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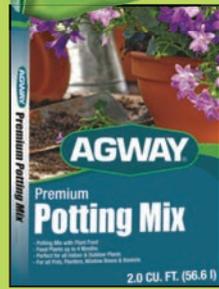
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Addison County is a celebrated setting in this Vermont landscape. Situated between the shores of Lake Champlain to the west and the Green Mountains to the east, this region's pastoral quality has attracted farmers, entrepreneurs and tourists for hundreds of years.

"Leaf peeping" within our county lines

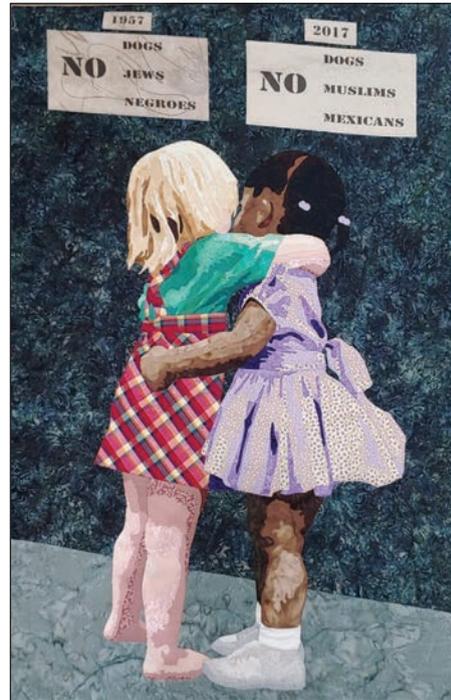
is as good as anywhere in the state, with incredible farmland vistas, lakes, rivers, waterfalls, and some of the most charming towns to visit on a foliage tour.

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.

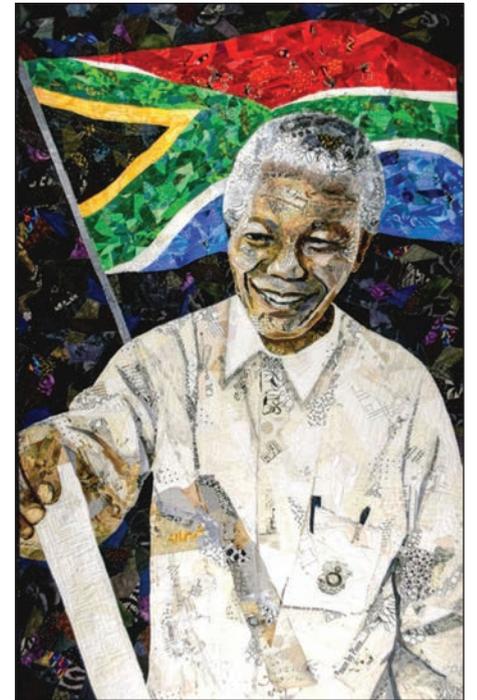
Whether you are interested in a scenic road trip around central Vermont, a wonderful meal at one of our many restaurants, a museum to expand your knowledge about the area, or a calendar of events highlighting the seasonal activities, this guide can be a great resource for you.

Read the guide and find out what's going on in Addison County. Then get out and taste a portion of the best that Vermont has to offer!

~ The editors



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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

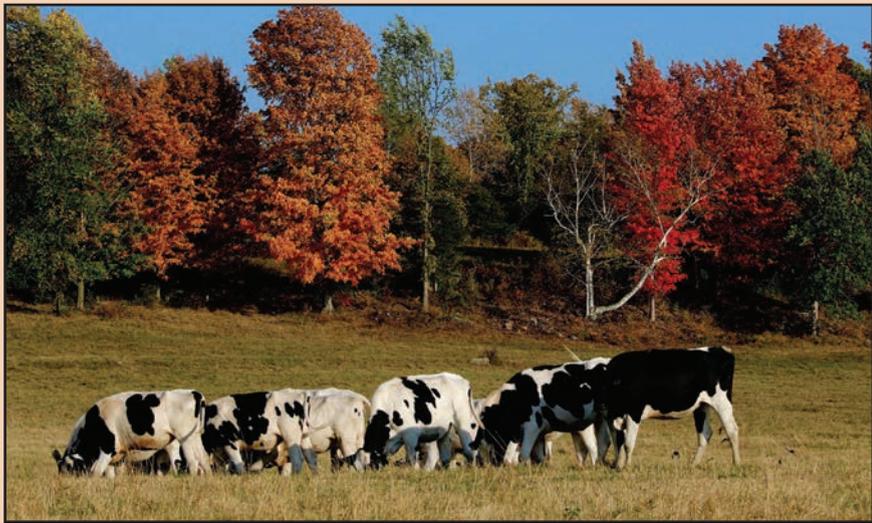
exhibit has been featured in recent years at some of the most highly regarded quilt exhibitions across the country, including The National Quilt Museum in Paducah, Ky., and the International Quilt Festival in Houston.

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.

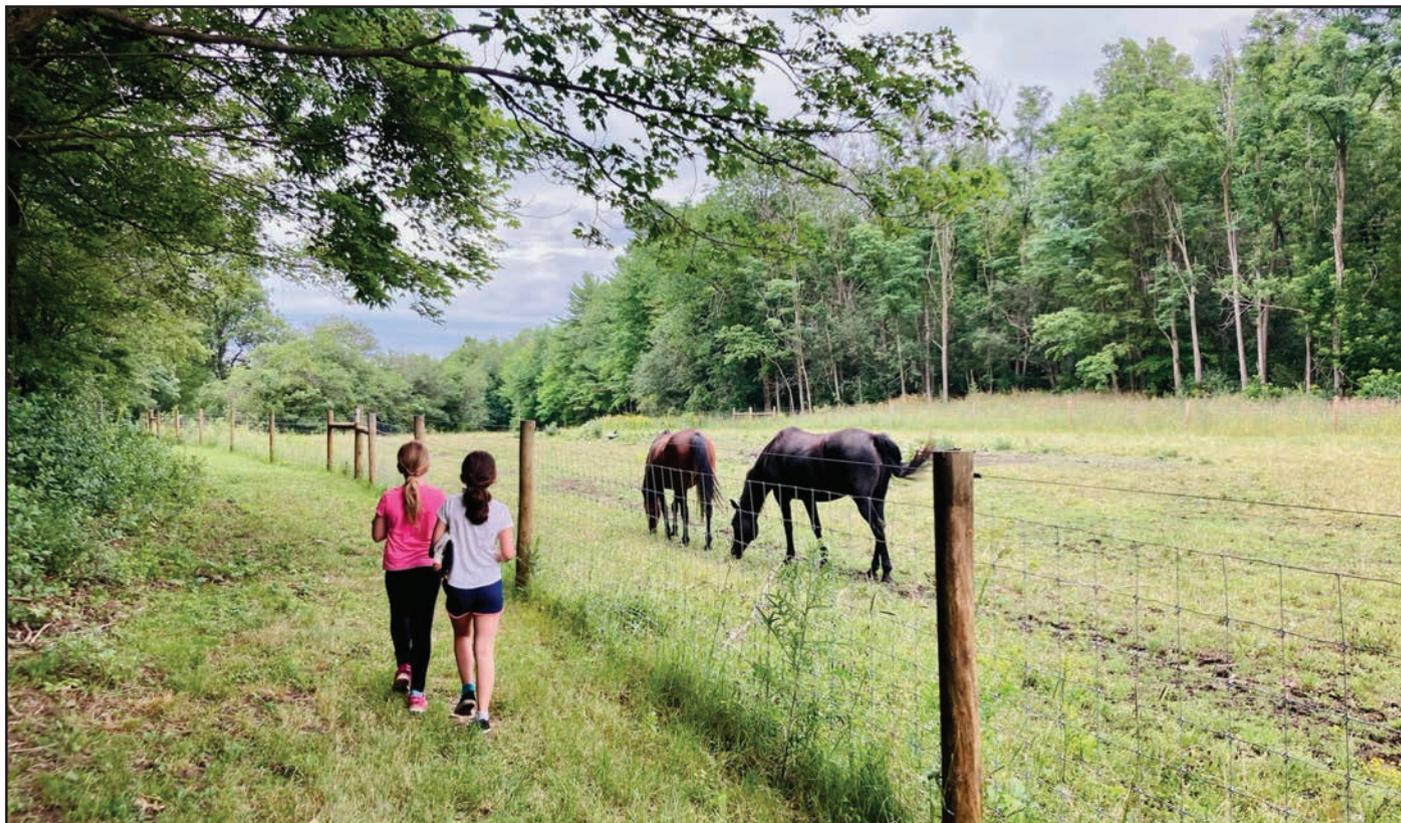
The project, according to Operations Coordinator Margot Smithson, evolved from the farm's 2018 strategic plan.

"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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BONNIE KIRN DONAHUE

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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

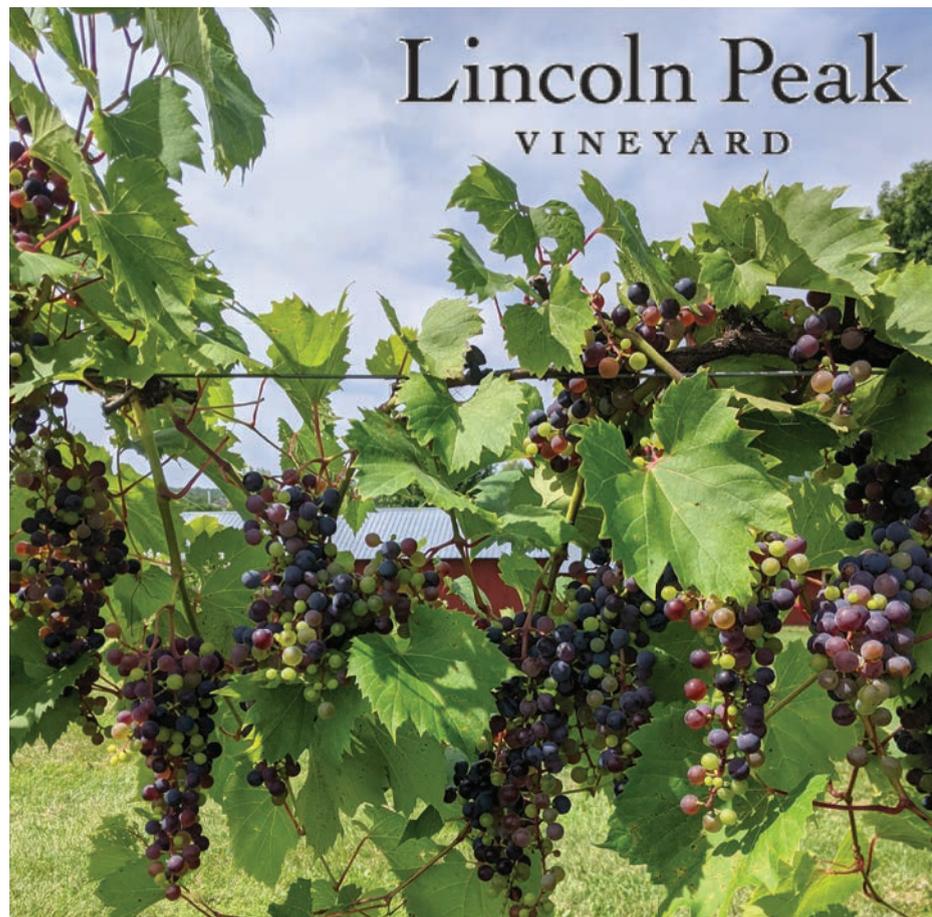
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Vermonters Emily and Makenzie love not only their stuffed horse toys but also the broodmares on pasture they saw while walking the Morgan Horse Farm trails with their families.

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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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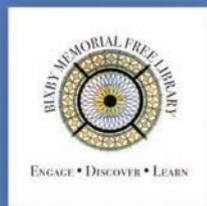
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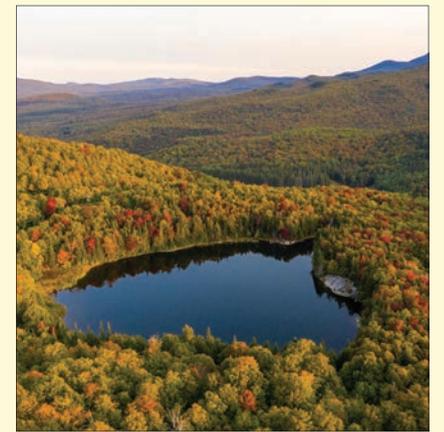
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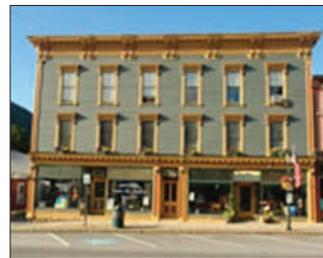


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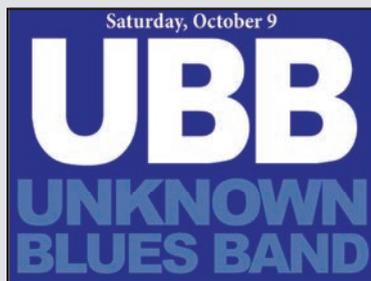
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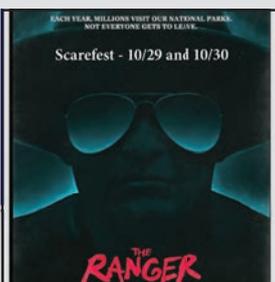
Vergennes Opera House

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



LC Jazz free community concert

Saturday
February 12
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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

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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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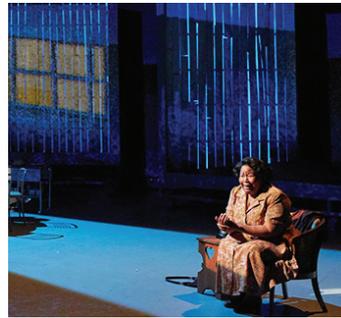


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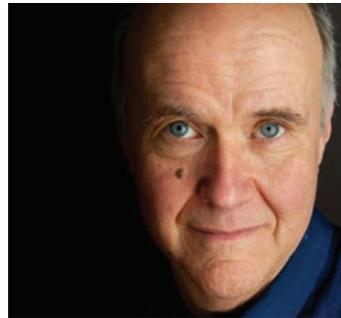
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Get moving!

On new trails and a fun ridge run

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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If you are ready to take your walking up a notch to running head up into the mountains above Bristol and a little bit south to experience the Ripton Ridge Run, which will be held Oct. 10.

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.

Music

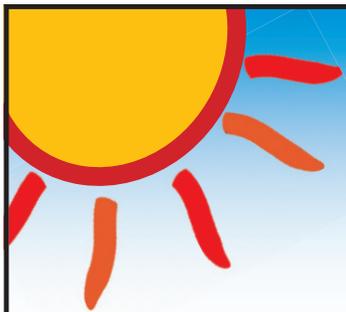
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Burnham or Holley halls. But one series sure to return to Lincoln's Burnham Hall is the Burnham Music Series that is starting up again this fall. The series is beginning a month later than normal, but the intention is to host live music on the second 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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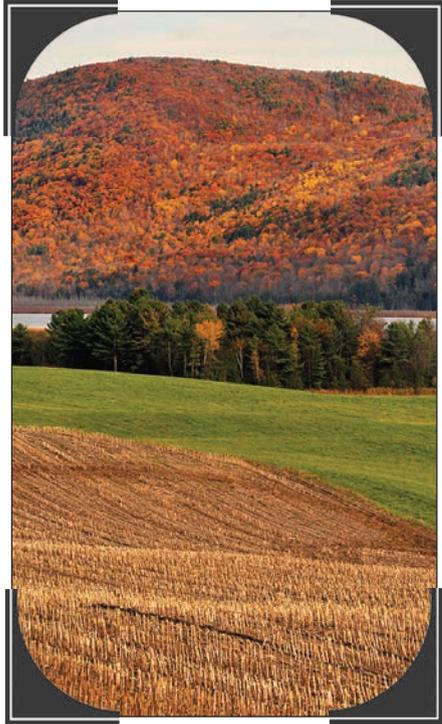


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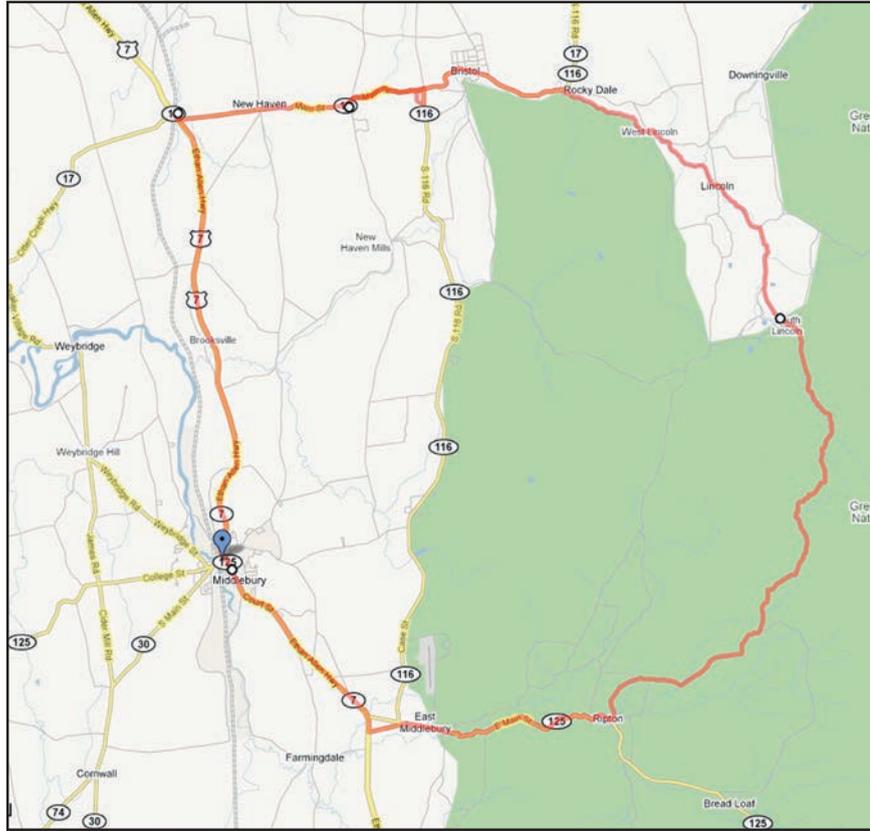
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Fall Foliage Road Trips



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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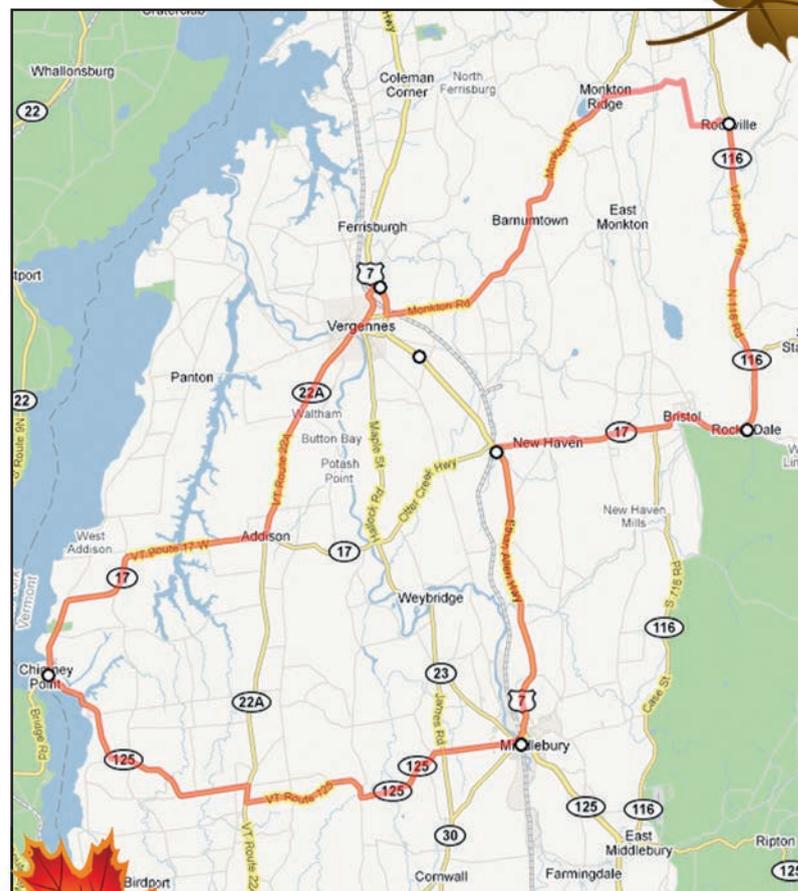


Chimney Point Drive — 2 Hours:

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, pick up Route 73 and travel west to Larrabee. From Larrabee, you want to stop at the Mount Independence State Park, a fine Revolutionary War site. Once you get to Vergennes, Route 74 begins; follow 74 north and east through Vergennes.

Take Route 22A heading north. In Bridport, turn right on Lake Champlain, where you can admire the view. The bridge opened in November 2011. Follow Route 17 east to Vergennes, turn left off Main Street, known locally as WAGS, bear left off Main Street and continue north along Lake Champlain. Take Route 73 north, passing beautiful Button Bay State Park, where you can picnic, down past the Basin Harbor resort, where you can picnic, right on Basin Harbor Road toward Vergennes. Turn right before the Little City), where you'll travel south on Route 23 and Route 23 south through Weybridge.

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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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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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Fall CALENDAR



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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 gmcbreadloaf.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 gmcbreadloaf.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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Fall CALENDAR

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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.

Independent file photo/Steve James

- 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.

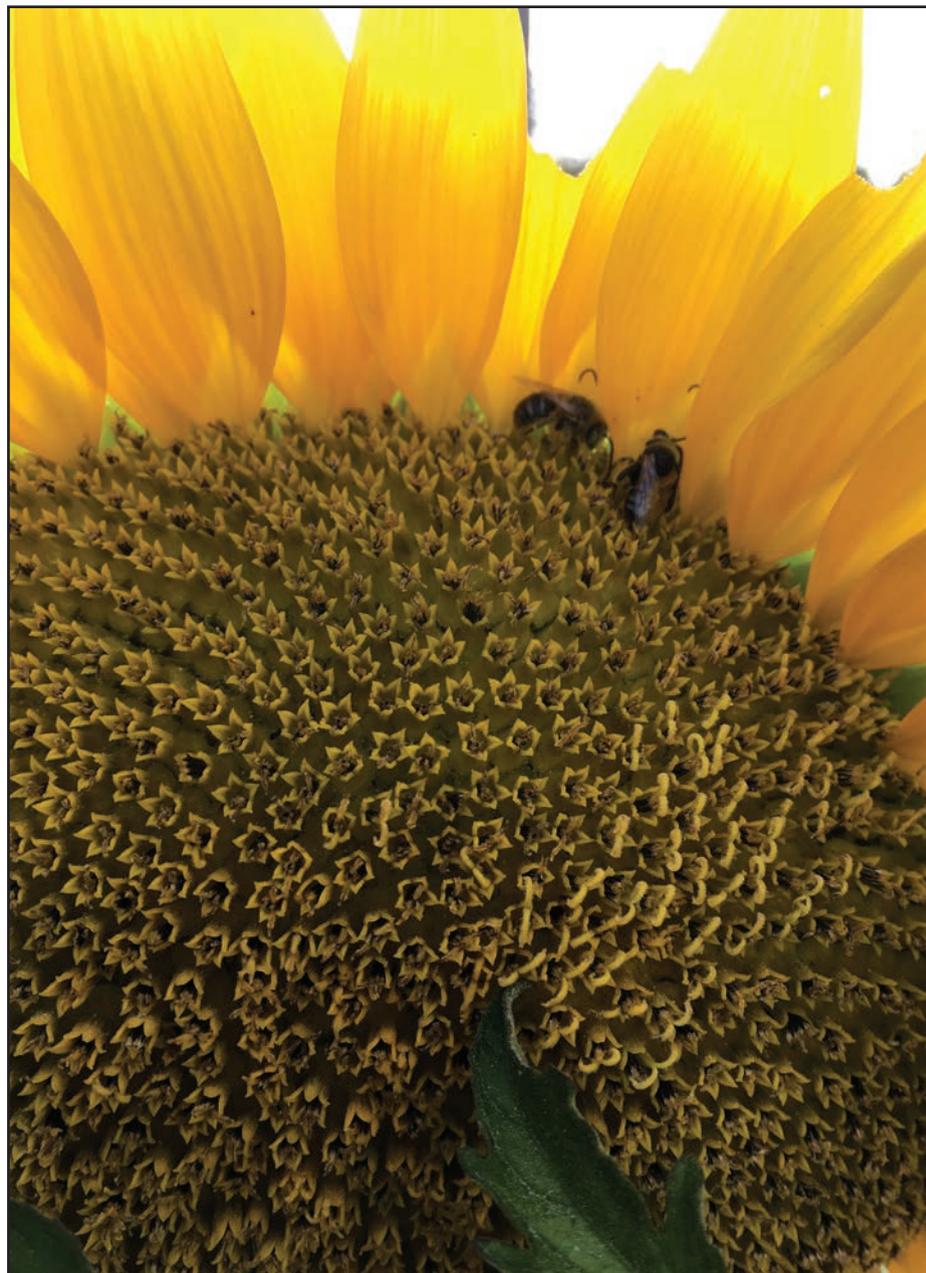
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Undercover Quilters and Crafters (formerly the undercover Quilt Guild), 1st Mondays at 7 p.m., 3rd Mondays at 10 a.m., St. Ambrose Church, 11 School St. Bristol. All crafters welcome. More info contact Marian Baser (ladybaser@mac.com) or Stacie A. 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)



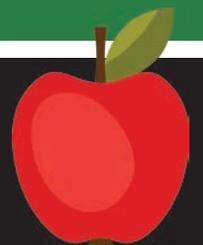
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MIDDLEBURY — The pandemic changed so many things in 2020, including the beloved Spooktacular Halloween celebration in Middlebury. Not to be outdone by COVID-19, the Better Middlebury

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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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

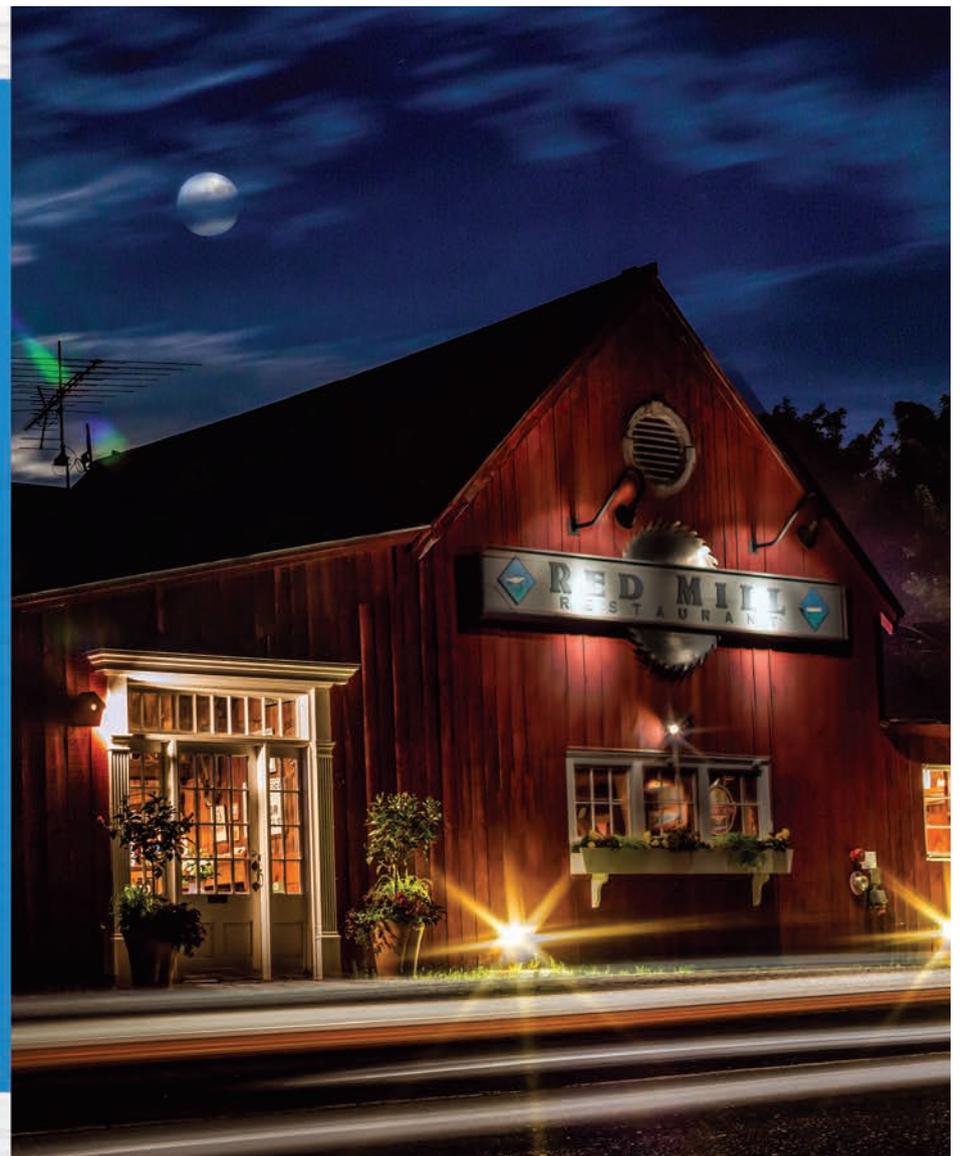


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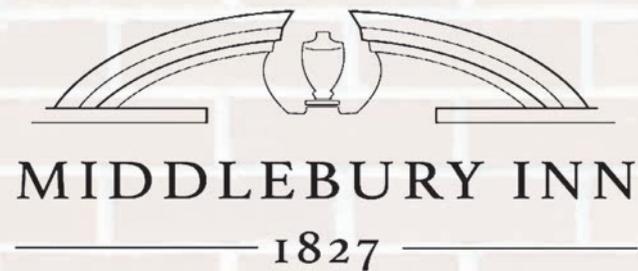
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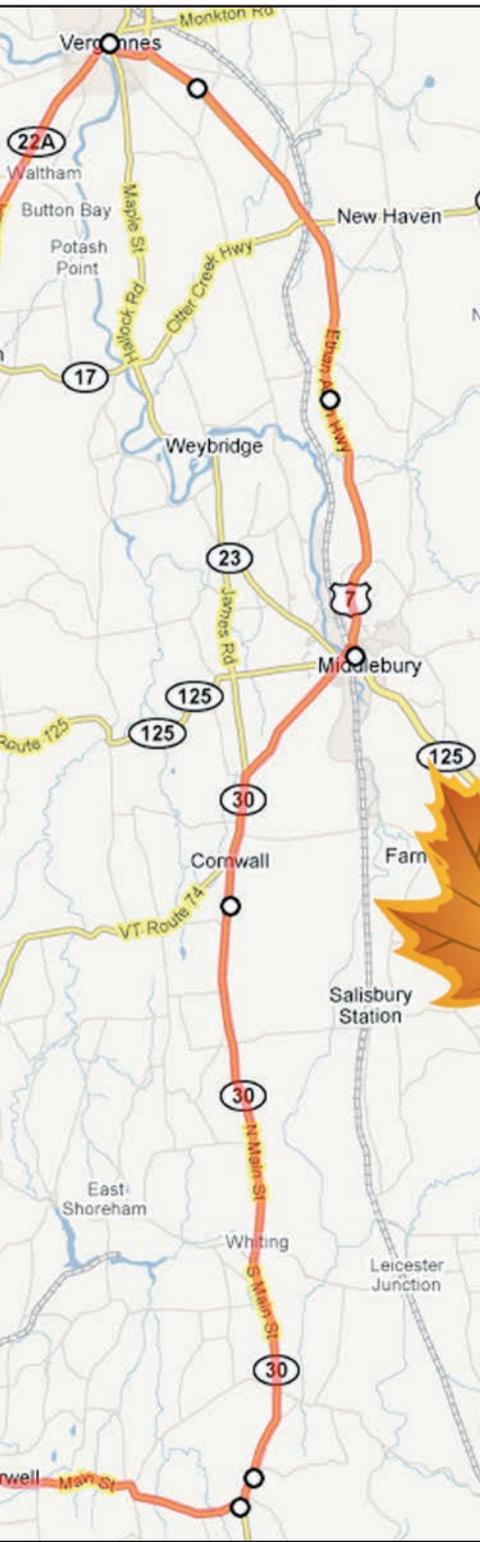


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Take a left onto Route 100 north through the town of Granville, watching on your left for the beautiful Moss Glen Falls. Continue north into Waitsfield, where you will pick up Route 17, and follow it west over the Appalachian Gap (elevation 2,365 feet). When you get to the bottom of the other side, you'll take a left and Route 17 and Route 116 will run together for several miles, including through the village of Bristol. Just past the village, Route 116 peels off south but you should stay on Route 17 westbound through New Haven until you come to Route 7. Take Route 7 south back to Middlebury.



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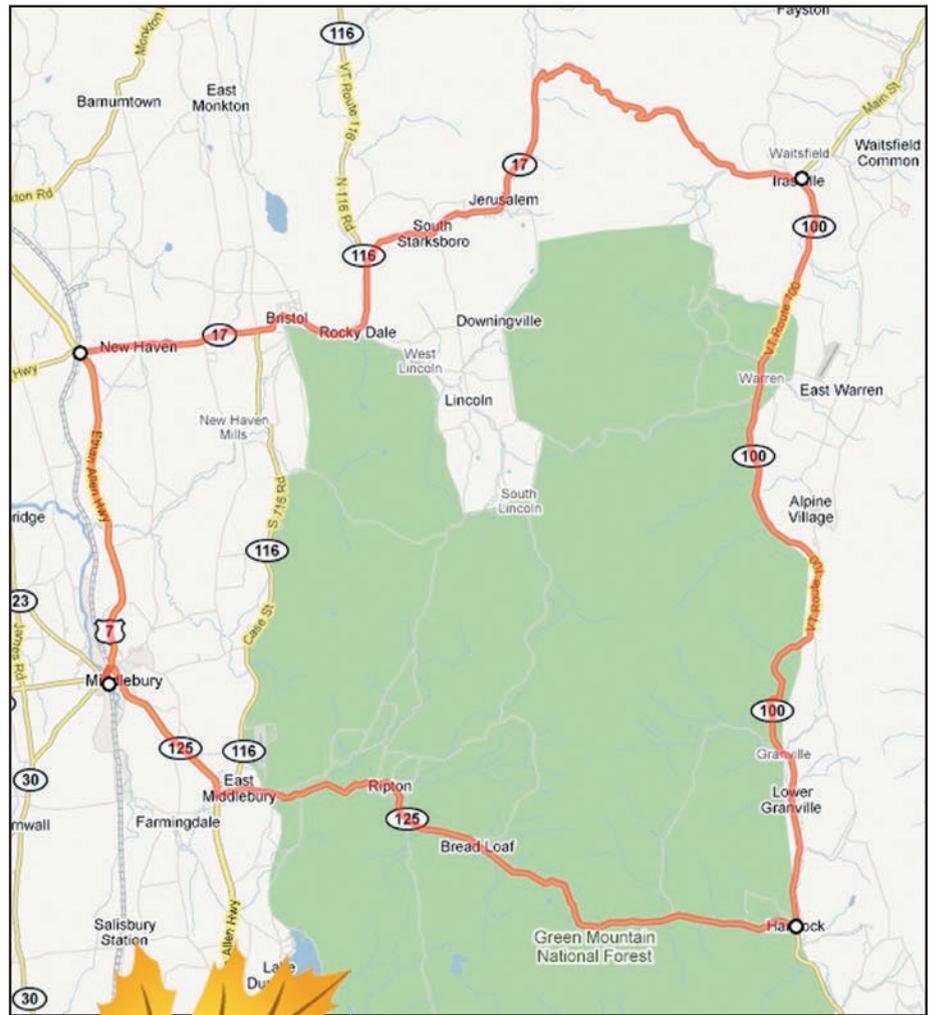
From Middlebury, take Route 7 south to Route 125, Route 125 east over the mountains to Route 100 in Hancock. Take Route 100 south to Stockbridge, where you pick up Route 107 and drive east to Bethel.

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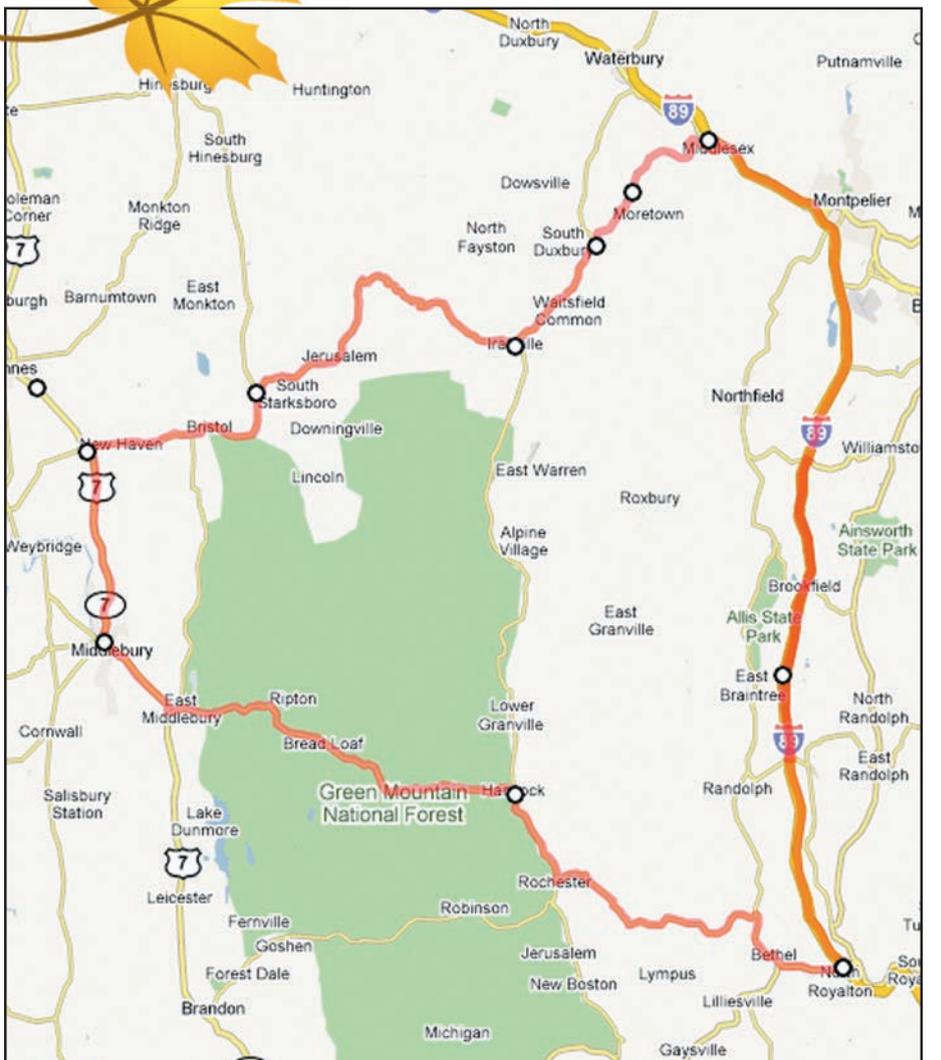


(in Street) south to Sudbury, where you'll see the Point on Lake Champlain. You may also visit the Historic Site in Orwell, which is a very scenic spot. At Larrabee's Point, Route 73 ends and you'll drive through historic Shoreham.

Next, you'll depart for the Lake Champlain Bridge, which crosses the lake east. At the West Addison General Store, take Route 17 and onto Jersey Street and take a left on Button Bay Road and head north to the park, where one might want to stop and enjoy the view. This area features the Red Mill restaurant. A drive will bring you back to Route 22A (just west of Middlebury). Take Route 17 east to the bridge and back into Middlebury.



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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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Stephen 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.

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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.

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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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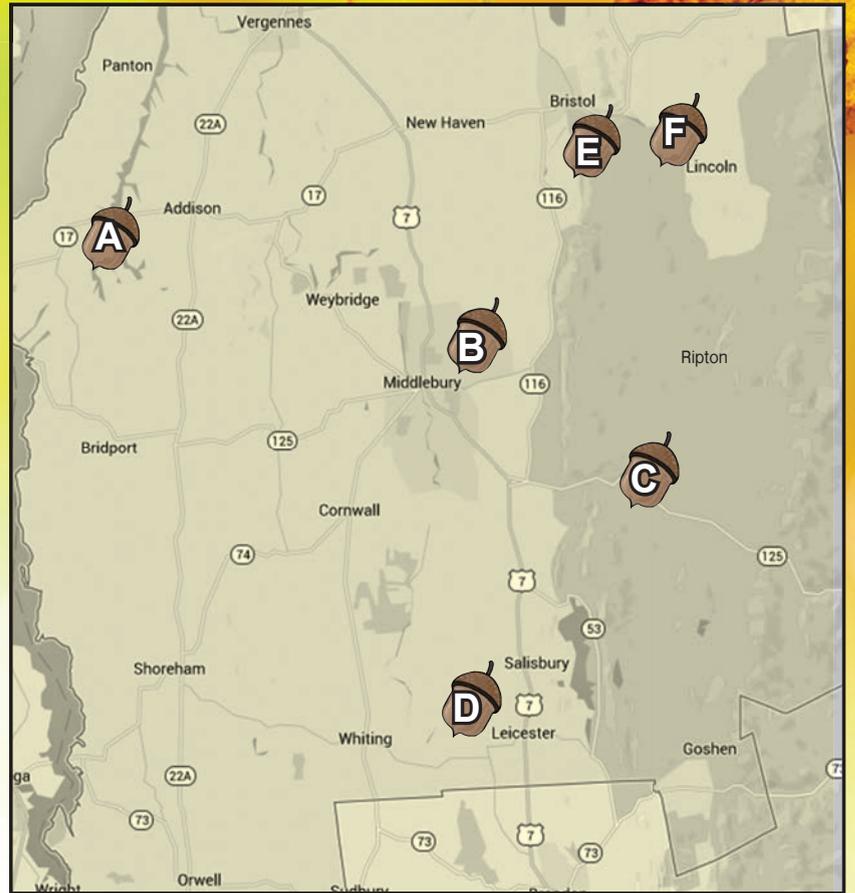
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Take a walk on the new interconnecting trails in Brandon

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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See the original 'Hunchback' in Brandon

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.

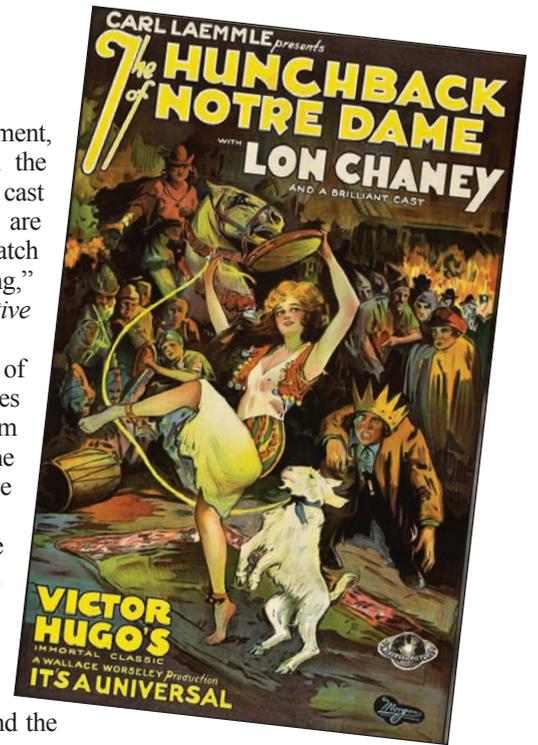
“If you can put pieces of the experience back together again, it’s surprising how these films snap back to life,” said Rapsis, a New Hampshire-based silent film accompanist who creates music for silent film screenings at venues around the country.

“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.

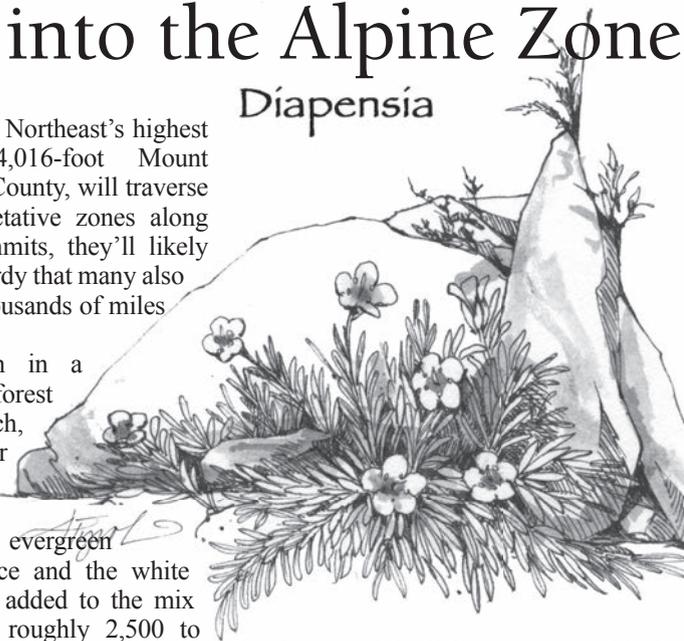
These higher elevations feature colder temperatures and a shorter growing season than lower terrain. When air masses encounter a mountain range, they rise and cool rapidly, causing water vapor to condense into clouds. Fog is frequent, and precipitation is high. The wetter soils are more acidic and less 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



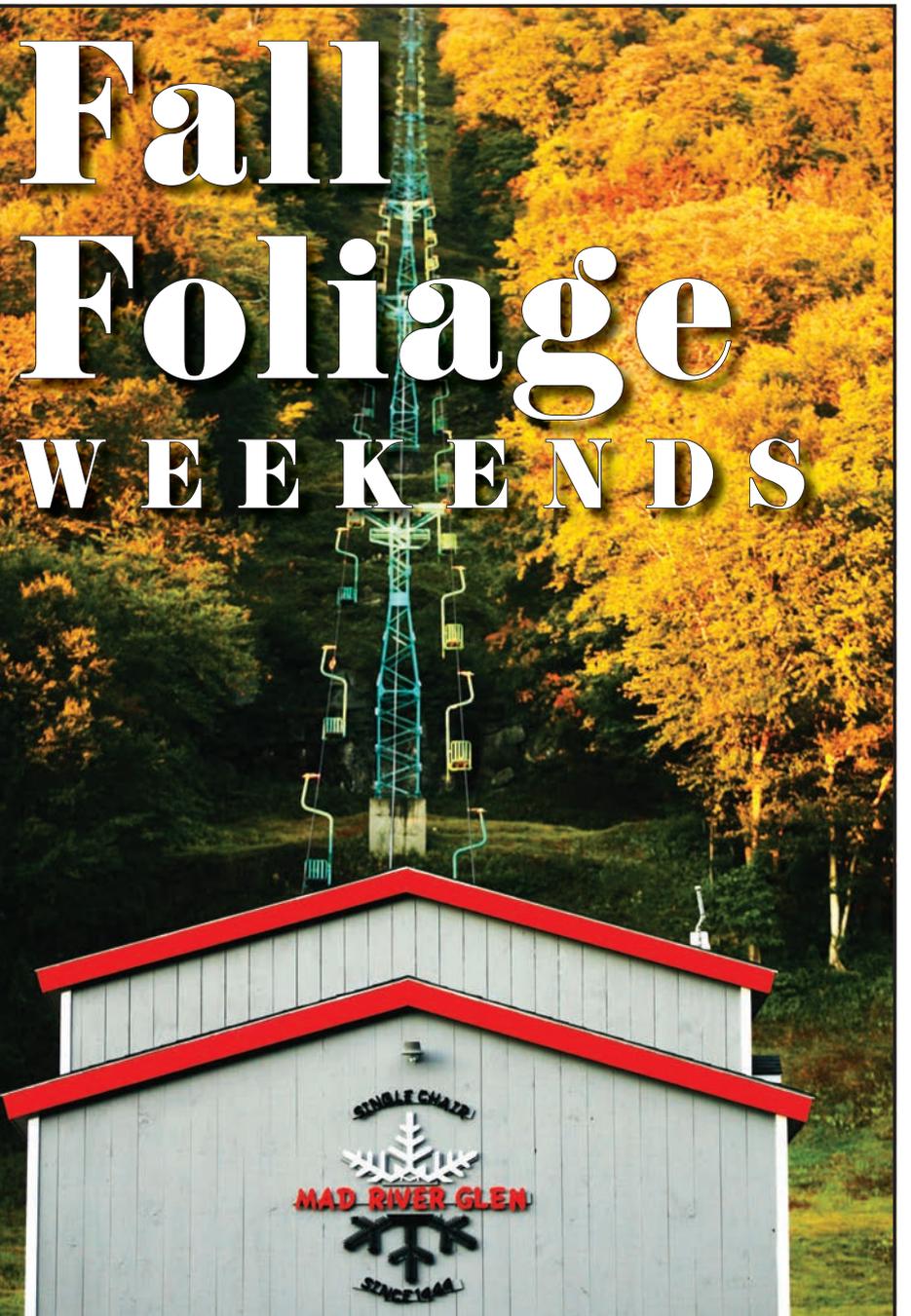
nutrients, and the lichens secrete acids that dissolve the rock. Sedges, grasses, rushes, and wildflowers grow in depressions and pockets of soil among the rocks. Alpine plants have special adaptations that enable them to thrive in the harsh mountain climate. Many, such as the white-flowered diapensia, 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."

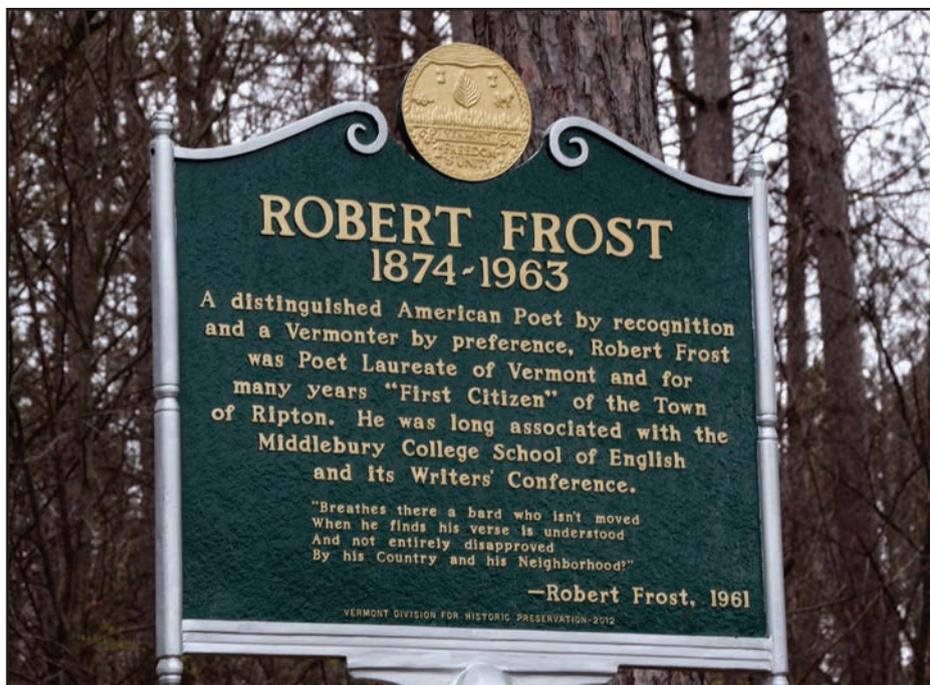
Work over the past three years, supported by funds Leahy secured through his leadership in the Senate, has greatly improved the Frost Trail to

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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.

Independent file photo/Steve James



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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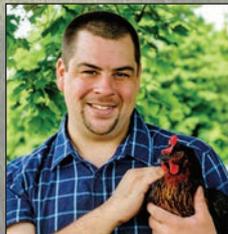
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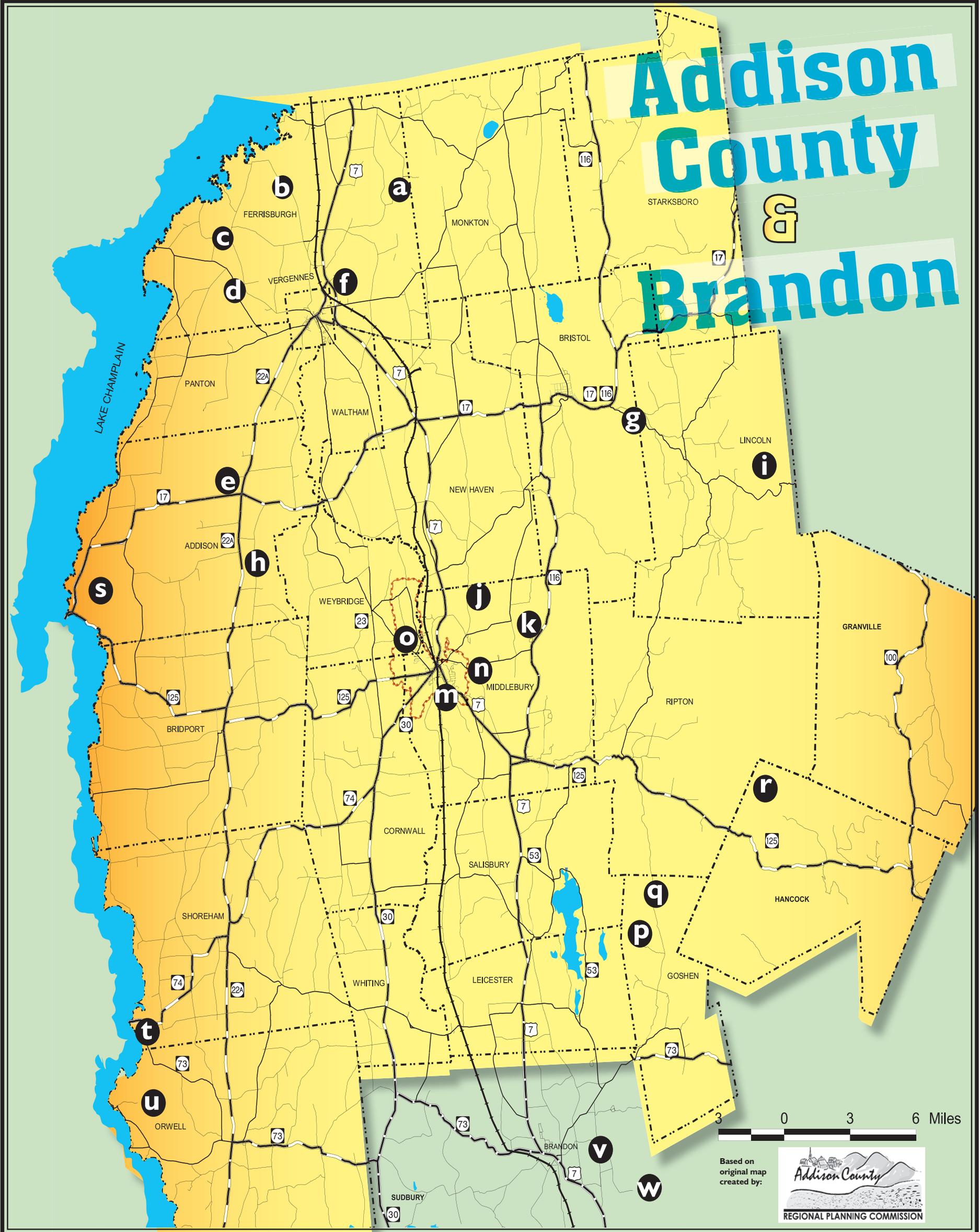
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FALL Hot Spots

- 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.
- w. Brandon Artists Guild, 7 Center St., Brandon. Gallery shows work from a diverse group of more than 30 artists in various media. brandonartistsguild.org.



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