fugit.* Be safe. See you on the sidelines.

Editor's note: Karl Lindholm's account of his relationship to his dad and football won a First Place, Sports Columnist, in 2014 from the New England Newspaper and Press Association. You can read it at tinyurl.com/HabitsOfRightLiving.



MIDDLEBURY PLACEKICKER Andrew Haas adds the final point to Middlebury's 24-0 defeat of Bates last Saturday before a packed house at Youngman Field. Our columnist discusses his shared loyalty to the two schools as reflected in experience of football.

Sports SCHEDULE

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Football

10/1 Rutland at MUHS	7 PM
10/2 N. Country at Mt. Abe	3 PM
10/2 Windsor at OV	3 PM
10/9 OV at Mt. Abe	1 PM
10/9 MUHS at CVU	1 PM
10/15 MMU at MUHS	7 PM

Field Hockey

10/2 Mt. Abe at MUHS	3 PM
10/5 Rice at MUHS	4 PM
10/5 Burlington at Mt. Abe	4 PM
10/7 OV at MUHS	4 PM
10/9 OV at Bellows Falls	Noon
10/9 Mt. Abe at MMU	11 AM

Girls' Soccer

10/1 OV at Springfield	4 PM
10/2 Rutland at Mt. Abe	Noon
10/2 MUHS at VUHS	3 PM
10/4 Fair Haven at OV	4 PM
10/5 Milton at MUHS	4 PM
10/5 VUHS at Mt. Abe	4 PM
10/5 OV at West Rutland	4 PM
10/8 VUHS at Rice	4 PM
10/8 Mt. Abe at MUHS	4 PM
10/9 OV at Hartford	10 AM

Boys' Soccer

10/1 VUHS at Mt. Abe	4 PM
10/1 Milton at MUHS	4 PM
10/1 OV at MAU	4 PM
10/4 Milton at VUHS	4 PM
10/6 Rice at MUHS	4 PM
10/6 Mt. Abe at Missisquoi	4 PM
10/7 GMVS at VUHS	4 PM
10/7 OV at Green Mountain	4 PM
10/9 VUHS at Rice	10 AM
10/9 MUHS at MVU	10 AM
10/9 OV at Woodstock	1 PM

Cross Country

10/2	Thetford Invitational
10/5VUHS at Rice
10/5Mt. Abe at Fairfax Relays
10/9MUHS at Harwood Invitational

COLLEGE SPORTS

Field Hockey

10/2 Midd at Conn	11 AM
10/3 Amherst at Midd	1 PM
10/9 Bates at Midd	Noon
10/10 Tufts at Midd	1 PM

Men's Soccer

10/2 Midd at Conn	2:30 PM
10/3 Amherst at Midd	3 PM
10/9 Bates at Midd	Noon
10/10 Tufts at Midd	2:30 PM

Women's Soccer

10/2 Midd at Conn	11:30 AM
10/3 Amherst at Midd	2 PM
10/9 Bates at Midd	11 AM
10/10 Tufts at Midd	Noon

Football

10/2 Midd at Trinity	1 PM
10/9 Amherst at Midd	2 PM

AGWAY presents the 2021 Garden Game

With SEVEN new entries this week, the Garden Game is still going strong!

Our first entry was from **Pam Thomas**. Her giant beet-sized radish measured 11.5" in circumference and now takes the top spot. While here, Pam asked us the same question we've been wondering for weeks, "Where's Gary?"

Then as if by magic, the illustrious **Gary Miller** showed up shortly after, toting with him two impressive carrots, the first orange root vegetable submissions of the season. One carrot clocked in at 19.5" long and 6" in circumference. The other was a four-legged specimen that certainly brought a smile to our faces. Gary also came in with an important reminder that although rhubarb leaves may be impressive, they are certainly not edible. Thank you, Gary!

Barbara Pelton brought in her weekly entry - a big and round cantaloupe. As the first in the category this year, her 22" muskmelon is in the lead!

Next up, we had three magnificent submissions from **Ted Foster**. One of the leaves on his huge kale "tree" was 21" long x 8" wide and his rhubarb stalk was 16.5" long. Ted's most remarkable entry may have been his leek. At 50" long and 3.75" in circumference, this inaugural leek entry will be a tough one to beat! It seems that "moo doo and rain" really do work!

Last but certainly not least, **Pat Anderson** brought in a pink banana winter squash. This blush beauty was 23.5" long and 25.75" in circumference. Pat said this was her first time growing this jumbo variety and the size was a BIG surprise. Summer may be over but there's still time to bring in your fall harvest or submit your entries online!

Play the Garden Game!

Do you have veggies to share in our pages? We welcome entries from any of the below categories. Bring your entry into our office between 9am and 4pm Monday-Friday and we'll measure it and snap a photo. Each week we'll publish new entries and update our frontrunners for each category in the contest. At the end of the season, each category winner* will be eligible to receive a gift certificate from our Garden Game sponsor, Middlebury Agway.

CATEGORIES & FRONT-RUNNERS:

- **Asparagus** (length x circumference) - Pamela Thomas, 29.75" x 2.75"
- **Beet** (circumference) - Barbara Pelton, 11"
- **Broccoli** (diameter) - Pamela Thomas, 15.5"
- **Cabbage** (circumference) - Fran Putnam, 22.5"
- **Cantaloupe** (circumference) - Barbara Pelton, 22"
- **Carrot** (length x circumference) Gary Miller, 19.5" x 6"
- **Cauliflower** (diameter)
- **Corn** (length x circumference)
- **Cucumber** (length x circumference) - Barbara Pelton, 18" x 8.5"
- **Eggplant** (circumference x circumference) - Ted Foster, 22.25" x 18"
- **Fennel** (length x circumference)
- **Green bean** (length) - Gary Miller, 28.5"
- **Kohlrabi** (circumference)
- **Leafy greens** (length x width - leaf only) - Pamela Thomas, 24" x 20"
- **Leek** (length x circumference)
- **Melon** (circumference) - Pamela Thomas, 34"
- **Onion** (circumference) - Ed Blechner, 14"
- **Potato** (circumference) - Ted Foster, 4.75"
- **Potato** (length x circumference) - Kelley Mills, 8.5" x 11"
- **Pepper** (circumference x circumference) - Gary Miller, 12.75" x 14.5"
- **Pumpkin** (circumference x circumference) - Fran Putnam, 58" x 46.5"
- **Radish** (circumference) - Pam Thomas, 11.5"
- **Rhubarb** (length) - Pamela Thomas, 18"
- **Rutabaga** (circumference)
- **Summer squash** (length x circumference) - Enea Ancarani, 13" x 14.75"
- **Sunflower** (diameter) - Barbara Pelton, 18"
- **Tomato** (circumference) - Lisa Maloney, 17.75"
- **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"

More info online at addisonindependent.com

*Please note: Each individual is eligible to win one gift certificate, even if they win multiple categories.

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X-country

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The winner and local runners in Tuesday's 5-kilometer boys' race at Mount Abe were:

1. John Viens, Richford, 17:55;
2. Baxter Harrington, MUHS, 18:25;
3. Haaken Olsen, MUHS, 18:39;
5. Noah Engvall, Mt. Abe, 19:21;
6. Baker Nelson, MUHS, 19:28;
8. Aidan Chance, MUHS, 20:04;
9. Matthew Berg, MUHS, 20:08;
11. Ethan Spritzer, MUHS, 20:13;
13. Gus Hill, Mt. Abe, 20:33.39;
- and 14. Callan Boulanger, MUHS, 20:33.98.

- Also, 15. Abel Atocha, Mt. Abe, 20:37;
- 16. Sean Davison, Mt. Abe, 20:52;
- 17. Calder Rakowski, VUHS, 21:10;
- 18. Hugh Ball, Mt. Abe, 21:11;
- 19. Aaron Carr-Perlow, MUHS, 21:13;
- 20. Calvin Gramling, VUHS, 21:14;
- 22. Norman Benoit, Mt. Abe, 21:32;
- 23. Christopher Therrien, VUHS, 21:52;
- and 24. Morgan Barnes, Mt. Abe, 21:56.

- Also, 25. Avery Hamilton, MUHS, 21:57;
- 26. Riley Gagnon, VUHS, 21:59;
- 29. William Illif, Mt. Abe, 22:33;
- 34. Joseph Darling, Mt. Abe, 23:04;
- 39. Ryan Cross, Mt. Abe, 24:10;
- 40. Finn O'Neil, MUHS, 24:11.24;
- 41. Henry Weston, MUHS, 24:11.65;
- 42. Asa Baker-Rouse, MUHS, 24:16;
- and 44. Evan Roy, Mt. Abe, 25:02.

- Also, 45. Owen Reynolds, Mt. Abe, 25:02;
- 46. Keil Broderson, MUHS, 25:03;
- 47. Dustin



ESTELLA LAIRD, A ninth-grader at Ripton's North Branch School who trains with the Mount Abraham cross-country team, cruised to a 99-second win in the girls' race on Tuesday at a meet the Eagles hosted.

Independent photo/Steve James



EAGLE SENIOR NOAH Engvall bursts into the sunlight after leaving the woods during the boys' cross-country race at Mount Abe on Tuesday. His fifth-place finish helped boost the host Eagles into second place.

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- Lavigne, Mt. Abe, 25:23;
- 50. Nolan Valkyrie, Mt. Abe, 25:47;
- 53. Lucas Flinger, MUHS, 26:39;
- 54. Lewis Suchomel, MUHS, 26:58;
- 59. Tristan Pudvah, Mt. Abe, 29:10;
- 61. Gabe Schmitt, MUHS, 29:21;
- and 64. Ty Duell, Mt. Abe, 35:31.

The winner and local runners in Tuesday's 5-kilometer girls' race at Mount Abe were:

1. Estella Laird, North Branch

- 19:49;
2. Ella Landis, MUHS, 21:28;
3. Beth McIntosh, MUHS, 21:30;
4. Seina Dowgiewicz, MUHS, 21:51;
5. Ava Schneider, MUHS, 21:58;
8. Abigail Johnson, Mt. Abe, 22:52;
10. Fairley Olson, MUHS, 24:19;
11. Kayla Friend, Mt. Abe, 24:54;
13. Maisy Hill, Mt. Abe, 26:08.2;
- and 14. Ari Graham-Gurland, MUHS, 26:08.59.

- Also, 15. Mary Conklin,

- MUHS, 26:17;
- 17. Ruby Jean Hall, Mt. Abe, 26:39;
- 19. Camille Maglienti, MUHS, 27:13.59;
- 20. Astrid Olsen, MUHS, 27:13.7;
- 23. Sarah Benz, MUHS, 27:49;
- 24. Dahlia Harrison-Irwin, MUHS, 27:58;
- 26. Narges Anzali, MUHS, 28:24;
- 33. Torrey Hanna, VUHS, 30:26;
- 34. Marissa Cross, MUHS, 31:00;
- 36. Vivian Ross, MUHS, 31:33;
- and 40. Megan Gemignani, MUHS, 34:50.

Girls' soccer: Eagles, VUHS win their first

ADDISON COUNTY — The Vergennes and Mount Abraham teams each broke through for their first wins to highlight high school girls' soccer action between Sept. 22 and 28.

Elsewhere, Middlebury suffered a close home loss, while Otter Valley remained in search of a breakthrough victory.

EAGLES

On Sept. 23 Mount Abe (1-5) picked up its first victory by blanking host Milton, 1-0. **Halle Huizenga** scored the game's only goal in the 31st minute, with an assist from **Anne Dufault**, and

the Eagle defense and goalie **Jo Toy** made it stand up.

COMMODORES

On Saturday the Commodores coasted past visiting Green Mountain Valley, 7-1, as **Felicia Poirier** scored four times and set up two goals. **Kaelin Sullivan** scored twice, and **Allie Croke** found the net once and assisted two strikes. **Goalie Carlyn Rapoport** made four saves for the 1-5 Commodores.

Emma Gatliffe scored for GMVS, and goalie Ada Jones made six saves.

TIGERS

On Friday, visiting Rice edged the Tigers, 2-1, on a pair of Laura Hoak goals. Rice struck first before **Lily Lapiner** equalized for the Tigers, with an assist from **Hannah Turner**, but Hoak put in the game-winner. Sunshine Clark stopped five shots for Rice, and **Julia Bartlett** made nine saves for the 4-2-1 Tigers.

OTTERS

On Sept. 22 visiting Hartford blanked OV, 2-0. OV goalie **Linnea Faulkner** made 15 saves.

On Saturday OV gave undefeated Mount St. Joseph at battle at the Otters' homecoming

game, but the Mounties came away with a 4-2 victory.

The Mounties took a 2-0 lead. But OV's **Elena Politano** scored to make it 2-1 at 26:19 of the second half, with an assist from Bryn Blanchard. MSJ answered with the next two goals, however, before a late goal from OV's **Mallee Richardson** created the final score.

OV's Tuesday game at Mill River was postponed until Oct. 12.

Spaulding rallies to knock off Mount Abe - VUHS football

BARRE — The Mount Abraham-Vergennes football team couldn't hold onto a first-half lead on Saturday at Spaulding and fell, 26-16. The 0-4 Eagles will look to break through when they host Division II rival North Country on Saturday at 3 p.m.

After Tide QB Andrew Trotter tossed an early 40-yard TD pass to Grady Chase, the Eagles responded with 16 straight points to take the lead.

Eagle QB Adam Mansfield rushed for a touchdown and kicked the point-after to tie the score early in the second quarter, and the Eagles took a 9-7 lead on a safety nine seconds

later. Mansfield hit Carmelo Miceli for a touchdown at 6:18 of the quarter, and another kick made it 16-7.

But Spaulding's relentless pass rush stalled the Eagle offense from there: Mansfield was sacked 15 times.

Trotter ran for one score and then threw to Cole Benoit for a 25-yard touchdown with 2:44 left in the first half, and the Tide led at the break, 20-16.

Chase added a 53-yard touchdown run in the third quarter to create the final score as Spaulding improved to 2-2.

Panthers

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as the Middlebury men's soccer team topped host Hamilton, 1-0, to improve to 6-0, 3-0 in NESCAC play.

Farrell converted a Hank Nelson cross for the right side to near the penalty stripe.

Hamilton held advantages in shots, 16-11, and corner kicks, 9-2, but managed to land only three shots on the Panther net, all of which Ryan Grady stopped. Ben Ziegler made six saves for the Continentals (2-3-1, 0-3 NESCAC).

Middlebury has not allowed a goal in nearly 400 minutes of action.

FOOTBALL

On Saturday the Panther football team evened its record at 1-1 by blanking visiting Bates, 24-0. The Panthers outgained Bates, 355-201 yards, and quarterback Will Jernigan completed 11 of 24 passes for 149 yards and a touchdown and rushed for two scores on 14 carries for 67 yards.

The Panthers took a 7-0 lead on their opening drive, a 72-yard march capped by Jernigan's 11-yard toss to Greg Livingston.

In the second quarter Andrew Hass's 20-yard field goal made it 10-0 before Jernigan's three-yard run pushed the lead to 17-0. A 20-yard Jernigan run following a Gordon Pollock interception at midfield made it 24-0 on the Panthers' first possession of the second half.

Peter Scibilia rushed 18 times for 83 yards for Middlebury, and Nate Stewart picked off two passes. QB Brendan Costa completed 14 of 30 passes for Bates for 115 yards with three interceptions.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

On Saturday statistical edges did not translate to a win for the women's soccer team as the Panthers lost at Hamilton, 3-2, in overtime. Middlebury outshot the Continentals, 25-11, and Middlebury goalie Sydney Poppinga finished with three saves, while Caity Smith made nine. Hamilton improved to 4-0-1 NESCAC, while the Panthers, after winning the next day, are 6-2, 1-2 NESCAC.

Hamilton took the early lead, but Simone Ameer equalized. Hamilton retook the lead before halftime, but Gretchen McGrath knotted the score with 9:31 left in regulation from a scramble in the Hamilton box. Continental Rylie Mutton scored the game-winner from the top of the Panther box 1:49 into overtime.

On Sunday the Panthers prevailed over visiting non-league foe St. Lawrence, 2-0, on second-half goals from Eliza Van Voorhis and Magnolia Moskun. Middlebury dominated play after the break, launching the majority of their shots. Poppinga stopped two shots, and Keely Snode made five saves for St. Lawrence.





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Tigers

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before the game because the Tigers had responded well after the subpar effort the week before, and the coaching staff and the team also believed in the streamlined game plan put in place tailored to sophomore Jackson Gillett, making his first start at QB.

"These kids worked hard all week. We were down three starters, two defensive tackles and our quarterback. We just brought our playbook in, made it simple," Smith said. "Tonight we warmed up, and I had a good vibe."

Still, the Hurricanes took the opening kickoff and moved 67 yards before missing a 35-yard field goal. And after the Tigers quickly went three-and-out and punted to the Hartford 45, the Hurricanes marched again and

took the lead.

A couple tough runs from Brady Tyburski, a key third-down completion from QB Brayden Trombly to wideout Jacob Seaver, and an 18-yard run from Ezra Mock combined with a Tiger penalty moved Hartford to the Tiger 4 as the quarter ended. Three plays into the second quarter, Trombly snuck in from the one, the kick was good, and Hartford was up, 7-0.

Then the Tiger offense began to click. Strong running from Gillett and fellow sophomore Gavin McNulty moved MUHS 76 yards to the Hurricane 1. Then came the fumble that allowed Hurricane linebacker Cole Withington to fall on the ball on the 3 at 2:56.

But two Hartford penalties moved the ball back to the 1, and the Tigers attacked a Hartford running play. Defensive lineman Matt Kiernan was first to hit ballcarrier Trenton Bird two yards deep in the end zone, and three other Tigers joined him to bring

Bird down for the two-point safety. The score stood at 7-2 at the half, although the Tigers threatened late in the second period.

The Tigers began to charge in the third quarter, although their opening drive stalled after 63 yards when a fourth-and-four pass fell incomplete, allowing Hartford to take over on its 13.

The teams exchanged fruitless possessions, and when the Hurricanes failed to move to open the fourth quarter they punted to the Tiger 30. Then Brian Austin-Neil attacked the right side of the Hartford line, cut back across the middle, eluded the safety and broke into the clear. Tyburski brought him down from behind 65 yards later on the Hurricane 5.

On the next play Gillett lofted a strike to tight end Penn Riley in the back right corner of the end zone. The two-point try failed, and it was 8-7 at 9:14 of the fourth.

The Tigers stuffed Hartford again and got the ball back on

their own 26 and promptly put the game away with an 11-play drive that produced a McNulty 6-yard scoring run at 1:28. Nicolai Luksch's point after made it 15-7.

On that clinching march Gillett carried three times for 23 yards, and Austin-Neil ran six times for 36 yards.

Hartford's Trombly completed three passes in the final 1:16 for 35 yards and scrambled for 10 yards as the Hurricanes reached the Tiger 32 with 27 seconds left, but back-to-back sacks by the defensive ends, Riney and Sam Warren, ended the last-gasp threat.

The Tigers held Hartford to 88 yards rushing on 28 attempts. Potter (five attempts) and Tyburski (nine) each rushed for 33 yards. Trombly completed five of 12 passes for 50 yards.

The Tigers rushed for 250 yards on 40 attempts, led by Austin-Neil (121 yards, 10 carries), Gillett (77 yards, 17 carries) and McNulty (55 yards, 11 carries).



THE TIGERS, INCLUDING junior defensive end Penn Riney (#10), swarm Hartford back Trenton Bird in the end zone for a crucial safety during their 15-7 home victory on Friday night. MUHS will host undefeated Rutland this Friday.

Independent photo/Steve James

The Tigers will host undefeated Rutland on Friday at 7 p.m., and will look for more of the same. "We held tough, and a lot of

kids made good plays tonight, offensively and defensively," Smith said. "Tonight, everything clicked."

Field hockey: Eagles, Otter Valley earn wins

ADDISON COUNTY — In local field hockey play between Sept. 22 and 28, Mount Abraham split two games, including absorbing its first loss; Otter Valley won its only outing; and Middlebury came up short at home.

The Tigers also hosted Essex on Saturday; see story on Page 1B. **EAGLES**

On Sept. 23 visiting Division I power South Burlington dealt Mount Abe its first loss, 2-1. The Eagles earned a 12-7 margin in shots on goal over the Wolves, but SB goalie Izzy Redzic had 11 saves. Abby Guenther and Reese Barley tallied for the Wolves.

Madison Gile, assisted by Molly Laurent, scored for Mount Abe, and Greta Jennison made five saves.

On Monday the Eagles bounced back to defeat host Champlain Valley, as **Txuxa Konczal** and **Olivia Campbell** each scored and assisted each other's goals. Konczal's snapped a 1-1 tie. Both CVU goalie Grace Ferguson and the Mount Abe tandem of **Jennison** and **Maddie Donaldson**, who split time, made 11 saves. The Eagles improved to 6-1.

OTTERS

On Saturday the Otters bounced back from their first loss by topping visiting Springfield, 11-0, in their homecoming game.

OV started quickly with first-period goals from **Sydney Gallo**, **Riley Keith**, **Britney Jackson** and **Ryleigh LaPorte**.

LaPorte scored three more goals

as the game went on, and **Mackenzie McKay** (two assists) added a pair. Keith scored one more, and **Marissa Connors** also tallied for OV, which converted three of nine penalty corners. Goalie **Lily Morgan** stopped the only shot allowed by the Otter defense.

TIGERS

Last Thursday visiting Mount Mansfield blanked the Tigers, 3-0. Cougar goalie Ellie Campbell blocked two shots, and three Cougars found the net as their team earned its first victory.

Tiger goalie **Cassie Bettis** had a big day, making 18 saves as her team remained in search of a breakthrough victory.

The Tigers also hosted Essex on Saturday; see story on Page 2B.

Boys' soccer rivals clash

ADDISON COUNTY — County rivalry games highlighted the high school boys' soccer schedule between Sept. 22 and Sept. 28, as Mount Abraham edged Middlebury, and Vergennes and MUHS settled for a tie.

In other games, the undefeated Commodores picked up two shutout wins, the Eagles split two games, the Tigers picked up a big win, and Otter Valley suffered two close losses.

TIGERS-COMMODORES

On Tuesday host VUHS and the Tigers battled to a 1-1 tie. Oakley Francis gave the Commodores the early lead on a feed from **Shamus Rooney**, while **Eliot Schneider** equalized for MUHS before halftime.

Owen Lawton made seven saves for the 5-2-1 Tigers, while **Abram Francis** and **Elijah Duprey** combined for six stops for the 5-0-1 Commodores.

TIGERS-EAGLES

On Saturday the visiting Eagles bested the Tigers, 1-0, before a big crowd, with the only goal coming on an **Eli Burgess** penalty kick. Mount Abe's win avenged an earlier 1-0, double-overtime home loss to the Tigers.

Three days before, the

host Tigers trounced winless Missisquoi, 7-0, for their third straight shutout. **Zach Wilkerson** and **Ben Seaton** led the attack with two goals and an assist apiece, and **Schneider**, **Henry Carpenter** and **Greg Wilhelm** also found the net. Lawton made six saves, and T-Bird keeper Lucien Bushey made 15.

COMMODORES

On Sept. 22 the Commodores blanked visiting Lake Division rival Rice, 4-0, as **Jonah Mahé** recorded a hat trick and set up **Alisdair Chauvin's** strike. Two of Mahé's strikes came in the first 20 minutes, one on a penalty kick. VUHS goalie Francis worked a three-save shutout, and Rice keeper Nate McDonald blocked eight shots.

On Saturday the Commodores shut out another Lake foe at home, this time Missisquoi, 3-0. The goals came from Mahé, on a direct kick; **Jack Wyman**, from Duprey; and Chauvin, assisted by **Ethan Gebu**. Francis made two saves as the Commodores, and Lucien Bushey made nine saves for the T-Birds.

EAGLES

Visiting Milton dispatched the Eagles on Sept. 22, 6-1, after scoring three times in the opening

18 minutes. Zack Logan and Caden Button led the Yellowjackets with two goals apiece. Burgess scored on a penalty kick for Mount Abe, and goalie **Creed Stillwell** stopped 10 shots.

On Monday the Eagles knocked off host Rice, 4-1. Burgess deposited another penalty kick to give the Eagles the lead and set up one of two **Jake Lucarelli** goals, and **Carter Monks** also scored. The Eagles moved over .500 at 3-2-1.

OTTERS

On Friday visiting Green Mountain Union edged OV, 1-0, in overtime on a Ben Munukka goal. GMU improved to 5-1 while launching 39 shots at the Otter net, on a number of which OV goalie **Hayden Bernhardt** made spectacular saves.

On Monday it was another good defensive effort for the Otters and another close loss, this time by 2-1 to visiting Hartford. The Hurricanes scored twice in the second half, one on a penalty kick, to take a 2-0 lead before **Evan Thomas**, with an assist from **Fraser Pierpont**, found the net for OV with about five minutes to go. The Otters dropped to 1-4-2.

MUHS golf takes second at Ralph Myhre

MIDDLEBURY — Middlebury Union High School placed second among four teams on Sept. 22 while hosting a nine-hole match at Ralph Myhre golf course.

Colchester fired a collective 162 to win handily, with two Laker golfers tying for medalist honors at 39.

Tiger Colin MacGuffie was not far off that pace, firing a 43 to lead MUHS, which finished second at 202. Milton (205) was third, and Vergennes (220) was fourth.

Also competing for MUHS were Owen Hamilton (51), Ben Fuller and Riley Disorda (each scoring at 54),

and Shannon Gillett.

Benjamin Hale led the Commodores with a 43, Quinn LeBeau shot a 49, Reed Grant came in at 55, and Devin Greenough shot a 68.

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MARKET REPORT

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OV golfers are All-SVC

WOODSTOCK — The Otter Valley Union High School boys' golf team was edged by Woodstock on Sept. 22 for the Southern Vermont Conference Championship, 176-180. The match was played at the Woodstock Country Club, the Wasps' home course.

Two Otters, Lucas Politano and Matt Bryant, earned All-Conference honors after pacing the Otters.

Politano's score of 40 was just two shots off the co-medalist scores submitted by Woodstock's Ethan Dean and Joseph Barwood of the non-scoring Hartford squad, while Bryant fired a 42.

Also scoring for OV were Jordan Beayon (47) and Thomas Politano (51).

Long Trail (199) and Mill River (236) finished well behind Woodstock and OV.

Auctions

OV football tops Mill River, 37-6

BRANDON — The Otter Valley Union High School football team improved to 4-0 on Saturday by defeating visiting Mill River, 37-6, before a big crowd in the Otters' homecoming game.

The victory set up a key Division II clash this coming Saturday at Markowski Field: Windsor, also 4-0, will visit OV at 1 p.m.

The Otters took control against the winless Minutemen by scoring on two early possessions. On the first drive quarterback Luca Polli completed passes to Keevon Parks and Isaac Whitney on the march to set up a two-yard Brady Diaz touchdown run. Whitney ran in the two-point conversion.

Polli capped another drive with a 9-yard run early in the second quarter, and Diaz ran in the conversion to make it 16-0.

Mill River answered with a 60-yard TD pass from quarterback Owen Traynor to Keegan Greeley to make it 16-6.

But OV's offense kept rolling. A 38-yard TD pass from Polli to Caleb Whitney made it 22-6 at the half.

In the third quarter Isaac Whitney capped another drive with a five-yard TD run, and Polli's conversion pass was good. Polli also tossed a 43-yard TD pass to Parks in the second half.

In all, Polli completed 10 of 16 passes for 232 yards.

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community calendar

sept 30 THURSDAY

Community School Forum in Monkton. Thursday, Sept. 30, at 7 p.m. Monkton Town Office, 92 Monkton Ridge Rd., and Zoom. The selectboard will host a discussion to clarify the current status of Mount Abraham Unified School District discussions and future of Monkton in the district.

oct 1 FRIDAY

Manufacturing Day factory tours in Middlebury. Friday, Oct. 1, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Maple Landmark, 1297 Exchange St. Manufacturing Day provides an opportunity for the public to learn about business and manufacturing here in the U.S. Maple Landmark will be holding tours of our 28,000 square-foot factory-store every hour, on the hour. Just drop in and say you'd like a tour. Free and open to the public. Large groups please call ahead at 802-388-0627.

Knights in Italy walk-up/drive-up spaghetti dinner in Bristol. Friday, Oct. 1, 5:30 p.m., St. Ambrose Parish Hall, 11 School St. Menu includes spaghetti with sauce, garlic bread, salad, and dessert. Please pull around to the School Street side of the building, place your order and your meal(s) will be brought out, packaged up for you to bring home. Cost: \$10 adults/\$5 children 12 and under/\$25 family. All proceeds will go toward furthering the Knights' mission of aiding the community.

oct 2 SATURDAY

Dead Creek Wildlife Day in Addison. Saturday, Oct. 2, 7 a.m.-4 p.m., Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area (WMA), Route 17, west of Route 22A. Early risers can begin the day with a bird banding demonstration at 7 a.m. Two large tents at Dead Creek WMA headquarters will open at 9:30 a.m., featuring wildlife-related exhibits and activities such as decoy carving, building bluebird boxes and a visit from Batwoman. The Visitor Center will be open from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. featuring displays about conservation and wildlife management in Vermont.

Middlebury Amateur Hockey Association open house and equipment fitting in Middlebury. Saturday, Oct. 2, 9-11 a.m., Memorial Sports Center, 296 Buttolph Dr. Accepting gently used equipment donations (youth sizes preferred). Fit up your hockey player, save money, and support MAHA.

River Corridors for Wildlife presentation in Granville. Saturday, Oct. 2, 9:30 a.m.-noon, Corner School Resource Center, 75 Post Office Rd. Learn about how river corridors can be managed to enhance wildlife habitat and to provide erosion control for flood resiliency. Presenters will be Greg Russ from the White River Partnership and Steve Libby from the Vermont River Conservancy. A short presentation followed by a field session at Hancock Mountain Farm. RSVP to alicia@vtcoverts.org or (802) 877-2777.

Town Offices grand opening in Monkton. Saturday, Oct. 2, 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m., 92 Monkton Ridge Rd. Come see the new home of Monkton's town offices and Russell Memorial Library. Cider and doughnuts, tours of the building and lots of good conversation.

Used book sale in Middlebury. Saturday, Oct. 2, 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Town Office Plaza, 77 Main St. Come browse a large selection of books of all genres, including children's and youth, most priced at \$2 or less. Proceeds are used to fund Ilesley Library programs for all ages. In case of rain the sale will be held inside the library. If inside, please follow the latest COVID guidelines for masking and distancing. More info at friends@ilesleylibrary@gmail.com.

oct 3 SUNDAY

Addison County CROP Hunger Walk in Middlebury. Sunday, Oct. 3, noon, Middlebury Town Green. This year's CROP walk starts with registration at noon, followed by team photos and a talk by honorary chair Will Stevens of Golden Russet Farm. A two-mile walk through town follows; masks will be required. Anyone can sign up for the walk or sponsor a walker with a donation. Forming a team of walkers is encouraged. More info contact Ellen McKay Jewett at emckay@middlebury.edu or visit crop hunger walk.org/middleburyvt.

Viva el Sabor Fiesta in Vergennes. Sunday, Oct. 3, 1-6 p.m., St. Peter's Catholic Church, 85 S. Maple St. Authentic Mexican and Guatemalan dishes created by members of the Viva el Sabor collaborative. Outdoor dining under a large tent. Children's activities and a magic show with Tom Verner at 2 p.m. \$5 per food item with all proceeds to benefit the culinary collaborative. Beverages sold separately by the Youth Ministry. Mask required. More info at vivaelsabor@gmail.com.

oct 6 WEDNESDAY

Age Well grab-and-go meal in Middlebury. Wednesday, Oct. 6, 11:30 a.m., VFW, 530 Exchange St. Menu includes baked meatloaf, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetable, roll, date bar and milk. Please



Weekend for wildlife

DEAD CREEK WILDLIFE DAY is back after a year's hiatus on Saturday, Oct. 2, from 7 a.m.-4 p.m. at Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area (WMA), Route 17, west of Route 22A in Addison. Early risers can begin the day with a bird banding demonstration at 7 a.m. Two large tents at Dead Creek WMA headquarters will open at 9:30 a.m., featuring wildlife-related exhibits and activities such as decoy carving, building bluebird boxes and a visit from Batwoman. The Visitor Center will be open from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. featuring displays about conservation and wildlife management in Vermont.

Photo courtesy of Dead Creek WMA

stay in your car. Drive up, check-in, contact free pick up. Call Michelle to reserve by Sunday, Oct. 3, 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 (Tri-Valley Transit) at 388-2287 to inquire. TVT requires a 48-hour notice.

"The Path to Climate Justice is Local" lecture in Middlebury. Wednesday, Oct. 6, 7 p.m., Dana Auditorium, 356 College St. Puerto Rican climate justice leader Elizabeth Yeampierre has helped pass climate legislation at all levels, including New York's progressive Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act. In this talk she describes how intergenerational BIPOC activists are changing the landscape of national climate priorities by speaking up for themselves and their neighborhoods. Free. If you'd prefer to view via live stream go to vermonthumanities.org. Details on how will be posted closer to the date of the event.

"The Elephant in the Room" virtual lecture series in Middlebury. Wednesday, Oct. 6, 7 p.m., www.henrysheldonmuseum.org/events. "Living with Death: How Artists, Historians and Museums Create meaning in a time of Loss" is the first virtual lecture in the Sheldon Museum's year-long virtual lecture series. Artist and writer Dario Robleto will have a conversation with Middlebury College's Ellery Fouch.

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oct 8 FRIDAY

Age Well grab-and-go meal in Starksboro. Friday, Oct. 8, 3:30 p.m., Starksboro Baptist Church, Route 116. Meatloaf dinner served with mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, dinner roll, date bar and milk. Please stay in your car. Drive up, check-in, contact free pick up. Call Michelle to reserve by Tuesday, Oct. 5, 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.

oct 9 SATURDAY

Used book sale in Vergennes. Saturday, Oct. 9, 9 a.m.-noon, Bixby Memorial Library, 258 Main St. Adult fiction, biographies, history, self-help, cookbooks, gardening and much more. There are also children's books from baby board books to young adult. This is a great way to financially support the library and also to enjoy a good read.

Quilting in the Land of Milk and Honey quilt show in Middlebury. Saturday, Oct. 9, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., and Sunday, Oct. 10, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Middlebury Rec Center, 154 Creek Rd. The Milk & Honey Quilters' Guild invites quilters throughout the area to display their quilts in the guild's sixth biennial show. Quilters of all skill levels, including youth, are welcome to enter. The show will also feature art quilts by Jeanette Van Bueren, 62 art quilts from a national traveling exhibit entitled OURstory Quilts: Human Rights Stories in Fabric, and Quilts of Valor made for veterans and active-duty service members. Also a basket raffle, a gift boutique, vendors, and a raffle quilt. Lunch and refreshments will be available for purchase. Masks required.

Craft Fair in Brandon. Saturday, Oct. 9, Estabrook Park, 960 Grove St. Brandon's annual craft fair will have more than 90 vendors and five food

trucks. Bring friends and have a great time. Free admission and free parking. Leashed dogs are welcome.

Bridport Seniors fall fling in Bridport. Saturday, Oct. 9, 10:45 a.m.-1 p.m., Bridport Community/Masonic Hall, 52 Crown Point Rd. A Special Age Well event. Doors open at 10:45 a.m., Deuces Wild plays 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Menu includes baked ham dinner with mashed potatoes, baby carrots, and roll catered by Pratt's. Local apples and homemade cookies for dessert. Meal served at noon. Ticket deadline Oct. 3. \$5 suggested donation. Call Michelle to arrange for ticket pick-up at 802-377-1419. All attendees must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. Please stay home if you don't feel well or have been in contact with someone who has tested positive. Masks may be required unless seated.

Sister-to-Sister fall gathering in Middlebury. Saturday, Oct. 9, 2-4 p.m., 26 Blinn Lane, Middlebury College. The college's Sister-to-Sister Program is inviting all vaccinated middle school students (12+) to its first (outside) event. Participants will be decorating pumpkins, making slime, eating doughnuts and playing bingo. RSVP at go.middlebury.edu/sstevent.

Takeout only turkey and all the fixin's supper in Vergennes. Saturday, Oct. 9, 5-6 p.m., Vergennes United Methodist Church, Main Street, across from the Vergennes Opera House. Menu includes roast turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, vegetable, roll and dessert. Adults \$12. Take out preorder only. Must place order by 7 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 7. Call 802-877-3150.

oct 10 SUNDAY

Quilting in the Land of Milk and Honey quilt show in Middlebury. See Oct. 9 listing.

Bread Loaf trail crew work day. Saturday, Oct. 9. Rain date Sunday, Oct. 10. Email will be sent to the crew list as the date gets closer. If you are interested in joining contact David Morrissey, dmmorrissey117@gmail.com or Ellen Cronan, 908-595-2926. More at gmcbreadloaf.org.

Ripton Ridge Run in Ripton. Sunday, Oct. 10, 12:30 p.m., Ripton Elementary School, Ripton-Lincoln Rd. Both an in-person and virtual event. A 5K/10K run or 5K fun walk on Ripton's paved and dirt roads. Bagged lunch for all entrants, as well as awards and a raffle will follow the run. Due to COVID precautions, the school will be closed and everything will take place outside. Face masks are required except when running or eating. There is also a virtual run/walk option for folks from anywhere across the globe. Register online at riptonridgerun.org or on race day from 11 a.m.-noon. Fee of \$40 adults/\$30 seniors 65 and up/\$25 15 and under, includes race, lunch, a raffle ticket, and a long-sleeved race t-shirt.

Race for the Rest of Us in Middlebury. Sunday, Oct. 10, 3-6 p.m., United Way of Addison County, Wilson Rd. UWAC's 0.5K "race" will kick off shortly after 3 p.m., racers crossing the line at Middlebury Fitness will be greeted by cool tunes by Deb Brisson and the Hay Burners, delicious cuisine by Viva El Sabor, a craft activity table and wingspan art from Find Your Wings, lawn games, and more. For folks of all ages. Walk, run, or skip — just have fun with it. Cost: \$20 adult/\$10 child. All of the funds raised will go directly back into supporting the Addison County community.

oct 11 MONDAY

MAUSD Early Education Developmental Screening in Bristol. Monday, Oct. 11, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Bristol Elementary School, 57 Mountain St. Children play in an early childhood classroom while parents share about their child and learn more about their child's communication, social emotional, cognitive and motor development. Free. Screening takes about one hour. Time slots available are 9-10 a.m., 11 a.m.-noon and 1-2 p.m. Children MAUSD who are three or four years old, or turned five years old after Sept. 1, 2020, are invited. More info and scheduling call MAUSD Early Education Program at 802-453-3674.

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Community school forum set in Monkton

By CHRISTOPHER ROSS

MONKTON — The Monkton selectboard will host a special “Community School Forum” at its new town offices and via Zoom this Thursday, Sept. 30, at 7 p.m.

The aim of the meeting, which was requested by residents, is “to clarify the current status of MAUSD (Mount Abraham Unified School District) discussions regarding the proposals from the superintendent, the public proposals, the process, the Lincoln vote, and the merger talks,” according to a town announcement on Front Porch Forum.

Monkon’s selectboard will make a brief presentation and then open the floor to questions and comments.

At the board’s Sept. 13 meeting, chair Stephen Pilcher suggested a number of questions to be considered at the forum:

- Why does Lincoln want to withdraw from the MAUSD?
- What does it mean for

Monkon?

- What are the long-range facilities proposals and how are they being considered?

- What is the ANWSD-MAUSD Merger Study Committee doing?

Pilcher noted at the meeting that there seems to be some confusion among Monkton voters about the status of various issues in the school district.

Eugenie Doyle and Sam Burr are two of the Monkton residents who requested the forum be held.

“Our school is critical infrastructure representing the heart of our community,” they wrote in an Aug. 25 letter to the selectboard, which was reprinted in the *Independent*. “Any changes in our five town district’s schools will affect Monkton. We can’t sit by and pretend that, because our school isn’t on the chopping block right now, we are unaffected by chosen or forced changes in our

neighboring towns.”

It’s important to note that this is not the informational meeting regarding the vote to ratify Lincoln’s request to withdraw from the school district. That vote is likely to happen in early November, and the details of the required informational meeting will be scheduled at a later date.

Other towns in the MAUSD have also held, or plan to hold, community forums to discuss school district issues.

Starksboro residents met on Aug. 24, and the town selectboard is mulling a follow-up meeting.

New Haven community members will host a gathering next month at Beeman Elementary School “to bring our community together to discuss thoughts about the MAUSD process for addressing the challenge in our district and towns of declining enrollment.” The *Independent* will preview that meeting next week.

Clemmons receives Con Hogan Award

CHARLOTTE — The Vermont Community Foundation and the organizing committee for the Con Hogan Award for Creative, Entrepreneurial Community Leadership have announced that Lydia Clemmons will be honored with this year’s award.

Lydia Clemmons, PhD, MPH is president and executive director of the Clemmons Family Farm in Charlotte.

Established by a group of Hogan’s colleagues in 2015, the annual award recognizes his life work by honoring a community leader who shares his vision of a better Vermont and seizes the responsibility for making that vision a reality. The awardee shows deep community involvement, generosity, enthusiasm, a collaborative approach, and a focus on data and measurable outcomes in their work.

Clemmons and her four siblings grew up on the 148-acre



LYDIA CLEMMONS

music and art.

Lydia Clemmons left Vermont after high school to attend Stanford University in California. Initially she wanted to be a physician like her father. But after completing

her pre-medical studies, she joined the Peace Corps and worked as a public health volunteer in the Democratic Republic of Congo. She fell in love with the Congolese people, cultures, and art and built a 35-year career in public health, living and working in more than 20 African countries. She returned to the U.S. to obtain new data and analysis tools to take back to her work abroad, and now holds a Master of Public Health in international health from the University of Michigan and a PhD in medical anthropology from the University of Pennsylvania.

Clemmons returned to Vermont in 2013 to help her parents plan for the future of their farm, one of just 0.4% of U.S. farms in Black hands.

In 2017, under her leadership, the Clemmons Family Farm won the prestigious National Creative Placemaking Award from ArtPlace America. In 2019 it became a nonprofit organization. According to its website, “The Clemmons Family Farm mobilizes the power of African American and African diaspora history, art, culture, and people to build a loving and supportive multicultural community in Vermont — and to both conserve and preserve the physical farm as an African-American owned land and cultural heritage asset for future generations.”

Currently, the Clemmons Family Farm has two major programs. The “Windows to a Multicultural World” program brings African American and African diaspora history, art, and culture to Vermont’s K-12 students, parents, and teachers, with a focus on joy and resilience. The “Beneath Our Skin COVID-19 Storytelling Project,” funded by the Vermont Department of Health, collects stories and artwork by 100 Black Vermonters and 50 health care providers about their COVID-19 vaccination experiences. The Clemmons Family Farm will share some of the stories with the public and also provide the health department with findings and recommendations based on insights gained through the storytelling project, to improve the state’s vaccination services.

The Con Hogan Award selection committee chose Clemmons in large part because of her work, like that of her parents, to provide an empowering platform for Black artists and share Black culture and heritage with the Vermont community. Says Committee Chair Scott Johnson: “Clemmons has connected art and public health to improve people’s wellbeing throughout her career, and we are fortunate that she is bringing that vision and experience to her work in Vermont.”

Lincoln

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

NEWS

LINCOLN — The Share the Warmth: A Winter Outerwear Giveaway will take place on the Bristol town green on Saturday, Oct. 23, from 10 a.m. to noon. If you are in need of clothing for the upcoming winter season, please stop by and take what you need. There will be coats, snow pants, boots, hats, mittens, gloves, scarves and socks. All items are free. This event is sponsored by the 5 Town Partnership.

Donation item collection will begin Monday, Oct. 11, and continue through Wednesday, Oct. 20. The drop-off area for Lincoln is at the church. Please use the lower level entrance/door. Any size winter coats, snow pants,

winter boots, hats, mittens, gloves and scarves will be accepted. Donations of NEW socks will also be accepted. Please only donate items that are in good, clean condition.

The 5 Town Partnership is a collaboration of churches, nonprofits, and charitable-minded people serving residents of Bristol, Lincoln, Monkton, New Haven, and Starksboro. Check out their website for more information at 5townpartnership.org.

Email familylife@bristolfederated.com or call 453-2321 if you would like more information. All those in attendance will be expected to follow the latest COVID guidelines.

REMINDER

The Jackson land celebration and thank you event will begin at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 6. Follow the entrance trail past the green gate up to the open fields. BYO picnic dinner. There will be a campfire and guided or self-guided walks. Ribbon cutting, cake, and words of celebration and gratitude at 5:30.

SAVE THE DATES

Wednesday, Oct. 6, is an early release day for MAUSD students.

There will be no school for MAUSD students on Friday, Oct. 15.

Until next time ... The Best Is Yet To Be. What You Aim At Determines What You See. Fill Today With Gratitude.

Monkton

Have a news tip? Call Liz Pecor at 453-2180

NEWS

MONKTON — The Town of Monkton will host the grand opening of the new Town Offices and new home for the Russell

Memorial Library on Saturday, Oct. 2, from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 92 Monkton Ridge Road (right next to the Friends Methodist Church). If

you haven’t had a chance to visit the new building, this is your chance. There will be cider and donuts, and tours of the building.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK FROM AREA HIGH SCHOOLS

Middlebury Union High School

Sam Warren

Sam Warren of Bridport is Middlebury Union High School’s Student of the Week. He is the son of Michelle and Eric Warren. His older brother, Nate, is a recent graduate of Paul Smith’s College in New York. Sam is a senior and has earned the respect of the faculty, staff, administration and his peers at MUHS for his positive attitude and engaging personality. He is a tri-captain of the varsity football team and also plays basketball with the Tigers during the winter.

Sam has enjoyed his educational experience at Middlebury UHS and says, “It’s hard to believe it is already senior year!” Sam serves as a peer leader and helps to mentor newly enrolling ninth-graders as they transition into MUHS. He’s active in MAC, an athletic council, and formerly played on the school’s lacrosse team.

He has especially enjoyed his coursework with teacher Nick Cantrick at the Hannaford Career Center, where he and his classmates are building a tiny house. Sam likes hands-on projects and working together with others to see a project come to fruition. The administration has appreciated his presence at MUHS in the summer as a member of facilities crew. He worked alongside a team led by Bruce MacIntire, moving furniture, setting up classrooms, and doing general maintenance and plumbing work. Sam says that this position further confirmed his desire to pursue studies in Construction Management as he looks ahead to college. He is carefully weighing his options and is looking into colleges and universities in the Northeast.

When not in school or competing in sports, Sam loves to spend time outdoors with friends and family. He and his family enjoy summer vacations camping in Maine and New Hampshire with York Beach being a favorite location. Sam wants to thank Chris Giorgio, Keith Wilkerson, and Coach Dennis Smith for their constant support during his time at MUHS.

All of us at MUHS know that a bright future awaits Sam.



Sam Warren MUHS

Vergennes Union High School

Jonah Mahé

Jonah Mahé is Vergennes Union High School’s first Student of the Week for 2021-2022. Jonah and his siblings live with his mother, Sarah Stradtner, in Pantton.

Jonah has been a consistently good student at VUHS, making high honor roll for the past three years through classes as challenging as AP calculus. He says challenging himself has paid off. Last year Jonah was selected as part of VUHS’s Green Mountain Boys State contingent. He says that while there he discovered the more political side of himself, something he had never gotten to explore much. He became a senator and said the experience was fun.

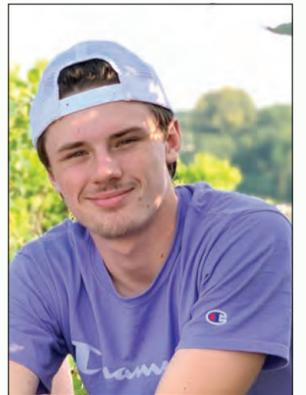
Jonah has been on the varsity soccer team from 10th to 12th grade, and is a captain this year. He also participated in Commodore jazz his sophomore year.

Jonah works as a line cook at The Bearded Frog restaurant in Shelburne. He has been there for a little over a year now, and has become increasingly better at his techniques while cooking. He has also volunteered with the school soccer programs to help teach younger kids how to play the game, going to the clinics for the last three years.

Outside of school and work Jonah likes to play soccer at his club team and travel to play against new competitors. He also likes to play video games, finding it a fun way to spend his down time.

High school has been a roller coaster for Jonah. He says he kept finding himself scrambling for spots in a class or for sign up forms or anything of that sort and was often late because he never asked or checked his email to stay updated. “I would advise students to really read the school scheduled events or attend informational meetings, so you can stay in the loop,” he says.

Jonah plans to pursue a college education in a specified engineering profession once he finishes high school. All of us at VUHS wish him well.



Jonah Mahé VUHS

Students of the week from all area high schools will receive a gift certificate from Vermont Book Shop and a mug from Otter Creek Bakery.

Students of the Week are chosen by school teachers and administration.

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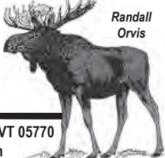
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 Vermont Soap is looking for an attentive, reliable and responsible person with basic math skills to learn the art of crafting bar soap. Must be a team player and want long term employment. This is a full time position with paid vacation time, paid holidays, 401k with employer match, and more!
 Please send cover letter and resume to nichole@vermontsoap.com.

Countryside
 carpet & paint
Immediate Openings
Full Time Customer Service
 Weekdays and Saturdays required
Job Details: Paint department sales and service
Duties: Assist with customers needs, mix paint, help load customer vehicles, unload trucks, some custodial
Qualifications: Reliable, customer skills, team player, able to life 50 lbs, a valid driver's license.
Job Details: Flooring department sales and service
Duties: Assist customers with finding flooring solutions, measuring, quoting jobs, order product, assist with loading customer vehicles and unloading trucks
Qualifications: Willing to learn product, detail oriented, basic math skills, a valid driver's license, friendly and a team player.
 *Send resume or request an application at customerservice@countrysidecarpetandpaint.com or pick up an application at Countryside Carpet and Paint at 16 Creek Road, Middlebury, VT 05753

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Help Wanted

BUS DRIVER-RED CEDAR SCHOOL in Bristol is seeking a part-time bus driver and manager for our short bus. Responsibilities include driving a daily route as well as pre-trip inspections, cleaning, and overseeing maintenance of the bus. 5 days a week, Monday through Friday according to school schedule. Route is 7:00 - 8:00 am and 2:00-3:30 pm (2 hours per day), plus up to 5 additional hours a week for inspections, cleaning and overseeing maintenance. Requires a CDL license Class C with Passenger & School Bus Type I endorsements, DOT physical and background record check. To apply or for more information please contact Hannah at admin@redcedarschool.org or call 802-453-5213.

Help Wanted

COME JOIN OUR FUN CREW at Foley Taco and Bean in Brandon. Thursday-Sunday schedule. No late nights. Generous hourly plus tips. We're hiring for the following positions: Front of House Service & Bar Lead, Kitchen Prep, Servers. Contact us at foleytacoandbean@gmail.com.

DENTAL OFFICE SEEKING per diem hygienist in Vergennes to fill in periodically. Please email your CV and availability to drcongalt@yahoo.com.

LOOKING FOR HOME HEALTHCARE provider for elderly lady with limited mobility in Shoreham. Flexible schedule, part time evenings or weekends. No overnights. Resume/work history, references and Covid vaccine required. Non smoking. Call or text 802-989-9107.

SEEKING PERSONAL CARE assistant for 73 year old man in Addison to work Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays for 2-3 hours each day. Also seeking someone to work 2-3 hours on Saturdays and Sundays. Flexible hours, pay is \$25. per hour. Contact eresnik@rcn.com.

Help Wanted

MAUSD
 BRISTOL * LINCOLN * MONKTON * NEW HAVEN * STARKSBORO
Behavior Assistant - Long Term Substitute
 Robinson Elementary School has an opening for a Behavior Assistant Long Term Substitute for 6-8 weeks beginning October 18, 2021. The successful applicant will be child-centered, engaged, mature, energetic, organized and self-directed.
 The Behavior Assistant will:
 • Assist in establishing behavioral expectations, monitoring and assessing student behavior.
 • Provide support to students who are experiencing behavior challenges.
 • Communicate effectively and in a timely way with classroom teachers regarding student behavior concerns/developments.
 • Maintain accurate discipline records per school, district, state and federal law.
 • Implement programs related to student conduct/behavior such as a school-wide positive incentive program.
 • Assist in developing interventions and behavior plans for the purpose of providing a safe and effective educational environment for students with behavioral challenges.
 • Support students during breaks and lunches.
 • Supervise recess.
 Please apply through School Spring ID #3681120 or contact Edorah Frazer, Principal edorah.frazer@mausd.org.
 Equal Opportunity Employer

Help Wanted

HUMAN SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES. Community Associates, a program of the Counseling Service of Addison County, provides services to adults with developmental disabilities. We have openings in Direct Support Professionals and Specialized Residential Support. These positions work directly with our clients as their closest allies. Seeking candidates who enjoy the connections with them and want to make meaningful contributions to our community. Looking for a rewarding job with good benefits? Do you fit the bill for a human service professional and possess such qualities as compassion, patience, dedication and ability to think on your feet? Check out details and apply at <https://www.csac-vt.org/careers>.

Help Wanted

USHIO AMERICA, INC. - at their Vermont location - is seeking an Electro Mechanical Assembler to join our fast paced, growing company. All applicants must be self motivated, detail oriented and able to thrive in a cooperative team environment. Applicants must have excellent mechanical/assembly skills, and be able to work with small components as necessary. IPC610 solder certification desired - will train the right applicant with soldering experience. Applicants must be able to read and interpret prints and work with hand tools. Ability to lift 50 pounds occasionally. You must have 20/20 visual acuity in each eye, corrected or uncorrected. High school diploma or equivalent required. Be part of a team that is developing cutting edge minimally invasive electronic medical devices as well as LED and laser-based illumination products. Ushio offers a comprehensive benefits package. Interested applicants can apply via e-mail. UshioAmerica@ushio.com. Attn: Human Resources, 101 Pantan Road, Vergennes, VT 05491. Email: vermontjobs@ushio.com, www.ushio.com.

Help Wanted

LOOKING FOR ROOMMATE; Free Rent in exchange for someone to help out with cooking, household jobs, along with companionship on nights, weekends. 1 bedroom with private bath, use of kitchen. East Middlebury. 802-989-7533.

Help Wanted

MIDDLEBURY SUGARWOOD APARTMENTS is currently taking waitlist applications for 2, 3, 4 bedroom apartments. Minimum occupancy requirements. No smoking/ No pets. Income limits apply- Rent based on income. Equal Housing Opportunity 802-247-0165 TTY: 800-253-0191 www.SummitPMG.com.

MIDDLEBURY- Available October 8. Conveniently located, second floor apartment. One bedroom with room for an in-home office, living room, dining and kitchen. Completely renovated with a heat pump for heat and air conditioning. Trash, recycle, compost, plowing, water and sewer all included. \$1,200/month plus reference and security deposit. Call Bonnie 802-349-8646.

MIDDLEBURY, OFF CAMPUS HOUSING available. 802-388-4831, AJ Neri Property Rentals.

MIDDLEBURY: SHARE A RUSTIC, lived-in rural home w/farmer in his 60s, an avid reader who enjoys traditional music. no rent in exchange for meal prep 2-3/wk, housekeeping & occasional errands. Must be cat-friendly. 802-863-5625 or HomeShareVermont.org for application. Interview, refs, bg check req. EHO.

OFFICE SPACE FOR RENT. Office space available in historic Middlebury building, one block from downtown. Private parking, utilities and other amenities included in rent. For inquiries call 802-989-8822.

For Rent ads can be found on Pages 10B, and 11B.

For Sale

1999 CLASS C CAMPER. Ford E 450 truck. 31,000 miles. Jamboree model. Good condition. \$19,995. Please call Sally at 802-377-7645.

CAST IRON WOOD PARLOR stove. Fully functional, 22" wide, 21" deep, 32" tall. Asking \$300. 802-349-7691.

MID 90'S BUICK STEEL WHEELS, set of 4. 15", 5 holes. \$25/each. 802-425-3529.

For Rent

DRY, WINTER/SUMMER STORAGE SPACE in Addison. Available storage space in my barn for summer/winter storage. The barn is structurally sound and weather-tight with electricity. No heat or running water. The barn is also available for lease. The entrance door measurements are 8' wide by 7' high. For more info: 802-363-3403 or rochon_m@yahoo.com.

EAST MIDDLEBURY furnished room. All included; fully equipped kitchen, wi-fi, w/d, parking, all utilities. Private entrance. Clean, quiet, safe. \$450 per month. Text/call Sue 802-989-8941.

LARGE, PRIVATE, SECURE HEATED storage space or workshop. 24x28x14 foot high ceiling with 10x12 overhead door and private person door. Separate heat and a wash sink in the unit. Route 7 location in Leicester, \$750/month. Includes, electric, water, snowplowing and lawn maintenance. Lease and deposit required. Call 802-349-7431, leave your name and number and I will call you back.

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Addison Independent CLASSIFIEDS

For Rent

SHOREHAM: SHARE A HOME with a kind senior man. No rent in exchange for evening meal prep 3-4 days/week, companionship and light help around the house. Private bath. Well-behaved dog would be considered. 802-863-5625 or HomeShareVermont.org for application. Interview, refs., bg. check req. EHO.

For Rent

VERGENNES VALLEY VIEW APARTMENTS is currently taking wait list applications. Occupants must be 62+ years of age. No smoking/ No pets. Income limits apply - Rent based on income. Equal Housing Opportunity. 802-247-0165 TTY: 800-253-0191 www.SummitPMG.com.

Att. Farmers

HORSE BLANKET WASH and repair. Accepting non-leather (for now) horsewear of all kinds for cleaning and repairing at my Weybridge location. Call or text Sue Miller at 802-377-5945 or email svdmiller@icloud.com with "horse" in the subject line for more information.

SMALL SQUARE BALES \$3.50. Excellent round bales \$30.00. Call 802-377-5455.

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

Want to Rent

SEEKING ONE BEDROOM, FIRST FLOOR apartment, or room in home in Middlebury/Weybridge or village close by. Would consider 2 bedroom small house. 978-907-2174, please leave message.

THE MEADOWS

Middlebury, VT
We are currently accepting applications for our waiting list.
Eligible applicants pay 30% of their adjusted income for rent.
For more information, please write or call the rental management agent.

Real-Net Management, Inc.
26 Court Street
Middlebury, VT 05753
802-388-4994



Wanted

OLD GUNS WANTED

Rifles, Hand guns, Shot guns
Top prices paid.
P: 802-775-2859
C: 802-236-7213

For Rent

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Public Notices for the following can be found in this **ADDISON INDEPENDENT** on Pages 11B and 12B.

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TOWN OF NEW HAVEN PROPERTY TAX NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the taxpayers of the Town and Town School District of New Haven. It was voted at the 2021 Annual Town Meeting that property taxes will be due in the Town Office by Monday, Oct. 4, 2021.

Property taxes will be considered late if not received in the Town Clerk's Office by the close of the business day. Sorry... POSTMARKS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED TIMELY.

Checks are deposited when received. Please date your check for the date you deliver it to the office.

Delinquent taxes are charged an 8% penalty and interest charges of 1% per month will be added to unpaid taxes after October 4, 2021 (per Vt. State Statute).

Danielle Hubbell, Treasurer
Town of New Haven, VT

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, October 20, 2021 to consider the following:

- Application 2021-09**
An application from Kelly Bellinger & Jon Black (Parcel ID #13XP155.E) for a variance/waiver in connection with a proposed 14' x 10' storage shed to be placed 4' from the property line, within the Lake Shore District 1, at the property located at 53 Pine Lane in Salisbury.

This application is pursuant to §2.4.4 E & §3.6 and §3.7 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 October 19, 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 and on the website www.townofsalisbury.org.

Anna Scheck
DRB Clerk

EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY

All real estate advertising in this newspaper is subject to the Federal Fair Housing Act of 1968 as amended which makes it illegal to advertise "any preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, national origin, sexual orientation, or persons receiving public assistance, or an intention to make any such preference, limitation or discrimination."

This newspaper will not knowingly accept any advertisement for real estate which is in violation of the law. Our readers are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised in this newspaper are available on an equal opportunity basis. To complain of discrimination, call HUD Toll-free at 1-800-424-8590. For the Washington, DC area please call HUD at 426-3500.

Auctions

can be found on Page 4B.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

All residents of Addison County are hereby given notice of the annual meeting of Addison County Fair & Field Days, Inc., to be held at the Weybridge Congregational Church, 2790 Weybridge Road, Weybridge, VT 05753 on October 4, 2021 at 7:00pm. Masks are required to attend the meeting.

AGENDA

- Welcome and Introduction of Board Members
- Review of 2021
- Financial Report
- Audience Comments and Questions
- Election of Board Members and Officers

Cara N. Mullin
Business Manager

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

APPOINTMENTS REQUIRED.
FACE MASKS REQUIRED.
(even if vaccinated)

802-388-1966

addisoncountyclerk@gmail.com

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Addison County Community Trust and Evernorth request Construction Management firms to submit proposals for the renovation of 55 units of rental housing located in 7 buildings on 3 sites in Vergennes, Vermont. Qualified applicants shall have comparable experience and a bonding capacity of \$4.74M. To obtain specific project information and a proposal response form, contact Amy Dohner at Evernorth at adohner@evernorthus.org or 802-861-3807. Response forms are due by Wednesday, October 13, at 4 p.m. Davis Bacon residential wages may be required. Minority-owned, women-owned, Section 3, and locally-owned businesses are strongly encouraged to apply.

TOWN OF ADDISON WARNING

The legal voters of the Town of Addison, Vermont, are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Addison Town Clerk's Office in the Town of Addison on Tuesday, October 5, 2021 between the hours of seven o'clock (7:00) in the forenoon (a.m.), at which time the polls will open, and seven o'clock (7:00) in the afternoon (p.m.), at which time the polls will close, to vote by Australian ballot upon the following Article:

ARTICLE 1

"Shall the Town of Addison withdraw from the Addison Northwest School District?"

Dated at Addison, Vermont, this 26th day of August 2021.

Peter Briggs Robert Hunt
Jeffrey Kauffman Sr Steven Torrey Roger Waterman

TOWN OF NEW HAVEN Remote Attendance Available

Pursuant to 24 VSA 117, the New Haven Development Review Board will hold a public meeting at Monday, October 18, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. to consider the following business:

- Adjustments to agenda
- Visitors' Business
- Subdivision Review for #2021-DRB-14-SD Duclous Application for a Subdivision at 729 Cobble Road
- Approval of Minutes from September 20, 2021

Log-In Information

New Haven Development Review Board
Mon, Oct 18, 2021 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM (EDT)

Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.
<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/992701461>

You can also dial in using your phone.
United States: +1 (872) 240-3311
Access Code: 992-701-461

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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 and Operating Regulations for Therapeutic Community Residences.
Vermont Proposed Rule: 21P032

AGENCY: Agency of Human Services, Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living (DAIL)

CONCISE SUMMARY: During the Serious Mental Illness/Institutions for Mental Disease (SMI/IMD) waiver negotiations with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), the State agreed to amend its rules governing therapeutic community residences to require those facilities to contact any former resident, who had received treatment for serious mental illness, within 72 hours of the resident's discharge.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Suzanne Leavitt, Agency of Human Services; Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living - Division of Licensing & Protection 280 State Drive, Waterbury, VT 05671 Tel: 802-241-0346 Fax: 802-241-0343 Email: suzanne.leavitt@vermont.gov URL: <http://www.dail.vermont.gov>

FOR COPIES: Stuart Schurr, Agency of Human Services; Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living - Legal Unit HC 2 South, 280 State Drive, Waterbury, VT 05671-2020 Tel: 802-241-0353 Fax: 802-241-0386 Email: stuart.schurr@vermont.gov

Emergency Medical Services Rule.

Vermont Proposed Rule: 21P033

AGENCY: Agency of Human Services, Department of Health

CONCISE SUMMARY: This rulemaking: 1) Requires that an ambulance service provide its services in a manner that does not discriminate on the basis of income, funding source, or severity of health needs, in order to ensure access to ambulance services; 2) Establishes three levels of emergency medical personnel instructors and the education required for each level; 3) Establishes an entry-level certification for Vermont EMS first responders; 4) Removes "credentialing" requirements for EMS agencies; and 5) Updates terms and references.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Brendan Atwood Vermont Dept. of Health 108 Cherry Street, Burlington, VT 05402 Tel: 802-863-7280 Fax: 802-951-1257 Email: brendan.atwood@vermont.gov URL: <https://www.healthvermont.gov/about-us/laws-regulations/public-comment>

FOR COPIES: David Englander, Vermont Dept. of Health 108 Cherry Street, Burlington, VT 05402 Tel: 802-863-7280 Fax: 802-951-1257 Email: david.englender@vermont.gov

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There's a lot you can't say.

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Let us help you sift through the complexities of the Fair Housing Law. Stay legal. Stay on the right side of the nation's Fair Housing Law.

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TOWN OF BRIDPORT LOCAL CONCERNS MEETING NOTICE
OCTOBER 7, 2021 - 6:30 PM
MEETING ROOM AT TOWN GARAGE
284 SHORT STREET, BRIDPORT, VT 05734

STP MM 21.4 Middle Rd. Culvert Replacement Scoping Project
Fuss & O'Neill Reference Project No. 20210607.A10

This project includes the replacement of existing culverts under Middle Road along with approach roadway reconstruction and roadway slope construction.

The Town of Bridport will hold a Local Concerns Meeting for the above-noted project. Representatives from the Town and Fuss & O'Neill Engineers, consultant to the Town, will be present to discuss the initial concepts for the project, listen to initial concerns and comments, and to answer questions regarding the project prior to the start of the design process. The project is being funded by the Town and through the VTrans Municipal Assistance Bureau Program.

CITY OF VERGENNES NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Development Review Board will hold a public hearing on Monday, October 18, 2021, at 7:00 PM for the following purpose:

To consider site plan and conditional use review for application #2021-33 by Green Mountain Foster Bikes for a change of use from "enclosed service and repair" to "other commercial use" for the property at 62 Meigs Road. Reviews will consider Articles VII and VIII, and Section 1611 of the Zoning and Subdivision Regulations.

Please note that the hearing will be held as a "hybrid meeting", with participation either in person, by ZOOM, or by phone. The in-person meeting will be held in the conference room at City Hall.

Join by computer: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85906470948>, meeting password: 656417.

Join by phone: Dial 1 (929) 205-6099; Meeting ID: 859 0647 0948; Meeting Passcode: 656417.

For participants joining by phone:
To raise your hand during the meeting, press *9.
To mute/unmute during the meeting, press *6

If you experience any difficulty in accessing this meeting, contact Zoning Administrator Peter Garon at 802-377-9527.

You must participate in the public hearing either in person or in writing, in order to take any subsequent appeal. The City of Vergennes is an "on the record" appeal municipality with regard to appeals to Environmental Court from Development Review Board decisions. This means that the Environmental Court shall only consider testimony or information provided during public hearings on the application. Interested parties should therefore assure that their participation in the public hearing proceedings is complete and represents the totality of their desired considerations.

A copy of the application is available for public review by contacting Peter Garon at pgaron@vergenes.org.
September 23, 2021

Peter Garon, Administrative Officer

REACH THE COUNTY, PLACE YOUR AD HERE. CALL 388-4944

STATE OF VERMONT SUPERIOR COURT PROBATE DIVISION ADDISON UNIT
DOCKET NO. 21-PR-04321
IN RE THE ESTATE OF EARLE MELVIN RAY, III

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To the creditors of the estate of Earle Melvin Ray, III late of Monkton, Vermont.

I have been appointed to administer this estate. All creditors having claims against the decedent or the estate must present their claims in writing within four (4) months of the first publication of this notice. The claim must be presented to me at the address listed below with a copy sent to the Court. The claim may be barred forever if it is not presented within the four (4) month period.

Dated: September 21, 2021
Christina L. Koliander
C/O Kevin T. Brennan, Esq.
P.O. Box 8
Monkton, Vermont 05469
802-453-8400
kevin@bpd.legal

Publication: Addison Independent
Publication Date: 9/30/21
Address of Probate Court:
Addison Probate Court, 7 Mahady Court, Middlebury VT 05753

STATE OF VERMONT SUPERIOR COURT PROBATE DIVISION ADDISON UNIT
DOCKET NO. 21-PR-05042
IN RE THE ESTATE OF BRADFORD H. HOWE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To the creditors of the estate of Bradford H. Howe late of Middlebury, Vermont.

I have been appointed to administer this estate. All creditors having claims against the decedent or the estate must present their claims in writing within four (4) months of the first publication of this notice. The claim must be presented to me at the address listed below with a copy sent to the Court. The claim may be barred forever if it is not presented within the four (4) month period.

Dated: September 23, 2021
Christina Marshall
1100 Basin Harbor Rd
Vergennes, Vermont 05491
802-578-3718

Publication: Addison Independent
Publication Date: 9/30/21
Address of Probate Court:
Addison Probate Court, 7 Mahady Court, Middlebury VT 05753

CITY OF VERGENNES NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Development Review Board will hold a public hearing on Monday, October 18, 2021, at 7:20 PM for the following purpose:

To consider site plan and conditional use review for application #2021-34 by Adam Desjardins for a change of use from "restaurant" to "professional studio" for a portion of the property at 10 Main Street. Reviews will consider Articles VII and VIII, and Section 1613 of the Zoning and Subdivision Regulations.

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Peter Garon, Administrative Officer

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ANWSD BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING OCTOBER 2021

The following schedule of the Board of School Directors' meetings is announced for the month of October 2021:

Thursday, Oct 7	6:30 PM	Community Engagement Committee Event Virtual – Middle Level
Friday, Oct 8	7:30 AM	Facilities Committee Mtg. ANWSD Conference Room
Monday, Oct 11	4:50 PM	Policy Committee Mtg. Vergennes Union Elementary School
	6:00 PM	ANWSD Regular Board Mtg. Vergennes Union Elementary School
Monday, Oct 18	4:50 PM	Finance Committee Mtg. Vergennes Union High School
	6:00 PM	ANWSD Regular Board Mtg. Vergennes Union High School
Thursday, Oct 21	6:00 PM	Community Engagement Meeting Vergennes Union High School

TOWN OF BRISTOL REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS MUNSILL AVENUE NEW SIDEWALK SCOPING STUDY

The Town of Bristol is seeking proposals from qualified professionals to plan for and identify issues with construction of a new sidewalk on Munsill Avenue between West and Pine Streets in Bristol village. Funded in part through a VTrans Bicycle and Pedestrian Program grant, the study will address the feasibility of constructing a sidewalk, environmental concerns, conflicts, potential alternative alignments, potential costs, and steps toward implementation. A detailed RFP can be found on Bristol's Web site at: <http://bristolvt.org/>. Proposals will be accepted until **12:00pm, Wednesday, October 20, 2021** by e-mail to townadmin@bristolvt.org with "Munsill Ave. Scoping Study" in the subject line or by mail or hand delivery to Town of Bristol, 1 South Street, P.O. Box 249, Bristol, VT 05443.

Questions? Contact Town Administrator Valerie Capels at (802) 453-2410 or townadmin@bristolvt.org.

The Town of Bristol is an equal opportunity provider and employer and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, religion, gender, or familial status.

TOWN OF BRIDPORT ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

Residents and non-resident property owners of the Town of Bridport are hereby warned to appear at the Bridport Town Office at 7:05 PM on **October 20, 2021** to the application of 108 Ward Dr The applicant requests Variance for in **Ground pool**.

Interested person(s) may forfeit the right to appeal the decision of the Town of Bridport Board of Zoning Adjustment if they fail to participate by attending and speaking, submitting a signed letter of concern or are represented by an authorized person.

Residents and non-resident property owners of the Town of Bridport are hereby warned to appear at the Bridport Town Office at 7:05 PM on **October 20, 2021** to the application of **4376 VT Route 22A** The applicant requests Variance for **Tiny House**.

Interested person(s) may forfeit the right to appeal the decision of the Town of Bridport Board of Zoning Adjustment if they fail to participate by attending and speaking, submitting a signed letter of concern or are represented by an authorized person.

Steven DeCarlo
Zoning Administrator

TOWN OF ADDISON PUBLIC NOTICE

The Addison Planning Commission will hold a monthly meeting on **Monday, Oct. 18, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the Addison Town Clerk's Office.**

PLEASE NOTE TIME & PLACE CHANGE!!!

To consider the following:

- To approve the meeting minutes for September 20, 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 October meeting & reviewing info on the VT State Statutes.
- Continue working on items that are considered projects in progress at the September meeting & continue to review the Zoning Regulations pertaining to Districts & their 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. Mike Kennedy is putting the changes into the copies on the laptop for reviewing.
- Planning for a WORK MEETING ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 4th AT 6:30 PM at T.C.O. Work Meetings on 10/04 & 11/01 at 6:30 PM.

Starr Phillips, Vice Chair
Starr Phillips, Secretary
Addison Planning Commission

TOWN OF ORWELL HEARING NOTICE DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

The Orwell Development Review Board will meet in person on Wednesday, October 20th, 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/88461544765> or phone 1-929-205-6099, use meeting ID: #884 6154 4765 to conduct the following business:

- Permit #9-58-21: John & Catherine Tester for a Two (2) Lot Subdivision located at 656 Route 73, 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

TOWN OF FERRISBURGH NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING PLANNING COMMISSION

**October 20, 2021
AGENDA**

A public hearing before the Planning Commission of the Town of Ferrisburgh will be held at the Town Clerk's Office on Wednesday, October 20, 2021 to consider the following applications and other business:

- 7:00 PM: Opening of meeting; approval of minutes from September 15 meeting.
- 7:05 PM: Application # 21-152 for final plat approval for 3-lot PUD; 440 Old Hollow Road; applicants Jeffrey & Kristen Goulette; North Ferrisburgh Village (NFVIL) and Rural Agricultural (RA-5) Districts; tax map id no. 18/20/61.
- 7:30 PM: Application # 21-143 for sketch plan review; 523 Ashley Road; applicants Cheryl and John DeVos; Rural Agricultural (RA-5) District; tax map id no. 04/01/15.11.
- 7:40 PM: Application # 21-144 for sketch plan review; 96 Westin Road; applicant Daniel White; Rural Agricultural (RA-5) District; tax map id no. 05/01/82.12.
- Other Business.

The above applications are available for inspection at the Town Clerk's office. Persons wishing to be heard may do so in person or be represented by an agent or an attorney. A link for remote Zoom video conferencing is available for anyone who has not been vaccinated or who prefers to attend remotely. Communications about the above application may also be filed in writing with the Planning Commission or the Zoning Administrator.

STATE OF VERMONT ADDISON UNIT, CIVIL DIVISION

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A MR. COOPER
v.

LESLEY J. BIENVENUE A/K/A LESLEY BIENVENUE AND SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
OCCUPANTS OF: 2997 Lake Dunmore Road, Leicester VT

MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY UNDER 12 V.S.A. SEC 4952 ET SEQ.

In accordance with the Judgment Order and Decree of Foreclosure entered December 3, 2019, in the above captioned action brought to foreclose that certain mortgage given by Lesley J. Bienvenue a/k/a Lesley Bienvenue to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for PHH Mortgage Corporation, dated November 9, 2009 and recorded in Book 67 Page 518 of the land records of the Town of Leicester, of which mortgage the Plaintiff is the present holder, by virtue of an Assignment of Mortgage from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for PHH Mortgage Corporation to Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper dated July 21, 2015 and recorded in Book 76 Page 551, of the land records of the Town of Leicester for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at 2997 Lake Dunmore Road, Leicester, Vermont on October 12, 2021 at 12:00 PM all and singular the premises described in said mortgage.

To wit:

Being all and the same lands and premises together with improvements now thereon, as were conveyed to Aaron Schondube and Julie G Schondube by Warranty Deed of Anna N. DeGraw, dated September 25, 2003 and recorded in Book 58, at Pages 227-229 of the Town of Leicester Land Records and being described more particularly therein as follows, viz:

Being all and the same lands and premises described in the Warranty Deed of LaFond's Auto Body, Inc. d/b/a Moore's Auto to Anna N. DeGraw dated November 7, 2001, and recorded in Book 55 at Page 39 of the Leicester Land Records, and being there described as follows:

"Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to LaFond's Auto Body, Inc. d/b/a Moore's Auto, by Quit-Claim Deed of Tracy Yandow and Candy Smith, dated July 31, 2001 and recorded in the Town of Leicester Land Records in Book 54, Page 290 and more particularly described therein as follows:

"Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Tracy Yandow and Candy Smith by Warranty Deed of LaFond's Auto Body, Inc. d/b/a Moore's Auto, dated January 30, 1998 and recorded in the Town of Leicester Land Records in Book 49 at Page 252-253.

Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to LaFond's Auto Body, Inc. d/b/a Moore's Auto, by Warranty Deed of Wayne W. Hutchins and Marlene Hutchins, husband and wife, dated December 2, 1992 and recorded in the Town of Leicester Land Records in Book 43, Pages 307-309.

"Beginning at a point in the easterly line of Vermont Route 53, which point is South 62° 35' 48" East 2.93 feet from the iron pipe supposedly marking the southwesterly corner of lands now or formerly of Barbara Ellen Whipple, described in Book 43. Page 495 and proceeding

"South 62° 35' 48" East along the southerly line of said lands of Whipple a distance of 117.92 feet to an iron pipe set at the southeasterly corner thereof; thence proceeding

"South 62° 35' 48" East along the southerly line of lands now or formerly of Michael Tibbetts and Sandra Bushey, as described at Book 33, Page 426, a distance of 319.14 feet to an iron pipe at an in-corner thereof; thence proceeding

"South 21° 23' 33" West along the westerly line of lands of Tibbetts and Bushey a distance of 200.00 feet to an iron pipe at the northeasterly corner of land retained by Wayne and Marlene Hutchins in their conveyance to the within Grantor at Book 43, Page 307; thence proceeding

"North 62° 29' 21" West along the northerly line of said lands of Hutchins a distance of 440.74 feet to an iron pipe at the northwesterly corner thereof and in the easterly line of Route 53; thence proceeding

"Northerly, along the limit of Route 53, long a curve to the right having a radius at the property line of 1425.94 feet, an arc distance of 198.98 feet to the point and place of beginning. The straight line connecting the last two mentioned pipes is North 22° 25' 12" East 198.83 feet.

"As described hereby, the conveyed premises contain about 2.01 acres and are the same as the northerly lot depicted on a survey plat entitled Survey of Lands presently Owned by LeFond's Auto Body, Inc. and Wayne Hutchins and wife, dated 10/08/96 and prepared by Spencer Engineering, Inc. as Drawing No. C9656, to which survey reference is made in aid of this description.

"Being a portion of the lands and premises conveyed to Wayne Hutchins and Marlene Hutchins by Warranty Deed of Joseph E. Johnson, II, dated June 30, 1988 and recorded at Book 39, Page 144 of the Town of Leicester Land Records.

"As to any portion of the parcel above described as may lie within the legal limits of the highway right of way, the Grantors quit-claim only their right, title and interest and such portion, if any, is expressly excluded from the covenants of warranty.

"The within conveyance is subject to terms and conditions of State of Vermont Subdivision Permits #EC-9-0620 dated April 29, 1991 and #EC-9-0335 (Revised) dated June 9, 1987.

"Reference is hereby made to said deeds and their records and to all prior deeds and their records for a further and more complete description of the lands and premises herein conveyed"

Conveyed herewith is the following mobile home permanently affixed to the land and which is part of the real property: Make: Skyline; Model: Claredge; Year: 1995; Serial Number: 4316-0529H; Size: 14 x 72; Color: Tan. In prior transactions, due to a scrivener's error, the Serial Number was incorrectly stated as 4313-0529H and is now correctly stated hereinabove.

Reference is hereby made to the above instruments and to the records and references contained therein in further aid of this description.

Terms of sale: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.

TEN THOUSAND (\$10,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid by a certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid by a certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check within sixty (60) days after the date of sale.

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 the sale.

DATED : August 5, 2021

By: /s/Rachel K. Ljunggren, Esq.
Rachel K. Ljunggren, Esq
Bendett and McHugh,
PC270 Farmington Ave., Ste. 151
Farmington, CT 06032

STATE OF VERMONT ADDISON UNIT, CIVIL DIVISION

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A MR. COOPER
v.

JAMIE JO BARROWS AND BENJAMIN E. SMITH
OCCUPANTS OF: 1907 Mountain Road, Addison VT

MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY UNDER 12 V.S.A. sec 4952 et seq.

In accordance with the Judgment Order and Decree of Foreclosure entered July 23, 2018, in the above captioned action brought to foreclose that certain mortgage given by Jamie Jo Barrows and Benjamin E. Smith to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for ARK-LA-Tex Financial Services LLC DBA Benchmark Mortgage, dated December 11, 2009 and recorded in Book 95 Page 446 of the land records of the Town of Addison, of which mortgage the Plaintiff is the present holder, by virtue of the following Assignments of Mortgage: (1) Assignment of Mortgage from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for ARK-LA-Tex Financial Services LLC DBA Benchmark Mortgage to Bank of America, N.A., successor by merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP dated May 14, 2012 and recorded in Book 99 Page 121 and (2) Assignment of Mortgage from Bank of America, N.A., successor by merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP to Nationstar Mortgage LLC dated June 9, 2015 and recorded in Book 104 Page 566, both of the land records of the Town of Addison for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at **1907 Mountain Road, Addison, Vermont on October 15, 2021 at 10:00 AM** all and singular the premises described in said mortgage.

To wit:

Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Benjamin E. Smith and Jamie Jo Barrows by Warranty Deed of Hedy M. Sackett, dated December 11, 2009, to be recorded prior hereto in the Addison Land Records, and being more particularly described therein as follows:

"Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Hedy M. Sackett by Warranty Deed of Elizabeth H. Burgess dated June 16, 1998 and recorded in Book 65 at Page 70 of the Town of Addison Land Records and partially described therein as follows

"Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Elizabeth H. Burgess by Warranty Deed of John W. Freyberger dated May 6, 1986, and recorded at Book 45 Pages 125-126 Addison Land Records, and being therein described as follows:

Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to John W. Freyberger by Warranty Deed of Ricky R. Condon and Holly D. Condon dated April 4, 1985, and recorded at Book 43 Pages 529-530 of the Addison Land Records, and being therein described as follows:

Being all the same lands and premise described in a Warranty Deed from Yvonne R. Condon to Ricky R. Condon and Holly Condon, dated June 16, 1981, recorded at Volume 40, Page 405 of the Addison Land Records. Said lands and premises are more particularly described therein as follows:

Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Stephen J. Condon, Jr. and Yvonne R. Condon by Warranty Deed of Charles L. Phillips and Jacqueline Phillips, dated June, 16, 1971, and recorded at Book 34 Pages 454- 455 Addison Land Records and being therein described as follows:

Commencing at a telephone pole in the easterly line of the highway known as the Mountain Road, southwesterly of the house on the lands hereby conveyed;

Thence northerly in the line of said highway 298.20 feet, more or less, to a point;

Thence S 60° 54' E 205.82 feet to an iron pipe;

Thence S 08° 00' W 24.10 feet, more or less, to an iron pipe;

Thence continuing southerly in approximately the same bearing 200 feet, more or less, to a point;

Thence westerly 192 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning.

Said land and premises are a part of the land and premises described in a deed to the Grantors herein from Frank Whitford's Admx., recorded in Addison Land Records Book 31, Page 492.

This deed is executed for the sole purpose of correcting the description in a previous deed from the Grantors herein to the Grantees herein, dated August 31, 1960 recorded in Book 32, Pages 27-28 Addison Land Records.

Reference is hereby made to said deeds and their records and to all prior deeds and their records for a further and more complete description of the land and premises herein conveyed.

Reference is made to one certain Order and Decree of the Addison County Court, Yvonne R. Condon v. Stephen J. Condon, Jr., Docket No. C74-73Ad, dated December 17, 1973, and recorded at Book 36 Page 64 Addison Land Records awarding the above described lands and premises to the Grantor free and clear of the marital rights of Stephen J. Condon, Jr.

Reference is hereby made to the aforementioned deeds and records therein referenced, all in further aid of this description.

Subject to easements and rights of way of record.

Reference is hereby made to said deed and its records and to all prior deeds and their records for a more complete description of the lands and premise conveyed...."

Reference is hereby made to said deeds and their records and to all prior deeds and their records for a further and more complete description of the lands and premises herein conveyed."

Reference is hereby made to the above instruments and to the records and references contained therein in further aid of this description.

Terms of sale: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.

TEN THOUSAND (\$10,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid by a certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid by a bank wire, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check within sixty (60) days after the date the Confirmation Order is entered by the Court. All checks should be made payable to "Bendett & McHugh, PC, as Trustee".

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 the sale.

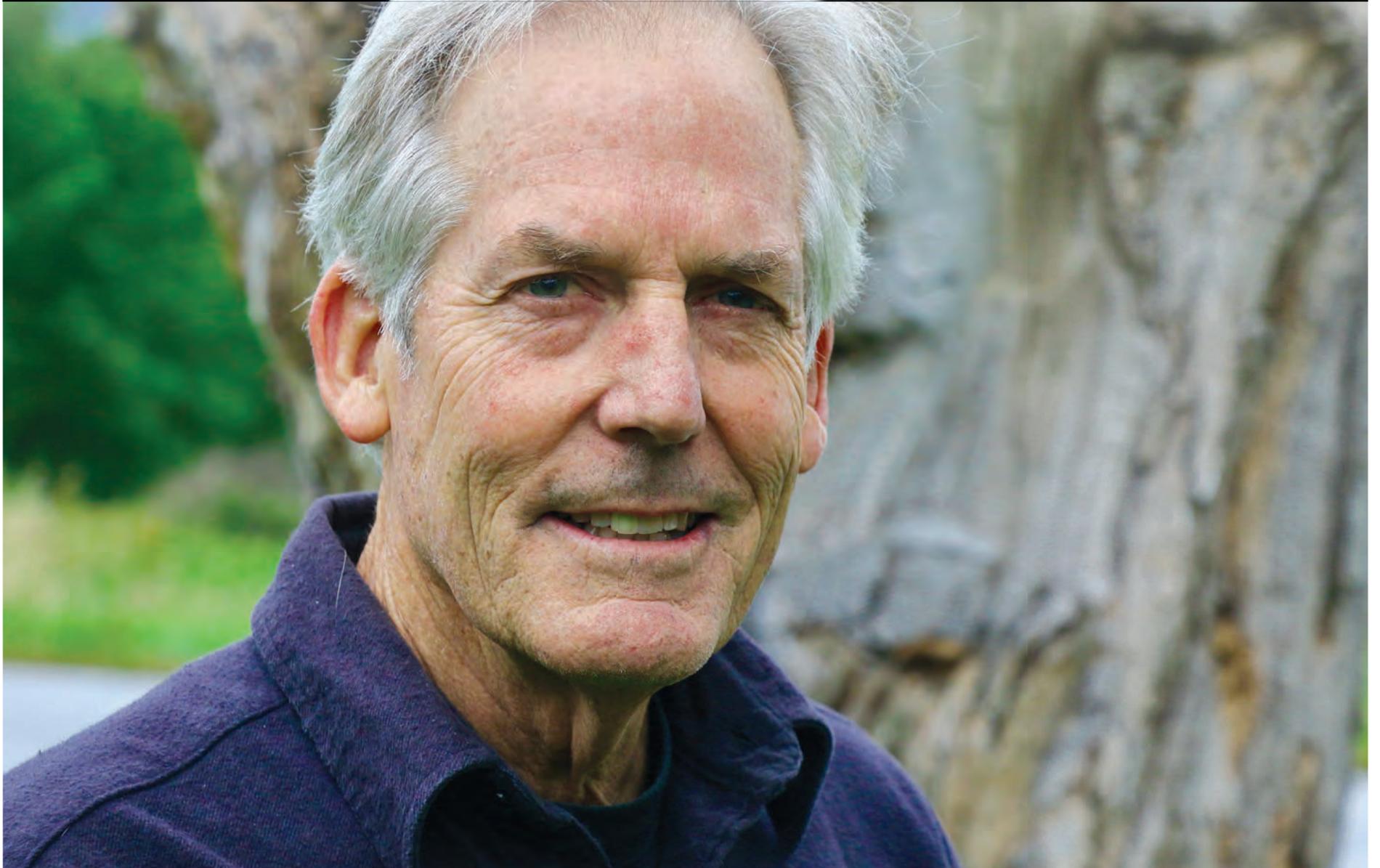
DATED : August 23, 2021

By: /s/ Rachel K. Ljunggren
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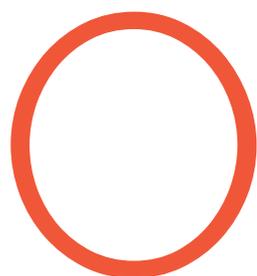
September 30, 2021



Michael Collier recently published *"The Missing Mountain: New and Selected Poems"* looking back at over 40 years of his work. Copies of this comprehensive retrospective are available at *The Vermont Book Shop* in Middlebury.

INDEPENDENT PHOTO / STEVE JAMES

Cornwall poet reflects on four decades of work



BY **ELSIE**
LYNN PARINI

On a given morning, Michael Collier wakes up (early), brews a pot of coffee and walks directly to his desk. This isn't what he calls a ritual, it's an "imperative."

"Another is to avoid the blank page as much as possible," said Collier, a distinguished poet who directed the Middlebury Bread Loaf Writers' Conferences for more than 20 years. "I write the way a

tortoise runs, although occasionally, instead of a hare, I pull a poem out of a hat."

And he's been doing it this way for over 40 years. Now retired from the conferences and from his work as an English professor at the University of Maryland, Collier has recently published *"The Missing Mountain: New and Selected Poems."*

The publication draws poems from seven of his previous individual volumes, with the oldest poem dating back to 1980 and the most recent written just a few years ago.

"The time seemed right to put together a retrospective volume," said the Cornwall resident. "It's a way of self-assessing (curating) the work I've done, while the new poems point ahead to what might be possible in the future."

Collier recently shared his reflections on his career with *The Independent*.

Where did you grow up?

I was born and raised in Phoenix, Arizona, at a time when the size of the inhabited city could be easily mapped in your head, its limits were another matter. They were vast, vacant,

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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. Her poems can be found in many print journals and online.

"Through the Wilderness" isn't just a poem; it's a journey, a history, and a kind of declaration that feels as if it's speaking for many. The words feel like a grand encouragement for anyone whose been repeatedly shut down, shut out, or pushed around. I have found that reading and listening to the poems of Toussaint St. Negritude to be a truly uplifting experience even as he takes us through some of the darker truths of his experience, all of which are necessary. But he does not overstay in the darker regions of his poetry, or in his life it seems.

The mountains and regions of the north feature prominently in this poem with all they hold — spiritual energy, a certain amount of safety, and also some challenge. There is a strong sense of climbing in the poem suggesting struggle, but also an undeniable rising to a higher place emotionally, physically and spiritually. We are shown glimpses of where the speaker has been and what he's experienced. Along with the images of climbing, there is also this great flow brought by the repetition of certain words and phrases, by the poem's rhythm, by the poem's vast energy. "Cogent dreams and cosmic streams... / ...constellations strewn within my soul"

The theme of home is at the poem's center, and it turns out that home for the poet really is Star House — the name he's given his newly built small house in the Northeast Kingdom. We get the sense that Star House is a place he has been coming to for many years, a place that represents an arrival and also a leaving behind of all that no longer serves him, but that needs to be named — oppressive corporate cultures, bigotries and inequities. Each step away from that seems to bring him closer to a kind of freedom, to a life centered on creativity and deeper meaning in the place he has chosen. And what a journey — one that feels guided by the stars from the beginning, and pulled along by the allure and energy of the mountains merging with the poet's particular talents and resolve. In Star House, there seems to be a joining of the cosmic and the grounded — a blessed Earth-based realm of inspiration, peace and wellbeing. Home.

Want to know more about this poet? VPR interviewed Toussaint this summer about his Star House, how and why it came to be, and how others might support this venture. Visit vpr.org and search "Toussaint" to find the story.

Former Poet Laureate of Belfast, Maine, poet, bass clarinetist, and composer Toussaint St. Negritude conjures whole liberations in full tempo. Poet Gwendolyn Brooks described his work as "full of sweet sounds and surprises." Originally from San Francisco, Toussaint has lived broadly across the African Diaspora, from the sacred mountains of Haiti, to the Coltrane District of North Philadelphia. Leader of the band Jaguar Stereo, a freeform ensemble of his own poetry and improvisational jazz, his works have been widely published and recorded for over 40 years. On an alpine sanctuary facing east, Toussaint continues to thrive in the farthest elevations of Vermont's Northeast Kingdom.



PHOTO COURTESY OF TOUSSAINT ST. NEGRITUDE

COSMIC STREAMS AND MOUNTAIN DREAMS

THROUGH THE WILDERNESS

*Through the wilderness
of my freedom*

*through the clear and present
affirmation*

*through territories
uncharted for corporate
consumption*

*that the Universe
is inalienably mine
to reach*

*through cogent dreams
and cosmic streams*

*through this connectivity
of all my soul to keep*

*I have climbed
to find my Star House
high amongst the peaks*

*through the envisioning
of a sanctuary deep within my
truth*

*of an ever-emancipating
consciousness.*

*I have climbed
to find my Star House*

*Through these constellations
strewn within my
soul*

*high amongst the peaks
of a bright and fertile liberty
built for innermost use.*

*here I have climbed
to find my sanctuary*

— Toussaint St. Negritude

*housing
all the juju this new day
can hold.*

*Through days clouded
in the valleys of self-deceit*

*through the darkest
immobility of shackling
bigotries*

*through hours journeyed by prayer and by hand
and by feet*

*through hell
and high-water indignities
dangling inequities*

*for the hungriest
to eat*

*through powers stronger
than all the calls
for my defeat*

*I have climbed
to find my Star House*

*high amongst the peaks
of my own true
belief.*

*Through declarations flowing from the sovereignty
of peace*

MOUNTAIN

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and harder to imagine. The sublime and awful difficulty of the imagination keeping up with reality is what the title poem, "The Missing Mountain," tries to comprehend.

What brought you to Vermont?

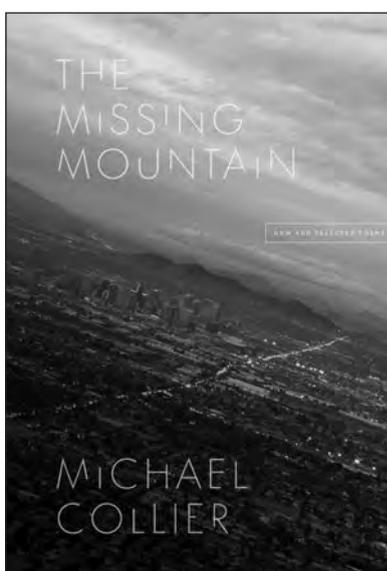
The Bread Loaf Writers' Conference, which I attended in 1981 for the first time. I returned to Bread Loaf in 1986 and then as an assistant instructor in the early 1990s before taking on the role of conference director in 1994.

Why did you stay?

No one would need the experience of 28 sessions of the Bread Loaf Writers' Conference to come under the spell of what's called "The Mountain," less than a day will do it, nor that long to convince you to stay in Vermont. Katherine Branch and our sons, Robert and David, came with me to the Conference each summer, and so it was a family enchantment that led us to buy a house in Cornwall in 2005. Over time, we found we had a wonderful and growing circle of neighbors and friends in Middlebury, and over time, too, Katherine began to extend her stays in Cornwall until she became a full-time resident several years ago, and now that I've retired from the University of Maryland, where I taught for many years, I've become one as well.

What is the significance of the title "The Missing Mountain"?

On the edge of North Mountain Park in Phoenix, there was a saddle between two modest peaks that provided a spectacular vantage point from which to view the city, night and day. It was a hangout spot for my friends and me. As an adult, when I'd return home to visit my parents, I would



THE SUBLIME AND AWFUL DIFFICULTY OF THE IMAGINATION KEEPING UP WITH REALITY IS WHAT THE TITLE POEM, "THE MISSING MOUNTAIN," TRIES TO COMPREHEND.

— Michael Collier

sometimes drive to the saddle to get a sense of how crazily fast Phoenix was growing but also for the nostalgia of it. One time when I went back, it was gone, blasted away to make room for a sprawling resort. I suppose on one level it's a poem about environmental degradation and how fast and inexorably the world has changed during my life, but more than that it registers the experience of a profound and shocking loss as well as a violation of the imagination.

Where do you find inspiration?

I don't carry a notebook around. My head is rarely in the clouds because I'd miss the feel and texture of the lived life and the quotidian events and details that are the materials of my poems.

What is it like reading and re-publishing some of your older pieces?

I wanted to re-publish poems that were important in different ways to me when I wrote them — ones that demonstrated an advance in technique and ones that led more deeply into the forest of the imagination. They needed to feel fresh and alive, rather than perfect. The book is structured in reverse chronological order, except for the new poems, which come at the end. I thought it would be interesting for readers to have selections from the more recent books

lead them back through time to the comparatively smaller sampling of the older poems. The image of nesting dolls comes to mind, if you don't think about the outlier new poems at the end.

Do your older poems resonate in the same ways as when you wrote them, or have they taken on new meanings?

Resonance was one of the tests, especially with the early work, but also continuity. "In Khabarovsk," which appeared in my first book, is a short piece written about an experience I had while traveling across the Soviet Union in 1977 on the Trans-Siberian Railway. Thirty years later, I published a much longer poem, "History," in my sixth book, that is also about the Trans-Siberian trip. While the first poem was imagistic and romantic, the second explored the role I had in making friends on the train, and then carrying out a task for him when I returned to the States, with a former Nazi and, I came to learn, a Holocaust denier. As a young poet, I had access to the romance of the experience but it took decades for me to come to some understanding of my relationship to it in terms of history and my own sense of who I am.

Michael Collier's book "The Missing Mountain: New and Selected Poems" is available at The Vermont Book Shop in Middlebury. You can get a signed copy if you order a book by Oct. 15; Collier will be signing copies on the 16th (unfortunately due to COVID protocols, this won't be an in-person book-signing event).

MIDDLEBURY PERFORMING ARTS SERIES

Doric String Quartet
Jonathan Biss, Piano

Saturday, October 9 ■ 7:30 PM
Mahaney Arts Center, Robison Hall; or stream from home
Tickets: \$25/20/15/10/5

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Living With Death:
How Artists, Historians, and Museums Create Meaning in a Time of Loss*

Dario Robleto
Artist and Writer

In conversation with **Ellery Foutch**
Middlebury College

The lecture series is presented with support from

*This talk is supported in part by Middlebury College

ART ON EXHIBIT

NEW EXHIBIT SHINES HAUNTING BEAUTY ON DILAPIDATED BUILDING

Edgewater Gallery will open a solo exhibition of paintings by Jeff Bye on Oct. 1, called "Shenandoah." The work will be on view through Oct. 31 at Edgewater Gallery on the Green, 6 Merchants Row in Middlebury. There will be a free opening reception with an artist talk on Friday, Oct. 8, from 5-7 p.m. The artist talk will begin at 5:30 p.m. and light refreshments will be served.

"Shenandoah" is a series of paintings of the interior spaces of the deserted Cooper Community Center in Shenandoah, Penn. The

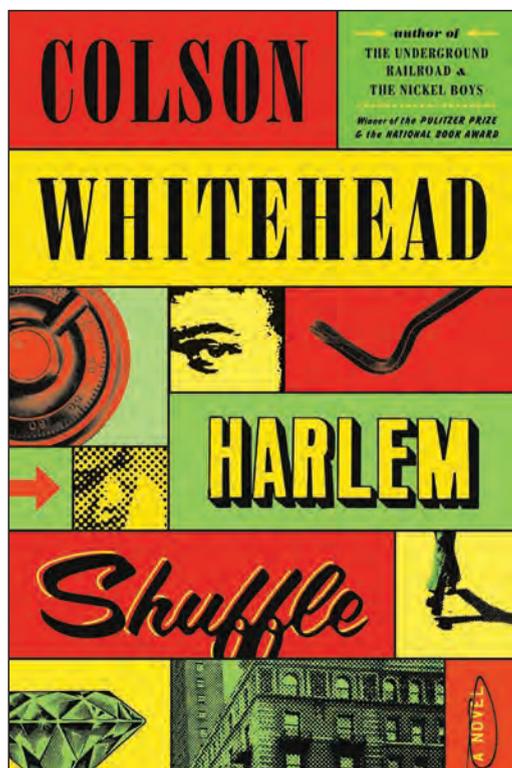
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REVIEW

BOOK

HARLEM SHUFFLE — BY COLSON WHITEHEAD
(Doubleday Books)



This is the Harlem of the 1960s, crucible of the Civil Rights Movement, where cultural, religious and political leaders could be found on street corners and in business establishments, teeming with political, social, and economic empowerment activities. Whitehead's man Carney — Ray Carney, a mostly-upright furniture salesman — is just living his life. He's a guy you wouldn't mind spending the afternoon with, he's relatable, he's endearing, he's just a little bit crooked. His in-laws aren't quite sure he's good enough for their daughter but Carney knows his wife Elizabeth, and their family, is his love, his motivation. He is decidedly not as bad as his cousin Freddie — if there's any trouble, Freddie is bound to be tangled up in it — but he does find himself unwittingly involved in one of Freddie's heists, a big plan to rob the Hotel Theresa, the grand hotel of Harlem, with its stately interior and period architecture, and brand furniture — Carney knows his stuff — beautifully described in detail. Will Carney manage to extricate himself and still take home a piece of the pie? In this love letter to Harlem, the social and cultural setting play a part as central as the hugely-entertaining plot and large-hearted characters. A real grand novel.

— Reviewed by Jenny Lyons of The Vermont Book Shop in Middlebury.

NEW & FORTHCOMING BLACK HISTORICAL FICTION

Palmares, by Gayl Jones

The Sweetness of Water, by Nathan Harris

The Personal Librarian, by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray

Moon and the Mars, by Kia Corthron

Island Queen, by Vanessa Riley

What Passes as Love, by Trisha R. Thomas

Ramadan Ramsey, by Louis Edwards

These Bones, by Kayla Chenault

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parallels to life during the current pandemic are striking as the community center had been built in 1918 as a school, but its doors never opened due to the onset of

the Spanish Flu pandemic. It was therefore left to perpetually wait for inhabitants like many schools and public buildings today.

"To see how the natural light creates wonderful shapes through the cast shadows on the chalkboards and on the surfaces of the floors and walls gave it life and a sense of calmness and beauty." Bye writes in an artist's statement about this work. "The graffiti, being another layer of the neglect, now adds a sense of humor depending on how you look at it. It gives a sense of a human presence that is now lost."

"Time is valuable, especially with these buildings that are disappearing from the American landscape." Bye continues. "To capture these monumental structures is essential because of how unique and wonderful the craftsmanship once was, but in the 21st century it has become forgotten and more obsolete."

Also on view at Edgewater Gallery at the Falls, 1 Mill Street in Middlebury, is "Locally Grown," which has been on view since the start of September, featuring Woody Jackson, Sara Katz and Sage Tucker-Ketcham. This group exhibition will be on view through Oct. 31. All three artists are local to Vermont and represent the landscape but in distinctly different interpretations. For more info visit edgewatergallery.com or call 802-458-0098.



ARIES: March 21-April 20. Aries, be gentle with your approach this week as you look to persuade someone. You don't want to scare anyone away by being too flashy or forward.

LIBRA: Sept. 23-Oct. 23. Libra, concentrate on a creative project that you have been pondering for some time now. Explore your imagination and don't hesitate to utilize it.

TAURUS: April 21-May 21. This is a great time to go out and try to grab yourself a bargain, Taurus. Head to a thrift store or garage sale, or even test your negotiation skills at a car dealership.

GEMINI: May 22-June 21. Gemini, situations that have slowly been building will finally come to a head this week. A resolution will be better than the roller coaster you have been on recently.

CANCER: June 22-July 22. Cancer, you may have little motivation this week. One or two days of relaxation could be just what you need to recharge. Expect to reemerge full of renewed vigor.

LEO: July 23-Aug. 23. Leo, issues involving your finances take center stage. It is time to do some long-term financial planning and get all of your ducks in a row. Ask for assistance if you need it.

VIRGO: Aug. 24-Sept. 22. Virgo, someone may be trying to slow you down, and you're not having any of it. Keep yourself busy at all times this week and assess your priorities.

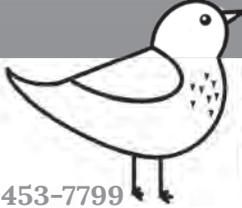
SCORPIO: Oct. 24-Nov. 22. Scorpio, a little homework can help your cause as you seek to persuade others to see things from your perspective. Some credibility can go a long way.

SAGITTARIUS: Nov. 23-Dec. 21. This may be a very expensive week for you, Sagittarius. You're finishing up on projects around the house and may enjoy a weekend getaway to a spa or resort.

CAPRICORN: Dec. 22-Jan. 20. Try to connect with people on a deeper level this week, Capricorn. You can then strengthen your friendships and get to know one another even better.

AQUARIUS: Jan. 21-Feb. 18. Spend some time alone where you can center and concentrate on the bigger picture, Aquarius. You may have to make a few adjustments to an existing plan.

PISCES: Feb. 19-March 20. Pisces, take action so others know you are dependable. This may pertain to work or assisting a friend with a task that needs completion.

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OCT. 3 — India Arie, singer (46)	

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THURSDAY, SEPT. 30

GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB HIKE

IN MENDON. Thursday, Sept. 30, Bald Mountain. RESCHEDULED FROM SEPT. 15. Moderate 3.3-mile loop hike that offers several viewpoints highlighted by a great view of the Coolidge Range, including Killington, Mendon, and Shrewsbury Peaks. Elevation gain: 849 feet. Contact leader for details, Ken Corey at 860-921-7765, kac4964@gmail.com. More at gmcbreadloaf.org.

FRIDAY, OCT. 1

"THE MAID OF ORLEANS" IN MIDDLEBURY.

Friday, Oct. 1, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall Theater, 68 S. Pleasant St. Come see the Opera Company of Middlebury's production of this tale of Joan of Arc. Tickets \$55 Rows B-C-D/\$65 Rows E-M/\$80 Balcony, available at townhalltheater.org or call 802 382-9222, Monday-Friday, noon-5 p.m. Vaccinations and masks required. Will present from Oct. 1-9 at Middlebury's Town Hall Theater.

SATURDAY, OCT. 2

THE DOUGHBOYS DANCE BAND IN BRANDON.

Saturday, Oct. 2, 7 p.m., Brandon Town Hall, 1 Conant Sq. The Doughboys will play their signature mix of highly danceable soul and rock music from the 1950's to today. Come and dance the night away or just sit back, tap your feet or

sing along. All tickets \$5.

SCOTT COOK ON STAGE IN BRISTOL.

Saturday, Oct. 2, 7:30 p.m., Holley Hall, South St. and Main. Ripton Community Coffee House goes on the road with this award-winning singer songwriter. Tickets \$15-\$20 generous admission, \$10 general admission. The concert will also be live-streamed. Streaming links Covid guidelines and artist information at rcch.org. More info at 802-388-9782 or rcchfolks@gmail.com.

SUNDAY, OCT. 3

"THE MAID OF ORLEANS" IN MIDDLEBURY.

Sunday, Oct. 3, 2 p.m., Town Hall Theater, 68 S. Pleasant St. See Oct. 1 listing.

THURSDAY, OCT. 7

"SIGHTLINES: PICTURING THE BATTELL WILDERNESS" TALK IN MIDDLEBURY.

Thursday, Oct. 7, noon, Henry Sheldon Museum garden, 1 Park St. Join photographer Caleb Kenna and artist Jill Madden as they discuss their work in the Sheldon's fall exhibit. Through their art, Madden and Kenna explore the Joseph Battell and Breadloaf Wilderness areas of the Green Mountains. Tickets \$5 at the door. Limited capacity, pre-registration required at henrysheldonmuseum.org or 802-388-2117.

"THE MAID OF ORLEANS" IN MIDDLEBURY.

Thursday, Oct. 7, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall Theater, 68

S. Pleasant St. See Oct. 1 listing.

FRIDAY, OCT. 8

GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB HIKE IN MIDDLEBURY.

Friday, Oct. 8, Trail Around Middlebury to Chipman Hill. This is an easy to moderate 3+ mile hike that meanders through Battell and Means Woods with an 800 feet ascent up Chipman Hill. Wear appropriate clothing for hiking and bring water, a snack and hiking poles, if used. For details contact trip leader David Andrews at vtrevda@yahoo.com or 802-388-4894. More at gmcbreadloaf.org.

OPENING RECEPTION IN MIDDLEBURY.

Friday, Oct. 8, 5-7 p.m., Henry Sheldon Museum, 1 Park St. At the exhibit reception for "Sightlines: Picturing the Battell Wilderness," mingle in the Museum garden with wine and nibbles (weather permitting) and view the exhibit. Caleb Kenna and Jill Madden will attend the reception and will be happy to speak informally with guests. Free and open to the public.

COCOON IN MIDDLEBURY.

Friday, Oct. 8, 7:30 p.m., Robison Hall, Mahaney Arts Center, 72 Porter Field Rd. Inspired by the popular storytelling phenomenon The Moth, Cocoon is a special evening of true stories told live and without notes. This year's edition, on the theme of "Rebuilding," features six storytellers. Tickets: \$15/10/8/5. Streaming available. In-person attendees must have Covid vaccination and wear masks. More info at middlebury.edu/arts.

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Friday, Oct. 1 5 a.m. Public Affairs 7:30 a.m. Congregational Church 10 a.m. Selectboard, Gov. Scott Weekly Update 4 p.m. Memorial Baptist Church 5:30 p.m. Energy Week 6:30 p.m. Middlebury Edition: Guest Kurt Broderson 7:01 p.m. Cannabis Control Board (CCB) - Market Structure, Licensing 9 p.m. Green Mountain Care (GMC) Board Saturday, Oct. 2 4:02 a.m. CCB - Social Equity 5 a.m. State House - Pension Benefits Design 8:25 a.m. Middlebury Edition 9 a.m. Energy Week 10 a.m. Selectboard, State House - Affordable Health Care 3 p.m. The Science of Effective Prevention 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	12 a.m. CCB - Sustainability 5 a.m. Selectboard, Public Affairs 9 a.m. Catholic Mass 10 a.m. Energy Week 11 a.m. Memorial Baptist Service 12:30 p.m. Middlebury Edition 1:01 p.m. Gov. Scott Weekly Update 4 p.m. Congregational Service 5:30 p.m. Eckankar 6 p.m. Effective Prevention 7 p.m. Catholic Mass 7:30 p.m. CCB - Public Health Advisory Sub-Committee	12 a.m. CCB 5 a.m. Racial Disparities Advisory Board 6:30 a.m. Parental Contact During Incarceration 10 a.m. Selectboard, Public Affairs 4 p.m. Gov. Scott Weekly Update 8 p.m. GMC Board	12 a.m. GMC Board 5 a.m. State House 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 Wednesday, Oct. 6 12 a.m. CCB 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 10 p.m. Parental Contact During Incarceration 11 p.m. Gov. Scott Thursday, Oct. 7 5 a.m. Selectboard 8 a.m. Congregational Service 10 a.m. Gov. Scott 12 p.m. Selectboard, Gov. Scott 8 p.m. Energy Week, Public Affairs 10:30 p.m. Eckankar 11 p.m. Gov. Scott, Public Affairs Channel 1091 July 16, 2021 Friday, Oct. 1 5 a.m. Dr. John Campbell- COVID Lectures 8 a.m. The Real Joan of Arc (OCM) 10 a.m. Gov. Scott 12 p.m. Selectboard, Gov. Scott	8 p.m. Energy Week, Public Affairs 5 p.m. All Things LGBTQ 10:30 p.m. Eckankar 11 p.m. Gov. Scott, Public Affairs Saturday, Oct. 2 5 a.m. All Things LGBTQ 6 p.m. Current Topics in Science 8:30 a.m. ACSD Board Meeting 2:30 p.m. GMALL Lecture 4 p.m. Kids Yoga 4:25 p.m. Yoga with Liza Eaton 5:30 p.m. All Things LGTQ 8 p.m. COVID Lectures 9 p.m. The Real Joan of Arc Sunday, Oct. 3 5 a.m. All Things LGBTQ 6 a.m. Current Topics in Science 7:15 a.m. Kids Yoga, Yoga w/Liza Eaton 8:30 a.m. COVID Lectures 1 p.m. The Real Joan of Arc 2 p.m. GMALL Lecture 4:30 p.m. Local School Boards 9 p.m. The Real Joan of Arc 10 p.m. COVID Lectures Monday, Oct. 4 5 a.m. GMALL Lecture 6:30 a.m. Kids Yoga 11 a.m. Chair Yoga with Liza Eaton	12 p.m. The Real Joan of Arc 3 p.m. COVID Lectures 5 p.m. Current Topics in Science 10 p.m. COVID Lectures Tuesday, Oct. 5 5:30 a.m. State Board of Educ. 10:30 a.m. Current Topics in Science 12 p.m. All Things LGBTQ 1 p.m. Canning Beans and Cukes 5 p.m. ACSD Board 9 p.m. GMALL Lecture Wednesday, Oct. 6 5 a.m. COVID Lectures 6:30 a.m. Local School Boards 3:30 p.m. GMALL Lecture 5 p.m. All Things LGBTQ 6 p.m. Current Topics in Science 8:30 p.m. COVID Lectures Thursday, Oct. 7 12 a.m. COVID Lectures 1 a.m. State Board of Educ. 4:30 a.m. Current Topics in Science 6 a.m. All Things LGBTQ 7 a.m. Yoga 12 p.m. ACSD Board 4 p.m. Yoga 5 p.m. All Things LGBTQ 6:15 p.m. COVID Lectures 8 p.m. GMALL Debate		

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SATURDAY, OCT. 9

DORIC STRING QUARTET, JONATHAN BISS, PIANO IN MIDDLEBURY. Saturday, Oct. 9, 7:30 p.m., Robison Hall, Mahaney Arts Center, 72 Porter Field Rd. A powerhouse evening with the luminary young British quartet playing Beethoven and Bartók, then teaming up with renowned pianist Jonathan Biss for Elgar's Piano Quintet in A Major. Tickets: \$25/20/10/5; Streaming-only tickets: \$15/5. Pre-concert lecture by Professor of Music Larry Hamberlin, 6:15 PM, Room 125. In-person attendees must have Covid vaccination and wear masks. More info at middlebury.edu/arts.

TWANGTOWN PARAMOURS IN BRANDON. Saturday, Oct. 9, 7:30 p.m., Brandon Music, 62 Country Club Rd. Americana music straight from Nashville. Tickets \$25. Pre-concert dinner available for \$35. Reservations required for dinners and recommended for the show. Venue is BYOB. More info at brandon-music.net, 802-247-4295 or info@brandon-music.net.

THE UNKNOWN BLUES BAND WITH SPECIAL GUESTS IN VERGENNES. Saturday, Oct. 9, 7:30 p.m.,

Vergennes Opera House, 120 Main St. After a year "in the dark" VOH's 2021-2022 season will open with an opera house favorite. Come hear this iconic Vermont blues band and dance to the music. Doors and cash bar hosted by Bar Antidote/Hired Hand open at 6:30 p.m., show starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$20. More info at vergennesoperahouse.org.

"THE MAID OF ORLEANS" IN MIDDLEBURY. Saturday, Oct. 9, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall Theater, 68 S. Pleasant St. See Oct. 1 listing.

ABBY SHERMAN AND THE WAY NORTH IN LINCOLN. Saturday, Oct. 9, 7:30 p.m., Burnham Hall, 52 E. River Rd. The opening concert in the Burnham Music Series' tenth year features this young, up and coming, Vermont musician who demonstrates strong songwriting in the utmost raw, personal and relatable way. Tickets \$10 for adults. Teens and kids are free.

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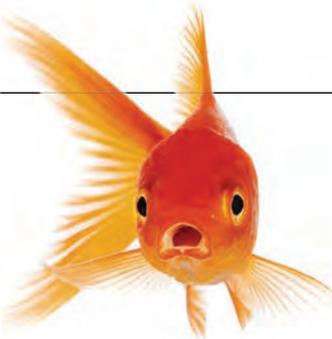
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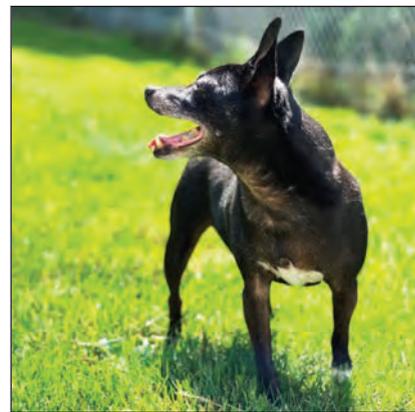
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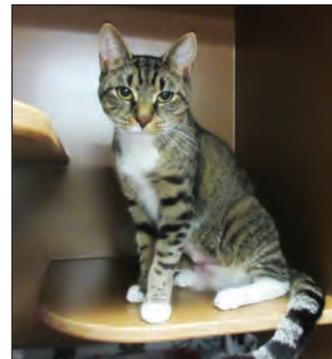


Mickey came to us when his owner recently passed away. He is 15-years-old and seeking a loving family to retire with. He loves relaxing and hanging out with humans he can trust. He will bark if he needs something and due to his age, can struggle with some incontinence. Mickey, like so many old buddies, needs an end of life home filled with all the sweetness possible.

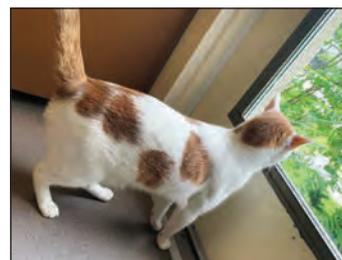
This wiggle-butt is Jayla! She is crazy about people and would adore a human of her very own. She needs to be the only animal in the household. As far as she is concerned, cats are 100% snacks. She is playful and in need of bonding and training with her new owner. She is 4-years old and as cute as it 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!



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Twangtown Paramours

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The Twangtown Paramours bring new tracks to Brandon

MaryBeth Zamer and Mike T. Lewis — aka The Twangtown Paramours — are busy. They recently launched their singles "Talk about Peace" and "Double Down on a Bad Thing," and are planning the release of a Christmastime

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single "My Gingerbread Man" in November as well as their new full-length album on Feb. 4, 2022.

Catch this acoustic husband and wife duo when they play a show on Saturday, Oct. 9 at Brandon Music.

Lead singer Zamer was a fixture in the Washington, D.C. club circuit for many years. She performed with the band Ignition and sang background vocals for Eva Cassidy in the band Method Actor. She is also the main author of some of the most meaningful songs in The Twangtown Paramours' catalog.

Lewis is a session musician, producer, and hit songwriter. He is the author of a No. 1 platinum pop tune in Korea, "A Heartbeat Away," which is ranked as the second biggest-selling female

ballad of all time in that country. He also sometimes plays upright bass for Jimmie Dale Gilmore and does a little TV acting. He has appeared on the Investigative Discovery Channel and as a background actor on CMT's "Nashville." Lewis is the main writer of the tunes on "Double Down on a Bad Thing."

"It's our hope that while listening to this record, people will smile and dance around their living rooms like nobody's watching," Zamer said. "We may be living in difficult and divisive times, but if a good groove and musical energy can help change people's mindsets to one of positivity and hope, this is the album to do it."

"Influences of the Beatles and Memphis blues are prominent, but those sounds are re-interpreted and combined to form something new," Lewis added. "This is the kind of record we've wanted to make for a long time and we plan to follow it up with live band touring."

The show on Saturday, Oct. 9 will take place at Brandon Music, 62 Country Club Road in Brandon. Tickets cost \$25. Add dinner for an extra \$35. Dinner starts at 6 p.m., and the show kicks off at 7:30 p.m. For more info visit brandon-music.net.

ABBY SHERMAN AND THE WAY NORTH OPEN BURNHAM MUSIC SERIES IN LINCOLN

The Burnham Music Series is coming back! Although the venue is beginning to host its live music series a month later than usual, they hope to host live music on the second Saturday of the month through May. Kicking off the Burnham Music Series' 10th year is Abby Sherman and The Way North on Saturday, Oct. 9.

Sherman is a young, up-and-coming Vermont musician who demonstrates strong songwriting in the utmost raw, personal and relatable way. This young artist has a soothing sense of wisdom and age to her voice.

Following this performance the series will host: The Revenants on Saturday, Nov. 13, Dave Keller on Saturday, Dec. 11, Hot Pickin' Party on Saturday, Jan. 8, Will Patton Ensemble on Saturday, Feb. 12, Marcie Hernandez on Saturday, March 1, The Fried Dough Boys on Saturday, April 9, and The Michele Fay Band on Saturday, May 14.

Burnham Hall is located at 52 River Rd. in Lincoln. Shows begin at 7:30 and cost \$10 for adults and teens — kids are free. For more information visit facebook.com/BMSlincoln, or call 802-388-6863.



On Saturday, Oct. 9, catch Abby Sherman and The Way North at the Burnham Hall in Lincoln. Show starts at 7:30 p.m.

Doric String Quartet and Pianist Jonathan Biss to perform at the MAC

The Middlebury Performing Arts Series will present a collaborative concert with the Doric String Quartet and pianist Jonathan Biss on Saturday, Oct. 9 at the Mahaney Arts Center's Robison Hall.

Hailed as "one of the best young string quartets" by Gramophone, the Doric String Quartet has emerged as a leading British ensemble of its generation. The quartet had the audience on its feet during its 2017 Vermont debut at the MAC, and this year's performance of Beethoven's first and Bartók's third quartets will most certainly evoke a similar reaction. This powerhouse evening concludes with Elgar's Piano Quintet in A Major with acclaimed pianist Jonathan Biss, who has served as the Marlboro Music Festival's co-artistic director in recent years.

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Mahaney Arts Center



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Middlebury Professor of Music Larry Hamberlin will offer a free pre-concert lecture at 6:30 p.m.

Audiences from both on- and off-campus are welcome. Vaccinations (or valid medical or religious exemptions) and masks are required. The event will also be streamed.

Tickets are \$25 for the general public; \$20 for Middlebury College ID card holders; \$10 for youth; and \$5 for Middlebury College students. For tickets and more info call (802) 443-MIDD (6433) or visit middlebury.edu/arts.



The Doric String Quartet (above) and pianist Jonathan Biss (left) will perform at Middlebury College's Mahaney Arts Center on Saturday, Oct. 9.

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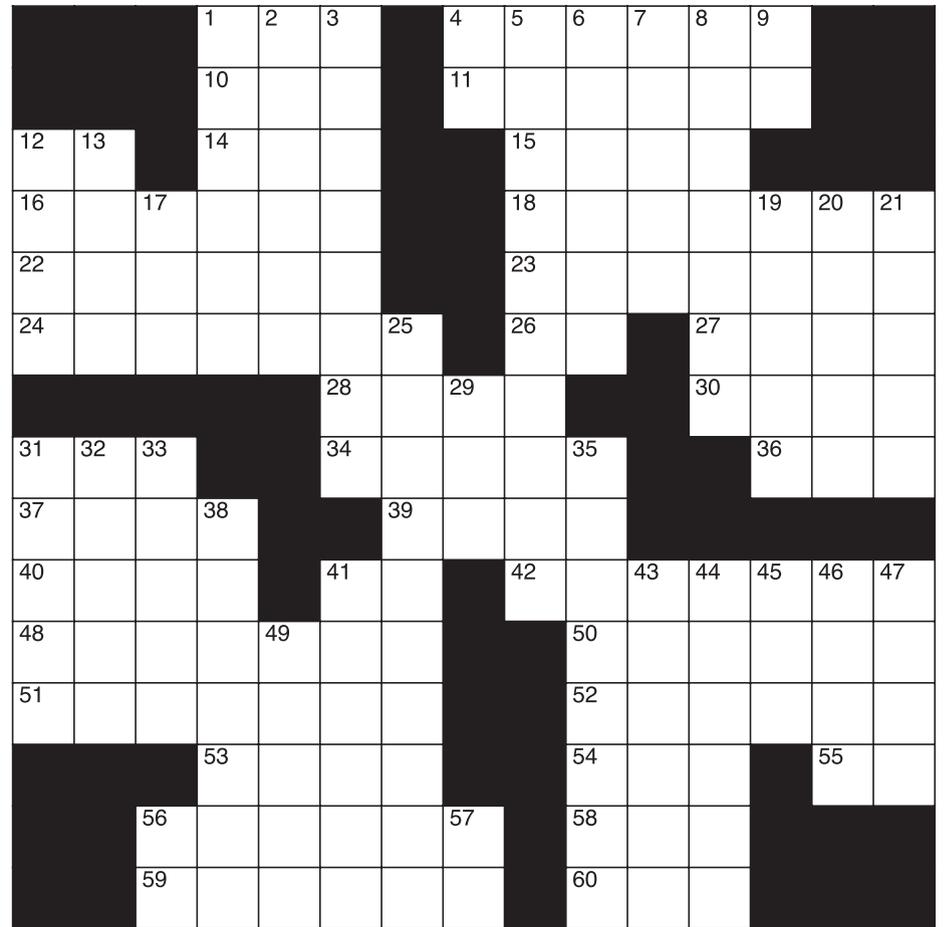
ACROSS

1. Numbers cruncher
4. Creator
10. A type of center
11. About spring
12. Equal to 64 U.S. pints (abbr.)
14. Precursor to the EU
15. Something that can be cast
16. Gold-colored alloy
18. A salt or ester of acetic acid
22. A hard coating on a porous surface
23. A type of detachment
24. Filmmakers need them
26. Promotional material
27. __ Blyton, children's author
28. Short, sharp sound
30. Feeling of intense anger
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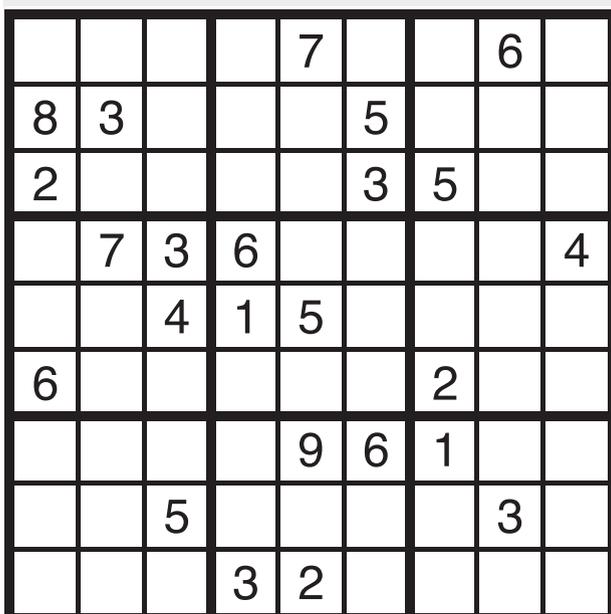
42. Stealing
48. Hawaiian island
50. More raw
51. In one's normal state of mind
52. Daniel LaRusso's sport
53. Tropical American monkey
54. Measures heart currents
55. Midway between south and east
56. Knotted again
58. Born of
59. Value
60. Soviet Socialist Republic

DOWN

1. Mother tongue
2. Removes potato skins
3. True
4. Early multimedia
5. The making of amends
6. Discovered by investigation
7. Small arm of the sea
8. More seasoned
9. Atomic #81
12. Type of pear



13. Chemical compound
17. One's mother
19. Vietnam's former name
20. Snow forest
21. Church officer
25. Hardens
29. Ancient
31. Advertising gimmick
32. Subatomic particle
33. Not fresh
35. Loosens
38. Religious symbols
41. Film
43. Orthodontic devices
44. Grilled beef sandwich
45. Journalist Tarbell
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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 15.



ASK A MASTER GARDENER

HOW TO CARE FOR RHUBARB IN THE FALL



Joyce Amsden is a UVM Extension Master Gardener Intern from Sharon.

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BY **JOYCE**
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Are you one of those people who loves rhubarb pie, cake, sauce and even preserving rhubarb for off-season use?

Although not everyone enjoys eating rhubarb, few dispute its majestic beauty. Whether grown for aesthetics or food, this hardy perennial can be a long-lived addition to the gardening landscape.

Every five to 10 years you need to divide your rhubarb plants to prevent the roots from becoming too dense. Signs of this are smaller, more plentiful stalks and failure to produce stalks at the center of the plant.

While most gardening experts recommend dividing the roots in the spring, it can be done successfully in the fall, if timed carefully.

Dividing and planting needs to be done early enough for the roots to become established but late enough that the newly transplanted root does not push up leaves instead of going dormant. Think mid to late September.

If you decide to wait until spring to plant rhubarb, you can prepare your bed now and be prepared for early spring planting. Rhubarb needs good drainage, plenty of water and fertilizer or compost.

To prepare the bed, you will need to dig out a 3- to 4-foot-wide by 2-foot-deep area for each plant. If your soil has poor drainage, consider creating a raised bed. An undersized bed may discourage optimal root growth and hold water leading to root rot.

Work three to four inches of compost or composted manure into the soil. If not planting until spring, cover the bed with an inch of straw mulch, and add an additional two inches after the ground freezes.

For fall division, dig up your existing plant and divide at the natural weak points between buds with at least one or two buds per division. Plant your division in the new location one to two inches deep with the bud on top.

Cover with soil and press down to eliminate air pockets. Be careful not to damage the buds. Add an inch of straw mulch.

If you are not dividing your rhubarb plants this fall, you can remove the stalks and leaves after the first killing frost. While fine for the compost heap, do not eat the stalks at this time. The oxalic acid, a powerful toxin in rhubarb leaves, moves into the stalks when the leaves are damaged.

Remove grass and weeds as they crowd the plants and can harbor insects that damage rhubarb. You can add a little compost or composted manure once the plant is fully

dormant. Adding too much in fall can delay dormancy needed for winter hardiness.

After the ground freezes, add about three inches of mulch to your existing rhubarb plants or new transplants.

Waiting for the freeze helps the plant become fully dormant and discourages rodents from establishing routes under the mulch and snacking on your plant's roots over winter.

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Art raffle raises funds for Charter House Coalition

Raffle tickets are on sale now to support the "Vermont Artists for Vermont's Homeless" campaign. This annual fundraiser supports the Charter House Coalition Homeless Shelter in

Middlebury. This year these four Vermont artists are raffling their pieces: Treeline Terrains (3-D carved wood topography models); Cristine Kossow (pastels), Caleb Kenna (photography) and TJ Cunningham (painting).

Tickets start at \$20 for 10. Enter at chcv.org or go.rallyup.com/charter. You may also text "Charter" to 855-202-2100. All raffle ticket proceeds will go to support Charter House operations. The raffle drawings will be held on Oct. 1, with separate drawings for each work of art.

The artwork will be on display at the Ilesley Public Library in Middlebury throughout the month of September for viewing.

TJ CUNNINGHAM

Artwork: June Flood

Growing up in Addison County, TJ Cunningham developed both an appreciation of fine art and a deep connection to the rural Vermont landscape. "This painting depicts the swollen otter creek after spring rains," said Cunningham of "June Flood." "I painted the studies for this piece from the cross-street bridge. The painting showcases the churning, golden brown river complimented by the bright summer sky. I also love the way the trees almost completely conceal the town of Middlebury."

CALEB KENNA

Artwork: Highgate Center, Vermont

Caleb Kenna is a freelance photographer and certified drone pilot based in Middlebury. With more than 20 years of experience as a photographer and writer, Kenna's photographs have been published by *The New York Times*, *Boston Globe*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Frommer's*, *Vermont Life*, *National Geographic*, *Yankee*, *Smithsonian*, *Sierra*, *Seven Days*, *Rutland Magazine*, *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, *Lonely Planet*, *Education Week*, *The Vermont Land Trust* and many

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other commercial and non-profit organizations. Kenna loves to create dynamic photographs of people and places.

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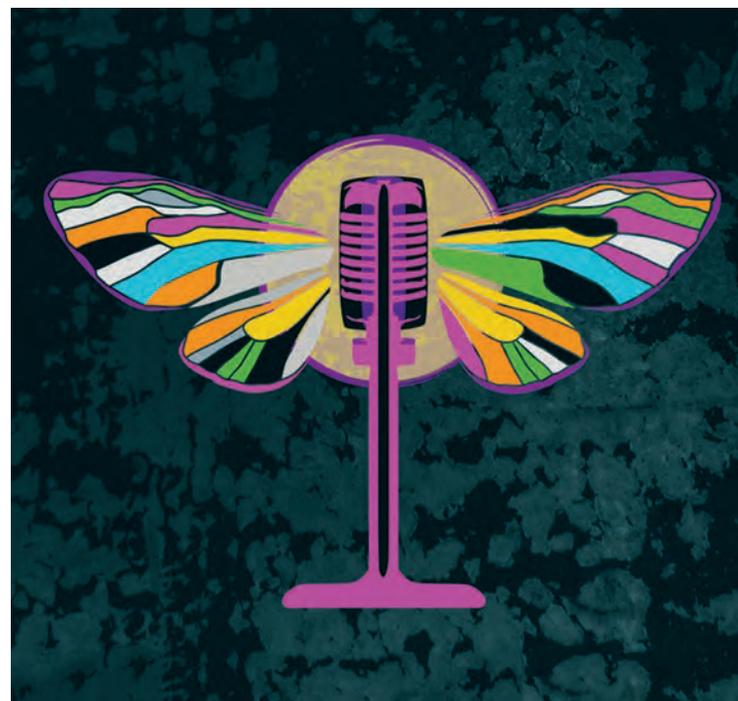
Artwork: Lake Champlain

As recent Middlebury College graduates, the three artists of Treeline Terrains create three-dimensional wooden models — "topography you can touch." The trio utilize their unique skill sets to construct the final product in each case, combining their varied expertise into unique, interactive works of art and learning. Their work reveals a personal connection to our Vermont home, and grants the unique opportunity to get closer to your favorite landscapes on a whole different scale.

CRISTINE KOSSOW

Artwork: Double Trouble

Kossow had a long career in graphic design, but felt it was time to return to painting and quickly found pastels. Kossow's life unfolded alongside the Hudson River except for a six-year hippie hiatus on a farm in coastal Maine. She now lives in the Champlain Valley of Vermont. She enjoys painting everyday objects, finding what is personal in the things we encounter every day — our animal friends, tools, farm-scapes, piles of produce, piles of anything really — because she loves the rhythm of repetition.



See *Cocoon*, an evening of live storytelling inspired by *The Moth*, on Friday, Oct. 8 at the Mahaney Arts Center (or stream from home.)

Cocoon brings true stories to the stage

The Mahaney Arts Center will host the live performance event *Cocoon*, inspired by the popular storytelling phenomenon *The Moth*, on Friday, Oct. 8, 8 p.m., at Robison Hall. Six hand-picked storytellers will tell a diverse range of true stories around the theme of "rebuilding."

This year's storytellers will include: Middlebury College students Keziah Wilde '24 and Luna Simone-Gonzalez '24; Middlebury staff members Janae Due, Scott Barnicle, and Steve Zatarain '15; and community member (and Addison Independent reporter) Christopher Ross. Ambient guitarist and Mahaney Arts Center Technical Director Mark Christensen will provide the musical interludes. Middlebury *Moth-Up* producers Alexandra Burns '21.5 and Kristen Morgenstern '24 will host, with the support of students Emma Crockford '22.5, Harper '24, Isabel Lubitz '22.5, and Lily Shannon '23. The event is co-organized by Liza Sacheli of the Mahaney Arts Center.

This ninth annual community-wide event is a cooperative effort between the Mahaney Arts Center and the Middlebury *Moth-UP*, a student storytelling organization. Since 2010, the *Moth-UP* has brought students, professors, alumni, and members of the greater Vermont community together to tell stories on a given theme.

Masks and vaccinations (or valid medical or religious exemptions) are required. The show is suggested for mature audiences. Tickets are \$15 for the general public; \$10 for ID card holders; \$8 for youth, and \$5 for Middlebury College students. This event will also be streamed for \$10, or \$5 for Middlebury College students. For tickets or more information, call (802) 443-MIDD (6433) or visit go.middlebury.edu/arts.

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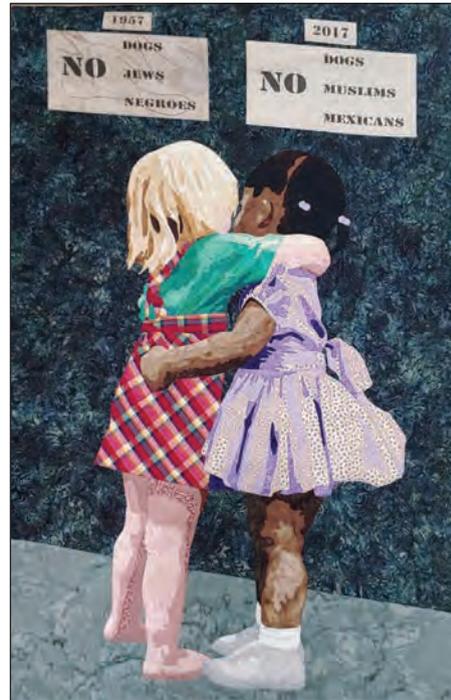
is as good as anywhere in the state, with incredible farmland vistas, lakes, rivers, waterfalls, and some of the most charming towns to visit on a foliage tour.

The Fall Guide is an annual supplement to the *Addison Independent*, an award-winning local paper that has proudly been serving this part of the Green Mountain State since 1946. Within these pages we celebrate the many areas to visit, things to do, and reasons to love Addison County.

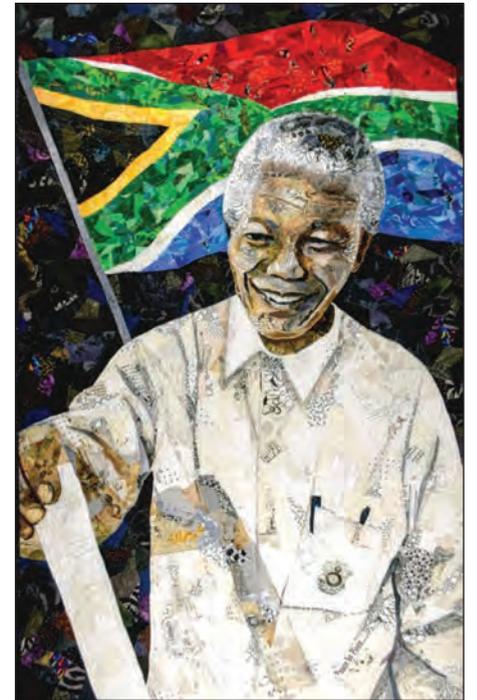
Whether you are interested in a scenic road trip around central Vermont, a wonderful meal at one of our many restaurants, a museum to expand your knowledge about the area, or a calendar of events highlighting the seasonal activities, this guide can be a great resource for you.

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Fabulous quilts on display

MIDDLEBURY — As the cooler fall weather sets in, the time for cozy quilts comes to front of mind.

Milk and Honey Quilters' Guild will stage a very special quilt exhibit at their sixth biennial quilt show on Oct. 9 and 10.

The "OURstory: Human Rights Stories in Fabric" exhibit will be on display at the show in the Middlebury Recreation Center. Forty-six artists from six countries created this poignant collection of art quilts based on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which was drafted by a committee chaired by Eleanor Roosevelt and adopted by the United Nations in 1948.

The collection includes 62 quilts celebrating the heroes who fought for rights long denied to various groups of people as well as critical events that drew the attention of news media and the public. Innovative and varied techniques invite the viewer to see these issues in new ways. From the Civil Rights movement to the #MeToo movement, these fabric images are unique and thought-provoking.

Personal stories included with each piece round out this exhibit of emotional and inspirational quilts. Curated by Susanne Miller Jones, this traveling

exhibit has been featured in recent years at some of the most highly regarded quilt exhibitions across the country, including The National Quilt Museum in Paducah, Ky., and the International Quilt Festival in Houston.

The biennial quilt show, titled "Quilting in the Land of Milk and Honey," will include well over 200 quilts. In addition to the OURstory quilts, there will be over 150 locally made quilts, as well as special exhibits including featured artist Jeanette Van Bueren, Quilts of Valor and barn quilts — quilt blocks painted on wood to be displayed on a home, garage or barn.

Also included will be ornaments for sale to benefit MidSummer Lunch and Recreation Program, quilts for sale to benefit Homeward Bound, a basket raffle, a gift boutique, vendors and a colorful "Jewel Box" raffle quilt made by guild members.

The show will be open on Saturday, Oct. 9, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Sunday, Oct. 10, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Middlebury Recreation Center, 154 Creek Rd. Lunch and refreshments will be available for purchase.

Admission is \$7; children under 12 are free. Masks are required inside the show.



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Take a walk on Morgan Horse Farm's new trails

By MEGAN JAMES

WEYBRIDGE — Thanks to the hard work of four summer interns from the University of Vermont, the Addison County community has a new way to engage with the Morgan Horse Farm in Weybridge: exploring 1.1 miles of walking trails.

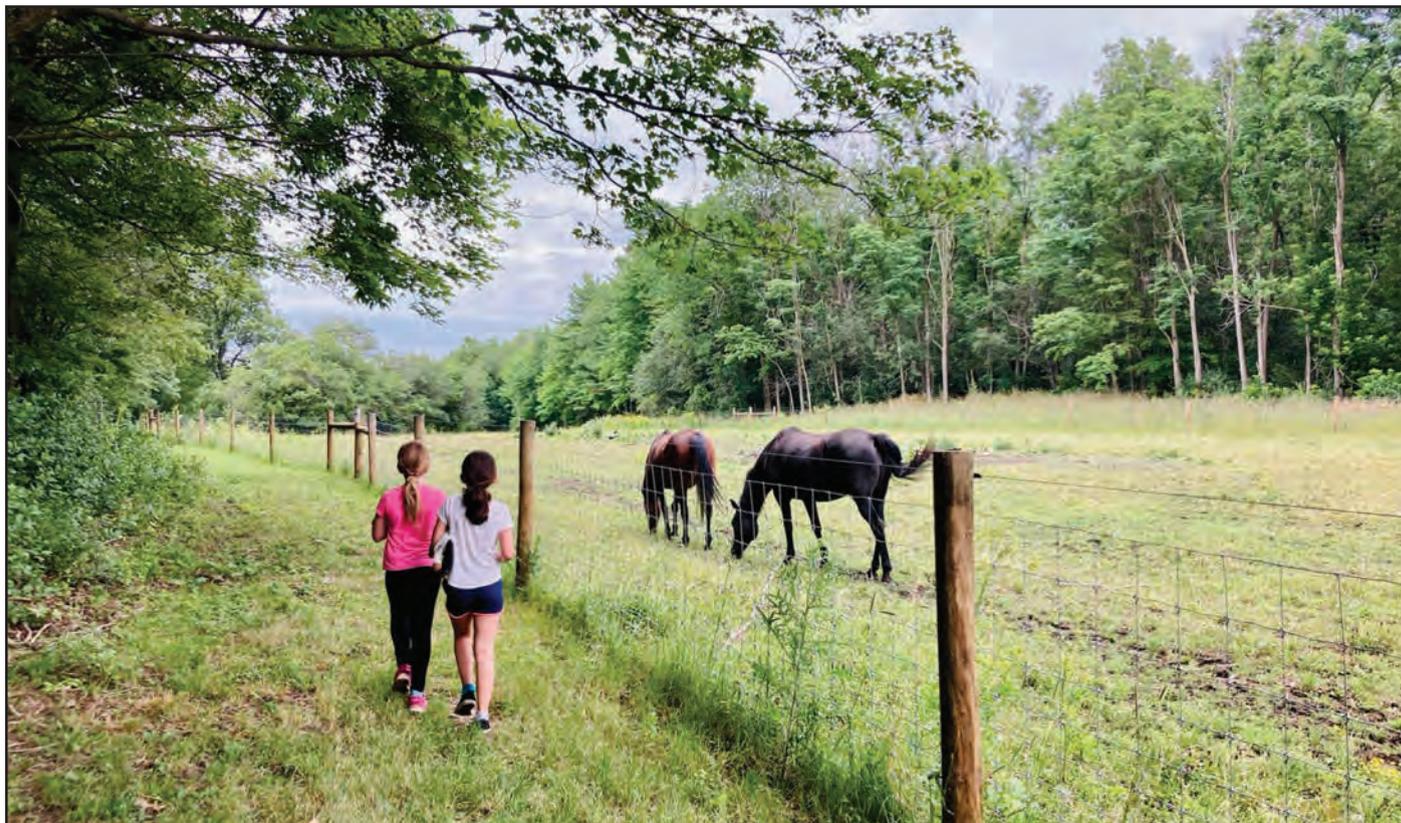
The project, according to Operations Coordinator Margot Smithson, evolved from the farm's 2018 strategic plan.

"We wanted to create additional educational opportunities for UVM students and think more broadly about the Weybridge farm," she said.

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

Enter four UVM students participating in UVM's Place-based Education and Outdoor Land Use internships: Grace Bugler, Sage White Cloud, Jacqui Barbieri and Jake Dobrzynski. They spent 40 hours a week for six weeks cleaning up and repurposing the logging trails.

Each intern focused on a different project. One wrote and illustrated an interpretive trail map that helps visitors identify plants along the trails. One created a scavenger hunt and storywalk about a magical Morgan horse for hikers of all ages. One built an outdoor classroom. One designed an accessible trail and boardwalk, which the farm plans



The new walking trails on the Morgan Horse Farm enable horse-loving Vermonters Makenzie and Emily to see the farm's iconic Vermont State Animal up close during a recent family visit to the Weybridge farm.

Photo courtesy of Margot Smithson

to secure grant funding to build.

Regular admission to the farm (\$8/adults; \$5/kids age 5 and up) gets visitors access to the trails, as well as a guided

farm tour. Families who want to do the scavenger hunt can pick up a scavenger board — and put on some complementary bug spray — from the gift shop. Scavenger

hunters look for different tree species (marked with hand-painted signs) along the trails. Each tree has a little box filled (See Trails, Page 6)

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Sunflowers will take the spotlight this season

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

Sunflowers are a fantastic, long-lived flower to celebrate the end of summer. Fall is a great time to observe sunflower plantings in your community to enjoy their beauty and think about how you might like to grow them next season.

When browsing seed catalogues this winter to order seeds for next year's garden, consider the many varieties of sunflowers that can be grown in home gardens in northern climates.

Sunflowers (*Helianthus annuus*) are multi-season plants with an important presence throughout the year. In late fall, their colors bring a brightness to the receding greens of the summer garden.

If the stalks are left up through the winter, sunflower heads dry and provide seeds for birds and squirrels (and potentially entertainment for

you). Their strong structure also is infinitely interesting to look at against the stark whites and grays of the winter landscape.

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that can be grown in home gardens in northern climates.

Sunflowers are easy and inexpensive to grow. They can be started easily from seed and come in many varieties and colors. Some are bright yellow with brown centers, while others are made up of rich browns, oranges, reds, pale yellows and

everything in between.

Certain varieties grow with one large head on a single stem, and others grow multi-branched with multiple flowers that fan out from the center. Some grow a few feet tall, while others tower above fences. There are so many options to explore and experiment with in your landscape.

Sunflowers can be started indoors in late spring. However, if you decide to start them inside, be careful. Sunflowers produce taproots and don't appreciate their roots being disturbed. Using pots made of biodegradable material can help when transferring plants from

indoors to outdoors.

For direct seeding in the garden, wait until after the last frost in spring to plant. Choose an area that gets full sun with well-drained soil. Personal experience has shown me that woodchucks and deer enjoy eating young sunflower plants, so keep this in mind if you struggle with keeping these animals away each year.

I have tried fencing off whole beds or garden spaces and using wire baskets to protect individual plants when they are young. This has produced varied results, but in my experience, many of the

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Vermonters Emily and Makenzie love not only their stuffed horse toys but also the broodmares on pasture they saw while walking the Morgan Horse Farm trails with their families.

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Trails

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with stamps at its base. They can stamp their board and bring it back to the gift shop for a ribbon.

Smithson said the farm hopes to build out another 2.5 miles of trails. “Our grand vision is to utilize the entire Morgan

Horse Farm property in a manner that uses outdoor recreation to interpret for guests our role as stewards of this place, so they can understand the relationship of the working and natural landscapes, and the significance of the Morgan Horse and this farm to the history of Vermont.”



UVM student interns, from left, Grace Bugler, Sage White Cloud, Jacqui Barbieri and Jake Dobrzynski spent 240 hours this summer cleaning up and repurposing logging trails into walking trails on the Morgan Horse Farm in Weybridge.

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Sunflowers

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sunflowers that have been nibbled seem to bounce back.

Pollinators also are attracted to sunflowers. This makes sunflowers exciting to observe in bloom from summer through fall. If you watch for a couple of minutes, you may see many different

The strong structure of sunflowers also can be used in creative ways. If planted next to each other in a line, they can be grown as a seasonal hedge or fence line.

insects enjoying the pollen and shelter of a magnificent sunflower head. Pollinators appreciate consistent blooms, so consider planting multiple varieties of sunflowers that bloom at different times to give the insects and bees an extended season to enjoy.

The strong structure of sunflowers also can be used in creative ways. If planted next to each other in a line, they can be grown as a seasonal hedge or fence line. Sunflowers planted in a circle or other shape can become a magical and low-cost playhouse for kids to enjoy outdoors.

As summer comes to a close, take a look at the sunflowers around you and consider how you might like to utilize them next year. There is so much to look forward to in next year's garden.



SUNFLOWERS, WHICH COME in many varieties and colors, add beauty to the landscape and attract birds to the garden. Photo by Bonnie Kim Donahue



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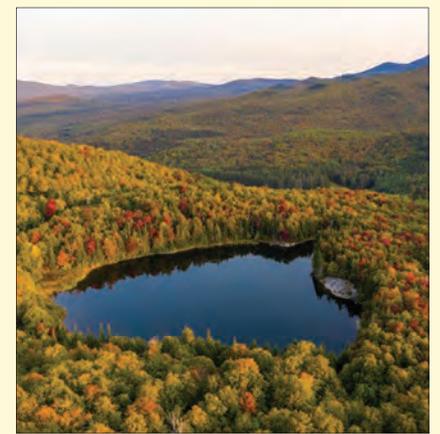
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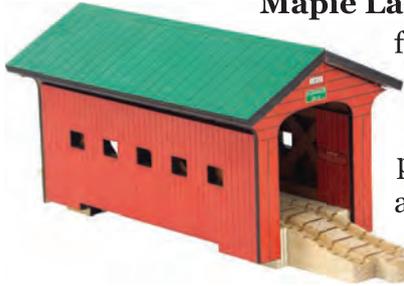
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Vergennes Opera House

2021-2022 Schedule



The Unkown Blues Band

Saturday
October 9
7:30pm



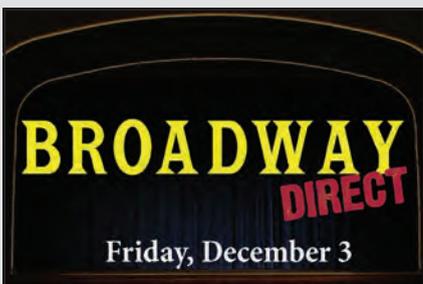
Scarefest

Fri & Sat
Oct 29 & 30
7:30pm



Bob Stannard & Dangerous Bluesmen

Saturday
November 6
7:30pm



Broadway Direct

Friday
December 3
7:30pm



Rusty DeWees

Saturday
January 29
7:30pm

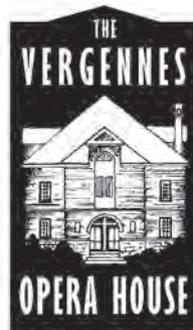


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The Vergennes Opera House is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization managed 100% by an all-volunteer board of directors. The theater space is located on the second floor of city hall at 120 Main Street in Vergennes. It was built in 1897 with restoration efforts beginning in 1993 after a 23-year closure. The theater was officially reopened in 1997 in time for its 100-year anniversary. Today it stands as a reminder of what a small band of dedicated people can do and how the arts can transform a community.

Our 2021-2022 Season:

The Unknown Blues Band - Saturday, October 9, 7:30pm

After a year "in the dark" our season will open with an opera house favorite - Please join us at our first concert in a very long time to hear this iconic Vermont blues band and dance to the music! Doors and cash bar hosted by Bar Antidote/Hired Hand open at 6:30pm, show starts at 7:30pm.

Scarefest – Friday & Saturday, October 29 & 30

Scarefest: three films over two days, culminating in a Halloween-themed dance party featuring DJ Fatty B and a costume contest. Feature films include the wonderfully twisted "Like Me," "Darling" and "The Ranger," featuring local Vergennes resident Jeremy Holm. Bar Antidote/Hired Hand will be serving libations. Vie for \$\$\$ prizes for best costume! Details about the films and screening times are available online. Produced by the Vergennes Recreation Department and the Vergennes Partnership to support the outdoor pavilion project.

Bob Stannard & Dangerous Bluesmen - Saturday, November 6, 7:30pm

The Friends of the Vergennes Opera House are pleased to welcome back Downtown Bob Stannard as he returns to our stage for what will be his final performance as he retires from stage productions. Bob creates an atmosphere of fun and surprises, and with the help of the wickedly talented Dangerous Bluesmen, delivers an unforgettable night of amazing Vermont-style blues. Doors and cash bar hosted by Bar Antidote and Hired Hand Brewing, open at 6:30pm, show starts at 7:30pm. Tickets \$20 in advance online or at the door if available.

Broadway Direct – Friday, December 3, 7:30pm

Following the very creative production of 5 online videos in 2020, Broadway Direct returns to the live stage for the 16th year! Once again, Bill Carmichael, (known to us as Bill Walsh) is pulling together the annual show which is expected to sell out yet again! "This show, hands down, is an audience favorite each year. It is a great pick-me-up after Thanksgiving and a great warm up for the holidays around the corner," said Gerianne Smart, President of the Friends of the Vergennes Opera House. "How they pull this off with less than two-days rehearsal together is a theatrical feat and so very enjoyable to witness." Doors and cash bar hosted by Bar Antidote/Hired Hand opening at 6:30pm for general seating, show starts at 7:30pm.

Rusty DeWees – Saturday, January 29, 7:30pm

Rusty DeWees returns to the Vergennes Opera House with a year's worth of new material for a terrific night of humor, storytelling and great music. Actor/Comedian Rusty DeWees is known for his THE LOGGER persona— full-on comedian, burgeoning musician, – Rusty's one-man comedy shows are best described as Blue Collar Comedy meets Prairie Home Companion. Doors and cash bar hosted by Bar Antidote/Hired Hand open at 6:30pm, show starts at 7:30pm.

LC Jazz free community concert – Saturday, Feb 12, 7:30pm

Winter won't seem so long once you've secured your ticket to the annual LC Jazz Band's Winter Thaw FREE Community Concert. LC Jazz is a Vergennes-based 17 piece big band with vocalists and a whole lotta heart and talent. LC Jazz plays the music of the greats, (Basie, Ellington, Goodman, Miller, Sinatra, Darin) and, for over 25 years, raises important funds for their music scholarship program. The scholarships benefit students from Vergennes, Mt. Abe and Middlebury High Schools who are entering a music performance or music education program. This concert is free though any donations are welcome at the door and will go toward the student scholarship fund. Great free fun for the entire family and a terrific concert to dust off your dancing shoes. Doors and cash bar hosted by Bar Antidote/Hired Hand open at 6:30pm, show starts at 7:30pm.

For the safety of staff, patrons, and guests, everyone is required to show proof of vaccination and wear a face covering while in the Opera House. Also, to minimize risk of COVID transmission, attendance is limited to 125 persons.

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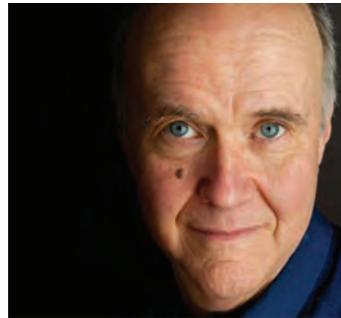
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Get moving!

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BRISTOL — The Bristol area is a great place to get outside and get the blood moving in the fall. We're not sure what will improve your general well-being more: the exercise your muscles gets or the beautiful landscape your senses will soak up.

A growing centerpiece of outdoor recreational activity in Bristol is the Bristol Trail Network. Initiated in 2017, the network includes six trails in and around the village of Bristol. None are too long, but they will get your heart pumping if that's what you are looking for. The names of the trails are self-explanatory: Basin Street, Coffin Factory Loop, River Bend, Business Park Loop, High School and Old Dump.

Download a map of the trails online at bristolrecclub.org/bristol-trail-network. The website also points you to two municipal parks — Sycamore Park and Saunders Flats — and also indicates how to find the nature conservation area known as The Watershed Center, which has its own set of trails.

The mission of the Bristol Trail Network is to create and maintain trails around Bristol; promote access to and appreciation for natural, historical, and cultural resources in the vicinity; and to support the recreation and education of residents and visitors alike. BTN enthusiasts also seek to foster human connections within the community, tie people more closely to the landscape, and enhance Bristol's potential as an all-seasons destination for recreation and tourism.

If you are walking the High School trail

you might notice the Pump Track in the Bristol Recreation Park. A pump track is a bike course designed in a loop consisting of banked turns and other features that allow riders to learn to gain and maintain speed by riding the terrain rather than just pedaling. Pump tracks are fun, a good workout, and a way to build mountain-biking skills and confidence. Bristol's family-friendly pump track is for all ages and abilities.

If you are ready to turn walking into hiking, the Green Mountain Club has some hikes this fall in nearby towns. First, on Nov. 13, the club is hosting a pleasant two-mile hike up to a ridge with valley views and interesting geological formations in the Raven Ridge Natural Area of Monkton. Start at a boardwalk across a swamp, then up to the ridge, returning on a loop trail through the woods. Wear appropriate clothing; bring water, and hiking poles if desired. This hike is limited to 10 participants. For more information on exact time and to register, contact leader Ruth Penfield at ruthpenfield@gmail.com or 802-388-5407.

The weekend after that, on Nov. 20, the Green Mountain Club will take people on a more strenuous hike in the Green Mountains in Starksboro up to Mount Ellen via the Jerusalem Trail. The hike is approximately nine miles round trip with an elevation gain of more than 2,000 feet. Bring water, lunch and appropriate clothing and gear for the weather. Plan for cold as you gain elevation. Snowshoes may be required. For hike details, contact

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Spaghetti dinner on tap October 1

BRISTOL — The St. Ambrose Knights of Columbus are hosting a Knights in Italy walk-up/drive-up spaghetti dinner on the evening of Friday, Oct. 1.

All are invited to come enjoy the dinner between 4 and 5:30 p.m. The menu includes spaghetti with sauce, garlic bread, salad and dessert. The cost of the meal is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 12

and under, and \$25 for a family.

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. All proceeds will go toward furthering the Knights' mission of aiding the community in a variety of ways including a donation of winter coats to 5-Town schools.



Vermont up-and-comer Abby Sherman will demonstrate her strong songwriting capabilities on the Burnham Hall stage in Lincoln during the first in a series of live musical performances.

Bristol welcomes performers live and online

BRISTOL/LINCOLN — Concert promoters wisely moved their performances online during the long pandemic. But some are now bringing musicians back in front of live audiences again — with COVID precautions.

The Bristol area has two good venues for hearing and *seeing* musicians do their thing this fall.

In Bristol is Holley Hall, the large public space at the main intersection in downtown. Holley Hall on Oct. 2 will host a live and streamed concert by Scott Cook. It is one in a series called the Ripton Community Coffee House on the Road, which is programmed by the good folks who usually host performances in the Ripton Community House, but have gone for more spacious venues to allow for more social distancing. Saturday's gig at Holley Hall begins at 7:30 p.m.; doors open at 7.

A roots balladeer with a rare personal warmth, Alberta's Scott Cook has distilled the stories collected over 13 years of near-incessant touring across

Canada, the U.S., the UK, Europe, Asia, Australia, New Zealand and elsewhere into straight-talking, keenly observant verse. He brings humor, a disarming honesty and a deep love of humanity to his songcraft and storytelling, accompanying himself with fingerstyle guitar and clawhammer banjo.

COVID protections include guests providing proof of vaccination, masking for all indoors, refreshments served outside only and no open mic.

Admission: \$10 general admission; \$15-\$20 generous admission.

The Coffee House on the Road has more out-of-town events planned this fall: The trio Kalos will perform Nov. 6, and the duo Cloudbelly will perform in December, both with venues yet to be announced.

In September, the Ripton Community Coffee House on the Road staged a performance at another great venue: Lincoln's Burnham Hall. The November and December coffee house may play at

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Bristol named top 10 small towns

BRISTOL — The town was abuzz in late September when news arrived that *Travel + Leisure* magazine had named Bristol one of the 10 best small towns to retire in the U.S.

Calling Bristol a "quintessential New England small town," the magazine said people will appreciate Bristol's "quaint atmosphere and scenery."

Based at the foot of the Green Mountains,

Travel + Leisure wrote, Bristol's "old-style walkable downtown — a National Historic District — features restaurants, coffee shops, and stores offering gifts, local arts and crafts, clothing, and more."

Those who know Bristol couldn't agree more. The town of around 4,000 features plenty of businesses and some good restaurants, which you can find out more about at discoverbristolvt.com.

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Bristol

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leader Ellen Cronan at 908-595-2926.

And maybe hiking isn't fast enough for you. How about a run in the Green Mountains? The Ripton Ridge Run will have both an in-person and virtual event on Sunday, Oct. 10, starting at 12:30 pm. Runners and walkers from throughout the region are invited to beautiful Ripton for a 5K/10K run or 5K fun walk. Now

Ripton is not exactly a neighboring town of Bristol, but it is right next door to Lincoln, and well worth extra 25 minutes it takes to get there.

The courses take runners and walkers on paved and dirt roads showcasing some of the region's natural beauty. The 10.4K loop and 5K out and back both offer signature hilly terrain. After the race/walk, there will be a bagged lunch

for all entrants, as well as awards and a raffle. Due to COVID precautions, face masks are required except when running or eating.

Early registration is online at riptonridgerun.org. Race day registration is from 11 a.m. to noon. Race day fees are \$25 for ages 15 and under, \$30 for seniors age 65+ and \$40 for adults ages 16-64.

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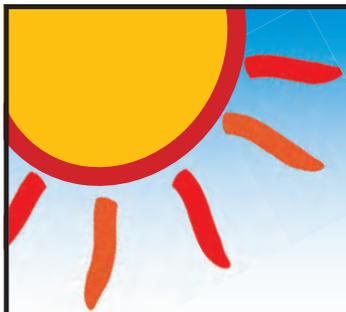
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Burnham or Holley halls. But one series sure to return to Lincoln's Burnham Hall is the Burnham Music Series that is starting up again this fall. The series is beginning a month later than normal, but the intention is to host live music on the second Saturday of the month, October through May.

This will be the Burnham Music Series' 10th year running, after a year and a few months of cancellations due to the COVID pandemic. Burnham Hall, built in the 1920s, has been the ideal setting for musical performances. With its upgraded stage and sound system and a spacious listening room that can comfortably accommodate an enthusiastic crowd, it has been the perfect spot for the ongoing music series.

On Saturday, Oct. 9, Abby Sherman and The Way North will be opening up for the long awaited return of the Burnham Music Series. Sherman is a young, up-and-coming Vermont musician who demonstrates strong songwriting in the utmost raw, personal and relatable way. Those who have heard her say this young artist has a soothing sense of wisdom and age to her voice.

"Honest and earnest, the young singer-songwriter finds hope when others might throw in the towel," says *Seven Days* in a review of her debut album, "Finding Hope."



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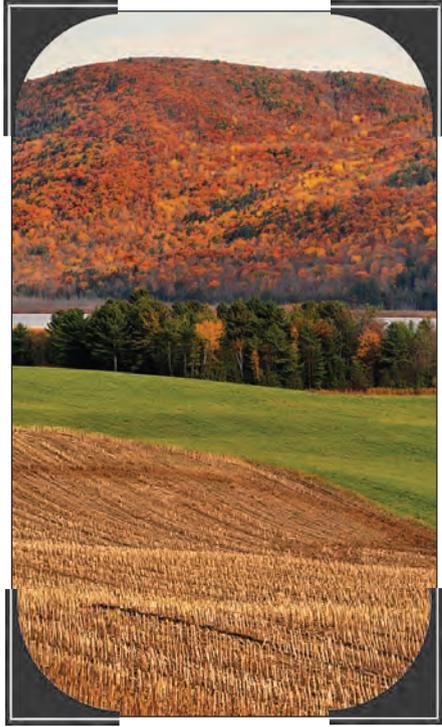


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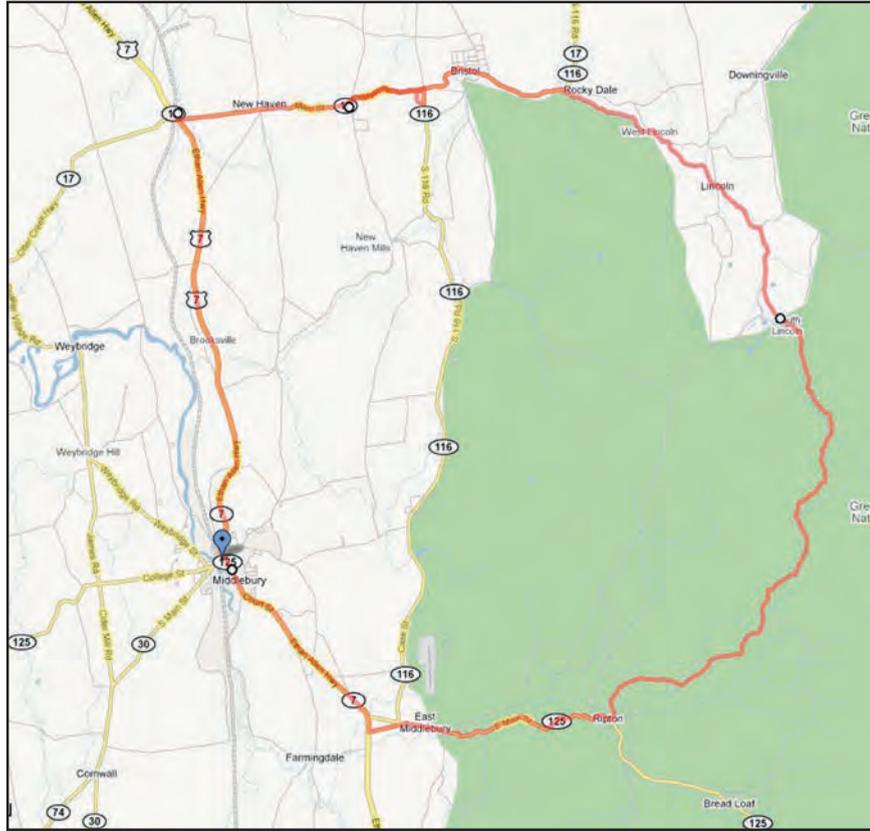
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Fall Foliage Road Trips



Ripton/Lincoln Tour — 1 Hour:

From Middlebury, travel south on Route 7, then east on Route 125, passing the Waybury Inn on your left. Travel up the mountain, turn left at the Ripton Country Store and follow Lincoln Road north to Lincoln (take your time, part of this stretch is a dirt road). Lincoln Road turns into Ripton Road. When you get to River Road in Lincoln Village, turn left and head west out of Lincoln down the mountain to Route 17 (it is also called Route 116 at this point, so don't be confused if signs mention both names). Travel Route 17 west through the quaint village of Bristol (where you may like to stop for lunch at a variety of dining establishments) and on to Route 7. Turn left on Route 7 and travel south back to Middlebury.



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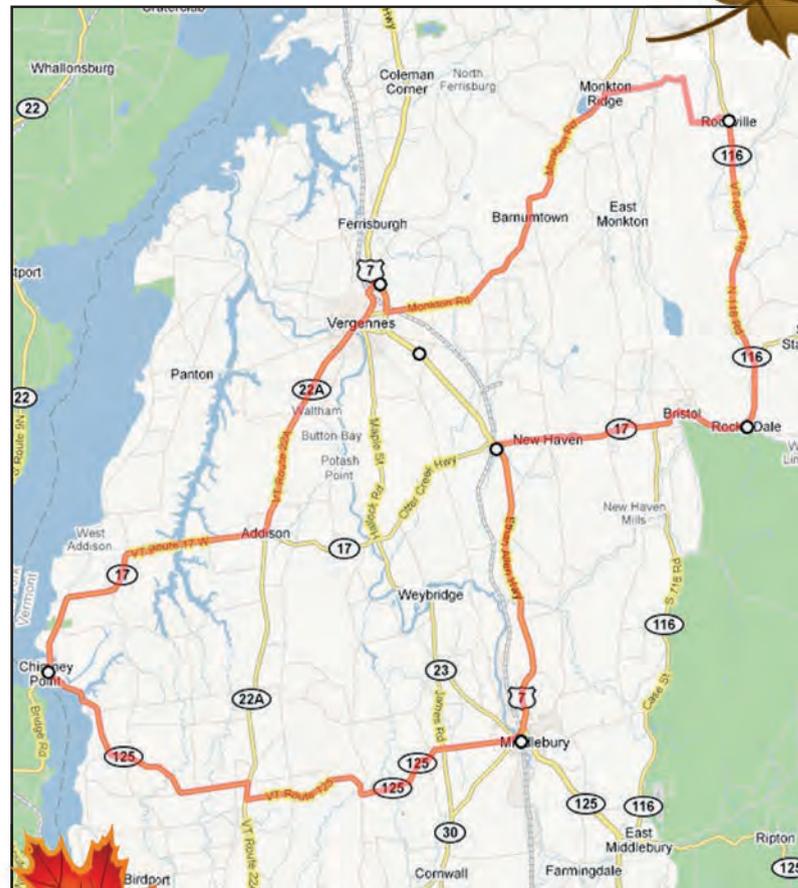


Chimney Point Drive — 2 Hours:

Leaving Middlebury via College Street, take Route 125 west to Chimney Point, the site of the beautiful Lake Champlain Bridge, which was rebuilt in November 2011. A short trip across the bridge to Crown Point in New York will offer great views back to Vermont, and is a great place for a picnic or tour around a major historic landmark. On the Vermont side of the bridge, the Chimney Point State Historic Site at the foot of the span is a great place to learn about, well, history. The nearby DAR John Strong Mansion Museum and State Park are also worth a stop if you have the time.

From the Vermont side of the bridge, take Route 17 east to Addison, where you will pick up Route 22A and head north into Vergennes, the smallest city in the United States. Note: Vergennes has some of the most interesting buildings in Victorian architecture. If you have time, get out of your car, wander in the Bixby Memorial Library on Main Street, and gaze up at the glass ceiling in the center of the building.

In Vergennes, take Monkton Road east. Cross Route 7 and continue east to the village of Monkton Ridge. At Monkton Ridge turn right onto Bristol Monkton Road, heading south, and continue to Bristol. In Bristol turn right on Route 17 and drive west to Route 7 and head south on Route 7 back to Middlebury.



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Champlain Lookout — 3 Hours:

From Middlebury, take Route 30 (South Main Street) west to Vergennes, where you will pick up Route 73 and travel west to Larrabee. From Larrabee, take Route 74 north and east through Vergennes to Middlebury.

Take Route 22A heading north. In Bridport, turn right on Route 73 north to Vergennes. In Vergennes, turn right on Route 74 north and east through Vergennes to Middlebury. In Middlebury, turn right on Route 73 north and east through Vergennes to Middlebury. In Middlebury, turn right on Route 74 north and east through Vergennes to Middlebury.

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Fall CALENDAR

sept 30 THURSDAY

Green Mountain Club hike in Mendon. Thursday, Sept. 30, Bald Mountain. RESCHEDULED FROM SEPT. 15. Moderate 3.3-mile loop hike that offers several viewpoints highlighted by a great view of the Coolidge Range, including Killington, Mendon, and Shrewsbury Peaks. Elevation gain: 849 feet. Contact leader for details, Ken Corey at 860-921-7765, kac4964@gmail.com. More at gmcbreadloaf.org.

oct 1 FRIDAY

Manufacturing Day factory tours in Middlebury. Friday, Oct. 1, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Maple Landmark, 1297 Exchange St. Manufacturing Day provides an opportunity for the public to learn about business and manufacturing here in the U.S. Maple Landmark will be holding tours of our 28,000 square-foot factory-store every hour, on the hour. Just drop in and say you'd like a tour. Free and open to the public. Large groups please call ahead at 802-388-0627.

"The Maid of Orleans" in Middlebury. Friday, Oct. 1, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall Theater, 68 S. Pleasant St. Come see the Opera Company of Middlebury's production

of this tale of Joan of Arc. Tickets \$55 Rows B-C-D/\$65 Rows E-M/\$80 Balcony, available at townhalltheater.org or call 802-382-9222, Monday-Friday, noon-5 p.m. Vaccinations and masks required. will present from Oct. 1-9 at Middlebury's Town Hall Theater.

oct 2 SATURDAY

Dead Creek Wildlife Day in Addison. Saturday, Oct. 2, 7 a.m.-4 p.m., Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area (WMA), Route 17, west of Route 22A. Early risers can begin the day with a bird banding demonstration at 7 a.m. Two large tents at Dead Creek WMA headquarters will open at 9:30 a.m., featuring wildlife-related exhibits and activities such as decoy carving, building bluebird boxes and a visit from Batwoman. The Visitor Center will be open from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. featuring displays about conservation and wildlife management in Vermont.

Middlebury Amateur Hockey Association open house and equipment fitting in Middlebury. Saturday, Oct. 2, 9-11 a.m., Memorial Sports Center, 296 Buttolph Dr. Accepting gently used equipment donations (youth sizes preferred). Fit up your hockey player, save money, and support MAHA.

Used book sale in Middlebury. Saturday,

Oct. 2, 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Town Office Plaza, 77 Main St. Come browse a large selection of books of all genres, including children's and youth, most priced at \$2 or less. Proceeds are used to fund Ilsley Library programs for all ages. In case of rain the sale will be held inside the library. If inside, please follow the latest COVID guidelines for masking and distancing. More info at friendsofilsleylibrary@gmail.com.

The Doughboys Dance Band in Brandon. Saturday, Oct. 2, 7:30 p.m., Brandon Town Hall, 1 Conant Sq. The Doughboys will play their signature mix of highly danceable soul and rock music from the 1950's to today. Come and dance the night away or just sit back, tap your feet or sing along. All tickets \$5.

Scott Cook on stage in Bristol. Saturday, Oct. 2, 7:30 p.m., Holley Hall, South St. and Main. Ripton Community Coffee House goes on the road with this award-winning singer songwriter. Tickets \$15-\$20 generous admission, \$10 general admission. The concert will also be live-streamed. Streaming links Covid guidelines and artist information at rcch.org. More info at 802-388-9782 or rcchfolks@gmail.com.

Sunday, Oct. 3, noon, Middlebury Town Green. This year's CROP walk starts with registration at noon, followed by team photos and a talk by honorary chair Will Stevens of Golden Russet Farm. A two-mile walk through town follows; masks will be required. Anyone can sign up for the walk or sponsor a walker with a donation. Forming a team of walkers is encouraged. More info contact Ellen McKay Jewett at emckay@middlebury.edu or visit crophungerwalk.org/middleburyvt.

Viva el Sabor Fiesta in Vergennes. Sunday, Oct. 3, 1-6 p.m., St. Peter's Catholic Church, 85 S. Maple St. Authentic Mexican and Guatemalan dishes created by members of the Viva el Sabor collaborative. Outdoor dining under a large tent. Children's activities and a Magic Show with Tom Verner at 2 p.m. \$5 per food item with all proceeds to benefit the culinary collaborative. Beverages sold separately by the Youth Ministry. Mask required. More info at vivaelsabor@gmail.com.

"The Maid of Orleans" in Middlebury. Sunday, Oct. 3, 2 p.m., Town Hall Theater, 68 S. Pleasant St. See Oct. 1 listing.

oct 3 SUNDAY

Addison County CROP Hunger Walk in Middlebury.

oct 6 WEDNESDAY

"The Path to Climate Justice is Local" lecture in Middlebury. Wednesday, Oct.



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Dario Robleto - Artist and Writer
in conversation with **Ellery Foutch** - Middlebury College

November 10, 2021 - 7pm

Aesthetic Additions:

Psychological Perspectives on Collecting from Rudolf II to Charles Foster Kane

Graham C. Boettcher - Birmingham Museum of Art

December 8, 2021 - 7pm

Making History with Mrs. M.-----'s Cabinet:

Imagining a Feminist Period Room

Sarah Anne Carter - University of Wisconsin-Madison

January 12, 2022 - 7pm

Picturing Difference:

Photography, Democracy, and Race in the 19th Century

Michelle Smiley - Center for Cultural Analysis at Rutgers University - New Brunswick

February 9, 2022 - 7pm

Old Maps, New Pathways:

Cartography, Museum Collections, and Decolonial Possibilities

Christine DeLucia - Williams College

March 9, 2022 - 7pm

Sex and Gender in the Archives

Rachel Hope Cleves - University of Victoria

April 13, 2022 - 7pm

21st Century Public Squares:

When Art Meets History

Ric Kasini Kadour - Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts Curatorial Fellow



Late splash

It was a few days past the official beginning of autumn on the calendar in 2020 when this brave diver believed it was warm enough to take a plunge at the Falls of Lana in Salisbury.

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Fall CALENDAR

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6, 7 p.m., Dana Auditorium, 356 College St. Puerto Rican climate justice leader Elizabeth Yeampierre has helped pass climate legislation at all levels, including New York's progressive Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act. In this talk she describes how intergenerational BIPOC activists are changing the landscape of national climate priorities by speaking up for themselves and their neighborhoods. Free. If you'd prefer to view via live stream go to vermonthumanities.org. Details on how will be posted closer to the date of the event.

"The Elephant in the Room" virtual lecture series in Middlebury. Wednesday, Oct. 6, 7 p.m., www.henrysheldonmuseum.org/events. "Living with Death: How Artists, Historians and Museums Create meaning

in a time of Loss" is the first virtual lecture in the Sheldon Museum's year-long virtual lecture series. Artist and writer Dario Robleto will have a conversation with Middlebury College's Ellery Foutch.

oct 7 THURSDAY

"The Maid of Orleans" in Middlebury. Thursday, Oct. 7, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall Theater, 68 S. Pleasant St. See Oct. 1 listing.

oct 8 FRIDAY

Green Mountain Club hike in Middlebury. Friday, Oct. 8, Trail Around Middlebury to Chipman



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Hill. This is an easy to moderate 3+ mile hike that meanders through Battell and Means Woods with an 800 feet ascent up Chipman Hill. Wear appropriate clothing for hiking and bring water, a snack and hiking poles, if used. For details contact trip leader David Andrews at vtrevda@yahoo.com or 802-388-4894. More at gmbreadloaf.org.

Cocoon in Middlebury. Friday, Oct. 8, 7:30 p.m., Robison Hall, Mahaney Arts Center, 72 Porter Field Rd. Inspired by the popular storytelling phenomenon The Moth, Cocoon is a special evening of true stories told live and without notes. This year's edition, on the theme of "Rebuilding," features six storytellers. Tickets: \$15/10/8/5. Streaming available. In-person attendees must have Covid vaccination and wear masks. More info at middlebury.edu/arts.

oct 9 SATURDAY

Used book sale in Vergennes. Saturday, Oct. 9, 9 a.m.-noon, Bixby Memorial Library, 258 Main St. Adult fiction, biographies, history, self-help, cookbooks, gardening and much more. There are also children's books from baby board books to young adult. This is a great way to financially support the library and also to enjoy a good read.

Quilting in the Land of Milk and Honey quilt show in Middlebury. Saturday, Oct. 9, and Sunday, Oct. 10, Middlebury Rec Center, 154 Creek Rd. The Milk & Honey Quilters' Guild invites quilters throughout the area to display their quilts in the guild's sixth biennial show. Quilters of all skill levels, including youth, are welcome to enter. The show will also feature art quilts by Jeanette Van Bueren, 62 art quilts from a national traveling exhibit entitled OURstory Quilts: Human Rights Stories in Fabric, and Quilts of Valor made for veterans and active-duty service members. Also a basket raffle, a gift boutique, vendors, and a raffle quilt. Lunch and refreshments will be available for purchase.

Craft Fair in Brandon. Saturday, Oct. 9, Estabrook Park, 960 Grove St. Brandon's annual craft fair will have more than 90 vendors and five food trucks. Bring friends and have a great time. Free admission and free parking. Leashed dogs are welcome.

Doric String Quartet, Jonathan Biss, Piano in Middlebury. Saturday, Oct. 9, 7:30 p.m., Robison Hall, Mahaney Arts Center, 72 Porter Field Rd. A powerhouse evening with the luminary young British quartet playing Beethoven and Bartók, then teaming up with renowned pianist Jonathan Biss for Elgar's Piano Quintet in A Major. Tickets: \$25/20/10/5; Streaming-only tickets: \$15/5. Pre-concert lecture by Professor of Music Larry Hamberlin, 6:15

PM, Room 125. In-person attendees must have Covid vaccination and wear masks. More info at middlebury.edu/arts.

Twangtown Paramours in Brandon. Saturday, Oct. 9, 7:30 p.m., Brandon Music, 62 Country Club Rd. Americana music straight from Nashville. Tickets \$25. Pre-concert dinner available for \$35. Reservations required for dinners and recommended for the show. Venue is BYOB. More info at brandon-music.net, 802-247-4295 or info@brandon-music.net.

The Unknown Blues Band with special guests in Vergennes. Saturday, Oct. 9, 7:30 p.m., Vergennes Opera House, 120 Main St. After a year "in the dark" VOH's 2021-2022 season will open with an opera house favorite. Come hear this iconic Vermont blues band and dance to the music. Doors and cash bar hosted by Bar Antidote/Hired Hand open at 6:30 p.m., show starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$20. More info at vergennesoperahouse.org.

"The Maid of Orleans" in Middlebury. Saturday, Oct. 9, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall Theater, 68 S. Pleasant St. See Oct. 1 listing.

Quilting in the Land of Milk and Honey quilt show in Middlebury. See Oct. 9 listing.

Bread Loaf trail crew work day. Saturday, Oct. 9. Rain date Sunday, Oct. 10. Email will be sent to the crew list as the date gets closer. If you are interested in joining

contact David Morrissey, dfmorrissey117@gmail.com or Ellen Cronan, 908-595-2926. More at gmbreadloaf.org.

oct 14 THURSDAY

"Perennial Perspectives in Food Systems" panel and workshop in Middlebury.

Thursday, Oct. 14, 4:30-6:30 p.m., Wilson Hall, McCullough Student Center, 14 Old Chapel Rd. Part of the New Perennials Project Perennial Harvest Days, a series of events throughout October that share, explore and deepen the work of New Perennials partners in food systems, education, health and wellbeing, creative arts, and faith and sacred practice traditions. More info at new.perennials.org/harvestdays. Free and open to the public. (Current CDC and Vermont COVID restrictions apply.)

oct 17 SUNDAY

New Perennials Project on site with The Willowell Foundation in Monkton.

Sunday, Oct. 17, TBD, Stoney Meadow Ln. and Bristol Rd. Part of the New Perennials Project Perennial Harvest Days, a series of events throughout October that share, explore and deepen the work of New

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Surrounded by color

A canoe is seemingly paddling through a show of fall foliage on Lake Pleiad at the Middlebury College Snow Bowl in Hancock last fall.

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Perennials partners in food systems, education, health and wellbeing, creative arts, and faith and sacred practice traditions. More info at new.perennials.org/harvestdays. Free and open to the public. (Current CDC and Vermont COVID restrictions apply.)

oct 18 MONDAY

American Red Cross Blood Drive in Brandon. Monday, Oct. 18, noon-5 p.m. American Legion Brandon Post 55, 550 Franklin St.

oct 22 FRIDAY

“Perennial Lessons from the Pandemic - In Conversation with New Perennials Community Partners,” in Middlebury. Friday, Oct. 22, 10 a.m.-noon, Wilson Hall, McCullough Student Center, 14 Old Chapel Rd. Part of the New Perennials Project Perennial

Harvest Days, a series of events throughout October that share, explore and deepen the work of New Perennials partners in food systems, education, health and wellbeing, creative arts, and faith and sacred practice traditions. More info at new.perennials.org/harvestdays. Free and open to the public. (Current CDC and Vermont COVID restrictions apply.)

New Perennials Project on site at The Knoll, Middlebury College’s Organic Garden in Cornwall. Friday, Oct. 22, 2:30 p.m. start, 152 Route 125. Tours, workshops, theatre, dance and meditation. Part of the New Perennials Project Perennial Harvest Days, a series of events throughout October that share, explore and deepen the work of New Perennials partners in food systems, education, health and wellbeing, creative arts, and faith and sacred practice traditions. More info at new.perennials.org/harvestdays. Free and open to the public. (Current CDC and Vermont COVID restrictions apply.)

oct 29 FRIDAY

Haunted jail tour in Middlebury. Friday, Oct. 29, beginning at 4 p.m., 35 Court St. ACSD and ACCS will host haunted jail tours of the Middlebury Jail for Halloween. The Jail was built in 1864, and some believe its haunted, so hopefully the spirits will make it a scary memorable experience for everyone. 4-7 p.m. tours appropriate for younger kids. 7-10 p.m. tours appropriate for older kids and adults. Candy bags handed out and allergy bags available. Tours of small groups start every 5-10 minutes. Donations accepted for ACCS. To help or donate Halloween decorations for the project email peter.newton@vermont.gov.

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. Curb-side pick-up only. Unvaccinated people need to mask. Newcomers always welcome. No sign up — just show up. See you there.

oct 30 SATURDAY

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.

Haunted jail tour in Middlebury. Saturday, Oct. 30, beginning at 4 p.m., 35 Court St. See Oct. 29 entry.

oct 31 SUNDAY

Spooktacular in Middlebury. Sunday, Oct. 31, 4-7 p.m., TBD. Plans are in the works for this year’s Spooktacular. Look for more info in the coming weeks.

nov 10 WEDNESDAY

“The Elephant in the Room” virtual lecture series in Middlebury. Wednesday, Nov.

Fall CALENDAR

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10, 7 p.m., 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.

nov 19 FRIDAY

Food distribution in Bristol. Friday, Nov. 19, 5-6 p.m., St. Ambrose Church, 11 School St. Have A Heart food shelf will distribute food to those in need. Curb-side pick-up only. Unvaccinated people need to mask. Newcomers always welcome. No sign up — just show up. See you there.

dec 17 FRIDAY

Food distribution in Bristol. Friday, Dec. 17, 5-6 p.m., St. Ambrose Church, 11 School St. Have A Heart food shelf will distribute food to those in need. Curb-side pick-up only. Unvaccinated people need to mask. Newcomers always welcome. No sign up — just show up. See you there.

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- The Doughboys in Brandon.** Saturday, Oct. 2, 7:30 p.m., Brandon Town Hall.
- Doric String Quartet, Jonathan Biss, Piano in Middlebury.** Saturday, Oct. 9, 7:30 p.m., Mahaney Arts Center.
- The Unknown Blues Band with special guests in Vergennes.** Saturday, Oct. 9, 7:30 p.m., Vergennes Opera House.
- Twangtown Paramours in Brandon.** Saturday, Oct. 9, 7:30 p.m., Brandon Music.
- Hungrytown in Middlebury.** Saturday, Oct. 16, 2 p.m., Ilsley Public Library garden.
- Susan Graham, Mezzo-Soprano in Middlebury.** Friday, Oct. 29, 7:30 p.m., Mahaney Arts Center.
- Matthew Whitaker Quartet in Middlebury.** Saturday, Nov. 6, 7:30 p.m., Mahaney Arts Center.



Seasonal peak

A golfer hits his ball into a vivid splash of autumn colors on the Ralph Myhre course in Middlebury this past fall.

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- The Dissipated Eight in Brandon.** Saturday, Nov. 6, 7:30 p.m., Brandon Town Hall.
- Downtown Bob Stannard and Those Dangerous Bluesmen in Vergennes.** Saturday, Nov. 6, 7:30 p.m., Vergennes Opera House
- Schumann Quartett, Diana Fanning, Piano, in Middlebury.** Thursday, Nov. 11, 7:30 p.m., Mahaney Arts Center.

ONGOING HEALTH & WELLNESS

Al-Anon meetings in Middlebury. For a list of online meetings visit vermontalanonlateen.org. Online Sundays, 7:15 p.m. and Wednesdays, 1:30 p.m. 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.
Beginner Tai Chi for Fall Prevention (Parts 1&2) in Vergennes. Tuesdays and Thursdays, Sept. 7-Oct. 28, 9:30-10:30 a.m., St. Peter's Catholic Parish Hall, 85 S. Maple St. Contact: Dan Bagley at bagzs@yahoo.com and Lee Francis lhfrancis839@gmail.com and Beverly Blakeney beverlyblakeney@gmail.com.
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Vergennes. Thursdays, Sept. 9-Oct. 28, 10:45 a.m.-11:45 a.m., St. Peter's Catholic Parish Hall, 85 S. Maple St. Contact: Dan Bagley at bagzs@yahoo.com and Lee Francis lfrancis839@gmail.com and Beverly Blakeney beverlyblakeney@gmail.com.
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, or Beverly Blakeney at beverlyblakeney@gmail.com.
Sun Style 73 Tai Chi in Vergennes. Tuesdays, Sept. 7-Oct. 26, 10:45 a.m.-noon, St. Peter's Catholic Parish Hall, 85 S. Maple St. Contact: Dan Bagley at bagzs@yahoo.com and Lee Francis lfrancis839@gmail.com and Beverly Blakeney beverlyblakeney@gmail.com.

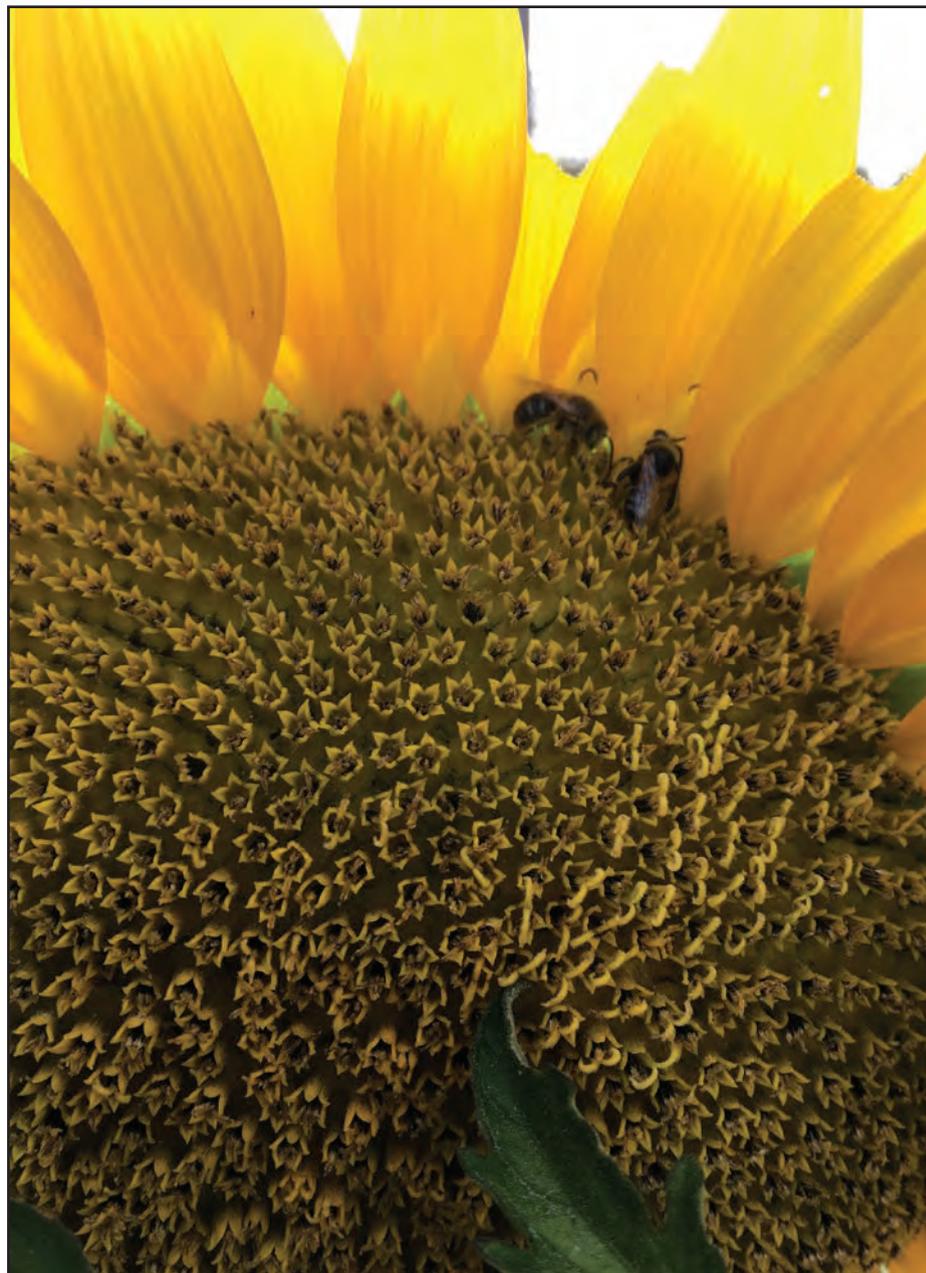
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advanced pattern making. Limit of 4 participants. Registration required. Free, \$5 Drop-In Fee or Membership Cards. Select what works best for you. More info at hannafordcareercenter.org/the-makery.
The Makery Woodworking lab. Thursdays, 5-9 p.m., The Makery at Hannaford Career Center, 51 Charles Ave. Use Makery tools and equipment to work on projects. Get your questions answered or learn new skills from our kind and talented Mentors. Tool Training pre-requisite required. Limit of 5. Pre-registration is required. Free, \$5 Drop-In Fee or Membership Cards. Select what works best for you. More info at hannafordcareercenter.org/the-makery.
Undercover Quilters and Crafters (formerly the undercover Quilt Guild), 1st Mondays at 7 p.m., 3rd Mondays at 10 a.m., St. Ambrose Church, 11 School St. Bristol. All crafters welcome. More info contact Marian Baser (ladybaser@mac.com) or Stacie A. at 802-453-7709 or show up at a meeting. Bring along some handwork to do while we meet something for show and tell.

ONGOING MUSEUMS & EXHIBITS

BRANDON ARTISTS GUILD. 7 Center St., Brandon, 802-247-4956, Monday-Saturday, 10



Sunflower shelter

A pair of honeybees prepare for winter by gathering nectar at a popular fall stop for the flying insects: a big, bold sunflower.

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Hidden message

The yellow fall leaves almost obscure the yellow of the Slow Children sign posted on this tree in Middlebury. Soon after this photo was made the leaves were on the ground and the warning was delivered with unambiguous clarity.

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Fall CALENDAR

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a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
COMPASS MUSIC & ARTS CENTER. 333 Jones Dr., Park Village, Brandon. 802-247-4295, www.cmacvt.org. On exhibit: "FENCEPOSTS mark a path," Sept. 24-Nov.5.

EDGEWATER ON THE GREEN. 6 Merchants Row, Middlebury, 802-989-7419, Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., or by appointment. 802-989-7419. On exhibit: "Still Life / Life Stills" — Two Person Exhibition featuring Kimberlee Alemian and Lori Mehta, Sept.1-30.

EDGEWATER ON THE FALLS. 1 Mill St., Middlebury. Tuesday-Saturday, 802-458-0098, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., or by appointment. 802-989-7419. On exhibit: "Locally Grown"

— Group Exhibition featuring Woody Jackson, Sara Katz & Sage Tucker-Ketchum, Sept. 3-31.

HENRY SHELDON MUSEUM. One Park St., Middlebury. Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. 802-388-2117, henrysheldonmuseum.org. On exhibit: "Faces of Addison County: A Trent Campbell Retrospective," through Sept.11; "Kate Pond From the Heart: A Sculptor's Process," through Sept. 11; "Henry at 200: Collector, Museum Founder & More," through Dec. 31; "Sightlines: Picturing the Battell Wilderness — Paintings by Jill Madden and Photographs by Caleb Kenna," Oct. 5-Dec.31.

JACKSON GALLERY AT TOWN HALL THEATER. 68 S. Pleasant (See Calendar, Page 26)



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MIDDLEBURY — The pandemic changed so many things in 2020, including the beloved Spooktacular Halloween celebration in Middlebury. Not to be outdone by COVID-19, the Better Middlebury

Partnership staged the event last Oct. 31 with drive-through trick-or-treating at area businesses and organizations. Kids dressed up as usual, then their parents drove them
(See Spooktacular, Page 25)

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Spooktacular

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to designated businesses, where helpers handed them goodie bags through car windows.

It was such a success that the local business group is bringing it back for Halloween 2021, this time with a bonus walk-through area.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, Oct. 31, in Middlebury. Details will follow soon.

The BMP is asking people organizing stops on the Spooktacular to go all out with costumes, music, a coordinated theme, etc., BMP Executive Director Karen Duguay said. The BMP is also readying a community contest to award the winners of various categories (funniest, spookiest, etc.).

“We’re looking for station leaders; does your business or organization want to organize a themed stop on the

“We’re looking for station leaders; does your business or organization want to organize a themed stop on the Spooktacular drive-through map?”

— BMP Executive Director Karen Duguay

Spooktacular drive-through map?” Duguay said. “We have room for up to 12 drive-through locations as well as up to six walk-through stops in the downtown area.”

Look in the weekly *Addison Independent* for a map of Spooktacular stations as the big day approaches.

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St., Middlebury (802) 382-9222, townhalltheater.org Open Mon-Fri, 12-5 p.m. Accessibility Services. On exhibit: host "Dreaming of Timbuctoo" August-October.

LAKE CHAMPLAIN MARITIME MUSEUM.

4472 Basin harbor Rd., Ferrisburgh, info@lcm.org, 802-475-2022, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., May 22- Oct. 17. On exhibit: "Key to Liberty: The American Revolution on Lake Champlain," "Nebizun: Water is Life," Hazelett Small Watercraft Center.

NORTHERN DAUGHTERS GALLERY,

221 Main St., Vergennes, 802-877-2173, Saturdays, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. and by appointment, 802-877-2173. On exhibit: "Holding Ground - Anne Cady & Pamela Smith," through Sept. 30.

ROKEBY MUSEUM,

4334 Route 7, Ferrisburgh, 802-877-3406. Open 10 a.m.-5 p.m., May 9-Oct. 24. On exhibit: "Free & Safe: the Underground Railroad in Vermont," ongoing; "A Modern Artist: The Commercial Art of Rachael Robinson Elmer," May 30-Oct.24.

VERMONT FOLKLIFE CENTER.

88 Main St, Middlebury, 802-388-4964. Vision & Voice Gallery on exhibit: "Pride 1983," Sept. 8-March 25, 2021. Wednesday-Friday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.



Autumn work

The bright red paint job on this combine, seen harvesting soybeans off South Munger Street in Middlebury last fall, fits in nicely with the red, orange and yellow foliage dotting the foothills of the Green Mountains.

Photo courtesy of Wally Elton

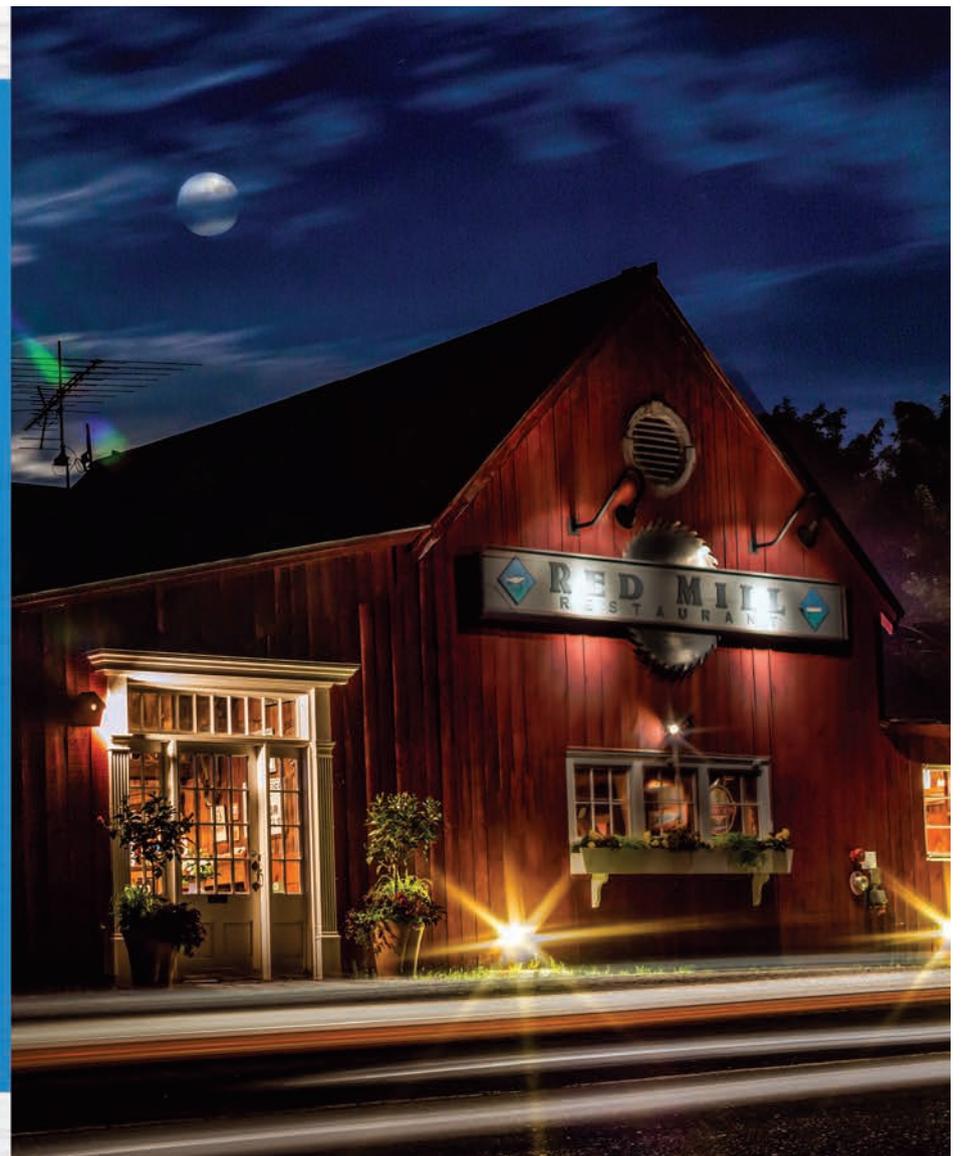


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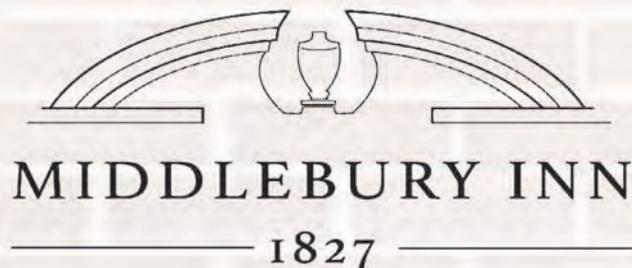
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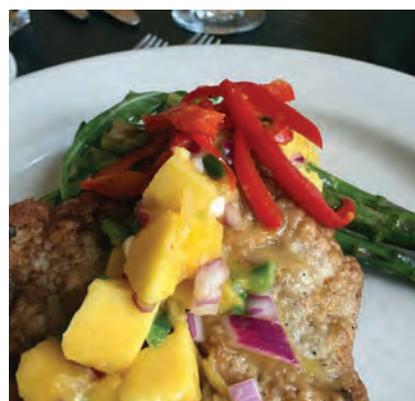
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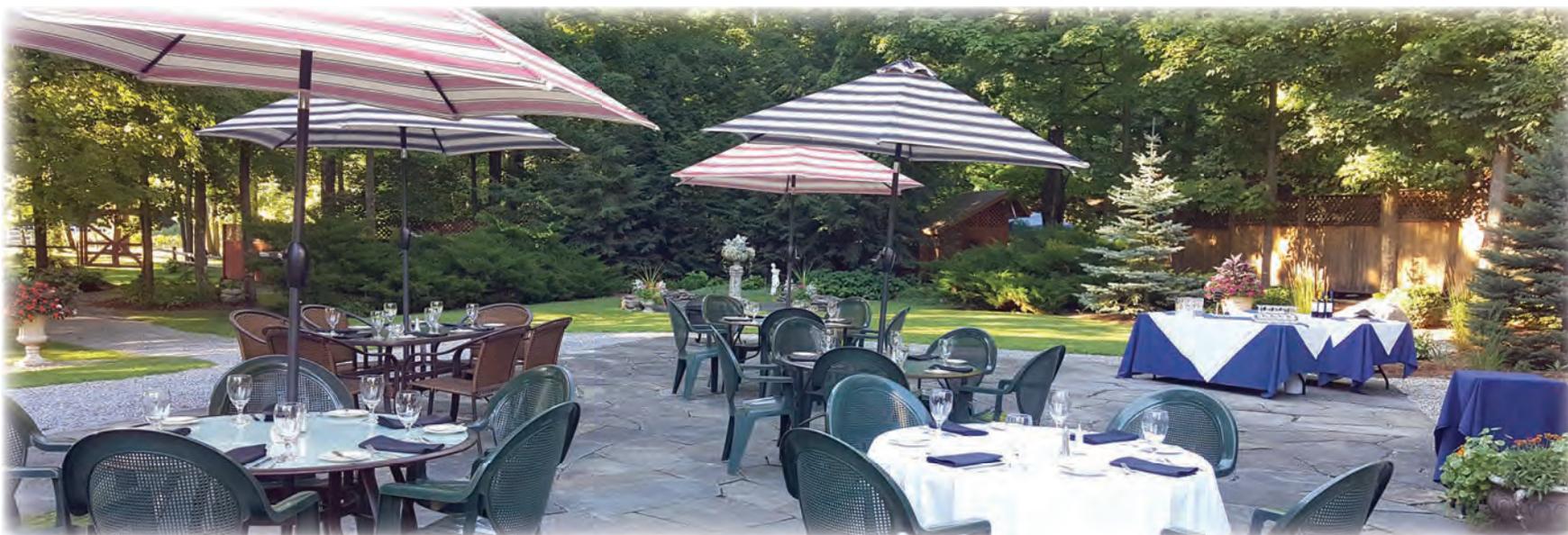
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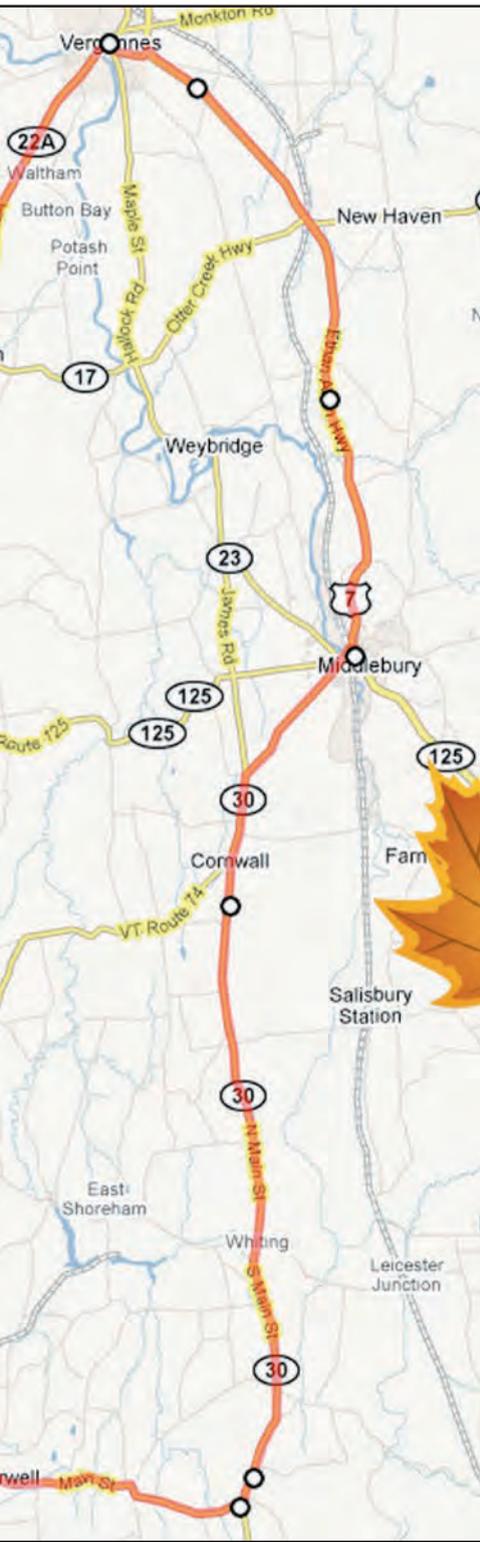


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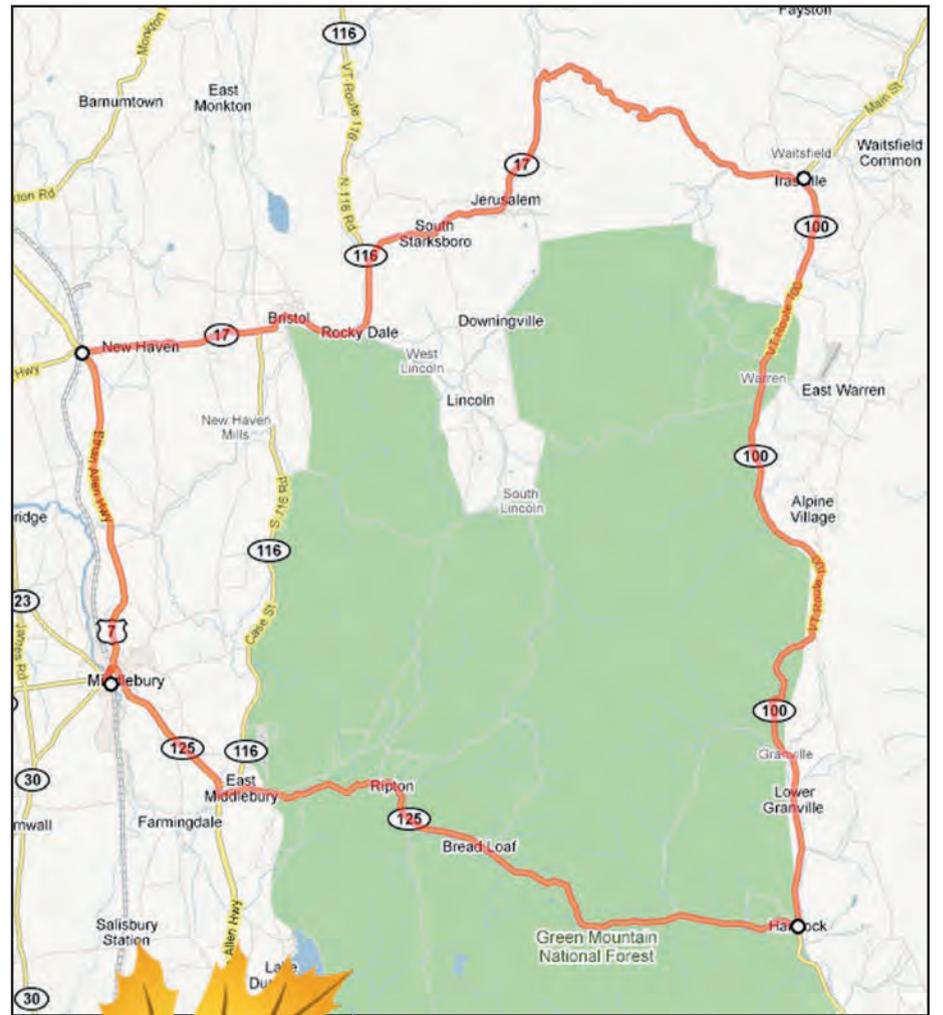
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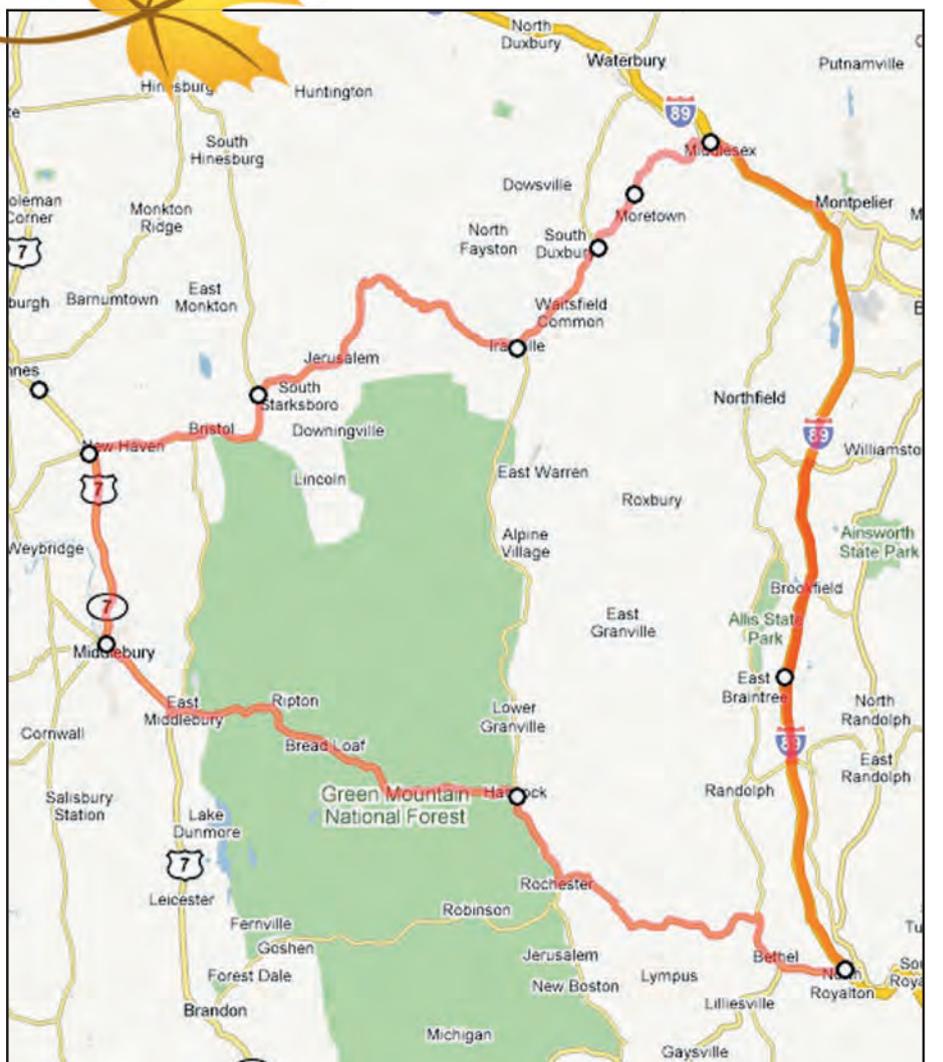
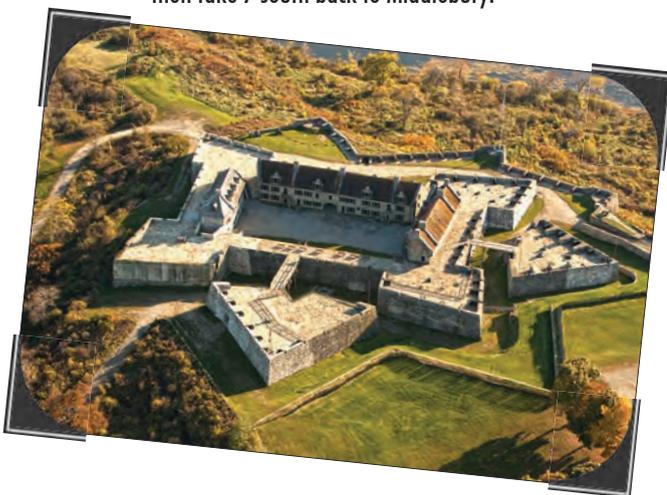
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(in Street) south to Sudbury, where you'll see the Point on Lake Champlain. You may also visit the Historic Site in Orwell, which is a very interesting site. At Larrabee's Point, Route 73 ends and you'll drive through historic Shoreham.

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Vergennes citizens elected Vermont's first black sheriff

By POLLY HEMINWAY

VERGENNES — Vermont is awash in history. Some of it is as obvious as the white clapboard churches and the monumental stone markers erected in honor of Civil War veterans. Other history is overlooked — for a while, at least — though no less important.

Much of what children and teenagers are given in the United States details history primarily centered around white supremacy and the patriarchy. This is true at national and local levels. Recently, a story was uncovered in Vergennes that exemplified that very fact.

The key to understanding this issue is that it is local as much as it is national — something that I did not fully grasp until now. For the nation to be able to remember the history that has been omitted, the importance of researching our own small-town communities cannot be stressed enough. There is history that deserves to be remembered right here in Addison County.

Vergennes is a place filled with history. Vermont's first known elected Black sheriff and chief of police, Stephen Bates, lived in Vergennes more than a century ago. Bates will be honored with the unveiling and dedication of an historic marker in Vergennes City Park (or Vergennes Opera House if inclement weather), at 11 a.m. on Oct. 3.

Bates, a Black man born in Shirley, Va., in 1842, was the sheriff and chief of police in Vergennes from 1879 until 1905 and re-elected in 1907 — the year of his death. Bates was presumably the first African-American to hold that position in Vermont.

Yet, no one seems to have heard of him. In fact, his story only came to light in the last couple years when Larry Schuyler of Worcester, Mass., the great-grandson of Bates, requested information on his great-grandfather and grandmother from St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Vergennes.

Bo Price, a member of St. Paul's, scanned church records until she found Stephen Bates along with his wife and children. Schuyler had mentioned



Larry and Lynn Schuyler visited St. Paul's Episcopal church in Vergennes in the fall of 2019. Larry looked through church records and got to visit the town where his great-grandfather Stephen Bates had once been the chief police for 26 consecutive years.

Bates had been a sheriff, so, in hopes of uncovering more, Price took to the internet — “I’m a googler,” she told me with a laugh.

Price was able to find two obituaries for Bates as well as articles in archived journals. One of the obituaries was listed in the *Middlebury Register*, June 1, 1907, and the other in the *Barre Daily Times*, June 11, 1907. Price does not consider herself a historian, but was able to gather this information from the two obituaries:

Stephen Bates lived with the Hill Carter family who owned Shirley Plantation in Virginia. The Hill Carters counted among their relatives the mother of Robert E. Lee, and Bates's obituary notes that he had vivid recollections of the Confederate general. In Virginia, Bates's father was a carpenter, and Bates was a waiter.

The obituaries say he was born of free parents, but the Enslaved Ancestor File for Charles County, Va., indicate that his family was enslaved.

Bates served Union Army officers at Harrison's Landing during the Civil War. Later he went to Washington, D.C., where he became acquainted with Col. Frederick E. Woodbridge, a Vermont politician

who lived in Vergennes. Woodbridge employed Bates as his coachman in Washington when Woodbridge was serving in Congress.

Bates came to Vergennes with Woodbridge in 1866. Bates may have lived with Woodbridge in what is now used as the Episcopal Church rectory. The young Virginian eventually moved into his own home on North Street, which later was destroyed by fire.

Woodbridge was elected mayor the same year (1879) that Bates was elected sheriff and police chief. Bates held the position for 26 consecutive years. He lost in 1905 but was “unanimously re-elected” in 1907.

During his police tenure Bates arrested “Brooklyn Slim” and “Ottawa Red,” who, according to the obituaries, were members of a post office burglar's gang.

He also took into custody Perry the New York train robber.

Bates suffered from a heart condition and died milking his neighbor's cow. The obituaries detail a well-attended funeral at St. Paul's. He is described in the *Barre Daily Times* as being “a self-taught man, and in the discharge of the duties of his office was cool and self-restrained, rarely

ever acting hastily.”

Bates was survived by his children Rose and Frederick “Fred” Bates. His wife, Frances Bates, had died in 1897.

Why had someone so celebrated been completely lost to time?

Alicia Grangent, a Vergennes resident and a Black woman, met with Price and me to discuss what the re-discovery of Stephen Bates meant for the community.

“I got goose bumps when I read this story. It felt like another reason why I'm meant to be here,” Grangent said. “History is written by those who get there first, and for this story to come up now might be a timing thing.”

Grangent described her relationship with history as a young student in southern Illinois: “I spent so much time sitting in the principal's office, because I would always disagree with what we were given in class.” She felt she was never given close to the full picture of American history.

Grangent was encouraged by the Stephen Bates information we had been able to come across, but she reminded us that as a country we must dig deeper and get these untold stories out there.

Brian Peete, who was selected chief of police in Montpelier in 2020, was given the headline “first black chief of police in Vermont” by the media. But he told me that being the first police chief of color in

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Authentic Fiesta food is coming to Vergennes

VERGENNES —Viva el Sabor, the group of women from Mexico and Guatemala who this summer staged a wonderful dinner in Middlebury featuring foods from their native lands, have planned a similar fiesta in Vergennes this fall.

The Viva el Sabor Fiesta in the Little City will be held Sunday, Oct. 3, 1-6 p.m., St. Peter's Catholic Church, 85 S. Maple St.

"El Sabor" translated from Spanish means "flavor."

But it's a word that has taken on many more definitions for 14 Central American women, many of them the trailing spouses of migrant farm workers, now living in Addison County. To them, "El Sabor" also represents hope, entrepreneurship, togetherness, creativity and hard work — all of it hopefully leading to a bigger piece of the American dream.

Simply put, "Viva el Sabor" is a women-led collective dedicated to introducing the food and culture of Mexico and Central America to Vermont and promoting community and economic justice for its members, according to Elizabeth Ready, former executive director of John Graham Housing & Services, and now a helper for the collective.

In Vergennes, the talented members of Viva El Sabor will serve up a cornucopia of authentic homemade Mexican delicacies to the public. All involved hope the fiesta



Members of the Viva el Sabor, shown at their Middlebury event this past summer, will bring their culinary skills to Vergennes this fall for a celebration of authentic Mexican and Guatemalan food.

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leads to un negocio — a full-fledged business, from which Viva el Sabor could lovingly make and package its food for wider distribution through locals stores.

The public is invited to come and partake in authentic Mexican and Guatemalan dishes created by members of the Viva el Sabor collaborative on Oct. 3. Look for outdoor dining under a large tent.

The event will include children's activities and a Magic Show with Tom Verner at 2 p.m.

Guests pay \$5 per food item with all proceeds to benefit the culinary collaborative. Beverages sold separately by the Youth Ministry. Mask will be required.

For more info email vivaelsabor@gmail.com.

Vergennes

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Vermont was not his focus. Rather, he was focused on improving his community.

Peete said Bates's story made his skin prickle. "Reading this story was really amazing. It says a lot for the community during that time. And what is really incredible is that it was an election based on content of character, not an appointment that occurred to fill a racial quota."

Peete sees the value in history. "If you don't know where you've been, you don't know where you're going," he told me.

Schuyler, Bates's great-grandson, said he wasn't looking to re-write history: "We are looking to write about what has been omitted. We want to give those who have been omitted the credit they deserve."

"I feel very connected to my great-grandfather because I've been the first person of color in a lot of things in my area (Worcester) — golf, hockey etc. — but I never did it to be 'the first person of color.' I just did it because I wanted to do those things. I imagine my great-grandfather was the same way."

After speaking with Price, Grangent, Peete and Schuyler, the message of Stephen Bates's story was clear:

"Individuals during that time were able to come together and elected a person of color to that position (police chief). That needs to be told," Grangent said.

"If we could do it then, we can do it now," Peete said.

When I began research on this piece, I was aware that much of the history I had been told growing up painted a picture that was far from complete, however, I had never truly understood how directly connected it was to my own Vermont community. Price and Schuyler uncovered a critical piece of Addison County's history, and it has only left me and those I interviewed wondering who else has Vermont left behind?

Some of Bates's descendants will attend the Oct. 3 dedication and unveiling of the historic marker. A representative of Sen. Bernie Sanders will be present to give the descendants a framed copy of the Congressional Record recognizing Sheriff Bates. The public is invited to attend.

A community historic marker team, consisting of historians and other community members, has spent the past year researching Bates's life and rediscovering his story in Vergennes. The team consulted a variety of sources, including early newspaper records, the Bixby library, Vergennes city records, an oral history recorded via teachers at Vergennes Union High School, and records from the Shirley Plantation in Virginia. The Oct. 3 event is the culmination of their efforts to recover Stephen Bates' remarkable life story.

Editor's note: A version of this story ran in the Independent in September 2020.

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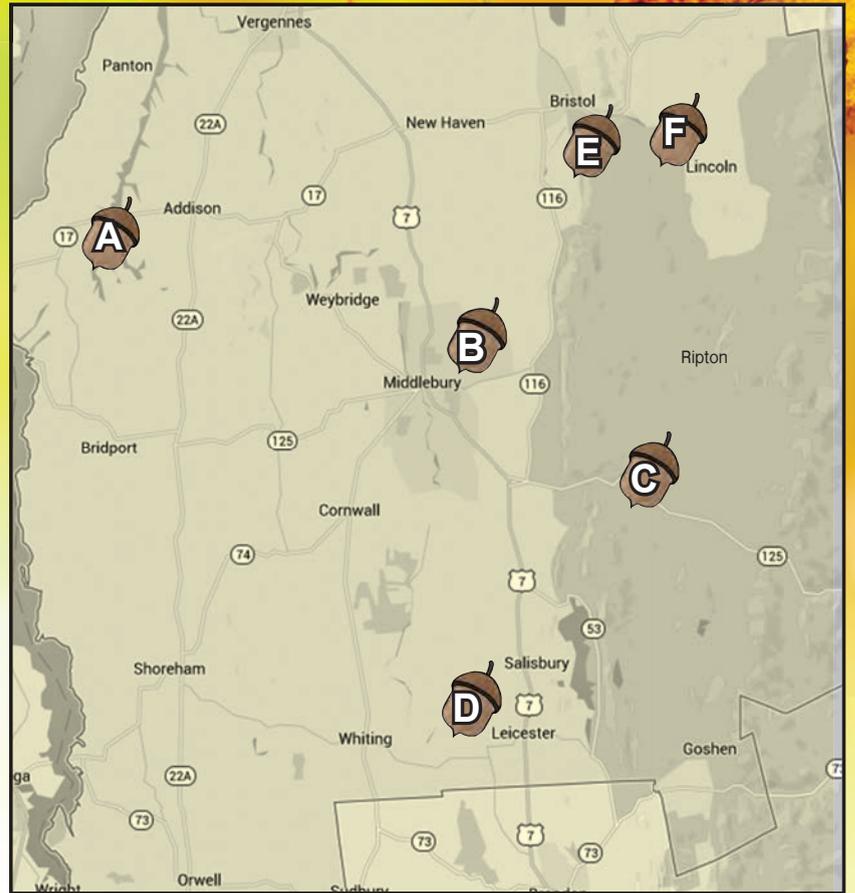
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Take a walk on the new interconnecting trails in Brandon

By ANGELO LYNN

BRANDON — About a decade ago, the Downtown Brandon Alliance's Design Group took an unrealized draft proposal by the McKernon Group called "The Backyard Plan" and launched what has become miles of interconnected pedestrian pathways throughout the town, now known as Brandon Greenways.

It's been a journey involving dozens of committee members and years of dedicated effort. The effort has included a half-dozen public forums called Barn Raisings, a series of articles in *The Reporter* newspaper called EyeSpy to raise public awareness of Brandon's historic buildings and the history of its downtown, and most recently trails connecting the town's parks as well as dozens of miles of recreational running, walking and biking trails that loop through the town and into Forest Dale and the town's more rural perimeter.

Throughout it all, no one has been more invested and poured more energy into the project than Brandon resident Robert Black, a group facilitator/architect/teacher and artist and longtime chair of the Downtown Business Alliance's Design committee.

Black and a few other key members of the Greenways committee recently presented an overview of their decade of work, shared their vision of what they hope to accomplish, and set the stage for the group's next steps.

BEGINNINGS

In a recent interview, Black recalled

that the effort got its roots back in 2010 when the town earned its Designated Downtown status under the guidance of then Economic Development Director Steve Beck. It was then the town formed the Downtown Brandon Alliance, patterned after the National Main Street Program, which established four strategic action committees: organizational, design, promotion and economic restructuring.

"Building on the leadership of our first DBA president, attorney Jim Leary," Black said, "the group has continued each year to work with the state, town, Brandon Planning Commission, Chamber of Commerce and local volunteer groups to make substantial progress in all four areas."

Among those projects, the DBA-Design Group was instrumental in engaging the Brandon community, selectboard and the Segment 6 project engineers to make design and safety improvements to the previously approved plans. Some of those changes included wider sidewalks on Center Street, an expanded and more functional plan for Central Park, improvements to downtown pedestrian walkways, and additional parking for the Stephen Douglas Museum and Visitor Center.

That same year, in 2013, the group took up an initiative by the McKernon Group to building a short walking path connecting the Brandon Inn with the businesses along Center Street near the Neshobe River Upper Falls. From there, other interconnected pedestrian pathways throughout



Trails like this one now loop through Downtown Brandon as well as connect the outlying parts of the community to each other. The interconnecting trails — which now entail seven pathways in addition to the Hawk Hill trails — are part of an effort by the DBA Design Group to champion the town's natural and cultural assets.

the downtown were designed and maps were created to stimulate public interest and involvement.

Fast forward to the past three years, during which the work on Route 7's Segment 6 was completed, and the committee's efforts have focused on beautifying the downtown, Forest Dale and Park Village, and creating safe pedestrian/bicycle routes to Neshobe School/Forest Dale and to Estabrook Park/Park Village. The latest effort includes developing Public Art projects, including murals on downtown buildings and a pending "monumental new sculpture to honor Forest Dale resident, Thomas Davenport, the first U.S. patent holder of the electric motor."

GREENWAYS

The Greenways initiative, in particular, has seen a series of seven trails developed within the town. Those include:

- Brandon Parks Walk: a 1.5-mile loop through the downtown on sidewalks to the five parks (Crescent Park, Seminary Hill Park, Kennedy Park, Central Park and Green Park).
- Mt. Pleasant Walk: a 2.5-mile uphill loop on sidewalks and residential streets with scenic views of the Green and Taconic mountains.
- Compass Center/Hollow Road Loop: a 4.5 mile jaunt along scenic paved and dirt roads, starting at the Compass Center.

- Richmond Road Walk: a 6.5-mile walk along paved and dirt roads that passes farms, woods and wetlands frogs and birds as well as emus at the Neshobe Farm.

- Ferson Road Walk: a 9.6-mile walk along paved and dirt roads.

- Iron Furnace Loop: a 7-mile hike along paved roads and a short trail to the 19th century iron furnace in Forest Dale.

- Sanderson Covered Bridge/Barn Opera Loop: a 7.7 mile loop along paved and dirt roads, passing through an historic covered bridge and past the Barn Opera.

These walks are complimented by the Hawk Hill Heritage trails, which sits on 230 acres of pristine woodland preserved by the Vermont Area Land Trust and managed by the regional school board. The trails are maintained by the Moosalamoo Center, an Otter Valley Union High School outdoor educational program.

All of this is mapped out on a slick, tri-panel 11-inch-by-17-inch brochure that is part of the Brandon Gateways to Adventure branding adopted by the Brandon Chamber of Commerce. That effort has 11 other areas of the town's history and culture also documented in similar brochures, including gateways to mountain biking, hiking, cross country skiing and snowshoeing, road biking, backcountry skiing, walking and running, the arts, history, architecture,

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BRANDON — It was a spectacular combination: Lon Chaney, the actor known as the “Man of 1,000 Faces,” and Universal’s big screen adaptation of Victor Hugo’s sprawling tale of the tortured Quasimodo.

The result was the classic silent film version of “The Hunchback of Notre Dame” (1923), to be shown with live music on Saturday, Oct. 23 at 7 p.m. at the Brandon Town Hall and Community Center, Conant Square/Route 7 in downtown Brandon.

The special Halloween program will be accompanied with live music by silent film musician Jeff Rapsis. Admission is free; donations are encouraged, with all proceeds supporting ongoing restoration of the Town Hall.

“We felt that with the tragic fire at Notre Dame Cathedral two years ago, audiences would appreciate a chance to see this film, which takes place throughout the iconic structure,” Rapsis said.

The film is based on Victor Hugo’s 1831 novel of the same name, and is notable for the grand sets that recall 15th-century Paris, as well as for Chaney’s performance and make-up as the tortured hunchback Quasimodo.

The film elevated Chaney, already a well-known character actor, to full star status in Hollywood, and also helped set a standard for many later horror films, including Chaney’s “The Phantom of the Opera” in 1925.

While Quasimodo is but one of many interconnecting characters in the original Hugo novel, he dominates the narrative of this expensive Universal production.

In the story, Jehan (Brandon Hurst), the evil brother of the archdeacon, lusts after a Gypsy named Esmeralda (Patsy Ruth

Miller) and commands the hunchback Quasimodo (Chaney) to capture her.

Military captain Phoebus (Norman Kerry) also loves Esmeralda and rescues her, but the Gypsy is not unsympathetic to Quasimodo’s condition, and an unlikely bond forms between them.

After vengeful Jehan frames Esmeralda for the attempted murder of Phoebus, Quasimodo’s feelings are put to the test in a spectacular climax set in and around the Cathedral of Notre Dame.

As the hunchbacked bellringer Quasimodo, Chaney adorned himself with a special device that made his cheeks jut out grotesquely; a contact lens that blanked out one of his eyes; and, most painfully, a huge rubber hump covered with coarse animal fur and weighing between 30 and 50 pounds.

Chaney deeply identified with Quasimodo, the deformed bell-ringer at Notre Dame Cathedral who was deafened by his work. Chaney was raised by deaf parents and did a lot of his communication with mom and dad through pantomime.

“The idea of doing the picture was an old one of mine and I had studied Quasimodo until I knew him like a brother, knew every ghoulish impulse of his heart and all the inarticulate miseries of his soul,” Chaney told an interviewer with *Movie Weekly* magazine in 1923.

“Quasimodo and I lived together — we became one. At least so it has since seemed to me. When I played him, I forgot my own identity completely and for the time being lived and suffered with the Hunchback of Notre Dame.”

The film was a major box office hit for Universal Studios, and Chaney’s performance continues to win accolades

even today.

“An awe-inspiring achievement, featuring magnificent sets (built on the Universal backlot), the proverbial cast of thousands (the crowd scenes are mesmerizing) and an opportunity to catch Lon Chaney at his most commanding,” wrote critic Matt Brunson of *Creative Loafing* in 2014.

Screening this classic version of “Hunchback” provides local audiences the opportunity to experience silent film as it was intended to be shown: on the big screen, in restored prints, with live music, and with an audience.

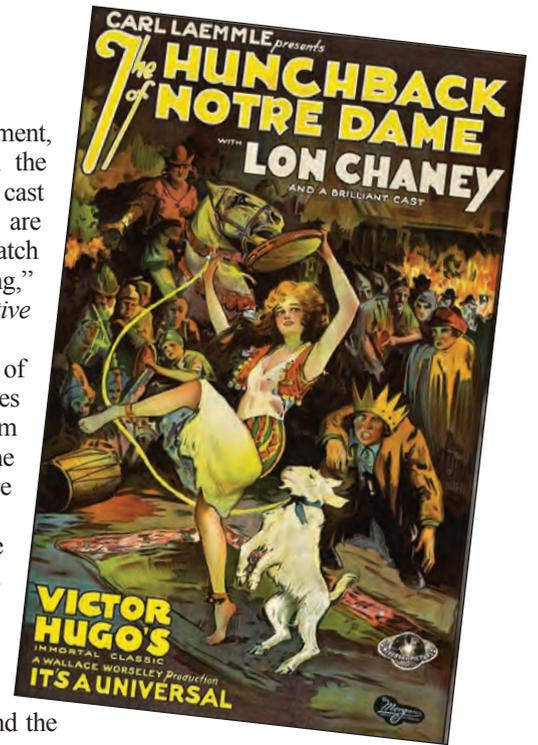
“If you can put pieces of the experience back together again, it’s surprising how these films snap back to life,” said Rapsis, a New Hampshire-based silent film accompanist who creates music for silent film screenings at venues around the country.

“By showing the films as they were intended, you can really get a sense of why people first fell in love with the movies.”

In creating music for silent films, Rapsis performs on a digital synthesizer that reproduces the texture of the full orchestra and creates a traditional “movie score” sound.

The screening of “Hunchback” is sponsored by local residents Harold and Jean Somerset, Kathy and Wayne Rausenberger, Pat Hanson, and Brian and Stephanie Jerome.

If you like this film, or miss it and wish



Lon Chaney stars as Quasimodo in the classic silent film version of “The Hunchback of Notre Dame,” a 1923 thriller to be screened with live music on Saturday, Oct. 23, at 7 p.m. at Brandon Town Hall. Live music will accompany the screening.

to see another silent classic, Rapsis will return to Brandon town Hall on Nov. 13 at 7 p.m. to screen “College,” a 1927 film starring Buster Keaton. Head back to school with Buster, a bumbling freshman who discovers sports are the only sure-fire route to popularity.

Brandon trails

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homespun, and birding.

It all adds up to a lot of promotional material that champions Brandon’s natural and cultural assets.

GOING FORWARD

While the groundwork has been laid for Brandon Greenways, there’s much work to be done fine-tuning pathways, beautifying parks and maintaining the infrastructure — all aspects that Black hopes to achieve

by involving community support, which gets at the heart of what the group hopes to accomplish.

“The purpose of our group,” Black said, “is to say, ‘Let’s get off the things that may divide us and do what we can to knit the community together in ways that we can be proud of. It’s a larger vision of common purpose. Nothing political or partisan, just working together on projects that improve the town and where we live.’”

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MANY OF THE activities at this year's Oct. 2 Dead Creek Wildlife Day are tailored to children.

See & learn at Dead Creek Wildlife Day

ADDISON — If you enjoy wildlife be sure to make plans to attend the 19th annual Dead Creek Wildlife Day in Addison, Vermont on Saturday, Oct. 2. Last year's event was canceled due to the pandemic.

Activities at Dead Creek Wildlife Day are especially for people who enjoy hunting, fishing or birdwatching, and for those who enjoy *learning* about Vermont's diverse wildlife and ecosystems. The event will be held at the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department's Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area (WMA) on Route 17, west of Route 22A.

Early risers can begin the day with a bird banding demonstration at 7 a.m. Two large tents at Dead Creek WMA headquarters will open at 9:30 a.m. featuring wildlife-related exhibits and activities such as decoy carving, building bluebird boxes and a visit from Batwoman.

The Dead Creek Visitor Center will be open from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. featuring displays about conservation and wildlife management in Vermont.

Live critters will be returning this year with a selection of snakes, turtles, raptors and more that visitors can see up close and

learn from about their ecology.

Also back by popular demand is the rocket netting demonstration where you can learn about duck banding and the tools used to capture them.

New this year is a presentation on the Eastern meadowlark and a walk to learn about bats and their habitats. Retriever dogs will be working in the area ponds, and all of the favorite nature walks will be happening. All events are free, and a free shuttle bus will provide regular access to nearby field events throughout the day.

"After a very challenging year for everyone, it will be so great to welcome back visitors to the popular Dead Creek Wildlife Day," said Amy Alfieri, manager of the Dead Creek WMA. "The activities are fun, the demonstrations are very exciting, and the setting is beautiful. Visitors love to see the live animals and working dogs, and the kids love to build their own bluebird box to take home. With the visitor center operational, and maybe even our new interpretive trail up and running, there are many ways for people



SNOW GEESE AT DEAD CREEK

to experience and learn about Vermont's wildlife."

The festival is hosted by the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department, Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and

Recreation and Otter Creek Audubon Society. For more information and a schedule of events, visit Vermont Fish and Wildlife's website, vtfishandwildlife.com, and check under Watch Wildlife.

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Hiking into the Alpine Zone

By SUSAN SHEA

Hikers climbing the Northeast's highest peaks, including 4,016-foot Mount Abraham in Addison County, will traverse several different vegetative zones along the way. On the summits, they'll likely encounter plants so hardy that many also grow in the Arctic, thousands of miles to the north.

Many hikes begin in a northern hardwood forest dominated by beech, yellow birch, and sugar maple. As hikers gain elevation, they'll notice the evergreen branches of red spruce and the white trunks of paper birch added to the mix of hardwoods. From roughly 2,500 to 2,900 feet in elevation, the forest typically transitions to red spruce and balsam fir. Emerald mosses carpet the ground, and lichens hang from trees and cling to bark. Look for the blue fruits of bluebead lily and the red clusters of bunchberry under the trees.

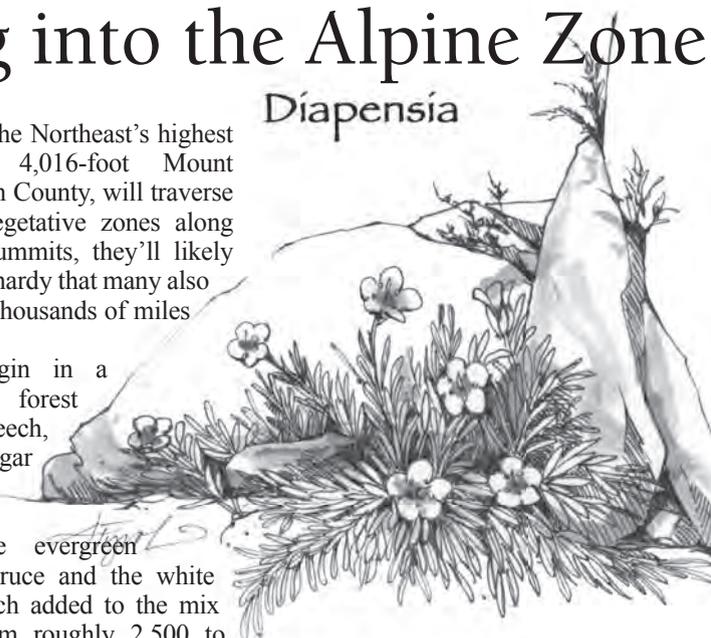
These higher elevations feature colder temperatures and a shorter growing season than lower terrain. When air masses encounter a mountain range, they rise and cool rapidly, causing water vapor to condense into clouds. Fog is frequent, and precipitation is high. The wetter soils are more acidic and less fertile. Here, conifers have an advantage over most deciduous trees. By retaining their needles in winter, conifers are able to begin photosynthesizing in early spring while still surrounded by snow.

Above 3,500 feet (or higher in some locations), the climate is more severe, and trees cannot grow to full size. Black spruce and balsam fir form a stunted subalpine forest known as krummholz, derived from the German words krumm (crooked) and holz (wood). These dwarf trees grow very slowly in a dense thicket only a few feet tall, bending and twisting into bonsai-like shapes in response to wind-driven ice particles and snow loading. Black spruce may form prostrate mats where branches will develop roots that can grow into new trees. Occasionally, small mountain ash or heart-leaved paper birch mix in with the spruce and fir.

Above treeline is the alpine meadow or tundra — a plant community similar to that found in the Arctic. Alpine tundra is rare in the Northeast, occurring only on the highest peaks of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and New York. According to the Eastern Alpine Guide, by Mike Jones and Liz Willey, the most significant alpine areas are on Mount Washington and other parts of the Presidential Range in New Hampshire and on Mount Katahdin in Maine. Almost two-thirds of the species of alpine flora found on Mount Washington also grow in the Arctic. Mount Mansfield supports Vermont's largest alpine meadow, and New York's Adirondack Mountains host smaller patches of alpine tundra.

Lichens and mosses are scattered on bare rock above timberline. These pioneer plants help create soil by collecting dust and

Diapensia



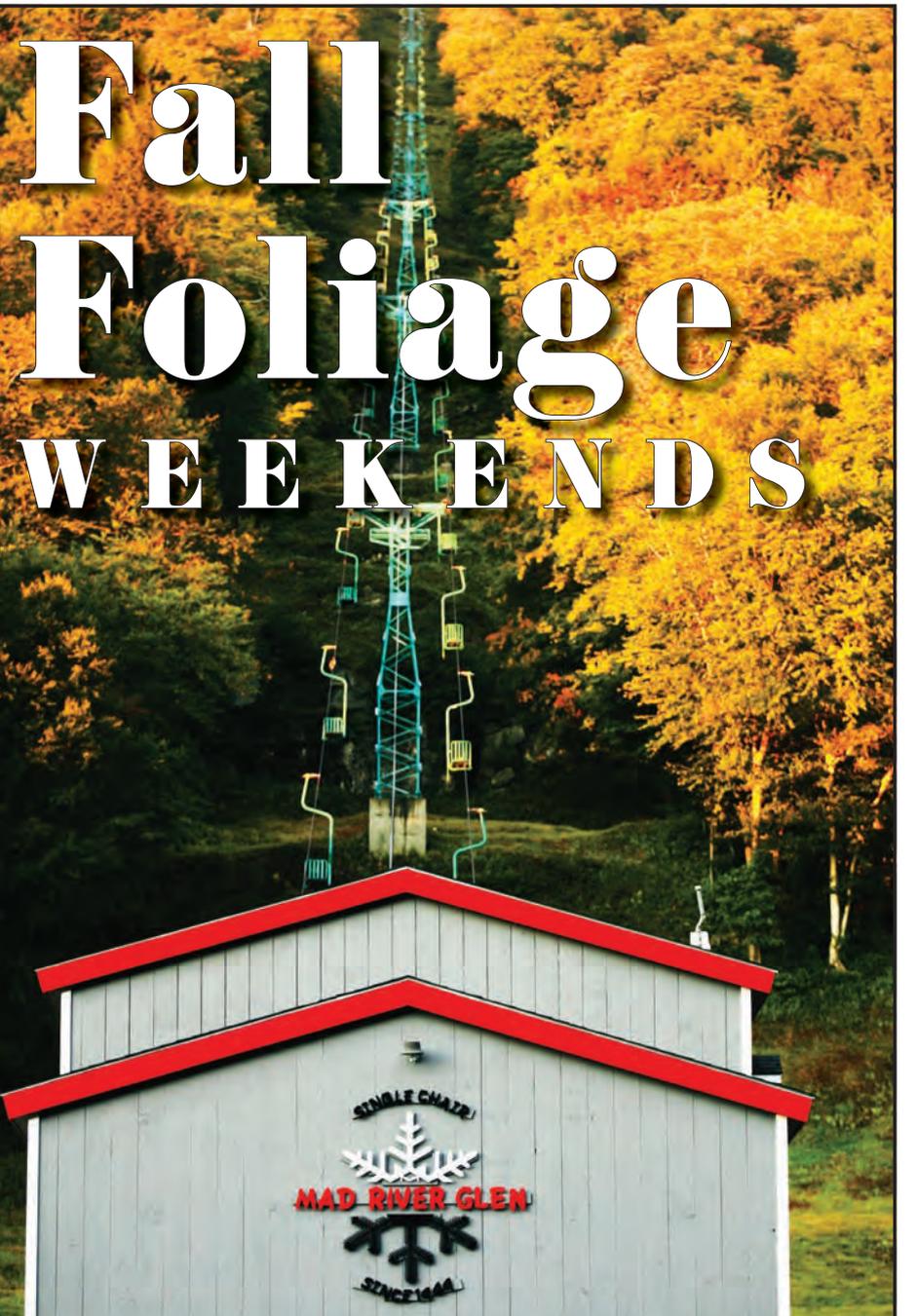
nutrients, and the lichens secrete acids that dissolve the rock. Sedges, grasses, rushes, and wildflowers grow in depressions and pockets of soil among the rocks. Alpine plants have special adaptations that enable them to thrive in the harsh mountain climate. Many, such as the white-flowered diapensia, form low, dense cushions or mats that protect the inner portion from the wind. Cushions also collect soil, retain moisture, and stay several degrees warmer than the surrounding air. The waxy leaves of diapensia and the woolly leaves of Labrador tea minimize water loss and increase frost tolerance. Most alpine plants are perennials, developing flower buds by summer's end and storing excess carbohydrates in their roots so they can bloom as soon as conditions permit the following spring. Many alpine plants reproduce primarily through rhizomes (runners) avoiding the challenges of seedling establishment.

These alpine plant communities are relics of the Pleistocene Epoch. When glaciers melted in our region about 13,000 years ago, these were the first plants to colonize the rocky soil. As the climate warmed, conifers and then deciduous trees migrated to the lowlands. Eventually the extreme conditions of mountain summits were the only places in the Northeast where arctic plants could outcompete other species.

Many alpine plants are on state threatened and endangered species lists. Mount Mansfield, for example, hosts 34 rare plant species. Climate change is a major threat to alpine plant communities, affecting such things as the timing of snowmelt and flowering. Studies have shown that trees are moving upslope as the climate warms, potentially reducing the amount of alpine habitat. Vegetation and soil loss from trampling by hikers is another serious threat. Hikers can help protect alpine plants by staying on trails, walking on rock when possible, and leashing their dogs.

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Robert Frost forest trail in Ripton is accessible to everyone

RIPTON — The Robert Frost Interpretive Trail in Ripton provides a beautiful spot for a fall walk that doesn't involve climbing mountains.

In fact, the trail is an easy walk, and the first 0.3 miles crosses a scenic beaver pond on a boardwalk that stretches out to the South Branch of the Middlebury River. In total it is 1.2 miles long. Thanks to the work of Vermont Sen. Patrick Leahy it is accessible and suitable for wheelchairs.

The U.S. Forest Service maintains all of the old fields along this trail with prescribed fire to preserve the scenic, open appearance of the area.

The trail honors the renowned poet who lived and wrote in a farmhouse adjacent to the area during the final two decades of his life.

This National Recreation Trail commemorates Robert Frost's poetry; several of his poems are mounted along the trail in the woods and fields. Blueberries and huckleberries grow in an old field at the far end of the trail and are free for the picking early

in the fall.

Leahy came to Ripton this past spring to dedicate the completely refurbished trails. As he walked along the path, Sen. Leahy paused at a plaque with the Frost poem "A Road Not Taken" and remarked it was one of his favorites.

"I could have chosen a comfortable career as an attorney in Vermont," he said of his younger days working in Burlington, but instead, at 34 years old, he ran for the U.S. Senate seat in 1974 and won. And that, he said, "has made all the difference."

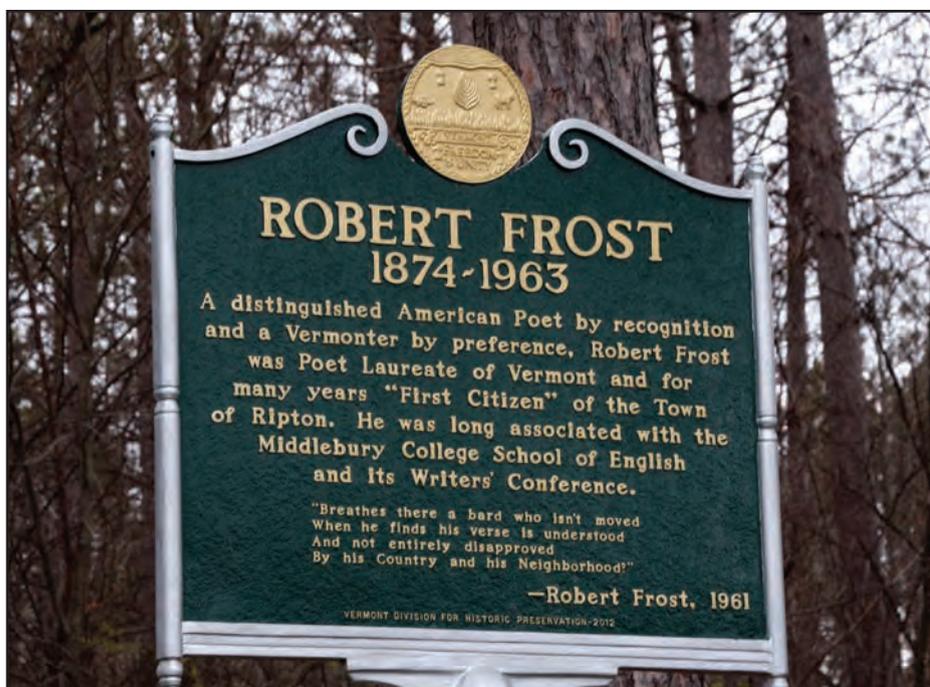
Work over the past three years, supported by funds Leahy secured through his leadership in the Senate, has greatly improved the Frost Trail to

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U.S. Sen. Patrick Leahy joined Green Mountain National Forest officials, invited guests and friends of the Moosalamoo Association for a walk along the Robert Frost Interpretive Trail in Ripton this past spring. The outdoor ramble coincided with the dedication of the trail at the conclusion of a three-year, \$650,000 overhaul, which made the entire 1.2 miles of the trail universally accessible.

Independent file photo/Steve James



A Vermont historical marker near the entrance to the Robert Frost Wayside Trail on Route 125 in Ripton gives some biographical background on the noted American poet, who lived for a time in Addison County.

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A big makeover of the Robert Frost Interpretive Trail enhanced the boardwalks along the edge of beaver ponds and smoothed out the entire 1.2-miles of path to make it suitable for all people, including those in wheelchairs.

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Frost Trail

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achieve full accessibility for those with mobility challenges while maintaining this especially scenic forest landscape.

The trail honors the renowned poet who lived and wrote in a farmhouse adjacent to the area during the final two decades of his life. About a dozen poems are posted on plaques along the trail.

Monica White, interim commissioner of Vermont's Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living, was at this past spring's dedication to herald the completion of a trail that brings new opportunities to a special segment of the population. "An estimated one in five Vermonters is living with at least one type of disability, and one in 10 of us have two or more disabilities," she said.

Furthermore, she noted, "Vermont's population is aging. It is estimated that over a quarter of our population (28%) will be over the age of 65 by the year 2030. Accessible exercise options are a key to healthy aging for us all to keep moving and be active as we grow older.

"It is truly wonderful that Vermonters of all ages, with or without mobility impairments, can benefit from the newly refurbished Robert Frost Interpretive Trail to enjoy nature, to learn about history, and to share quality time together as neighbors and as friends," White added. "Our communities are so much stronger when we make them accessible to and inclusive of all Vermonters."



The new bridge over the South Branch of the Middlebury River enables those walking the Robert Frost Interpretive Trail to wander from a parking lot out to fields of wild blueberries and scenic mountain vistas.

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Fall wildlife watching tips

- The greatest diversity of bird species can be observed during the spring and fall migrations when a variety of waterfowl, shorebirds, and songbirds pass through the Champlain Valley.
- The best time to see birds is in the early morning.
- In autumn, huge numbers of snow geese and Canada geese visit Dead Creek in Addison and Bridport during their migration. The best time to see them is in the morning and evening.
- When managers lower water levels at Dead Creek, shorebirds flock to the area to feed on exposed invertebrates in what is known as "The Addison Phenomenon."
- The best time to see mammals is at dawn and dusk. Look along field edges near trees and hedgerows for deer, coyotes and bobcats, and at water's edge for otters, muskrats and raccoons. You'll like have to go into the mountains to see moose.



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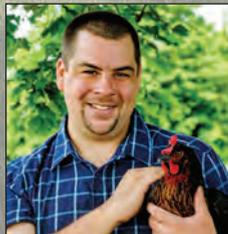

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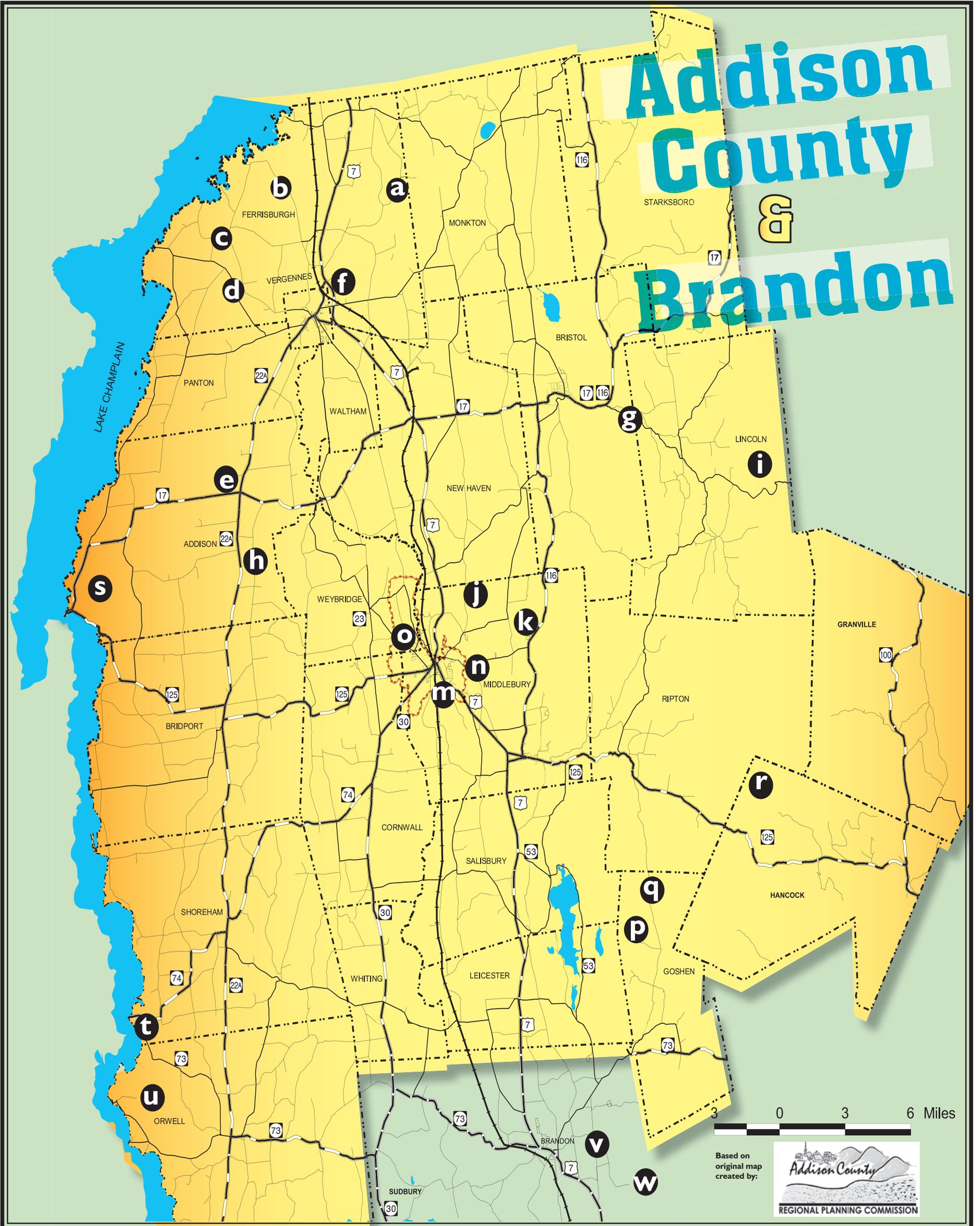


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- a. Rokeby Museum, Route 7, Ferrisburgh. Underground Railroad site and prominent Quaker family farm. rokeby.org. Open through Oct. 24.
- b. Kingsland Bay State Park, Ferrisburgh. Day use, nature path. vtstateparks.com/kingsland.html. Open through Oct. 11.
- c. Lake Champlain Maritime Museum, Ferrisburgh. Traces the history of Lake Champlain, extensive indoor and outdoor exhibits, including boats. lomm.org. Free admission in 2021! Through Oct. 17.
- d. Button Bay State Park, Ferrisburgh. Overnight camping, nature trails. vtstateparks.com/buttonbay.html. Open through Oct. 11.
- e. Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area, Route 17, Addison. Home to migrating waterfowl, walking paths and boat launches. vtfishandwildlife.com/watch-wildlife/dead-creek-visitor-center.
- f. Bixby Library, 258 Main St., Vergennes. Stained glass ceiling illuminates historic library and extensive collection of early arrowheads and other artifacts. bixbylibrary.org.
- g. Lord's Prayer Rock, Bristol. In 1891, Joseph C. Greene paid a carver to engrave the Lord's Prayer on a huge rock sitting next to what is today Route 116. It's still an unusual roadside attraction.
- h. Snake Mountain. Parking lot on Mountain Road in Addison. Family-friendly hike to beautiful vistas of Champlain Valley and Adirondacks. Don't leave valuables in the car. tinyurl.com/y5hw4w47.
- i. Mount Abraham trail access, Long Trail, Lincoln. Summit includes 360-degree panorama. greenmountainclub.org.
- j. University of Vermont Morgan Horse Farm, Morgan Horse Farm Road, Weybridge. Beautiful grounds featuring a leading breeding program for state's official animal. Tours daily. uvm.edu/cals/morganhorsefarm. Open through Oct. 23.
- k. Henry Sheldon Museum of Vermont History, 1 Park St., downtown Middlebury. Tour the Judd Harris House, sculpture garden, ongoing exhibits and events. Fall show features bicentennial of museum founder's birth and images of the Battell Wilderness. henrysheldonmuseum.org.
- m. Middlebury College. Campus tours available at admissions office. Event listings available at arts center ticket office. middlebury.edu.
- n. Vermont Folklife Center, 88 Main St., Middlebury. Rotating exhibits. vermontfolklifecenter.org.
- o. Trail Around Middlebury. The "TAM" is a 19-mile footpath that encircles Middlebury and links several hundred acres of town land, conserved properties and other local landmarks. maltvt.org/tam.
- p. Falls of Lana, Rattlesnake Cliffs, Silver Lake trails access, Salisbury-Leicester town line. newenglandwaterfalls.com/vermont.php.
- q. Branbury State Park, Salisbury. Day use and overnight camping, kid-friendly sandy beach and extensive grass lawn, boat rentals. vtstateparks.com/branbury.html. Open through Oct. 11.
- r. Spirit in Nature Path, Goshen Road, Ripton. Immerse yourself in nature by walking any of the 13 different paths. spiritinnature.org.
- s. Chimney Point State Historic Site, Addison. Chimney Point is the site of Native American, early French, and Revolutionary War-era settlement. Historic tavern was an important meeting place. Ongoing exhibits and tours. historicssites.vermont.gov/chimney-point. Open through Oct. 10.
- t. Fort Ticonderoga (across Lake Champlain in New York). Preserved Revolutionary War fort with extensive interpretation, guides, re-enactors, gift shop and many events. fort-ticonderoga.org. Ferry closed, cross lake at the Lake Champlain Bridge in Addison. Open through Oct. 31.
- u. Mount Independence State Historic Site, Orwell. A largely undisturbed Revolutionary War site. Visitors center with extensive exhibits and many interpretive trails. historicssites.vermont.gov/mount-independence. Open through Oct. 10.
- v. Steven A. Douglas Birthplace & Museum, Route 7, Brandon. Town of Brandon museum located in historic birthplace of statesman Steven A. Douglas. Enjoy local history including architecture, industry, business, tourism and immigration. brandon.org/things-to-do/the-brandon-museum.
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